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## BROWN & ELLIS

### Our Sale is Over....

AND NOW WE HAVE A FEW NICE THINGS LEFT TO CLOSE WITHOUT RESERVE.

### Some Good Rainy Day Skirts....

\$2.00 and \$2.50 values for \$1.00 while they last.

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### A Few More Items....

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### WAS FRIEND TO SETTLERS

Mr. Hermann Would Not Yield His Convictions to Retain His Office.

The following lucid and truthful statement written by Harry L. Holgate, formerly of The Astorian, and published in the Corvallis Gazette covers lots of ground:

"The operation of the National Land laws is to figure in the present First Oregon Congressional District campaign. Just why this is so is not exactly clear. Neither Mr. Hermann nor Mr. Reames, nor even our own Mr. Ingalls can be, in reason, blamed for those laws which have done much for the West and which have also given an opportunity for much fraud. These frauds have been accomplished under the various administrations and will continue as long as the land laws remain as they are.

"In the matter of the conduct of the local land officials, it will be remembered that the commissioner of public lands has not the power to appoint or remove them and the several Oregon local land commissioners, who have been recently summarily retired, were appointed by a Federal judge, who happens to be a Democrat. No one thinks of holding Judge Bellinger responsible for the alleged official misconduct.

"Mr. Hermann, when Commissioner, urged Congress constantly, but vainly, to amend the laws that the frauds could not be practiced.

"Among the other realities that the opposition to Mr. Hermann will not discuss in connection with his administration of the land office, is the fact that of the \$12,000,000 to \$15,000,000, which was handled by the office during his incumbency, not one cent was lost through defalcations or carelessness.

"To those familiar with the situation it seems odd that the friendly relations between the President and Mr. Hermann should be questioned, for were those relations other than very friendly Mr. Hermann would not have retained his office so long after Mr. Roosevelt's accession to the presidency. It is very unusual for a bureau chief to remain longer than the department desires, and Mr. Hitchcock has for several years urged Mr. Hermann's retirement. Their difference was not personal, but was based upon several matters of policy in which Mr. Hermann had the support of the West. Mr. Hermann did not care to yield his convictions even to retain his office. That those unpreventable land frauds were not an issue is shown by the fact that Mr. Hermann's assistant was made his successor.

"Of really more importance to Oregon than a Congressman's relations with the Administration is his relationship with Congress, and probably no Oregonian who reads and thinks will deny that no man in the State, other than Senator Mitchell, is closer to the influential members of Congress than Binger Hermann. Of special importance to Oregon at this time is the fact that Mr. Hermann is on the most pleasant terms with Speaker Cannon."

### LANDMARK DESTROYED

The Essex House at Lafayette Goes Up in Smoke.

The old "Essex House," which was one of the first hotels of any pretensions built in Oregon, burned to the ground Thursday night. When the alarm was given the whole interior of the main building was a seething mass of flames, and the firemen could do nothing but try to save adjacent buildings. The house was occupied by Mrs. McDonald, a widow, whose household furniture was saved.

The Essex House was a Yamhill county landmark. It was built by the late Amos Cook, about 1850, and has sheltered some distinguished men in its time. Both General Grant and General Sheridan, then lieutenants, have often been guests at this house. The late Judge Deady, David Logan, and a host of other prominent men in the early days of Oregon, shared the hospitality of this noted hostelry.—Salem Statesman.

### LETTER TO SHEEP MEN.

Are Invited to Become Members of Polk County Woolgrowers Association.

DALLAS, OR., April 21, '03.  
To the woolgrowers of Polk County:  
We invite you to join the Polk County Woolgrowers' Union, our object being to pool the entire clip of the county. Arrangements will

be made for the purchase of a new day. Take Laxative Bromo Quinine Tablets. All druggists refund the money if it fails to cure. E. W. Grove's signature is on each box. 25c.

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Country Buckwheat, 5lb. pgs., 25c.  
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Arbuckles or Lion Coffee, 2 pgs. 25c.

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be made whereby you will be able to store at your nearest warehouse. Past experience has taught us that it pays to pool our products, and we feel sure that it will pay every woolgrower to join in the pool. It will cost each grower but one-half cent per pound, which will cover all expenses, including warehouse charges. Drop me a card by early mail, stating the number of fleeces you wish to place in this pool, and also please call your neighbor's attention to this letter.

