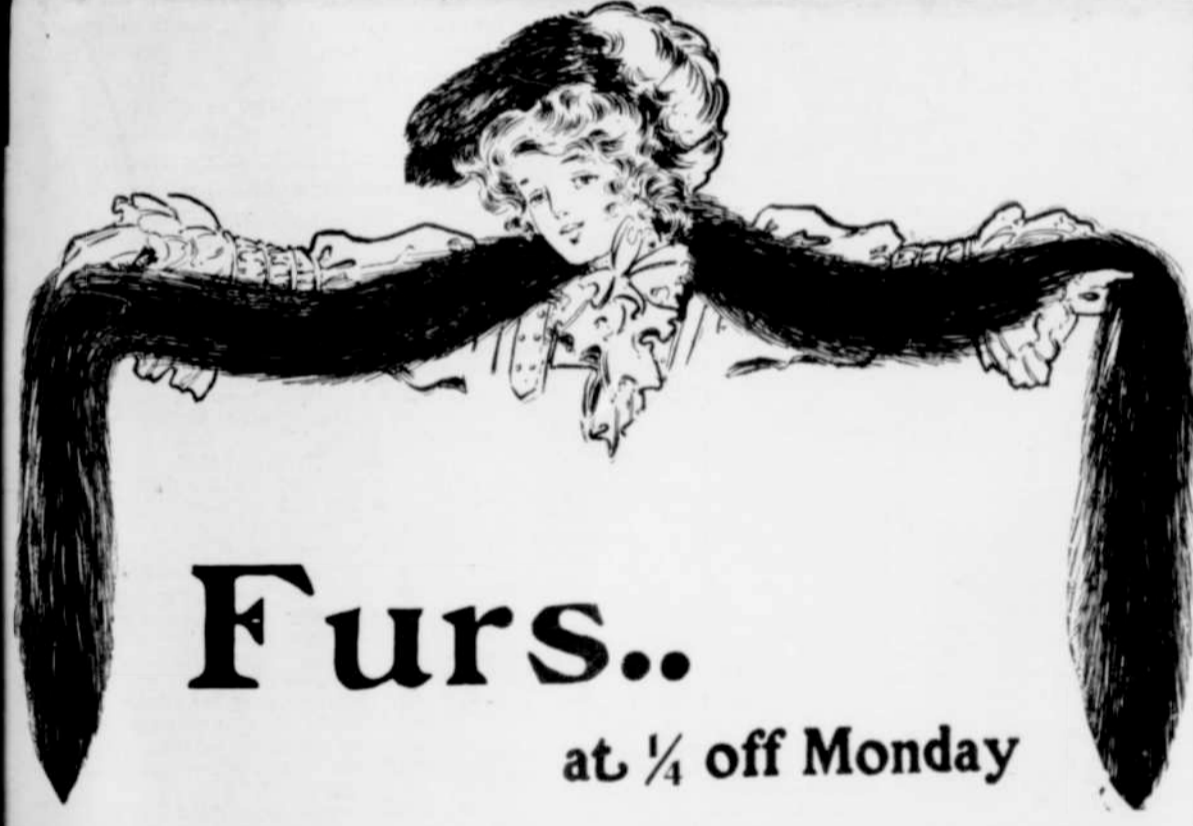


Half Price Sale Monday on Christmas Goods

It isn't often that you have the opportunity of attending a sale of this kind on such seasonable merchandise as we will offer Monday at half the regular price. This sale at this time is to demonstrate what cash buying will do for you. Think the proposition over and come down Monday. "A Surprise Sale" won't be in it for a month. It will be more than a surprise sale.



..Indian Baskets.. The largest and best assortment of Indian Goods ever brought to Eugene. All sizes from the largest of clothes baskets to the tiny hand baskets. Prices Monday cut in two.	..Dolls.. Big assortment of dolls from the best doll makers in the country; they are included in Our Half Price Sale Monday.	..Mittens.. Ladies' and Misses' Mittens knit from all wool yarn something that makes a very seasonable Xmas present, 25c values, Monday..... 10c
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Furs..

at 1/4 off Monday

GORDON & FERGURSON

Makes, None are Better

Men's Smoking Jackets

1/2 Price Monday

Fancy Suspenders, Ties, Arm Bands, Hosiery, Shirts, Handkerchiefs, Mufflers, Suit Cases, Jewelry of all kinds, Gloves, Umbrellas, Over Coats, and Clothing all make good Xmas presents

Hampton Bros.

