BANK EXAMINERS MEDFORD GUESTS

Eight States Represented at Meeting Which Convenes This Afternoon.

(Salem Bureau of The Journal.)

Salem, Or., Jan. 5.—Claude Gatch, national bank examiner for the state of Oregon, left for Medford on the overland train last night to attend the meeting of the national bank examiners to be held at that city this afternoon at the call of the comptroller of the currency at Washington. The meeting will be attended by national examiners of the states of Oregon, Washington, California, Montana, Nevada, Utah, Arizona and New Mexico.

The sessions of the institute will be held behind closed doors, so that the examiners can discuss freely conditions in their district. The plan is a new one that has been adopted by the administration.

The United States has been divided into 11 districts by the comptroller. A meeting will be held at the same time in each district where similar problems of bank examining will be discussed behind closed doors.

At the meeting this afternoon Bank Examiner Eugene T. Wilson of Davenport, Wash., will preside, he being the oldest examiner in the district.

STORM KING

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then gave it up and either went back home or walked.

It was no uncommon thing to see the conductor of a streetcar going ahead with a broom trying to clear the tracks enough to move his car, while the motorman stood at the controller ready to take advantage of every inch gained. It is expected that by nightfall, if the storm continues, the car lines may be tied up tight and the cars unable to move—which is a pleasant prospect for people who have two or three miles to walk to get home to a hot dinner.

Josselyn an Optimist.

President Josselyn of the Portland Electric company says that streetcar traffic has not been interfered with at all, except that some of the cars are running a little slower than usual.

"The storm will not bother us at all," he said this noon. "We have plenty of snow plows and shall keep running as usual. Our only trouble has been the breaking of the Oregon City wire, which delayed traffic on that line about 10 minutes. Every other line is running just the same as usual, and will continue to do so."

"How do you like this?" was the usual greeting acquaintances flung at one another as they plunged along, their heads down to keep the snow out of their eyes.

"Oh, fine. Fine weather we're having. Reminds me of when I used to live back in Iowa," would be the answer as the man questioned drove by.

Those glass and cement walks warmed by the heat of underground rooms were the cause of many a tumble today. The snow would accumulate on them to the depth of two or three inches, and while soft underneath would present a fairly firm appearance on the upper side. Some unwary pedestrian would put an overconfident foot on the walk, and sit down forcibly. His language was equally forcible as a rule.

The women—those of them who had to be out—had the hardest time, with their narrow French heels and flapping skirts. Graceful woman has a hard time being graceful on a slippery pavement with the wind blowing something over 30 miles an hour—especially if she has been shopping. An Irreverent Cub perched himself in a window of the city hall to watch people pass. Inside of half an hour he saw six women sit down hard on the pavement running by the building. One pretty girl sat down suddenly and forcibly—but it didn't worry her. She picked herself up, dusted the snow off, and looking up at the window where the Irreverent Cub was laughing, she gally waved her hand and went on her way.

But tears are close akin to laughter, and tragedy is often but a step beyond comedy. Although to most people the storm is but a temporary inconvenience at most, and to many something to be enjoyed on account of its rarity, to others it means suffering. Portland has not the hordes of wretchedly poor that many eastern cities have, but there are hundreds here to whom the storm, with its icy blasts and 18 degrees of cold means more than inconvenience.

Many Homeless Men.

There are many homeless men in the city, men who will work and men who will not. But they are all hungry and cold. And there are families resident in the city who have all they can do to get enough to eat without paying exorbitant prices for wood to warm them.

As a consequence all the charitable organizations in the city are overwhelmed with appeals for aid. The Portland commons was crowded to the doors last night. Every available bed was occupied, and men slept on improvised pallets on the floor, on blankets, newspapers, even the bare boards. This morning they were all fed before being left to go out into the storm. And at noon again a hot lunch with gallons and gallons of soup was provided for the unfortunates, who had no other place to go.

Salvation Army's Work.

The Salvation Army, as usual, is doing its share toward caring for those for whom nobody else cares.

But there is one man who laughs and laughs and laughs. He is the plumber. One of the class was standing on the corner of a down town street this morning laughing fit to split his sides. He simply rocked back and forth in the excess of his merriment.

"What are you laughing at, you fool?" growled an acquaintance hurrying along the street. "I don't see anything to laugh about. I'll bet my water pipes are frozen right now."

