

WEEKLY FASHION LETTER.

New York, May 16.—Though much is said and written about the superiority of imported gowns, a comparative study of Paris and New York fashions shows Gotham's creations to no disadvantage whatever. Indeed, one smart matron whose summer wardrobe had just arrived is really lamenting the fact that her outfit surpasses her neighbor's American-made gowns only in price and French trademark.

This, of course, speaks well for American taste and ingenuity, which seems to have reached the climax in this season's modest summer coats, which are by no means new, for we have had them in pongee, canvass, viole, etamine, taffeta and cloth, but the latest novelty in this direction beggars description. It is a delightful coat of grass linen made over liberty satin and peau de Cygne intended rather to complete the fashionable ensemble than to add to comfort, for it is merely a trifle "light as air and billowy as sea foam."

The design is very loose-fitting with an inverted box plait running down the entire back. Over the shoulders there is draped a pointed collar of linen edged with the finest of thread lace and hand embroidered. At the front the collar extends in a long stole to the bottom of the coat, which is a little less than three-quarter length.

At either side of the front the skirt of the coat is slashed to a depth of nine inches, the incision being lace bordered and finished at the top with tassels of silk and chiffon.

A simpler design suitable for morning wear is carried out in heavy butcher's linen embroidered with linen threads. The sleeves have deep cuffs of embroidery and the round sailor collar is trimmed in the same elegant way. The coat is laid in box plaits from neck and hem and confined at the belt line with a band of embroidered linen.

Many of the canvass, pique and linen suits for summer are finished with coats instead of the regulation Eton jacket. They are roomier and more suggestive of comfort on sizzling days than is the close-fitting Eton, so this is probably one of the chief reasons why they enjoy such high favor.

Pretty Novelties in Lawn Dresses.

There is no end to the possibilities of the lawn dress. This general term includes all of the thin washable goods, which can be as costly as silk or as cheap as cotton. Green in the coolest and most delightful shades is being used for dainty summer

frocks. A very fetching design has the skirt made with a yoke over the hips composed of shirring, while medallions of lace are let in, coming to a point in the front and fitting the hips closely. Below the yoke the skirt falls very full with wide tuckings around the bottom and a long sweeping train at the back. The dress is made over a slip of taffeta, which can easily be duplicated in lawn trimmed with ruffles of the same material, edged with lace at the bottom of the skirt.

The bodice has a deep yoke formed like the yoke on the skirt, of shirring and lace medallions let in; tiny horizontal tuckings compose the vest, which comes into the waist quite full, blousing in front and hooking up the back with an apple-green silk girdle round the waist. The sleeves are tucked quite tight to the elbow, with very full mandolin puffs appliqued with the lace falling to the waist and gathered into a clerical cuff of lawn and lace.

Belts, Frocks and Figures.

Dame Fashion has furnished us with some very fascinating belts lately, and these have caused a revival of the high buckle. French modistes are putting monster buckles to wide waist-bands, the cables say, six inches high by four wide, not being considered too large.

A notable feature of the linen frocks which promise to become exasperatingly popular, is the short skirt, but what one saves on the skirt must be expended in the boot so far as money is concerned, the matter is as broad as it is long. With a short skirt one has the choice of a high boot—patent leather, almost every time—or of shoes and stockings chosen for each other. Grey, pale blue, champagne, beige and mauve suede shoes, with precisely matching stockings, are not to be despised and are really very elegant in effect. This fashion would have been out of place until recently, but my Lady Modish seems to be getting further and further away from the conventions of earlier days and as long as the artistic sense is not shocked, almost any mode is permissible.

The woman who wishes to expand her wardrobe by retouching last season's gowns should consider chiefly her figure. Everything depends upon a perfect outline. A trained skirt is quite wrong with the drooping shoulder line and a touch of white tends to lend a figure fullness. A white yoke in a bodice gives the appearance of shoulder depth and breadth, while a flat-chested figure can be toned up in the most stunning fashion by the use of white vests, jabots and other trimming down the center of the front. The corpulent sisterhood should cling to the touch of black, for nothing so contrasts and depresses the ef-

fect of the tendency toward embonpoint. To make the neck and wrists appear smaller than they really are, nothing equals a black stock and cuffs, especially if they trim a light bodice.

