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# All Shoes on Sale

Except Ground Gripper Shoes



Extra special values in Misses' and children's high cut shoes, button and lace. Sizes 5 to 11, values to \$2.50. Sale price \$1.48  
 Misses' high cut button and lace shoes, sizes 11 1/2 to 2. Values to \$3.00. Reduced to \$1.79  
 Misses and children's vici and gunmetal shoes. Sizes 5 to 8 1/2, 9oc 11 at \$1.29; 11 1/2 to 2, at \$1.48  
 Boys' button and lace shoes, sizes 7 to 13, special \$1.48  
 Boys' button and lace shoes, sizes 13 1/2 to 6. Special at \$1.98  
 Women's patent leather, low heel, button shoes, mat kid and cloth tops, special price \$2.48  
 Women's gun metal and vici, button and lace shoes, low heels, splendid every day shoes, at \$1.98  
 Women's shoes, patent leather, button, a good assortment of sizes, but not all sizes in every style. Regular price \$5 Your choice, \$1.98  
 Women's felt moccasin slippers, ribbon trimmed, price per pair 89c  
 Fourteen pairs of Grovers Julietts, principally small sizes, \$2.50 shoes for sale price \$1.48  
 Women's shoes, 150 pairs of our highest grade. Odd lots reduced to \$2.48  
 Boys' vici button and lace shoes, sizes to 16 1/2, values to \$2.75, reduced to \$1.95

**MEN'S SHOES.**

Men's heavy Blucher shoes, tan and black. Reduced for the Anniversary Sale to \$2.25  
 Men's work shoes, an extra good value for the money, price, pr \$2.48  
 Men's gun metal Blucher shoes, leather lined, a splendid shoe for winter wear. Extra good value. Anniversary sale price \$2.98  
 Men's tan button shoes prices to \$5.00. Sale \$2.45

Men's tan, welt, Blucher work shoes, \$4 grade, will be on sale at Anniversary Sale, for \$2.95  
 Men's short rubber boots \$2.48 and \$2.98  
 Men's 12 to 16 inch high top shoes, tan, prices to \$8, reduced to \$3.95  
 Men's 15 inch high top shoes, tan, two buckles, regular price \$5.50. Sale price \$4.45  
 All shoes not listed in this advertisement are on sale with the exception of Ground Grippers.



**SOME ROAD IDEAS BY FARMER.**

**Linn County Man Who Has Been Seeing Roads Makes Statements of Interest.**

Editor Democrat: The undersigned who has been on a visit just after the holidays with friends and relatives in the eastern part of this (Linn and Marion counties), was very greatly and agreeably surprised, over the conditions of the roads. As this is an age of good roads, the writer thought it might be of some help or value to give his view in the matter, which he hopes will be understood as it is meant, namely for the interest of everybody, especially the tax payer, and those actually engaged in road work.

We, who live here on a level prairie country and, have in places what we commonly term fair roads, do not know to the full extent what road work and the judicial spending of public road money means. It used to be the custom 25 or 30 years ago, that any old way, to spend the public money on roads and highways would do, as long as you would put in time, no matter what work there was done, nor in what shape. Now the above system has been entirely done away with up in the eastern part of the county, more so than right here in the vicinity of Albany.

The conditions of the country up there are entirely different than ours here. Here we have what we might call entirely level country; up there all kinds of conditions imaginable, steep hills which will have to be cut down, all the way from two to 10 feet and filled in below, solid rock to be blasted out, seepy hills which harbor at the foot the stickiest of red and yellow clay, and last but not least, a bluish white clay, in which nothing will scour, and sticks to a shovel as well as to the road graders, so that it will have to be removed with a kind of a scraper from all tools.

There used to be rock filled up on the side of the road in long stretches weighing from a few pounds up to a ton apiece. The road leading up from Stayton to Jordan which is nearly 12 miles, used to be, that you would have to have a four horse team to a load weighing from 1500 to 2000 pounds, and was considered a heavy load. Now this has all changed in the last eight years, so that there only remain two miles of highway to be fixed between Stayton and Jordan, and a person can take the automobile and go between above mentioned places right on this date which is Jan. 12.

Those supervisors who have conducted above mentioned road work, for the last eight years, are deserving of honor and praise, as also the taxpayers who have stood by their supervisors in building up their main highways to such a standard.

Now there is a widespread opinion about the cost of construction ranging from about \$1000 up to \$2000 a mile for grading and finishing a common thoroughfare with gravel, putting in culverts, etc. District No. 25, commonly called Jordan district, has, during the last season put in four miles of road, graded it along hillsides, made cuts, and where necessary put in culverts (and these are made of concrete) the rock were hauled on high piles and a good portion of them blasted out of solid quarries, crushed and hauled on above said four miles of road, at an expense of \$3800 for the four miles of road, this including everything, excepting repairs on machinery. Another mile of road in the same district already graded, received a coating of gravel, hauled from three quarries, at a cost of \$1000 as Creek, comprising 780 yards for \$361.67 actual figures gotten from the supervisors.

