

SALE AT DEAD LETTER OFFICE

This Year 8734 Packages Listed—Greatest Junk Shop on Earth.

(United Press Leased Wire.)
Washington, Dec. 8.—The dead letter office of the postoffice department is preparing for the annual sale of dead letter packages, which will be held at a local auction house beginning December 14 and lasting until the whole of the 8734 packages advertised in the annual catalogue are disposed of.

There are a larger number of packages advertised for sale this year than ever before and night sessions are to be held in order to dispose of the stuff before Christmas.

There are 7182 packages in the "miscellaneous" schedule of the catalogue which was issued today. These packages represent articles from every walk of life. Every imaginable article from aprons, bicycle pumps, clothing, dresses, hand girls, basins, hardware, knives and phonograph records, to saws, razors, hypodermic syringes, neckties, typewriters, watches, is contained in these packages.

One package contains shirt waists, scissors, metal tray, a magic lantern and some collars.

Another contains some damaged barber shears, a cheap watch, some damaged razors, playing cards and dice.

One prize package contains 1000 stogies and it is stated that Uncle Joe Cannon will be offered the first chance at this.

The automobile is more in evidence this year than ever before. Several score packages are made up of spare parts, automobile watches and patent tire inflators.

There are 492 articles of jewelry. Everything from silver snuff boxes and cigarette cases to gold rosaries is represented.

Large Library Listed.

There are 1130 packages of books and these represent about 15,000 volumes, written in every tongue of the earth. The Holy Bible and "Three Weeks" appear together and books of "How to Make Money Easily" are grouped with Roosevelt's books and Elbert Hubbard's works. Some of the president's books on animals are listed alongside of Jack London and Ernest Thompson Seton's stories, which were characterized by Roosevelt as "nature fakers."

Chinese, Choctaw, Danish, Dutch, Finnish, French, German, Greek, Hebrew, Hungarian, Italian, Japanese, Norwegian, Polish, Prussian, Slavonic, Spanish, Swedish and Turkish are some of the foreign tongues represented in the book catalogue.

Last year's sale netted the postoffice department about \$10,000 and it is thought more will be realized this year. Everything sold is bunched together and wrapped up, and although the articles are described in the catalogue, as many "lemons" as "prize packages" are drawn by the bidders who attend the sale. A "gentleman's watch" may mean an Elgin or a Waterbury.

Death Roll of the Northwest

Samuel E. Claypool.
(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)
Lebanon, Or., Dec. 8.—Samuel E. Claypool, 72 years of age, died at his home in this city Sunday afternoon. He was born in Hendricks county, Ind. With his parents he crossed the plains in 1846. In 1848 the family settled in Linn county, and with the exception of a year in the gold fields of California has lived in this county since. In 1865 Mr. Claypool was married in marriage to Miss America Crabtree, and the couple moved upon a farm, five miles north of Lebanon, where they lived 27 years, when they moved to Lebanon, in 1902.

Mr. Claypool represented Linn county in the lower house of the legislature in 1902. In 1886 he was elected county commissioner, continuing in office four years. He served in the Indian war of 1856 as a member of company D, Second regiment, under command of Colonel Thomas Cornelius.

Mrs. Claypool died about two years ago. Four daughters survive: Mrs. Edison Young, Miss Annie Claypool, Mrs. J. L. Griggs and Mrs. James J. Kinsey.

Mr. Claypool's life was marked by sincere devotion to whatever duty came his way. His actions were governed by high principles, and the utmost consideration for the rights of others. His remains will be laid to rest in the Masonic cemetery Tuesday.

Mrs. Mary Wells.
(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)
Forest Grove, Or., Dec. 8.—Mrs. Mary Wells, 79 years of age, a resident of this city for 16 years, died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Ira Bradley, Sunday, and was buried in the Wilks cemetery at Banks, Sunday, Rev. C. A. Sims officiating.

Mrs. Wells was born in Tennessee and when a small child removed to Illinois. From there she went to Texas and remained a year, returning to Illinois, where, in 1855, she was married to G. Wells.

The family removed to Kansas in 1879. Mr. Wells died in 1892. Mrs. Wells came to Oregon. The following children survive: Hiram Wells and Mrs. Ida Bradley of this city, Mrs. Maud Irvin of Arkansas and Waldo E. Wells of Washington.