"That is what I'm laughing about," replied the plumber, and he went off into another spasm.

The other man telephoned out to his house and found that his fears had been realized.

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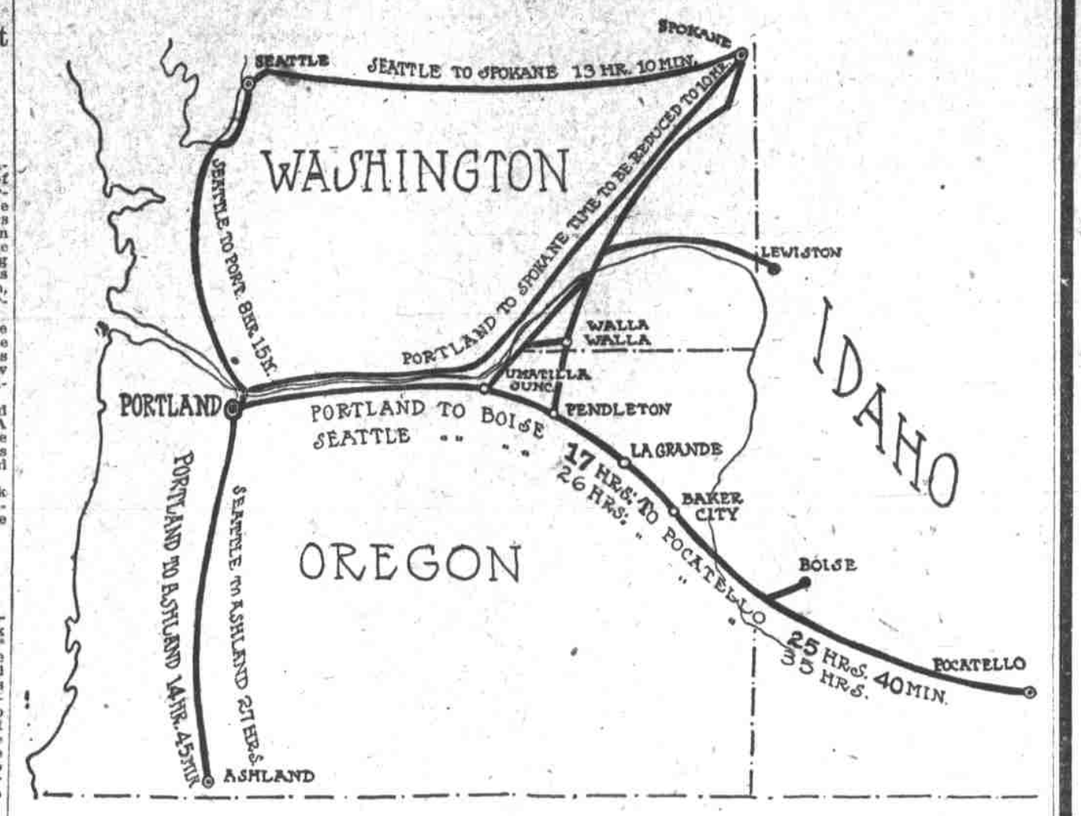
PORTLAND HAS LEAD IN FIGHT FOR HEADQUARTERS



Map showing relative mail train time as between Portland, Seattle and points in Oregon, Washington and Idaho, demonstrating Portland's superiority.

Portland naturally, logically and in point of business done and mail carried and distributed is the center, and should be the headquarters, of the mail distributing district of the Pacific northwest. This is the contention of the Portland Commercial club, of the chamber of commerce and of the mail clerks themselves. It is being urged upon the officials at Washington in order to insure the selection of this city as the headquarters of the new railway mail division soon to be created.

On recommendation of the postmaster general, congress has changed the mail districts of the Pacific coast. Up to this time San Francisco has been the head of the district which has extended from Mexico on the south to Alaska on the north. Under the new division Oregon, Washington, Idaho and Alaska will be included in one district.

No provision has been made for the selection of a headquarters for this new district, however, and the Washington delegation is making every effort to secure the plum for Seattle. The Oregon delegation, roused to action by the Commercial club, the chamber of commerce and other Oregon organizations, is now working to have the headquarters located at Portland.

Employes Give Aid.

