

Friday, December 9 Saturday, December 10 Monday, December 12

We Will Sell . . .

Ladies' Tailor-Made Suits



(Enumerated Below)

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To Close These Garments Out During This Sale

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- Our regular \$50.00 Blue Cheviot Suit, best effect, size 34—Friday, Saturday, Monday. **\$35.00**
- Our regular \$45.00 Brown Broadcloth Suit, blouse effect, size 34—Friday, Saturday, Monday. **\$30.00**
- Our regular \$75.00 Brown Novelty Suit, pleated blouse, size 34—Friday, Saturday, Monday. **\$50.00**
- Our regular \$45.00 Gray Mixed Suiting Suit, box effect, size 34—Friday, Saturday, Monday. **\$25.00**
- Our regular \$40.00 Fancy French Suiting Suit, semi-fitting jacket, size 34—Friday, Saturday, Monday. **\$25.00**
- Our regular \$30.00 Red Mixed Novelty Goods box jacket, size 34—Friday, Saturday, Monday. **\$20.00**
- Our regular \$30.00 Blue Cheviot Tourist Suit, size 34—Friday, Saturday, Monday. **\$23.00**
- Our regular \$42.00 Mixed Gray Novelty Tourist Jacket, size 36—Friday, Saturday, Monday. **\$27.00**
- Our regular \$50.00 Mixed Gray Novelty Blouse effect, size 36—Friday, Saturday, Monday. **\$35.00**
- Our regular \$40.00 Tan Cravenette Cloth Corset Coat, size 36—Friday, Saturday, Monday. **\$25.00**
- Our regular \$70.00 Black Novelty Suiting Blouse Jacket, size 36—Friday, Saturday, Monday. **\$42.00**
- Our regular \$45.00 Brown Checked Suiting Blouse Jacket, size 36—Friday, Saturday, Monday. **\$25.00**
- Our regular \$60.00 Blue Broadcloth Suit, fitted jacket, size 36—Friday, Saturday, Monday. **\$39.00**
- Our regular \$60.00 Beautiful Novelty Green Suit, blouse effect, size 38—Friday, Saturday, Monday. **\$32.00**
- Our regular \$55.00 Mannish Mixed Tweed Suit, Norfolk style, size 38—Friday, Saturday, Monday. **\$34.00**
- Our regular \$60.00 Broadcloth Suit, vest effect, size 36—Friday, Saturday, Monday. **\$30.00**
- Our regular \$50.00 Plain Tan Cheviot Suit, fitted jacket, size 36—Friday, Saturday, Monday. **\$30.00**
- Our regular \$48.00 Black Broadcloth Suit, novelty vest, size 36—Friday, Saturday, Monday. **\$26.00**
- Our regular \$55.00 Black All Wool Cheviot, corset coat, size 36—Friday, Saturday, Monday. **\$34.00**
- Our regular \$75.00 Blue Imported Broadcloth Blouse effect, size 38—Friday, Saturday, Monday. **\$50.00**
- Our regular \$40.00 Black Cheviot Tourist Suit, beautifully trimmed, size 38—Friday, Saturday, Monday. **\$25.00**
- Our regular \$45.00 Brown Etamine Cheviot Suit, Eton effect, size 40—Friday, Saturday, Monday. **\$28.00**
- Our regular \$45.00 Black Panama Suit, Eton Blouse effect, size 40—Friday, Saturday, Monday. **\$29.00**
- Our regular \$42.00 Black Cheviot Eton Suit, fancy trimmed, size 42—Friday, Saturday, Monday. **\$26.00**

None of These Garments Have Been In Our Store Longer Than Two Weeks.

They represent the very top of UP-TO-DATE SUITS and good styles. The workmanship could not be better in a \$100.00 dress, and the materials, linings and trimmings are the best. We alter all garments bought during this sale absolutely FREE, and guarantee correct fit and satisfaction.

OUR TERMS

Will be especially low on these goods. We will refuse no reasonable offer. You can pay down a trifle and a small amount weekly. These bargains are the greatest ever offered in high-price garments, and should be seen.

Eastern Outfitting Co.

390 Washington Street

"The Store Where Your Credit is Good."

ELLERIC SAILORS SUFFER HARDSHIPS

Without Proper Accommodations Quarantine Regulations at Astoria Were Very Severe.

