

LAUNCH CAMPAIGN TO INVOLVE REFERENDUM UPON WATER METERS

Vote May Not Be Taken Until City Election, One Year Hence.

At a meeting last night in the east side branch library those opposed to water meters formally launched a campaign to involve the referendum on the ordinance passed by the city council authorizing an initial purchase of 5000 meters. Referendum petitions were supplied to a number present who promised to circulate them without compensation.

It was the sense of the meeting that the referendum vote on the water meters should not be taken until the next city election a year hence. J. W. Conway, chairman, said that it would be entirely satisfactory to the committee to have the vote taken at the next city election, and that if the city commission should call a special election and incur additional expense, it would not be at the request nor by desire of the committee.

City Attorney La Roche, City Auditor Barbur and County Clerk Coffey have all said that if a vote on the meter referendum is had at the primary election in May or the general election next November, it amounts to the city's calling a special election coincident with the state election, and judges and clerks would be entitled to double time, dividing their charges between the city and the county.

Whitney L. Boise said that the reason a citizens' committee has advocated the referendum is because it believes meters an unnecessary expense.

Henry Hahn said it was not necessary to have the referendum confused with the effort to recall the mayor and two commissioners. He added that if the mayor and commissioners and commission government are to be tried, any fair minded person will recognize that the trial has not been long enough or complete enough to be conclusive from any one side. A. A. Vogt, Dr. L. A. Johnson and W. W. Cox were also among the speakers. Robert G. Duncan attempted to speak in behalf of water meters but was informed by the chairman that he was out of order, as the meeting had been called for the organization of the referendum and at subsequent meetings opportunity would be given for hearing the other side of the question. He left the hall, protesting.

One hundred and ninety-one persons were present at the meeting.

PANAMA CANAL TOLLS WILL BE DISCUSSED

Argument of W. D. Wheelwright to Be Answered Before Club.

Arguments by William D. Wheelwright for the repeal of the law exempting American vessels in coastwise trade from payment of Panama canal tolls, as made yesterday before the Progressive Business Men's club, will be answered before the same organization at its luncheon next Thursday in the Multnomah hotel by B. F. Irvine, of the Journal. O. C. Leiter, of the Oregonian, will serve as chairman of the day.

The club voted yesterday to recognize the work of W. D. B. Dodson, Norman F. Titus, A. H. Devers and W. G. McPherson in establishing the Portland-Alaska steamship by a "dollar dinner" to be given some time during the next month. The motion was made by Phil S. Bates.

President Kanzier announced the appointment of the following committees:

Public Market—Eugene Brookings, Phil S. Bates, John F. Carroll, Marshall N. Dana, A. H. Harris, O. C. Leiter, C. D. Minton, Howard Everts Wead.

Legislative—Hamilton Johnston, G. M. Duncan, H. R. Hayek, O. H. Schwerdtmann, G. M. Slocum, R. J. Slack, Will T. T.

Annual Beach Excursion—R. W. Nisbet, Ralph A. Coan, S. B. Cook, J. H. Dundore, Dr. Robert G. Hall, Chester J. Hogue, R. Fulton Rising, William F. Ross, H. W. Strong, N. F. Titus, P. B. Uphaw, George N. Woodley.

Program subjects for the next six weeks were announced as follows: Fire protection, public markets, good roads, fake advertising, steamship transportation, railroad transportation.

OBJECT TO CLOSING
OF NIGHT SCHOOLS

At a mass meeting of students who have been attending the night schools which were closed last week by the board of education, resolutions were adopted protesting against the board's action, and a committee of four was appointed to confer with the directors and see if the schools cannot be reopened and the students given examinations.

The meeting was held in the Lincoln high school auditorium Wednesday night, and among the speakers was School Director Sommer, who said the 14 night schools had been closed on account of lack of funds and falling off of attendance. Approximately 350 students were present.

The schools were closed March 9, and the students say without any suggestion that such action would be taken. They now wish to have them reopened so an opportunity can be had to take examinations and gain credits for work already accomplished.

The committee which will confer with the board consists of Messrs Rundquist, Sorenson, Pickens and Johnson.

Seattle Spirit Supreme.

Seattle, Wash., March 13.—Seattle is second only to New York city in the number of vessels owned and documented. This news comes from E. T. Chamberlain, federal commissioner of immigration at Washington, who makes known the fact in his annual report.

At New York, 3547 vessels are registered, as against 3390 at the port of Seattle.

Sentenced, Then Paroled.

For impersonating a deputy sheriff Jeff O'Brien was sentenced a year in the county jail yesterday and was paroled by Circuit Judge Kavanaugh on condition that he keep out of trouble in the future. He had pleaded guilty.

