

MILLER STORE CHANGES MADE

Improvements are Part of Expansion Program Found Necessary

Completing a program of improvements which have been in progress since February, the Miller Mercantile company has manifested its confidence in the future of Salem as a center for merchandise distribution. The firm has been in business here 21 years, purchasing an old, established firm. There were 23 employees then; now the business has doubled and 60 employees are required, with a monthly payroll in excess of \$5,000.

This is part of an expansion program," said Brown Sisson, store manager yesterday, "made necessary by growth of our business and is designed to enlarge our facilities and add to the attractiveness of our store so it will supply the city with a department store facility in keeping with the size and importance of the city. The improvements will cost \$15,000 when completed."

Made Gradually to Avoid Inconvenience

The alterations have been made gradually so as not to interfere with carrying on trade that the public has not been aware of how extensive the changes were to be. With next week however the departments are to be shifted so quite a new store will greet the customers.

The changes include tearing out a brick partition on the main floor, opening up two rooms together and adding 200 feet of floor space; making a new entrance to the building on Court street with new stairway to upper floors and to basement store; an enlarged mezzanine floor in the main floor room; a new interior stairway to mezzanine and second floors.

The rearrangement of departments will see the placing of the office in new, well-lighted quarters on the mezzanine floor; the shoe department will be moved to where the present office is and its present space given over to draperies, bedding and linens.

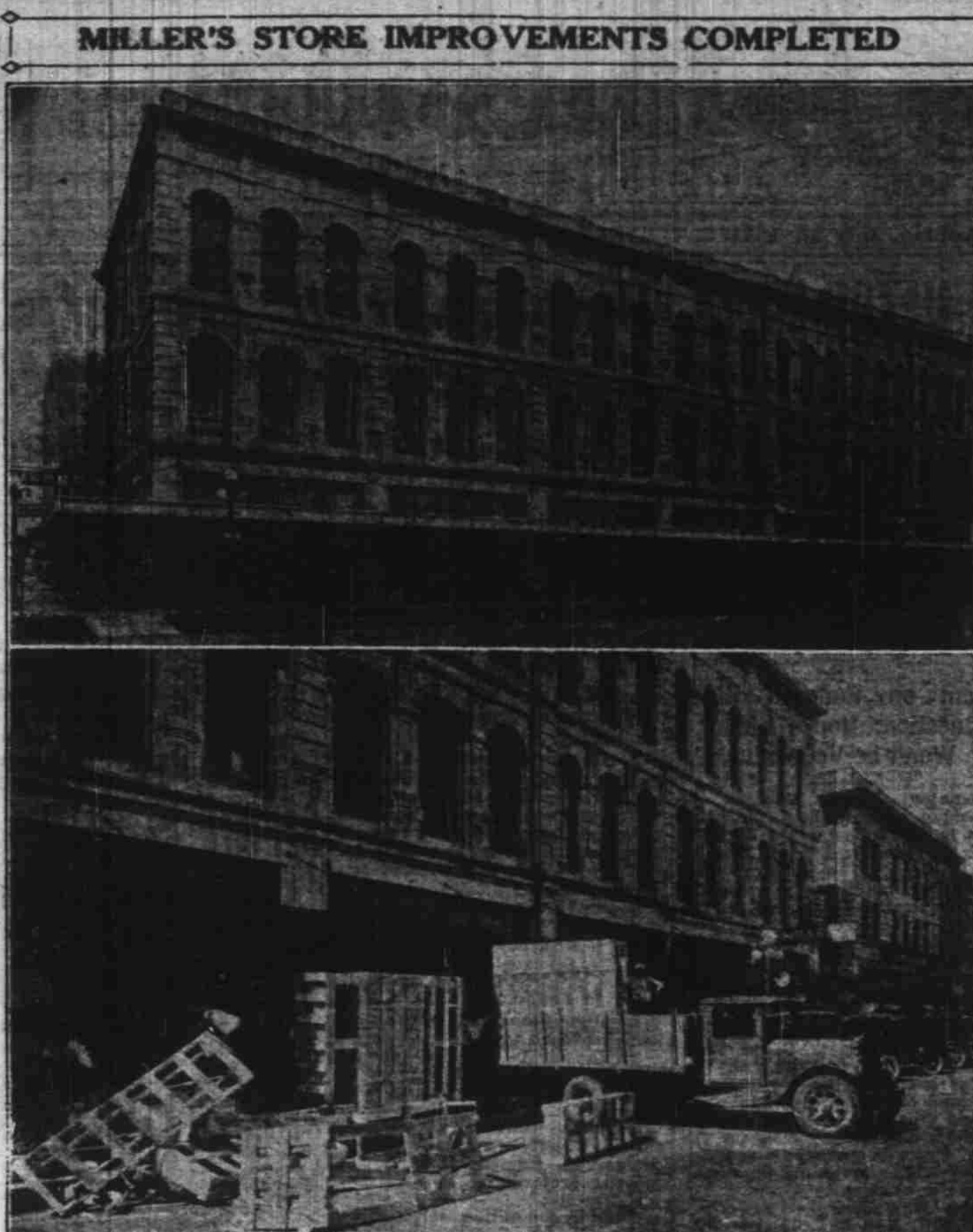
The second floor is to be completely refitted with new fixtures and will accommodate ladies' ready-to-wear, lingerie and millinery departments, with lounge and rest-room. This floor will be made as attractive as any store in Oregon, outside of Portland, will be carpeted and will have fixtures and dressing rooms in pastel finishes.

