

RELIEF COMMITTEE OF O. O. F. IS DEVOTING ITSELF TO GOOD DEEDS

Organization Looks After Sojourners, Odd Fellows Who May Be in Distress.

WORK IS GENERAL ONE

Laborers Have Nothing to Do With Local Lodges Which Care for Own Members.

George H. Hamilton, secretary of the I. O. O. F. relief committee of Portland, has submitted his semi-annual report for the performance of the committee for the period July 25, 1916 to January 25, 1917. Hamilton, Johnstone, of Hassalo lodge, is president; Peter Larsen, of Golden Rule Encampment, vice president; Robert C. Chrisman, of Orient lodge, treasurer. The organization looks after the members of other than Portland lodges, and has paid out to them in that period over \$5000. It has attended in this semi-annual term 125 brothers. Of these a multitude were cared for 14 who died, and looked after the funerals of six. Eight others were shipped to their lodges in other points.

Own Sufferings Cared For.
Each lodge looks after its own sick, but the general relief committee cares for the sojourners, communicants with their lodges and relatives, looks after their property, cares for their dependent ones, and with a fund obtained from a per capita which is paid annually on each member in Portland, and a donation of \$500 annually from the Grand lodge, performs a multitude of services as an organized good Samaritan corps.

Money legitimately paid out in accordance with the legal statutes given by a brother's lodge in time of sickness, injury, distress or death are repaid by the lodge which the brother belongs, but it often requires weeks and months to secure a settlement. The brother, a stranger sojourning in Portland, needs the money, the card and the assistance without delay. There is often necessity of rendering more than the stipulated relief, and it is given.

Sometimes Vicariously.
The Portland relief committee received \$2134.20 during the last term sick benefits paid and refunded by different lodges on behalf of their members. Nurse hire refunds amounted to \$112; funeral benefits, \$300; special relief, \$140; loans repaid, \$51. It loaned to sojourning brothers, \$51.62. It has \$69 outstanding loans. The relief committee has headquarters in the Orient hall building at East Sixth and East Alder.

Yes, there are dead beats. There are failures in Odd Fellowship. There are human weaklings and unfortunates who wear the three links. Some times the committee is victimized. Sometimes it is too generous. Sometimes it pays out money that is never returned. Sometimes it is soundly cured because it does not do more. In the course of a number of years a number of dead accounts amounting to nearly \$500 were accumulated, and it was decided last year to wipe them off the slate, forget them and start over. The Good Samaritan may not have obtained recompense for his efforts and his expenditures. The record does not state. In some instances he certainly comes out in the modern form of such efforts.

Money Not Only Thing.
And so in all large cities a relief committee is at work caring to the best of its ability for the sick sojourning brother, or for the brother in need or distress. Much of the work of the relief committee of Portland cannot be indicated in dollars and cents. Relief is afforded in many ways other than the giving of money. Sometimes a brother is aided in obtaining his just dues, or perhaps in obtaining needed or better employment. Members of a brother's family are protected, advised, given employment, looked after in various ways. "The relief committee fixed him up" is often the answer to inquiries concerning someone who needed help. It can do it, and men like Secretary Hamilton, retain the faith of Odd Fellowship in spite of the failures they meet. A warm letter of thanks from a brother who has arrived safely "back home" because of aid in time of unforeseen need, is worth more than the record of some who may have with shrewd device and plausible tale gained a few simoleans.

Zoo's Animal Keeper Loses His Amiability

Charles Herrmann, animal keeper of Washington park zoo, heretofore the very spirit of geniality itself, is looking for a writer on an afternoon newspaper. Herrmann has blood in his eye and threatens to do more damage to this particular newspaper man than Nero, the ferocious lion, does to hamburger steak.

Herrmann is peeved because the newspaper writer put him in a class with "Brother" Beals of the weather bureau, and had him prophesying summer weather when, as a matter of fact, it is winter weather, pure and simple.

