



1-4 off Pattern Suits. Tell your friends about it. Our special sale of Ladies' Pattern Suits at 1/4 off regular price will continue this week.

Specials in every Dep't. Buying made interesting, convenient and advantageous to you. Money back if goods are not as represented.

Boys' Clothing.

Strong Suits for the Boys.



Every stitch and seam is true and firm. The fabric is strong and of a color that won't soil easily. These suits are put together for the roughest kind of wear. You might pay a dollar or so more for them elsewhere; here they are marked

\$2.50

Boys' Reefer Coats.

They are very handsome and much admired by every one—the boys especially. Some boys will not wear an overcoat; these same boys however will not object to a reefer. Colors are red, black and tan.

\$3.75, 4.50 and 6.00.



Boys' Cape Overcoats....

Yes, we have them. The dependable, satisfactory kind. The kind the least number of boys object to. Because the styles are right; neatly braided around Cape.

\$2.00 to \$5.00

A. M. WILLIAMS & COMPANY.

EASTERN OREGON'S GREATEST DRY GOODS STORE.

We credit every one with common sense—improbable stories never find place under our name in these columns. This week's store news is brimful of good things. We might fill this page with a collection of bargains (?), but a strict rule in this house forbids indiscriminate advertising. There must be some good reason for telling the story of an article here. The price and quality is just as good as you wish to have them. The quantity large enough to supply anyone who might ask.

NOTE THE THINGS WE SPEAK OF TODAY.

Ladies' Petticoats

All the new and wanted styles. Made of silk, (plain or changeable) worsteds or yarns.

Fine crochet petticoat, made of a fine yarn, in pretty two-color combinations—pink and tan, blue and white, black and red, etc.; made with a specially fitted waistband.

Special prices—40 to 50c.

Infant's Cloaks.

75c to \$1.25.

Real choice ones. Made of cotton, elderdown, in pretty mixtures and fancy patterns, trimmed around collar with white Angora fur.

Our extra buying facilities helped us out again. Ordinarily we would ask from fifty cents to a dollar more for them.

Men's Black Clay Suits

\$8.50

These suits are sold by our competitors at \$10.00. The material is a Black Clay Worsted, full 30 oz. weight; the style a round cut sack coat. See these before buying elsewhere.

Velvet, Silk and Wool Waists

\$1.50 to 8.00

Infant's Mittens.

Cream white, pair 10c
Cream, pink or blue 15c
Pure silk mittens, cream, red or black, 25c
Children's mittens, black.....10c

Portieres.

Pretty hangings add much to the pleasantness of your rooms. Our derby cloth portieres from

\$1.90 to \$12.00

offer you all that's new and attractive in this line. Consider these for Xmas giving

Childrens Jackets.

Artistic creations for the little Miss of 4 to 12. Prices not high when quality is considered.

Lot 2265, is a beautiful coat, made of a novelty cloth of excellent wearing quality, handomely trimmed.

at \$4.00

Other styles, plenty of them at \$1.75 and on to \$7.50.

Ladies' Mittens.

Nice warm cozy ones; any style or kind your heart desires.

10 cents to \$1.75.

Ask to see our 50c special silk mitten. They are double knit, pure silk, satin ribbon bow on back.

Cloaks

Infants All-wool Elderdown Boucle and Cloth

Beautifully Trimmed in Braid and Fur

\$3 to \$4 50.

1-4 off on Fancy Silks. To accommodate the many who were unable to take advantage of our special sale of Fancy Silks last week, we will continue the sale during this entire week. All waist patterns of 5 yard lengths reduced 1/4 in price.

The place to trade. Money saving on every purchase. Money back at every turn if goods are not as represented.

Notion Department.

