

SALE OF BUSINESS LOT MADE TODAY
 Members Sells Sixth and
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 PRICE PAID FOR IT
 Bros. Will Erect Mod-
 eree or Four-Story
 Store Building
 as completed today where-
 ambers sold the corner lot
 and Willamette streets to
 rothers, the dry goods
 for \$18,000. The lot
 illamette street 75 feet,
 back to the alley, a dis-
 feet. The sale was engi-

neered by E. J. Frasier, the real estate dealer. Hampton Bros. announce that they will erect a handsome three or four-story brick and stone building to cover the entire lot, and will occupy every floor with a big department store.
Makes Handsome Profit
 This is considered one of the very best business lots in the city, situated as it is across the street from the government postoffice site and being in a central location. Mr. Chambers bought the entire 160 foot frontage four years ago from the Lauer heirs for \$4300. This included the beautiful Lauer residence, which Mr. Chambers moved off last year. Since purchasing the property he has built a two-story brick block on the south side of the lot and still has \$5 feet frontage left, selling less than half of the property for over four times what he paid for the entire quarter block.
Big Business Block
 Hampton Bros. will erect the building either next year or in 1910, probably not until the latter year. They plan to put up the finest store building in the city and devote the entire space on every floor to their business. They promise to have the finest store building between Portland and the big California cities. They have not yet adopted any plans, but they have decided to have the corners built of stone—the name of the new building is University is built of— and plate glass will extend on the lower floor, from the southeast corner of the building to Willamette street clear around to the northwest corner on West Sixth street. The building will have an electric elevator and all other modern conveniences.
 Judge L. Pipes of Portland, has been at the Woodcock farm below Irving street Saturday morning. Report has that he has killed three blackbirds and one killdeer.

ABE RUEF IS SENTENCED TO FOURTEEN YEARS

Former Political Boss Receives Maximum Sentence From Judge Lawlor



ABRAHAM RUEF.

San Francisco, Dec. 29.—Fourteen years in the penitentiary, the maximum, is the sentence meted out today to Abraham Ruef, who for four years directed the political destinies of San Francisco as adviser of the administration of Eugene E. Schmitz, mayor of the city.
 Judgment was pronounced at the close of a day devoted to legal battle, wherein the defense sought to introduce many reasons for a new trial. When Judge William F. Lawlor had denied this and other motions involving delay, the defendant arose at the court's command and stood unmoved through the recital of judgment. There were no demonstrations on the part of the spectators during the proceedings in the court room, nor later when Ruef, having entered the prison van in the custody of a deputy sheriff, started in the

dusk on his long ride to the county jail.
 Before the adjournment of court notice of appeal had been filed on behalf of the defendant and the court had signed a writ of probable cause, which will act as a stay of execution. In a trial that was prolonged through a period of nearly four months Ruef was convicted, December 10, of bribing John J. Furey, an ex-supervisor, to favor the award of an overhead trolley franchise to the United Railroads. This was one of 114 indictments returned against

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HALF POPULATION OF CALABRIA DEAD WHILE OTHER HALF WEEPS FOR THEIR FAMILIES LOST AND HOMES DEVASTATED

Rome, Dec. 30.—From the latest estimates today it is feared the total number of victims in Sicily and Calabria will reach more than one hundred thousand, while the damage to property will total several hundred millions.

ALL INHABITANTS DEAD

Cantazaro, Calabria, Dec. 30.—A report received here says the town of Bagnar, on the coast north of Reggio, is completely wiped out, fire finishing the work of destruction. The report says all the inhabitants are dead. The population was ten thousand.

REGGIO HEAP OF TANGLED RUINS

Paris, Dec. 30.—A dispatch from Rome says the torpedo boat sent to aid the sufferers at Reggio has returned, reporting nothing remains of the city but a heap of tangled ruins.

AMERICAN CONSUL LOST

Washington, Dec. 30.—A dispatch to the state department from Consul Gale confirms the death of Consul Cheney and wife at Messina. The bodies have not yet been recovered.

BISHOP AMONG THE MISSING

Washington, Dec. 30.—Right Rev. David Sessums, Protestant Episcopal bishop of Louisiana, is believed to have been in Messina at the time of the earthquake. Nothing has been heard from him.