Lecture Series at Community House

A series of lectures delivered by Dr. J. K. Hart, instructor in philosophy and education at Reed college; Robert D. Leigh, instructor in political science, and Dr. William F. Ogburn, instructor in sociology, will be given at the Sellwood community house, on the corner of Spokane and East Sixteenth streets. The course is under the auspices of the Sellwood advisory committee for the community house, of which Professor L. H. Morgan of the Sellwood public school, is chairman. The schedule is as follows: "True and False Elements in Vocational Training," Dr. Hart; "The American Ideal of Education," Dr. Hart; "The Causes of War," Dr. Ogburn; "Political Problems of Permanent Peace," Robert D. Leigh; "The World Peace Problem and America's Part in It," The Prejudices of Democratic Government.

Many Splendid Offerings Tomorrow in Bed Linens, Blankets and Comforters, Floor Coverings, Curtains and Draperies. Visit each of these sections when in store. Hundreds of savings for thrifty shoppers.

See Also Back Page

This section for other important Meier & Frank store news.



All Charge Purchases

Tomorrow and balance of the month go on March accounts, payable April 1.

VISIT OUR GIFT SHOP

Patrons who come to enjoy the savings in our Semi-Annual Sale of Beds and Bedding tomorrow and this week will do well to take a few minutes for inspection of the many charming pieces of Gift Furniture to be found in our Furniture Gift Shop on the Ninth Floor. Take any elevator. —Ninth Floor, Sixth St.

Our Semi-Annual Sale Beds & Bedding Begins Tomorrow

Many Equally Good Unadvertised Specials in Bedding

ONE of the biggest events on our store calendar! Twice a year we hold this great disposal and each sale's record eclipses the previous one. A more than usual significance attaches to this clearaway beginning tomorrow because of market conditions which render good merchandise infinitely harder to secure than heretofore, even at considerably higher prices. Thanks to our tremendous purchasing power and foresightedness, we are in a position again to offer you such values as are nowhere else obtainable. EVERY BED—EVERY MATTRESS—EVERY SPRING (except a few contract lines) IN OUR GREAT STOCKS REDUCED! Prudent people will anticipate a year's needs while these substantial reductions are in effect. Sale begins tomorrow at 9 A. M. and continues this week only. COME!

Many Equally Good Unadvertised Specials in Bedding

One-Third of Your Life Is Spent in Bed—Enjoy Greater Comfort and Profit by Buying in This Sale

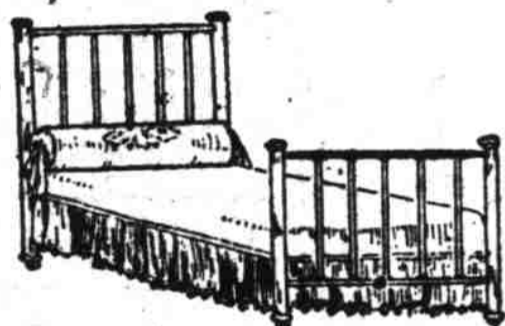
This statement is as indisputable as it is meaning-full. It seems hardly necessary to emphasize the wisdom of devoting a little time and thought to the providing of adequate means for getting the most out of a time so long and fraught with such grave importance as one's life and health as this. The difference in cost between the ordinary variety and bedding of quality is small. The qualities and prices we offer in this sale are such as will enable everyone to enjoy the maximum comfort during the period of rest and effect this at the expenditure of the very least money—you benefit in health and pocket both by taking advantage of this sale.

Every Bed, Spring and Mattress in Our Stocks Reduced Contract Goods Alone Excepted

Think of reducing an entire stock at such a time as this! This announcement will be the signal for thousands to make thorough inventory of their bed and bedding preparedness and supply every need—big and little—this week at Meier & Frank's. Although in most instances we have quantities enough to withstand the heaviest selling, it will be wise policy for patrons to purchase such articles as they want while the sale is still young. For lack of space here many equally good offerings have been omitted. If you don't see exactly what you want advertised on this page you will find that we have it, nevertheless, and at a price much lower than you would expect.

