

### CRITICISM GENERAL FAVORABLE TO REPORT OF SCHOOL SURVEY

By Some Document Is Considered Utopian But Contains Valuable Suggestions.

The school survey has started a current of comment throughout the city. By it parents have been reminded in a new way that nothing is more important than the education of their children. Many of them have been startled to find how meager is their knowledge of methods now in use and improvements already made which would fit them to pass with entire intelligence on the suggestions for betterment contained in the survey.

The survey committee unanimously speaks belief in the great value of the report. Interviews with members of the committee yesterday failed to bring to light a single criticism of it.

Members of the school board receive it kindly, but with one possible exception do not regard it as the utterance of a composite educational oracle.

When the survey asks that spirit to accomplish and surpass, the spirit of loyalty and enthusiasm, does not exist among principals and teachers it speaks of a condition that cannot be said to exist now, they aver.

In answer to the criticism that the curriculum is "dead" they point to the many recent changes having as purpose revitalizing influence.

School buildings are everywhere open.

Also, they assert, the charge that the school buildings are not used as much as they should, is no longer true because the school buildings have been thrown open as social centers in every district.

Among members of the board, Dr. Ernst A. Sommer was most critical of the survey yesterday. R. L. Sabie was most approving. The superintendent of schools says that improvements already made should be noted in connection with criticisms. Statements also were secured yesterday from members of the survey committee, the complete symposium being as follows:

Dr. Ernst A. Sommer, member school board—"The criticism heretofore has been that Rigler as superintendent of schools ran the whole school system. Under the present school law authority is concentrated in the superintendent more than ever before. If we should continue present tendencies and act in line with the criticisms of the survey the school board would be eliminated as an educational factor and be merely a body to raise money to finance the work of schools."

"I do not agree with such a procedure. I do not believe the people of Oregon agree with it. They are getting away from, not towards, a one-man power. If the superintendent of schools did all the employing and discharging of the teachers, for instance, they would have no recourse whatever. Under the present system it is the school board that is responsible to the people of the school board."

Survey Lacks Balance Wheel.

"I consider the survey a complete analysis of an ideal educational system. It lacks the balance wheel which the incorporation of the business element would have provided it. No five men, no one of whom is a business man, can come into the city and formulate a system that is capable of the best application to local conditions."

The investigators should have interviewed the business men. Their report would have had more authority had they done so and it would have been more easily applicable to conditions here. "They make recommendations as to the health of the children, but I have submitted a plan of physical education that I believe to be in advance of their recommendation. The plan I speak of involves such record of the physical condition of the child from time to time as would in the end furnish a complete index of his improvement or retrogression."

"It would involve a pathological study of each child and a recording of all ailments which each child is found to suffer from. If a child is absent from school we can then tell if it is due properly to physical disability. We would not fear the functions of the health board but work with it. Generally speaking, we have been putting into effect the best of the recommendations made by the survey committee."

"We have been making improvements in accord with conditions as we know them. The survey has both good and bad features and I am sure we shall be willing to take advantage of its good features, used together with the business ability of members of the board to produce the ideal educational system."

Montague Agrees With Committee.

Richard W. Montague, chairman survey committee: "Speaking not as an authority but as a layman who knows the schools principally through their reaction on his own children, I believe the experts of the survey have laid an unerring finger on the defects of the present system and that they have pointed out the way by which the defects can be removed."

"I don't believe there is any intelligent patron of the schools who has not felt, perhaps vaguely and indistinctly, that the schools, in spite of their high development in some directions, fall to us for their children what they should do, for the very reasons and on the same grounds that the survey points out."

"We are now given the opportunity to do for our children what ought to be done for them in the way of education, at least to do that nearly as the present development of the science of education will permit."

"Whether we do or not depends, first, on whether everybody constituting a part of the school system is willing to take the document and study it without pride of opinion or foolish prepossession of the idea that what we have done is right merely because we have done it, and second, whether the public will recognize the efforts which we have every reason to hope the officers and employees of the schools will make. Let's do it!"

Chairman Sabie Praises Survey.