Data which has been prepared by the Commercial club, much of it being furnished by the mail and postoffice employes and officials, has been sent to Washington to back up the contentions of the Oregon delegation. This data shows clearly that Portland is the logical location for the headquarters and it is believed that the city will be chosen by the department when the selection is made.

Briefly summed up the arguments in favor of Portland are about as follows:

Seattle has but two trunk lines terminating in that city, the Great Northern and the Northern Pacific. Portland is the terminal of four trunk lines, the Northern Pacific, Oregon Railway & Navigation company (Union Pacific), Spokane, Portland & Seattle and the Southern Pacific lines. All of these maintain division headquarters in Portland, with the exception of the Northern Pacific, which has headquarters for the passenger service here, and which will increase this representation in the near future.

Portland Lines Direct.

Excepting Alaska, which has only 139 postoffices, Portland has direct train service with every point in the new division and with the completion of the North Bank road into Spokane will be able to cut off hours from any service that could be given the same towns by Seattle.

It requires 13 hours to go from Seattle to Spokane. The time from Portland to Spokane is the same at present but the North Bank road will reduce it to 10 hours.

From Seattle to Ashland, the southern boundary of the district, would require 27 hours. From Portland to Ashland the time is now 14 hours and 45 minutes. From Seattle to Pocatello is 38 hours. From Portland to Pocatello is 25 hours and 40 minutes.

This same comparison will hold good of course for all intermediate points in proportion to the distance, insuring much quicker time from Portland to Boise city, Nampa, Ontario, Payette, Weiser, Huntington, Baker City, La Grande, Pendleton, Arlington, The Dalles, Hood River, Walla Walla, Colfax, Lewiston and other cities in the district.

Portland is the headquarters of approximately 135 mail clerks. Seattle is the headquarters of 100 and Spokane 75.

Portland Now Leads.

Portland is the terminus for four full railway postoffice trains. These are trains which carry so much mail that it requires the exclusive use of one or more cars for its distribution and handling. O. R. & N. train No. 1 carries two cars and in the near future will be changed to a fast mail train, carrying four or more cars. This will give Portland the only fast mail train in the Pacific northwest.

It is the intention of the postoffice department to carry the bulk of the mail for north Pacific points on this train, thus placing Portland and the immediate territory on an equal footing with San Francisco and California points.

MANY UNEMPLOYED FED AND SHELTERED AT THE COMMONS

At the Portland Commons last night every available room and bed was occupied, and the free cots in the basement, some 30 in number, were filled early in the evening.

"This morning," said W. G. McLaren, the superintendent, "as many were huddled on the floor, in corners, lying on newspapers, as were in the beds. Fully 30 men sought shelter in this way and we have given them breakfast this morning. Actually, people do not know how much suffering there is in the city at present.

"There are hundreds of people who are in straitened circumstances, and not through their own fault, either. Many of the men who come to the Commons for shelter are intelligent, energetic men who would gladly work if they could find the work to do.

"As an instance of what some of them go through, I have in mind a young Scotchman who obtained a position through one of the employment agents in town, and was sent out to a job in the country. He paid $1.50 to get the position and they kept him just one day and a half and then 'fired' him. Now he is back where he was before, minus his $1.50.

"A free city employment bureau is what we need, with a man in charge selected by the business men themselves, who could give his whole time to the work.

"Tonight, after 6:30, I shall have from 10 to 15 gallons of good hot soup with bread for all the men who need it. That will perhaps help some to prevent suffering tonight."

COLDEST TODAY SINCE SILVER THAW IN 1907

This is the coldest day in Portland since the memorable silver thaw of two years ago. About a year ago the thermometer went down to 25 degrees above zero; today it sank to 18, with indications of going still lower tonight.

The silver thaw was in January, 1907, and lasted several days. The freezing rain that covered everything with a coat of ice began to fall on the evening of January 5 and during the night all objects out of doors were transformed into veritable masses of crystal. The temperature fell suddenly to 13 degrees above zero and that figure remained the minimum for several days. From January 13 to 17 the minimum was 20 degrees.

The silver thaw was under conditions somewhat similar to those that have existed here for several days past and it was feared yesterday that a repetition of the sleet storm would occur. But instead of the moisture forming into ice and settling onto trees and telephone poles it came down in the shape of snow flakes.