WERE EXPOSED FOR AN HOUR TO CHILLY BLASTS

Captain McLeod Still Suffers from Smallpox and First Officer Commands Ship.

Stripped of every vestige of clothing and dived in a long vat like so many sheep, is an experience which the officers and crew of the British steamship Elleric claim they went through at the quarantine station near Astoria the other day.

When the process was concluded the men had to stand in a nude state under an old shed until their clothes were fumigated. The building was open on all sides and the sailors say they were badly chilled by the wintry blasts before they were permitted to depart.

"I have been around the world," said James Finlay, first officer of the Elleric, which reached port this morning, "and I never saw anything in the line of a quarantine station so poorly equipped as the den prepared for the purpose at the mouth of the Columbia river. It is a horrible place, and a blight upon civilization. Had they not been unusually strong and robust, the men on the terrible ordeal through which they went.

"Upon arriving at the station all on board the vessel were led out to an old shed. We were told to disrobe and take a plunge in a vat which had been filled with some sort of ingredient supposed to be capable of removing whatever smallpox germs there might be on our bodies. The water was scalding hot upon us, and we were half frozen when we climbed out of the liquid. As our clothes had to be fumigated, we had to stand there shivering for almost an hour before the garments were turned over to us. Of course, we had extra clothing on the ship, but as they were also being fumigated, they did not do us any good. The only accommodations for sick patients consists of a couple of miserable huts, which are almost bare of furniture."

During the illness of Captain McLeod, Mr. Finlay will have command of the steamer, and may have charge of her on the outward trip. The vessel is moored at the Albina dock, and will begin receiving cargo this afternoon. It is expected to leave for San Francisco and other ports on the coast in a few days. The steamer was built for the California metropolis about Sunday or Monday. Had she not been held at the mouth of the river the steamer would have been provided with a full cargo at Portland.

FRENCH BARK'S ROUGH TRIP

Martha Roux Encounters Very Severe Storms on Voyage From Swansen.

Heavy weather was encountered by the French bark Martha Roux as she was rounding Cape Horn. The vessel was in port yesterday evening. A gale carried away the covering from one of the hatches, and the rudder got out of repair. As a result the big bark drifted about aimlessly on the rough sea for almost two days. Finally the weather moderated and the rudder was put in working order. No other storms of consequence occurred until the mouth of the Columbia river was reached, when a strong gale drove the ship out to sea, and five days elapsed before the river was again sighted. When the vessel reached Astoria she had been on the trip from Swansen, England, 164 days. She brought a cargo of 2,500 tons of coal, which will be discharged at the gas dock.

The Martha Roux is in command of Captain Garnier, who was here two years ago with the same vessel. He reported that on November 8 he spoke the French bark Join Ville, which was bound for San Francisco from Antwerp. "All well" was reported.

SAILOR'S NARROW ESCAPE.

Suppericiously Leaves Hospital and Almost Bleeds to Death.

Weak from the loss of blood, James Larson, a sailor from the steamer Aberdeen, staggered into the sailors' union hall yesterday evening, and had he not received medical attention at once it is doubtful if he could have survived much longer.

Caught in the hoisting machinery of the vessel, one of the fingers of the unfortunate man was torn from its socket. An ambulance was called and he was conveyed to a hospital. The wound was dressed, but not wishing to remain there the sailor slipped away and started on foot for the union headquarters. Before he had proceeded far the wound began to bleed profusely. But he wanted to be among his mates, and as he kept on he left a trail of blood. He was taken to the Good Samaritan hospital, where he will be kept until he is out of danger.

MARINE NOTES.

Astoria, Dec. 8.—Arrived down at 2:30 a. m., steamer Columbia.
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Sailed at 8 a. m., steamer Elmora, for Tillamook.
Arrived down at Tongue Point, steamer Aberdeen.
Sailed at 11:20 a. m., schooner J. M. Weatherax and steamer Columbia, for San Francisco.
San Francisco, Dec. 8.—Sailed at 11:30 a. m., steamer George W. Elder, for Portland.
Arrived at 8 a. m., steamer Aurelia, from Portland.
Astoria, Dec. 7.—Left up at 5 p. m., British steamer Elleric.
Astoria, Dec. 8.—Sailed at 12:10, steamer Alliance, for Eureka.
Astoria, Dec. 8.—Condition of the bar at 8 a. m., moderate; wind east; weather cloudy.

