

Demonstration of "Nemo" Corsets by Mrs. A. L. Craig, Expert Fitter From the Factory—Second Floor

The Meier & Frank Store's Clearance Sale

Offers as Usual the Greatest Values in Good Merchandise

Continued Bad Health of Washington's Chief Executive Has Resulted in Muddled State of Affairs at State Capital.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)
Olympia, Wash., Jan. 25.—Perhaps never before in the history of this country has a condition confronted any of the states similar to that which has obtained in Washington the past few weeks. Without a regularly constituted governor, nobody has been able to figure out just where any department of work really stood.

For months Governor-elect Cosgrove has been seriously ill, and at times his life has been in danger. For this reason it was impossible for him to be present at the time he should have taken office, and the legislature was in the act of convening and beginning a 60 day session even then. In the meantime, Governor Mead remained in the executive office, and with as little disturbance as possible the public business has been transacted.

All the time Governor-elect Cosgrove has chafed under the condition and has finally determined to risk his life in making the effort to come to his state and assume the office which is his by right. In a special car, he left Palo Alto for this city, and with the usual luck which has attended him in his progress toward the executive chair, the train was delayed in California by the recent floods in the Sacramento valley, and it is now not known here when the new governor will arrive. The information received today indicates that Wednesday will be the day for the inauguration of Governor Cosgrove—but nobody knows.

In the meantime Lieutenant Governor Hoy is presiding over the senate, while Senator A. S. Ruth, who was chosen as president pro tem, remains in his seat on the floor. All about the capitol building an air of unrest prevails. Nobody knows what the new administration will do, or when it will get in motion. The legislature is drifting along waiting for developments. Positions which should be filled are uncertain. Nobody knows who is to be governor, and until people know conditions in Washington are certain to remain unsteady and unsatisfactory.

MME. GADSKI SCORES GREAT TRIUMPH

From the Seattle Post-Intelligencer.
Before a very large audience at the Moore theatre last night, Mme. Johanna Gadski, dramatic soprano of the Metropolitan opera house, gave a program of selections which varied from ballads and folk songs to one of the most varied scenes in German opera.

Her program last night consisted of a group of ballads, a group of German songs, and the "Immolation" scene from "Gotterdammerung." As a singer of descriptive ballads, Mme. Gadski was altogether charming, and the beauty of words and music was intensified by the dramatic art of the singer. Especially lovely was the simple "When the Roses Bloom," into which the great artist put a pathos indescribable.

A very humorous and languishing touch was given to the sentimental ballads, and, by request, Gadski sang for an encore the famous children's drum song by Taubert.

Gadski rose to great heights in the "Gotterdammerung" selection whose demands, both vocal and dramatic, are large.

The "Immolation" scene will be given here Friday night. Seat sale opens Wednesday at 10 a. m. Heilig theatre.

FALLS FROM PONTOON, DROWNS IN COLUMBIA

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)
Kalama, Wash., Jan. 25.—While working on the transfer pontoon at Gobie, Or., John R. Thompson, 30 years of age, fell into the Columbia river and was drowned. His body was not in the water more than five minutes before being recovered. He had been on the transfer boat for quite a number of years. He was a good citizen. He leaves a wife and children. He was a member of the Foresters of America and also of the Atlanteans and carried insurance in the latter order.

EMERGENCY MEASURES

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from these data estimate the total valuation of the property of the county and make comparison of the same with the estimate, equalize the estimate and report to the state board of equalization on a basis of 100 per cent of actual values. If the assessor of a county had fixed his valuation at 80 per cent the commissioner would add 20 per cent to it, and in all cases would bring the valuation up to 100 per cent. The board of equalization would then make its apportionment of state taxes upon the basis of 100 per cent. The county taxes would not be affected by this as they would be levied upon the assessor's valuations without reference to the valuation upon which the state estimate was made.

Change in Spokane Service.

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Spectacles at Metzger's.

Ladies Skated Free Tonight.
As an especial courtesy to the ladies, they will be admitted and furnished skates free tonight at the Exposition rink. A new and clever musical program will be given. The big six days race will open next Monday night and the men will race for 30 minutes.

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20c Handkerchiefs 7c

Clean-up of women's Handkerchiefs, hemstitched, embroidered and lace trimmed effects; values up to 20c each; buy all you want of them at, special, each... 7c

Wash Goods 9c Yd.

