



SALEM'S BEST STORE

Our Clearance Sale.

With its hundreds of reduced prices on reliable merchandise, makes Salem's Best Store more truly than ever the Shopping Center of Salem. In our desire to close out all goods in season everything is marked at what in our judgment it will bring. Everything is whittled down to the slightest point possible, a better idea of the values we giving can be had when they are seen. Your money refunded for any dissatisfaction.

- These Silks at these prices will surely be closed out quickly.
- Good Colored Taffeta 68c
- A better value, best quality 81c
- Best Wash Taffeta, all colors 72c
- Extra quality Peau de Soie, 36 inch full \$1.67
- Better values \$1.12 to \$2.00
- Black Taffeta, good quality, 36 inch full, \$1.42
- Every piece of silk included in our clearance sale prices.

SCHOOL STOCKINGS

In order to reduce this stock as much as possible before inventory time we will sell Famous Black Cat Stockings reg. 25c values for 19c. We have them coarse ribbed for the boys and finer ribbed for the girls. Triple knee, heel and toe, a stocking that is guaranteed to resist wear and tear as bravely as good material and workmanship can. An opportunity to buy good stockings at a great saving. Notice our Court street display.



The Most Wonderful Bargains in Salem.
Will be found in our odds and ends window, everything cut to one-half price. In our large show window on Court street you will find a display of the articles. Look them over.

Eyes Tested Free.

Consult Us before Going Elsewhere, it costs you no more to have your glasses fitted correctly than by some inexperienced in this particular business. We have the best and latest instruments for testing your eyes and in case you need glasses we will sell them to you at a price lower than inferior ones are sold elsewhere. Our facilities and experience are not equalled outside of the larger cities.

CHAS. H. HINGES,
23 years practical experience.

88 State Street. Next Door to Bush's Bank.

Business Mens' Lunch

First-class lunches served at the new Noble lunch counter at all hours, day or night. We will make a specialty of sandwiches, sauer kraut, and wiener-wurst, clam chowder, and in fact all that goes to make up a first class lunch. We desire to call special attention to the business men's lunch that will be served daily from 11 a. m. until 2 p. m.

ALEX. CORNOYER Prop.

Fresh Chocolate Chips

Fleur de Lis

Edward Ellis. 144 State St.

WHEAT MARKETS.

Chicago, Jan. 19.—Wheat, 75¢ @ 79¢.

GOLD DUST FLOUR

Made by THE SIDNEY POWER COMPANY, Sidney, Oregon.
Made for family use, ask your grocer for it. Bran and shorts always on hand.

A. T. WALN Agent

ENGLISHMAN AND TURK.

How the Former Obtained Some Cash Owed by the Latter.

An Englishman has just had a very curious experience, says the London Telegraph. He had lent a Turk some money, but the man was unable to pay and on his deathbed laid a particular charge on his wife and children to meet the debt. The eldest son was making arrangements accordingly, but also died, and he, too, begged his family to pay the money as soon as they could.

One day the Englishman received a visit from a member of the family, who said that there were now four members of it left, and they were ready to pay, but one of the daughters refused to subscribe her share, declaring that the money was never really lent. The others, however, wished to settle the matter, and if the Englishman would come to the house it would be arranged. "Hil," the Turk added, "if you see there is any difficulty just say that you have it to be settled in the next world."

Accordingly the Englishman went to the house at the appointed time and met the family in the presence of a notary, the ladies being behind a screen. The notary began by asking if he had truly lent the money, how much it was and if he would take any less. One of the women behind kept saying it was all a fraud. The Englishman then declared that he had lent the money, that he had not asked for it, that they had told him to come and act it and if they did not want to pay it he would leave the matter to be settled in the next world.

There was dead silence for a few moments, and then the woman called their brother, and each paid her share without a word. It seems the prospect of meeting the father in the other world without having carried out his wishes was too serious a thing to face.

