Complainants Seek to Re-Oregon Linen Mills Expert cover \$165,000 From . Railroad Company,

The state supreme court yesterday heard arguments of attorneys in the suits brought by the Booth- for the new Oregon Linen Mills, Kelly Lumber company and Ham- Inc., was being worked out yester-

that the Booth-Kelly company it is understood, is to be manufaccontracted with the defendant cor- tured in Leeds and in Belfast. poration for the purchase of 47,- Mr. Aldred and Mr. Oliver are in 000 acres of railroad grant lands New York at present. for which it was to pay \$7 an acre. A similar contract was negotiated by Hammond and Winton for the purchase of 19,283 that the contract will be signed at acres of the grant lands at \$10 an

this amount of money for the action as swiftly as possible.

from the railroad corporation a eration before the end of August. refund of \$2.50, an acre, which suit later was appealed to the state supreme court.

The Booth-Kelly company claims a refund of \$177,000, while Hammond and Winton are asking to recover approximately \$48,500. S. W. Williams, representing the United States attorney general's office in Washington, was here today to protect the government's interest in the suits.

#### "PEDDLER FEE LAW" IS DECLARED VALID

Insively in selling and or deliverng goods, wares and merchandise within five miles of the boundaries of a city are exempted, it may be, for the reason that the streets of municipalities are built and mainatined by special assessment funds and not by motor vehicle li-

"Business houses occassionally are obliged to deliver articles of corporate limits, and the fegislature in its discretion granted to this class the privilege of so using the highways beyond corporate limits within a limited radius. 434.29 during 1925, leaving a This concession is not unreason- balance of \$337,365.71 for the able in view of the fact that our wonderful system of highways could not have been built or maintained had it not been for the thousands of owners of commercial vehicles whose places of business are in the cities and who sel- of \$149,527.49. Out of a total dom use the highways. Yet they appropriation of \$75,080 authornay their just portion of this pub- ized for the Old Soldiers Home lie burden. But, say the petition- for the biennium, there remains ers, why make it a five limit? \$36,474,93. There was expended Why not 10, 20 or 30 miles? With at this institution in 1925 a total like propriety we might ask, why of \$38,604.07. did the legislature require a certain Heense fee for an antomobile tion for the blind had an approhaving a weight of 2000 pounds? priation of \$42,355.23, of which Why not fix the fee on a basis of \$37,822.66 had been expended.

discretion of the legislature and which will not be sufficient to are subject to review when their conduct the plant during more purpose is in keeping with the gen: than one or two months of this eral legislation of the state in building and maintaining roads. As it is reasonable to require a greater fee for the operation of heavier automobile because of damage sustained by the roads, it is likewise just and equitable to exact higher fees of owners who are given the right and privilege of operating their motor vehicles over a greater extent of highways. This law makes no distinction among those of the same class. It reats all alike who are similarly situated, and thereby meets the constitutional requirement that all citizens must be given equal protection of the laws.

"Realtors complain because the act makes a distinction between the buyer and the seller in the peration of commercial vehicles. Why should it not be so in view of the greater use of the roads by he latter class? We think there is reasonable ground for the dis-

"After careful consideration we ire of the opinion that the act in question is constitutional and that its classifications have a reasonable basis. The secretary of state was right in refusing to issue licenses to the petitioners for the reason that they failed to include n their tenders the additional tax which the statute requires. It follows that the demurrer to the freshed. Your head will be clear, alternative writ of mandamus is stomach sweet, tongue pink and sustained and the cause dismiss-

Negotiating for Foreign Equipment

Contract for \$100,000 worth of preparing and spinning machinery mond and Winton to recover from day by J. J. Aldred, representing the Oregon - California Railroad the Salem plant, and Mr. Oliver, company approximately \$165,000. representing machinery m; nufac-The records in the case show turers of Europe. The machinery,

