

CONFERENCE WILL BE INTERESTING

Local Y. W. C. A. Members Are Preparing for Profitable Convention.

SESSION WILL LAST THROUGHOUT TEN DAYS

Prominent Faculty Members of Northwestern College Will Be in Attendance—Program Arranged Said to Be of Exceptional Merit.

The Young Women's Christian association conference for the northwest, which will convene next month, is the chief subject of interest among the local workers. Miss Constance MacCorkle, the Portland secretary, returned yesterday from an extended outing at Clout Cap Inn, North Bend and Vancouver, and has undertaken the completion of the plans for the conference.

The northwest conference is an innovation that came in last year, but it is to be a permanent feature of the western work. Beginning August 31 at Gearhart park, it will extend through September 10. The hotel will be given up to the delegates attending, and 150 girls are expected. Several faculty members from the northwest colleges will attend, among them Miss Lucella Clay Carson, dean of women at the University of Oregon, and Miss M. Belle Sperry, the dean of women at the Bellingham (Washington) normal school.

The program is of exceptional merit and the speakers will include many prominent men and women. Three national secretaries will attend—Miss Helen Barnes and Miss Harriet Taylor, who have just returned from abroad, where they studied the foreign work, and Mrs. Ernest E. Barber, of Lincoln, Nebraska, who made friends here last summer at Margaret Kyle and has since been married. Dr. Stephen Penrose, president of Whitman college, will be one of the prominent speakers, and the Fiske of Boston, who is the leader of all prominent missionary work in that city, will attend. Several prominent ministers will be on the program, among them Rev. H. C. Mason, of University Congregational church, Seattle; Rev. Fred W. Clappett, D. D., of Trinity church, San Francisco, and Rev. John Marvin Dean, of Tabernacle Baptist church, Seattle.

The conference will be led by Miss Helen Barnes, secretary of the extension department for the American committee, and Mrs. J. S. Griffith of Chicago, chairman of the American committee. Miss Charles Adams, Bible teacher in the Secretaries' Training institute of Chicago, and reputed one of the best Bible teachers in the country, and Rev. John Marvin Dean of Seattle, will conduct Bible study classes.

The afternoons of the conference will be given up to recreation and there will be tennis, surf bathing, walking, driving and other amusements. One afternoon will be observed as an association day or procession day and then the delegates will be given a chance to show their college enthusiasm. This is the only Y. W. C. A. conference in the northwest, and the only other on the coast is at Capitola, California. There are eight of these summer conferences in the country conducted by the national association.

RETURNS TO PORTLAND AND FINDS GREAT DIFFERENCE

C. B. Cooper Tells How City Looked to Him Fifteen Years Ago.

C. B. Cooper, general agent of the Northern Express company, with headquarters in Chicago, is visiting his brother-in-law, William Mall of Mall & Von Borstel, after an absence from the Rose City of 15 years.

Mr. Cooper established the first office of the express company, which in those days was known as the Northern Pacific Express company, in Portland, in 1891.

"When I arrived here," said Mr. Cooper, "the Northern Pacific railroad was not completed, and I had to have all express packages shipped by stage from Missoula. There were 35,000 people in Portland at that time."

"There were no bridges across the river and the people resorted to the old Stark street ferry for a crossing. Later, and before I left, in 1898, the Morrison street bridge was completed. The Edmond hotel, at Morrison and Front, was the leading hotel in those days, and everything was lively in the city at night."

"Horsecars ambled up and down First street, and there was nothing big in the way of buildings except the Jacob Kamm structure at First and Pine. Before I left, the Perkins hotel was completed. The foundations of the Portland hotel had been constructed and allowed to lie without further building all the time I was in Portland."

"Chinatown was one of the flourishing institutions in those days, and claimed even a larger population than at present. The rest of the city that spreads over so large an area did not exist in 1891, not even in the midst of the most imaginative real estate dealers. Property that is now covered with tall buildings could have been bought for a song when I was here before."

Mr. Cooper resided in Portland for five years as the agent of the express company, and has not been here since, except for a visit of a few weeks in 1891.

ALLEN STOCK COMPANY TO PLAY AT THE STAR

From Tacoma the Allen stock company, which has been playing with success in that city, will come to Portland at the end of the present week to inhabit the Star theatre in this city and give a meller-drammer every week. From Tacoma, also, comes word that another company is to be organized to play at the Star theatre there, which is owned by the same people as the Star here, and that the companies, to be known as No. 1 and No. 2, will pass the time between the two theatres, changing about every three or four months.

