



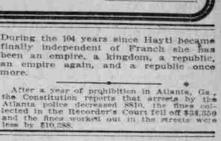
ORTLAND'S fashionable femininity in a double flutter of excitement and preparation just at the present oment, for after Easter, that time-honored occasion for bursting from the Win-ter chrysalis into bright and glorious Spring raiment, will come an event, this year, which bids fair to outdo even the initial Spring glory of Eastertide in the matter of brilliant display of elaborate new gowns and hats. Not even the society circus, nor the annual horse show, those most brilliant semi-public established society functions, ever caused a more uni versal stir among the exclusive social sets, nor inspired a busier hum in the hops of the best modistes, fhan has the shops of the best modistes, flum has the approaching charity kirmess for the Open-Air Sanatorium and the Woman's Exchange. Less than three weeks now remain before the opening evening of this unique four-night and Saturday mat-inec entertainment, and plans for the bright plumage to be worn in the 20 boxes which have been purchased are well under way, with modistes and high-class suit and gown dealers frantkeally endeavoring to get out their orders in time.

While the beautiful kirmess gowns are matters of closely guarded secrecy, cer-tain hints and sly peeps into the work-rooms of fashionable establishments have alforded interesting material for The Ore-gonian artist's sketching pencil, and some of the elaborate kirmess costumes now being evolved are suggested in the Quite the most fascinating creation im-

Quite the most fascinating creation im-aginable 18 a certain gown in rose-color, of the new tunic design, being completed for a tall and stately young matron of one of the most exclusive sets. This gown is shown in sketch No. 4, and the rose tones of the beautiful soft stuffs em-ployed in tunic and skirt run from the most delicate, almost peach-blossom thit, to the deepest and dorkest shade of old most delicate, almost peach-blossom that, to the deepest and darkest shade of old rose: the sleeves and guimp effect of the upper portion of the tunic are of woven gold, with bands and edgings of gold lace embroidery. The skirt of the tunic, failing loosely but gracefully from the high belt line, is of soft silk in graduated rose dinus, beginning with the delicate tones at the top, and edging in a deep old rose at its hem, with silken embroid-ery in still deeper shades. The skirt old rose at its hen, with silken embroid-ery in still deeper shades. The skirt proper of the costume is in the soft lus-trous directoire satin so popular for the evening gowns of the mode and is also of graduated tints of rose, running from the almost pink shades at the top to the deepest rose at the hem. Bands of the rose-pink silk cross the bosom and pass over the shoulders, in pretty contrast to the cloth-of-gold guimp underneath. One of the characteristically Parisian touches about this exquisite creation is the little about this exquisite creation is the little panel of plated silk. In the new Caprt blue, placed horizontally across the bust just above the belt of the tunic. This un-usual combination of blue and rose is one of the new ideas adapted from the

of the new ideas adapted from the French. * Another handsome kirmess costume is the champagne and cream combination of insteriess satin and lace panels sketched in No. 8. The lace panels are in the heavlest cream shade, with open centers, through which the foundation of champagne satin is visible. A louch of culturening color is added to this rich, yet rather dull effect by a bosom panel of deep rose, embroidered in gold. A knot of the rose and pendant cords and tassels of gold carries out the idea at the high-belt fastening in the back. Simple, yet rich and effective, is the costume shown in No. 7, which is in Capri blue with touches of lighter blue spangled in jet. The long flowing prin-ress-empire is of a novelty material, very soft and clinging, in the blue. The fin-

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TRACTION MAGNATES WOO NEW YORK

Three Powerful Companies Seek Privileges of Great Price-Startling Statements About Bathing.

BY LLOYD F. LONERGAN. EW YORK, March 27.-(Sp 27.--(Special.)--] Colonel Mulberry Sellers, Were Mark Twain's friend, alive today our busy talk about millions would convince him that even in his paimiest days he was a "piker."

William A. McAdoo, the Pennsylvania tunnel expert, started the ball rolling by offering to find capital to build subways at an estimated cost of \$60,000.000. He indicated the routes he wanted and made profound impression upon the members of the Public Service Commission.

Then Theodore Shonts, representative of the Ryan-Belmont traction trust, took a hand in the game and offered to spend 0,000,000 in extensions to the present

subway in Manhattan Borough. Mr. Shonts made conditions, however. He wanted permission to lay third tracks on the Second and Third avenue elevated and to operate the Steinway tunnel to Queens, which is at present involved in litigation. He also demands the repeal of the rapid transit law, which limits the terms of a subway lease to 20 years, with the privilege of an extension

Moving Sidewalks Proposed.

