

EXPOSITION'S FIRST GUN IS SOUNDED

Dedication of Great Auditorium Is Harbinger of Opening at San Francisco.

WAR'S EFFECTS OVERCOME

Dean Collins Describes Magnificent Panorama of Palatial Buildings Nearing Completion to Hold Wealth of Nations.

BY DEAN COLLINS. SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Jan. 9.—(Special.)—When the Russian party, after disbanding in San Diego, began to come back through San Francisco in twos and threes, they found the big exposition city quite as much on its tiptoes with expectation of some immediate great event as it had been on the day of the dedication of the Oregon building.

All of which might seem rather remarkable inasmuch as the event for which the city was making immediate preparations the week before, was the celebration of New Year—as it is celebrated in San Francisco and nowhere else.

When at this season of the year an event is imminent which occupies the attention of San Francisco as completely as the New Year celebrations are capable of occupying it, one may feel pretty certain that it is an event that will make a fair-sized echo up and down the corridors of time—and so it is.

We found San Francisco, all her native population and all the great additional population that represent other states and countries here at this moment, turning up for the grand overture to the Panama-Pacific Exposition—the official opening of the Auditorium at the Civic Center, south of the plaza between Hayes, Grove, Larkin and Center streets, tonight.

Auditorium is Beacon. The auditorium, built by the exposition and to be given to the city, is the link between the city proper and the great city of palaces in which the exposition grounds one looks upon it as a sort of stately herald sent in to meet him and point the way to the wonders lying beyond, within the exposition walls.

It would be "rubbing things in" a bit in Portland, to dwell at length on the auditorium, its stately architecture, its 55,000 feet of hardwood floor, its seating capacity of 11,000, and its excellent facilities for receiving or discharging the maximum crowd in from six to seven minutes, and the fact that the construction was commenced in 1912.

Dedication Marks Epoch. The grand hall of dedication at the auditorium was an epoch-marker—if one may be forgiven for dragging the well-worn expression into service once more—because it heralded to the world that the building which is to be the central gathering place of the exposition, congresses and conventions during the year, is ready, and it calls attention to the fact that the Panama-Pacific Exposition, which is responsible for making this the gathering place of these congresses and conventions, will also be ready officially in a little more than a month.

One's first impression, approaching the exposition grounds from a distance is that the great exposition is ready now. Over the housetops, the great masses of buff, white, and red, in place, and the warmth of their coloring heightened by tones of pink and terra cotta, of blue and of green, and dominated by the glimmer of jewels with its million-pendant prisms twinkle-twinkling in the sunlight, lie against the sky like one of the wonder palaces of the Arabian Nights. There seems to be no finishing touch to be put on.

Then the streetcar turns around two corners and stops in front of the main entrance near the Administration building and one discovers that the Exposition is not entirely ready, but is getting itself in readiness at a terrific rate of speed. The grounds swarm with workmen and vehicles and the halls of the exposition palaces, which seemed so still when one looked upon them over the housetops, are booming like colossal drums with the clamor of workmen and vehicles, the clatter of tools and the snorting of trains bringing in the exhibits to be placed.

Comparison Shows Magnitude. The proportions of the buildings are deceptive, and one is scarcely aware of the magnitude of the exposition unless he makes a conscious comparison. I realized with a start, just how huge the palace of machinery really is, when I first saw a locomotive come poking out of one of its "side doors" dragging a string of freight cars. In proportion it was like an inch worm crawling from under a bushel basket. After that, for several minutes the entire exposition looked so vast that I felt rather like hiding myself behind the big toe of one of the statues over by a fountain.

The installation of the exhibits in the completed buildings, delicate scale and gathering speed, like a runner making a great spurt at the finish of a race. While there are only about 40 days more in which to complete the installation, this means actually twice as many three times 40 days, for the numbers of workmen are being increased and the work will be going on both night and day.

War's Effect Overcome. The effectiveness with which the exposition officials met and overcame the difficulties occasioned by the war in Europe is a romance in itself. More than 300,000 feet of exhibit space taken by foreign countries was wiped away or became doubtful, and the disturbance of commerce on the ocean made the arrival of exhibits from many countries which were not represented in the exposition a matter of uncertainty.

Captain Asber Carter Baker, director of exhibits, made a personal visit to England, France and Italy, from which he returned only last week, and today met only the 300,000 feet of exhibit space restored but several countries have taken additional space in the main palaces and are hurrying their exhibits to completion.

