

### Clearance Sale at The Bee Hive

This sale is intended for a Cleaning up Sale. Prices have been cut so deep that you will buy for the sake of the bargain.

The cloak room has undergone the greatest slaughter. Look first among the

- Children's Coats your choice.....\$1.39
- The Ladies Suits.....3.99
- Ladies Long Coats.....4.69
- brown, tan etc.
- Ladies Short Coats.....2.99

Next time will tell story of Dress Goods

### OCEAN, BAR, BAY, DOCK AND RIVER

The steamer Lurline docked here at 5 o'clock last evening, with plenty of business on both decks. She brought down 25 woodmen as far as Oak Point and these men will enter the woods for the purpose of getting out, as rapidly as possible, a lot of fuel for the steamers who are about to rebel against the high charges for fuel oil. It is said there are other gangs to come in this behalf, and it will soon be a familiar sight to see boats running both ways with huge piles of firewood on their bows, as of old. The Lurline left here last evening with the following named people in her cabins: L. D. Wolford, Mrs. E. M. Stewart, Rev. Conrad Owen, Miss K. D. Yeaton, Miss J. T. Wirt, W. A. Graham, Miss E. B. Olsen.

The steamer Homer entered port yesterday morning and went direct to the Callender pier where she discharged 30 tons of local freight, and then went on up the river. Captain Doris says of the stowaways he put off at Point Reyes, that they were all young fellows, two of them being pretty decent chaps, the third being a vagabond of the first and worst water. They were given enough provisions to last them until they could get to human habitations and then landed without ceremony.

The big tug Samson, Captain Hobson, left up last night with the last of the empty barges from the jetty, the work ceasing there for the season, or at least for two months to come. In all there has been about 700,000 tons of rock hauled down there this fall, 500,000 tons from Fisher's quarry and 200,000 tons from Mount Coffin and Bunker Hill.

The steamer Saginaw arrived down yesterday morning early, lumber laden for San Pedro, and left out on the early flood.

The steamship Rose City, with a big load of freight and a large number of passengers, departed out at an early hour yesterday morning en route to the Bay City.

The French ship Desaix went up

stream yesterday morning early on the hawsers of the Ocklahoma.

The steamer Alliance will depart for the Coos country this morning at 5:30 o'clock, from the Callender dock.

The steamer South Bay is due to arrive in from San Francisco today.

The steamer Olsen Mahoney is due down today from Rainier, en route to San Francisco, with lumber.

The steamship Breakwater is due to arrive this morning from Coos Bay on her usual Sunday run.

#### RELIGIOUS DEBAUCH.

One Man Goes Daffy at the Sunday Meetings

SPOKANE, Jan. 2.—Stark naked and raving mad, Frank Mays, a strapping laborer, 26 years old, went suddenly insane in the Billy Sunday tabernacle about 6 o'clock last night and attempted to mount the pulpit to deliver an exhortation to the assembled early comers on "The Devil." The mad man was prevented from carrying out his purpose by Special Officer Phillips and by several ushers, with whom he fought like a tiger. Wrapped in a blanket, the insane man was taken to the city jail, bound hand and foot.

At the station Mays declared he had disrobed to prove that he was an angel from God. The usual formality of searching the prisoner was dispensed with. Still manacled, the laborer was locked up in a strong cell, where he squirmed out of the blanket and began to shout that he was the devil come to put Billy Sunday out of business. He varied these statements by singing hymns.

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For Infants and Children.  
The Kind You Have Always Bought  
Bears the Signature of *Dr. J. C. Watson*

### Big Reductions This Week

All this week we will reduce our entire stock

### 10 PER-CENT

When you take into consideration that our goods at regular price are the lowest in town you will realize that with this additional cut. We are offering a great inducement indeed.

Samples of the famous Oatine cold cream will be given away free all this week.

Watch Whose Windows for Bargains?  
**Waterman's**

### POSTMASTER HAHN IS CANDIDATE AGAIN

INTERESTING QUESTION AS TO SENATOR FULTON'S ATTITUDE IN THE MATTER.

Postmaster John Hahn has announced to his friends that he is a candidate for re-appointment to the office, and for several weeks past he has been looking into the matter. Yesterday Mr. Hahn went out among certain of the leading business men of Astoria with a petition, which is addressed to the postal authorities and asks for his reappointment. This petition has now been signed by several hundred.