As if these millions were not enough, the Transit Securities Company has en-tared the arena. It wants to build eight subways at its own expense and equip them with moving platforms. "Eighty million dollars will be avail-

ie if you accept our plans," is the useage that has the Public Servic minission gasping against the ropes. mble if Moving platforms for the conveyance of passengers were first suggested 40 years ago, but never reached a practical demonstration until 1883, when they were put in operation at the World's Fair in Chicago. In 1886 they were installed at the Really Eventues and such at the the Berlin Exposition, and again at the Paris Exposition of 1900, when 10,000,000 of passengers were carried. It is fig-ured that the cost of operation would be one-eighth that of the elevated rail-road and one-thirteenth that of the sub-

way. The present project is backed up by 15 P. Ripley, president of the Santa Fe; Cornelius Vanderbill, Moses Taylor Pine, Stuyvesant Fish, Stephen S. Palmer, pres-ident of the New Jersey Zine Company; August Heckscher, president of the Com-monwealth Real Estate Company; Albert R. Sallatin and John F. O'Rourke, pres-ident of the O'Rourke, Engineering & Con-struction Company. struction Company.

The various routes which the company has laid out cover practically every sec-tion of the city below Forty second street. Now that capitalists are beginning to show an interest in subway construction an offer of \$100.000.000 or better may be tooked for almost any day.

Startling News Re Bathing.

The Medico-Legal Society is attracting a hot of fame these days by the queer character of the speeches made at their meetings in the Waldorf-Astoria. Dr. Elmer S. Lee, a lecturer, took the

ground at a recent gathering that bath-ing was carried to extremes. "Many people realize this." he said. "and there is a man in the audience tonight who has not taken a bath in 12

years." Mrs. Sarah J. Rorer, seemingly envious of the attention paid the previous speak-er, proclaimed:

have known negroes who have not

"I have known negroes who have not taken a bath in 60 years." It may have been merely a coincidence, but at this same meeting resolutions were adopted opposing the Bar Association's plan for the appointment of 10 to 60 in-sanity experts for the nine judicial dis-tricts of the state. "The present plan has worked very well," said one speaker, "and at the present moment every multiple income any

well," said one speaker, "and at the present moment every public linsane asy-lum in the state is crowded to the doors. Why let down the bars?" honeymooning.

Several reporters who attended the meeting expressed pleasure that the even-ing was cool, and none of Mrs. Rorer's colored triends with long distance anti-bathing records were present.

Some Interesting Cases at Law.

Four interesting lawsuits have aroused the interest of laymen this week, although perhaps they have not sufficiently impressed members of the bar. The Appellate term of the Supreme Court wasted half an hour in deciding

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Court wasted half an hour in deciding that dead rais under the floor of a flat are a sufficient excuse for a tenant to move out and refuse to pay his ront. This case, which was brought by a dramatic writer, has been wandering about the court for several months, and it is now finally settled. An interesting dissenting opinion was rendered by Mac-Lean, who said in part: "The cases on smell are against the de-fendant, unless he go back to the class-ical fly smelling, and the opportune smell arising from the ashes of the perfume cast upon the burning heart and flyer and gall of the fish out of the Tigris, which flight into the utmost parts of Egypt." The troubles of Hamilton Lodge No. 706 Grand United Order of Oddfellows, brought 3 negro withcases before Justice Lynch in the City Court. Brother James Taylor, who was kleked down two flights of stairs after his arms were almost torn out of their sockets, wanted \$5000 dam-ares from Brother David Seren nerve-

out of their sockets, wanted \$5000 dam-ages from Brother David Brown, perma-nent secretary and official undertaker Brother Brown stated that Brother Tay-lor was in bad financial standing because

he owed \$2.40. The jury, unable to find what the case was all about, rendered this verdict: "We find for the defendant and recom

we had not the mercy of the court." A middle-aged woman was in Jefferson Market Court charged with being a shop-lifter and while awaiting arraignment slowly chewed up and swallowed several letters letters in order that her captor might not learn her real name. When questloned on the matter she admitted the facts to the Judge and declined to say who she was. "All right," he said, "under those

strange circumstances I will fine you \$ Mrs. Effic Evans Orth, before she sailed

for Bermuda on her honeymoon trip, took proceedings so that she would not lose her children by the first marriage. She authorized her aint to act as her repre-

sentative and have the custody and con-trol of the little ones. Fearing that her former husband. Henry Knight, might halk her plans, she addressed a letter to the aunt. Mrs. John S. King, which reads

as follows: "If Mr. Knight does not return Kathif all, Knight over and William by Sat-urday next. I request and instruct you to procure a writ of habeas corpus or take other legal steps to compel him to return

them to you." Mr. Knight remided, and Aunty is now on the legal warpath. Mrs. Orth is still

Will Try to Prove Prosperity.