Ground was broken only Monday for the erection of the exhibit pavilion of France, which will cost \$45,000. The decision to proceed with its erection, and the installation of exhibits was made while Captain Baker was in France and in order that there might be no delay, the specifications were cable to the exposition, and the contract for construction let.

"I took \$2000 worth of cablegrams to carry the specifications," says Captain Baker.

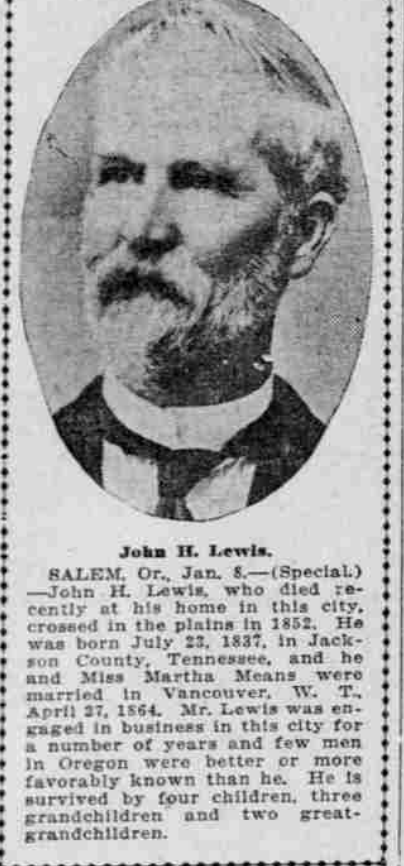
Old World Art to Be Seen. France has decided upon a most striking feature in her exhibits. There will be models of the Rheims Cathedral and other historical French buildings and

monuments that have been destroyed or partially ruined in the present war. Even Belgium has not been deterred from making some representation, in spite of the terrible effects of the war. It is one of the delightful sidelights upon the progress of the exposition, that Belgium sent, late in September, several thousand choice bulbs to be planted on the exposition grounds.

WOMAN SOLDIER WOUNDED

Daughter of Prosperous Russian Decorated for Services. PETROGRAD, Russia, Dec. 15.—(Correspondence of the Associated Press.)—Among the wounded Russian soldiers brought into the Red Cross hospital at Moscow this week is a strongly built girl, 29 years old, named Mary Isaakoff. She is the daughter of a prosperous Russian and before the war was known as an expert fencer and horsewoman. When the war began she offered her services and was accepted.

PIONEER OF 1852 IS LAID TO REST



SALEM, Or., Jan. 9.—(Special.)—John H. Lewis, who died recently in the plains in 1852. He was born July 23, 1837, in Jackson County, Tennessee, and he and Miss Martha Means were married in Vancouver, W. T., April 27, 1864. Mr. Lewis was engaged in business in this city for a number of years and few men in Oregon were better or more favorably known than he. He is survived by four children, three grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

with her own horse, as a volunteer in a Cossack regiment. At the front she distinguished herself on scouting duty and later took part in a hotly contested charge against the Prussians. In this charge she was wounded by shrapnel. She was awarded the cross of St. George for gallantry in action. Her wound is not serious.

NEW BID MAY BE ASKED

Choice to Be Limited to Oregon and Boise Stone at The Dalles. OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Jan. 9.—It is probable the Treasury Department will call for new bids on the public building at The Dalles and limit the choice of stone used therein to Oregon and Pioneer stone, the latter the Oregon product. The present lowest bidder has declined to submit bids for any Oregon stone, asserting that the supply is uncertain.

The department has said that the present condition of the building trade would bring more favorable bids than any received in the first competition.

School to See Legislature

SALEM, Or., Jan. 9.—(Special.)—Miss Lena Utter of 1121 East Thirty-sixth Street, Portland, has written Superintendent of Public Instruction Churchill that she and her class will come to Salem during the session of the Legislature. On her request Mr. Churchill will accompany them to the House and Senate and other places of interest in the city. Miss Utter wrote that she believed the trip would be an educational treat for her pupils, who are members of the eighth grade, in which the Superintendent concurs.

HOW TO HAVE LONG BEAUTIFUL HAIR

By a Hair Specialist. It is not hard to stop the hair from falling out and promote its growth if the right means are used. There is no hope for the scalp where the hair roots are dead and the scalp is shiny. However, to those who have not reached this condition, immediate steps should be taken to stop it before it is too late. Here is a simple recipe which you can make at home that will stop the hair from falling out, promote its growth and eradicate scalp eruptions and scalp humors: To a half pint of water add 1 oz. bay rum, a small box of Barbo Compound and 4 oz. of glycerine, and apply to the hair, rubbing with the finger tips, two or three times a week. These ingredients can be obtained at any drug store at very little cost and mixed at home. This recipe not only promotes the growth of the hair, but darkens white, faded gray hair and makes it soft and glossy.—Adv.