The Allen stock company will open at the Star here next week in "Caught in the Web," a thriller of the old school, calculated to give the hero and heroine a chance to cut themselves loose on the main.

PORTLAND SECURES UNCLAIMED FREIGHT

This will be the greatest sale ever held in the city of Portland. The sale of the accumulations of the terminal points throughout the west has always been held once every year in San Francisco, but as everybody knows, San Francisco is in such a state at the present time that it will be impossible for the Consolidated Merchandise Company to hold the sale in San Francisco. The storeroom at 104 First street has been secured and the entire first shipment will be sold in large or small quantities to the wholesale or retail trade at a price to satisfy the freight claims against it. This sale will positively last but ten days. The first shipment consists of everything in the line of wearing apparel for ladies, men and children. The next shipment consists of hardware, tools, machinery and kitchen utensils. Third, consignment, dry and fancy groceries, sugar, canned vegetables and meats. Our great sale will be held for ten days only. If there is any merchandise left after ten days it will be cased and sold blind. This is an opportunity for every citizen in the states of Oregon, Idaho, Montana and Washington to secure merchandise at a figure that will pay them to store for years to come. Below will give you a short itemized list of what we will sell starting Friday, August 17. Doors will be open at 9 a. m. sharp. Positively no goods will be sold before that time.

Men's Cheviot Suits

At \$3.50, men's well-made, nicely lined Cheviot Suits; fancy patterns, come from one of the best makers and shipped to a concern in Idaho; unclaimed for reasons not known. 750 suits in all up-to-date patterns. These suits are worth as high as \$15.00; have your entire choice of any one for **\$3.50**

Genuine All-Wool Serges

At \$6.00—Lot No. 2—Ten cases of Men's Suits; genuine black and blue all-wool serges, made by a large Chicago concern, shipped into San Francisco before the earthquake. These suits are worth regularly wholesale \$12.00 to \$20.00. They are well made, stylishly cut, handsomely trimmed, and your choice for **\$6.00**

The Cream of the Stock

Lot 3—The trouble is we really do not know what retail people sell these suits for, as it is strictly out of our line, but we have told you in the upper part of this ad that the goods must go to realize for the unclaimed freight and this line contains such makers as Hart Schaffner & Marx, Alfred Buymann, Brokaw Bros., Stein-Bloch, Kuhn, Nathan & Fisher. We have decided to place these all in one lot though our suits are worth as high as \$40.00, you take your choice of any suit. They come in single or double breasted, for a short, tall or slim man. Your choice for \$8.65 for these beautiful suits.

Overcoats

It is a little early to talk of Overcoats, but at these prices it will pay you to store them up; they are here in the case, and they have got to go. Beautiful long Overcoats. They bear the Union Label, all wool, nobby patterns; medium or extra length Overcoats. Worth wholesale \$15.00, and your choice of any one of them in this lot **\$3.65**. Guess this goes some.

Cravenette Raincoats

Lot No. 2—Men's \$25.00 Priestley Cravenette Raincoats, every garment bears the stamp Priestley. These Raincoats are only sold by first-class stores, but we have a case of them here in this freight stock, and you take your choice of any one of them for **\$6.00**. A special Overcoat snap.

Overcoats Made for Fall Styles

The Overcoats are always the same year after year. It will pay you to store them up. Overcoats in this lot are worth \$35.00; silk and satin lined, beautiful patterns. You take your choice of any Overcoat in the house worth as high as **\$7.50** \$25.00 wholesale, for

There will be no misrepresentations of any article advertised. Thousands and thousands of bargains will be on sale by the Consolidated Merchandise Co., of 104 First street. Remember, the doors open at 9 o'clock sharp August 17, and it will pay you to come early to this great sale. The very first time ever in your city. Every single article in the house, even to penny articles, will be marked in plain figures for everybody. Absolutely one price; there is no profit for the Consolidated Merchandise Co. We are simply put in place to sell these goods, and they must go. We are given 10 days to do it, and if figures talk, why, the goods will not last that length of time.

There are about 275 cases of ready-to-wear merchandise, and they will be on display Friday morning at 9 o'clock. Read on, people; save your dollars and cents but take our advice and come early.