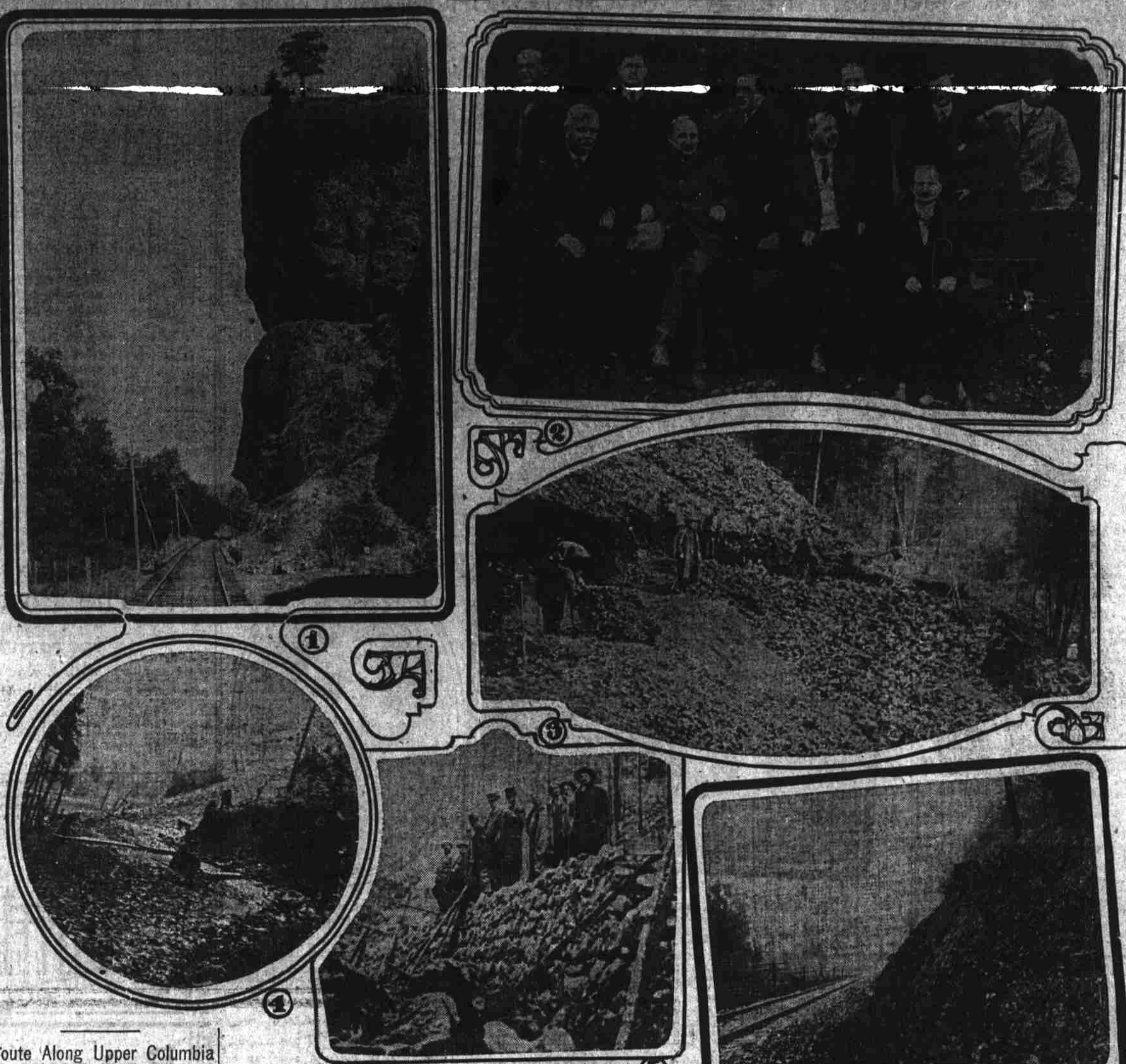
R. L. Sabie, chairman board of school directors—"I consider the school survey an epoch-making document. It is one of the most important things done in this community in many years. It should be studied most carefully by all who are interested in the public school system of Portland."

"It shows that the men who made the survey were qualified for their work which was done without fear or favor and with a most determined and sincere effort to get at the truth. The recommendations are in line with the doctrine of the best writers and speakers on educational matters today as to building, teachers and administration."

"As to the suggestion that the board should not elect the teachers, it will be found that for years the board has endorsed the recommendations of the superintendent and that very few teachers have been elected contrary to his recommendations."

"While it may be true that members

## CURVES OF SCENIC HIGHWAY ARE LONG AND GRACEFUL AND VIEW MAJESTIC



Route Along Upper Columbia Replete With Natural Grandeur.

- 1—Oneonta Bluffs (Photo by Welster).
- 2—Members of party who inspected route of Columbia River highway.
- 3—Graders at work on hillside.
- 4—Point overlooking railroad.
- 5—Party viewing rock roadbed.
- 6—Scenic section near railroad track.

