

**CHARITY BENEFITS IN SAN FRANCISCO RISE TO THE FLOOD STAGE**

Maids and Matrons Swarm Everywhere With Tickets for Bazaars, Dansants, Etc.

**OREGONIANS IN BAY CITY**

Rosarians Will Have Company on Trip to San Diego After Dedication Oregon Building.

By Marion MacRae.

San Francisco, Dec. 12.—It is not safe to venture through the downtown streets, the hotels or office buildings here lately unless well supplied with pocket money and imbued with the spirit of sweet charity. From every corner, from elevators and stairways and writing rooms appear maids and matrons who have tickets to sell—tickets for every kind of performance, bazaar, dansant, tea, ball game, minstrel shows, on the calendar. There are benefits for war sufferers, hospital funders, organized charities, churches and what not. And how the tickets sell!

After three theater performances this week, the Olympic club is giving such a "monstrous large" dansant at one of the big hotels this evening that all three ball rooms have been called into use to take the crowd.

This is just a sample of San Francisco's response to charity benefits, this one, by the way, being for a local institution.

The sixty boxes which were added to the big auditorium at the exposition for the military pageant ball, to be given in January, have already been engaged, and now the committee is trying to find a place to install additional ones. This promises to eclipse the hall of all nations in proportions, and will be much more exclusive.

Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Kamm registered at a local hotel this week, enroute to Portland after a honeymoon trip. Dr. and Mrs. Ernest C. Tucker have enjoyed a visit here, with true Oregon fortitude braving a "spell" of rainy weather.

At the Stewart hotel this week are W. C. Hervey, E. T. Johnson, T. J. Andrews, T. C. Penny, R. Dimnick, Mrs. J. C. Cumming, H. D. Mitchell, H. C. Skaner, Lenore Anderson, Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Azary, Thomas J. Shell, C. F. Saunders, Mrs. L. M. Gammans and W. P. Stiles, of Portland. Other Oregon guests registered at various hotels include R. A. Leiter, W. A. Kelley, W. R. Dyer, Adam Mueller, Mrs. L. A. Gilles and daughter, C. H. Davis Jr., F. Rajotte, John D. Twohy, J. H. Henry, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Gerlinger, Louis Goldsmith, J. T. Brunfield, of Portland; W. C. Kington, Salem; L. V. Eaton, Medford; Mrs. E. K. Jones, M. O'Connell, Marshfield; C. L. Moore, Klama Falls.

Lieutenant and Mrs. John B. Richardson are here from Vancouver Barracks, enroute to Honolulu. Lieutenant Richardson will be stationed there.

I understand an effort is on foot to get a coach on the Rosarian train and accompany it to San Diego after the dedication of the Oregon building here. If a sufficient number of coaches are not available, the local Rosarians will attempt to get standing room in the big white car and go through with the Portland delegation.

Governor Ernest Lister of Washington is here this week, in consultation with the state commission on matters pertaining to exposition affairs.

Ruth St. Denis, the dancer, who has been appearing at a local theater all week with her Oriental troop, was the cynosure of all eyes at one of the select hotel dansants last Saturday afternoon, but somewhat to the disappointment of the other guests present, she was not garbed in freakish or unusual array. She wore a plain dark tailored suit and a large flat velvet hat with aigrettes as its only trimming. However, her heavy black enameled earrings, set with sapphires, which reached to her shoulders, gave something of the far east atmosphere to her ensemble. Miss St. Denis pronounced the San Francisco girls good dancers, but refrained from giving an exhibition herself.

The report that Harry Payne Whitney will take a house on the Peninsula and live here until after the international polo match is creating much interest in social circles. Mrs. Whitney (Miss Gertrude Vanderbilt) is now in the war zone, where she has taken an automobile ambulance corp and is personally active in Red Cross work, but it is hoped she will have returned by the time the exposition is well under way. A famous marble fountain of which she is designer and sculptress, will adorn the patio of the California building.

The L. Allen Lewises have taken a house in Pierce street and are expected to arrive here immediately after New Year's for an extended sojourn. Mrs. Guy Menefee will be here through the season with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Boschke, who have established themselves in a residence in the Nob Hill district.