We're Exclusive Oregon and Portland Distributors of "Ostermoor" Mattresses, Portland's Sole Agents for "Acorn" Stoves and Ranges Redfern, Warner Corsets, Gotham Shirts for Men, 'Silk Maid' Hose, Munsingwear for Women and Children—April Delineator Now In

The Marvel of All Portland Shoppers! Meier & Frank's

REMOVAL SALE

Big Reductions in Hat Drapes

Usually \$1.50 to \$2.75, Removal Sale Price 89c

The present season's demand for Hat Drapes makes this sale of utmost importance—and when you see these fine Drapes, you'll realize the importance of this offer. They're in white, black, gray, brown and champagne—in a wide assortment of the latest designs, including the Harem design, scroll design, and many others—some with fancy borders, 1½ yards in length and 18 inches wide. Usually you'd pay from \$1.50 to \$2.75 for the dainty Hat Drapes—offered for Saturday's Removal Sale—while any remain—at 89c

Meier & Frank's—First Floor—Main Building

Remarkable Reductions on Curtains

for Saturday's Removal Sale

\$4.00 Net Curtains, modern, new style Curtains, pair \$2.95
\$6.50 Net Curtains, modern, new style Curtains, pair \$3.95
\$7.00 Net Curtains, modern, new style Curtains, pair \$4.95
\$7.50 Ivory Colored Duchess Lace Curtains, modern, \$5.95
\$8.50 Ivory Colored Duchess Lace Curtains, modern, \$6.75
\$9.75 Ivory Colored Duchess Lace Curtains, modern, \$7.75
\$11.00 Ivory Colored Duchess Lace Curtains, modern, \$8.95
\$2.00 Scrim Curtains, lace edges and insertion, pair \$1.15
\$2.25 Scrim Curtains, insertion of hand-drawn work, \$1.65
\$5.00 Scrim Curtains, with linen lace edges, the pair, \$2.50
\$8.00 Scrim Curtains, linen lace and drawwork edges, \$3.00
\$7.00 Marquisette Scrim Curtains, Cluny lace edging, \$3.50
\$7.50 Voile Scrim Curtains, Mexican linen lace edge, \$3.75

Meier & Frank's—Third Floor—Main Building

New Spring Hats for Misses, Children

Latest Models at Removal Prices

We now have complete stocks of children's millinery for selection. A splendid assortment of the newest ideas in misses' Dress Hats, attractive models every one. Hats of all descriptions for the small girl, and a full assortment of Baby Bonnets. Dainty little styles prevail throughout our juvenile Millinery Department, and as everywhere else in the store, Removal Sale Prices are in effect. We invite your inspection of our complete stocks of Children's Millinery.

Second Floor—New Building

Washable Gloves Are Specially Priced

For Saturday's Removal Sale

Short "Buxkin" Washable Gloves, 1-clasp style, with 3 rows fancy embroidery on the back. These gloves are guaranteed to wash perfectly, and give entire \$1.43 satisfaction. Pair \$1.43

25c Toilet Articles, Saturday at 16c

25c bottle Witch Hazel, full pint, 16c
25c bottle Violet Ammonia, full pint, 16c
25c bottle Glycerine and Rose Water, 16c
25c bottle Rose Water, 16c
25c bottle Castor Oil, 16c
25c bottle Peroxide Hydrogen, 16c
25c Wisteria Tale Powder, 1 lb. package, 16c
Bottle Creek Soap (antiseptic) cake, 10c
50c Daggett & Ramadell's Cream, 36c
Supertar Shampoo Soap, cake, 11c
50c La Blache Face Powder, 29c
15c Trailing Arbutus Tale, 10c

First Floor—New Building

\$1.50 to \$2.50 Silk Scarfs, 95c

Included are plain Silk Chiffon Scarfs, Fancy Jacquard Silk Scarfs, Messaline and handsomely Beaded Scarfs. They're 2 and 2½ yards long, and come in every desirable color and combination. This is an extraordinarily good offering, these \$1.50 to \$2.50 Silk Scarfs, 95c

First Floor—Main Building

Women's and Children's Hosiery at Removal Sale Prices

\$1.50 "Kaiser's" Silk Hose, \$1.35

High-grade All-Silk Hose for women—with garter welts, lisle lined for protection—heavy double soles and high-spliced heels—in sizes from 8½ to 10. Choose the Silk Hose on Saturday, to match the new Spring gowns, while this Removal Sale price is in effect. A few of the colors are black, white, tan, brown, sky blue, pink, champagne, gold, gray, smoke and navy.

Women's Fibre Silk Hose, 32c-45c

Splendid quality Hose—of Fibre Silk—with seamless feet and linen finished heels and toes—wide garter tops—in black, white and tan. Nice appearing and durable Hose in 2 different weights.

Infants' 25c Silk Lisle Hose, 19c

Infants' Silk Lisle Hose—with fine elastic weave—seamless feet—in white, tan, sky blue, pink and black. Light medium weight—sizes 4 to 6½.

