

TOWN TOPICS

The Strain stores of this city—The Hub and Strain's—were a target of activity on Saturday evening. When in Chicago the other day Mr. Strain "caught on" to a tremendous stock of clothing of a bankrupt concern that he picked up at a figure greatly below the true value. These goods were shipped and are liable to arrive at most any time. To prepare for their reception the gentleman has inaugurated a clearance sale that forgets the ordinary profits. That is the why and the wherefore of the commotion in the Strain stores on Saturday evening, especially at the Hub, Third and Burnside. The goods at that place are going at a pace that would lead a whirlwind.

While you wait! We have the only Goodyear lockstitch machines for repairing soles of shoes in town, no matter what our would-be imitators state. You do not have to wait to get your work done, better sole leather for the prices we charge and work second to none. Men's soles sewed on, 50c, 5c and 10c; heels fixed, 25c. Ladies' soles sewed on, 40c and 50c; heels fixed, 20c. Rubber heels from 35c up. We call for and deliver work free of charge. Phone Main 2031. Yamhill street, near Gas company's office. Goodyear Shoe Repair Co.

An epidemic of the grip has attacked the local police. For the first time in many months Capt. Charles Gritzmacher of the day relief is absent from duty on account of illness. Last year Captain Gritzmacher worked 345 days. Patrolman Karr and aaller Lillis are also ill with severe colds. Chief Hunt has the grip, but is still able to attend to the duties of his kangaroo court.

Asserting that she was deserted by Henry C. Thompson on March 11, 1903, Agnes B. Thompson has filed suit for divorce in the state circuit court. She asks for household furniture valued at \$350, which she says was purchased with her own money, and the privilege of retaining her maiden name, Agnes B. Jordan. The marriage of the two took place in this city September 18, 1893.

Members of the Ancient Order of Hibernians will attend solemn high mass on St. Patrick's day at St. Patrick's church, corner Nineteenth and Sawyer streets. Father Smith, one of the Paulist band conducting the mission at St. Mary's cathedral, will deliver a panegyric. Archbishop Christy will assist in the sanctuary.

Benjamin I. Cohen, president of the Portland Trust company, who has been confined to his home with a severe attack of the grip for two days, is improved in health today. He had been to Baltimore, and while there contracted a severe cold, which resulted in the illness of the past two days.

Don't wait for the primaries. Have your soiled linen cleaned up today. The Union Laundry, Second and Columbia, will do the business for you. Its steam heated polisher, that preserves the linen, ought to be elected United States senator. It's so popular with the people.

Prosperity Camp No. 369, Woodmen of the World, will celebrate St. Patrick's day with a social whist party and dance at the Catholic Forester's hall, Sixth and Washington streets. A large number of the friends of the order have been invited to attend.

A smoker will be given tonight by the Multnomah county colored Republican Political club, 49 North Second street. The club is expected to declare for the Mitchell or the Simon faction at this meeting.

Revenue Agent Joseph McCabe and Special Agent Williams of Washington are in Portland on business connected with the revenue service. Both men will make a tour of the Oregon district before returning east.

"An Adventure" was the subject of an address by Dr. Edgar P. Hill, pastor of the First Presbyterian church, at the Sunday club in the auditorium of the Y. M. C. A. yesterday afternoon.

During the week Rev. W. H. Selleck, of the Sunnyside Methodist church, will assist Rev. H. W. Waltz, of the Woodlawn Methodist church, in a series of special services.

The Mothers' club of the Brooklyn school is arranging for a parents' meeting, which will be held in the Mizpah Presbyterian church, Powell street, March 18.

The funeral of the late Mrs. N. K. West Jr., late of LaGrande, was held at the Second Baptist church this afternoon at 2:30 o'clock.

Fine day! Buy Meredith's umbrellas. Repairing and recovering. Two stores—Washington and 6th, Morrison and 6th.

The American Restaurant, corner Third and Couch streets, has fresh ranch eggs shipped to it daily.

Stagers for The Dalles will leave Alder-street wharf 7 a. m. daily (except Sunday). Phone Main 914.

The ideal spring medicine: Wahoo Tonic 50c, at all druggists.

S. H. Gruber, lawyer, 411 Com'l Block.

CRIMINALLY PERSONAL. T. B. Turner of Rainier is in Portland today.