ALONG THE WATERFRONT.

Steamer Despatch left for Astoria last evening with a part of her lumber cargo. It will be completed at the mill of the Tongue Point Lumber company. P. P. Baumgartner, local agent for the Aberdeen, accompanied her to the lower river.
Sailors from all the ships in the harbor are diligently practicing for the boat race on the afternoon of December 24. A substantial purse is to be given to the winners of the contest. The British say they are going to win, the

Frenchmen declare they will have a walkaway, the Germans think that the money might as well be turned over to them at once, the Italians are confident of gaining an easy victory, while the Americans are figuring on how they had better spend the stakes.
A cablegram states that the steamer Aragonia reached Hongkong yesterday from Portland.
To permit inspection by Captains Edwards and Fuller, the steamer Iona will lie at her dock tomorrow. The steamer Stranger has been engaged to go out on her run to Washbaugh.
Grain-laden, the French bark Europe left for sea yesterday afternoon, bound for the United Kingdom.
The oriental liner Numantia shifted this afternoon from the Albina dock to the Portland Flouring mills, where she will complete her cargo.
The schooner S. T. Alexander will move this afternoon from Columbia dock No. 1 to the Portland lumber mill, where she will receive a cargo for San Pedro.
A new directory prepared by O. F. Wallace of the custom-house shows there are 137 officials and employes in the building. Since last year there have been 23 changes, 21 appointments and 18 transfers from the list then making up the directory.
Captain Edwards and Fuller will inspect the steamer Vulcan this afternoon.
F. C. Hageman received a letter this morning from Captain Peters, master of the British steamship Tottenham, which is lying at Swansen. The captain is in a cargo of Java sugar. The captain stated that his vessel is not chartered for the outward trip.
The officers and crew of the Italian ship, which is observing a holiday today and no cargo is being put in the hold of the vessel.

KILBURN ALLOWED TO DOCK.

No Truth in Report that She Was Denied Privileges at Marshfield.

Officers of the steamer F. A. Kilburn, which arrived this morning from San Francisco, state that they were not prevented from landing at Marshfield on the way up the coast.
"We have a dock of our own in that town," said Captain Thompson this morning, "and there are several other docks at which we have landing privileges. Consequently no one would be in a position to issue orders for us not to land there. We moored at our wharf in the town, and after discharging and taking on freight we went over to North Bend, where we are effected a landing without being ordered away. There are several public docks at both places."

There is considerable rivalry between the owners of the Kilburn and the California & Oregon Coast Steamship company, which operates the steamer Alliance. A dispatch from Marshfield yesterday stated that the business men there did not want the Kilburn to make port of call at that place, and that she was not permitted to land at any of the docks, which were said to belong to private parties. Captain Thompson says that he does not know from whom the report came.
The Kilburn brought 275 tons of general merchandise from San Francisco and Coos Bay points, and 35 passengers. The steamer goes out tomorrow night.

WHY THE LEONA WAS LATE.

Low Water in the River and the Steamer Stuck on a Sandbar.

The steamer Leona, the opposition boat to the Kamm line, did not return to Portland until 11 o'clock last night. She stuck on a sandbar below La Center. To make up for lost time the steamer again went out on the trip an hour later. Captain Graham reports the Lewis river is at such a low stage that it will be impossible to go more than a short distance above the forks of the stream. He says passengers will be taken to La Center by means of hacks or skiffs. The Kamm boat is also forced to stop at the forks of the river, the passengers and freight being conveyed on a gasoline launch the balance of the distance.

HONORING GENERAL MANAGERS.

Innumerable flags and signal pennants have been flying all day from the masts of the barkentine James Johnson and the schooners Honolulu and Mindora lying at the dock of the Portland Lumber company. In honor of L. J. Westcott, member of the young men's general manager of the mill company, who was married last evening to Miss Stuart, 258 Fourteenth street, at the Unitarian church.

FREIGHT AGENTS WILL ARRIVE TOMORROW

Committee of Prominent Citizens Have Prepared a Royal Welcome for Visitors.