"New Lines in Children's Socks, of Cotton Lisle and Silk Lisle, ½ and ¾ Lengths, Fancy, Checked and Plain Tops, 17c, 22c, and 32c

Women's 35c Silk Lisle Hose, 29c

Extra fine—seamless feet Silk Lisle Hose—in light medium weight—double soles and extra heavy linen finished heels and toes—wide elastic garter welts—in black only—sizes from 8½ to 10. 3 pairs 85c—pair 29c

Women's 25c Hose, Pair, 18c

Cotton and Mercerized Cotton Hose—full fashioned—with double soles, high-spliced heels and wide garter tops—light and medium weights—sizes 8½ to 10—in black only—3 pairs 50c

Children's 25c Silk Lisle Hose, 21c

Black and tan Silk Lisle Hose—lxl elastic rib—seamless feet—linen finished heels and toes—double soles—light and medium weights—sizes from 5½ to 10. Splendid Service Hose underpriced for Removal Sale—3 pairs 60c

Meier & Frank's—First Floor—Main Building

Every Article Reduced

Except Groceries, Willamette Sewing Machines, Silk Maid Hose, "Samson" and "Invincible" Suits, Contract Goods

Store Hours Saturday 9 A. M. Till 6 P. M.

Latest Bulletin from the Men's Store

Moving Day for This Department Soon at Hand!—Stocks Must Be Greatly Reduced to Facilitate Removal!—Every Garment Reduced Except "Invincible" and "Samson" Suits



Men's Store—Third Floor—New Building

All is activity in the Men's Store, where plans are nearing completion for removal to the new Temporary Annex in the Failing Building (directly across Fifth Street) where two entire floors will be devoted to men's and boys' apparel. The entire stocks have been gone over, and incoming Spring stocks added to those on hand and all

Reduced for Removal Sale Except "Invincible" and "Samson" Suits

making it possible for every man in Portland to share in the vast savings here. The men of this city and vicinity are familiar with the standard adhered to in our Men's Wear—their continued loyal patronage is proof of that—and it is our sterling, high-grade, specialized garments that are offered you at these reductions.

All Fancy Suits (Except "Invincible") 20% Off

\$15.00 Suits are priced at \$12.00
\$20.00 Suits are priced at \$16.00
\$25.00 Suits are priced at \$20.00
\$30.00 Suits are priced at \$24.00
\$35.00 Suits are priced at \$28.00

All Men's Heavy Winter Overcoats, Half Price
All Men's Blue and Black Suits, Less 10%
Men's Fancy Trousers, 10% and 20% Reduction
Men's Work-clothes, Entire Line Reduced 10%
All Men's Bath Robes Reduced for Removal 20%

There's Profit in Buying Boys' Apparel at Meier & Frank's

Removal Sale Every Article Reduced, Except Samson Suits

Yes, there's economy here for parents who take advantage of our great Removal Sale. Boy's clothing, Suits, Reefers, Top Coats, Blouses, Hats and Caps, are all underpriced deeply for this event. From \$1.00 to \$3.00 on a Boy's Suit is a noticeable saving—and so all along the line of Boys' apparel.

All Boys' Suits (except "Samson") Reduced 20%

\$5.00 2-pants Suits are now \$4.00 | \$10.00 Boys' Suits are now \$8.00
\$7.50 Boys' Suits, are now 6.00 | \$12.50 Boys' Suits are now \$10.00
\$15.00 Boys' Suits are now \$12.00

Boys' Hats and Caps—full assortment, regular 50c to \$3.50 values, Now 10% Off

ORANGE SPECIALS, SATURDAY

Ripest, Sweetest Oranges—shipped from California—arranged in 4 lots for quick selling on Saturday.
Extra Large Navel Oranges—96 in case—Doz. 29c
Fancy Navel Oranges—150 in case—Special, doz. 25c
Fancy Navel Oranges—176 in case—Spl. doz. 22½c
"Sunkist" Navel Oranges—216 in case, Spl. doz., 15c

GROCERIES REDUCED ON SATURDAY
"Sultan" Sliced Pineapple—No. 2 Cans—Dozen \$1.40, Can 12½c
Birkett's Eastern Buckwheat—First Prize Brand, No. 8 Sk. 49c
Royal Banquet Butter—Always best—Roll. 63c
Shoulder Hams—Sugar-cured—lb. 14c
Cottage Hams—Sugar-cured, lb. 17½c
Victor Coffee—Superior quality, lb. 29c
Pork Sausage—In links, lb. 19c
Frankfurters or Wienerwursts, lb. 17½c

Meier & Frank's—Pure Food Grocery, Basement

Meier & Frank Co.
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THE QUALITY STORE OF PORTLAND
Fifth, Sixth, Morrison, Alder Sts.

