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Receiver's Sale.

All goods in the John C. Hertz Clothing Co. stock will be sold at 20 per cent discount to close out the entire stock which is new and complete in every department.

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RECEIVER.

LLOYD GRISCOM MINISTER

To Japan in Place of John Barrett

President Hill of Great Northern Retires

His Sons Will Take Up the Burdens of Business

Washington, Dec. 12.—Formal announcement was made in the state department this afternoon of the appointment of Lloyd Griscom, Jr., minister to Persia, to be minister to Japan, and Consul-General Pearson at Teheran, Persia, formerly congressman from North Carolina, becomes minister to Persia.

President Roosevelt today promised to be present at the formal dedication of the St. Louis exposition, April 30th, next.

Chicago, Dec. 12.—In an interview here today, President Hill, of the Great Northern, unequivocally announces his intention to retire from active business. He is quoted as saying that this will be done as quickly as conditions will permit. He says: "I am not worn out, but must step aside for younger men. My sons must take my burden."

Berlin, Dec. 12.—It is officially announced that President Castro, in a reply to the German ultimatum, has rejected every point proposed.

Rome, Dec. 12.—Italians having claims against Venezuela are using their utmost endeavors to induce the government to join the allied forces, and compel payment.

Nothing Tastes Good

And eating is simply perfunctory—done because it must be. This is the common complaint of the dyspeptic.

If eating sparingly would cure dyspepsia, few would suffer from it long.

The only way to cure dyspepsia, which is difficult digestion, is to give vigor and tone to the stomach and the whole digestive system.

Hood's Sarsaparilla cured the niece of Frank Fay, 106 N. St., South Boston, Mass., who writes that she had been a great sufferer from dyspepsia for six years; had been without appetite and had been troubled with sour stomach and headache. She had tried many other medicines in vain. Two bottles of Hood's Sarsaparilla made her well.

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LANDING IS NOT PROBABLE

Of Armed Force in Venezuela

England Prepared to Accept Arbitration

But There Must Be Evidence of Good Faith

Berlin, Dec. 12.—The foreign office has received no news from Venezuela since yesterday. The landing of forces is not considered probable under any circumstances, as naval commanders were authorized to blockade the coast only. Any proposition that United States Minister Bowen might make in behalf of Castro would be received in good spirit, out of regard for the channel of transmission, but no proposition for arbitration has as yet been received.

Washington, Dec. 12.—Alvin Smith, United States consul at Port of Spain, Trinidad, cables the state department that the Venezuelan legation there has been closed. The importance of the dispatch lies in the indication that Venezuela has broken off diplomatic relations with Great Britain.

London, Dec. 12.—The St. James Gazette learns that England would accept arbitration with Venezuela in the dispute on the following terms: First, that Castro deposit \$30,000 as evidence of good faith; second, the arbitrator to control Venezuelan customs during the negotiations. Germany's attitude, the paper says, is unknown.

Marseilles, Dec. 12.—A serious conflict is in progress in the streets between the gendarmes and striking dock men. The fight started after 8000 union dockers and sailors met and voted to continue the strike.

MRS. RANDALL GETS PROPERTY

Judge Boise Decides Important Real Estate Suit

Judge Boise today gave another decision that is of interest as affecting real estate transactions. It was in the case of Mrs. Bessie Randall and minor daughter, Bessie, against C. S. Lingwall, in which judgment is rendered for the plaintiff.

This was an action brought to quiet title to a residence and eight lots in University addition to Salem. In 1888 O. P. Randall, just previous to his marriage with the plaintiff, transferred the property to his brother, Thomas J. Randall, in form of a trust deed. In 1891 Thomas re-conveyed the property to O. P. Randall, who failed to have the deed recorded. O. P. Randall and family subsequently removed to Southern Oregon, where, in February, 1898, the husband and a little daughter were accidentally drowned, never having filed for record the deed to the property. In the following April, Thomas sold the property, by warranty deed, to C. G. Lingwall, of Portland.