Men's and Boys' Hats

5c—About 7,000 dozen Men's and Boys' Hats. We have not time to sort them out and price them, and we have decided to place them in one lot. You take your choice of any hat in the house—they are Panamas, Sailors; there are Felts, Boys' and Men's, Women's and Children's. Some are worth as high as \$5.00. Time is limited; impossible to mark them here. Have your choice, any one in the house, 5c. Now, mothers and fathers, bring your children.

Here is a chance to secure Boys' Clothing less than the cost of making. Remember, there are only 10 days of sale of this entire stock.

Boys' Suits at 25c

Boys' 3 to 7-year-old Sailor Blouse Suits, wholesale price **25c** \$2.50; for this great sale, your choice, a suit.

About 2,000 Boys' Suits; no time to sort them out; they are in Norfolk single and double breasted; some are worth as high as \$4.00; thrown in one bulk and you take your entire choice of any of them for **98c**

Bargain No. 3 in Boys' Suits—Beautiful Russian double breasted, two and three piece Suits, well made; other retail stores will ask you as high as \$10.00 for any of these Suits; guaranteed all wool; and you take your choice of any one of these for **\$1.75**

Is not this a chance to secure your boys' clothing for now and for the future? We have these from 3 to 15 years only, and you must come early to secure the best bargains.

Now Ladies, Here Is One for You

We have noticed, on opening the cases, that there are thousands upon thousands of Ladies' Waists. We have no time to sort these out, so have decided to place them in two distinct lots. Waists worth as high as \$3.00 wholesale; your choice of any one of these at this great sale, **39c**. Waists worth as high as \$4.00 put in this great sale for **75c**.

Big Shoe Bargains

There are some very choice Shoes among these goods of unclaimed merchandise. Some of the leading makers of the United States. There are Shoes worth wholesale as high as \$7.50. Here is an idea of how the prices run. 5,000 pairs of Children's Shoes, have not time to sort them out into prices; your choice, a pair **25c**

2,000 pairs of Ladies' Shoes in all styles and prices; take your choice, a pair **50c**

About 3,000 pairs of Boys' Shoes and Little Gents'. We have them as high as \$2.50 a pair; you take your choice, pair **\$1.00**

Men, we have got the bargains for you, and we will place on a table men's low-cut and high-cut Shoes; have not time to sort the prices of them, but you take your choice of any of them for **\$1.50**. If you know anything about shoes it will be up to you to pick the best ones out. Take your pick **\$1.50** or grab the lot for a pair **\$1.50**

The last but not the least, about 1,000 pairs of Ladies' cream of the stock Shoes; some of the best makes of Shoes are in this lot, and you will take your choice of any pair **\$1.50** of these for **\$1.50**

Is not this sale worth coming a thousand miles? Will it pay you to be with us on our opening day? You cannot afford to stay away from this great sale, as prices will be placed below actual belief. We have all of these goods, and we tell you all you have to do is to come and see for yourself; you cannot help but buy.

Extra Special Notice

22 cases of Ladies' Fall Coats. It will be impossible for us to sort these out, as we have not got the time nor room. It is a little early to talk Ladies' Coats, but they are here, and they have got to go. There are no less than 500 Coats to a case. Some of these Coats are worth wholesale as high as \$40.00, but we will put one price on the entire lot. **\$1.00** will buy any Lady's Coat in the house. Just think, ladies, for one moment, and realize that you have the choice of 11,000 Coats, Wraps and Jackets, some worth as high as \$50.00 retail; positively the biggest bargains ever offered by any concern in the United States, and you take your choice absolutely. They are silk and satin lined, and any big store will be proud to have them and sell at \$20.00; but here they are one price to everybody. First come, first served. **\$1.00** takes any of them. Perfect goods guaranteed.

