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ANNUAL CLEARANCE SALE.

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Calicoes. 6 to 7 1/2 cent Values will go at 5 cents-Cash, While they last.	Ladies' and Gent's Underwear 60 cent Ladies' Fleece 43 c. 30 cent Ladies' Ribbed 23 c. 50 cent Men's heavy Fleece 39c. 50 cent Men's Ribbed 39c	Blankets 95 cent 11-4 Blanket, 79 c. \$1.85 11-4 Blanket, \$1.47 \$2.00 12-4 Blanket, \$1.68 \$3.85 all wool Blanket, et., \$3.20	Ginghams 8 cent Gingham for 61c 12 1/2 cent Gingham for 10c 15 cent Gingham for 11c All guaranteed fast colors	Percales 10 cent and 12 cent Percales, AT 8 cents. Cash	Salt We have a carload of fine and 4 ground Salt, which will be sold for fine..... 32 cents coarse..... 28 cents CASH	Outing Flannels IN ALL COLORS 61 cent Flannel at..... 5 c. 81 cent Flannel at..... 61c. 12 1/2 cent Flannel at..... 9 c.
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Dress Goods
ALL GRADES AND COLORS
It is impossible to give prices on Dress goods as we have a large variety which will all be sold at prices that will sell them during this sale.

In order to clear up and reduce our large stock of goods, on Saturday Jan. 14th we inaugurate our annual Clearance Sale. Every article of our large stock of Dry Goods, Boots and Shoes, Hats and Caps, Gent's Furnishing goods, Men's and Children's clothing, Underwear, Blankets. Will be sold at lower prices than ever offered before. At least \$5,000, worth of our stock must be turned into cash during this sale, regardless of prices. The few prices quoted here will give you a small idea of how the goods will be sacrificed. During this sale we will positively not sell except for CASH or PRODUCE. As the goods will be offered at such prices that you can borrow money, pay interest on it and save from 10 to 15 per cent. Come and convince yourselves. (We do as we advertise.)

Cloaks
LADIES' MISSES' AND CHILD'S
If you need a cloak you can buy one at a price that you think it was free.

Mens Boys Clothing
We have a large variety. Below we quote a few prices that is bound to sell suits.

\$6.00 Men's suits for	\$4.15 cash
\$8.00 Men's suits for	\$5.95 cash
\$10.00 Men's suits for	\$7.80 cash
\$12.00 Men's suits for	\$9.35 cash
\$15.00 Men's suit for	\$11.95 cash
\$17.00 Men's suit for	\$13.90 cash
\$4.50 Boys' suit for	\$ 3.10 cash
\$7.50 Boys' suit for	\$ 5.90 cash
\$9.00 Boys' suit for	\$ 7.15 cash

Men's Work Gloves
\$1.50 gloves for..... \$1.20
"1.25 gloves for..... 95
"1.00 gloves for..... 83
75 gloves for..... 59
50 gloves for..... 42

Hats
Hats of all shapes and colors will be sold with great reduction

W. C. C. Corsets
ALL SIZE IN STOCK
\$1. corsets will go at 83c
\$1.25 corsets will go at \$1.07
\$1.50 corsets will go at \$1.23

Men's Woolen Shirts
Will be sold below COST.

Ladies' Skirts
\$4.00 Ladies' skirts for \$3
"5.50 Ladies' skirts for 4 1/2
"6.50 Ladies' skirts for 4 95
"7.75 Ladies' skirts for 5 45
"8.00 Ladies' skirts for 5 95

Ladies' Waists
Will be sold at any price They must be sold

MEN'S LADIES' AND CHILDREN'S SHOES
We have such a large line that we can not quote prices. But every pair in the House will be sold at a price worth looking into. We carry only the best makes such as Green, Wheeler, Ladies' shoes and District 76
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Napatan, Men's heavy shoes.
Buckingham & Becht, boots.