The science of road making is exemplified in the construction of that portion of the Columbia river highway running through Multnomah county, now in progress. With an efficient organization the road is being built on a grade which in no place exceeds 6 per cent. The curves are long and graceful and there are no deep cuts, steep pitches or "deadman" curves. The road is so located that the ever-changing panorama of waterfall, rugged, rocky peak and expanse of river is brought into full view.

With the completion of the grade in the vicinity of Multnomah Falls now under way, it will be possible next season for vehicles to reach the falls by making temporary use of the Latourelle grade and abandoned railway grade until the permanent highway is completed.

This temporary use will afford the public an opportunity to cheaply realize that within 20 miles of Portland they have one of the greatest scenic highways in the world.

**Majestic View Afforded.**

When the permanent road is completed one of its most commanding points will, in the opinion of Consulting Engineer Lancaster, be at the summit of the large rocky bluff between Rooster Rock and Latourelle. From this spot the lights of Portland can be seen to the westward while to the eastward the view will extend to Cascade Locks.

To reach the bluff the road will descend from the cliff near Chanticleer Inn into the amphitheatre back of Rooster Rock and thence work up to the summit of the bluff where a turn will be made before descending into the amphitheatre back of Latourelle to the river.

Another engineering feat will be the construction of a concrete viaduct around a rocky point just west of Multnomah Falls.

This viaduct will be 400 feet in length and its construction is necessary owing to the fact that the point is built up of loose rock which cannot be dug into on account of slides.

**125-Foot Tunnel Planned.**

At Oneonta gorge there will be a tunnel of 125 feet through a massive rock. Emerging from the tunnel going eastward the traveler will get a magnificent view of St. Peter's and the Cathedral spires, a view that rivals anything offered by the famous Yosemite valley.

of the board spend too much time in service and give too much attention to detail, I have this to say, that if it shall ever be impossible to find men and women in Portland who are unwilling to work enthusiastically without compensation in public service then the city had better get out of business. The survey should be a most helpful document and its value should endure for several years."

**Munley Expects to Criticisms.**

M. G. Munley, member of school board—"The school survey embodies a highly constructive policy which will undoubtedly be glad to be governed by. In fact, many of its recommendations have been anticipated by the school board and are now in effect. As to the criticisms, I think many of them are far fetched."

"The surveyors evidently forgot that the board is required by statute to give attention to many details and that under the law it cannot delegate these duties to others. I consider the criticisms of principals and teachers rather ungenerous. The gentlemen who made the survey could not possibly have investigated conditions in all the schools. They did not have time."

"Hence, sweeping criticisms are unwarranted and far fetched. In my opinion, it is not too much to say at the present time that our teachers and our course of study are of as high a grade as can be found anywhere else in the country."

**Survey Should Be Heeded.**

E. H. Alderman, superintendent of schools—"The survey, if the suggestions it contains are heeded, should result in great good, but if its criticisms are taken blindly and it is assumed that under the law it cannot delegate these duties to others, the results may be very unfortunate indeed."

"It is true that we now have in effect many of the recommendations of the survey. For instance, we are opening every school for social center purposes. Our Parent-Teacher association involving the necessary cooperation between parents and teachers, is the most complete in the United States."

"The night schools have doubled their attendance. We have an open air school, there is local autonomy as to methods in every school. We are not afraid to open the windows for the sake of fresh air. Our students make excursions to learn at first hand about

### ALBANY SOCIALISTS IN FIELD WITH TICKET

Albany, Or., Oct. 25.—The fall Socialist ticket for the coming city election has been filed with the city recorder, as follows: Mayor, W. S. Richards; recorder, M. E. Hayes; marshal, J. K. Davis; treasurer, Ed C. Krause; councilman, first ward, E. V. Smith; councilman, second ward, J. Cramer; councilman, third ward, J. D. Bryant.

Mayor Gilbert today issued a formal statement in which he says he is not a candidate for re-election. Nominating petitions were being circulated yesterday for the re-nomination of Councilman Cameron from the Second ward, and Recorder Van Tassel. Petitions are also being circulated for the nomination of L. M. Curt for mayor and F. H. Pfeiffer for councilman from the First ward. J. R. Hulbert, who has served in this office during the past two years, declines to be a candidate.

**Will Send Delegates.**

Willamette University, Salem, Or., Oct. 25.—The quadrennial convention of student volunteers to be held at Kansas City, Mo. during the Christmas holidays will be attended by three Willamette university students and a faculty member.

Willamette has a strong volunteer band, with an enrollment of 36.

