

FARMER SMITH IS REMEMBERED BY HIS OLD CAPTAIN

Captain Hicks of Civil War Era Sends Memento to Soldier Who Was Known as 'Leetle' Smith.

No friend has passed "Farmer" Smith of the O-W. R. & N. company the last few days without being given opportunity to inspect the veteran agriculturist's most prized Christmas remembrance. It came to him from his old company commander, Captain B. M. Hicks of Minneapolis. Hicks commanded company E, 11th Michigan volunteer infantry, and "Farmer" Smith, during the Civil War period, was known as Private "Leetle" Smith of company E. There are living today but 25 survivors of the company. Many of them lost their lives in battle. The scythe of old Father Time has found many of them since.

"This is what makes me feel like a boy wearing again the blue uniform of my country," said "Farmer" Smith, as he read from the card:

"This is the fifty-ninth time that Christmas with its joys and hearty greetings has come to us, since we took our first Christmas dinner together at Bardotown, Ky., December 25, 1861. No turkey, no cranberry sauce or plum pudding, just hardtack, sowbelly and black coffee without trimmings. Of the surviving 25, just 19 of this number were there, the other seven coming to us afterwards as recruits.

"We are truly happy over the thought that another year has passed away from us, and the Great Commander has not come to us with an order to muster out any of our numbers: we are still a band of 25 survivors.

"We are thankful that the Good Lord has spared our lives to see the end of the world war, and our boys come home with Old Glory covered with glory—not one stain on our flag.

"And we pray that we may be spared to see a peace ratified that will conserve our Americanism and at the same time give the world a lasting peace.

"Wave on, wave on, then, Old Glory. Our land is secure while thy colors endure.

"Land where honor is dearer than peace.

Wishing you all the joy of the holiday season, that your life may be spared to see the full fruition of your labors and sacrifices for our loved country, that you may enjoy a goodly share of this world's goods, that you may be surrounded with friends who will minister to your every want, I remain your captain, B. M. Hicks.

"Farmer" Smith is still as active as when a young man, his energy turned from fighting for his country to leading the people of the Northwest into the paths of success in agriculture.

LUMBERMEN PROVIDE WORK FOR DOUGHBOYS DESPITE CAR SHORTAGE

\$1000 Appropriated for Use of American Legion in Fighting I. W. W. at Centralia.

Regardless of the limited output of lumber mills in Oregon and Washington, due to the shortage of cars to handle their product, the mill operators have responded liberally to the appeal of the secretary of the West Coast Lumbermen's association for employment for discharged soldiers and sailors. Circulars and orders were mailed to lumbermen throughout the Northwest, asking their cooperation in securing employment for ex-service men. Replies have been of a most satisfactory nature and hundreds of men have been provided work, according to the secretary of the association.

The board of trustees of the West Coast association acted favorably on the recommendation passed at the general meeting of the organization at Tacoma last week, asking that \$1000 be appropriated from the general fund for use of the American Legion at Centralia, Wash., in combating I. W. W. activities in that neighborhood. No part of this fund will be used in the prosecution of the men under arrest charged with participation in the Armistice day massacre, but will be used in a general clean-up of I. W. W. infection and in assisting families of the men now in jail.

Police Conducting Inquiry Concerning Two Detained Men

A thorough investigation will be made into the actions of Fred C. Sloan and George Harrington, who were arrested Tuesday night at Second and Burnside streets by inspectors Coleman and Morak. The officers believe Sloan knows something about the safe blowing at the G. Strobeck store, 733 Patton road, where a safe was blown open several days ago. The evidence is strengthened by the finding of fuses in Sloan's room that compare with the fuse found in the basement of the store. Sloan was sentenced to a term at McNeil's Island in 1913 for blowing the safe in the postoffice at Redmond, Wash. Harrington is not regarded as a dangerous criminal. Morak thinks he is an apprentice yegman. They are being detained on an open charge until the police have time to make a thorough investigation.

Grand Opera Strikes; Recognition Wanted

Paris, Jan. 1. — (U. P.) — The entire personnel of the Paris grand opera today proclaimed a general strike, effective today, unless the government agreed to treat directly with employees of the Central union.

Our First Friday Surprise Ad "Oregonian" 30 Years Ago. FRIDAY Surprise Sale. MEIER & FRANK'S. For the First Sale. THIS DAY! We offer Right or Breakfast. Worned Lace Handkerchiefs. At 10c per yd. FOR THIS DAY ONLY. Our Assortment in Every Department the Largest to Select From. Our Prices Usually the Lowest.