Men's Department in New Location

The men's wear department will be shifted to the Court street room with a new entrance. Its present space will be used for an expansion of the piece goods and other main floor departments. Present shelving in mid-floor will be replaced with tables. The art and needlework departments will be brought from the second floor to the Court street room. Other changes will be made in modernizing the store interior and improving the service. A pneumatic tube cash system is being installed.

A carload of new fixtures arrived this week and are being installed on the second floor. A pleasing wrought-iron hand rail on the interior stairway adds a decorative note.

One new feature of the store will be a sports' shop for Misses and matrons on the second floor just off the elevator. August 1st is the date set for the rearrangement of departments.



At top, general view of the Miller Mercantile company's store from Court street. Below, unloading new and up-to-date fixtures which will help to make the store one of the best equipped in Oregon.

HORSES LOANED TO CLEAR SWIM POOL

The problem of clearing the bottom of the swimming pool on the 14th street playgrounds of a number of large rocks was solved Tuesday when James H. Hinkle offered the use of his team of horses to do the job. The digger which was used in making the new channel in the Mill creek was not powerful enough to haul out the boulders.

Boys, working there yesterday afternoon at building up the dam, ran short of sacks, with the water yes under six feet deep.

Harold Hauk, supervisor, reports that if persons having old gunny sacks which they do not need, will call him at 5202 in the mornings, the playground boys will be glad to come after the needed sacks. They want to make the water at least seven feet deep, for diving and better swimming.

STOP GRASS FIRE

The Salem fire department answered a call yesterday afternoon to a grass fire in a lot on the corner of South Commercial and Superior streets. This is the first alarm since last Thursday when another grass fire gave the department some exercise.

DENTIST TO SPEAK

The Lions club will meet Thursday noon in the Silver Grille of the Gray Belle. Dr. Horace Miller, an instructor in dental surgery at the North Pacific Dental college of Portland, will be the speaker.

GRAND
A HOME-OWNED THEATRE

The Widow from Chicago

ALSO COMEDY NEWS ACT

Augment Guards After Rumor of Impending Break

JOLIET, Ill., July 21.—(AP)—Extra guards and 50 highway patrolmen, armed with machine and riot guns, kept watch tonight over the new state penitentiary at Joliet, after a plot to bomb the walls in a wholesale escape was reported.

All was quiet within the prison tonight, the deadline for the reported bombing, 3 p. m., having passed without notice of tension on the part of 700 convicts working in the yard and 1400 others confined to cells. Warden Henry C. Hill said, however, precautions will not be relaxed.

HAULS LARGE ROCK

SILVERTON, July 21.—A. S. Watters, local transfer man will soon begin hauling several tons of large river rock to the Salem paper mills, where they will be used in a filtering system. The rocks are to be of uniform size and they will be selected by Henry Smith and his son, North.

SWIMMING ENJOYED

PERRYDALE, July 21.—Sunday evening a group enjoyed swimming and lunch at Harrison bridge. Those making up the party were Mr. and Mrs. Bryan Emerson, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Mitchell, Mr. and Mrs. Orville Kurtz, Alaine Campbell, Robert Mitchell and Lewis and Robert Woods.

Paul Dean, brother of Dixie, plucked Springfield in the Western association to victory in his first appearance with the team.

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The Call Board

By OLIVE M. DOAK

WARNER BROS. ELISINORE
Today—Doug, Fairbanks, Jr., in "Chances."
Friday—Constance Bennett in "Born to Love."

THE HOLLEWOOD
Today—Claudette Colbert in "Honor Among Lovers."
Friday—Edmund Burns in "Sea Devils."

THE GRAND
Today—Edward G. Robinson in "Widow From Chicago."
Friday—Loretta Young in "Three Girls Lost."

Douglas Fairbanks, Jr. now at the Warner Bros. Elsinore theatre in his initial starring vehicle, "Chances," the First National war romance, says that in his opinion the only use men have for makeup on the screen, is when the scenes are with women, thus to add to the contrast between the masculine and feminine complexions.

