

Men's 20 Cent Hose 15c

A seamless half hose of medium or light weight and in either black or brown. Serviceable socks that sell regularly at 20c the pair. Thursday's price is two pairs for **25c**

HANDKERCHIEFS of pure linen with tape border. 40 dozen of them on sale Thursday. Full size, and a regular 50c value, special, **25c** each.



Mail Orders

Carefully and promptly filled. Our out-of-town customers receive the same careful attention as those who shop in person.



AGENTS LADIES' HOME JOURNAL PATTERNS
AGENTS ROYAL WORCESTER CORSETS

Sewing Machines

Our O., W. & K. Sewing Machines are equal in every way to the "Agency" \$60.00 machines, while our price is but **\$23.50**

\$7.50 Wool Blankets \$5.50



Soft White Woolen Blankets of a good weight and excellent grade. They are finished with pink or blue borders. Articles needed in every home, winter or summer, and the Thursday price is much below regular. Our \$7.50 values then selling for, the pair, **\$5.50** at.....

Extra Specials for Thursday Only One-Day Bargains Worth Your While

Three Day Towel Sale

For the remainder of the week, Thursday, Friday and Saturday, our Domestic Aisle offers a towel special that will appeal to every housekeeper. Five items and each one out of the ordinary.



Damask Towels of pure linen. These are of large size and finished with a knotted fringe. Regularly 40c values, sale price, each **29c**

Huck Towels, size 19x38, of an excellent grade huck and neatly hemstitched. Regular 35c values, sale **24c** price.....

Irish Toweling of pure linen. Full 18 inches wide and an excellent grade. The yard.. **10c**

VEIL PINS 15c—A large assortment of designs, stone sets, in many different colors. Decidedly stylish. Reg. price 25c each, Thursday only **15c**

\$8.00 PURSES \$1.48—Samples and odd lines in alligator, walrus and seal leathers; or in jet, silver bead, carved calf, pigskin or La Vance effects. **\$1.48** Worth \$2.50 to \$8.00, choice.....

Come to the Muslinwear Sale

WOMEN'S CORSET COVERS of extra fine nainsook. Low round neck, full front with three rows each of Valenciennes lace insertion and beading, with draw ribbon. Another style of two rows each of fine Valenciennes lace insertion polka dot embroidery, draw ribbon and lace edging. Regular \$1.75 and \$2.00 values, sale price **\$1.28**

CORSET COVERS in a great variety of styles. Lace or embroidered trimmings. Edges and insertions used. Dainty styles, and fine quality materials. Sell regularly at 75c each, **47c** Easter sale price only.....

WOMEN'S NAINSOOK GOWNS—Low round neck, elbow length sleeves. Trimmed at neck and sleeve with lawn piping and wide draw ribbon; or with lace or embroidery insertion **\$1.17** and edging. Regular \$1.50 values.....

WOMEN'S CAMBRIC GOWNS with elbow sleeves and low round neck. Trimmed with clusters of fine tucks or with beading, draw ribbon and lace edging. \$1.00 values, **67c** sale price.....

IMPORTED FRENCH LINGERIE IN THE SALE

NIGHT GOWNS of fine materials, decorations done in hand embroidery. Regular values \$7.50 each, special **\$4.75**

WOMEN'S WHITE PETTICOATS, very beautiful affairs, finished with hand embroidery. Regular price \$12.50 each, special **\$7.69** at.....

WOMEN'S DRAWERS, hand embroidered. Regular price \$4.00, for sale at **\$2.59** only.....

WOMEN'S CHEMISE—Fine nainsook or cambric. Trimmed with cluny lace insertion, edging and embroidery on neck and sleeves. **77c** \$1.25 and \$1.50 values.....

WOMEN'S DRAWERS of fine nainsook; made with deep lawn flounce, clusters of 3 fine tucks and finished with Valenciennes lace edging. Splendid values at \$1.00, sale price **67c** only.....

CORSET COVERS—Lovely dainty patterns in genuine French hand embroidered designs. Regular price \$3.50 and \$3.75, special **\$2.18** at.....

FRENCH HAND-EMBROIDERED CHEMISE—Regular \$6.25 and \$6.50 each, **\$4.25** at.....