In giving his decision, Judge Boise holds that a person holding an unrecorded deed, that gives absolute title, cannot have his deed defeated by any conveyance, subsequent in time, that may be made by the grantor named in the instrument. Whether such a deed be held in trust or otherwise has no consideration in the case. After O. P.'s death, the tenant of the property paid some rent to Thomas, but on these phases of the case the court holds that a tenant has no right to disavow his landlord's title. Judge Boise concluded by saying that the defendant purchased and took possession of the property, knowing that it belonged to another, and that Thomas Randall wrongfully and fraudulently transferred the property by warranty deed to Lingwall. By the decree of the court the deed from Thomas Randall to Lingwall is set aside and Mrs. Randall is awarded possession of the property.

W. T. Slater and Tilmon Ford appeared for the plaintiff, Mrs. Randall. The defendant's interests were attended to by John H. Hall, United States District attorney, of Portland.

WAGE SCALE IS SUBMITTED

To Strike Inquiry By the Operators

John Mitchell Called to Explain Difference

Between Hard and Soft Coal Mining Methods

Scranton, Dec. 12.—Darrow, counsel for the miners before the strike commission, today introduced a number of miners as witnesses against the Philadelphia & Reading conditions.

Scranton, Pa., Dec. 12.—The Scranton Coal Company, belonging to the Ontario & Western railway, filed a wage scale this morning. Last year it operated nine collieries. The average annual earning of miners was \$539; laborer, \$313; engineers, \$1200, and breaker boys, \$150.

Former Congressmen Brumme and Kearney, of Shamokin, are the new lawyers brought into the case today, to assist Darrow. After hearing two miners' testimony, Mitchell was called to the stand, to tell the methods employed in determining the difference of wages between anthracite and bituminous miners. Attorney Torrey declared the figures unfair.

Wholesale Raids At Portland

Portland, Dec. 12.—Wholesale gambling raids were conducted here today. Mayor Williams, exasperated at collusion of police, personally gave orders to have every house pulled. Scores of arrests were made, and he announces that he will drive out Chinese lotteries forever, and close all games as tight as a drum.

Mated But Not Congenial

Los Angeles, Dec. 12.—Five hundred and five divorces have been granted to date this year, out of 2202 marriage licenses. In 90 per cent of the cases the women were the plaintiffs, and desertion and failure to provide the dominating cause.

NEWS FROM THE NORTH

San Francisco Baker Commits Suicide

No Tidings From the General Siglin

Destructive Hurricane Raged at Valdes December 2

Seattle, Dec. 12.—Charles Ingebrand, a baker hailing from San Francisco, cut his throat and tore out his windpipe at St. Michaels November 17th.

The Nome City brings the overland Nome mail. There are no news from the General Siglin, and it is believed at Dawson that the vessel is surely lost.

A hurricane at Valdes December 2d wrecked several buildings and destroyed all the court records.

Seattle, Dec. 12.—The supreme court grand jury was called today to investigate the hoodluming and grafting charges.

SALEM GRANGE ELECTION.
Their Position on the Portland 1905 Fair.

Salem Grange election of officers today resulted as follows: T. C. Davidson, master; J. H. Fletcher, overseer; R. P. Boise, lecturer; Mrs. Fletcher, secretary; L. N. Wagner, treasurer; Milton Brown, steward; Mrs. Brown, lady assistant; Sisters Pettyjohn, Strong and Davidson, Flora, Fionona and Ceres.

The Grange expressed itself formally as favoring an appropriation for the Lewis and Clark Exposition, provided an indirect tax bill was passed, and other reform measures, to make up for the additional taxes that will be imposed for the fair.

Wants an Open Port.
Bargara, East Africa, Dec. 12.—A proof that the Mad Mullah is not dead is confirmed here today in a letter received from him, in which he offers to cease opposition to the British, provided Great Britain cedes him an open port, and allows him to import arms.

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Santa Claus will be on hand in the Toy Department, and every child in Salem is invited to come and see him.

There will be a lively time at the big store today and tonight.