Great clean-up of cotton Suitings in all good styles and colorings; regular 20c and 25c values, to be sold out at the unusually low price of, yard... 9c

Eiderdown Comf'r's

25 per cent reduction on our entire stock of eiderdown Comforters, all new patterns, finest qualities, great special values; see them, on the fourth floor.

\$5.00 Shoes at \$3.85

Women's tan Russia calf Shoes, with lace and styles; new models, welt soles, Cuban heels, all sizes; best \$5.00 values, on sale at this price, pair... \$3.85

60c Ribbons 38c Yard

15,000 yards all-silk Satin Ribbon, full 6 ins. wide; in purple, garnet, lavender, gobein, brown and other good shades; best 60c grade, on sale for, yard... 38c

\$2.50-\$10 Sashes 1/2

Sale extraordinary of beautiful imported Sashes in silk, satin, brocade and Dresdens; magnificent styles, \$2.50 to \$10 values, on sale at ONE-HALF PRICE

Sale of Waist Nets

White and cream tucked striped and Persian Nets for waists and sleeves; 18 to 40 inches wide; \$1.50 values, the yard... 98c \$2.50 values, the yard... \$1.98

In Cloak Department

Our entire stock of women's, misses' and children's ready-to-wear apparel on sale at clearance prices; every garment in our immense stock is included.

\$4 to \$7 Gloves \$2.98

Great clean-up of fancy Gloves, cape gauntlets, medallion effects and novelty gloves; sizes 5 1/2 to 7; \$4 to \$7 values, at the marvelously low price, pair... \$2.98

Comforters at \$1.63

Great sale of 1000 silkline covered Comforters, in the best patterns and colorings; exceptional value at, each... \$1.63 Let us show you; fourth floor.

35c Collars 16c Each

Women's embroidered starched Collars, all sizes, 12 to 15; regular 25c-35c value, each... 16c Broken lines of women's Neckwear at low clearance prices.

\$1 Handkerchiefs 39c

Women's fine hand-emb., lace-trimmed and initialed Handkerchiefs; broken lines of initials; values up to \$1.00 each, on sale at this special price, each... 39c

\$1.25 Laces 25c Yard

3500 yards imitation Irish Crochet and Venice Laces, Edges, Bands, Appliques and Net Top Laces; 1 to 5 inches wide; values up to \$1.25, at, yard... 25c

\$6 Blankets \$4.85 Pr.

500 pairs of high-grade white wool Blankets, with pink and blue borders, full size; best \$6 values, on sale at, pair... \$4.85 See them on the fourth floor.

Nightgowns Reduced

Women's fine cambric and nainsook Nightgowns, in variety of pretty styles, lace and embyd., trimmed; \$3.50 values... \$2.18 \$4.00 to \$6.00 values at... \$2.98

65c Sheets 55c Each

Great special offering of 200 dozen extra heavy Bed Sheets of superior quality cotton; size 81 by 90 inches; regular 65c values, at the low price of, ea... 55c

\$1 Ribbons at 43c Yd.

Great clean-up of all wide fancy Ribbons in brocades and Dresdens; handsome ribbons in great assortment; values up to \$1.00 the yard, on sale at, yd... 43c

15c Pillow Slips at 9c

Sale extraordinary of 300 dozen good heavy cotton Pillow Cases, size 42x36 inches; best 15c values, on sale at this marvelously low special price, each... 9c

\$5 Blankets at \$3.77

1000 pairs Oregon wool Blankets, odd pairs and sample pairs—some slightly soiled; regular \$5.00 values, on sale at this unusually low price, pair... \$3.77

Combination Garm'ts

2-pc. Combination Garments, corset cover and drawers, fine nainsook and cambric, lace and embyd., trimmed; \$2 values at... \$1.22 \$3.50 values on sale at... \$1.98

\$4 Collars at \$1.98

Irish crochet, real lace and Cluny effects in jabots, rabats, stocks and collars; all fine new novelty neckwear; regular \$2.50 to \$4 values, at, each... \$1.98

\$2.00 Carpets \$1.58

2000 yds. Wilton Velvet Carpets, odd rolls, short pieces, enough for 1 or 2 rooms; best patterns and colorings; regular \$2.00 values, at low price of, yd... \$1.58 Sewed, laid, lined; third floor.