You can buy these little things anywhere, but nowhere at such little prices. Note these and remember them:

- Sperm sewing machine oil, per bottle.....4c
- Whisk brooms, each.....5c
- Toilet soap, per cake.....2c
- 1 package non-twist tape, 3 widths.....4c
- Hand brushes, each.....2c
- 1 box black pins.....1c
- 1 dozen curtain pins.....2c
- 1 key ring.....1c
- 1 leather watch chain.....2c
- 1 bottle ink.....3c

Cut Prices on Shoes....



A clearance sale of odd lines of men's and children's fine shoes is now in progress in our shoe department.

- Men's \$5.50 shoes reduced to.....\$3.50
- Men's \$4.00 shoes reduced to.....2.95
- Men's \$2.50 shoes reduced to.....1.60
- Child's kid shoes, patent tips, worth \$1.50, reduced to.....1.20
- Child's \$1.50, reduced to.....1.05

A. M. Williams & Co.

VOLUNTEERS WILL BE RELIEVED

This Announcement Has Been Given Out By the War Department.

OREGON BOYS WILL COME HOME

Regulars Will Go to Manila as Soon as Transportation Can Be Secured, and the Volunteers Will Be Returned in Their Order.

PORTLAND, Dec. 7.—A telegram was received here this morning which ought to bring joy and gladness to every heart in Oregon. It is as follows:

Denver, Dec. 7.—The Rocky Mountain News prints the following telegram from Secretary Alger, dated at Washington, Dec. 6:

"It is proposed to send regulars to relieve the volunteer regiments in Manila just as soon as transportation can be arranged. The volunteers will be returned to the United States in the order in which they left."

This would bring the troops back in the following order: First California, Second Oregon, First Colorado, Tenth Pennsylvania, and the Utah battery.

The circumstances surrounding the issuance of this piece of information indicate that it is authentic and true.

A few weeks ago the governor of Colorado, who had been using his influence to have a prominent young Colorado volunteer discharged from the service in Manila, received a letter from Adjutant-General Corbin stating that it was the purpose of the president to have the volunteers sent home as soon as regulars can be provided to take their place.

Beyond question the letter was not intended for publication, as the peace negotiation were at a critical point at that time, but the letter fell into the hands of the newspapers, and was widely printed. Secretary Alger wired a contradiction of the statement, and it was thought at the time that the war department considered it bad policy to give out any such information until peace was concluded.

A day or two after the announcement that Spain would accept the terms of the United States, and that peace was assured, a number of regiments of regulars stationed in Wisconsin were ordered to proceed to San Francisco, preparatory to sailing for Manila early in January, and now comes the information from Secretary Alger that regulars will take the place of volunteers as soon as the change can be made.

The president has said it was his purpose to relieve the volunteers with regulars, and has asked congress to increase the army sufficiently to allow him to do so.

It is the opinion of those who have given the matter thought that the exchanges could not possibly be completed in less than three months from the time it begins, and as the regulars are ordered to be ready to sail from San Francisco between January 5th and 12th it may be April or May before the Oregon boys get home. The thought that they are soon to come, however will make the time go by rapidly, and in

ROYAL Baking Powder

Made from pure cream of tartar. Safeguards the food against alum.

Alum baking powders are the greatest menaces to health of the present day.

less than a year from the time of their departure it is very probable that the brave boys of Oregon will again be settled down in their native land.

\$100 Reward \$100.

The readers of this paper will be pleased to learn that there is at least one dreaded disease that science has been able to cure in all its stages, and that is Catarrh. Hall's Catarrh Cure is the only positive cure known to the medical fraternity. Catarrh being a constitutional disease, requires a constitutional treatment. Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally, acting directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces of the disease and giving the patient strength by building up the constitution and assisting nature in doing its work. The proprietors have so much faith in its curative powers, that they offer One Hundred Dollars for any case that it fails to cure. Send for list of testimonials. Address, F. J. CHENEY, & Co., Toledo, O. Sold by druggists, 75c. Hall's Family Pills are the best. DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve Cures Piles, Scalds, Burns.

