

ST. HELENS COMES INTO HER OWN AFTER HALF CENTURY WAIT

Metropolis of Columbia County Has Shown Marvelous Growth in Passed Decade.

SHIPBUILDING IMPORTANT

Lumber Mills Have Big Payroll and Stone Quarries Add Greatly to Town's Commerce.

By Fred Lockley. St. Helens, Or., May 20.—There was a day when St. Helens seemed destined to be the metropolis of the northwest. When the town was started by Captain Knighton in 1843 it was made the head of navigation of the Columbia river and passengers from Portland, Milwaukie, Linnton, Oregon City, Vancouver and other up-river villages had to come to St. Helens to get a boat to San Francisco. When the Pacific Mail & Navigation company's boats decided to make Portland their inland terminus, St. Helens ceased to be a factor in the contest as to which village would become the big city of the Pacific northwest, and city lots went back into acreage. Today, however, St. Helens has come into her own and is making steady progress.

St. Helens is the county seat and metropolis of Columbia county. It is located on the Columbia river and is within 10 minutes' walk of the S. P. & S. railway. Ten years ago the population of St. Helens did not exceed 250. Five years ago the census returns showed a population of 742, while today there are no less than 1,000 residents of the city, which is about 10 per cent of the entire population of Columbia county. The growth of St. Helens is largely due to the lumber industry.

Monthly Payroll \$37,000. There are 120 men employed in the St. Helens Lumber company, 54 in the Columbia Lumber company, 133 in the St. Helens Shipbuilding company's plant, 126 in the McCormick logging camp and 13 in the croosoting plant. The average monthly payroll of these 468 employes amounts to about \$37,000. All of these enterprises are controlled by the Charles McCormick company.

During 1915 there was shipped over 70,000,000 feet of lumber from the two St. Helens mills. This was largely sent to San Francisco and San Pedro for shipment to Arizona, Nevada and New Mexico.

The St. Helens Shipbuilding company has been in operation since the spring of 1912. Two of the first ocean going vessels launched from their yard was the Merced and the Multnomah, each of which vessels had a lumber carrying capacity of 1,000,000 feet, and accommodations for 60 passengers.

The City of Portland launched on April 8 was one of six vessels under construction at the St. Helens shipbuilding plant.

It is claimed that she is the largest single-deck wooden schooner launched on the Pacific coast. The City of Portland's keel was laid on September 3, 1915, and seven months later she took to the water. She is 278 feet long, 48 foot beam and 22 feet deep. She displaces 5600 tons and can carry 2,000,000 feet of lumber. She is built of best quality Douglas fir. She is equipped with twin four cylinder Boller semi-diesel engines of 320 horsepower. The boat's steam cargo winches, anchor hoists and capstans.

Stone Quarries Important. Some idea of the extent and importance of the shipbuilding industry to St. Helens can be gained when it is known that 30 schooners, boats or barges have been built prior to the launching of the motor ship, City of Portland in the St. Helens plant.

In addition to their mills, logging camps, croosoting plant, shipbuilding plant and lumber yards, the Charles McCormick company operates a fleet of steam schooners along the coast and a fleet of sailing vessels plying to foreign ports. This year they will increase the size of their fleet by the addition of two steam schooners and three motor ships.