Basement Bargains

Regular 35c Salt and Pepper Shakers, at this low price, 28c Regular 35c Napkin Rings, on sale at this low price, ea... 28c 35c fancy Candlesticks, at... 27c \$1.00 fancy Candlesticks, 79c 40c 8-piece Nut Sets for... 31c 25c Silver Polish, special... 15c Our entire stock of Stoves and Ranges on sale at low clearance sale prices; take advantage. Let us show you. In Basement.

Corset Cover Specials

Semi-made dimity Corset Covers—new styles, \$1.75 val... \$1.19 Merry Widow Embyd. for combination garm'ts, beautiful styles—\$4.50 values, pattern... \$2.98

\$7 Shoes for \$5.95

Women's imported Russia calf, with brown suede tops, lace and button styles, welt soles, Cuban heels; regular \$7.00 values, on sale at, special, pair... \$5.95

\$9 Shoes for \$5.95

Great clearance of women's Napoleon Boots in Russia calf and lustral coat; button style, hand-made; regular \$9.00 values, at this low price, the pair... \$5.95

Hosiery at 1/4 Off

1/4 off entire stock Outside Hosiery; all styles and grades, medium, light, heavy weights; cottons, lises, lace, embroidery and ballbrigan. A complete stock.

\$6.50 Shoes at \$4.85

Women's full lustral coat Shoes with tan, suede or dull kid tops, button style; high-grade foot-wear; regular \$6 and \$6.50 values, at \$4.85 a pair; in all sizes.

Great Umbrella Sale

\$1.50 Umbrellas, each... \$1.19 \$2.50 Umbrellas, each... \$1.98 \$5.00 Umbrellas, each... \$3.98 \$7.50-\$10 Umbrellas, ea... \$4.98 \$10-\$18.75 Umbrellas... \$7.98

\$2.50 Neckwear \$1.29

Great special values in Reverse Sets, embroidered effects; beautiful styles; regular \$1.75 to \$2.50 values, to be closed out at this very low price, set... \$1.29

\$1.80 Carpets \$1.51

Odd rolls and short pieces Body Brussels Carpets, suitable for 1 or 2 rooms; best patterns and colorings; \$1.80 val., yd... \$1.51 Includes sewing, laying, lining.

Great Sale of Rugs

In the Carpet department, on the third floor, a great clearance sale of room-size Rugs in all sizes; Brussels, Axminsters, Velvets, Wiltons, etc.; see them. Regular \$30.00 Rugs... \$22.00 Regular \$32.00 Rugs... \$22.85 Regular \$37.00 Rugs... \$27.75 Regular \$45.00 Rugs... \$33.65 Regular \$50.00 Rugs... \$36.78 Regular \$25.00 Rugs... \$15.85 All oriental Rugs are reduced.

Sale Boys' Overcoats

\$8 Values at \$3.69

Special lot of Auto Coats for little boys 2 1/2 to 6 years of age; fancy dark gray mixed chevrons and tweeds; all-wool materials, well made; best regular \$8 values, on sale at, each... \$3.69

Sale of Playing Cards

Steamboat Cards, package... 9c Picquet Cards, package... 13c Rambler Cards, package... 17c Bicycle Cards, package... 23c Congress Cards, package... 43c Clearance sale bargains in Cutlery, Scissors, Knives, Razors and Manicure articles; see them.

\$11 Waists for \$3.95

200 silk and net Waists, plain tailored or fancy styles, yokes of lace or silk embyd., plaited fronts or small tucking, light and dark colors; vals. to \$11 for... \$3.95

Sale of Boys' Reefers

\$5 Values at \$1.98

Special lot boys' heavy weight Reefers, in dark blues and grays—ages 3 to 6 years; regular \$4 and \$5 values, at, each... \$1.98

Great Stationery Sale

An unusual offering of Initial Stationery, fine linen paper, beautifully embossed with your initials; envelopes to match; on sale at this price, the box... 39c

Sale of French Vals.

Great clean-up of 1000 dozen French Val. Edgings and Insertions, 1/2 to 1 1/4 ins. wide; best patterns in great assortment; values to \$1.50, doz. yds... 50c

Grocery Department

1500 of the best eastern sugar-cured Hams, regular 18c value, on sale at, per pound... 15c Figbrune Cereal, package... 20c 1000 tins of Sliced Pineapple, regular 20c value, at, tin... 14c All groceries sold here at cut prices; in big Basement store.

