

**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 Dept.** 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. If you have 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.

### Velvet, Silk and Wool Waists

**\$1.50 to 8.00**

### 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, handsomely trimmed.

at **\$4.00**

Other styles, plenty of them at \$1.75 and on to \$7.00.



### Infant's Cloaks.

75c to \$1.25.

Real choice ones. Made of cotton, eldredown, 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 20 oz. weight; the style a round cut sack coat. See these before buying elsewhere.

### 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



### 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



### 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 Eldredown 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 at every turn—on every purchase. Money back—always. 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.....3c
- Toilet soap, per cake.....3c
- 1 package non-twist tape, 5 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 \$3.50 shoes reduced to.....\$3.50
- Men's \$4.50 shoes reduced to.....2.95
- Men's \$2.50 shoes reduced to.....1.90
- Child's kid shoes, patent tips, worth \$1.90, reduced to.....1.20
- Child's \$1.50, reduced to.....1.00

**A. M. Williams & Co.**

## SPAIN DIES HARD; BUT SURELY DIES

Their Final Protest Against Americans Presented by Rios.

## CONSCIENCE OF NATIONS INVOKED

Claim that Spain is a Victim of Abuse of the Rights of One Nation by Another—The President's Alleged Insult.

PARIS, Dec. 9.—Rios, president of the Spanish peace commission, and Ojeda, the secretary, are still confined to their beds. The illness of Ojeda delays the engrossing of the treaty, and it is doubtful whether it will be signed before Monday. The Americans held the usual session this morning. The Spaniards continue making bitter comments concerning President McKinley's reference to the Maine.

The Spaniards made a last contribution in the recent assembling of the commissions, when Rios presented a vigorously worded protest, in which they declared they had yielded to force, but they invoked the conscience of the nations against the abuse of the rights of a nation, of which they were the victims. The protest was for the purpose

of record, and consisted of argument in support of every concession demanded by the Spaniards and the Americans refused.

In spite of the secrecy observed by the Americans, it is learned that this treaty in substance consists of thirteen or fourteen articles. The principal articles provide for the cessation and evacuation of Cuba, Porto Rico and the Philippine islands, and the political, financial and administrative results thereof, and acquisition by the United States of public property and the relinquishment of the archives.

Articles of secondary importance determine the status of Spanish subjects residing in the ceded territory and unfinished lawsuits and contracts, guarantees of the same terms to Spanish shipping and merchandise and American shipping and merchandise in the Philippines for ten years and leaving the status of Spanish commerce in the West Indies to be settled later. An important provision is the guarantee of religious freedom in the ceded territory.

### Abarzuza Talks.

New York, Dec. 9.—A World special from Paris says:

"A final, definitive treaty of peace, containing fourteen articles, has been agreed upon," said Senor Abarzuza, of the Spanish commission. "It has been drawn and engrossed on parchment in triplicate, and will be signed at the Quai d'Orsay (French foreign ministry, where the peace commissions have met), on Saturday, or at the very latest, on next Monday."

Judge Day, president of the United States commission, says the treaty will be a secret document until it reaches President McKinley and the senate, but adds:

"The conclusion of peace by a treaty was a very gratifying thing. Failure in respect of it would have been a misfortune for both nations."

## 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.

## STILL REACHING OUT IN CHINA

United States and England Must Act Promptly and Together if Their Rights are to be Maintained.

SHANGHAI, Dec. 9.—John Barrett, formerly United States minister to Siam, has returned here after visiting Peking and the principal cities and ports. He says the situation in China is one of the most critical nature, and Manchuria is no longer Chinese, but Russian territory. He asserts that New Chwang, the chief northern port for the movement of American products, is also practically Russian, and is liable to be closed any day.

The only permanent safeguard to paramount American and British interests, Barrett says, is immediate and united

action by the interested governments to defend their territory in the Chinese empire, to force reforms in the government, to prevent further cession of ports and provinces, and to insist upon an "open door" policy in all the ports of China, including the spheres of influence of Russia, Germany and France. Otherwise, Barrett contends, the impending partition of the Chinese empire will seriously curtail the field of trade by disastrously affecting American and British influence in Asia.

### One More Victim.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 9.—Another body was taken from the ruins of the Baldwin hotel late last night. Wreckers delving into the debris on the Market street side turned up a charred mass of flesh, which at the morgue was pronounced to be the remains of a human being.

There was absolutely nothing to indicate the identity of the corpse, which is believed to be that of a woman. Several letters were discovered near the body, but they are not supposed to throw any light on the mystery, as they are directed to Mrs. Benjamin Wetherby, who with her husband, escaped from the building unharmed. The Wetherbys are now on their way to Portland, Or. He is a traveling salesman for a Massachusetts shoe house.

Pains in the chest when a person has a cold indicate a tendency toward pneumonia. A piece of flannel dampened with Chamberlain's Pain Balm and bound on to the chest over the seat of pain will promptly relieve the pain and prevent the threatened attack of pneumonia. This same treatment will cure a lame back in a few hours. Sold by Blakeley & Houghton.

To Cure a Cold in One Day. Take Laxative Bromo Quinine Tablets. All druggists refund the money if it fails to cure. 25c.

## PRESENT TO OREGON SOLDIERS

Volunteers Stationed at Manila Soon to Be Ordered Home to Be Mustered Out.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 8.—Representative Tongue today interviewed the assistant secretary of war and the adjutant-general with reference to procuring the discharge of several members of the Second Oregon volunteers, now in Manila. Mr. Tongue has been asked on numerous occasions to secure the discharge of different members of the regiment, some on account of poor health and others who are needed at home to support dependent families. Both officials with whom he conversed assured him that the Oregon regiment will soon be ordered home, and, after being furloughed for 60 days, as was the case with all volunteers who saw service outside the United States, will then be discharged. Before discharges could be forwarded to Manila, the troops will probably be on their way home, and it will, therefore, be useless to take further steps in this direction. The secretary stated that the friends of Oregon volunteers should be patient, for it would be much better that the regiment return as a body than that the members come home individually. Coming as a regiment, the men will have their transportation and rations furnished by the government, whereas individually some trouble might be experienced in this respect. The secretary of war has telegraphed to headquarters at Manila, stating that the volunteers stationed at that station are to be mustered out in the same order in which they reached the Philippines. According to this, the Oregon men will be among the first to come home.

## TROOPS BY WAY OF SUEZ

Next Expedition to Cross the Atlantic Instead of the Pacific.

New York, Dec. 9.—A dispatch to the Tribune from Washington says: The next regiment to start for Manila will embark at New York about the end of this month and will go through the Suez canal. The expedition will consist of three regiments of regular infantry, distributed between two of the largest converted transports owned by the government, with perhaps a convoy of two warships.

The decision to use New York as the point of embarkation instead of San Francisco, whence all the earlier forces started for the Philippines, was reached by General Corbin after a careful review of a number of considerations, chief among which was the urgency for haste. The early completion of the treaty of peace with Spain renders indispensable a prompt increase of the American forces, not only at Manila, but to provide additional garrisons for important centers in the archipelago, which will immediately fall under American domination with its accompanying responsibility for the security of life and property.

At the present time the government is wholly without available transports in the Pacific ocean to meet the emergency.

### Bucklen's Arnica Salve.

The best salve in the world for cuts, bruises, sores, ulcers, salt rheum, fever sores, tetter, chapped hands, chilblains, corns, and all skin eruptions, and positively cures piles, or no pay required. It is guaranteed to give perfect satisfaction, or money refunded. Price 25 cents per box. For sale by Blakeley and Houghton, druggists.