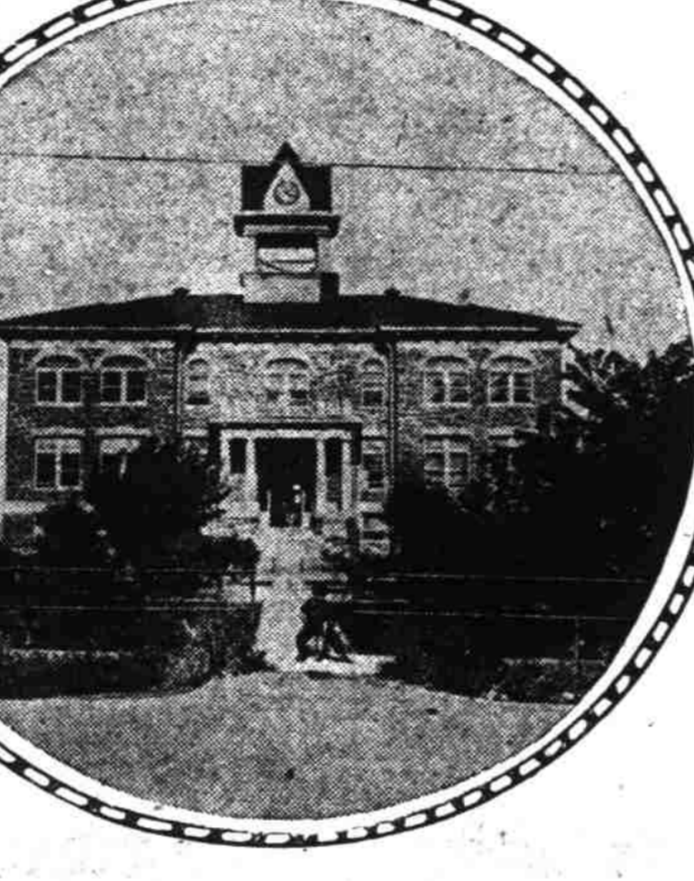
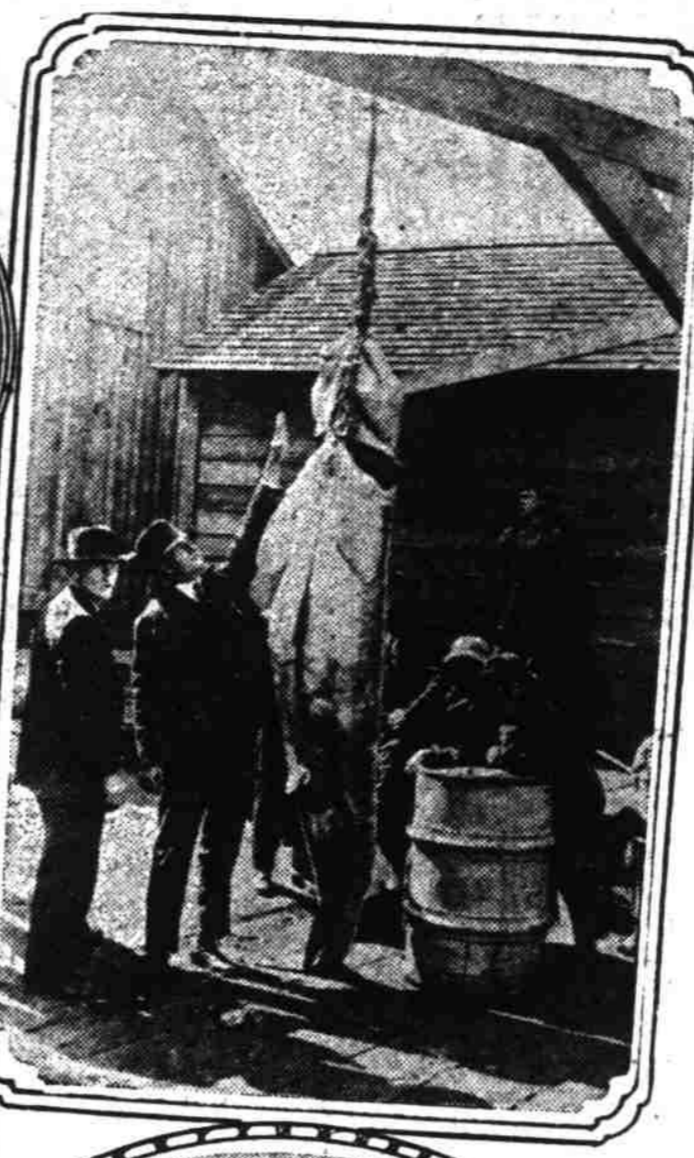
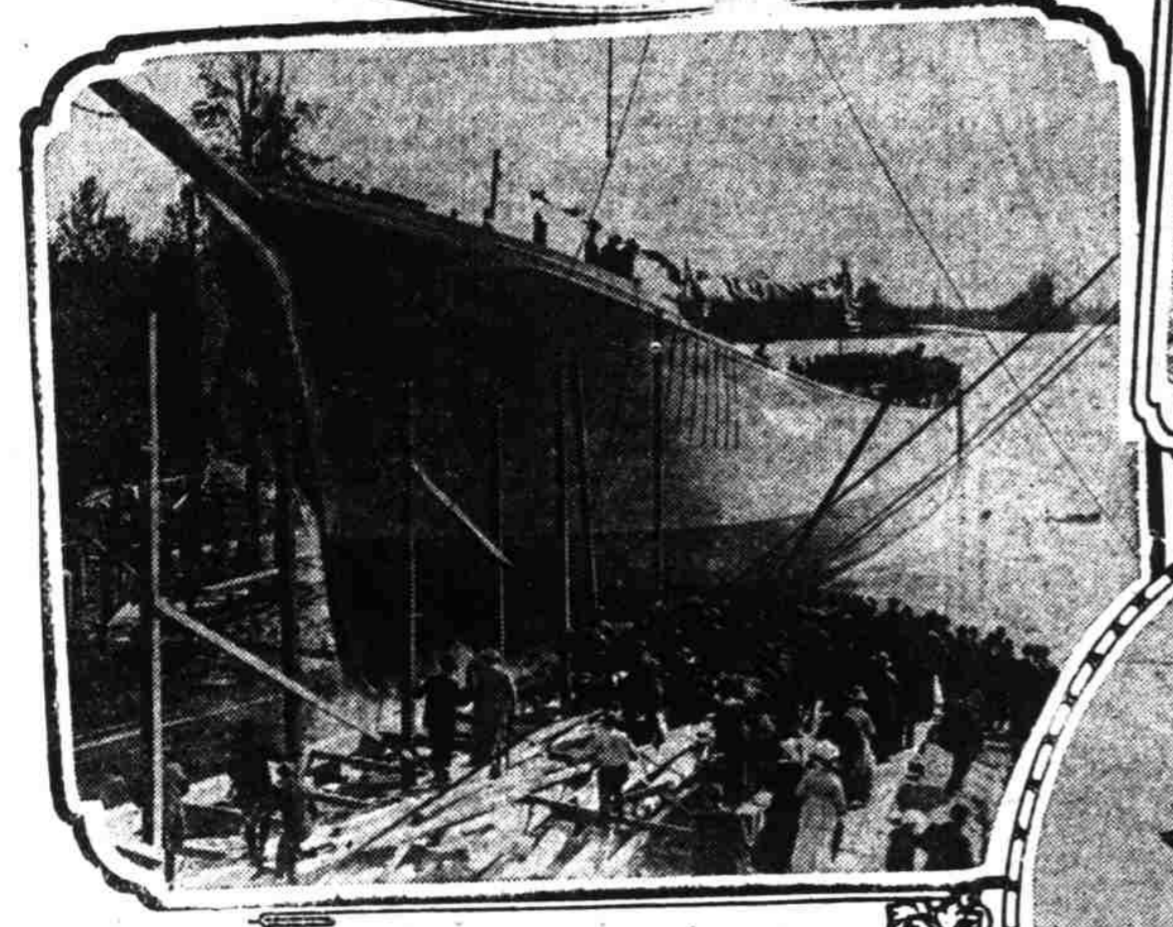
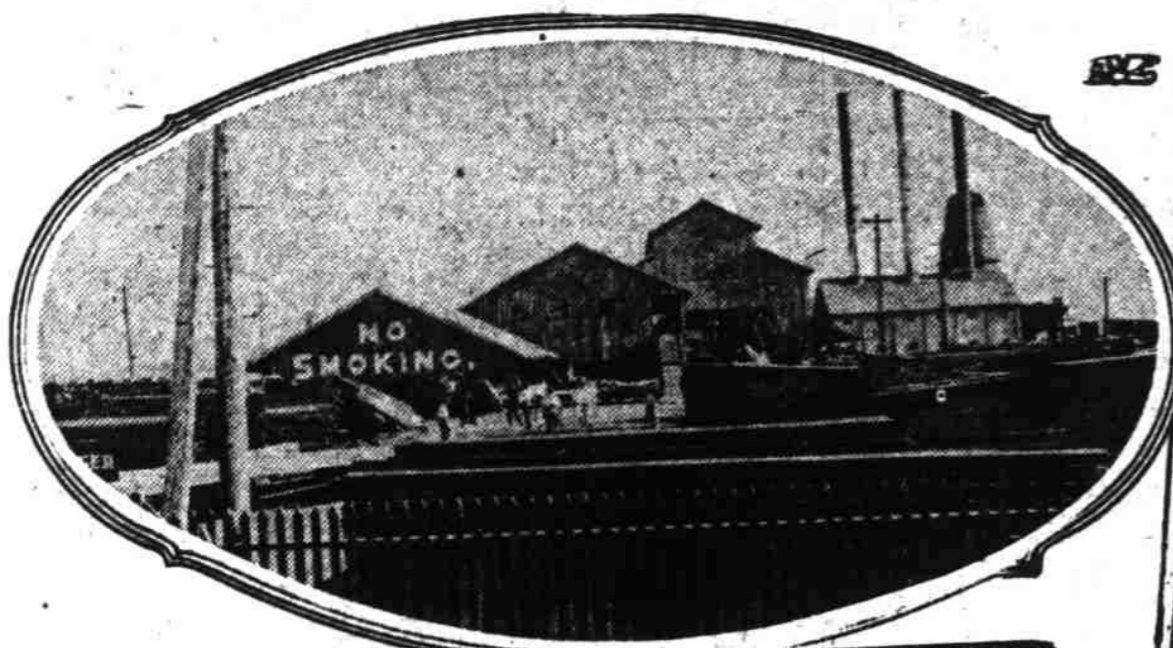
Another industry that adds greatly to the commercial prosperity of St. Helens is the stone quarrying industry. From 50 to 75 men are usually employed in the two rock crushing plants.