Just when Postmaster Hahn's term expires may be a matter of some slight doubt. Apparently his commission was dated on the 23rd day of January, 1905, running for a period of four years, but it was not received by him and he did not take hold of the office until April 16th of that year; and hence he thinks there may be a doubt as to the term expiring before April 16 of this year.

But with the expectation that the appointment of a successor might be made during the present term of Congress, and before January 23, he has prepared his petition to send to the postal authorities, and he will ask for the appointment again on the grounds of personal fitness and because of the excellence of the postal service here during his incumbency. In all those cases wherein there is competition among two or more of such offices, and one of the men is a veteran of the civil or Spanish wars, there seems to be a ruling that preference—all others things being equal—shall be given to the ex-soldier, and apparently Mr. Hahn is counting on his service during the civil war to stand him in stead now.

Of course the whole matter lies almost wholly in the hands of Senator Fulton, but it may be suspected that his influence will not be extended to Mr. Hahn.

Who the other avowed candidates are for the place has not yet become public property, though it is well known that Frank J. Carney's name has been frequently mentioned, and it is said to be understood that Mr. Carney will receive the support of some of the leading Republican politicians, and perhaps will receive Mr. Fulton's support.

The name of Charles W. Halderman, Senator Fulton's private secretary, is also mentioned, though beneath the surface and as a matter of political conjecture, as the man who may get it, especially if there be any contest at all among other competing candidates. At all events it is one of the plums that is going to fall into somebody's hat, and just for whom Senator Fulton is going to shake the bough is probably only known to himself and a very few of his intimates here now. Senator Fulton's undoubted power at Washington, both with the outgoing and the incoming administrations, leaves little hope for the man whom he may choose to actively oppose.

But just as a matter of humor, some have begun to permit themselves to wonder what Jonathan Bourne may try to do in the question of the post-mastership of the second city in the state—since Senator Fulton has chosen to hold up Senator Bourne's appointee in Portland.

#### WIFE BAILS HIM OUT.

Finds Husband a Vagrant in Workhouse and Rescues Him.

ST. LOUIS, Jan. 2.—In the company of an officer of the East St. Louis police department, C. E. Needham of Somerville, Mass., a Boston suburb, who is reputed to be wealthy, departed today for his home. His wife is bearing the expense of the trip. Needham was found in the Belleville Ill. workhouse serving a sentence on the charge of vagrancy.

For three months his wife has sought him since the day he escaped from her in St. Louis, where she was preparing to have him placed in an asylum. He came here in October suffering from a nervous breakdown. He had been working in Florida. Mrs. Needham located him in East St. Louis and came from Boston, and it was while she was arranging to have him placed in an asylum that he escaped from her. Recently he reappeared in East St. Louis and was put in the workhouse until his wife could be advised. The police say he is suffering mental aberration.

# ANNUAL CLEARANCE SALE

Begins Jan. 4, 1909

...BIG REDUCTIONS...

- 150 Boy's School Suits - - - 1-2 Off
- 100 Boy's Fine Suits - - - 1-3 Off
- 100 Youths Suits - - - 1-2 Off
- 100 Youths extra fine Suits - - - 1-3 Off
- 200 Men's Suits values \$13.50 to \$20 at \$6.35 to \$7.65
- 300 Men's Suits values \$15 to \$25 at \$9.85

### Underwear

- \$2.00 suits Underwear now : : \$1.60
- 2.50 suits Underwear now : : 2.00
- 3.00 suits Underwear now : : 2.40
- 4.00 suits Underwear now : : 3.20
- 5.00 suits Underwear now : : 4.00

AT



THE HOME OF HART SCHAFFNER & MARX CLOTHES

### CITY ATTORNEY FILES ANNUAL REPORT

REVIEWS WORK OF LEGAL DEPARTMENT DURING THE YEAR OF 1908.

City Attorney Charles A. Abercrombie yesterday filed an annual report of his department with the city auditor, for presentation to the common council. It is as follows:

In accordance with time honored custom, if not my actual duty, I herewith submit my annual report of the legal department of the municipal government, and while it does not contain much of great interest it is for the reason that during the last year the city has not been involved in any very serious legal difficulty.

