

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

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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.



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Greatest Lumber Cut.

More lumber was cut in the United States last year than in any other year in its history. The enormous amount of 37,550,736,000 board feet was produced, and the mill value of this was \$621,151,388. In addition, there were produced 11,858,260,000 shingles, valued at \$24,155,555, and 3,812,807,000 lath, valued at \$11,490,570. On the whole, it is safe to say that the present annual lumber cut of the United States approximates 40 billion feet, and that the total mill value of the lumber, lath, and shingles each year produced is not less than \$700,000,000. These figures give some idea of how vast is the lumber industry and how great is the demand for its products.

A glance at the kinds of lumber produced shows very clearly the passing of white pine and oak, one the greatest softwood and the other the greatest hardwood which the forest has ever grown. Since 1899 the cut of white pine has fallen off more than 40 per cent, while that of white oak has fallen off more than 36 per cent. Today yellow pine leads all other woods in amount cut, while Douglas fir—and this will be surprise to many—comes second. Since 1899 the cut of Douglas fir has increased 186 per cent. Louisiana is the foremost yellow pine state, with Texas, Mississippi, and Arkansas following in order. Washington produces by far the greatest amount of Douglas fir.

A comparison of the lumber-producing states shows that since 1899 there have been many changes in their relative rank. Washington, which in 1899 stood sixth, now leads, while Wisconsin, which eight years ago led all others, is now third. In the same period Oregon, Louisiana, Mississippi, Idaho, and California made great strides as lumber-producing states, though, on the other hand, the amount produced in Michigan, Wisconsin, Minnesota, Georgia, Kentucky, Tennessee, Missouri, Indiana, and Ohio fell off anywhere from 29 to 54 per cent.

The highest-priced native woods are walnut, hickory, and ash, and the cheapest are larch and white fir. From

the fact, however, that since 1899 the average increase in the price of lumber has been 49 per cent, it will not be long before cheap woods are few and far between.

Figures upon the lumber cut of the United States in 1906 are contained in Circular 122 of the Forest Service, which can be had upon application to the Forester, U. S. Department of Agriculture, Washington, D. C.

USED BIBLE AS CIPHER.

A Verse From Solomon Told of a Marriage Engagement.

When she left her home in the small town to come to New York to take up a special course of study her pet sister was fast reaching the crisis of a love affair. The pet sister was a most winsome young lady and had long kept a goodly train of suitors a-sighing. Was this affair to be the grand affair? The older sister hoped so, for she liked the young man cordially—thought he was just the sort to make a proper brother-in-law.

But the weeks passed, and not a bit of definite news about the progress of the affair did the older sister receive in her city boarding house. She became anxious. Louise, she thought, must not go on recklessly trifling in such important matters.

Then one night about 10 o'clock, just as she was going to bed, came a telegram. The servant brought it up. The elder sister was country girl enough to be thoroughly frightened by the pale manila, black inked envelope. How ominous it looked! At length she gathered courage to open it. This is what she read:

Solomon six three. LOUISE.
Solomon six three! Whatever in the world! Oh, why, yes, stupid, it of course meant the Song of Solomon, sixth chapter, third verse! But—and her cheeks flushed with shame—she had no Bible!

There was a great scurrying about the boarding house to find a copy of the sacred book. The girls were routed out in vain. On all sides the cry arose, "Who's got a Bible?" Just think of the sister trying to sleep that night without knowing what that verse was! It would have been just like a woman to lie down to pleasant dreams, content to know that she could satisfy her curiosity in the morning—not!

The landlady, good soul, came to the rescue. She was no heathen. She had a Bible. Up to her room with it flew the sister and shut the door. Such a turning over of pages by eager, nervous fingers! Solomon six three. She found it, and then she cried "Hurrah!" and laughed, for the verse was:

I am my beloved's, and my beloved is mine.

—New York Press.

"Size de World Up Right."
"I hear folks tellin' what a bad world dis am to live in and dat a good man gits no show. You jest size de world up right and you'll slip along same as odder folks, and as fur de good man—he'd better rub some of it off. Too much goodness is like puttin' a woolen blanket on a hoss in a July day. It's hot fur de blanket and uncomfortable fur de hoss."

"I hain't sayin' a word agin truth and honesty and general integrity. As long as de world seemed to have any use fur 'em dey was handy things to have around de house. What I say is dat you can't be a heap different from anybody else and make it pay or have any fun out o' it. If you do business wid a man you have got to do it as odder folks do."

"I hain't sayin' dat it's fur de best dat men lie and cheat and deceive and stand ready to do each odder up, and neither will I deny dat it adds zest to life and sharpens up a man's wits. I reckon I rather enjoy it when Ebullition Brown comes ober to my cabin fur an hour's visit and tries to take de doah mat wid him when he goes. If he was a good man he would be a bore. As it am, I'm wonderin' when he will succeed in gittin' de mat."

"Jest look upon men as men. 'If you hain't lookin' fur truth and you git a dose of it de surprise will be pleasant."

"Don't expect de big end of de trade. Dat's what de odder feller is also lookin' fur."

"Be reasonably honest and be reasonably truthful, but don't go to braggin' about it or you'll be thought a thief and a liar."

"If you want to pass your last days in de porehouse, use men as dey ought to use you. If you want bacon and taters fur breakfast, use men jest as dey use you—wid a leetle extra exertion throwed in fur good measure."

M. QUAD.

He Sidesteps.

Husband—Yes, dear, of course we must economize.

Wife—Well, then, I've concluded that I might do the cooking myself.

Husband (hastily)—Oh, no, it's cheaper to keep a servant in the house than a doctor.—Woman's Home Companion.

Speed.

"It takes you a long time to pass a given point," said the minute hand en passant.

"I may be slow," answered the hour hand, "but it takes you all of sixty-six minutes to catch up with me."—Chicago Tribune.

Considering.

After he had been in deep thought for several minutes Mr. Henpeck said: "I have made up my mind."

"Have you?" his wife replied. "It seems to me it took you a long time, considering what you had to make up."—Chicago Record-Herald.



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A Gentle Hint.
"I got a neat rebuke for my curiosity once," said a well known Baltimore man, "and it was administered by a native of the Cheat river region in West Virginia."
"I had stopped overnight in the district in question and in the morning was strolling about the place, asking all sorts of questions. Presently I met a lanky mountaineer, who greeted me with 'Howdy' and passed the time of day most pleasantly. Seeing that he was barefooted, a circumstance, it seemed to me, quite odd in a mountainous region, I asked:
"Is it the custom of this country for the men to go without shoes?"
"Waal," the native drawled, "some on us do, but most on us atten's to our own business."—Lippincott's.

The Workman's Error.

At the Zoo—Good gracious! How heavy my burrow is today.—Von Vant.

SOUTHERN PACIFIC RAILWAY

Forest Grove Time Table

NORTH BOUND.		SOUTH BOUND.	
No. 7	departs 6:40 a. m., arrives at Portland 8:00 a. m.	No. 2	lv. Portland 7:00 a. m., lv. Forest Grove 8:34 a. m.
No. 3	" 8:50 " " " " 10:30 " "	No. 3	" 11:00 " " " " 12:20 " "
No. 9	" 1:30 " " " " 2:50 " "	No. 4	" 4:10 " " " " 5:46 " "
No. 1	" 4:44 " " " " 6:35 " "	No. 10	" 5:40 " " " " 7:00 " "

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