The St. Helens Canning company had a very successful year last season and will increase its capacity this year. The pole and piling industry gives work to 100 men, in and about St. Helens.

Salmon fishing, dairying, fruit raising, and the raising of vegetables are all profitably carried on in the vicinity of St. Helens. Most of the milk produced along the rich Columbia river bottoms in Columbia county is marketed in Portland.

St. Helens shows every evidence that she is in the prosperity zone.

ST. HELENS' VARIED INDUSTRIES ENJOY PROSPERITY



Above, left to right—Sawmill, St. Helens; Sturgeon, 10 feet 2 inches long and weighing 570 pounds, caught in the Columbia at St. Helens with a gill net. Below, left to right—Launching of the City of Portland at St. Helens; Columbia county court house at St. Helens.

PIONEER FIREMEN AT BANQUET RECALL OLD TIMES IN PORTLAND

Multnomah Company Benevolent Association Observes Sixtieth Anniversary.

The Multnomah Engine Company Benevolent association held its annual banquet at the Imperial hotel Thursday night. The banquet was spread in the red dining room, and one of the upstairs parlors was used as a reception room so that the older and younger members of the association could get better acquainted. There were present 60 persons. A pleasant half hour was spent in the reception room, when the assemblage formed in line and marched down to the banquet room. The invited guests were Henry E. McGinn, judge of the circuit court, C. M. Idelman, attorney, and Rev. Dr. A. A. Morrison of Trinity church.