The only legal action filed against the city during the year was that of Miss Annie Anderson for the recovery of \$20,000 damages, for injuries alleged to have been received through a defective street. This action is before the United States circuit court and will in all probability be tried some time next year.

The other cases, three in number, are police court cases taken to the circuit court on appeal, and are of no relative importance.

The legal questions that have arisen during the last year have been numerous, and it shall remain to be seen whether the opinions of the legal department have been correct or otherwise.

The council has seen fit to improve many streets during the last twelve months and I believe no part of the expense of such improvement will fall upon the city.

In several instances the common council has seen fit to disregard the opinion of the city attorney upon legal matters. Without commenting on this at length, I will only say that while it is not only bad form, it is also bad practice.

In conclusion, I have only to say that I consider the past year to have been a successful one, and at this time I desire to state that I feel very grate-

ful, for the assistance rendered my office, to Mr. Wise, Mr. Anderson and Mr. Tee, and to their wise and generous assistance I attribute in great part the success of the city's legal department during the past year.

#### A REFLEX SCARE.

Virginians Have An Eruptive Marvel To Worry Them.

RICHMOND, Va., Jan. 2.—Great anxiety is being shown by the inhabitants of Greenbank, a small town across the border in West Virginia, over the steadily increasing in appearance of a burning crater of seemingly volcanic nature on the side of a neighboring mountain.

Flames are distinctly visible at intervals, accompanied by rumbling noises as from internal disturbances. The air is strong with sulphur fumes. The area of the molten mass has spread until it now covers some fifty square yards.

### BRADEN-ADAMS MEAT CO

#### Cash Prices

- Soup Meat, 3c to 5c lb.
- Pot Roasts, 7c, 8c, 10c.
- Round Steak, 10c, 12c.
- Sirloin, 12c to 15c.
- Rib Roast Beef, 10c, 12c, 15c.
- Shoulder Roast Pork, 10c, 12c.
- Loin Roast Pork, 15c.
- Pickled Pork, 12c.
- Salt Pork, 12c.
- Pigs' Feet, 5c.
- Bologna Sausage, 10c.
- Liver Sausage, 10c.
- Blood Sausage, 10c.
- Head Cheese, 10c, 3 lbs. for 25c.
- Spare Ribs, 12c.
- Eggs, 35c.
- Butter, 65c, 70c, 75c.
- Bacon, 16c to 17c.
- Hams, 12c to 16c.

Live Chickens always on hand, dressed to order.

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The breakfast food you never tire of  
Large Pkg. 20 cents

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#### PERSONAL MENTION

Hon. Mayor Wise will leave this morning from the metropolis, and accompanying him will be his daughter, Miss Birdie Wise and her young friends, the Misses Larson and Hamerstrom, all bound for their alma mater at Eugene. The Mayor will return to the city this evening.

Captain and Mrs. Percy Willis, are up from Fort Columbia, and First Lieutenant J. Prentice, of Fort Stevens, was in the city yesterday for a few hours.

C. B. Cosgrove, of Milwaukee, was a business visitor here yesterday and went back to the metropolis last evening on the 6:10 train.

H. F. Johnson, of Salem, was in the city yesterday on matters of business. G. T. Hamilton, of New York, was here yesterday for a few hours, going on to Seaside last evening.

H. E. Sullivan, of Denver, was noted on the streets yesterday.

C. J. Martin of Eugene was among the big crowd of visitors alighting from the noon express from Portland yesterday.

Oliver J. Eckhardt, the well known actor, manager and proprietor of "Eckhardt's Ideals," and a brother of Mr. Eckhardt of the Astorian's business office, arrived in the city yesterday and is the guest of his brother. H. D. Mansfield, of Baker City, was in the city yesterday for the afternoon, and registered at the Northern. J. E. Snelling, of Portland, was a guest of the Merwyn yesterday.

R. K. Denham, of Tacoma, spent the day here yesterday, going on to Seaside last evening.

Mr. and Mrs. William Bailey and Miss Mary E. Bailey, of Bailey, of Skamokawa, are in the city, guests at the hospitable home of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Heron.