ALL OUR BRASS BEDS REDUCED

To make room for rapidly incoming shipments of Spring goods we have determined on the drastic plan of affixing a new lower price tag to every brass bed in our stocks—all samples and regular pieces included at astonishing underprices. We have 37 entirely different and distinct patterns in brass beds for your selection—every one desirable. Many of these patterns are supported by warehouse stocks, in some cases we have samples only. The accompanying illustrations and price quotations merely indicate the unusual offerings in this section—all other patterns of brass beds go at equally compelling discounts.



\$16.75 BRASS BED AS PICTURED \$8.98



\$26.75 BRASS BED AS PICTURED \$14.85

\$49.00 BRASS BED \$27.20

\$32.75 BRASS BED \$18.25

\$30.00 BRASS BED \$15.00

\$28.00 BRASS BED \$14.10

\$26.75 BRASS BED \$14.85

\$26.00 BRASS BED \$14.50

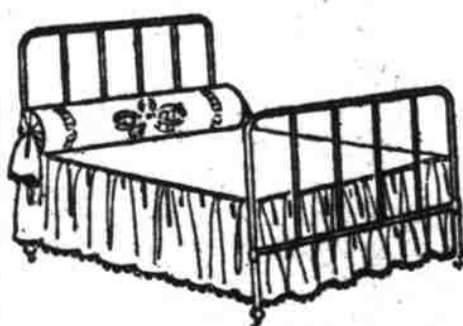
\$24.75 BRASS BED \$13.20

\$24.50 BRASS BED \$13.60

\$21.50 BRASS BED \$11.95

ALL OUR IRON BEDS REDUCED

Our entire stocks of good, dependable iron beds are sale-marked! We have them in all sizes, in all styles, at all prices. A substantial saving awaits every purchaser of an iron bed in this semi-annual sale.



\$10.00 IRON BED AS ILLUSTRATED, PRICED \$4.95

This especially good bargain is made possible by the fact that we purchased a large quantity of this particular pattern before the pronounced increase in price which has taken effect on merchandise of this kind during the last year. Bed as illustrated in Vernis Martin finish, full size only, \$4.95.

DECORATED BEDS REDUCED

The illustration below at left gives you an idea of the beauty of these decorated metal beds. All are hand decorated in the most artistic designs. They combine the beauty of the best wooden beds with the desirable sanitary qualities of the enamel bed.

One is old ivory in "Satsuma" finish, with the most artistic Japanese decorated design. Flowers, birds, fishermen and butterflies are combined in charming effect.

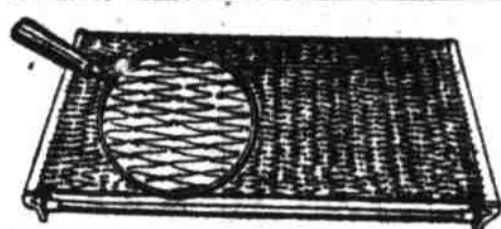


Fascinating little nursery beds show decorations of "Kewpies," wooden Soldiers and Noah's Ark. See these delightful beds for little folk.

EVERY DECORATED METAL BED IN THE HOUSE AT SPLENDID REDUCTIONS—SEE THEM TOMORROW.

—Furniture Shop, Eighth Floor.

ALL BED SPRINGS REDUCED



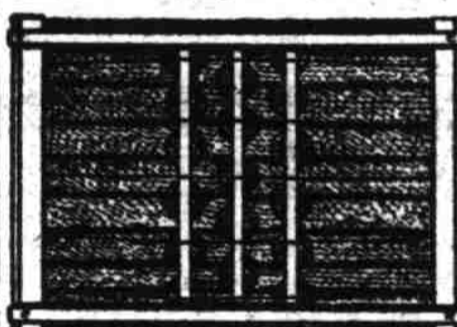
SPRING, LIKE ILLUSTRATION \$4.19

This spring is constructed of the famous Garry wishbone fabric, which is edged with 5/8-inch steel straps and connected at the ends by 54 oil-tempered helical springs. Each of these springs bears a 20-year guarantee label.