A. B. Baker of Pullman, Wash., is at the Perkins.

Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Gray of Salem are visiting in Portland.

Mr. and Mrs. George Smith of Moro, Ore., are at the Imperial.

J. A. O'Shaughnessy, former insurance commissioner of Minnesota, is at the Portland hotel.

Mr. and Mrs. R. B. May left yesterday for Walls. Mr. May is the Walls Walls manager of W. B. Glafke company's new wholesale grocery at that place.

J. P. Ludlow and R. F. Glafke accompanied them from this city.

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Grout of Peacocks, Ida., are at the Portland hotel.

Mr. Grout is superintendent of the commissary department of the Oregon Short Line. He was formerly with the New York Central.

Preferred Stock Canned Goods. Allen & Lewis' Best Brand.

All Forms of Rheumatism Successfully Treated.

Drs. Adix & Northrup OSTEOPATHIC PHYSICIANS 416 DEKUM BUILDING

AT THE THEATRES

MINSTRELS AT CORDRAY'S. The Richards & Pringle company of negro minstrels began a week's engagement at Cordray's theatre yesterday. The company is above the average of its kind, and amused a crowded house. J. W. Cooper, in a ventriloquist "act"; William Garland, tenor soloist; Clarence Powell, "just plain comedian," and "Dixie" Kelly, dancer and emcee, were features of the performance. There are all the time-honored features of the old minstrel show—the first part, the olio and the after-piece. The performance is worth the price charged.

"THE CHRISTIAN." "The Christian" opened a week's term at Baker's theatre yesterday afternoon. Most of the members of the company have had experience in this play, and the performance yesterday passed off with more than the usual smoothness of first productions. Esther Lyons as Glory Quayle, and George Allison as John Storm, carried the heavy work of the piece without a stagger. Carlyle Moore was an acceptably helpful Lord Robert Ure, and Mina Crolius Gleason as Mrs. Callender was excellent as always. Gertrude River had little to do, but did that little gracefully. The rest of the company was up to its average.

WEATHER STOPS THE CITY'S PROGRESS

"Not for many years has there been such a dull period in this office," said Deputy City Engineer A. M. Shannon, who presides over the department having charge of the issuing of building permits and sidewalk improvements. "The unusually heavy rains of the last two weeks seem to have paralyzed business, and I have never seen such laxity in building circles within the past few years." "I have been in the office about 11 years, and I do not recall a time when so few permits were issued and so few people called here for various matters of business on account of weather conditions. All the building trades seem to have been stopped by continual rains, and evidently there will be nothing doing until the weather settles."

SURE CURE FOR PILES. Itching piles produce moisture and cause itching, the worst of which is Blind, Bleeding or Protruding Piles are cured by Dr. Bo-san-ko's Pile Remedy. Stops itching and bleeding. Absorbs tumors. 50c a jar at druggists or sent by mail. Treatise free. Write me about your case. Dr. Bosanko, Phil'a., Pa.

(Advertisement.) If you want to make Joseph Simon United States senator, vote the Independent ticket. Remember, a vote against the regular Republican ticket is a vote for Simon for United States senator.

Every family should have a household medicine chest, and the first bottle in it should be Dr. Wood's Norway Pine Syrup, nature's remedy for coughs and colds.

DO YOU TAKE ICE DO YOU USE CRYSTAL? If so, remember the Crystal Ice & Storage Co. Phone, East 544.

AKU-SHIMENTS. Marquam Grand Theatre W. T. Fangle, Res. Mgr. Tonight, Tues. and Wed. nights, special mat. Wed., farewell tour of Denman Thompson in "The Old Homestead."

"The Old Homestead" Evening Prices—Parquet, \$1.50; parquet circle, \$1. Balcony, first 3 rows, \$1; second 3 rows, 75c; last 3 rows, 50c. Gallery, 25c and 35c. Boxes and logs, \$10.

THE BAKER THEATRE Phone, Main 1907. George L. Baker, Sole Lessee and Manager. All This Week, Beginning Sunday Matinee, March 13.

The Baker Theatre Company in an Elaborate Production of HALL CAINE'S Powerful Play. "The Christian"

MATINEE SATURDAY. Evening Prices—50c, 35c, 25c and 15c. Matinee Prices—25c, 15c and 10c.