Women's 35c Vests 23c

An extra special sale for Thursday only. Fine ribbed white lisle vests with low neck and no sleeves. Dropstitch effects, daintily lace trimmed. These garments sell regularly at 35c each. A lot of 35 dozen for Thursday's selling, all sizes. Choice..... **23c**

CHIFFON VEILING in all the leading shades. Plain colors with dotted or satin striped borders. Regular values to \$1.00 each, for Thursday only..... **48c**



Oxfords \$2.50 & \$3

We have just received 5 new styles in tan oxfords. All come with hand-turn soles and made of dark brown kid. Two styles have inserted panel tops, one with canvas and one with suede. The reg. price is 95c each, special.. **69c**

Special Choice models in oxfords. Fourteen different styles, embracing tans and colors; also several nice styles in black. The regular values run to \$3.50 the pair, your choice of any pair in the lot, Thursday, **\$1.98**

95c Chamois Skins at 69c

These skins are extra large size, for cleaning and polishing purposes, for carriage cleaners, etc. The reg. price is 95c each, special.. **69c**

Dress Shields for evening wear; Parisian lace trimmed. Regularly **20c** 30c pair, special... **20c**

Smart Covert Coats \$5.98 \$11.85 \$14.75

Exceptional values prevail in the Suit Department Thursday. Women's Jackets of covert or broadcloth, in the short 1-button cut-away or in regulation length. These are in tight-fitting or box effects. Plain tailored styles, trimmed only with straps and buttons. Some lined with fancy silk. The regular values run to \$29.50. For easy choosing, we divide them into 3 lots, priced as follows:

Coats worth \$7.50 to \$10.00 at **\$5.98**

Coats worth \$15 to \$20.00 **\$11.85** Coats worth \$25 to \$29.50 **\$14.75**



Back Combs To \$1.25 at 15c

An odd lot of women's Back Combs in shell color, with rhinestone settings. Very handsome affairs. Regularly worth to \$1.25 each, Thursday..... **15c**

Fancy Decorated Crepe Paper, regularly 20c the fold; special for Thursday, fold.... **10c**

\$1.00 Foulard Silks 79c

Cheney Bros.' best \$1.00 grade of shower-proof foulards. This season's newest and best patterns. A wide range of choice in designs and colors. Splendid silks that fashionable dressers will have ample use for. See the Washington street window display. For Thursday the \$1.00 quality on sale at..... **79c**

MAIL ORDERS FILLED

New Dinner Ware

Just opened—a shipment of decorated semi-porcelain dinner ware. The shapes and decorations are new and decidedly pleasing. Modest prices prevail.

PRESSED GLASSWARE in new designs. Berry bowls, fruit sets, punch bowls, and cups, tumblers, goblets and almost anything for table use.

RARE BARGAINS prevail on Haviland China dinner sets. Prices now are about half regular.

Special Reduced prices prevail this week on open stock dinner ware. Three shapes and decorations to select from.

40-piece sets, \$3.50 values, **\$2.40** for.....

60-piece sets, worth \$6.40, **\$4.50** for.....

50-piece sets, worth \$4.80, **\$3.50** for.....

100-piece sets, worth \$9.60, **\$6.90** for.....



FREIGHT RATES SHOW BIG DROP

Portland Exporting Firm Charters Windjammer for Old Crop.

SHIP BRETAGNE GETS BUSINESS

Enough Grain in Country to Warrant Engagement of Vessels Although Enormous Quantities Have Been Set Afloat During Season.

Although enormous quantities of wheat have been set afloat this season for Europe and the orient, there is still enough in sight to create a demand for sailing vessels for spot loading. Rates are low and exporters with grain on hand to fill a cargo consider themselves fortunate in view of the low freights.

The Northwestern Warehouse company this morning chartered the French ship Bretagne for immediate loading at this port for Europe at 22 shillings. This is by far the lowest rate mentioned this season, and it is believed to indicate that bottom has been

reached for the present. Another new charter was rumored, but it is said that it was closed at 27s 6d, union rate.

The Bretagne is at San Francisco and will start for the Columbia river in ballast without delay. She is of 1,500 tons net register and hence will carry about 3,000 tons. The transaction came somewhat as a surprise this morning, because it was believed that about all the tonnage required to move the old crop had already been bargained for.

