

**ELECTRIC LINE PROPOSED.**

From Portland via Salem with Terminus across the River From Independence.

That there will be a railroad built in the near future to connect Salem with Portland, and to be operated by electricity now seems to be an assured fact, says the Salem Statesman. The company which proposes to construct the line is the Portland, Salem & West Side Railway Company, which has been incorporated with a capital stock of \$500,000. The incorporators are Robert Ballentine, Charles Atherton and Frank Brewster, all of Portland. Mr. Ballentine is also the construction engineer of the road, and was in Salem yesterday looking over the field.

Mr. Ballentine assured a reporter of the Statesman that he was not connected with any company which would build a hot air road, as he thought the others were doing, but meant business and said that if all went well, construction work would begin within sixty days. This company is backed by an immense company of Eastern capitalists, but Mr. Ballentine refused to disclose their identity. According to the engineer, the survey of the road was made five years ago and runs from South Portland southward across the Tualatin river, and will cross the Willamette river, into Marion county, near Butteville, thence running direct to Salem, making the run forty-six miles, the shortest distance between the two cities. The road will cross the Willamette river near Salem and go to Independence. The right of way has not yet been secured, but agents of the road will begin work on the proposition at once, and expect to experience no trouble from the farmers along the line. They will ask nothing from Salem except the right of way along the streets and terminal grounds. The work of construction is to be pushed rapidly as possible, but will cost in the neighborhood of \$1,000,000. The company expects to make a permanent line on which fast time can be made in at least eighteen months. It is expected to complete the road in two years.

Mr. Ballentine said he was not making any promise, he was expecting to carry out, but not promising to build only one line which was sufficient to accommodate the business of the road for many years to come. He will ask for a right of way. Mr. Ballentine is not promising a fast schedule, but he cannot carry out, he expects to run cars from Salem to Portland in one hour and fifteen minutes. The fare will be \$1.75 for the round trip, and will also run regular time, and will have a large part of the fare paid in advance. He will deal with grain or produce, and will be a good man of business.

Independence Leading  
Dry Goods Store

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## FIRST MIDSUMMER CLEARANCE SALE

If you wish a swell shirt waist for the Fourth we can furnish it from the very latest spring styles and at the very lowest prices to be found in the Valley. Note the prices quoted below and call for inspection.



### Skirts

In both crash and wool.

\$1.75 quality for	\$1.35
2.00 quality for	1.55
2.50 quality for	1.95
3.00 quality for	2.35
3.50 quality for	2.75
4.00 quality for	3.20
5.00 quality for	3.90
5.50 quality for	4.35
6.00 quality for	4.75



### Shirt Waists

In the latest and swellest patterns and fabrics

\$ .75 grade for	\$ .63
.85 grade for	.68
1.00 grade for	.79
1.25 grade for	.98
1.50 grade for	1.15
2.00 grade for	1.55
2.50 grade for	1.90



Many people prefer buying the piece goods and having their waists and suits made to measure and to these we will offer our entire line of dress goods in both cotton and wool at the following low prices.



### Summer Goods

In all fabrics and prices

15c quality for	11c
20c quality for	15c
25c quality for	19c
35c quality for	25c

And others in like proportion.

### Cotton Waistings

35c Poplins,	now 23c
45c Czarinas,	now 32c
45c Veronas,	now 32c
50c Coronas,	now 39c

### Wool Dress Goods

The latest novelties in Mohairs and Wool Voiles at ridiculously low prices.

\$2.00 Mohairs for	\$1.45
1.00 Mohairs for	.75
1.25 all wool Voiles at	95c.

In colors and blacks, also our entire line wool dress goods at greatly reduced prices.



### White Goods

15c quality for	11c
16c quality for	12c

In this line the quantity is limited, hence if you are not an early caller do not be disappointed if some things are out, as such prices as these will surely move them.

20c quality for	15c
25c quality for	19c

40c quality for	30c
50c quality for	35c

### White Goods

## CLOTHING DEPARTMENT



### Men's

\$18.00 suit, now	\$14.25
15.00 suit, now	11.90
12.50 suit, now	9.95
10.00 suit, now	8.10
9.00 suit, now	7.15
7.50 suit, now	5.90



### Children's

#### Boys' Knee Pants Suits, 8 to 15 Yrs.

\$2.50 suit, now	\$1.95
3.00 suit, now	2.35
3.50 suit, now	2.75
4.00 suit, now	3.10
4.50 suit, now	3.55
6.00 suit, now	4.70



### Young Men's

\$12.50 suit, now	\$9.85
10.00 suit, now	7.95
9.00 suit, now	7.10
7.50 suit, now	5.95
6.50 suit, now	5.15
5.00 suit, now	4.15



## MUSLIN UNDERWEAR

### Gowns

\$ .50 grade for	\$ .45
.75 grade for	.59
.95 grade for	.95
1.50 grade for	1.15



### Corset Covers

20c grade for	15c
25c grade for	19c
50c grade for	39c
65c grade for	50c

### Muslin Drawers

25c grade for	22c
50c grade for	39c
75c grade for	58c
85c grade for	77c
\$1.00 grade for	82c

of shoes, with the exception of contract shoes, such as District 76, which we are not permitted to change the prices. Buy your shoes now and save money.

## Shoes

During this week, our ladies' Belts, Purses, Summer Gloves and Wrappers. Your price will pay you top price for same.

**A. MESSNER**