SPRING, LIKE ILLUSTRATION \$5.75

The 100 spirals employed in the construction of this spring are made from the best high carbon steel wire, oil tempered and japanned. It has patented model steel constructed bottom with continuous angle-iron hangovers. Fitted with patented interlocking cross crimped top, which is thoroughly braced. Absolutely guaranteed by the maker and ourselves. The price is very special for this quality.



THIS YUM YUM SPRING NOW AT \$2.39

Has been known to thousands of our patrons for many years as a very dependable spring at little cost. This sale brings you these celebrated springs at the exceptionally low price of \$2.39.

We are exclusive agents for the "Good Night Spring." It is the most comfortable spring made. Be sure and see it.

ALL MATTRESSES REDUCED

Every mattress in our entire fine stocks at good reductions. Supply all your mattress needs in this great semi-annual sale.

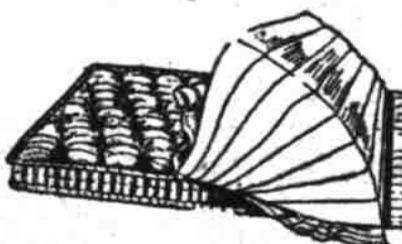
OSTERMOOR MATTRESSES

The filling is 100 per cent cotton of selected fabric. Various processes, both chemical and mechanical, form it into lofty, springy, fibrous "Ostermoor Sheets." These are hand made and built sheet upon sheet, layerwise, within the tick. By this method they are "built, not stuffed." Ostermoor mattresses will never mat or pack or become hard, uneven or lumpy. Absolutely guaranteed.



\$30.00 OSTERMOOR MATTRESS, 60-LB. SIZE, \$19.50
—In either one or two parts. Made with French edges and covered with German linen ticking.

50-LB. TWO-PIECE OSTERMOOR MATTRESSES AT \$15.50
—We have not increased the "old" price of \$15.50 for the 50-lb. Ostermoor mattress. The Nationally advertised price on this mattress is now \$18.50.



GOOD COTTON FELT MATTRESS AT LEFT \$8.45

A good cotton felt mattress made with full roll-edge, round corners, art ticking, special in this sale at \$8.45.

M. & F. SOLID COMFORT MATTRESS PRICED AT \$10.50

Made from layers of pure felted cotton.

Full roll-edge, round corners, good grade of art ticking. This mattress is made to our own exacting specifications and bears our absolute guarantee label.

M. & F. SPECIAL MATTRESS (SAME AS ABOVE) \$11.50
M. & F. HYGIENIC MATTRESS (SAME AS ABOVE) \$13.25

Special This Week Only

ANY BOX OR HAIR MATTRESS LESS... 10%

The box and hair mattress combination is positively the best thing known in the way of bedding. It is extremely comfortable as well as durable. These mattresses are not particularly expensive—almost everybody can afford to own one. Consider the pleasure and many other advantages in enjoying a luxury such as this for a little extra charge. All box or hair mattresses hand made in our own shops. Every one bears our absolute guarantee. Special this week only, less 10 per cent.

Easy Payments If Desired

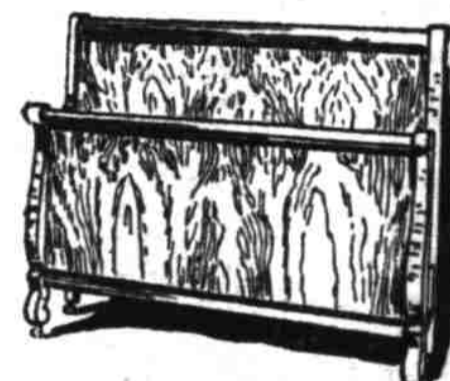
All we require is one-tenth amount of purchase down, balance in proportionately small monthly or weekly sums.