Portland shipped 1,576,807 bushels of wheat and 76,223 barrels of flour during the month of March. During the same period the combined Puget sound ports shipped 926,799 bushels wheat and 242,618 barrels flour.

Thirteen sailing vessels cleared from this port for Europe with full wheat cargoes, the aggregate quantity being 1,205,450 bushels. The orient drew 216,587 bushels and California took 154,820. From Puget sound the shipments were 293,506 bushels to Europe, 99,455 bushels to California and 38,838 bushels to the orient. In this connection it is interesting to note that the Portland shipments were more than 1,000,000 heavier than during the corresponding period of 1907, when the total was 338,879.

Statistics compiled by the Merchants' Exchange show that the March flour shipments from Puget sound were 107,847 barrels to the orient, 17,858 barrels to South America and 16,893 barrels to California.

Since the first of July—the beginning of the cereal year 1907-08—there has been shipped 31,508,535 bushels wheat, including flour reduced to wheat from Portland and the Puget sound district. This quantity exceeds by far any figures covering the corresponding period of former seasons, 1905-06 coming nearest with 22,447,424 bushels.

The total value of exports from this port for the month is \$1,662,236, of which \$1,304,978 is for wheat, \$206,933 for flour, \$47,379 for lumber and \$10,847 for miscellaneous goods. Follow-

ing is a correct list of the cargoes exported:

French bark Bayard, Queenstown, 110,884 bushels wheat, \$102,013.

French bark Bougainville, Queenstown, 111,141 bushels wheat, \$103,920.

French bark Pierre Loti, Limerick, 112,556 bushels wheat, \$101,000.

French bark Emille Galline, Queenstown, 96,917 bushels wheat, \$86,326.

French bark Admiral de Cornulier, Queenstown, 112,039 bushels wheat \$109,800.

British bark Crown of Germany, Queenstown, 141,145 bushels of wheat, \$129,000.

British steamship Gryfevale, Hongkong, 216,537 bushels wheat, \$194,832.

German steamship Numantha, Hongkong and way ports, 51,508 barrels of flour, \$206,032, and general freight making cargo worth \$23,979.

Norwegian steamship Tricolor, Shanghai, 3,554,514 feet lumber, \$40,151.

French ship Jules Gousses, Queenstown, 123,491 bushels wheat, \$105,000.

Norwegian ship Colonna, Queenstown, 14,428 bushels wheat, \$11,550.

French ship Andre Theodor, Queenstown, 121,615 bushels wheat, \$115,500.

British ship Arctic Stream, Queenstown, 90,817 bushels wheat, \$81,726.

German ship Nerus, Queenstown, 104,379 bushels wheat, \$99,500.

Norwegian steamship Sommerstad, Shanghai, 2,976,047 feet lumber, \$47,279.

MIGHT INJURE MILLS.

New and Low Rate Is Quoted on Wheat to Orient.

The new rate quoted on wheat from Pacific coast ports to the orient is expected to work a hardship on millers here and on the sound, in that the orientals will be able to get the raw material for their plants at such a low rate as to make competition with the American mills an easy matter.

The new rates were announced last night, and they are expected to create a heavy movement in wheat, since shippers are well aware of the fact that these freights will not remain permanently.

The rates on flour and wheat have

been cut from \$3.50 and \$5 a ton to \$2.50 and \$4. The cut affects all the steamers operating for the regular lines and will go into effect immediately.

Formerly the rate on flour was \$3.50 to Japanese ports, \$4 to Hongkong and \$5 to Shanghai. Wheat was on the same basis. The new schedule provides for wheat to Japan and Hongkong for \$2.50, flour to Japanese ports \$3, flour to Hongkong \$3.50, and both wheat and flour to Shanghai \$4.

The purpose of the cut is to drive out tramp steamers that have been invading the field.

SEA COVERED WITH OIL.

Captain Worse Reports Strange Encounter Off California Coast.

Captain Worse of the Norwegian steamer Elisa reports that when proceeding up the coast he ran into a lot of oil that either had been cast upon the water by some vessel to quiet the sea or else had been jettisoned by an oil-carrying craft.