Will Try to Prove Prosperity. The American Caramel Company, lo-cally known as the "Candy Trust." has come to the front with evidence to prove that hard times are over, 'and prosperity is really here at last. Candy is really a "luxory buronn-eter." and when the trust came out the other day and disclosed the sad fact that its earnings for the year were only \$735,360, estamity howlers got busy, for this was a net loss of \$270,000, as compared with 1967. Not only did the trust lose all the money, but the girls of thousands of boxes of bon-bons, which they would have had, had times been more pros-perous.

Officials of the company say, how-over, that business has picked up ever since inauguration day, which they be-lieve is a sign that the people of the country have more sense of the

incode is a sign that the people of the country have more money to spend. It is a fact that one heavy operator in Wall Street, after hearing what the "Candy Man" had to say, commenced to buy stocks, right and left. "A candy tip is the real goods," he said. "and I am ready to play it to the limit, especially when it vertices what is said by dealers in diamonds, laces, expensive furniture and other luxuries.

"When the people are spending money freely it is absolute proof of the fact that times are improving."

Here's a Burglar-Alarm Row.

Every city has clothesline quarrels, but New York has established a pre-cedent by a burglar-alarm row that has divided a neighborhood.

has divided a neighborhood. The section around Elghth street and Fifth Avenue is honeycombed with burglar-catching devices, and as most of them got out of order, guests at the Brevoort. Lafayette and other hotels filed complaints and the matter was threshed out in court. It developed that some of the alarms were touched off by rats, others by cats and a few delicate ones by cock-roaches.

"Sor

etimes they don't even wait for a mouse," says Police Captain Henry,

of the Mercer-street station. "They just start off because a car happens to pass, or because it rains, or because it doesn't rain. Then they ring all night unless a burglar come along and turns them off." them off." magistrate who heard the stories court, adds to his record as a diplomat by his conduct in court. He con-doled with the owners and also the victims of the burglar alarms. Then

he said: "Nobody will deny that a man has a "Nobody will be protect his premises "Nobody will deny that a man has a perfect right to protect his premises against thieves, and nobody can deny that residents have a right to be pro-tected against unnecessary noises. I will dismiss this case with a waiving all around, and I hope we will not have

of course nobody is satisfied, but there is a negative sort of pleasure in realizing that the other fellow didn't get the best of it.

Two Stores; Twelve Millions.

Two new department stores which

Two new department stores which will represent an investment of over \$12,000,000 are planned by out-of-town corporations. Gimbel Brothers, of Philadelphia and Milwaukee, and the owners of a Syracuse corporation, are the persons who are interested. The newcomers have concluded that the drift of shoppers will be heaviest between the Pennsylvania station at Thirty-fourth street and the Long Acre theater and hotel district and that the Belmont tumpels from Long laiand will bring in big crowds along the Forty-second-street line. The block bounded by Fortleth and

the Forty-second-streef line. The block bounded by Fortleth and Forty-first streets. Broadway and Seventh avenue, will be occupied by the Gimbles and other Philadelphia merchants. This means the passing of the Broadway Theater, which when opened, was declared to be doomed to failure because it was "too far up town." It is an interesting fact that the present subway has injured the New York department stores. The only

present subway has injured the New York department stores. The only shops which can be reached direct by express trains are in Brooklyn, and they have gained much trade at the expense of their Manhattan rivals. They hope, however, that with the opening of new transportation lines that the tide of bargain-hunters will turn.

MONKEY VISITS BACHELOR

Call a Pleasant One for Animal, but

Not So for the Man.

PARIS. March 27.-(Special.)-"He must be preparing for removal." reflected the neighbors of a well-to-do old bachelor when they heard sounds as of men stumping about dragging chairs and tables, and now and then the noise of falling china. The racket had continued for a while in this particular flat when its entrance door was heard to open and presently certain loud and emphatic ex-clamations indicative of intense disgust resounded.

The old bachelor had returned to his home to find everything in the wildest disorder. Curtains had been torn down and strewn on the floor, upon

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The Nemo "New American Shape" has been adopted by London, Paris and Berlin, and its influence is already shown in recent changes in Paris modes and the statement that-

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The new Relief Bands add greatly to the hygienic value of this corset. They are extra-wide, follow the convexity of the form, and give complete comfort by firmly supporting the abdomen from underneath.

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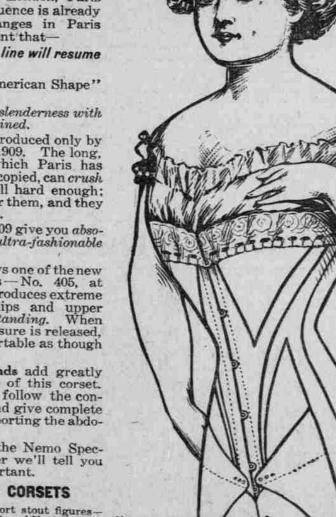
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