Multnomah No. 2 volunteer fire company was formed May 18, 1856. Therefore, Thursday night was its sixtieth anniversary. The original membership was 74. In August, 1856, it was organized and incorporated. Among its members were A. B. Hallock, Brooks Trevett, P. C. Schuyler, Joseph Buchtel, Albert H. Johnson, and many others whose names are well known to Portland old-timers.

Served 27 Years. As a volunteer company Multnomah No. 2 served 27 years. In 1882 the city deemed it wise to dispense with the volunteer system, and a regular paid fire department was organized. Multnomah No. 2 went out of commission, and its property and apparatus were taken over by the city to form the close of the year.

There were 95 members on the roll January 1, 1882, when the Multnomah Engine Company Benevolent association was formed. It was the survivors of the 26 who met last night to celebrate the sixtieth anniversary, 20 of the original 1856 members being present. Two, Joseph Buchtel and George L. Story, were unable to attend on account of illness. Forty of the sons, daughters and their wives were present.

After the roll call last night, Judge McGinn made an address on the subject, "True Service Is Sure of Its Reward." He added the thought that there must be adequate preparation to insure the reward. The address was heard with deep interest.

Following Judge McGinn's address, the company arose and sang "America." C. M. Idelman speaks. The second address of the evening was made by C. M. Idelman, on the subject, "Good Citizenship," which, the speaker expressed, had been exemplified in the lives of some of his auditors, who had saved and served, and proved themselves good citizens by working for the common weal and remaining at their posts until disbanded. Then, he said, they had saved to establish a fund for charity, which, by careful investment and guarding, has reached nearly \$30,000. With only 24 members in the original association alive, he pointed out that the fund had buried many and cared for the families of many during the 33 years of its existence.

"Marching through Georgia" was sung following Mr. Idelman's address, and then some of the older members spoke. Abe Stuart gave a sketch of the early days of the engine company, telling of its earnestness and the struggle to reach the scene of a fire first. He described its keen rivalries.

Early Days Recalled. Russ Chamberlain spoke of his services in the early days, and of the ar-

SCHOOLS WILL HAVE OWN BANKING SYSTEM IN NEXT FEW WEEKS

Portland Women's Club Lays Plans to Induce Children to Earn and Save Money.

The Portland public schools will have a banking system of its own just as soon as the plans of the civic committee of the Portland Women's club are perfected.

The plan combines the school garden idea and the cleanliness movement. It was developed during the clean-up campaign recently held. The idea of the women's club is not to make this campaign of cleanliness one that lasts but 10 days every year, but to make it a daily campaign. To encourage this purchasing depot will be placed in all parts of the city to accommodate those having refuse material to sell.

After the children have grown their garden products and sold them or after they have sold all cast-off materials which they find valuable, it is considered that they ought to have some place in which to put their money. At present a child must have a dollar before he can open an account in any of the banks. It is argued that this first dollar is the hard one to get and for this reason so many children have no savings account. The civic committee intends to place small savings banks in the homes so that the child can put pennies away as soon as earned.

In each school the principal will be the treasurer and each teacher an assistant treasurer. Each school will appoint a student banking committee. This committee will endeavor to get new depositors and urge those already depositors to enlarge their accounts.

The student will have the privilege of choosing any banking house of the city for his depository, and all money turned in will be deposited in that bank. The small savings banks which the child receives will be locked and the only one who will be able to open it will be the treasurer of the school. When a pupil has a little money in his bank he can bring it to school and in the presence of one of the treasurers the banks will be opened and the money credited to the child's account. The money will then be deposited.

This, it is said, will be a fair system to both the children and the bankers as it will give the latter equal privileges in all the schools. It is hoped that it will be possible to get the school system into operation before the approaching summer vacation.

rival of the "coffee-pot," as the first steam fire-engine brought to Portland, was called. He told of the many fires at which it was used and described the fire at the foot of Jefferson street known as the "great fire."

John Gotthardt told of the services of the closing days of the volunteer fire department and the early ones of the paid fire department, in both of which he served.

George Tuttle was invited to address the company, but was unable to talk and was asked to be excused.