Black and White Combination.

A striking example of black and white combination is shown in a flowered chiffon gown with borders of black chiffon. The background is of white clouded with black. The gown is made over rose color, so that pink tints gleam through the filmy black and white. The flowers are large single blossoms scattered regularly over the surface and are of black, outlined with a raised white line.

The skirt, long and graceful, is quite simply made, with a flounce bordered with a two-inch fold of black chiffon. The bodice has a bolero of the chiffon that ends midway between the neck and the plink girdle and is bordered with a two-inch band of black chiffon.

The upper sleeves also terminate in similar folds, and when the wearer's arms hang at her sides, these bolero bands are on a line with those of the sleeves.

It would be difficult to imagine anything more feminine and yet so sweetly simple as this season's modes. The prettiest effects of the winter fashions have been retained and reproduced in thin materials and with additional touches, the summer girl of 1903 has a wardrobe filled with creations as airy and fairy as the traditional Lillian.

MAUDE GRIFFIN.

NOT IN KINGLY GARB.

A recently returned traveler who was received by Emperor Menelik of Abyssinia, describes his majesty as seated in a small state chair, with gayly colored carpet at his feet. He wore white trousers, brown checked socks and very large patent leather shoes without laces. A long flowing coat of yellow striped green silk enveloped his body, and over this was a black satin, gold embroidered burnous, with a pink-lined hood. His head was bound with fine white muslin, above which towered a broad-brimmed straw hat, overlaid with gold leaf and trimmed with sapphires and rubies. In his left ear sparkled a rose cut diamond stud. A red silk umbrella, heavily embroidered and fringed with gold, protected the royal head from the rays of the sun.

Archbishop to Dedicate Orphanage.

Raleigh, N. C., May 16.—Arrangements have been perfected for the dedication of the State Catholic Orphanage here tomorrow. Archbishop Haid, of Belmont, is to officiate, and the other participants will include a number of churchmen and laymen of prominence.

RAILROAD TARIFFS

MAXIMUM RATES MAY RESULT FROM THE PORTAGE CONTEST.

Portland Chamber of Commerce Works Into the Combination—Railroad People Deny Interference.

Portland, Oregon, May 16.—The open-river committee of the Chamber of Commerce, at a special meeting of the trustees of that body yesterday, recommended that retaliatory measures be adopted against those transportation lines which are alleged to have employed an agent to invoke the referendum to defeat the portage railroad appropriation bill.

While no names were mentioned in the report, the discussion which followed its presentation showed clearly that the transportation line indicated was the O. R. & N. Co., whose interests, it is said, would to some extent suffer by the construction of the portage railway.

The retaliatory measure proposed by the committee was the invocation of the initiative on a maximum rate bill, which it was stated would afford some compensation to those farmers, business men and shippers who would be deprived of the lower freight rates accruing from the building of the portage road.

Mr. Lytle, president of the Columbia Southern Railway, says that while the opponents of the portage road claimed it could not be constructed for \$165,000, the amount appropriated, he knew of responsible railroad contractors who would take the contract at that figure. Mr. Lytle said also that he was, personally, quite certain that the road could easily be built for the amount named.

The trustees of the Chamber of Commerce accepted the report of the open river committee, and by resolution authorized it to take immediate steps to submit to the people the initiative of a maximum-rate bill, if in their opinion the portage railway was at all endangered by the opposition.

For Maximum Railway Tariffs.

The report of the open-river committee was as follows:

"To the President and Trustees of the Chamber of Commerce: Your committee begs leave to report that we view with apprehension the effort that is now being made to invoke the referendum on the measure passed by the last session of the legislature authorizing the building of a portage railroad around the rapids at Celilo. We feel that the effort so far made is inspired by the transportation lines whose interests would suffer by the construction of the portage railway.