Men's \$3.50 "Mallory" Hats

Saturday's Removal Sale Price, \$3.15

MEN!—Think of selecting one of the famous "Mallory" Hats—in either soft or stiff model—for only \$3.15. It's an event worth your consideration—for men, exacting in dress, are loyal in their praises of these splendid Hats.

A strong feature in the "Mallory" Hats is the fact that they are waterproof, holding their shape much longer than the ordinary hat. Make your selection tomorrow, from our comprehensive assortment of new Spring styles and colors—Fedora or Telescope shape—wide or narrow brims—popular models that usually sell for \$3.50. Special for Removal Sale \$3.15

SEE MORRISON-STREET WINDOW DISPLAY

Meier & Frank's—Just Inside Morrison Street Entrance

Emphatic Reductions in the Men's Haberdashery

Men's 25c Tubular Wash Ties, 3 for 50c—Each, 17c

Just Received!—Immense express shipment of Silk Mercerized Tubular Wash Ties in smart new striped and figured designs.

\$1.50 GOLF SHIRTS—finely made of madras, silk mercerized fabrics, soisettes and fine flannels with soft French cuffs and military collars; also separate military collars to match—tomorrow 97c

\$2.00 GOLF SHIRTS—perfectly made in every detail, soft mercerized and striped materials; military collars and soft French cuffs, also separate military collars to match—tomorrow \$1.44

\$3.00 GOLF SHIRTS—faultlessly made; coat style with the popular French cuffs and military collars—separate military collars to match—tomorrow \$1.87

Wright's Balbriggan Union Suits—Special, Suit, \$1.39

These famous Union Suits are in ecru only—made with long or short sleeves—ankle length—neatly finished. Splendid quality Ribbed Union Suits in closed crotch style. All sizes.

Famous "Onyx" Socks, 3 pairs 50c—Per Pair, 17c

Silk Mercerized Lisle thread Socks—colors black, tan, navy, gray and taupe. Have excellent wearing qualities.

Men's \$4.50 Sweater Coats—Special This Sale \$3.39

Medium weight, Shaker Knit Sweater Coats—"Ruff-neck" style—in Oxford, Gray, Cardinal, Maroon, Navy and White—neatly finished—with pockets. Suitable for women as well as men.

Men's New Crocheted Ties, Special Tomorrow, 25c

We've made a special purchase of these new fancy Crocheted Ties—so popular this season. They're of soft mercerized wool fibre—in heavy weave, similar to the high-priced ties—in an assortment of new cross, striped and bar designs—in all the leading colors.

Men's Pajamas For Spring Wear—Special, Suit, 89c
These new Pajamas are of striped and figured kerse and soft Mercerized Fabric, in plain white, gray, tan and blue—made with "V" shaped neck, finished with pearl buttons and silk mercerized frogs, in all sizes.

Meier & Frank's—Just Inside Morrison Street Entrance

Nickel-Silver Tea Spoons, Each at 5c

REGULAR PRICE \$1.20 DOZEN

We have 300 dozen Nickel-Silver Tea Spoons, in the handsome "Laurel" pattern that we're pricing for Saturday's Removal Sale at 5c each. This is a remarkable opportunity to procure Tea Spoons for every-day use at just half-price—for the regular selling price is \$1.20 the dozen. Saturday—Tea Spoons, each only 5c

First Floor—Main Building

Saturday Candy Specials

70c Melba Chocolates, lb. 48c
60c Butterilk Chocolates, lb. 43c
50c Society Chocolates, lb. 38c
50c Bitter Sweet Chocolates 38c
40c Creamed Almonds, lb. 28c
40c Assorted Buttercups, lb. 28c

Candy Store, Basement.

Spectacles Half Price Saturday

Today we sell regular \$4.00 Gold Filled Spectacles for \$2.00. Equipped with lenses to fit your eyes.

First Floor—New Building

Children's Coats for Spring Wear

Children's Coats, Special, \$5.50. Regular \$6.95 to \$10.00 Models

50 Coats in this assortment—a manufacturer's Spring samples. Even Coat bears the mark of excellent designing and workmanship. There are checks, serges, satins, ratines, for children from 6 to 14 years, that would be priced at \$6.95 to \$10—for Saturday's Removal Sale, the price \$5.50 is only

Children's to \$5 Coats, \$2.89

New spring Coats for girls from 2 to 6 years, newest styles, splendid materials, and in all colors. Made in low belted, Balkan, reefer and box style, in such shades as navy, Copenhagen, brown and cardinal. Selling regularly from \$3.50 to \$5.00; an extraordinary offering at only \$2.89

Children's Coats, Spl., \$3.49

A splendid assortment of nobby, stylish little Coats, in medium and light weights. All new and popular styles, in a range of staple and novelty colorings. A "bargain" at the special price for Saturday's Removal Sale \$3.49

Second Floor—Main Building