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OUR GREETING.
In this, the first issue of the NEWS, A. D. 1905, it is with pleasure we greet our readers; wishing them, one and all a happy and prosperous New Year. While we have many things to be thankful for that have been our portion during the past year, we have also had experiences that were not pleasant. We have seen many things that should have been left undone and neglected many things that we should have done. Now a wise man will profit by the experience of the past and avoid the mistakes while the foolish man will have the same number of mistakes to account for at the end of the year. Happiness is the result of right living and setting; while all unhappiness, loss of health, loss of money, etc., is attributable to mistakes. Some of these mistakes may seem unavoidable; also the effects of some mistakes can never be obliterated. Happily however most of them can be overcome or lived down. It is, then, a wise act to remember with sorrow the mistakes of the past year and, rectifying them where possible, avoid their repetition during the coming year. By remembering that all happiness and prosperity is the result of right living and acting, unhappiness, financial loss, sickness and all other ills, if the result of mistakes either by yourself or somebody else, you will, when 1905 shall have closed, be well satisfied with the part that you have played.

The NEWS does not wish to preach a sermon; for that is not within its province. But if it can succeed in setting its readers to think seriously of the part in life they are filling, to avoid mistakes which is the cause of all our ills both financial and physical, it will have accomplished the purpose of this article.

The coming year gives promise of prosperity, if we will but be ready to grasp opportunity as it passes. Nor should we be jealous or say hard things of a neighbor, if he being that more watchful and alert, reaps the proportionate reward. If you fail to reach the desired goal, you will be the better for having made the effort. Let us do our duty well as men and women and there will be sufficient reward for all. The NEWS again extends its best wishes for your prosperity and happiness; at the same time would admonish you that happiness and prosperity comes only to those who exert that personal endeavor that merits the reward.

ABOUT LAND FRAUDS.
The investigation of land frauds now going on in Portland, is attracting the attention of the entire nation. That the government has been defrauded of millions of acres, through various pretexts and fraudulent entries, has been known for years, but the trial of the Benson-Hyde crowd in San Francisco and the investigation now going on in Portland, is about the first vigorous effort the government has ever made to bring the land thieves to book. The government seems now, at this late day, to be aroused to the importance of the situation and seems actuated by a sort of "Let no guilty man escape" spirit. This activity on the part of Uncle Sam, is eminently satisfactory to every genuinely honest man and lover of honest methods.

The intention of the framers of the Homestead law, was to make it easy for every man or woman who desired a home, to secure one. The requirement of actual settlement upon and the cultivation of the land was no hardship upon the honest settler. Congress contemplated that it might be necessary for the settler to absent himself from his claim in order to earn money with which to improve his claim or for the support of himself or family; so he was allowed to leave his claim for this purpose, for a period no greater than six months. From this liberality on the part of our law-makers, has grown up the theory that it was only necessary for the settler to be upon his claim a night or two every six months. The homestead law contemplated only actual residence, on the part of the settler. The claim must be his bona fide home by intent and occupation, in order to secure final title. That the spirit of this law has been violated in the past and that men and women have been granted patents to land wrongfully, is a fact within the knowledge of every one. It is a fact that titles to land have been secured from the government by dozens of men in this county, who never even contemplated living on the land. Business men, who, during the period of time they were supposed to be liv-

ing on and cultivating their claims, were carrying on their respective business with just as close attention at their actual homes, as they did before filing on their claim. Once every six months they would take a few days vacation, visit their claims, chop a few logs and lay up a pen that they call houses. This fiction is carried on for five years and these settlers (?) go up to the land office and swear that they have lived upon and cultivated said land continuously. They not only swear to this fiction, but get other reputable (?) citizens to swear to the fact as witnesses. And these people pose as upright respectable citizens—some of them are even members in good standing of our churches. Is it any wonder that the young and rising generations regard violation of law of smaller consequence, with such examples of perjury set before them? The justification that because others secure land in this way warrants them to do likewise is a most flimsy excuse. Justification for the commission of any crime would be just as plausible. They do not consider it a crime to steal from the government, providing of course, they are not caught in the act. Well, some of them have been caught and will probably pay dearly for their perjury. A great many people seem to imagine that to swindle the public, that is to say—the town, county, state, or nation is all right. They would not steal from an individual, but the public—that's different.

All honor to President Roosevelt, if he will just keep the ball rolling and punish the big thieves as well as the little ones. Millions of acres of land have been secured by corporations through shrewd manipulation of law, who, morally, do not have any more just title to their holdings than have this Pater-McKinley crowd. They have acquired the land without paying for it either directly or indirectly and should be made to disgorge, or to render just payment for the land.