Pants

Now for the Pants. Men's beautiful Cheviot Pants, all sizes, worth up to \$2.80; a pair **79c**

Men's Cheviot Worsted Pants, well made, and they are all sizes; you take your choice of any one of them for, pair **\$1.95**

Men's Dress Pants, worth as high as \$10.00; these were shipped to some first-class house and for some reason unclaimed; you take your choice of any pair of these for **\$2.25**

This sale is positively the greatest sale ever seen in any store in the City of Portland. The sale will positively only last 10 days. Read every word of it, as every letter means money saved in your pocket. The following will give you an idea of some of the great furnishings buys that you can make. Overalls in all sizes, with or without bibs; well made, good, heavy ones **39c**

1,000 dozen Neckties, Four-in-Hands, Tecks and Bows; some are worth as high as \$1.00; you take your choice of any of them for **15c**

Men's, Boys' and Ladies' Handkerchiefs; they are worth as high as 10c; now **1c**

Men's all-wool California Flannel Shirts; all sizes; worth as high as \$5.00 **98c**
Men's Gloves; good working Gloves, worth as high as \$1.50; a pair **25c**
Men's Working Shirts, black sateen or black and white drill; good heavy ones, well made; regular retail at 75c **39c**

Men's Underwear

Men's Underwear—We notice that some of these are in silk and balbriggan, some of the finest makers of the country have sent them. We have them; your choice for **35c**

It is early to talk of heavy Underwear. Some of the garments here would retail as high as \$5.00. We have no time to mark them; all thrown into one big bundle. You take your choice of any all-wool garment **\$1.00**

500 dozen Red and Blue Handkerchiefs, good dye **1c**

5,000 dozen Celluloid and Rubber Collars and Cuffs; your choice **1c**

Silk Japonet Handkerchiefs, worth 25c; now **5c**

About 300 dozen men's and boys' Sweaters; they are in wool and cotton and wool mixtures; the invoices on these prices range as high as \$5.00. We have no time to mark them—that is your luck—so here they go, your choice **45c**

Suspenders—Amongst this unclaimed merchandise there are five cases of nothing else but Suspenders. Lot 1 goes for **10c** a pair; worth as high as 25c. Lot 2 retails as high as 50c; go for **15c** a pair. All of the beautiful \$1.00 Suspenders, you take your choice of these silk embroidered for, a pair **25c**

Boys' and Children's Caps; retail at any store as high as 50c, but any one lot of them for the ridiculously low price of **11c**

Thousands and thousands of bargains which it is impossible to enumerate; here they all will be displayed. All we want you to do is to come and see for yourself. The greatest opportunity of your lifetime.

A Few More Specials

Ladies' Belts, any one in the house **5c**

In Ladies' Pocketbooks and Waistbags, some worth as high as \$5.00; your choice **15c**

Men's Negligee Shirts, pair of cuffs included **39c**

Vests, all sizes **25c**

Children's Hosiery, one lot of Children's Hosiery, sizes 5 to 8 **11c**

This is a little early to talk of Boys' Overcoats, but they have to go with the balance of the goods, divided into three parts.

Lot 1—Worth as high as \$5.00; your choice for **\$1.00**

Lot 2—For Coats worth as high as \$7.50 **\$2.00**

Lot 3—For Coats worth as high as \$10.00 **\$3.00**

Is this not great news for you? Just think of it. Just in the midst of seasons for you to secure this great bargain; it will pay you to come thousands of miles to visit this sale.

Extra Special Notice

It is our desire to please everybody that comes to the sale. As you will know that we will have about 100 new clerks—clerks that have never seen the goods before the day of the sale—it is impossible for them to know everything; and if they do not know the article that you wish, you will do us a great favor by reporting it to either one of the floor managers. Every bargain will be forthcoming.

The great Umbrella special. Get ready for the rainy weather. Your choice of about 500 Umbrellas, worth as high as \$2.50 **49c**

Ladies' and men's.

Extra Special Notice to Outside Trade and to the Merchants

Extra special notice to outside trade, and to the merchants desiring to buy merchandise through the mail: Do so, and if the goods are not entirely satisfactory notify us immediately and your money will be refunded.

Notice to Mail-Order Patrons: All mail orders received will be shipped the same day as received. No charge for packing or shipping, and on all orders of \$35.00 and over will be delivered free to your home.

Remember, the great sale starts tomorrow morning at 9 o'clock sharp. Be at the door early. Remember the address, 104 First street, between Washington and Stark streets, in the wholesale district.

EVERYBODY KNOWS WHERE THE GADSBY FURNITURE HOUSE IS. THIS STORE IS DIRECTLY OPPOSITE ON FIRST STREET.

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104 FIRST STREET, PORTLAND

Remember, Thousands of Other Bargains in Store for You When You Come