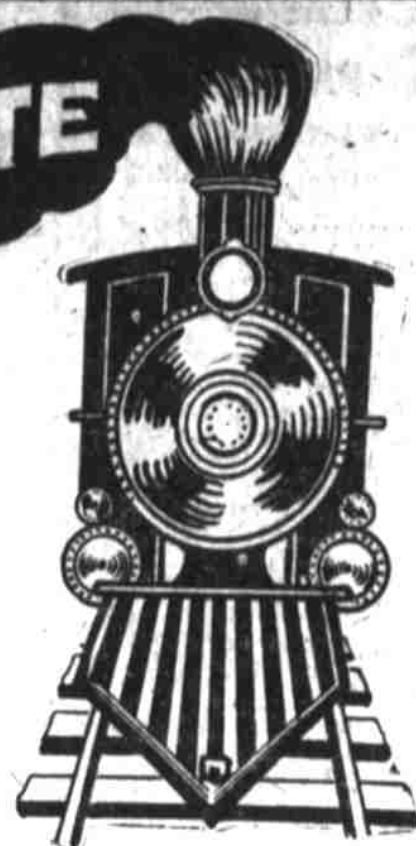


Welch
THE AMERICAN CLOTHIER

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GOING TO STRIKE THE FINAL BLOW

Yes, Welch is going to give up this store, sell out, give up. The store is leased by other parties. We have until January 12 to get out—thirty days to sell out

\$30,000

Worth of Fall and Winter Men's and Boys' Suits, Overcoats, Cravenettes, Pants, Hats, Shoes and Fine Furnishings. Welch will knock the bark off of prices. There will be no half-hearted action at this Closing-Out Sale. Sell the goods we must, and sell the goods we will. We will set a new low-water mark on prices. You never heard us talk so vigorously before, but it's a case of sell at all hazards, and now you can look for bargains of the true-blue kind, such as will fairly carry YOU TO THIS CLOSING-OUT SALE.

MEN'S SUITS

The high standard of goods always found at this store is well known. The variety of styles, patterns and materials is not excelled in this city. You always could depend on Welch, and you can depend on Welch now. Everything at this store must be right. The terrific price-slashing is amazing to people who know this store.

\$6.85 For choice of the best \$10.00 Suits.

\$8.85 Select style and quality, up to \$15 Suits.

Overcoats and Cravenettes

Cost not a serious question—sell out is the goal. Prices must do the work, and the bargains to be had here are more depressed in prices than the times.

\$4.85 Our grand, good, honest \$7.50 Overcoats.

\$6.85 Splendid good, honest, up to \$11.50 Overcoats.

\$8.85 Overcoats and Cravenettes, up to \$15 values.

\$12.85 You get Overcoats and Cravenettes worth to \$20.

\$16.85 Our select hand-tailored Overcoats and Cravenettes—the world's best—to \$25 values.

\$12.35 Great Suits, sold up to \$20.00.

\$16.85 The best in the house—the kind that helped build up the trade of this store—up to \$25 values.

Men's Pants

A store full—all of the good, reliable and fine kinds—but they must be sold.

\$1.35 For up to \$2.00 Pants.

\$1.85 For up to \$2.75 Pants.

\$2.65 Best grades of up to \$4.00 Pants.

\$3.85 Custom finished, up to \$5.50 Pants.

\$4.85 Choice of the best imported Pants, full custom finished, sell up to \$7.50.

When we quote reductions they are genuine. There is no doubt about Welch's way—do you know it?



MEN'S FURNISHINGS

The brakes are off—prices are on the down grade. We must sell all our Fine Furnishings, including the big holiday stock, at a great sacrifice, to insure cleaning up everything in 30 days.

UNDERWEAR

Most Positive and Fearless Cutting of Prices. **43¢** for choice of a dozen kinds, some in all sizes, others broken sizes. Fleece, rib, flat goods, Merino and wool garments, worth to \$1.00.

69¢ for regular sizes, best \$1.00 Merino.

\$1.20—Select stock rib and flat goods, to \$2.00 values.

\$1.95—Pink and blue, silk mixed ribbed goods, cut from \$3.00.

OVERALLS, ETC.

39¢ for 60c values BOSS OF THE ROAD, Signal, Sweet, Orr & Co., and all other grades of workmen's goods cut to wholesale prices or less.

MEN'S SHOES

They must go. Our stock is all of the best and latest styles, but we are going to sell out and close this store. You'll buy Shoes now.

\$1.65 For real \$2.50 Shoes, 20 styles.

Goodyear welts, vici, patent, calf, Cordovan, etc., worth to \$5.00; fine Shoes.

\$2.85

SHIRTS

39¢—Working, golf, negligee, worth to 75c.

85¢—Cluett and Monarch, best \$1.25 grades.

\$1.35—Cluett select \$2.00 holiday styles.