We are informed that there are a number of claims, on Crabtree creek that are being held by these semi-annual settlers. A law pen constitutes the residence and a slashing large enough to place the pen in, constitutes the improvements. We apprehend that all who have secured land in this way are, figuratively, trembling in their boots. They have taken desperate chances and if caught can blame none but themselves. The better plan is to obey the spirit and intent of the law rather than the loose construction of it.

MITCHELL AND HERMANN INDICTED.

At last the expected has happened. Senator Mitchell and Congressman Hermann were indicted last Saturday for complicity in expediting fraudulent land entries in township 11-7. To all who have kept close track of the U. S. grand jury, this is but what was expected. It is humiliating to the people and a blot upon the fair name of Oregon, to have two men in whom she has reposed perfect confidence, and who have been exalted to the highest offices within her gift, indicted as common malefactors. Of course both gentlemen plead "not guilty." Senator Mitchell denies the allegation and defies the allegations. Just what will result from these indictments is difficult, at this time, to conjecture. Both gentlemen are men of great influence and will probably bring every effort within their power to bear, to justify their action. That there is good ground to believe them guilty of the allegations of the indictment, there is not a shadow of doubt. Mr. Hermann, in addition to the charges of fraud made, will have the effect of shady actions at Roseburg at an earlier day which blackens his character, to face.

The specific crime for which Senator Mitchell is charged, is the receiving of \$2,000 from Pater for assisting in expediting lands to patent that he knew were fraudulent.

Against Hermann, who was then land commissioner, the allowing of patents to land that he knew were fraudulent. These are very grave charges and will be very difficult to overcome. It is understood that Pater and McKinley have made confessions from which data was taken, upon which to base the charges made in the indictment.

The NEWS hopes, for the fair name of Oregon, that both gentlemen will be able to completely exonerate themselves from all guilty connection with the fraud. But even to be charged with complicity in such dirty work, is a just against their character for honesty and integrity, that they will find very difficult to overcome. The NEWS predicts that, when their present terms in congress expire, both gentlemen can write the word "Finish" opposite their names on the congressional rolls. Should they be found guilty as charged, impeachment proceedings should be instituted at once. The law-abiding citizens of Oregon will be satisfied with nothing less. There are but few rogues in Oregon compared with the vast number of honest men, and we

INCREASED RAILWAY ACCIDENTS.

The annual report of the interstate commerce commission just issued contains some instructive figures and remarks on the subject of railway accidents. It is hardly necessary to remind the public that recent railway disasters make a new and worse record. In the fiscal year 1904 there were 3367 railway employees killed and 43,296 injured, an increase of 28 per cent over the preceding year. In 1904 there were 420 passengers killed and 8077 injured, an increase of 64 per cent over 1903 in the number killed. Of the ten worst accidents of 1904 eight were due to collisions. In all, there were during the year 6,980 collisions and 4,800 derailments. When comparison is made with the number of railway passengers killed in England, Scotland and Wales a remarkable difference is seen. It is a bad year in Great Britain when as many as five railway passengers are killed.

As far as the commission has investigated railway accidents in the United States it seems to be at a loss to reach specific conclusions, though it mentions laxity of discipline, long hours, employment of inexperienced men, overtaxing a line and labor troubles. In coupling accidents alone 278 employees were killed and 3,441 injured. It is generally understood that some of the most destructive accidents of the past year were due to putting extra labor on train crews, leading to physical exhaustion. One of the main underlying difficulties is grade-crossings, a subject to which the commission gives less than a due share of attention. At all events, railway accidents for 1904 show a large increase. Congress ought to take hold of the subject at once.

Prosecuting attorney John Hall, of Portland, has been summarily dismissed from the office of U. S. prosecuting attorney for the district of Oregon. His dismissal was made at the instance of Deputy Attorney General Heney, who has charge of the prosecution of the land frauds. Mr. Hall is accused of trying to screen some of his friends who are accused of complicity in the frauds.

The New Year's edition of the Oregonian, in these days of special newspaper editions, is simply superb. Its special feature of illustrating and describing the Lewis and Clark fair is everything that could be desired. If the fair is not a complete success, it will not be because the Oregonian has not done its part in going in to the front. The Oregonian has put out many special editions, but none of them have surpassed its latest effort.

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