In "Chances" young Fairbanks plays the part of a typical dough-boy of the World War. He and his brother, played by Anthony Bushnell, are in love with the same girl—and in this fact lies the tragic implications of the story, which is an adaptation of the novel by the celebrated A. Ham-

ilton Gibbs. Beautiful Rose Hobart plays the lead.

Others in the cast are Holmes Herbert, Mary Forbes, Edmond Breon, Harry Allen, Joanne Fenwick, Edward Morgan and Tyrrell Davis. Alan Dwan directed. The background of the story is the thunderous wastes of the Western Front. "Chances" ranks among the few really great romances of the war.

Source of Beer Served Gotham Object of Raid

NEW YORK, July 21.—(AP)—The Phoenix brewery, said by Prohibition Administrator Andrew McCampbell to be the principal source of supply for most of New York's speakeasies, was raided tonight by a squad of 30 agents headed by McCampbell.

The beer producing plant was said to be the most completely outfitted uncovered here since the Volstead Act became effective. Agents engaged in the raid estimated the equipment to be worth close to \$2,000,000.

CROWD ATTENDS MEET PERRYDALE, July 18.
A large crowd was out to the meeting of the Good Will Club Friday afternoon.

The ladies are piecing a quilt to be put in the chest they are going to fill for emergency.

A delicious lunch was served by Mrs. John Molenaar, Mrs. Carl Bruinansa and Mrs. T. Boerama.

More than 100 teams entered the 1931 state championship tournament of the Oklahoma Baseball federation.

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Case of Tucker May Cause New Complications

SHANGHAI, July 21.—(AP)—International complications may follow the detention of Dr. Francis F. Tucker, American missionary, by Chinese at Tsinanfu today following his fatal shooting of a native, mistaken for a burglar, at Tchow last week.

Tucker was being held in violation of extraterritorial rights, which the Chinese government has announced will end January 1 next. American legation officials said they would resist any efforts to try the missionary in a Chinese court.

Cities' Relief Burden Will be Doubled, Claim

WASHINGTON, July 21.—(AP)—An indication that the relief burden in cities throughout the country next winter will be double that of last year was contained in

BLIND SCHOOL CHIEF OUSTED

Holman Finds Institution Not Properly Managed Under J. W. Howard

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superintendents from outside of the state had resulted in considerable criticism.

"Just look at the criticism we received when you fellows (meaning Governor Meier and State Treasurer Holman) voted to employ William Elzing as secretary of the state board of control," continued Hoss.

Elzing's face flushed as Hoss concluded his remark, but he made no response.

Hoss also made it plain that he had not been informed regarding the proposed change in the management of the blind school, and had not been advised officially as to Mr. Dry's qualifications. Holman replied that he was

settled that both Mr. and Mrs. Dry were capable, and would increase materially the efficiency of the blind institution.

Question of Fire Insurance Comes Up

Mr. Howard was elected superintendent of the blind school under the Olcott administration. He previously was connected with the Michigan blind school.

The board instructed A. H. Averill, state insurance commissioner, to conduct an investigation and determine whether it would be good business for the state to carry blanket insurance on its properties. The existing laws prohibit the state from insuring its properties with the result that it has been necessary to establish a restoration fund.

Governor Meier declared that this fund would not be sufficient to cover a heavy fire loss, and that the system was inadequate and not in keeping with sound business principles. Mr. Averill will advise the board of control as to the cost of a blanket policy sufficient to meet the state's requirements.

Applications of F. E. Poulton, chief of police at Coquille, for the office of parole officer at the state training school for boys, and Miss Elizabeth K. Rhodes of Merrill, B. C., for superintendent of the state school for the deaf, were laid out on the table.

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NOTICE!

Owing to the effect of the business depression on the laboring man and the public in general, the following barber shops in the city of Salem have seen fit to lower their prices for children 14 and under, and for adults' massages and shampoos.

Children's Haircut 25c
Adults' Plain Massage 50c
Adults' Plain Shampoo 25c

On and after Thursday, July 23, 1931.

Kinzer and Earl 121 South Commercial St.	Harry Gwynn 432 Court St.
Pearl, Kibler First National Bank Bldg.	"Red" Herbster Hollywood
Frank S. Edick 2330 Fairgrounds Road	A. L. Tumbleson 371 State St.
Leo Dubois Manonic Building	Leslie A. Elwells 1915 State St.
William Garner Bliga Hotel	W. E. Breitzke 115 State St.
Emil Beckman Public Market Bldg.	E. L. Lucas 139 S. Liberty St.
Coursey's Barber Shop 156 S. Commercial St.	Swanck's Barber Shop 1256 State St.

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50c TO \$1.00—SPECIAL, 3 PAIR

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IN ALL SUMMER COLORS

GOLF SOX \$1
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