FOOLISH GIRL

Mae—I don't see why Bessie accepted young Rove.
Ethel—(Don't you know that his father is a multimillionaire?)
Mae—That's just it. Why doesn't she marry the old gentleman? He is a widower.—New York Herald.

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EDITOR GONZALES IS DEAD

Tillman Has Nothing to Say

Matter May Assume Serious Proportions

Talk of Lynching Renewed and Mob Violence Imminent

Columbia, S. C., Jan. 19.—Editor Gonzales, of the Columbia State, died at 1:10 today, as a result of being shot on Thursday by Lieutenant-Governor Tillman, nephew of United States Senator Tillman.

YUKON REGION BY WIRE

Connection Will Be Completed By Spring

Tacoma, Jan. 19.—Lieutenant Gibbs reports from Rampart that 300 miles of government telegraph has been completed up the Tanana river. He will complete the connection to Valdez in the spring, placing the entire Yukon in telegraphic communication with the world.

ANOTHER EXECUTIVE OFFICE

Commerce and Labor Department

Washington, Jan. 19.—After a prolonged struggle the House passed a substitute to the Senate bill to establish a department of commerce and labor.

The vote stood 137 to 40, all the Republicans and 29 Democrats favoring the bill. The substitute, as passed by the House, places the life saving service, marine hospital service, steamship inspection service, bureau of navigation and shipping commissions, under the control of the treasury department, but authorizes the President, in his discretion, to transfer the other bureaus for the collection of states and interstate commerce commission to the new department.

It places under control of the new department the national bureau of standards, coast and geodetic survey and bureau of statistics, census, bureau, bureau of foreign commerce, bureau of immigration, including jurisdiction over Chinese immigration and also creates a bureau of manufactures and corporation.

In Memory Of Gen. Lee

Richmond, Va., Jan. 19.—The birthday of General Robert E. Lee was celebrated in all the leading cities of the South today by the societies of the Army and Navy of the Confederate States and Daughters of the Confederacy. In this city the anniversary was observed by a closing of the state and city public offices, a parade of the local companies of militia, and the firing of a military salute by the Richmond Howitzers.

Atlanta, Ga., Jan. 19.—Appropriate exercises were held this morning in the hall of the house of representatives in observance of the birthday anniversary of Robert E. Lee. This evening the Virginia Society holds its customary celebration, when the anniversary address will be delivered by Thomas Nelson Page.

Savannah, Ga., Jan. 19.—Robert E. Lee's birthday was celebrated today by a parade of all the white military of the city.

Nashville, Tenn., Jan. 19.—Business was largely suspended in Nashville today in celebration of the birthday of Robert E. Lee. This evening General Fitzhugh Lee delivers an address under the auspices of the local societies of Confederate Veterans, for the benefit of the fund that is being raised for the erection of a monument to the private Confederate soldiers on the custom house grounds.

THE SEWING MACHINE.

Unsuccessful Inventions That Preceded Howe's Patent in 1846.

The technical beginning of the sewing machine industry in this country was Sept. 10, 1846, when Elias Howe, Jr., obtained a patent for what grew into the first really practical sewing machine. Only three of the first Howe machines were made, however, and one of these was deposited in the patent office in Washington as a model. It was not until after 1850 that a factory for the making of sewing machines was built, so the enormous business of today has grown up in a short half century.

While Howe's invention marked the beginning of a successful industry, he was by no means the pioneer in efforts to substitute mechanical for hand sewing. As far back as 1770 Thomas Also patented in England a machine for embroidering. Another machine for embroidering in a loom was invented by John Duncan in 1804, and twenty-five years later another Englishman named Hellman patented still another embroidering machine.

The first recorded attempt at mechanical sewing was the invention of Thomas Saint, who took out a patent in England in 1790 for a machine which executed the old crocheted stitch. It was not a success, but some of the features of the Saint machine appear in the perfected machine of today.