"Economy Center": Our Lower Price Downstairs Store



In All Departments NOW: January Sales to Bring Down Living Costs

Good Evening Store Opens 9:15 Store Closes 5:45

"Friday Surprise" Attains Its 30th Year in These 1560th Friday Surprise Sales



MEIER & FRANK'S 1560TH FRIDAY SURPRISE SALES Surprise Sale Hand-Made Ribbon Novelties 1/2. A good selection of fancy ribbon novelties, some of which were slightly soiled during the holiday season. Included are sachet bags, powder puff sticks, camisoles, slippers, caps, baby things. Fancy Ribbons, Yard 59c. A wide variety of fancy ribbons, including broken lots of plaids, stripes, fancy brocades, satin taffetas and a few tastery ribbons. Regularly priced as high as \$1.25 yard.

FRIDAY SURPRISE was born in Portland thirty years ago of the MEIER & FRANK COMPANY'S desire to set aside a day each week on which EXTRAORDINARY value-giving would be offered the store's patrons. Originally confined to one department, the scope of the sales was steadily enlarged until it embraced every department of the greater MEIER & FRANK Store. The primary purpose of the day—extraordinary value—has been unalterably adhered to through changing times, seasons and conditions. Friday Surprise is today as it has been since its inception THE great weekly value-giving occasion of Portland. It answers perfectly the definition of an "Economy Festival" offering continuously to the public merchandise of reliable quality at substantially less than its worth. We invite you to celebrate with us the 30th birthday of the Friday Surprise Sales all over the store tomorrow.

For Friday and Saturday in The Store for Men. 1/4 Off Any Silk Tie In Our Superb Stock. REGULARLY \$2.00 TO \$6.00 KNIT TIES EXCEPTED. —Meier & Frank's: The Store for Men, Main Floor.

1560TH FRIDAY SURPRISE 1000 Women's Knit Vests On Sale Tomorrow at 39c. Our surprise price is about HALF what these garments would ordinarily sell for. Serviceable quality Swiss ribbed knit vests in fine lisle and cotton materials. Low neck, sleeveless and bodice top styles. Regular and extra sizes. Some have slight imperfections. —Meier & Frank's: Knit Underwear Shop, Main Floor.

MEIER & FRANK'S 1560TH FRIDAY SURPRISE SALES 1500 Pairs Fine Mercerized Lisle Hose Pair 37c. 3 pairs for \$1. Women's fine gauge light-weight mercerized lisle stockings with double garter welts. Seamless hose in black, white, brown, navy and other wanted colors. Exceptional values at, pair 37c or three pairs \$1. Children's Hose Pair 35c. Another great value! Children's fine lisle and cotton hose in assorted colors. Broken line of sizes, but all sizes in the lot. Pair 35c or 3 pairs \$1. —Meier & Frank's: Hosiery Shop, Main Floor.

COMING! THE WHITE SALE OF 1920 NEXT MONDAY AT 9:15 O'CLOCK. IT WILL BRING FULL CARGO OF ATTRACTIVE WHITE THINGS. WAIT FOR IT!

1560TH FRIDAY SURPRISE Sale of Velvet and Fancy Leather Hand Bags 1/2. Were \$7.50 to \$30.00 Now \$3.75 to \$15. A good selection of velvet and leather hand bags reduced to half price for Friday Surprise. —Meier & Frank's: Main Floor.

1560TH FRIDAY SURPRISE Fine Scrim Curtains Pair Special at \$1.59. A special purchase accounts for this great value. Several hundred pairs in the lot. Durable quality scrim curtains with attractive lace trimmings. These curtains are especially desirable for hotel use, being serviceable, attractive and low priced. —Meier & Frank's: Curtain Shop, Seventh Floor.

MEIER & FRANK'S 1560TH FRIDAY SURPRISE SALES "Life-Long" Work Boxes \$2.19. Just fifty of these "Life-Long" work boxes, as illustrated, made of wood and covered with attractive cretonne. Regularly \$3.50, for Friday Surprise \$2.19. Hand-Embroidered Doilies 19c. Another wonder sale for Friday. Six hundred beautiful hand-embroidered doilies in the six-inch size. On sale at, each 19c or in dozen lots at \$2. —Meier & Frank's: Needlework Shop, Second Floor.

Groceries Coffee, M. & F., 3 lbs. 45c \$1.30, lb. \$1.25. Floor, Olympic, fancy patent, barrel \$12.50, the \$3.15 49-lb. sack Asparagus Tips, Del Monte, No. 1 square cans, 3 cans 32c 95c. can Mincod Clams, fancy new pack, No. 1 cans, doz. \$2.10. 19c three cans 55c. can Baking Powder, Schilling's Best, 2 1/2-lb. can \$1.14. 48c the 16-oz. can Soap, Crystal White, 100 bars \$6.65, 10 bars . . . 68c —Meier & Frank's: Grocery, 9th Floor.