NEXT WEEK. Marquam Grand Theatre W. T. Fangle, Res. Mgr. Thursday Night, March 17, 1904. (St. Patrick's Day).

BEN HENDRICKS. Complete Production. Prices—Lower Box, except last 3 rows, \$1; last 3 rows, 75c. Balcony, first 3 rows, 75c; last 3 rows, 50c. Gallery, 25c and 35c. Boxes and logs, \$10.

CORDRAY'S THEATRE Phone, Main 992. CORDRAY & RUSSELL, Managers. FORTNIGHT AND ALL WEEK. "Better see it yourself—you will like it." You are the critic—if it is good or bad, say so.

Richard's & Pringle's Famous Georgia Minstrels A company without an equal in the whole world of minstrelsy.

FREE STREETS VARIETY DAILY. Prices—10c, 25c, 35c, 40c and 50c. Matinee Prices—25c; children, 10c.

PARK THEATRE 309 Washington St., bet. 5th and 6th CHAS. O. JACKSON, Prop. and Mgr. ANY SEAT 10c

One of the safest and most cozy theatres in the city—the house of refined vaudeville! GATHERING TO LADIES, CHILDREN AND GENTLEMEN.

DAILY PERFORMANCES: 2-MATINEES-2 2:30 to 4:30 P. M. 3-EVENINGS-3 7:30 to 10:30 P. M. SUNDAYS Continuous Performances 9 p. m. to 11 p. m.

ARCADÉ THEATRE SEVENTH AND WASHINGTON, REFINED VAUDEVILLE 9:30 to 10:30, 7:30 to 10:30. SUNDAY CONTINUOUS FROM 2 TO 10:30 FOR LADIES, GENTLEMEN AND CHILDREN. ADMISSION TEN CENTS TO ANY SEAT.

FRITZ THEATRE 240-242 BURNSIDE. FRED FRITZ, W. H. BROWN, Mgr. THE HOME OF VAUDEVILLE Two shows daily at 2 and 5 p. m.

CONCERT HALL—BLANCHER BROS. CONCERT EVERY NIGHT. 242-244 BURNSIDE.

COMING! Portland's Greatest Unrivalled Fashion Fete! Olds, Wortman & King's Grand Annual Spring Opening Next Week, Monday and Tuesday, March 21st and 22d.

WAIT FOR THE BIG EVENT!

OLDS, WORTMAN & KING

Home of Style and Quality. "The Different Store." FIFTH AND WASHINGTON STREETS

OLDS, WORTMAN & KING



Great Sale OF Embroideries Half Price

An immense purchase of the very newest and daintiest Spring of 1904 Embroideries, contaminated by our buyer now in New York. An advantageous deal that redounds to our benefit—and to yours. For we carry out the policy of this great house and share good fortune with our patrons. Embroideries will play an all-important part this spring in the trimming of women's apparel. Choice Cambrics and Nainsooks: 50c quality for 25c 75c quality for 37 1/2c 1.00 quality for 50c 1.25 quality for 62 1/2c

STRAWS

That Show the Trend of Trade Leadership

Certain stores have hurried "openings"—this reliable, authoritative, "Old Homestead" of Fashion sails calmly on its way, planning and achieving carefully, content to bide its time until the real dictators of right styles say "Ready"—until Fashion is safely seated on her new and regal 1904 throne—knowing full well that women who care a whit for style will wait

Portland's One Authoritative Opening of Spring Fashions

Before deciding upon new gown, headwear or accessories. We promise to use the mark where other stores leave off for our starting point. Features entirely new to Portland are on their way from New York and Chicago; expert artisans and designers have been busy here for weeks past in planning and creating, and when the curtain raises upon the scene, one week from this morning, we promise a grand spectacular World's Exposition and Fashion Fete that will be marvelous in scope and immensity, superb in magnificent beauty and superlative in splendor, charming the eye, delighting the ear and intoxicating every sense susceptible to grandeur in refined beauty, high art and pleasing, witching music. Visit all others that you may enjoy the better in comparison Olds, Wortman & King's Wonder Gallery of Beauty from Art, Nature and Music that will form a part of this store's Grand Formal Spring Opening Next Week, Monday and Tuesday.

A 4-Pc. \$6.50 Silver Tea Set

FOR \$4.39

Monday Only—Third Floor—Home-Fitting Shop.

