

First Annual Clearance Sale

Beginning February 8th,

and continuing for the entire month we will make special reduced prices on our entire line of general merchandise. Following are a few of the many bargains of this MONEY SAVING SALE.

CROCERIES

18 pounds of Sugar for One Dollar
 3 cans Corn 25 cents, \$1.75 per case
 3 cans Tomatoes 25c, \$1.95 per case
 1 package Raisins, 10 cents
 1 pound Mokona Coffee 16 cents
 2 pkgs. Arbuckles Coffee 34 cents
 1 gallon can of Peaches 40 cents
 1 gallon can of Apricots 40 cents
 1 gallon can of Apples 40 cents
 1 gallon can of Pumpkin 35 cents
 7 bars of Golden Star Soap 25 cents

YOU CANNOT AFFORD TO MISS THESE BARGAINS IN OUR UP-TO-DATE GROCERY DEPARTMENT.

DRY GOODS

1000 yards of Calico, per yard 6 1-2c
 500 yards Outing, per yard 9c
 300 yards Outing, per yard 7c
 Ladies' Trimmed Hats One-Half Price
 20 per cent off on all Wool Dress Goods
 Ladies' and Gents' Golf Gloves at cost
 Ladies' and Gents' Umbrellas 1-4 off
 Men's Heavy Cotton Underwear at 42 1-2c per garment

SPECIAL REDUCED PRICES ON OUR ENTIRE STOCK

SHOES

Now is the time to buy your shoes. We carry the largest and most complete line in this part of the county and have just received our spring line. We will include them in this Big Sale at from 15 per cent to 20 per cent off. A Special Additional Cut will be made on all Loggers.
 Men's sporting duck boots, pair \$4.50
 Men's short duck boots, pair \$3.00
 Men's short plain boots, pair \$2.75

PARAFINE CLOTHING
 20 PER CENT DISCOUNT

JEWELRY

25 per cent off on all of our new line of Jewelry. Every Article Warranted.



In fact everything in our store will be reduced in PRICE and must be in QUANTITY, for we need the Money and YOU NEED THE GOODS.

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STATE ACTIVITY NOTES.

Portland business men have determined to make a united and most enthusiastic effort to secure from the Trans-Continental Passenger Association a special rate through to Portland and other points in the Pacific Northwest for delegates and others who will attend the National Democratic Convention to be held in the metropolis of Colorado next July. This was the topic of a meeting held at the parlors of the Portland Commercial Club Friday night and letters were forwarded Saturday to the meeting of the Passenger Agents now in session at Coronado Beach, California. The round-trip rates that will be in vogue from Portland and other Oregon points to Denver will make it easy to organize a party of representative business men from all parts of the State and send them on a special train to Denver where an extraordinary effort will be made to convince the delegates in attendance upon the convention of the special attractions of the Oregon climate during the hot season.

Three hundred persons were in attendance upon the third annual banquet of the Hood River Commercial Club on the evening of Jan. 31st. A special Pullman sleeper went from Portland, filled to its capacity with representative business men of the metropolis. Among the guests was Governor Chamberlain.

Portland has determined to give the great "Inland Empire Excursion," which spends all day Saturday, Feb. 8th, in Portland, a most cordial reception. Two hundred and fifteen persons compose this party, and the trip is made under the auspices of the Spokane Chamber of Commerce and Walla Walla Commercial Club and the entertainment they receive here will be an index of that extended at other Oregon points where they make stops. The purpose of this excursion is to induce the thousands of tourists now in California to return to their homes by way of the Northwest route.

Big cargoes of lumber are leaving Portland to be used in the construction of the Panama Canal.

Oratorical Contest.

Friday evening the preliminary oratorical contest was held at the college and a good sized audience was present considering the intense cold and wind which put a thick frost on one of the best show companies that has appeared here in a long time.

William E. Gwynn was awarded first place and a prize of \$25 and A. C. Allen second place and \$10. Allen won first place in thought and composition but Gwynn beat him out in delivery thus pulling down the victory. The winner is hard to beat in delivery—he has a peculiar something about his voice that rivets the attention of his audience and a prosaic piece put into his mouth becomes poetry. Mr. Gwynn has a strong oration in thought and composition which has the fine distinction of being optimistic rather than pessimistic as the trend has been for several years.

Of late over half of the orations in the state contest have been upon graft carried to the limit. Mr. Gwynn spoke upon "A Vindication of National Tendencies," showing the moral strength of the home, colleges, and the patriotism that exists today.

The standard of the contest was very high and every one of the orations was well written and delivered. None of the literary societies did any rooting for their candidates as in previous contests. The judges in thought and composition were: John Carrol of the Evening Telegram, Hugh Hertman of the East side High School, and Rev. Dyer of the First Congregational church of Portland. On delivery: Judge Hollis, Pres. Ferrin and Prof. Barnes of the Hillsboro high school. Mr. Gwynn represented the school last year in the state contest at McMinnville and is a member of the debating team to meet Whitman here this month.