CASH STORE

FAMINE IN CHINA GROWS MORE ACUTE

Rioting and Brigandage Is Resulting From Conditions of Starvation. Government Is Providing Work on Large Scale For Those Who are Destitute

Washington, Dec. 22.—Consul General Rodgers, of Shanghai, today cabled the state department: "Kiangpet famine conditions daily growing worse and brigandage and rioting in the adjacent districts are resulting, because of which a very dangerous state of affairs is anticipated by the officials. The Chinese government will probably provide work on a grand scale for the destitute hordes, as immense numbers are unquestionably starving. The sickly, afflicted and old are left in the famine district and refugees concentrated in adjacent cities, where they are poorly provided for."

MOTHER AND CHILDREN BURNED TO DEATH

New York, Dec. 22.—Mrs. Alice L. McWhitney and two children were burned to death in a fire which destroyed their home at Pompton Lakes, New Jersey, today.

ARMY OFFICER SHOT BY NEGRO

El Reno, Okla., Dec. 22.—Captain Macklin, of Company C, Twenty-fifth Infantry, was shot by a masked man last night, but may recover. There is no trace of the would-be assassin and bloodhounds are on his trail. Macklin is positive the man was a negro, but knows no reason for the assault.

WANT RECEIVERS FOR RAILROADS

Minneapolis, Minn., Dec. 22.—The Mississippi Valley Lumberman today states that a number of shingle and lumber manufacturers on the Pacific coast have under way steps looking toward an application for receivers for certain roads on the ground that the roads have forfeited their charters through inefficient service.

GOOD NEWS FROM BLUE RIVER MINES

A. K. Knapp, of the firm of Knapp & Nobel, has received a letter from P. H. Kylo, of Blue River, says the Oregon City Star. Mr. Kylo is an experienced miner, and has been employed by the Crown Boys Mining & Milling Company to conduct their operations. He writes to Mr. Knapp that they have just started on the second one hundred feet of the tunnel. The miner speaks in terms of much encouragement and says the mine is a wonder and prospects fine. "It is a fine layout for a smelter as the mine has a big ore chute. The rock is rather hard at present, but on the beginning of the second one hundred feet it tends toward running into good stuff." Mr. Kylo went on to say that the Crown Boys mine is no doubt the best mine in the Blue River district today, and chances are that the ore will show in great quality. Samples of the ore are expected now at any time.

MAY WRITE ON BOTH SIDES OF POSTAL CARD

March 1 the new ruling on postal cards goes into effect. The order is explained by Postmaster Cortelyou in these words: "The universal postal convention recently concluded in the city of Rome provides for the admission to the mails, exchanged between all countries of the postal union, on and after October 1, 1907, of post cards bearing messages written upon the left half of the front of the cards, and as such cards are now admitted at the postage rate applicable to post cards, both to the domestic mails of certain principal countries of the union and to sea

A STUDY IN EVOLUTION.



In prehistoric days we are told that strange looking, puffing, snorting dragons flew through the air, which in our time seems to have evolved into the speeded autolot.

COLORED LEAGUERS PROTEST TO PRESIDENT

Philadelphia, Dec. 22.—William S. Sinclair, president, and N. F. Mossell, secretary of the local branch of the Constitutional League, today sent a lengthy message to President Roosevelt, denouncing his action in disbanding the members of the Twenty-fifth Infantry. After protesting against his "supposed denunciation of the colored troops," the message takes up his reference to shielding criminals and charges that the organization of whites in his effort to suppress the war against the colored people.

SIX MINERS KILLED BY A FALLING SHAFT

Carlyle, Ill., Dec. 22.—The cage in the Breeze Trenton Mining Company's shaft dropped early today, killing six men and injuring one. An explosion occurred in the mine and the cage fell, burying all the occupants in the debris at the bottom of the shaft.

SUSPECTED SAFE BLOWERS ARE UNDER ARREST

Spokane, Dec. 22.—Two men, giving their names as Thomas Blair and Frank Havlin, were arrested here today on suspicion of being the safe blowers who have been operating in this state recently. Jewelry and diamonds to the value of \$250 were found in their possession.

MASTER MECHANIC KIPP AND WIFE KILLED

El Paso, Dec. 22.—Master Mechanic Kipp, of the American Smelter and Refining Company's smelter here, and wife were found unconscious and apparently dying in the wreck of their automobile. It is supposed they were struck by a Southern Pacific train.