It is several years since Portland had a real good lasting snow with sleigh riding, coasting and other winter sports. About 10 years ago the entire streetcar system of the city was buried in snow, but this was partly due to the fact that the company was not properly prepared with plows or sweepers to keep the tracks clear.

EXTEND SUBURBAN SERVICE TO GOBLE

As a result of a lack of terminal facilities at Rainier, it is probable that the suburban service which the Astoria & Columbia River railroad will institute between Portland and down river towns next Sunday will extend to Goble.

The schedule has been revised slightly and will go into effect as follows: Leave Rainier 7:20 a. m., arrive Portland 9:05 a. m. Leave Portland 1:15 p. m., arrive Rainier 2:50 p. m. Leave Rainier 3:30 p. m., arrive Portland 5:20 p. m. Leave Portland 11:20 p. m., arrive Rainier 12:55 p. m. In case the inadequate trackage at Rainier makes it inadvisable to continue the service between Goble and Rainier the leaving time and time of arrival will be 15 minutes later and earlier respectively.

The distance between Goble and Rainier is approximately six miles. There is no turntable at the latter place and only one sidetrack.

BAR AT ASTORIA SMOOTH; STORM IS INCREASING

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)

Astoria, Or., Jan. 5.—The bar is smooth today, with only a 14-mile wind reported at North Head. The wind is from the northeast and is increasing. The weather is cold. The temperature, 27, is the lowest by 10 degrees this winter.

SALEM REPORTS 6 INCHES OF SNOW; IS STILL FALLING

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)

Salem, Or., Jan. 5.—The heaviest snow in years is falling in the Willamette valley today. About six inches had fallen at Salem before noon. The fall had been steady since the early hours of the morning. Only stockmen will be damaged by the storm; otherwise the snow is not looked upon as harmful.

MANY YEARS SINCE ALBANY HAS HAD SUCH A SNOWFALL

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)

Albany, Or., Jan. 5.—Albany is in the grip of one of the worst snow storms seen here in years. Snow began falling early this morning and has reached a depth of six inches. A strong north wind is blowing and indications are for a very heavy fall.

THE VANCOUVER FERRY CANNOT CROSS RIVER

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)

Vancouver, Wash., Jan. 5.—The Columbia river was as rough as a sea today and the blinding snowstorm made it exceedingly difficult to navigate for small craft. The Vancouver car service had to be discontinued because the ferryboat could not make its regular trips across the river. Two trips were made early in the forenoon, but the waves threatened to break over the low decks; besides it was almost impossible to keep the boat on her course on account of the wind.

NO DAMAGE DONE AT OREGON CITY

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)

Oregon City, Jan. 5.—The storm did no damage here except to occasionally delay the interurban line of streetcars. The snow fell to the depth of several inches and a violent wind accompanied it. The glass registered 17 above at 10 o'clock this morning.

BLIZZARD RAGING IN MONTANA

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)

Helena, Mont., Jan. 5.—A blizzard is raging throughout the state. It was 18 degrees below zero here today. Butte is feeling the full effect of the blizzard and wires are down in many directions. It is difficult to maintain communication.

SEATTLE REPORTS STORM IS GENERAL

Seattle, Jan. 5.—A heavy wind accompanied by exceedingly cold weather is reported from many parts of the state. The storm here is bad, but no material damage has been done except for prostration of telephone and telegraph wires. North of here the weather is reported intensely cold, and there has been some suffering.

WIRES DOWN SOUTH OF OREGON LINE

(United Press Leased Wire.)

Ashland, Jan. 5.—Heavy rains are falling with some snow. The weather is not very cold. Washouts are reported from the mountain towns, but wires south of here are either down or are working poorly, and it is difficult to get an account of damage done.

TACOMA SUFFERS COLDEST DURING TWO YEARS PAST

(United Press Leased Wire.)

Tacoma, Wash., Jan. 5.—Following a light fall of snow and a sudden drop in temperature last evening, Tacoma today is in the grasp of the coldest weather recorded by the local weather bureau during the past two years. At 8 o'clock this morning the mercury stood at 21 degrees above zero. A biting wind blowing at the rate of 30 miles an hour is sweeping over the city from the northwest, causing much discomfort to pedestrians and displacing insecurely fastened signs and awnings.

Some apprehension is felt on the waterfront, where several small craft broke from their moorings early this morning and drifted about the bay.