PRESIDENT'S COURSE CRITICIZED

The Debate Was Started by Hoar, who Made a Vigorous Protest.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 7.—At 12:16 the senate went into executive session, and a long debate upon the question of confirmation of the Hawaiian commissioners. The debate was started by Hoar, who made a vigorous protest against the practice of appointing senators on such a commission. He said senators so appointed became duly authorized agents of the president to carry out his ideas and wishes, and claimed this was not compatible with their functions as senators. The same objection, he said, applied to the peace commission at Paris.

The appointing of senators and commissions was defended by Morgan (Ala.) and Platt (Conn.) who claimed there was nothing inconsistent in doing so. The debate then became somewhat general, and the constitutional prerogatives of the president and rights of the senate were discussed at length, upon the legal and technical phrases of the subject.

Enterprising Druggists.

There are few men more wide awake and enterprising than Blakely & Houghton, who spare no pains to secure the best of everything in their line for their many customers. They now have the valuable agency for Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, Coughs and Colds. This is the wonderful remedy that is producing such a furor all over the country by its many startling cures. It absolutely cures Asthma, Bronchitis, Hoarseness and all affections of the throat, chest and lungs. Call at the above drugstore and get a trial bottle

free or a regular size for 50 cents and \$1. Guaranteed to cure or price refunded.

To Be Concluded this Week.

PARIS, Dec. 7.—There was no joint session of the peace commission today, as the Spaniards are still occupied in translating the American answer to their proposals in regard to the status of Spanish subjects in annexed territory.

As cabled last evening, the eight principal articles of the treaty are settled, and all that remains for the commissions to attend to is the settlement of minor points of the treaty. The latter will probably be signed Saturday next, for the Spaniards are as anxious as the Americans to finish the work in hand.

Fire Near Woodburn.

WOODBURN, Or., Dec. 6.—The farm residence of Mrs. G. M. Engle, one and a half miles east of Woodburn, was totally destroyed by fire at 9:30 last night. Mrs. Engle is now a permanent resident of Portland. The house was occupied by I. F. Clark, who lost everything except the clothing he wore. The origin of the fire is a mystery. Mr. and Mrs. Clark were visiting in Woodburn at the time. The loss on the building is \$200; contents \$500. There was no insurance.

Boat Was Overturned.

ASTORIA, Dec. 6.—Alex Hansen, a fisherman, about 50 years of age, was drowned this afternoon in about three feet of water on the tideflats in front of Alderbrook. He was in a skiff that overturned, and he made no effort to save himself, although ropes and boards were thrown to him from the net above. He left a widow and several children.

A cough is not like a fever. It does not have to run a certain course. Cure it quickly and effectually with One Minute Cough Cure, the best remedy for all ages and for the most severe cases. We recommend it because it's good.

MESSAGE SUITS THE CUBANS

Taken As Proof of Honesty of the President's Purposes.

NEW YORK, Dec. 7.—A dispatch to the Herald from Havana says:

President McKinley's message has given the greatest satisfaction to all Cubans who look upon it as a definite declaration of the policy of the United States toward Cuba. Rafael Portillo, the president of the Cuban assembly, said:

"The message is most satisfactory to Cuban aspiration and will have an excellent effect here. It proves beyond further cavil and dispute the president's honest intentions toward Cuba. It will quiet many of our more violent associates, who have talked loudly about America and have been suspicious of her intentions and it will enable those, like myself, who have believed and trusted in her, to co-operate more fully with her officials in their work. It is a good message, and fully satisfies us."

Henry B. Hyde Seriously Ill.

NEW YORK, Dec. 7.—The World says that Henry B. Hyde, president of the Equitable Life Assurance Society, is seriously ill at his home in this city, suffering from nervous exhaustion. His physician said last night in reply to a direct question whether Mr. Hyde would ever be able to resume his duties: "It would certainly be against the advice of his physicians. His age and extremely enfeebled condition are not such that the very great improvement necessary can hardly be looked for."

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