Frank Beach, Pioneer Miner.
Seattle, Dec. 8.—Frank Beach, pioneer prospector in California for 19 years, and a well known insurance man of Seattle, died Sunday at the age of 78.

Since the first of the year he had lived a retired life on account of ill health. He was born at Keswille, N. Y. At the age of 19 years he joined the army of gold hunters in California. He returned to his home in 1854 and while visiting relatives in Michigan he married Miss Ellen Phelps. They lived there until 1872, spending 16 years in Battle Creek and coming to Seattle in 1859.

Oliver V. Linn, Jurist.
(United Press Leased Wire.)
Olympia, Wash., Dec. 8.—Oliver V. Linn, superior judge of Mason and Thurston counties, is dead at his Olympia residence following an illness which began last September during his campaign for nomination to the supreme bench. He leaves a widow and one son 9 years old. Judge Linn was born in Pennsylvania 45 years ago, came to Washington in 1859 and for 19 years past had been superior judge.

Mrs. Verena Siegrist.
(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)
Hillsboro, Or., Dec. 8.—The funeral of Mrs. Verena Siegrist was held at the family residence here Sunday afternoon. The deceased was the wife of the late A. Siegrist, a Hillsboro business man, who died 20 years ago. Five children survive: Mrs. A. C. Shute, Adolph, Fred, Herman and William of La Grande. The parents were natives of Switzerland.

John McCullough.
(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)
Eugene, Or., Dec. 8.—John McCullough, a resident of Eugene, dropped dead from an attack of heart trouble at a doctor's office to get relief. While the doctor was examining him he expired. McCullough was a painter by trade and was at work at Wendling for a few weeks.

William O. Mack.
(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)
Cady, Or., Dec. 8.—William O. Mack died at his home here yesterday morning. Mr. Mack was an Oregon pioneer of 1852, coming across the plains by

AWFUL EXAMPLE OF DENUDATION

President Distributes Photographs From Deformed Regions.

(United Press Leased Wire.)
Washington, Dec. 8.—As a startling object lesson in the evils of deforestation, President Roosevelt today gave to each member of congress, with a copy of his message, a set of photographs illustrating the devastation of great districts of China caused by the prodigal waste of timber in past ages.

SEMI-CENTENNIAL OF AMERICAN COLLEGE

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)
Rome, Dec. 8.—The American college today entered upon the fiftieth year of its existence and in commemoration of the anniversary appropriate exercises were held. Monsignor Kennedy, the rector of the college, received many congratulations from the high ecclesiastics on the progress the institution has made and its prosperity.

The American college was founded through the generosity of Pope Pius IX, who, in 1857, purchased for \$42,000 the Visitation Convent on Via Umbra, then occupied as a garrison by the French troops guarding Rome. The free use of the property was granted in perpetuity to the American hierarchy. Through the efforts of Archbishop Hughes of New York \$50,000 were collected in the United States and applied to the restoration of the house, which had been much abused during the occupancy of the soldiers. The college was formally opened on December 8, 1859, with thirteen students. This number steadily increased until at the present time the college has more students than any other institution in Rome.

Tomorrow and Thursday positively last days for discount west side gas bills. Don't overlook gas appliance sales.

WON HEARTS TO STEAL JEWELRY

Hector Johnson, a Steamer Steward, Charged—Five Victims Alleged.

(United Press Leased Wire.)
San Francisco, Dec. 8.—Charged with having won the hearts of five wealthy women of Sydney, Australia, and of having robbed each of her jewels and trousseau while the plans for their marriage were under way, Hector Johnson, steward of the British steamer Lord Sefton, is a prisoner in the chart room of the vessel. It is charged that he masqueraded as "Lord Jewell" in Sydney.

When the ship first arrived here from Australia the police searched Johnson and examined him. They were unable to get sufficient evidence against him to warrant any action and he was allowed to proceed with the ship to Puget sound. On the return trip down the coast the stokers found several valuable pieces of jewelry in the coal bunkers. Captain William Campbell at once suspected Johnson of having hidden them there and ordered him locked up.

The police are in communication with Sydney and further efforts at identification are being made.