The reminiscences were heard with the greatest interest, and much of the history of the Portland fire department was told.

Rev. Dr. Morrison spoke on "Preparedness," arguing that notwithstanding all the work of the company, they had to be prepared to be effective, and that the day of preparedness is now, as it was then.

Charles H. Dodd was toastmaster. The banquet closed with the singing of "Auld Lang Syne."

Chicago's Mayor to Go to Cowboy Meet

Annual Reunion Will Be Held at Las Vegas in July; Kissoner Was Once Funcher Himself.

Chicago, May 20.—Mayor Thompson has accepted an invitation to be present at the annual cowboys' reunion at Las Vegas, N. M., July 4, 5 and 6, according to a dispatch from that city. The advance announcement set forth that the affair will be greater than any of its kind ever held. The promoters are anxious to have Mayor Thompson as a guest of honor because of his cowboy experience in his younger days.

CALIFORNIA HOTELS HOTEL STEWART SAN FRANCISCO. Geary Street, just off Union Square. European Plan \$1.50 a day up. Breakfast 50c Lunch 50c Dinner \$1.00. Most Famous Meals in the United States. New steel and concrete structure. Center to theater, cafe and retail districts. On streetcar transferring to all city. Take Municipal car line direct to door. Motor bus, street cars and steamers.

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Another convincing demonstration of our ability to make carpet prices for Portland. Six thousand yards to go on sale tomorrow at less than we could buy them now at the mill.

We guarantee these carpets to be woven from the best standard wool yarns. They will wear splendidly under the hardest service. We show this week a large assortment of the newest patterns in both Oriental and floral effects.

\$2.75 Finest Bigelow Axminster Carpets; sewed, lined and laid; \$1.72 yard.

\$2.25 Bigelow Lowel Axminster Carpets; sewed, lined and laid; \$1.48 yard.

We call the attention of home owners, apartment-house owners and hotel-keepers to this remarkable offer.

Carpet Sale at Both Stores.

Furnish Your Porch or Lawn. We show a splendid assortment of Porch Furniture, Crex Rugs, Aerolux Shades and Hammocks. Fit up a Summer room now at a moderate cost. Main Store.

Refrigerator Special. No. 1500E. Regular \$29.00 Columbia Sanitary-finish, White-enamel Refrigerators. Standard size, with side icer, holding 75 pounds of ice. Finest nickel trimmings. A Refrigerator that formerly sold at \$35. Special this week at \$24.25. Others as Low as \$8.85. Buy your Refrigerator now and enjoy the use of it during the entire season. We carry a large assortment of styles and sizes in Columbia and Herrick Refrigerators. Both Stores.

Robert's Bros. THIRD & MORRISON. The Most in Value—The Best in Quality. Another Sensational Underpricing of Both Plain and Novelty Silks. 40-inch Fleur de Jansesse, Figured Crepe Taffetas, 36-in. Moires, Satin-Stripe Tub Silks, Real Shan Tung Pongee, White Japanese Silk, Black Messalines, etc. All priced for this sale at 98c Yd. Qualities Regularly Sold at \$1.25, \$1.50 to \$2 Yd. There has never been such a sale in this city of High-Grade Silks right at the height of the season. Even if the silk market did not continue firm, this offering would be unusual. You have choice from 40-inch Silk-and-Wool Poplins in all the wanted plain colors, 40-inch Fleur de Jansesse, 40-inch Figured Crepe Taffetas, 36-inch Moires, Satin-Stripe Tub Silks, Real Shan Tung Pongee, Double-Weight White Japanese Silks, Black Messalines and many others. Attend this sale and reap the richest savings you ever knew for silks in widths and qualities regularly sold from \$1.25 to \$2.00 a yard. They go on sale Monday and Tuesday at the yard 98c.