ECZEMA SUFFERERS

write me. I have no free offer to make, and nothing to give you but complete freedom from the tortures you are suffering. I do not promise to cure you for all time to come. That promise has been made to you before and you still suffer. But I do say, and I can prove to you, that my treatment for eczema will stop the itching; HEAL the sores and make the skin soft, pliable and pleasing to look upon. When I have done all this to your satisfaction, I will expect you to pay me. I will then give you information that will positively help you prevent another attack of the eczema microbe. Write me today. G. A. Mills, 452 Mills bldg., Girdard, Kan.

Tobacco Habit Cured

Not only to users of pipe and cigars, but the vicious cigarette habit is overcome by using the "NITRITE" treatment. Price, complete postage paid, \$1.00. Lane-Davis Drug Co., 34 and Yamhill, Portland, Or. (When writing mention this paper.)

Pacific Phone Marshall 5080—Home Phone A-2112—Mail Orders Promptly and Carefully Filled at Clearance Sale Prices—Express and Parcel Post Packages Prepaid on All \$5.00 Purchases We Are Principal Portland Agents for Ladies' Home Journal Patterns All Styles and Sizes Are on Sale Here at Only 10c and 15c Each

Clearance of Children's Coats at \$1.98 For Values to \$7.50. A closing out of all broken lines of Children's Winter Coats—good, serviceable garments, in attractive styles and in all sizes from 2 to 12 years. Values to \$7.50—your choice at \$1.98

Our Store Opens 8:30 A. M. Daily Saturday At 9 A. M.

Robert's Bros. THIRD & MORRISON The Most in Value, The Best in Quality

Our Store Closes 5:30 P. M. Daily Saturday At 6 P. M.

Clearance of Women's Coats at \$4.50 For Values to \$12.50. Included are the latest and best styles, in plain cloths, plaids and mixtures—Balmacaans, semi-fitted and belted styles. Most all sizes. In values to \$12.50—your choice at \$4.50

Annual January Clearance Sale

Read the Following Items Carefully: Economical Shoppers Will Do Well to Buy Here

While good storekeeping demands clean stocks at all times, yet this is particularly true at the close of the business year. So true, in fact, that sharp losses are freely taken to establish the desired condition before inventory. And the public, as well as ourselves, gain immeasurably by the compelled reductions. Economical shoppers will find it to their advantage to shop while these special low prices prevail at this store. Remember, everything throughout the entire store is now on sale at a reduced price (only contract goods are excepted). No matter what you buy, you save, and the savings are on qualities that will not disappoint you. Read following items carefully; act promptly:

About 600 Remnants

SALE OF REMNANTS

Dark Cotton Suitings

In 18c to 35c qualities, 2 to 10-yard lengths, at half price 9c to 17 1/2c a Yard

One of the most important offerings of the Clearance Sale—a special closing out of about 600 Remnants of Cotton Suitings at one-half regular selling prices. The assortment includes a full range of desirable patterns in dark colorings. They come in stripes, checks, plaids and plain shades. Materials suitable for both women's and children's suits and dresses. Standard widths and qualities in 2 to 10-yard lengths. The kind regularly sold at 18c to 35c a yard, tomorrow at one-half, yard, 9c to 17 1/2c

100 Remnants of Patine-Plain Shades, Checks and Plaid Styles, in Two to Seven Yard Lengths, at One-Half Remnant Prices, One Half

Everything at a Reduced Price in Domestic, Wash Goods and Bedding—Supreme Values Tomorrow in

Lace Curtains

Five Great Lots to Select From

Scotch Lace Curtains at 98c a Pair \$1.25 to \$1.75 Values

Both White and Arabian Scotch Lace Curtains in a splendid variety of patterns. They come in 2 1/2 and 3-yard lengths and in 40 to 60-inch widths. Regular \$1.25 to \$1.75 values, Clearance Price 98c

Marquisette Curtains at \$1.79 a Pair Regular \$2.25 Grade

An unusually fine lot of Marquisette Curtains in white and cream. They come in neat hemstitched styles in a good width and 2 1/2 yards long. A quality always sold at \$2.25 a pair; Clearance Price \$1.79