MEIER & FRANK'S 1560TH FRIDAY SURPRISE SALES \$14.45 Women's and Misses' Winter Coats. Were \$19.50, \$22.50, \$25.00 and \$27.50. Astonishing values! Good warm, well-constructed coats with a quantity of "style" and plenty of youthful becomingness. Two pictured. Kersey and melton in brown, black, blue—some with plush collars. It would be impossible to buy the material and make them at home for such a price! —Meier & Frank's: Fashion Salons, Fourth Floor.

MEIER & FRANK'S 1560TH FRIDAY SURPRISE SALES Regular \$9.83 Edwin M. KNOWLES 32-Pc. Dinner Sets \$6.49. Remarkable surprise values! Two hundred of these 32-piece dinner sets in the well-known Edwin M. Knowles "Mayflower" shape (No. 317). One of Our Prettiest Patterns. Pretty pink rose design with dainty blue edge decoration on ivory background. Sets consist of: Six 4-inch plates, six 7-inch plates, six tea cups, six saucers, six fruit saucers, one 8-inch platter, one 6-inch nappy. "Open Stock"—other pieces can be had at moderate prices. —Meier & Frank's: Basement, Fifth Street

MEIER & FRANK'S 1560TH FRIDAY SURPRISE SALES Extra Special Surprise Offerings. The type is small but the values big in these nine extra special surprise sales: Men's Initial Kerchiefs 19c. Linen wett cloth handkerchiefs with hand-loom colored embroidered initial, 1/4-inch hemstitched hems. Six for \$1.10. —Meier & Frank's: Main Floor. Women's Lawn Kerchiefs 12c. One-corner embroidered designs in white and colored handloom work. Narrow hems. —Meier & Frank's: Main Floor. Our 40c Quality Flannelette 25c. Thirty-six inches wide. Short lengths, two to eight yards. Many patterns and colors for kimonos and quilt coverings. —Meier & Frank's: Second Floor. Ready-to-Wear Hats \$1. A surprise clearaway of women's small ready-to-wear hats, also un-trimmed shapes in velvet, beaver and combinations. —Meier & Frank's: Fourth Floor. \$6 Tricolette \$3. Remaining stock of this fiber silk tricolette in navy, open and Belgian blue, tan, seal, taupe, old rose, nickel gray, black and ivory. Limited supply at half price. —Meier & Frank's: Second Floor. Sale \$1.00-\$1.25 Brooches 79c. Gold-filled brooches set with colored stones or enamel flowers. Limited number. —Meier & Frank's: Main Floor. Sale 25c-40c Laces 19c. Shadow, Point de Paris, Platt Val, Fillet, Crochet, Cluny and Venise edges and bands from one to five inches wide. —Meier & Frank's: Main Floor. Regular \$1.00 Flouncing 69c. Twenty-seven inch lawn embroidered flouncing with hemstitched ruffled edge. —Meier & Frank's: Main Floor. Women's Wash Neckwear 19c. Venise lace models, Swiss and organdy collars, embroidered collars. Also boudoir caps in white and colors. Two for 35c. —Meier & Frank's: Main Floor.

MEIER & FRANK'S 1560TH FRIDAY SURPRISE SALES Sale of Overcoats FOR MEN AND YOUNG MEN \$18.75. Choice of 50 men's and young men's winter overcoats at this price while any remain tomorrow. Many All Wool. Medium and heavy weight chevots in green, tan, brown and oxford. Plain or belted all around. Convertible collar that buttons up snugly under chin. Slash pockets. Sizes 34 to 44. Overcoats for Boys 2 1/2 to 8 Years \$7.85. Regular \$12.50 values. Smart double-breasted models with belts all around. Fully lined. Blue, gray and heather mixtures. For dress or play. —Meier & Frank's: Third Floor, Fifth Street.

MEIER & FRANK'S 1560TH FRIDAY SURPRISE SALES "Bissell's" Carpet Sweeper \$3.29. A new shipment just received brings a limited number of well known "Bissell's" carpet sweepers at the very special price of \$3.29. —Meier & Frank's: Carpet Shop, Seventh Floor.

MEIER & FRANK'S 1560TH FRIDAY SURPRISE SALES A Great Sale of Women's High Shoes \$4.15. A special purchase made before the big advance in wholesale shoe prices enables us to offer 385 pairs of women's high shoes in staple styles at this surprise price. Black kid lace and button shoes with medium and French heels. Black calfskin and patent button shoes with black cloth tops and Cuban heels. Tan and black English walking shoes with Neolin soles. —Meier & Frank's: Shoe Shop, Third Floor.