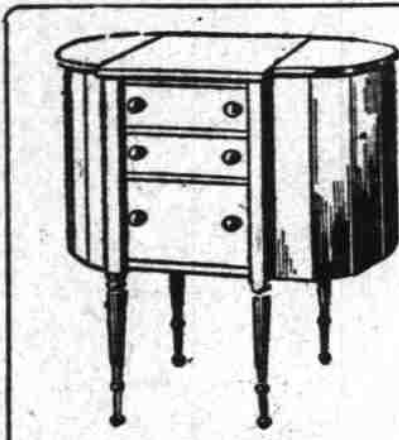
Mr. and Mrs. John Dickinson Sherwood, who have many friends and relatives in Portland, gave a reception at a local hotel before their departure for New York this week. Robert G. MacCracken and Frederick Gilmore were Portland guests present. Mrs. Douglas Cone, of Red Bluff, was another guest, who numbers many Portlanders among her coteries of friends.

The supper dance to be held at the Stewart hotel next Saturday night became an assured success in its inception, as round, and many are disappointed at not being able to attend. This affair is being promoted by Oregonians living here, who have generously extended their good times to friends from other states in the prevailing "get together" spirit of the season. The toastmasters will include some of the best speakers in San Francisco, and the cabaret will be de luxe.

L. P. Weaver, who had charge of the Studabaker agency in Portland for a number of years, is recovering from an appendicitis operation. Miss Weaver, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Chester N. Weaver, has announced her engagement to Kenneth C. Ables of Honolulu. Miss Weaver is popular with the young set here and is a most charming girl. Miss Beatrice Nickel entertained at an elaborate luncheon Wednesday at her home in Legans street.

# One Month Earlier Than Usual Great Clearance Sale of FURNITURE

At January Clearance Sale Prices Buy Furniture Now For Xmas Gifts For The Home!



MARTEA WASHINGTON Sewing Tables—From the Famous Shops of W. E. Cowan, Chicago. These handsome and useful tables are made of solid Cuban Mahogany, with Cowan adherence to style and workmanship. A gift that every woman will appreciate in the home. Regularly \$25.00. Clear—\$16.50

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Buy the Meier & Frank Kind of Furniture It carries our guarantee of everlasting satisfaction

Our Club Plan of Easy Payments Affords You Liberal Credit When Desired Furniture purchased now stored FREE until ordered delivered. Furniture Dept.—Temporary Annex No. 1

## Meier & Frank's Store Service Features For Xmas Shoppers

Branch Office American Express Company, Basement, 6th St. Building.

Free Auto Bus meets incoming trains to bring out-of-town shoppers to this Big Christmas Store.

Packages Checked Free in Basement, 6th St. Building.

Women's Rest Rooms, Second and Seventh Floors, 6th Street Building.

Nursery, Seventh Floor, 6th St. Building. Children cared for by trained nurse while mothers shop in the store.

Red Cross Seals for Xmas Packages—Sold in Booth, 5th St. Arcade.

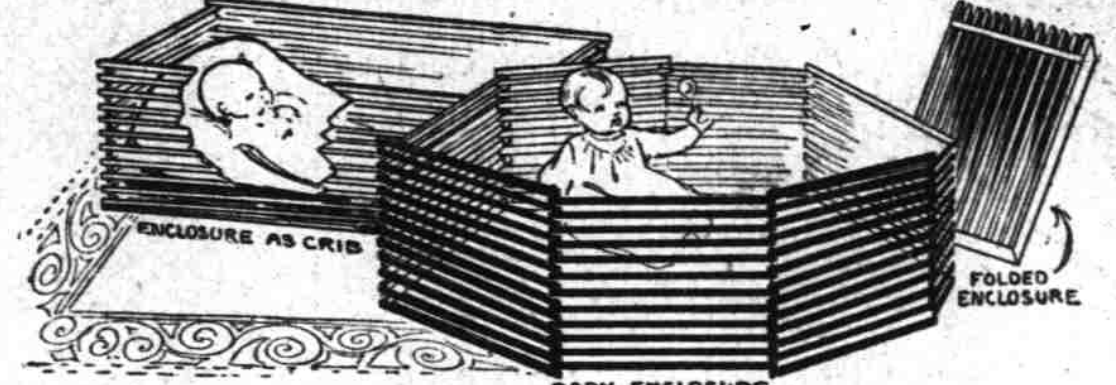
Mail Order Department—Located on 9th Floor, 6th St. Building. Personal Shopper furnished on request.