Rome, Dec. 30.—Half the population of Calabria and the eastern part of Sicily are dead and the other half weeping for them. As the great extent of the seismic disturbances become apparent, it seems impossible to exaggerate the horrors which have followed them. The calamity which has overwhelmed Italy is almost beyond the grasp of imagination, not only because of the number of dead, but because of the innumerable wounded buried in ruins, many of whom will perish as it is impossible to rescue them from the wrecks of their former homes. The total number of victims is variously estimated at from 50,000 to 150,000.
 The king and queen arrived at Messina today, and as they made their way into the ruined town the scene of horror was too much for the queen and she almost swooned.
 Crowds of terror-stricken people surrounded the royal couple, throwing themselves in the mud and screaming for aid and pity.
 As far as the facts concerning Messina become available they corroborate in every detail the worst fears heretofore expressed, while the horrors of the situation and completeness of the destruction become hourly more apparent.
 Coast Line Altered
 The coast line is greatly altered by the earthquake, the beautiful homes along the shore being a mass of ruins. A national committee has been formed to collect funds for the victims, the list being opened by a contribution of \$400,000 from the king. The premier has received a telegram from Signor Felice, a deputy at Messina, summing up the situation as follows:
 "Messina is completely destroyed, razed to the ground. The victims may be numbered by the tens of thousands, and the conflagration which is still raging is completing the destruction of the city. Salvage implements, firemen and soldiers must be sent immediately. The disaster exceeds the wildest imagination."
 The volcano Stromboli is active and the sea around the islands is very agitated and dangerous to navigation.
 The pope has telegraphed the archbishop at Palermo a large sum of money and instructed him to proceed to Messina immediately and help the survivors.
PINIONED IN RUINS AND BURNED.
 Catania, Dec. 30.—A Messina refugee says that only a small proportion of the population escaped. Thousands of imprisoned and pinioned human beings unable to extricate themselves, were burned alive while others are dying of injuries and

many are starving. Messina's crying need is for doctors, nurses, food and firemen. The first work of rescue was performed by volunteers from ships in the harbor and groups of heroic survivors, who, at great personal risk, extricated many persons from precarious situations. Not the least of the suffering was caused by a down pour of cold rain.

ANOTHER QUAKE FRIGHTENS PEOPLE.

Palermo, Dec. 30.—A slight undulatory shock occurred at 7:30 last evening and created a terrible panic. The population is wrought up by the effects of the recent quake, crowded the churches, carried out the images, saints and sacred vessels and marched in a procession through the streets imploring a cessation of the earthquake scourge.

EARTHQUAKE SHOCK CAUSES GREAT FLIGHT.

Syracuse, Sicily, Dec. 30.—Violent earthquake shocks were experienced here at half-past five this morning. The people of Syracuse, terrified and fearful, rushed into the streets and into the surrounding country. Two violent earthquake shocks were felt on the island of Ustica last night.

KING AND QUEEN WORK HEROICALLY.

Catania, Dec. 30.—King Victor Emmanuel and Queen Helena arrived at Messina today and immediately joined in the rescue party and labored as unrelentingly as the others. The king personally extricated several injured from the ruins, and the Queen devoted her attention principally to the little children. She rescued herself, a three year old boy bleeding from many cuts and bruises. An overpowering stench is beginning to arise from the ruins of Messina. Ten thousand soldiers will be required to bury the dead there.

RUINED CITIES RESEMBLE POMPEII.

Catanzaro, Dec. 30.—Such fragmentary news as is received from Reggio confirms its reports that the city is practically obliterated. A message from there concluded: "Messina and Reggio look like Pompeii."

Brief Dispatches.
 Rome, Dec. 30.—Cable Communication with the Aeolian Islands, 25 miles north of Sicily, is interrupted. It is feared the islands have also been devastated.

Catania, Dec. 30.—There were further shocks at Messina last night which added to the panic of the survivors.

Rome, Dec. 30.—The Minister of Marine estimates the victims of the earthquake and tidal wave in Calabria and Sicily at 115,000.

New York, Dec. 30.—J. Pierpont Morgan has given \$10,000 for the relief of the earthquake sufferers.

MURDERER TIMMONS UNDER INDICTMENT

Grand Jury Finds True Bill Against Wife Slayer

Standing for the first time in the Marion county circuit court room, C. Y. Timmons yesterday heard read the indictment charging him with murder in the first degree, telling a few of the details of the horrible tragedy when it is alleged, he cut his wife's throat.