ALL WOODEN BEDS REDUCED

We show 146 entirely separate and distinct patterns of wooden beds. Every style and period of design in all woods, finishes and sizes. Complete suites to match every wooden bed. The items illustrated are merely examples of the values offered.



BED AS ILLUSTRATED \$13.65



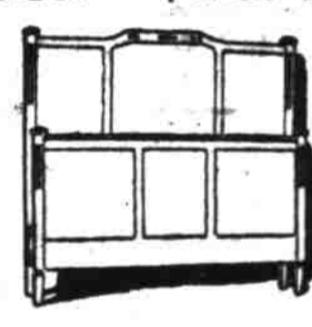
BED AS ILLUSTRATED \$19.90

Constructed throughout of quartered oak. First-class in every particular. In either full or twin sizes. Also in mahogany, \$13.85.

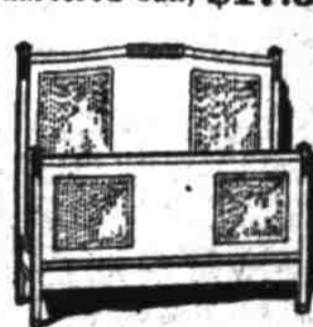
It is made of Circassian walnut. Best of workmanship and materials. Comes in either full or twin bed sizes. In quartered oak, \$17.50.



BED AS PICTURED \$13.90



BED AS PICTURED \$13.90



BED AS PICTURED \$24.85

Each of the above three beds in either full or twin sizes. Ivory enamel, high-lighted with antique ivory.



Twin or full size.

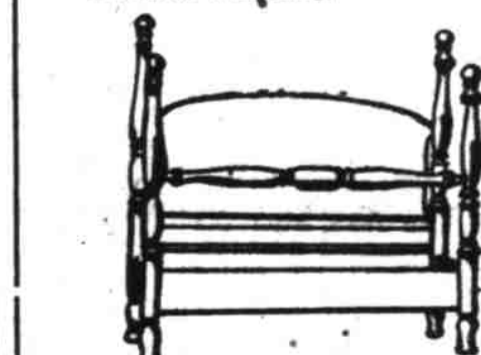


BED AT LEFT SAME AS ABOVE \$28.50



BED AT RIGHT WHITE ENAMEL \$9.65

Full size bed only.



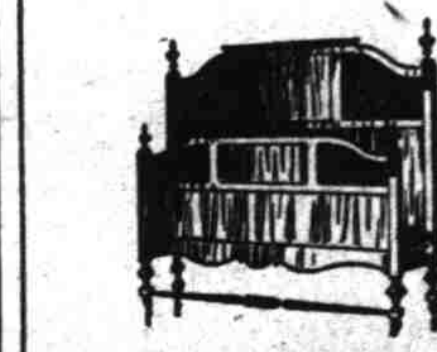
MAHOGANY BED AS ILLUSTRATED \$39.50

This mahogany poster bed is a product of the famous shops of W. K. Cowan. Twin size only.



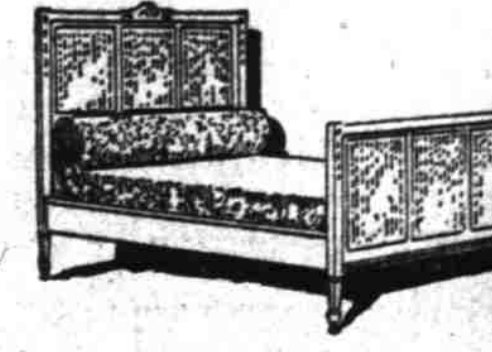
MAHOGANY BED AS ILLUSTRATED \$29.50

This Napoleon bed is made of mahogany and is first-class throughout. Either full or twin sizes.



MAHOGANY BED AS ILLUSTRATED \$27.50

William and Mary design, made of mahogany in full bed size.



MAHOGANY BED AS ILLUSTRATED \$29.50

Made in mahogany or antique ivory enamel in full or twin sizes. —Furniture Shop, Eighth Floor.