A Meier & Frank Glove or Merchandise Order Solves the Gift Problem. Issued in any amount, \$1.00 or more, and redeemable for merchandise in any department at any time.

Orders issued Booth Arcade Entrance. Accommodation Desk, Temporary Annex No. 1.

## Happy Babies! Rested Mothers

Thanks to the Boardman Enclosure This Simple and Practical Device Invented and Made in Oregon. Weight only 18 pounds. Portable, inexpensive, hygienic. A practical, acceptable Xmas Gift. Price \$6, in 8 panel size as pictured. For crib attachment, \$1.00 additional. Can be used in the house or yard as an enclosed playground. Convertible to use as a crib cot. A "Safety First" Barricade for fireplace or radiator.



See the Boardman Baby Enclosure at Meier & Frank's in actual use in the nursery, 7th Floor, 6th Street Building—On sale in TOYTOWN.

Boardman Manufacturing Co., Portland, Oregon.

Gentlemen:

As the originator of the "Better Babies" movement here on the western coast and having been personally acquainted with those engaged in a similar work in eastern and middle west states, I am naturally very much interested in Child Welfare.

I believe that your Boardman "Better Babies" Nursery fills a long felt want and is bound to become a household necessity. While it safeguards the child, its roominess for creeping, romping and playing about makes for the best physical development of the child.

We all know of the danger which comes from sitting in a baby buggy or the dangerous high chair for a long period of time. It is also understood that you are preparing to put these "Better Babies" Nurseries on the market at a popular price. We trust that they will meet with same approval with our mothers of our country as did the "Better Babies" movement. Yours sincerely, O. M. SUMNER.

How to Use the Enclosure

Spread a quilt or blanket on the floor, porch or ground. Surround it with fence and place the child inside, about the time it begins to creep. Leave it alone and it is soon content and happy, where it can exercise and develop all its limbs, by creeping, romping and climbing about. The child is no more wrothy to you now, and you can go about your work. It will soon learn to walk of its own accord. Holding on to the smooth rails of the Enclosure it will soon be on its feet. Then watch it—it takes a step or two—and soon it will walk all round inside the Enclosure. Don't coach it, don't force it—be patient. It will then let go its little hand and start across—down it goes—then for another trial—and succeeds, and overjoyed with success, you will be proud of your active, healthy baby.

To Whom It May Come:

The Boardman Baby Enclosure should be in every household where there is a baby. It allows the baby freedom of movement, and exercise, at the same time affording excellent aid and support in efforts at standing. By limiting the environment the baby is kept out of harm's way, and the mother is given an opportunity to go about her work without the worry of keeping a constant watch on the baby and with perfect confidence that everything is all right with her offspring.

Dr. Mary V. Madigan, Stevens Bldg.

Additional News From the Big Christmas Store on Back Page of Section One of This Paper.

# MEIER & FRANK'S

3 PARCEL POST SUB-STATIONS AT MEIER & FRANK'S Packages for mailing wrapped, weighed and stamped. Sub-station 1—Basement 6th St. Bldg. Sub-station 2—Accommodation Desk, Temporary Annex No. 1. Sub-station 3—Toytown, Yeon Bldg.