A party of 15 freight agents of the Northern Pacific road will arrive in Portland tomorrow afternoon at 5:30 o'clock to inspect the fair grounds. They will be received by S. G. Fulton, I. N. Fleischer, Tom Richardson and all fair officials.
Saturday afternoon the visitors will go over the grounds and on Saturday evening a smoker will be given in their honor at the Commercial club.

There is But One "Swetland's"

Going to Give a Party?

Luncheons, weddings, card parties, musicales, children's parties—social occasions of any nature—call for something in the way of table decorations, souvenir favors, etc. In this line we carry the most extensive variety in the city and are constantly adding the latest novelties to our stock. They are inexpensive and give an air of distinction. Nothing adds so much to the brightness and fun of the occasion as so little cost. We can't begin to enumerate them, but ask you to call and see the stock—it's a pleasure to show them if you don't buy. New conceits for card parties arrived last week and new wedding favors are expected this week.

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PENSION DAY FOR UNCLE SAM'S WARDS

Bustiest of the Year for County Clerk Fields, Who Attests Papers.

MANY WIDOWS CROWD THE LONG COUNTERS

Time Deals Harshly with Him, and Soon the Old Soldier Will Answer Taps.

Pension days are the busiest of the year in the county clerk's office. Monday from the time the doors opened at 8 o'clock until they closed Mr. Fields and his deputies were busy every minute. Four times a year this scene is enacted. The large office is crowded with the veterans of the Civil war or widows of veterans.

Strange as it may seem, widows predominate. The soldier who carried the musket through the long, bloody years lost much of that vitality which preserves old age, and in his place at the long counter in the county clerk's office stands his widow with the legal paper, waiting for her "voucher" to be made out properly and signed. And this is very particular work. Uncle Sam is quick to catch mistakes. Every letter in the name must correspond with every letter in the same name which has gone before. The name has to be signed four times, and there must be no variation in the signatures. Then the witnesses, three of them, must sign, and the signatures must be attested by the county clerk or a notary public. Most of the soldiers and widows, to whom the meager pension is like the breath of life, walk many long, weary blocks to have their vouchers attested by the clerk to save the fees charged by notaries public.

The number of vouchers which County Clerk Fields is asked to attest every quarter varies. Monday more than 200 passed through the office, and of this number more than half were those of widows. They all looked old and feeble, and one could not but be impressed with the patience and good nature which they

exhibited while awaiting their turn at the long counter.

Many of them have no means of living aside from this small pittance granted them each quarter by the government. Some of them do not need the money, as they have comfortable homes with sons or daughters; a very few have homes of their own. On the other hand, more than half a hundred would starve but for the pension. Of the total number of vouchers signed the money represented the biggest part of the family income on more than nine tenths of the cases.

A pension, individually, is but a small pittance. The average is a little over \$8 a month. Ordinary soldiers and soldiers' widows receive but \$24 every quarter. Unless the soldier can show that he received wounds or contracted disease in the service which injured him for life he gets only \$4 a month and his widow will get no more. The largest pension signed for Monday was \$26 a month, but the pensioner had lost an arm and had been otherwise injured. Looking at those who crowded against each other before the long counter it was apparent that the time would come when there would be no pension day at the county courthouse. The steps were slow, the faces wrinkled, worn and hardened, the hair gray and the shoulders stooped. The soldier's widow brought daughters and granddaughters as witnesses. Many men wore the faded blue, but the hue of the old coat was no dimmer than the color of the eyes, for time bears more heavily on the soldier than on the soldier's widow.

MAY HAVE TO ENLARGE SPACE FOR LIVESTOCK

Commissioner Richard Coott, who represented the Lewis and Clark show at the National Live Stock convention, has returned from Chicago. He states that stockmen are deeply interested in the Portland fair, especially the ranchers of the middle west, and he would not be surprised if it became necessary to enlarge the present reservation for live stock, so numerous will be the exhibits in this department.

President Gooder's dispatches today are from Chicago. He will leave that city tomorrow for Washington on important fair business and will start for home in time to reach here December 26. The contractor has agreed to have the Liberal Arts palace ready to turn over to the state commission Saturday night, and a large force is at work applying the finishing touches to that structure. According to the terms of the contract, the building will not receive its final coat of paint until just before the opening of the fair.

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