Sale Men's Clothing

Our entire stock of men's Clothing on sale at clearance prices. Suits, overcoats, raincoats, trousers, fancy vests, etc., in all grades, included. Clothing department, on the second floor.

\$2.00 Carpets \$1.55

Great sale of 2000 yds. Bigelow Axminster Carpets, odd rolls and short pieces; lengths up to 1 or 2 rooms; best patterns and colorings; regular \$2.00 values, sewed, laid and lined at the unusually low price of, yd... \$1.55 Carpet department, third floor.

\$1 Nets for 50c Yd.

5000 yds. white and ivory Bungalow Nets and Ivory Linen Scrims, fancy val. and madras, etc.; best curtain materials; values up to \$1, on sale at, the yard... 50c

\$30 Suits for \$14.85

Women's tailored Suits, long or medium length; semi, tight-fitting; plain, fancy tailored, plain gored skirts; serges, chevrons, broadcloths; \$30 vals... \$14.85

25c Stationery at 12c

1000 boxes of Stationery, cloth finish paper, plain and fancy boxes; 25c values, at, box... 12c Great clearance sale of all broken lines of Stationery of all kinds; take advantage of sale.

\$25 Raincoats \$8.85

Women's Rubberized Raincoats in satin, silk and alpaca; loose, semi-fitting and empire styles; come plain and trimmed; best colors; regular values up to \$25, on sale at the unusually low price of, the garment... \$8.85 Don't fail to take advantage.

Drug Dep't Specials

Fairbank's Glycerine Tar Soap on sale at, special, cake... 30c Rainer Mineral Soap for... 7c Jap Rose Soap for, cake... 8c 1-lb. bar Castile Soap for... 11c Jergen's Old-Fashioned Soap in all odors; special at, cake... 8c Honey, Glycerine and Elderflower Soap at, the cake... 4c 25c box Soaps, for, box... 19c Large bars pure Glycerine... 8c La Premier Castile, cake... 7c

Great Petticoat Sale

Our entire stock silk and satin Petticoats, every new and pretty style in plain and fancy colorings; values from \$5 to \$60 each, at very low clearance prices.

Men's Fine Trousers

Great special clearance sale of our entire stock of men's fine Trousers, custom-made; best patterns and materials; greatest values ever offered at the following very special low prices: Regular \$5.00 Trousers... \$3.89 Regular \$6.00 Trousers... \$4.83 Regular \$7.00 Trousers... \$5.48 Regular \$8.00 Trousers... \$6.29 Regular \$9.00 Trousers... \$6.97 Let us show you the assortment.

Sale of Fine Portieres

Great sale of single Portieres, one curtain of a kind; suitable for couch covers or single doors; beautiful designs and colorings. Values to \$6.50, each... \$1.85 Values to \$10.00, each... \$2.95

Fancy Lamps 1/2 Price

In the big Basement store, a great clearance of all our fancy Parlor Oil Lamps; great variety to select from; \$5 to \$22 values; choice at ONE-HALF PRICE

Challies for 25c Yd.

Great special offering 2000 yds. new Challies, half wool, handsome patterns in grand assortment; exceptional value at this very low price, the yard... 25c

Sale Walking Skirts

Great clearance sale of Walking Skirts in Panama cloths, serges and tweeds; black, navy, brown, light and medium gray mixtures, also checks and stripes; all new, up-to-date styles and great bargains at the following special prices; take advantage of sale: Regular \$6.00 values at... \$2.88 Regular \$7.00 values at... \$3.55 Regular \$8.50 values at... \$4.85 You should see these garments.

Picture Sale, 4th Floor

Entire stock of framed and unframed pictures at low clearance prices; all sizes and subjects; all prices; on the fourth floor. You should see the assortment.

10c Handkerchiefs 4c

Great odd lot of women's and children's Handkerchiefs, initialed and hemstitched; 10c values; buy all you want of them at this very low price, ea... 4c

Great Clearance Sale of Boys' Clothing

Great clearance sale of our entire stock of boys' and young men's clothing; suits, overcoats, topcoats, trousers, raincoats, rubber capes, waists, blouses, etc., all on sale at very low clearance sale prices. Do not fail to take advantage of this splendid offering. Let us show you. On sale on second floor.