TEAL TO ADDRESS IMPROVEMENT MEN

(Washington Bureau of The Journal.)
Washington, Dec. 8.—J. N. Teal has accepted an invitation to attend and deliver an address at the annual dinner of the directors of the national rivers and harbors association, when plans will be fully gone over for the work of the coming twelve months.

PILES CURED IN 6 TO 14 DAYS.
PAZO OINTMENT is guaranteed to cure any case of itching, bleeding or protruding Piles in 6 to 14 days or money refunded. 50c.

SON OF MILLIONAIRE INSANE BY SUFFERING

White Plains, N. Y., Dec. 8.—Carylle Barron, son of a millionaire of Tarrytown, will be committed to an institution for the insane, following the decision of the insanity commission yesterday that Barron's sufferings have unrelievedly increased since his return from a hunting trip in Alaska attempted to reach the Klondike. He was stricken with acurvy and died in the hospital.

His condition at that time necessitated his confinement in a hospital for the insane. For two years Barron was held in a straight jacket before he was identified and returned to his home.

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FINDS SHE HAS ONE HUSBAND TOO MANY

San Francisco, Dec. 8.—Mrs. Cora H. Heudlein has hurried to the superior courts to obtain a decree annulling her marriage to W. H. Heudlein, which was

performed on October 12, 1907. This letter from her first husband, George Humphrey, of Kansas City, Mo., who left her four years ago and who she understood later from her cousin, had since died. Humphrey wrote to his wife asking her to send him funds so that he could come to California and live with her again. When Mrs. Heudlein-Humphrey left the courtroom she had not made up her mind whether or not she would have anything further to do with her first husband, but she was exceedingly anxious, nevertheless, to get her tangled marital record straightened out to the satisfaction of the law.

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Join the Business Men's Excursion

—Via—

"North Bank Road"

TO NATIONAL APPLE SHOW, SPOKANE

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 11th

ROUND TRIP \$14.95

Daylight ride down the Columbia River on return trip. For sleeping car reservations, tickets and full information apply to City Ticket Offices, 255 Morrison, corner Third; 122 Third street, near Washington, or at depot, corner Eleventh and Hoyt streets.

All Holiday and Christmas Goods Fearfully Slashed in Price

During the balance of this week you can get the greatest values for your money that have ever been offered in Portland. We will positively close out our entire stock of Holiday and Christmas Goods at tremendous reductions from regular prices.

Post Card Albums

This is an appropriate Christmas gift. We offer them with fancy, decorated lithographed covers—Morocco, Cloth and Leather covered—that hold from 150 to 400 postal cards; every desirable shape and size at special prices—25¢, 35¢, 50¢, 75¢ to \$1.50.

THE BEE HIVE

Labowitch Bros. 169-171-173 Third St., Near Yamhill

New Auto Scarfs \$2.50 Values \$1.50

These attractive Auto Scarfs of fine quality silk, hemstitched, come in solid and fancy colors, such as pink, blue, white, lavender, black and floral designs, measures 2½ to 3 yards long, worth every cent of \$2.50, while they last at \$1.50.

Slaughter Sale of Fancy Christmas Boxes

We offer a drummer's samples of Fancy Work Boxes, Smoking Sets, Handkerchief Boxes, Collar and Cuff Boxes, Manicuring Sets, Photo and Postcard Albums, exceptional values at about half price.

Fancy Toilet Sets

This is an entirely new line, which shows an elegant assortment to select from. You can't afford to delay in the purchase of these goods, as they will soon be sold. These cases are made of various woods, covered with fancy transparent celluloid, and decorated with floral designs and medallions, lined with fancy puffed materials, each case containing a brush, comb and mirror. Special price 75¢

\$3.50

New Manicure Sets

A gift that will be appreciated by every woman—something she needs and uses every day. At these special prices you will see them sell rapidly. These sets are put up in various shapes and sizes. Cases ornamented with floral decorations and fancy lined. Some sets contain four pieces, others five and six pieces, such as nail scissors, file, polisher, salve box, powder box, etc. Specially priced at \$1.00 to \$2.50

\$2.50

Collar and Cuff Boxes

This is the prettiest line of fancy Collar and Cuff Boxes in the city. Any gentleman would like to have one of them for his linen. Fancy designs with floral decorations, covered with transparent celluloid. Contains separate sections for collars and cuffs. Specially priced at 50¢ to \$1.50

\$1.50

Handkerchief and Glove Boxes—Special

These useful and attractive boxes come in square and oblong shapes, with pleated and fancy linings throughout, embossed with "Handkerchiefs" or "Gloves." A very complete assortment at special price, 50¢ to \$1.75

\$1.75

Furs at Half Price

Our entire stock is offered at half price. Nothing reserved. This splendid reduction sale at this particular time will attract fur buyers.