When this RELIABLE store creates a bargain value, it makes a good one—and Portland folk know it. Things must be good or they can't come in—here. We'll keep trash out of your house if you'll do all buying here. Here's a sample of our special underpricing:

A 4-piece quadruple plate silver tea set, in satin finish, handsomely engraved in bright cutting. Set consists of teapot, sugar bowl, creamer and spoon holder, two latter pieces are gold-lined; \$8.50 value, Monday only, at

\$4.39



Special Sale of New Flower Hat Fashions Latest Fancy At About Half Price \$4.98

One of the most popular of the new season's hats for semi-dress occasions and street wear is the all-over flower model. In fact, this hat is so much in favor among Fashion's devotees in the East that it divides honors with the ever-popular tailored hat. Our buyer in New York secured a line of these beautiful hats, and today we place a lot on sale at the remarkably low price of \$4.98

JUST ABOUT HALF THE USUAL PRICE. Top and brim made entirely of geranium leaves and petals in red, pink, blue, black or white flowers, with green leaves, filled in around crown and brim and faced underneath with silk moiré. The shapes are the newest Turban effects, most becoming to every face, charming, chic and piquant.

"Never Saw Such Dress Goods for the Money"

So said an enthusiastic salesman Saturday in our Dress Goods Store—Annex—First Floor—upon being shown a beautiful \$1.25 CREPE DE PARIS, and told by the chief of the department that 'twas to be sold FOR 3 DAYS THIS WEEK AT 92c the yard, and we'll hear it from all sides when Portland women see the value tomorrow. A new and hard-sought-for spring dress fabric of silk and wool with beautiful silk finish, and "clingy" lines that set off feminine figures to splendid advantage. Adaptable for full dress or street wear, in grand variety of colors and shades, including rich champagnes, oyster and pearl gray, royal, navy and light blues, tans, pinks, lavenders, resedas, turquoise, rose and browns. These fabrics are priced at \$1.50 in all exclusive "Dry Goods Stores"—sold here at \$1.25 regular, but for Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday only, you may purchase for, yard. 92c

SHOE DEPARTMENT A Wonderful Sale of Good Shoes

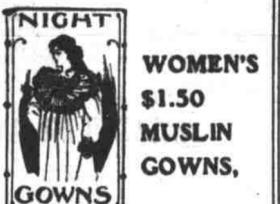
We're pinched for room. Spring Shoe stocks are impatiently waiting to enter their new home in the Sixth Street Annex. For no other reason we've marked end-of-season prices upon new, stylish, down-to-date SHOES FOR MEN, WOMEN AND BOYS. Women's new "Empress" \$3.50 Street Shoes in 10 styles, of all latest Spring lasts, Oxford or high cut, blacks or the new, smart tans, so much in vogue for Spring wear. All popular leathers, Blucher styles in high cut, all latest shape toes and heights of heel, patent or stock tips, all sizes, for a few days at a special price of \$2.79

Women's new Dress Shoes, regular \$3.00 values, in patent coltskin stock, newest, latest styles \$1.71

Women's regular \$1.50 House Slippers 98c

Men's patent coltskin or velour calf Shoes, in blacks or the stylish new tans, Oxford or high cut, all styles, sizes and widths. The very newest and latest Spring Styles, regular \$3.50 values, for \$2.83

BOYS' AND YOUTHS' SHOES—Same as "Pop" wears, except for size. Patent leather, vici kid or box-calf leathers, grand wearers. Sizes 11 to 13 \$1.25 to \$2.50 Sizes 13 1/2 to 3 \$1.50 to \$3.00 Sizes 2 1/2 to 5 1/2 \$1.75 to \$3.50



WOMEN'S MUSLIN GOWNS, 98c

Square or round neck, handsomely trimmed with embroidery, heading and drawn ribbons—Annex, Second Floor.

CARPETS Grand Opening Today of Portland's Newest and Best Carpet Store

FOURTH FLOOR—TAXI ELEVATOR. We add Carpets to our list of specialties. Tomorrow occurs the grand opening of the new department, and we extend a cordial invitation to all, whether prospective buyers or not, to attend Tomorrow marks another epoch in the upward and onward career of this big RELIABLE STORE. We have added another immense line of merchandise to our already great aggregation of splendid stock.