Oriental Rugs Reduced

Our entire \$100,000 stock oriental Rugs on sale at greatly reduced prices. Rare specimens in large and small sizes. Largest and best showing in the west to choose from. Third floor.

Special Sale Drawers

Cambric and nainsook Drawers, fitted waistbands, wide flounces and trim'd in lace and embyd. Regular 75c values, pair... 49c Regular \$1.00 values, pair... 79c

Embroidery Bargains

10,000 yards of Swiss, nainsook and cambric Embroidery, Edges and Insertions, 1 to 9 inches wide, at the following prices: Regular 22c values, yard... 10c Regular 35c values, yard... 15c Regular 40c values, yard... 19c Wonderful values at low prices.

\$3 Madras \$1 Yard

Beautiful fancy colored Madras, foreign materials, best style and quality; 50 patterns; values up to \$3.00, on sale at, yd... \$1.00 Clearance sale of Lace Curtains.

\$1.25 Silks 79c Yard

3000 yards fancy Silks, plaids, stripes, Dresdens, etc.; light and dark effects in large variety; regular \$1.25 values, on sale at this low price, the yard... 79c

CONFERENCE OF UPLIFT WORKERS

Child-Care Specialists at White House on Call of the President.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)

Washington, Jan. 25.—The east room of the White House was the scene this afternoon of the assembly of many noted students of sociology, practical philanthropists and educators, both men and women, representing all sections of the country. It was perhaps one of the most notable gatherings that has ever met to consider a great public question in that historic mansion. The occasion was the conference called by President Roosevelt to consider the broad question of the best way to care for dependent children. The conference will continue over tomorrow. Every phase of the subject will be discussed by men and women who have personal knowledge of the situation and needs of the 150,000 boys and girls in the United States who come under the classification of dependent children.

The conference is the outgrowth of a suggestion submitted to President Roosevelt by Secretary Homer Poole of the New York Charities Aid Association. Superintendent Hastings H. Hart of the Illinois Children's Aid society, Director John M. Glenn of the Russell Sage Foundation, President Thomas M.

Mulry of the St. Vincent de Paul Society of the United States, Judge Julian W. Mack of Chicago, Theodore Dresher, editor of the Delinquent, Edward T. Devins, editor of Charities and the Commons; Professor Ossor of Columbia university, Secretary Charles W. Birtwell of the Boston Children's Aid society, and James E. West, secretary of the National Child Rescue league. The suggestion of these conference met by the president's enthusiastic approval.

President Called Conference.
Later President Roosevelt made public a letter inviting the governors of the states to appoint delegates to the conference. In this communication the president declared that in his opinion no question ought to interest the people more than the care of the children who are destitute and neglected, but not delinquent.

The opening proceedings were of an informal character, consisting of an address by the president welcoming the delegates and briefly outlining the aims of the conference. Jacob Rills of New York and several other of the prominent visitors responded, after which an adjournment was taken until tomorrow.

To Plan Continuing Effort.
Tonight there is to be a banquet at the New Willard and tomorrow two sessions will be held at which the real business of the conference will be transacted. The desirability of establishing a permanent committee to carry on a propaganda will be discussed with a view of securing better laws, better organization of child-care agencies, and better methods of relief and aid to children. Should children, not only in mind and body, but not requiring special training, who must be removed from their homes, be cared for in families, wherever practicable, rather than in institutions, is also an important subject to be dealt with.

Prominent among those scheduled to participate in the discussions are: Jane Addams of Chicago, Judge Ben B. Lindsey of Denver, Brookier T. Washington of the Tuskegee institute, Herbert Parsons of New York, Rabbi Hirsch of Chicago, Francis H. Gavlek of Indiana, Lillian C. Wald of New York and Elmer E. Brown, United States commissioner of education.

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ELECTRIC POWER AMPE FOR C. P.

Proposes to Electrify in Rockies—Water Power and to Spare.

(United Press Leased Wire.)

Winnipeg, Man., Jan. 25.—The announcement comes from Montreal that the Canadian Pacific railroad will electrify its system through the mountains. For some time officials of the Canadian road have had experts studying the streams in the mountains with a view to determining whether enough energy could be developed through water power to supply electric power. They reported that from the Rocky mountain to the Coast range the water fall is sufficient to supply power for all the railroads in the United States.