Timmons is a short, rather heavy set individual and does not bear the earmarks of a murderer. He took the news of the indictment stoically enough and his face was expressionless as he was led from the courtroom back to his cell by Deputy Sheriff Esch.

Timmons will be arraigned this morning and the questions of setting his case for trial will come up. Considerable testimony was taken in the grand jury room and the indictment was brought in after about two hours consideration of the case. It has developed that the sheriff's office is provided with an accurate map of the entire house where the murder took place. The plans were drawn by a competent engineer and will figure prominently in the trial of Timmons.

Not a detail has been overlooked in this plan of the house and especially in the plan of the room where the killing occurred.—Salem Statesman.

A warm rain throughout Jackson County the first of the week caused some flow in the mountain streams, which so far this season have been scarcely more in volume than last summer. The rain was actually needed in farming operations. The fine weather for the last month has been a boon to the orchardmen and it is estimated that already more than 5000 acres of orchard have been set in the valley.

JAMES B. FINCH CONVICTED ON MURDER CHARGE

Portland, Dec. 30.—Finch was convicted of murder in the first degree. The jury was out 30 minutes.

Portland, Dec. 30.—The case of James A. Finch, charged with the murder of Ralph B. Fisher, prosecutor of the State Bar Association, went to the jury at 2:50 o'clock this afternoon.

First Chinook Wind.

Joseph, Or., Dec. 29.—The first chinook of the winter, in Willows county, came Sunday evening, and on Monday morning, it was raining. The cold season came early this season, and on Christmas day the sleighing was splendid.

Chicago Wheat Market.

Chicago, Dec. 30.—Dec. 1.04; May, 1.08 5-8; July 1.09 1-8; Sept. 96 7-8.

Forest Ranger C. H. Young of the Umpqua Reserve arrived last night from Florence and will be in Eugene several days in connection with contests in his district.

Several Oregon towns are expecting to do more paving next year; they are convinced it will pay.

JOHNSON-BURNS FIGHT WAS BRUTAL

Australian Authorities May Prohibit Future Contests

Sydney, Dec. 30.—Chief Secretary Wood, of New Wales, declares today that the authorities are giving the prize-fighting situation serious consideration. It is declared the Burns-Johnson fight was more brutal than scientific, and unless prize-fighting is eliminated boxing will soon be regarded as an illegitimate sport.

FIFTY MINERS DIE IN EXPLOSION

Ennis, W. Va., Dec. 30.—The fatalities in the Lick branch mine as a result of the explosion of yesterday afternoon will probably reach fifty. A number of bodies were taken out today.

According to a mine foreman 28 men were in the mine and there is little chance of their recovery alive. The cause of the explosion is unknown.

FLOUR MILLS AT SACRAMENTO BURNED

Sacramento, Dec. 30.—The Pioneer flour mills were burned to the ground today. The mills were owned by the Southern Pacific Company, and the fire is believed to have been incendiary, as there have been several previous attempts to burn them. The buildings were used by wholesalers for storage purposes.

The notarial commission of Darwin Bristow was filed today with the county clerk.

Big January Stock Reducing Sale

As has been our custom for yearpast to hold a gigantic January Sale, we will make no exception this year. The annual sale will be a money-saving opportunity for the people of Eugene and surrounding country, and for us it will reduce our great stock and enable us to better handle the spring goods when they arrive. From day to day different items will be added to the list on salemaking the last day as interesting as the first. For lack of space we can tell you only a few items. The better way for you to come to the store and look around. It will pay you.

Domestic Department

CALICOES, 5c
 2 and 3c Calicoes; every piece in stock during this sale, at the yard.
FLANNELS AT REDUCED PRICES
 2 1/2 Heavy Twilled Outing Flannel, the yard..... 10c
 2 1/2 Outing Flannel, light and dark colors, the yard..... 5c
DALE MUSLIN CHEAP
 100 yards Lonsdale Muslin, 36 inch wide; the yard..... 9c
SHEETING
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Dress Goods Department