New Carpets From the Factories in Car-load Lots. We have long bought and shall continue to buy our Carpets all from first hands in carload lots, thus insuring absolutely lowest prices quoted any house in America. Qualities will be watched, and none but the best of every grade admitted here. No better stock can be shown by any house west of Chicago than is spread out here in our Carpet Hall on the Fourth Floor. Our prices are placed so fairly as to be beyond competition's reach. No house on the Pacific Slope will be better equipped to care for your Carpet needs. Our stock embraces every known kind of carpet used in American homes, including complete lines of Royal Wilton, Axminsters, Body Brussels, Tapestry Brussels, Velvets, Ingrains, Linoleums and Oilcloths. The price range is comprehensive and allows of wide choosing, from the rich and beautiful Royal Wiltons at \$3.50 down to the more plebeian Granite Ingrains, at the yard 42 1/2c



INTRODUCTORY SPRING Underwear SPECIALS

Ladies' low neck, sleeveless, white lisle Vests, neatly trimmed and Richelieu ribbed with fine lace trimming—special values at, each. 50c Ladies' high neck, long sleeve, shaped waist, white lisle, fine ribbed Vests, or white Swiss ribbed in same style—special value at, each. 50c Ladies' white, sleeveless and short sleeve cotton Vests—special value at, each. 15c Ladies' white cotton sleeveless Vests, in white, pink, blue, very pretty and attractive—special value at, each. 25c Ladies' fine white cotton Vests, long sleeves, short sleeves and sleeveless styles, with ankle and knee-length tights to match, the "Merode" make, each. 50c Same in fine white lisle, each. 75c

SPRING HOSIERY VALUES

Ladies' black gauze cotton Hose, full finished and with double soles, great values at, pair. 25c, 35c and 50c Ladies' fine black gauze lisle Hose, plain or with embroidered heels, extra good values at, pair. 50c, 65c and 75c Ladies' black lace lisle Hose, our own importation, in new patterns and latest designs, at, pair. 50c, 75c and 85c Ladies' black brilliant gauze lisle Hose, values priced at \$1.50 to \$1.75 in most stores—our price, pair. \$1.00 and \$1.25 Misses' fine ribbed black lisle Hose, with finished foot, a line usually sold at 25c, 30c and 35c, according to size, in all sizes, 7 to 9 1/2, at, pair. 25c

New Spring 1904 Catalogues Ready

The reliable guide to right prices on dependable, standard, down-to-date merchandise for all the Northwestern country is now ready. The new catalogue is very handsome and attractive, contains 160 pages, with over 2,500 illustrations showing the very latest and newest styles in Women's Wearing Apparel and Millinery. Mailed free upon application to Olds, Wortman & King, Leading Mail Order House on the Pacific Coast.

Monster Sale of Jap Silks

Opens Here Today. The Japs produce perfect work by slow methods—we produce the best results with rapid transit facilities. Every operation moves like clock-work—system here is developed to the highest point, and it's all to your benefit, reader. THIS SALE PROVES IT. See the window display—then do yourselves the treat to feast your eyes on the marvelous beauty of the Silks and the slaughter prices put upon them. We append a partial list. Sale opens this morning for all week.

- 27 inches wide, regular 60c grade—Special at. 45c 27 inches wide, regular 65c grade—Special at. 49c 27 inches wide, regular 85c grade—Special at. 59c 27 inches wide, regular 1.00 grade—Special at. 75c 26 inches wide, regular 1.25 grade—Special at. 82c 27 inches wide, regular 1.50 grade—Special at. 97c 26 inches wide, regular 85c grade—Special at. 59c 26 inches wide, regular 1.25 grade—Special at. 82c 26 inches wide, regular 1.50 grade—Special at. 97c 26 inches wide, regular 1.75 grade—Special at. \$1.23

WAIT THE GRAND OPENINGS NEXT WEEK, MONDAY AND TUESDAY, FOR AUTHORITATIVE STYLES

40c SWISS SHOPPING BASKETS 29c

Thoroughfare Aisle, Second Floor. PORTLAND'S BIG SOCIETY EVENT IS THE ANNUAL SPRING OPENING AT THE OLDS, WORTMAN & KING STORE NEXT MONDAY AND TUESDAY, MARCH 21-22