The oil was encountered at a point 15 miles off shore about midway between San Pedro and San Francisco. The thick coating extended as far as the eye could reach for more than an hour, which made it doubtful if it had been used for cleaning and painting. This job was completed yesterday afternoon, and in a day or two the big freighter will be in the harbor to begin loading lumber for Fremantle, Australia.

The Elisa was here a few months ago and took a cargo of lumber to Japan. On her way out she encountered very severe weather, but escaped serious damage.

REPORT ROUGH VOYAGE.

Steamers Elder and Senator Arrive From California Ports.

California ports after some exciting experiences with strong head winds and mountain-high seas. The former came from San Francisco direct, and the latter from San Pedro, via San Francisco and Eureka.

Both craft brought full passenger lists, and the Senator is said to have left 36 steerage passengers behind, owing to lack of space. North-bound traffic is always heavier in the spring, while in the fall south-bound traffic is heavier.

LAUNCHED AND READY.

Steamer Chas. R. Spencer Leaves Yard Under Own Power.

Instead of returning to the shipyard to receive congratulations from his friends, Captain Spencer yesterday afternoon ordered power turned on the steamer Chas. R. Spencer left the ways of the Portland Shipbuilding company and hardly clear of the cradle, she swung about in midstream bound for the lower harbor.

The 136-foot slide was successful in every respect and occurred at 3 o'clock sharp, as scheduled. Several of those who had come to see the launching remained on shore, and it was with surprise they saw the big wheel begin to turn almost before it hit the water.

Three blasts from the whistle announced that there was steam in the boilers, and a few moments later the craft was speeding through the Madison bridge draw towards the lower harbor. Some of the invited spectators were on board.

UNEVENTFUL VOYAGE.

Norwegian Ship Urania Comes From Valparaiso in 60 Days.

But for a little rough weather off the mouth of the Columbia river, the Norwegian ship Urania, Captain Jensen, had pleasant weather for 60 days, coming here from Valparaiso. Light winds accompanied for the very ordinary speed.

The Urania arrived in the harbor yesterday afternoon under charter to Balfour, Guthrie & Co., to carry a cargo of wheat to Europe. She will remain at anchor in the stream until space can be secured at one of the ballast docks.

She is one of several Norwegian sailing vessels built in England for Norwegian owners during the years 1901-02, and was not like many of the larger Norwegian windjammers now sailing the seas purchased from English owners.

Captain Jensen says Valparaiso is yet in bad condition as a result of the earthquake, and to him it appears that but for the work done by the government the city would never rise from the ruins.

ALONG THE WATERFRONT.

The Norwegian steamer Minerva, which arrived at Astoria this morning from Panama, is expected to load lumber at this port for the orient. She was here a couple of months ago and loaded for Panama.

MARINE NOTES.

Astoria, April 1.—Conditions at the bar: Weather clear, wind 8 miles, bar smooth. Arrived down at 4 a. m. schooner King Cyrus. Arrived down at 3 a. m. German bark Nerus; steamer Cascade in at 7 a. m.; steamer Washington out at 8 a. m.; Norwegian steamer Minerva in at 9:45 a. m. from Panama; Norwegian steamer Sommerstad, French bark Andre Theodore and British ship Arctic Stream sailed at 11:15 a. m.

Liverpool, April 1.—Arrived, French bark Erlaux, from Portland.

Port Harford, April 1.—Sailed yesterday, steamer Santa Rita, for Portland. Tides as Astoria. High water, 9:05 a. m., 3 feet; at 1 p. m., 4.5 feet; low water, at 7:15 a. m., 0.5 feet; at 7:28 p. m., 0.5 feet.

Eye glasses \$1.00 at Metzger's.

Sunday School Workers. (United Pass Leased Wya.) Union, S. C., April 1.—This place entertaining for three days the annual convention of the South Carolina Sunday School association. The feature of the opening session morning was the address of the president, Professor Thomas W. Keith of Clemson college. Governor Aiken promised to deliver the closing address Friday afternoon.

Feel languid, weak, run down? Stomach "out"? Just a case of lazy liver. Burdock Blood Purifiers tones liver and stomach, promotes digestion, purifies the blood.

Free breakfast food. See ad on west ad page.

Perfect fitting glasses \$1 at Metzger's.