A special meeting of the board of directors of the linen mill will be held Monday. It is expected this time. Mr. Aldred and Mr. Oliver are planning to wire the It was alleged that after paying contract to Salem in order to get

lands the grant was revoked by . It is understood that 90 days an act of congress with the result will be allowed from date of signthat the plaintiff corporations ing the contract for the manufacwere compelled to pay to the fed- turing of the machinery. This eral government an additional would mean that the machinery 32.50 an acre to obtain satisfac- would be ready for shipment to Salem about May. It is predicted Suit later was started by the that several shipments will be re-Booth-Kelly Lumber company and quired. However, officers of the Hammond and Winten to recover plant hope to have the mill in op-

The machinery to be purchased was the amount the plaintiffs in Europe is entirely new. Some were compelled to pay to the gov- second hand machinery was reernment. The circuit court for cently purchased in Lockport, New Multnomah county held for the York. This, however, is for weavplaintiffs with the result that the ing and finishing while the new machinery is for repairing and spinning.

The Salem plant is to be an exhaustive one. In Europe, it is said, preparing and spinning are handled by one plant and weaving and finishing by another. The Salem mill, however, will perform all these functions.

#### **ELEVEN INSTITUTIONS** REPORT 1926 SURPLUS

tion that common carriers are There remains in the funds of granted special privileges or im- this institution for the year 1926 munities, for they are required to the amount of \$23,523.28. This pay \$4 for each passenger, in ad- institution shows a slight deficit dition to the fees prescribed ac- in its operating expense account cording to the weight of the motor and a slight surplus in its salary and wage account.

had an appropriation of \$112,-994 for the biennium. Of this amount there was expended in 1925 a total of \$52,870.60. There remains in the funds of this institution for 1926 a total of \$60,-

for the conduct of the state industrial school for girls there remains \$28,611.47 for the year commerce to customers beyond 1926. Expenditures for 1925 aggregated \$35,228.53.

The eastern Oregon state hospital, with a biennial appropriation of \$617,800, expended \$280;year 1926. There was appropriated for this institution for betterments \$271,000, of which \$121,472,51 has been expended. There remains available for improvements in 1926 the amount

The Oregon employment institu-There remains in the funds of "Such matters rest within the this institution only \$4532.57,

DUFUR MERCHANT DIES

THE DALLES, Ore., Jan. 5 .-By Associated Press) .- Philip R. Knowles, 64, prominent Dufur merchant and ex-mayor of that city, died today following an apopletic stroke. Funeral services will be held Thursday at Dufur.

### Feel Splendid! Nicest Laxative, "Cascarets" 10c



any time will mild-

Because "Cascarets" never gripe Going after a thing is of course est selling laxative in the world.

Directions for men, women, children on each box—any drugstore.

Adv.



9-4 Pequot Sheeting 59c Regular standard quality, bleached, high grade Sheeting

Turkish Towels 25c Double Thread, good quality Turkish Towels

27 Inch White Outing Flannel 19c Extra good quality; suitable for infants and bed wear purposes

36 Inch White Outing Flannel 22c In this assortment are also colored stripes suitable for Night Gowns and Pajamas

36 In Rayon Crepes Clearance

An extra large display of this popular materialsuitable for the new spring dresses.

**Everfast Suiting** New Spring

The new 1926 price is to be 49c-look for name on selvage of every yard.

Colored Corduroys 69c 33 inch colored Corduroys, regular Waterside Washable

#### Silk Draperies

Our entire stock, ranging in widths 36 to 46 inches, such colors as Rose, Gold Blue, Mulberry, also fancy stripes and bro-

Clearance Price

#### Woolen Dress Goods

56 inches wide \$2.59 Clearance, yd. In this assortment of odd lots are values up to \$3.95 a yard. All wool plain fabrics, also stripes and checks.

Values to \$3.00 A lot of short lengths and odd lots of silks suitable for dresses, linings and blouses.

#### **Curtain Nets**

36 inch Clear-

A large assortment of colored, ecru and ivory curtain nets for window draperies.

#### Chenille Brocade

40 inches Clearance

fancy dresses.