9¢ for best 15c Sox, brown and black.

12 1/2¢—Splendid 20c value.

19¢—Fancy and plain, up to 35c grades.

23¢—Pure silk, 50c Neckwear, about 1,000 Ties.

SUSPENDERS

17¢ for best 25c qualities.

23¢ for best 35c to 50c qualities.

SUIT CASES, UMBRELLAS, ETC.

All under the price knife. No quarter or mercy shown to anything. We close shop in 30 days—everything must be sold.

HATS

This elegant all new stock is being sacrificed. It's good stock, fine new style Hats. That's why all Welch's goods are such grand bargains. No old, out-of-date styles.

\$1.35 For our standard values \$2.50 Soft and Stiff Hats.

\$1.85 The great \$2.50 Soft and Stiff Hats

that made this store so prominent for good hats.

Mothers, a Harvest for You!

ALL BOYS' KNEE PANTS SUITS, OVERCOATS, ODD PANTS AND FURNISHINGS AT JUST ONE HALF THE MARKET PRICE.

Pick out any goods you want in the above departments. Cut the price in half—it's yours:

Suits were \$2.00 \$2.50 \$3.00 \$4.00 \$5.00 \$6.00
Cut to \$1.00 \$1.25 \$1.50 \$2.00 \$2.50 \$3.00

50c Underwear now 25c. All Children's Stockings half price—5c for 10c, 7 1/2c for 15c, 12 1/2c for 25c ones.

Youths' Suits

Long Pants, 10 to 17 sizes, just half prices.

Were \$2.50 \$3.00 \$4.00 \$5.00 \$7.50 \$10.00 \$12.50

Now \$1.25 \$1.50 \$2.00 \$2.50 \$3.75 \$5.00 \$6.25

Boys' Sweaters, 35c for 50c, 65c for \$1.00, 95c for \$1.50 ones.

After January 12, 1908

Welch will consolidate his forces and conduct the store on Washington near Fourth, Nos. 283 and 285, where ample accommodation will be made for handling all the patrons of the First street and Morrison street store.

Note--No Other Recourse But Sell Out!

We must vacate the First street store—the premises are rented to other parties. Our immense stock must be turned into cash within 30 days. We are nerved for the fray and will sell the entire \$30,000 stock, regardless of any loss, no matter how great.

HIGH PRICES FOR TANBARK

Oregon Uses Vast Quantity and Pays More for It Than Any Other State.

(Washington Bureau of The Journal.)

Washington, D. C., Dec. 12.—In 1906 Oregon used 17,000 cords of oak tan bark, valued at \$437,000 or \$25.73 a cord. It used 1,200 cords of hemlock bark, valued at \$12,900 or \$10.75 a cord. The total was 18,200 cords, valued at \$449,900 or \$24.66 a cord. California used nearly twice as much, the per cord value being \$20.48.

Tan bark brought the highest price in New Hampshire, and the highest in Oregon, with an average of \$9.30 per cord. More than in bark the price of extract varied widely according to the material from which it was manufactured. The extract of quercus, a tree of Mexico, Central America, South America, and the West Indies, from which seven-eighths of all imported tanning materials are secured, had an average price of \$18 per barrel, and hemlock brought \$12.60 per barrel; oak \$9.90 per barrel, and chestnut \$9.12 per barrel.

No other nation produces half as much tanned, curried, and finished leather as the United States, which yields over one-fourth of the world's supply. Six hundred and seventeen tanneries contribute to this output. The raw material includes 108,000,000 hides and skins, valued at over \$250,000,000 last year, required over 1,200,000 cords of tan bark, worth nearly \$12,000,000 and more than 650,000,000 barrels of tanning extract, worth \$8,700,000.

Over two-thirds of the tan bark consumed comes from hemlock, and over one-fourth from oak; chestnut and other woods contribute the remainder. More extract is secured from chestnut.

WELLS, FARGO & CO.

ANNUAL AUCTION SALE at

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Tomorrow (Saturday), December 14, at 10 A. M.

S. L. N. GILMAN, Auctioneer.

CITY ASTOUNDS SWAZI CHIEFS

Street Traffic of London Surprises and Makes Them Very Nervous.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)

London, Dec. 12.—The Swazi chiefs arrived in London on Saturday. They have come on a "mission" to see the king, and are accompanied by A. G. Marwick, assistant commissioner for Swaziland.

On arriving at Southampton the chiefs were met by the Hon. C. Murray, representing the colonial office, and on reaching London they were escorted to a house in Kensington Gardens Square especially furnished for them by William Whiteley, Limited, who have the entire responsibility of clothing, feeding and amusing the party. Arthur Higgitt, the "universal provider," special representative, is living on the premises, where a special staff of servants, including a chef, has been installed, and yesterday he took the five chiefs sight-seeing.