The program
 Piano Solo—Bridal Procession (Grieg) by Miss Nell Hoople.
 Vocal Solo—(Selected) by Miss Amy Thomas.
 Oration—Friend or Enemy by Miss Frances Clapp.
 Oration—The Spirit of Heroism by

Mr. A. C. Allen.

Oration—The Legacy of a Nation by Mr. H. E. Witham.

Vocal Solo—(a) Kinder totten Lieder (Mahler) (b) Bird Song (Watson) by Mrs. Pauline Miller Chapman.
 Oration—Judge Not by Mr. J. R. Ward.

Oration—A National Disgrace by Miss Helen Chandler.

Oration—A Vindication of National Tendencies by Mr. Wm. E. Gwynn.
 Piano Solo—Novellozza (Godard) by Miss Ruby Wilson.

To Vote on Measures.

Salem, Ore.—The voters of Oregon will be asked to vote upon 10 measures at the June election. Briefly stated the measures are as follows:

Submitted by the legislature—

Amendment increasing compensation of members of the Legislature to \$400 for a regular session and \$10 per day for special sessions.

Amendment permitting the location of state institutions away from the capital.

Amendment increasing the number of Supreme Judges to five and extending the jurisdiction of Circuit Courts to probate work; also requiring provision by law for District Attorneys, County Courts, etc.

Amendment changing the time of holding general elections from June to November.

Legislative acts submitted under the referendum—

Act giving Sheriffs custody of prisoners.

Act requiring granting of free railroad passes to certain officials.

Act appropriating \$100,000 for armories.

Act increasing the University of Oregon appropriation to \$125,000 per annum.

Submitted by initiative petition—

Equal suffrage amendment.

Act for the protection of salmon on the Lower Columbia.

Amendment giving cities exclusive control of liquor selling, gambling, etc.

Amendment exempting dwelling-houses, factories, tools furniture, etc. from taxation.

Amendment giving voters the power to recall public officers.

Act instructing members of Legislature to vote for people's choice for Senator.

Amendment providing for proportional representation.

Act limiting expenditures for political campaign purposes.

Act to protect salmon on the Upper Columbia.

Amendment limiting the power of District Attorney to file indictments.

Act for creation of Hood River County.

HIS LITERARY HIT.

Six years ago he wrote a tale which had a most tremendous sale. It brimmed with pungent epigrams. 'Twas called "The Marys and Their Lambs."
 The scene was laid in some domain The search for which would be in vain— 'Twas, said each bookish oracle, Historical.

One year went by; 'twas dramatized. The critics all were much surprised When public, pulpit and the press Declared it was a huge success. The author, too, was greatly moved At seeing what a hit it proved. He took, though, with all loyalty His royalty.

The second year it whooped along, Transformed into a comic song; Also in expurgated form It took the goodly folk by storm. The third year added to his fame, The tale was made a parlor game. The book, instead of thinning out, Was winning out.

The fourth year it was lectured on, With slides in a stereopticon. The fifth year he much cash derived— The first edition was revived. And now a corps of brainy men Are working on the thing again. No doubt 'twill leave the hopper a Grand opera.

—Wilbur D. Nesbit in New York Life.

Their Strange Behavior Explained. A real estate broker was one day walking down the street with a friend. After proceeding a short distance the friend fell back a step and closed in on the broker's right. They proceeded twenty feet, when the broker backed up, sidestepped and regained his former position.

"Excuse me," said the friend as they proceeded a little farther along and he retreated a step and again slipped around to the right side of the real estate agent.

They continued along together a few more paces when the broker, with an "I beg your pardon," executed the same maneuver and regained the right hand position.

"Say, what's the matter?" demanded the friend.

"Can't hear with my right ear," explained the broker.
 "Same here," said the friend.
 "Shake."

It Kept Them Away.

How to warn off trespassers without spring guns has been discovered by a canny peasant in the south of France. His woods were invaded by nut pickers. He asked a botanical friend the Latin name for the hazelnut and put up the following notice: "Caution.—All persons entering this wood do so at their own risk. The Corylus avellana abounds here as well as other equally venomous snakes." Not a trespasser has ventured into the wood since.

In the Same Fix.



"I cannot part your hair, my friend; It seems most dreadful stubborn."

"Don't try, for I've a cowlick, sir, Which I, myself, can't govern."

—Harper's Weekly.

Dirge Expectation. "Did you have an excuse for staying away from school today?" said one small boy.

"No," answered the other, "but if father delivers the chastisement I expect I'll have a good excuse for staying away tomorrow."—Washington Star.

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Forest Grove Time Table

NORTH BOUND.	
No. 7 departs 6:40 a. m., arrives at Portland 8:00 a. m.	10:30 a. m.
No. 9 " 1:30 p. m., " " " 2:50 p. m.	5:30 p. m.
No. 1 " 4:44 p. m., " " " 6:33 p. m.	

SOUTH BOUND.	
No. 2 lv. Portland 7:00 a. m. lv. Forest Grove 8:34 a. m.	11:30 a. m.
No. 4 " " 11:00 a. m. ar. " " 12:30 p. m.	3:45 p. m.
No. 6 " " 4:10 p. m. lv. " " 5:45 p. m.	7:00 p. m.

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