District No. 25, known as the Kingster district has done the same work under the same conditions, and approximately the same cost. Each district owns its own rock crusher, and under ordinary conditions it takes nine teams to take the crushed rock away from the crusher, hauling it one mile. The work is begun at 4.8 in the morning, and if one team or team is 15 minutes late, he will have to be 15 minutes ahead of time next day. There are three or four different groups at the same time working in different places, working under sub-bosses, and all under supervision of the supervisor. Traction engines are hired for \$8 a day including a man to run it. The one at the crusher receives \$1 a day less than the one on the grader. Teams with man and wagons, \$3.50.

Now the county court has fixed the price for men and teams working on the road, single men I think are allowed \$2 per day. Above districts hire their own men for \$1.75 and get plenty of help, thereby saving money and getting more road.

Now, knowing the above country as well as the writer, it is strange that under such adverse conditions, roads can be built at such small expense, while here on the prairie the roads in places are in such a deplorable condition. Why should the graveling

# This Cold Weather

Calls for more and warmer clothes. You simply must have warm comfortable clothing if you want to keep well. An Albany doctor said: "If people would use more judgment and dress warmer and protect themselves this cold weather there would be less sickness." Just now we are thinking about

# Sweaters and Mackinaws



- All wool Shaker knit ruff neck sweaters in Navy, cardinal and Oxford, \$6.00 values \$4.95
- Pure worsted Saxony yarn ruff neck sweater, in cardinal and white, \$7.50 values \$6.35
- Medium weight, pure wool ruff neck sweater in Oxford and Cardinal, \$6.00 values \$4.95
- Good weight Pfister knit, all wool ruffneck sweater, navy and Oxford special \$6.00 value \$4.65
- Corrigan knit all wool ruff neck sweater in cardinal only a \$7.00 value for \$5.00
- Dark Oxford raglan sleeve ruffneck, all wool, \$6.50 value \$4.95
- Shaker knit Oxford, ruff neck sweater, all wool, a \$5.00 value \$3.85
- Youths' pure wool ruff neck sweater, sizes 32, 34, 36 in navy, cardinal and oxford, \$4.50 value \$3.85
- Youth's oxford ruff neck \$3.50 value \$2.65
- Cotton ruff neck sweater for work or everyday wear \$7.50

Winter underwear, sox, wool shirts, hats, men's, youths' and boys' suits and overcoats at bona fide worthwhile savings.

# The Blain Clothing Co.

"For January Savings"

Remnants Are Half Price Wednesdays Watch for Our Wednesday Specials

**Hamilton's**  
 THE POPULAR STORE FOR THE PEOPLE  
 VALUES for CASH WORTH WHILE

Deliveries Leave Store Morning 1st 8:30; 2nd 10:30; Afternoon 1st, 2; 2nd 4:30

**CITY NEWS**

**Mr. Lane of Harrisburg—**  
 William Lane, of Harrisburg, was a prominent Albany visitor yesterday, while here, making the Democrat a pleasant call.  
**Hotel's troubles—**  
 A suit has been brought in Eugene by Stephen Smeed the owner of the Smeed Hotel, against N. D. Hardy, manager of the hotel, asking for a receiver. It is alleged that the hotel

is being operated at a loss by the manager, and among other things he has an insolvent boarder who owes \$300.  
**Twenty-Third Annual Ball—**  
 The Elks have issued invitations for their twenty-third annual ball, to be given in their hall on January 25. Hendershot's orchestra, of Eugene, will furnish the music, and the grand march will begin at 8:30.  
**John Claire Monteith—**  
 Mr. and Mrs. John Claire Monteith, of Portland, passed through the city yesterday for Eugene, where last

night Mr. Monteith sang at the Philharmonic concert.  
**For Laymen's Convention—**  
 At 8:30 o'clock tonight there will be several representatives of Laymen's missionary committee to confer with male members of the Albany churches in reference to the state convention of laymen, to be held at Portland, Feb. 13 to 16. The effort is to secure as large a list of delegates from Albany as possible to attend the convention.  
**Miss Foshay's picture—**  
 The Oregonian this morning gave a picture of Miss Amelia Foshay, Traveler's Aid secretary at Portland, in a great work among girls traveling along over the country. Miss Foshay is a former resident of Albany, born in this county, daughter of the late John Foshay, whose name continues to be at the head of the firm of Foshay & Mason.  
**Candidate for Re-election—**  
 Pat McArthur, who recently began serving Oregon as congressman, has started a petition for his renomination for the position. Under the two year system a man is hardly in before he has begun his work to be in some more.  
**Has 300 Pound Negro—**  
 Salem has a 300 pound negro, who is making scenes at a grocery store there. He was at the fair at San Francisco. It is hardly fair for Salem to have the state fair and a three hundred pound negro too.  
**\$20 for Three Minutes—**  
 Beginning next Saturday it will be possible for Portland people to talk with New York people, and all it will cost will be \$20 for three minutes. Right here we protest against the rate as unreasonable, beyond the reach of average people.