Logs loosened from the booms at the sawmills north of the city during the gale last night, drifted along shore, crashing into docks, steamers and miscellaneous craft anchored in the stream. Several families living in houseboats near Old Town were so badly frightened during the night by the bumping of the logs against their homes that they deserted the boats and sought shelter at the North Thirtieth street police station.

STORM IN MONTANA ALMOST AT RECORD; VERY SUDDEN DROP

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)

Butte, Mont., Jan. 5.—Reports at noon today indicate one of the coldest waves in the history of the northwest. At Armstead the temperature fell to 40 degrees below this morning, at Great Falls 25, and at Butte 22. In the high mountains the temperature fell probably to 60 below. All Northern Pacific and Great Northern westbound trains are 3 to 7 hours late. Stock will suffer severely. The wind is driving the snow on the ranges.

IRISH BLACKTHORN STICK TO PRESIDENT

(United Press Leased Wire.)

Red Lodge, Mont., Jan. 5.—Lee Cory, a well known cattleman and old time scout of eastern Montana, has expressed President Roosevelt a "big stick" made from genuine Irish blackthorn. It is artistically embellished with elk horn tip and teeth and coverings of deer skin. It is about four feet long and weighs about 20 pounds. The "big stick" resembles the pictured stick that appears in cartoons in the newspapers.

ANNOUNCEMENT

On account of moving into their new building, the Portland Marble Works, located at 268 First st., will for the next 30 days sell their entire stock of monuments and markers at cost price. Will move to 264-266 Fourth st., opposite City Hall.

Portland Marble Works
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The Most in Value — **Roberts Bros.** THIRD AND MORRISON — The Best in Quality

OUR SEVENTH AND GREATEST CLEARANCE SALE

Every department is represented in this great bargain event. Goods of every description are involved—garments for every member of the family, wearables of every character, dress requisites and home needfuls of every kind. The list of bargains is long and interesting. Study it well and profit by this great sale.

PRICES ARE REDUCED IN EVERY DEPARTMENT

New Woolen Dress Goods At Greatly Reduced Prices

These items tell of fabrics of up-to-the-moment fashionableness—plain, fancy and mixed effects, every weave, every color and at a large range of prices—all reduced. The selling will be fast; some lots will be speedily exhausted, the whole huge sale assortment will not last long under the greatly reduced prices attached to them. Come with or without buying intentions. The display is worth the visit and who knows, you may see something that you want, though you know of no needs at present.

Regular $1.00, $1.25 and $1.50 Grades on Sale at 89c Yard

89¢

At this price you have choice of the season's most popular fabrics in any wanted color; fine pure wool fabrics that are correct in weight, weave and finish. 54-inch Raincloths, Broadcloths, Shadow Striped Serges, 54-inch Wide Wale Serges, 52-inch English Chevrons, Swivel Stripes, Panamas, Silk Warp Henriettas, Silk and Wool Eoliennes and dozens of other weaves. ON SALE AT, A YARD.....

50c AND 65c GRADES AT 39¢

In this lot are French Serges, Storm Serges, Panamas, Pressed Flannels, Albatross, Nunsveiling, Henriettas, Fancy Worsteds, Scotch Plaids, etc., etc.; all new, desirable fabrics in the best shades and patterns of the season; the best qualities that we could buy to sell in the regular way at 50c and 65c yard; on sale here at. 39c

85c TO $1.25 GRADES AT 68¢

This lot consists of pure wool fabrics in solid colors and choice weaves—Novelty Serges, Broadcloths, Herringbone weaves, English Chevrons, Wide Wale Diagonals, Granite Cloths, Wool Taffetas, Panamas, Poplinettes, etc., etc.; just such fabrics as you would gladly pay 85c to a $1.25 yard for, are priced for this sale at.. 68c

Fine Black Dress Fabrics

42c — IN 50c AND 65c GRADES — YOUR CHOICE OF THESE WEAVES — 42c

.....44-INCH BLACK SILK LUSTER.....
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All Woolen Dress Goods Remnants Go at Half Price

Our Beautiful New Silks Are Wonderfully Reduced

The very finest silks it is possible to buy. The very lowest price they have ever been sold for. That's the magnet of tomorrow's story. Values are away and beyond the usual—extraordinary. It is a selling occasion you will not care to miss. Assortments are so large that every taste may be gratified.