"It is well to consider at this time that the majority of Oregon's population reside west of the Cascade range and that by invoking the referendum the measure will be acted upon by the people west of the mountains who, as a matter of fact, have no material or direct interest in the building of this portage railway and may through this lack of self-interest on the part of Western Oregon, be in danger of defeat, and by such defeat deprive Eastern Oregon and the Inland Empire of the benefits of lower freight rates which would accrue from the building of the portage railway. We therefore suggest that this committee be authorized, as soon as it is ascertained that the referendum on this measure is legally submitted to the people, to at once proceed to invoke the initiative of a maximum rate bill as the only means of affording the relief sought for.

"OPEN RIVER COMMITTEE."

Disclaims All Interest.

The O. R. & N., through President A. L. Mohler, has disclaimed any interest in the referendum movement. Mr. Mohler insists that the O. R. & N. could, if necessary, compete with the portage railway and has not officially concerned itself about the proposition and will not do so until the emergency arises.

COMPETENT JUDGES.

Beauty Doctors Endorse Herpicide.

Women who make a business of beautifying other women come pretty near knowing what will bring about the best results. Here are letters from two concerning Herpicide:

"I can recommend Newbro's 'Herpicide,' as it stopped my hair from falling out; and, as a dressing, it has no superior."
 (Signed,) Bertha A. Trullinger, "Complexion Specialist," 291 1/2 Morrison St., Portland, Ore.

"After using one bottle of 'Herpicide' my hair has stopped falling out, and my scalp is entirely free from dandruff."
 (Signed,) Grace Dodge, "Beauty Doctor," 195 Sixth St., Portland, Ore.

An Important Extension.

Dallas, Texas, May 16.—Through service between Dallas and New Orleans is to be established tomorrow with the opening of the Dallas extension of the Texas & New Orleans railroad. The distance of the new route is 568 miles, and the first train will be a Confederate veterans' special, which will carry a large party of Confederate veterans from Dallas to the big reunion to be held in New Orleans during the coming week.

Have your shoes repaired at Teutsch's.

NOTICE

On JUNE 1st we will stop selling goods at cost. You have only three more weeks to buy goods at these PRICES:

- White breakfast plates, per dozen, 81c
- White pie plates, per dozen, 60c
- White cups and saucers, per dozen, 99c
- Common lamp chimneys, each 6c
- Covered vegetable dish, 48c
- 3-pint nickle plated coffee pot, 55c
- Woven wire wash boards, each, 39c
- 100-piece Hariland dinner set, \$27.73
- 14-qt. granite dish pan, each, 50c
- 100 paper napkins, 15c
- 5 bunches matches, 5c
- 3 packages Sioux Starch, 25c
- 3 lbs. Gold Dust, 20c
- 3 2-oz. bottles Extracts, 25c
- Granulated Sugar, per sack, \$5.70
- Baker's Cocoa, 25c
- 4 packages A. & H. Soda, 25c
- 5 bars Owl Soap and 1 of Tar, 25c
- Mocha and Java Coffee, per pound, 30c

Some lines that are out are dropped this week. Better buy that dinner set now and save several dollars

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The Best is Cheapest

We have a stock of goods that range from a Baby Walker to massive quartered oak library furniture. Our line of couches and sofas is very complete including some beautiful designs for the home also some plain yet elegant black leather couches for office or library.

Our line of Carpets ranges from 2 or 3 ply ingrain to heavy Wiltons and body Brussels of latest designs. We have art squares, rugs, curtains, mattings and linoleums in endless variety.

We are not selling our goods at cost as we are in business to make a living, but we buy in car load lots so that we can sell them to you cheaper than you could buy them in the East and lay them down here. Call at our store, examine our goods and get our prices on what you want. If we can't sell you a better grade of goods at as low prices as you can get elsewhere, why we won't expect your trade.

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