## Clearance of Ready-to-Wear!

### January Clearance Sale Prices Prevail

Entire Immense Stocks of Women's Apparel—Furs, Dresses, Evening Gowns, Suits and Coats at Such Emphatic Reductions Selling Will Be Rapid

### Afternoon and Evening Coats for Evening Wear Gowns at Clearance Prices

- Selling \$12.50 to \$150
- Handsome and fashionable Gowns, designed after the best models and embodying the newest ideas of this season. Elaborately trimmed. Developed in crepe de chine, charmeuse and taffeta embracing the modish shades.
- Note These Price Reductions on Dresses
- \$10 to \$15 Dresses for street or business wear—now \$ 6.35
  - \$20 to \$25 Dresses for street, home, business wear, \$12.45
  - \$27.50 to \$34.50 Dresses, street, home, business wear, \$14.25
  - Special line of 50 samples and broken lines of Dresses, very special at..... \$16.45
- Fourth Floor, 6th St. Building.

### Beautiful Coats in the leading evening shades—Rose, gold, blue, black, gray, browns and lovely combinations. Made of velvet, faille silks, pomoire and broadcloth. An amazing quantity, in the most attractive models, beautifully lined with harmonious and contrasting colored silks and satins. Long and three-quarter lengths.

### Coats for Utility Wear Reduced

- Including popular Balmacaans and three-quarter length Coats. New shades, newest materials—latest styles.
- Priced at \$5.90, \$8.50, \$10, \$14.88, \$21.35
- \$15 White Chinchilla Balmacaan Coats at \$10
- Medium lengths. Made with full loose back, with belt buttoning on. Very suitable for young girls' wear.

### New Crepe De Chine Waists

Dainty and Practical for Gifts Priced \$5.50 to \$6.50

The new and favored shades—sea sand, putty and white. Made with the modish standing military collar, buttoning over with round white bone buttons. May be worn to give flat effect as well. Some prettily trimmed in Hercules braid. All sizes. Very specially priced at \$5.50 to \$6.50.

### The Gift of FURS

May Be Purchased Here at Radical Reductions! \$7.50 to \$8.75 Fur Pieces \$6.25

This group that we've so radically reduced in price for Xmas buying is composed of muff and stole Pieces in natural opossum, black and brown coney, muskrat and marmot. Muffs plain or pillow style some trimmed with head and tails. Stoles plain shawl collar effects or animal shades.

Coats for Utility Wear Very Special at \$10.00 All Sizes to 44.

Novelty mixtures, plaids, checks and plain colors in this special group so lowly priced. Full length, semi-fitted, full loose back or belted effects, across back or all the way round.

See Sixth-Street Window Display



Garmant Salons, Fourth Floor, Sixth-Street Building

\$15.00 and \$19.50 Fur Sets, Reduced to Set..... \$11.25

Your choice of red fox, bobcat, civet coney, colored moulton and Iceland fox fur Sets. Full animal shape stoles, plain pillow muff or trimmings of head and tails. Fourth Floor, 6th St. Building.

New Washable Waists Regularly \$3 and \$3.50, Special at \$1.98

A collection of cotton crepes, latiste, voile and lace Waists. Self trimmed or pique collars and cuffs. A variety of attractive collar styles and long sleeves. Fifth Floor, 6th St. Building.

Children's Dancing and Recital Frocks

Beautiful new and original designs, in dainty and appropriate materials. Trimmings of wide satin sashes, hand-made flowers, and other artistic effects.

Priced at \$5.95, \$7.50 and \$10.95

Sizes for Girls 6 to 14 Years Fifth Floor, 6th St. Building.

Lovely Crepe De Chine Negligees for Gifts

TOMORROW THE PRICES ARE REDUCED! Specially Reducing \$16.50 Negligees to \$12.50

Dainty crepe de chine in shades of rose, pink, blue, in size and lavender. Gracefully designed, trimmed with lace and gariands of hand-made flowers.

\$10.50 Crepe de Chine Negligees, now \$6.75

\$ 8.50 Crepe de Chine Negligees, now \$6.95

CRYSTAL CREPE NEGLIGEE, SPECIAL \$3.95

Dainty light shades and medium effects. Silk finished, and made in attractive style. Fifth Floor, 6th-St. Building



Established 1857 All Silks and Wool Dress Goods Reduced! 3rd Floor, 6th St. Bldg.