More Attractively Underpriced Embroideries. Come direct to Embroidery Headquarters and profit by selectoins from unlimited assortments. The latest new patterns and especially reduced prices. Three of the many offerings are listed here. Your Choice of Values to 20c at This Special Sale for, the Yard 10c. Hundreds of yards of Embroideries of the most staple sort—the kind needed for every day—Baby Sets, Swiss Edges, Cambric Edges, Long-cloth Edges, Ribbon Beading, Ribbon Edges, Galloons, etc. The kind used for underwear, baby clothes, neckwear, dress trimmings, etc. Values to 20c, this sale 10c. Your Choice of Values to \$1 at This Special Sale for, the Yard 59c. Handsome new floral patterns in 40-inch Colored Voile Flouncings in old rose, Copenhagen blue, Nile green, gold, pink, light blue and other desirable shades. All fast colors and all crisp and new. Embroidery Flouncings regularly sold up to \$1.00 a yard. For this sale at only 59c. 98c A YARD FOR EMBROIDERIES THAT ARE REGULARLY SOLD TO \$2.50. Both 27 and 45-inch Embroideries of finest quality—the kind especially adapted for graduation and Summer dresses. They come in organdie, voile and batiste and are shown in the most beautiful patterns in white and dainty colored effects. Qualities regularly sold up to \$2.50 a yard. Specially priced for this sale at 98c.

300 Different Patterns New Novelty Wash Goods, 15c Yd. An assortment so extensive and so varied that every taste may be suited. Tissue, Voile, Batiste and Lawn in plain colors, flowers, figures, stripes, dots and checks in the most desirable colorings. All specially priced at, the yard 15c.

30 New Styles in Handbags, Regular \$1.50 Grade at 98c. One of the most important specialties listed from the Notion Section for many a day—a sale of fine Leather Hand Bags in box, crepe and seal finish. They come in black only, and in 30 different styles. They have silk poplin lining, mirror and coin purse fitting, and are the kind regularly sold at \$1.50. This sale 98c.

Special Prices on New Bedroom Furniture. Samples Displayed in Our Washington Street Window. \$25 Quater-Sawed Oak Princess Dresser, with 22 x 42 top and 24 x 30 beveled French plate mirror, Adam design, special... \$16.85. \$25 Quater-Sawed Oak Dressing Table, with beveled French plate triple mirrors, Adam design, special... \$16.85. \$25 Quater-Sawed Oak Dresser, with 22 x 42 top and 24 x 30 beveled French plate mirror, Adam design... \$16.85. \$25.00 Quater-Sawed Oak Dresser, with double French plate mirror, Adam design, special at... \$16.85.

Great Removal Sale Is Nearing End. Only Two More Tremendous Bargain Weeks. \$5.00 Dining Chairs, solid quarter-sawed oak, full box seat, for \$2.25. \$7.00 Dining Chairs, mission style, solid quarter-sawed oak, upholstered in Spanish leather... \$3.25. \$7.50 Dining Chairs, solid quarter-sawed oak, French legs, glow feet, leather upholstered, sprung seat... \$3.85. \$9.00 Dining Chairs, solid quarter-sawed oak, full box slip seat, seat and back upholstered in black leather... \$4.25. \$10.00 Carvers, solid quarter-sawed oak, French legs, slip seat, upholstered in black leather... \$4.50. \$25.00 Brass Beds, with two-inch continuous posts and five one-inch filler rods, the highest quality of material, absolutely acid proof. Closing \$17.85 out this week at... \$29.95. \$37.50 Brass Beds, with two-inch continuous posts and five one-inch fancy filler rods, massive, extra heavy beds in acid-proof finish. Closing \$29.95 out this week at... \$35.00. \$25.00 Colonial Dressers, in either fine birdseye maple or golden oak, plank top, 24x30 beveled French plate mirror, made of beautiful selected stock, closing \$19.50 out this week at... \$19.50. \$25.00 Princess Dressers \$19.50 to match... \$19.00. \$33.50 Chiffoniers to match... \$19.00. \$25 Dressing Tables to match... \$13.85. EXTRA SPECIAL Reg. \$1.25 Piece Postoria Seven Berry Set, very special at 77c.

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