\$ 5.00 Furs at . . .	\$2.50
\$ 7.50 Furs at . . .	\$3.75
\$10.00 Furs at . . .	\$5.00
\$12.50 Furs at . . .	\$6.25
\$15.00 Furs at . . .	\$7.50
\$20.00 Furs at . . .	\$10.00

Feather Boas Half Price

A limited number of the newest Ostrich Feather Boas, newest shades of pink, white, gray and black, 3 yards long, at absolutely half reg. prices.

\$15.00 Boas	\$7.50
\$12.50 Boas	\$5.95

\$5 to \$6 Lace Waists

A large purchase of 300 newest Lace Waists of beautiful net, trimmed with Cluny and Val. lace, some piped with fine satin, others with Dresden insertion, in white, cream and ecru, China silk lining, full \$5 and \$6 values, at

\$2.85

These attractive Auto Scarfs of fine quality silk, hemstitched, come in solid and fancy colors, such as pink, blue, white, lavender, black and floral designs, measures 2½ to 3 yards long, worth every cent of \$2.50, while they last at \$1.50.



TEDDY BEARS

\$2.50 Steiff Teddy Bears, 15-inch, for	\$1.75
Original Steiff Teddy Bears, 15 inches high, jointed arms, legs and head, loud voice, worth \$2.50.	\$1.75
Special at	\$1.75
\$1.00 Honey Teddy Bears, 14 inches high for only 50¢	This is the largest Teddy Bear in Portland for 50¢
\$1.90 Steiff Teddy Bears, 13-inch, for	\$1.10
Original Steiff Teddy Bears, 13 inches high, loud voice, jointed arms, legs and head, worth \$1.90.	\$1.10
Special at	\$1.10

35c New Wide Ruchings 19c

500 Ruchings, full neck lengths, new wide styles, latest shades, some net, single, double and triple plaited, silk edges. While they last at 19c

\$2 Watch Fob and Charm for \$1.00

A gift for the boy—a guaranteed watch for a year, stem wind and set, German nickel fob, latest agate charm, complete \$1.00

\$1.50 and \$1.75 Hand Bags for \$1.00

Black Handbags of selected leather, full size, with small purse inside, strong handle and clasp, new satchel style, worth \$1.50 to \$1.75. While they last \$1.00


\$1.25 Silverine Chain Purses 50c

Beautiful Silverine and White Metal Purses, look like the \$5 kind, fancy embossed in artistic designs, 3 different shapes, worth \$1.25. Special at . . . 50c

\$27.50 to \$35 Suits

Now \$17.85

We must have the room these suits now occupy for our big stock of holiday goods, therefore this tremendous reduction. All beautifully modeled, dashing, splendidly tailored suits, rich in design as they are in materials, and positively unlike anything in the city at double the price. You will find in this showing a suit that is perfectly adapted to your figure. Every new shade—navy, garnet, green, brown, smoke, black and gray, also the newest, nobbiest fancy mixtures, London chevrons, rich broadcloths and exquisite fancy mixtures. Every one a price wonder at \$17.85



\$3 Combs for 99c

150 samples of fancy Back Combs that are offered at only 99¢. Every one in a fancy box. Just the thing for a gift. Tortoise shell and amber colors, beautiful mountings, some hand carved in floral, scroll and plain bands, strictly up to date, \$3.00 values, at 99c

Special 99c

Fancy Shell Boxes, Practical, Ornamental and Useful

Largest and most complete showing of Shell Boxes in Portland. Novelty designs, such as glove boxes, necktie boxes, handkerchief boxes, work boxes, etc., an endless assortment. All lavishly decorated with rare and beautiful shells, mirrors etc. Offered at the special price, 25¢, 50¢, 75¢ \$1.00



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