MINER HICKS ALMOST RESCUED AFTER TWO WEEKS

Los Angeles, Dec. 22.—Manager Edison, of the Electric Company, has received a telegram from Bakersfield that the rescuers have penetrated the tunnel in which Miner Hicks has been a prisoner for more than two weeks, and that he will be brought out within a few hours. Hicks can already see daylight and is encouraging his rescuers to greater efforts.

GENERAL NEWS NOTES.

A large tract of prairie land near El Paso, Texas, is gradually sinking, and a lake is forming. The water is already three feet deep and seems to be increasing.

Another portion of the crater of Mt. Vesuvius fell in Thursday, and caused a big eruption of sand. It was immediately followed by a number of small earthquakes.

President Roosevelt is exerting his efforts to have the break in the Colorado river repaired as soon as possible by the California Development Company.

Switchmen employed by the Northern Pacific, S. P. Co. and O. R. & N., have been granted an increase in wages.

Freight rates on flour and wheat between Pacific Northwest ports and the orient have been cut \$1 per ton to Shanghai and 50 cents per ton to Hongkong and Japanese ports.

REPUBLICAN PRESS OF FRANCE IS PLEASED

Adoption of Government Church and State Separation Bill Cause of Gratification to All Concerned American Catholics Will Assist Brethren

Paris, Dec. 22.—The entire Republican press expresses the greatest satisfaction in the adoption by a vote of 413 to 166 of the government's bill amending the church and state separation law of 1905. The papers all dwell with special gratification on the fact that the various republican groups unitedly supported the government in the new step which it felt compelled to take, in view of the intransigence of the vatican authorities. The opposition organs indulge in a most venomous denunciation of the new measure.

Help from Louisiana.

New Orleans, Dec. 22.—An offer of pecuniary assistance to the French clergy from the Catholic clergy of Louisiana was mailed last night to Cardinal Richard, archbishop of Paris.

CAR SHORTAGE CLOSES COAL MINES

Seranton, Pa., Dec. 22.—All the coal mines here have closed on account of the lack of cars to remove the finished product.

WHIT OF BARRENS CORPUS WITH MRS. ANNE MYERS

Chicago, Ill., Dec. 22.—Judge Whit of Barrens, Illinois, today granted a writ of habeas corpus to Mrs. Anne Myers, under sentence of death for the murder of her husband.

HENRY ANKENY DIED TODAY AT PORTLAND

Prominent Pioneer of Oregon and Resident of Eugene Passes Away After a Long Illness From Dropsy--Funeral Will Be Held Monday

Henry E. Ankeny, the Oregon pioneer, whose home was in Eugene for the past ten years, died in Portland early this morning after a long illness of dropsy. The news of his death was received here in messages to several friends of the family, but no funeral arrangements have as yet been announced. His hosts of friends here and all over the state will be pained to hear of his demise.

Henry E. Ankeny was born in Virginia in 1844, crossing the plains with his father and stepbrother in 1850 to Yamhill county, Oregon. For a time he was agent for the Wells-Fargo Company and engaged in merchandising. In 1866 he married Miss Cordelia Striker, of Vancouver, Wash. He operated an express in the gold fields of Idaho, and later to the Fraser river gold fields, returning to Oregon in the early 70s. Later he operated the famous Sterling mine in Jackson county for several years and has been successfully and extensively engaged in banking. During the past ten years he had resided in Eugene.

Mr. Ankeny's family consists of a wife and six children—Frank E. Ankeny, of Klamath Falls; Mrs. John C. Orth and Mrs. John Kramp, of Jacksonville; Mrs. Roscoe Cantrell, of Klamath Falls; Mrs. Alfred H. Miller, of Medford, and Miss Gladys Ankeny, of Eugene.

He was a member of Eugene lodge No. 11, A. F. & A. M., Eugene lodge Knights Templar, and Portland Scottish Rite and Mystic Shrine.

AMUSEMENTS

The approaching engagement of Gorton's Minstrels at the Eugene theatre is looked forward to with pleasure by lovers of this popular form of amusement. Gorton's Minstrels have long been regarded as one of the standard attractions which may always be depended upon to more than fulfill all promises, and the addition this season of many new and important features insures a performance of unusual excellence. A street parade, unrivalled in its magnificent and costly equipment, will be given at noon of Wednesday, December 26.