Plain and Fancy Silks in Values Up to 85c at 39c a Yard

39¢

Over five thousand yards in this lot, all beautiful new silks, desirable in every way—plain and fancy crepe de chines—23 inch printed Japanese Wash Silks—20 inch plain colored Hercules Taffetas in all shades—19 inch Peau de Cygnes and Shepherd Checks—Taffetas and Louisines in neat stripes, cords, plaids and chevron weaves and many, many other kinds.

$1.00 to $1.50 Silks Marked at 69c

Yards and yards and yards of fancy shadow striped Taffetas, Louisines, Messalines and fancy patterns in checks, broken plaids, Pekin stripes pompadour and Persian Taffetas, print warp novelties, Crepe de Chines, in solid colors, Mummy Silks, double warp Louisines in solid colors, etc., etc.; also beautiful 27-inch black Swiss Taffeta, 23-inch cream Surah, 20-inch black Armure in an endless variety of pretty patterns.

An Extraordinary SALE of MEN'S SHOES $2.50 to $3.50 Kinds, Pair $1.50

OVER 1800 PAIRS OF SURPLUS STOCK THAT MUST BE CLOSED OUT IMMEDIATELY

There is not a single pair in the entire lot but what cost more than $1.50 at the factory; the assortment consists of our regular fall and winter lines, shown in all leathers, vici kid, kangaroo and box calf, chrome calf, oil grain and satin calf; both lined and unlined, in light, medium and heavy weights; all good styles for both dress and everyday wear; regular $2.50 to $3.50 kinds, marked for rapid clearance at $1.50

Without doubt this sale offers the greatest values in men's Shoes of any that we have ever held. It is imperative that we immediately make room for our new spring lines, and real worth, actual cost and former selling prices have been lost sight of; now you have free and unrestricted choice from all our regular $2.50, $3 and $3.50 lines at a ridiculously low price, all sizes, and all widths, per pair $1.50

Big Reductions in Housekeepers' Section

Prudent housekeepers who attend this great sale will find many of our most stable lines bearing reduced prices, so come to this sale prepared to find savings that will appeal to you. Included in this sale art sheets, pillow cases, bed spreads, table damask, wash goods, etc. All good reliable merchandise that we take pleasure in selling. Look over the list carefully and see if there isn't something contained that you really need.

Pillow Cases, 45 by 38½ inches; 18c values, priced at 15c
Pillow Cases, 42 by 36 inches, 10c values, priced at 8½c
Huck Towels, 17 by 34 inches, 12½c values, priced at 10c
Huck Towels, 18 by 36 inches, 15c values, priced at 12½c
Bath Towels, 24 by 48 inches, 35c values, priced at 25c

You Will Find Rare Bargains

Knit Underwear, Hosiery

Now is the time to buy knit Underwear and Hosiery for both present and future use. You will do well to carefully study the following list, for it demonstrates the fact that now is the time above all times to save money on these goods. And don't neglect the fact that this is the same good, reliable merchandise that you always find at this store. And don't delay, for the various lots are small and will sell quickly.

Women's Stockings, 75c, $1.50 Kinds at 39c

A great special clean-up of broken lines of women's fancy Stockings—Lisle Hose, silk embroidered, in neat and attractive patterns; lace Hose, in new and desirable designs, also plaid, check, stripe and dotted effects in all colors, including black; most all sizes in each kind; regular 75c, $1, $1.25 and $1.50 kinds, Clearance Sale price..... 39c

Women's 75c Union Suits Go at 35c

A half-price offering of women's fine, form-fitting Union Suits, warm, fleece-lined garments, in cream color, that button down the front; all sizes; best 75c value.

Women's $1.25 Underwear at 59c

Most exceptional value; a sale of women's fine, form-fitting, wool Vests and Pants, in all the best sizes; vests come in gray color, hand trimmed and silk finished; pants in white color, ankle lengths; garments that have always sold at $1.25, and well worth that price.

Women's $3 Union Suits Clearance Sale at 98c

In this lot you have choice of the famous Vassar and Princess brands, fine pure wool Union Suits, in gray color, in styles that button down the front; broken lots, in three or four weights and qualities, that retail in the regular way from $1.75 to $3 a suit, are marked for this sale at a ridiculously low price.

THERE ARE MANY OTHER EQUALLY AS GREAT VALUES NOT MENTIONED HERE