Truly yours,  
H. L. FENTON,  
Secretary.

### NEW STAMP WITHDRAWN

Design Lacked Artistic Merit and Was Not Popular.

The announcement from the Postoffice Department that the 2-cent postage stamp of the new series just issued will be withdrawn, and that a new design has been ordered, is a prompt and satisfactory acknowledgment that the general criticism and condemnation of its artistic quality are well based. It is not often that a popular protest is more promptly heeded, and the Postoffice Department deserves commendation for its swift action. It remains to be seen what sort of substitute for the new stamp will be provided, but it may reasonably be doubted, whether the old one, which has been in use now for several years, can be improved upon to any great extent. Its artistic merits are certainly above the average efforts in this line.

The Southern Pacific has inaugurated its new plan for the collection of tickets and the management of its passenger trains on the main line between Portland and San Francisco. Under the new management, there is on each train an officer known as the train agent, whose duty is to collect all fares. The conductor, thus being relieved of a service that engaged practically all of his time, can now give his entire attention to the care of his train. In adopting this plan, which is common among Eastern transportation companies, the railroad company figures that the danger from accident is minimized.

## Face

Was Always Very Pale and Thin.

Nervous Prostration—Faint Spells.

Dr. Miles' Nerve Saved My Life.

There is great danger in a run down condition. Overwork, mental strain, the cares and worries of business and the home, all have a deleterious effect upon the nerves, which in their debilitated condition readily fall prey to the attacks of disease. Aside from the danger there is no condition attended by so many disagreeable symptoms; such as loss of appetite, indigestion or nervous dyspepsia, headache, tired feeling and loss of ambition together with the agony of sleepless nights spent in tossing restlessly about, only to rise exhausted in the morning. Dr. Miles' Nerve is a true nerve tonic which, by strengthening the nerves, restores health and appetite and brings sweet sleep.

"For six years I suffered almost constantly from a complication of troubles which culminated in complete nervous prostration. I had no appetite, I could not sleep, I suffered from indigestion and nervousness. As is so often the case in nervous prostration I frequently had weak, fainting spells. Doctors did not help me. They said my blood was very poor, and I knew my face was always very pale. The very first bottle of Dr. Miles' Nerve I took gave me noticeable relief and I felt stronger than I had in years. My neighbors in Purcell, Wash., where I then lived will testify to this. I also used some of Dr. Miles' Restorative Tonic and Anti-Pain Pills. I believe the Dr. Miles Remedies saved my life."—Mrs. J. C. Benedict, Tucker, Utah.

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### HOBSON IN OREGON

is Strong Advocate of Large and Powerful Navy.

"I would to God our Navy was ten times as large as it is. Then when America raises her voice among the nations of the earth and demands justice and mercy it will have weight." So said Lieut. Pearson Hobson, hero of the Merrimac in Portland Tuesday.

Mr. Hobson is on a lecture tour of the entire country, advocating the supremacy of the American Navy and emphasizing his views with facts that count. Wherever he goes he is greeted by large and enthusiastic crowds, who are charmed with his magnificent voice, the force of his argument, and the candid, honest belief of his theories. Hobson truly has an exceptional voice. It is rich mellow and penetrating. In conversation he is easy and highly entertaining.

"Very recently the strongest nations in Europe," the Captain continued, "much against our protest, went to a little South American port and began bombarding their ports. It was not deference to the Monroe Doctrine that prevented the continuance of this coalition, and it is only fair to remark that in expert circles the opinion is that that we could not have maintained the doctrine, for the reason that our Navy would have been utterly inadequate for the task. It was enormous pressure of the public opinion in Great Britain, which forced the government to swerve from its course.

"Germany is trebling her Navy. First she proposed to do it in 15 years, then in ten, and now it is whispered that it is to be done in 1906. By increasing ours in the proportion I have indicated we would in 1916 have a navy as big as Great Britain."

### GAME IS OFF.

Dallas and Willamette Basket-Ball Teams Unable to Agree Upon Terms for Third and Deciding Contest.