**The Logical Time.**

To buy pianos and player pianos Graves Music Co.'s removal sale, 111 Fourth st. See adv. desk page, section 2.—Adv.

Whether you prefer to sit down or stand up the "Household Goods" classification can help you, everything from chairs to rugs listed today. (Adv.)

Good coal and wood. Edlerzen. (Ad.)

### PRELIMINARY HEARING OF CONNALLY CONTINUED

The preliminary hearing of John Connally, manager of the Western Film company, in the Rothchild building, was continued yesterday afternoon in municipal court until Monday. This continuance was allowed by Judge Stevenson after both sides had made an extended argument in which the city asked for more time, while the defendant insisted upon trial at once.

Connally is jointly charged with Henry Connors, who is under arrest at Buffalo, N. Y., for obtaining \$150 from Mrs. Jennie Rieman. Detective Royle is on his way east now to return Connors to Portland for trial. It is charged in the complaint that Connors induced Mrs. Rieman to send him \$150 with which to help a friend out of trouble. Letters to Connally from Connors impli-

### GERMANY PLEASSED BY THE AMERICAN TARIFF; PRESIDENT IS PRAISED

Manufacturers of That Country Will Not Be Slow in Taking Advantage.

Berlin, Oct. 25.—The German newspapers, which from the start were inclined to doubt the sincerity of President Wilson, cannot find words warm enough to praise him because he has shown that his promises were not of the common or election variety.

America's new tariff is hailed here with great joy. It is pointed out how strong were the capitalistic forces working against President Wilson. At the same time it is emphasized that the revision of the American tariff is very far from free trade and Germans are warned against believing that it means an end to the "chicanery" of the American customs authorities which have been a source of so much annoyance to German exporters, though it cannot be denied that the door has been opened a little wider.

German manufacturers will not be slow to make use of the new advantages and opportunities offered them and at the same time it is perfectly clear to German statesmen that if these opportunities are not to be lost again, Germany on her side must be prepared to extend a friendly hand and make corresponding concessions to America.

This is generally conceded to be absolutely necessary, for nowhere else does the proverb "Do ut des" hold more good than in commercial relations between nations.

### ONE WAY OF SOLVING THE PROBLEM OF HELP

Albany, Or., Oct. 25.—Because he wanted a man to do some slaying and a woman to cook for him on a farm west of here, C. H. Oliver effected a marriage between Nola Pinkston and Roy McKendrick, both of this city. The couple was married yesterday morning by Rev. S. T. Little of Salem. After the ceremony they left for their home on the farm.

### TEACHERS MAY GET HOME FOR CHRISTMAS

Salem, Or., Oct. 25.—The executive committee of the western division of the Oregon State Teachers' association met here today and fixed December 23 to 24 as the time for the meeting of the western division in this city. The sessions will begin at noon on December 23 and end at noon on the twenty-fourth, so those attending may return home before Christmas day.

### TOWN TOPICS

**Do You Xmas Shopping Early?**—You will find on display at The Art-Craft and Curio Shop a large assortment of dainty and exclusive Xmas novelties, including motes and books, articles in copper, brass, leather, jewelry, genuine Indian curios, Japanese and Chinese novelties and many other appropriate gifts too numerous to mention. 404 Morrison st. (Adv.)

**Some Bargains**—Two genuine diamonds and genuine pearls, set in a solid 14-k gold mounting, ladies' rings, at \$19.95; also all kinds of jewelry, watches, at the lowest prices. Sale the whole week. B. Boehl, 111 First St. bet Yamhill and Morrison. (Adv.)

**Western Picture Frame Co.**, 170 First St. Complete new line of mat boards, poster board and cover paper. Artists materials. Up-to-date framing. Main 609. (Adv.)

**Discovered**—An exclusive Homeopathic drug store. Take the elevator, 285 Rathbun building, 285 Washington st. (Adv.)

It is probable that the cutting of the road the brush will be cleared away so will be done by contract. It is expected as to give an unimpeded view. Several miles of the road will run over the abandoned grade of the O.-W. R. & N., which will require but little reconstruction.



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### Our Special Diamond Rings

ranging down from \$100 are carefully selected and represent the best in quality and refinement at a conservative price.

We are ready to serve those who wish special designs made up in necklaces, bracelets, and the many articles of personal adornment appropriate for holiday and occasional gifts.

Diamond Set Link Buttons \$7.50 upwards	Diamond Set Lavallieres \$10 upwards
Diamond Set Brooches \$10 upwards	Diamond Set Bracelets \$20 upwards
Diamond Set Scarf Pins \$7.50 upwards	

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