Regular values up to \$8.45. Lovely colorings and patterns, suitable for

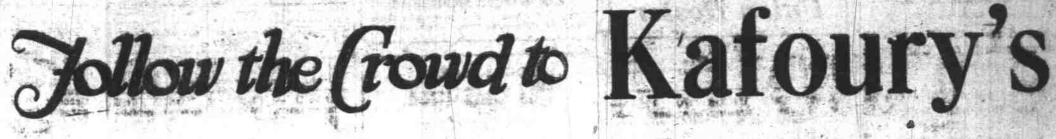
#### Dress Silks

Clearance prices. 54 inch Satin Charmuese and Satin Crepe, regular. \$7.98, Clear-ance price yd. \$5.98

Many Other Bargains in Silks, Woolen Dress Goods and Coatings

## Downstairs Store

Clearance Sa	Clearance Sale Bargains	
hildren's Hose pair 11c owels, 25x14 11c oinch Unbleach- 14c d Muslin, yd. 14c	Women's Outsize Hose a pair 75c to 95c value, a pair 39c \$1.25 Sheets, \$1.00 Women's Pajamas and	
7 inch Outing 16c	Night Gowns, \$1,25 and \$1.50 at 98c	
lar \$1.50 and 98c	Women's \$1.98 \$1.49 Dresses at	
ancy covered flat 69c		
Vomen's Union 98c	Women's 79c 59c	
Heavy Cotton Blankets, 4x76, regular (2) 95	Women's \$5.95, \$5.50, \$4.50 Dresses \$9 00	



Our Annual January

## Store-Wide Clearance Sale

Of All Stocks Begins

THURSDAY, 10 o'Clock a.m.

And there will be crowds of eager buyersthere always has and there always will be, for it marks the period of greatest value giving and lowest price of dependable merchandise.

# January (learance Sale

Silks--Woolens--Wash Fabrics--Linens Bedding--Gloves--Hose--Underwear Women's Coats--Dresses--Corsets

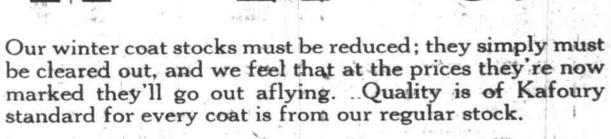


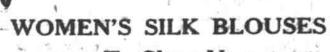
Here are just a few of the many items offered-we can't list all of the bargains. Come and share in this clearance.

## Womens' Coats

THREE GROUPS AT CLEARANCE PRICES

\$1475 \$2475 \$3975





Former values up to \$6.50

Now Odds and Ends

Venetian Sateen, \$2.79 value for ....

To Clean Up

Women's Cotton Wash Blouses, former \$2.98 \$1.49 values, Clearance price .....

Pettibocker Bloomers, made of good quality \$1.98

#### WOMEN'S DRESSES Silk or Wool

Special Lot, former values from \$15.00, \$16.00 to \$25.00 \$10.75

Included are dresses of Cut Velvet, Duvetyn, Flannels, Canton Crepe, Crepe Satin and Crepe de Chine.

One lot of Women's Corsets Clearance Sale price

One lot of Women's Brassieres \$1.00 Clearance Sale price

### ALL FUR PIECES AT KAFOURY CLEARANCE HALF PRICE

One Special Lot of Infants' Shirts

Regular cotton and wool; sifk and wool, and 49c all wool, values to \$2.00, to clean up quickly ....

Women's Wool Sweaters

Special lot of brushed wool; Fancy Knit; silk and wool and Popcorn Stitch, regular \$7.95, \$8.50, \$8.95 values, Clearance Sale, each

Women's and Children's White Muslinwear

Children's white Gowns, Combinations and Panties, choice..... Women's white Gowns and Combinations, outsizes, values to \$1.98, Clearance price.

soiled, regular \$1.98 to \$2.25

Clearance Sale price, each...

Women's Outing Flannel Gowns One special lot in various styles, all sizes, slightly

HOSE AND GLOVE BARGAINS AT CLEARANCE PRICES





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