**CHICKEN PIE DINNER**  
**CHRISTIAN CHURCH**  
**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 19**  
**MENU**  
 Chicken Pie  
 Mashed Potatoes—Escalloped Corn—Baked Beans  
 Pickles—Jelly  
 Salad  
 Peach Pie with whipped cream  
 Coffee  
 Dinner served from 11 a. m. **35c**

**\$5 Will Take the Ill Out of Chill**  
**WITH ONE OF OUR LUMINOUS RADIATORS**  
 Protect your home from an over-heated stove or furnace with a Pyrene Fire Extinguisher \$7  
 By having PYRENE on your auto you save 15 per cent in Automobile insurance.  
**Ralston Electric Supply Co.**  
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 IN EVERY DEPARTMENT  
 enables us to attend to your banking needs promptly and efficiently. The willing cooperation of officers and employees makes this institution a safe and satisfactory depository for your money.  
**1ST NATIONAL BANK SAVINGS BANK**

**CORVALLIS MEN WALKED**  
**Lawyer Clarke and Barfoot Took Jaunt in Snow to the Hub City Sunday.**  
 Attorney Arthur Clarke and R. A. W. Barfoot, both prominent business men of this city, were lonesome yesterday and to while away the hours decided on a lively jaunt to Albany. They walked all the long distance to the Hub City, but after deliberation paid car fare back to Corvallis. This information is given that friends of the two gentlemen may not feel surprised or offended if they have appeared "stiff" and "cold" today.—Gazette. No mention of whether Barfoot froze his feet or not.

alone of 150 yards of road or probably 200 yards cost over \$200 which is right in front of my house, when the Calapooia river runs the whole length of the district with a beautiful bed of gravel within a mile and a half of this road. Why should gravel be hauled from the river at Albany, and paid for at the rate of 37 1/2c per yard, and hauled from three to five miles, and only two loads per day, when it is so close, and costs nothing if only the people along the road were given a chance in the right time of the season to get to the gravel? Why is it that the road from my house to Albany is in such fine shape any time in the year, and from my house south is in an awful condition in places, so that automobiles and motorcycles have turned around by my house and went by Corvallis to Eugene? Why is the gas tractor which offered to work for \$15 a day, substituted by a steam engine which costs from \$25 to \$30 a day, both or either pulling the same load. There is something wrong in the spending of public money, and we can learn a big lesson from those districts in east Linn county in the way of construction, in putting in full time for a days work on public money, and by all means spending every dollar which is allotted us, from the general fund in the right way. Let not those eastern districts get ahead of us in the

way of building roads, as our conditions here are of a nature to allow us to build two miles of road to their one with the same money.  
 With our Hon. county court having put in a county gravel plant, which if run along commercial lines, will furnish an abundance of splendid road material, and the supervisors giving everybody a chance to help make roads, not trying to lay their wires from one year to another for the supervisorship, by having their friends from one end of the district go to the other, and doing all the work, we will in a few years more, have roads that everybody can travel and be proud of. Don't let it appear, or have it said, that the best blood for road making is 30 miles east of Albany.  
 Our honorable county court has taken a good big step in the right direction by putting a gravel plant in, now let them appoint the right man to oversee the road work, and see to it that a full 8 hours work is done, and every dollar spent in the right way and in the right plan.  
 With due respect,  
 A. A. BENDER.

fall last night was 1 inch, or .10 inch of melted snow.  
**Took Body to Shelburn—**  
 Wm. Fortmiller, Rev. Jas. Moore, of the Methodist church, and Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Moon went to Shelburn this morning with the body of the late E. P. Elliott, who was buried there this afternoon.  
 Wm. Pollock went to Portland on business this morning.

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 Use an electric sign. Persistently, pleasantly, effectively, it impresses your name and your business upon every passerby, suggesting purchases. It is a constant influence drawing trade to your doors.  
**Electric Signs Are Inexpensive**  
 The first cost is soon covered by increased business, and the cost of operation is slight. Let us figure on an Electric Sign for your establishment.  
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**5c and 10c**  
**All this week at the Albany Opera House did the people of Albany know the treat in store for them not one seat would be vacant. The wardrobes used by this Company are as good as used by the largest shows on the road; the actors are as well-trained and experienced as any one or two dollar show behind the foot lights today. See them all this week, your money back if you do not find this the best show for the least money ever put on in the Albany Opera House only 5c and 10c**