Arabian Net Curtains at \$1.95 a Pair \$2.50 to \$3.00 Qualities

Fine High-Grade Curtains in Arabian Net with Bonaz trimming. They are of extra heavy quality; also White Serim Curtains with lace trimming and inserting. Regular \$2.50 to \$3 qualities, priced for the Clearance \$1.95 Sale at only

Madras Lace Curtains at \$2.95 a Pair \$3.75 to \$5.00 Qualities

In this assortment are to be found the finest Madras, Lace, Serim, and Marie Antoinette Curtains. An extensive variety of attractive styles in 2 1/2 and 3-yard lengths. Regular \$2.75 to \$5.00 qualities, Clearance Price \$2.95

Sundour Madras Drapery at the Yard, 39c

A Sale of Women's Sample Skirts for \$2.25

Values to \$7.50—A special purchase and sale of a fine sample line of Women's Dress Skirts. All the latest styles in wool serges, chevots and other popular materials. Skirts selling to \$7.50, your choice while they last at \$2.25

Women's Long Kimonos at 85c—Regular \$1.25 Grade—All sizes, patterns, colors.

Come Profit by This Sale of

Ribbed Wool Underwear

Seasonable-style Vests and Pants in all sizes. Garments of standard \$1 quality, Clearance Price 68c

A visit to our Knit Underwear Section will prove unusually profitable at this time, for reduced prices now prevail throughout the entire stock. Take this offering for example: Women's Fine-Ribbed Wool Vests and Pants; seasonable-style, high-grade garments of perfect fit and finish. They come in all sizes in white only. A standard quality always sold at \$1 garment, Clearance Price 68c

Children's 65c Cotton Union Suits, on Sale at 39c

Another very important offering for tomorrow consists of a fine line of Children's Cotton Union Suits which we place on sale at a great price reduction. They are seasonable-weight, well-finished Union Suits shown in all sizes and in a quality always sold at 65 cents a suit, Clearance Price only 39c

Women's and Children's Wool Hose

Fast Black and Oxford Stockings that are both warm and durable. All sizes. Best 35c grade, pair 19c

It is a closing-out sale of some 500 dozen pairs of Women's and Children's Fine Wool Stockings at about one-half actual value. Included are all sizes. The Women's Stockings are shown in both black and oxford and the children's in black only. They are warm, durable Stockings in a quality always sold at 35 cents a pair, prices for the Clearance Sale at 19c

9-inch Jockey Boots for Girls

They come in Patent, Gunmetal and Box Calf Leathers in sizes 8 1/2 to 2. Regular \$2.50 and \$3 grades, pair \$1.69

What could be more timely or important than a sale of Children's and Misses' High-Top Shoes, or as they are more generally known, "Jockey Boots?" We are closing out one of the leading makes of these popular Shoes in the fashionable 9-inch top. They come in patent, gunmetal and box calf leathers and are made with double toe cap, double, full-leather soles and they are guaranteed by us to wear satisfactorily. All sizes 8 1/2 to 2 in \$2.50 and \$3 qualities, Clearance Price \$1.69

Great Annual January Half-Price Sale of

Remnants of Winter Silks

One, Two, Three and Up to Twelve-Yard Lengths

All wanted plain colors and beautiful patterns, all in dependable qualities and all on sale tomorrow at One-Half Remnant Prices.

Not only remnants, but all short bolts and remainders that have accumulated from the most successful season's selling of Silks in our history, which, in view of our leadership in this line, is saying much to those who know us best. Included are:

Plain and Fancy Silks, Satins, Brocades, Taffetas, Crepes, Chiffons, Foulards, and so on right down through the list of most favored weaves.

1/2 All Qualities, All Weights, All Lengths, Suitable for Most Any 1/2 Purpose, All on Sale Tomorrow at One-Half Remnant Prices 1/2

Although there is a generous supply, we do not expect the lot to last throughout the day. Those who realize the importance of first choice will pay our Silk Section an early visit tomorrow.

We will also close out our entire stock of Lining Remnants at 1/2 Price.

Yard-Wide Brocaded Velvets

They come in Black, Navy, Blue, Green, etc. Regular \$1.50 \$3.00 and \$3.50 qualities, priced to close at, the yard \$1.50

This sensational underpricing of these beautiful Brocaded Velvets is prompted by our desire to immediately close out a great surplus stock. It is the lowest price ever quoted on such high-grade Velvets. They come full 36 inches wide and are shown in a full assortment of neat brocaded patterns in black, navy, green, wistaria, blue, copenhagen, etc. They are Velvets of rich, elegant finish and are regularly sold at \$3.00 and \$3.50 a yard, Clearance Price \$1.50