DRESS GOODS ARE INCLUDED IN THIS SALE
 Every piece of Dress Goods in this big stock will be cut in price during this stock-reducing sale. It makes no difference what the price was—now you can buy for less.
 25c Dress Materials will be sold at..... 20c
 40c Dress Materials will be sold at..... 32c
 50c Dress Materials will be sold at..... 40c
 75c Dress Materials will be sold at..... 60c
 \$1.00 Dress Materials will be sold at..... 80c
 \$1.25 Dress Materials will be sold at..... \$1.00
 \$1.50 Dress Materials will be sold at..... \$1.20
SOME MATERIALS WILL BE SOLD EVEN LESS
 35c Wool Suitings, 45 inches wide; all dark colors; sale price, the yard..... 55c
 50c Plaids and small Checks, dark colors for winter wear; make good school dresses; the yard..... 30c
 \$1.25 All-Wool Plaids, 42 inches wide, in bright and medium colors; the yard..... 87c

Underwear Department

DREN'S UNION SUITS
 Heavy Fleece Union Suits for Children, each..... 25c
MEN'S VESTS
 White or Eerie Vests or Pants for men, each..... 25c
MEN'S UNION SUITS
 Heavy Fleece Union Suits for Men; perfect fitting, each..... 50c

Japanese Goods

WOMEN'S LONG KIMONAS
 \$15.00 Quilted Silk Kimonas, black, blue and pink, with silk lining; excellent home or lounging robe; January sale price, each..... \$8.00
JAPANESE CREPE
 25 Japanese Crepe in dark blue, light blue and lavender, with suitable figures; special, the yard..... 20c

CHILDREN'S COLLAR AND MUFF SET
 White Collar and Muff Sets, from \$1.25 to \$7.00, at half price; sale price..... 60c to \$3.50
TRIMMING BRAIDS
 About 500 yards of colored Trimming Braids in almost every conceivable coloring; worth from 20c to 35c; sale price, yd..... 15c
WOMEN'S CORSETS FOR ALMOST NOTHING
 R. and G. and Royal Worcester Corsets, worth regular from \$1.00 to \$1.50; this is a broken line; closing out at, each..... 25c

Art Department

LOW COVERS, LAUNDRY BAGS, ETC.
 9c Fancy and Scrub Pillow Case, sale price..... 25c
 5c Lithographs and all others at same price, each..... 12 1/2c
 1.50 High Art Japanese Pillows, with Marine and Landscape views; sale price, each..... 75c
 5c and 50c Laundry Bags, made of fancy creton or art canvas; sale price, each..... 12 1/2c and 25c

Clothing Department

MEN'S SUITS ALL REDUCED
 This is the time you have been waiting for when you could buy that suit at a bargain price. Come before the week is gone—the earlier the better, as you get more to pick from, because they will surely go fast at the prices we name on them. Are you ready? Read:—
 \$10.00 Suits you now can buy for..... \$ 8.00
 \$12.50 Suits you now can buy for..... \$10.00
 \$15.00 Suits you now can buy for..... \$12.00
 \$20.00 Suits you now can buy for..... \$16.00
 \$25.00 Suits you now can buy for..... \$20.00
 \$30.00 Suits you now can buy for..... \$24.00
NOTE THE SAVING IN THE PRICE
BOYS' OVERCOATS AT A SAVING OF ONE-HALF
 Boys' Overcoats of good materials, well lined; all good colors, worth from \$3.50 to \$10.00, at 1/2. Priced at, each \$1.75 to \$5.00

Notion Department

MIRrors AND FANCY GOODS SPECIALS
 \$3.50 Mirror, Brush and Comb set, fine goods; closing out price, the set..... \$1.75
 \$2.00 Mirror and Brush Set, each..... \$1.00
 \$3.00 Hand Mirrors, Twine Boxes, Pictures, Post Card Albums, Pin Cushions, etc., at half-price.

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Coat and Suit Department

MEN'S COATS FOR RAIN AND COLD WEATHER
 \$5.00 and \$9.00 Cravenette coats for Misses on sale now at \$2.50, the set..... \$2.50 to \$4.50
 \$3.00 and \$4.00 variety of good material warm Winter Coats, made of a variety of good material, worth from \$2.50 to \$4.00. During this January sale at 1/2 price, or..... \$1.75 to \$5.00
MEN'S SHORT COATS MOST GIVEN AWAY
 \$12.50 to \$20.00 Short Coats, made of the finest material, they last, ea..... \$3.00

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