The final and deciding game in the Dallas-Willamette basket-ball series has been declared off, the managers of the respective teams being unable to agree upon terms as to grounds, officials, etc. The teams disband with one victory each to their credit in the series. The Salem boys' claims are set forth in the following article, clipped from the columns of the Evening Telegram:

"The basketball season is over at Willamette University. They have been expecting to play a third game with Dallas College on neutral ground, but the two teams could agree on no floor on which to play. Finally Manager E. F. Averill of the Willamette University team sent an ultimatum to the Dallas boys, and they refused to accept the terms, so the Willamette boys have declared the game off and disbanded the team. The Dallas boys were determined to play upon the Portland Y. M. C. A. floor, and this the home team could not agree to, because one of the Dallas players was a Portland Y. M. C. A. man and therefore familiar with that field. Of course that would give Dallas a handicap. The Willamette boys agreed to play upon either Corvallis or Oregon City floors, the two best floors in the State, or they would also play at Independence. Dallas would not agree to any of these points, which showed they did not desire a game with even chances, so the game is off and the Willamette University now claims the basketball championship of the Pacific Coast. The only contesting team was from Dallas College, and the boys claim superiority over them for the reason that in the two games Willamette made 32 points while Dallas made only 26."

### DALLAS' REPLY.

Members of the Dallas basketball team request publication of the following statement:  
"The Evening Telegram, of Thursday, April 16, contains correspondence from Willamette University, at Salem, in which that institution lays claim to the basketball championship of the Pacific Coast, and asserts superiority over Dallas College basket-ball team. These sweeping claims are based on the following assertions:  
"First—That Dallas refused to play the deciding game of the series on any floor except the Portland floor, rejecting Oregon City, Corvallis and Independence.  
"Second—That Willamette is sure of being able to defeat Dallas on any neutral field with which neither team is familiar.  
"Third—That Willamette's superiority is shown by the scores of the two games played with the Dallas team.  
"The assertion that Dallas refused to play on any floor is false. Dallas was willing to meet Will-

### THE OLD RELIABLE



amette at McMinnville, Newberg, Portland or Independence, and made propositions to that effect. The disagreement concerning the Independence floor was not as to place, but as to dimensions of the court. Willamette presented an ultimatum in which it demanded that the court be 40 feet wide and between 60 and 80 feet long. Dallas rejected the proposition on the ground that Willamette's home court was of these dimensions, being 40 feet wide and 60 feet long. Since the court at Dallas is but 24 feet wide, the collegians claimed that the advantage gained by the Salem team would be unfair. But, in order that the game might be played, the Dallas team expressed itself as willing to concede 11 feet in width, making a court 35x70. Willamette, by such a proposition, would concede but five feet from her width. This offer the university rejected, resubmitting its own proposition of 40 feet wide or no game. Basket-ball rules require a court containing 2400 square feet, but do not specify dimensions. Dallas was willing to play on a regulation floor, but would not concede to Willamette's proposition to play on a court identical in size with the latter's own.

"While Willamette, with astounding confidence, expresses itself as 'sure' of being able to defeat the Dallas team, this is certainly poor argument, and Dallas is inclined to say, 'show me.' While the Polk County institution does not desire to stand in the light of a braggart, yet the confidence and determination that carried it from honest defeat on March 20 to honest victory one week later, has not deserted it, and the sweeping claim from Marion County appeals to the humor of Polk.

"Basket-ball championships are not decided by points, but by games. But, if Willamette desires to stand on the present situation, while, as they have stated, points are 32 to 26 in its favor, Dallas has won the last game, and by having defeated Corvallis—which team defeated Willamette—making six field goals to the varsity's two—the Polk County college, by virtue of this situation, ranks above its rivals from the capitol city. Yet, at this time, Dallas College desires to place itself upon record as not claiming the Pacific Coast championship. This claim, for either Dallas College or Willamette University, is ridiculous. The championship undoubtedly comes to Oregon, but not to Dallas or Salem. The 'All Stars,' of Portland, hold, without room for doubt, this much-coveted and enviable honor. Willamette should not forget its overwhelming defeats at the hands of the Seattle team, nor should it forget the result of the Portland-Seattle game.

"Dallas College regrets exceedingly that this matter should have been forced into print. Athletics are for the field, and should never be decided in the newspapers. Championships can never be settled with ink, nor should they be. The Polk County College does not rush into type at this time to make sweeping and groundless claims, but to correct false impressions and statements, and to place itself in a true light before promoters of pure athletics."

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