The morning was spent in motor-omnibus and tube trips, and a visit was paid to St. Paul's cathedral, which completely awed the little party. The chiefs caused a sensation wherever they went, for two of them were wearing large pith helmets. The others wore gray trilby hats and the heaviest of overcoats.

Chief Malunge, who is 22 years old and is 6 feet 2 inches tall, is the handsomest member of the party. Chief Josiah Vilakazi, who expressed a great wish to see the "great white king," was in the intelligence department in Swaziland during the South African war. Chief Nongogo is the eldest of the party, being 55 years old.

In the afternoon the chiefs, accompanied by Mr. Higgitt, visited the Albert hall, where a box had been placed at their disposal by Hilton Carter. The "1812" overture threw the chiefs into ecstasies, and they laughed and applauded like children. A violin solo was a revelation to them. It was obvious that music appeals to them more than motor-omnibuses and the street traffic of London, which made them extremely nervous yesterday.

OREGON POSTMASTERS ARE NOW UNIONIZED

Uncle Sam's State Stamp Merchants Form Association at the Imperial.

The Oregon Postmasters' association was organized yesterday afternoon at a convention of the postmasters holding office throughout the state. The convention was held in the Imperial hotel and John W. Minto, Portland's postmaster, was elected president. J. L. Page of Eugene was elected vice-president, and B. W. Johnson of Corvallis secretary and treasurer.

The purpose of the organization, which is formed with the approval of the postal department at Washington, is to bring the postmasters in touch with each other and thus benefit the service of the department throughout the state.

It is expected that a general convention of the association will be called for some time in the near future at which Postmaster-General Meyer and his first assistant F. H. Hitchcock will be present to deliver the two principal addresses. The convention will be called to meet their convenience so they will be able to attend the meeting. The arrangements for this convention were left to an executive committee composed of John Minto, E. Hostler of The Dalles, and Squire Farrar of Salem.

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FRENCH OFFICER EXPOSED BY GERMAN

(United Press Leased Wire.)

Paris, Dec. 12.—The latest surprise in connection with the naval espionage case is provided by the "Matin," which states that Lieutenant Ulmo, who is charged with high treason, was denounced by a Belgian, said to be the

chief of the German espionage service in Brussels.

Ulmo had a secret interview with the agent at Brussels, but they could not agree over the price of the document which Ulmo had to sell. He wanted a sum running into hundreds of thousands of francs, but the other regarded the price as excessive, and threatened the

lieutenant with exposure if he were not more moderate.

The agent was as good as his word, since he seems to have signed the telegram which advised the Surete Generale, France, of the nature of Ulmo's mission to Brussels. Ulmo was in consequence watched by the French police, and subsequently arrested.

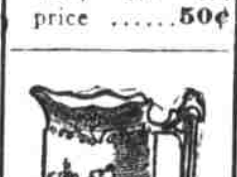
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\$1 Cups and Saucers, our cut price 50¢



\$1.50 Pitchers, our cut price 75¢

Jardiniere, all sizes and all styles, one-half price.

A well-known Chicago jobbing house has consigned to us several shipments of HOLIDAY GOODS with injunctions to close them out at any price. These goods are now displayed for sale at 352 Morrison street, and will be sold at less than wholesale cost. These goods will make suitable holiday gifts and can be purchased at a small fraction of their regular retail value.

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ONE 9-IN. FRENCH HOLLY NUT BOWL WITH PURCHASES OF \$1.00 OR OVER

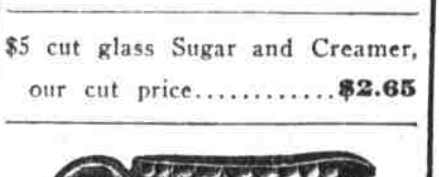
100 pieces Haviland gold decorated Dinner Sets.....\$50.00
50 pieces Limoges decorated Dinner Sets.....\$12.50
Choice of three decorations
50 pieces semi-porcelain decorated Dinner Sets.....\$5.50
42 pieces semi-porcelain decorated Dinner Sets.....\$3.25
Choice of four patterns
\$6.00 cut glass 8-inch Bowls.....\$3.15
\$5.00 cut glass Sugar and Creamer.....\$2.65

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\$2.00 decorated Plates.....\$1.10
\$1.00 decorated Plates.....50¢
\$1.50 decorated Pitchers.....75¢
\$1.00 decorated Pitchers.....50¢
\$1.25 Steins, each.....55¢



\$5 cut glass Sugar and Creamer, our cut price.....\$2.65



75c decorated Sugar and Creamer.....35¢
\$2.50 decorated Cups and Saucers.....\$1.25
\$1.50 decorated Cups and Saucers.....75¢
\$1.00 decorated Cups and Saucers.....50¢
50c cut glass Salt and Peppers, per pair.....35¢

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Lieutenant Ulmo, who was attached to the naval station at Toulon, has confessed to attempting to traffic in important naval documents.

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