Bartholomy Thimmonier patented in France in 1820 the first sewing machine put to practical use. Eighty of his machines were in use for sewing army clothing in 1841, when a mob destroyed them because convinced they would drive seamstresses out of employment. Thimmonier built new and better machines, but all his work was again destroyed by angry artisans in 1848.

John J. Greenough took out the first patent for a sewing machine issued in the United States in 1842. It was intended to sew leather, but was of no practical use.

Walter Hunt of New York built a sewing machine in 1834, but failed to protect it by a patent. After Howe's machine appeared Hunt declared it embodied the ideas of his machine of 1834, but he was unable to establish his claim.

A small army of inventors appeared after Howe's patent had proved successful, and their genius was devoted to perfecting every part of the machine. How well they have succeeded is shown in the 8,500 patents for sewing machines and attachments issued by the United States since 1850 and in the fact that the American sewing machine leads all others in every country in the world.—New York Herald.

Care in Choosing Glasses.

A dealer in optical instruments declared that it gave him real pain to note the careless manner in which half the persons in New York wear glasses. "It is a wonder to me," he said, "that they don't bring on blindness. In the first place, the frames should always be fitted to individual faces instead of being picked up indiscriminately with out regard for facial peculiarities. The size of the lenses is another important consideration. Most of the glasses I see on the street are too small. They should be as large as the face of the wearer will permit, for a lens of good size not only affords better protection to the eye, but is more becoming than a smaller one. Another tribulation of the weak eye is due to the reflection from the edges of unframed glasses. The eyelashes should be attended to in order to get the best results from a pair of spectacles. Many lashes are worn so long that they brush against the glass. This is decidedly injurious.—New York Times.

A Lesson in Hospitality.

A curious instance of provincial hospitality in a small Tuscan town is recorded by Luigi Villari in "Italian Life in Town and Country."

A lady of very noble birth and of considerable wealth was giving a musical party—it was the first time she had invited friends to her house that season. The entertainment began at 2 p. m. and lasted till 7. No refreshments were provided for the guests, but at half past 4 a servant appeared and solemnly presented a cup of chocolate to the hostess and one to her mother. This, of course, would only be possible in a very provincial town. In the more civilized spots excellent refreshments are always offered to the guests.

A Scriptural Warning.

Children tumble into strange morasses when they grapple with theology. They trip over words. For example, the other day a teacher at Steppay took for the Bible lesson the story of Samson. At the end of the lesson questions were put to test the understanding of the scholars. "With what weapon did Samson slay a thousand Philistines?" was the question. For a space there was silence. Then a little girl spoke up. "With the ax of the apostles," she said.—London Chronicle.

Conceited.

Phyllis—Harry is the most conceited man I ever met.
Maud—What makes you think so?
Phyllis—Why, he first asserts that I am the most adorable woman in the world, the most beautiful, intellectual and in every respect a paragon, and then he wants me to marry him!

Serious.

Nodd—Every time I go on a vacation I swear I'll never take another.
Toop—Why don't you stick to it?
Nodd—Because every time I stay at home I vow I'll never do it again.—Brooklyn Life.

Nobody likes an overture very well, but band and orchestra leaders continue to play them because it is customary.—Atchison Globe.

FEMININE CHAT.

Mrs. Ann Elizabeth Walsh of Brooklyn has given nearly \$800,000 to Catholic charities.

Austria's first female watchmaker, Miss Gisela Eifforeschitz, has just been admitted to the Vienna Watchmakers' guild.

Mme. Patti has reappeared in Paris after a long absence. She has changed from a brunette to a blond, and the result is said not to be to her advantage. Her voice, however, is still excellent.

Mary Van Dyck, a Boer woman who is known as "Mary the Riflewoman" and who states that she fought with the Boers, is creating a sensation in the smaller towns of Austria by giving exhibitions of marksmanship.

Mrs. Carter H. Harrison, wife of the mayor of Chicago, has written a book of fairy tales. It has been known for some time that she had some literary work in hand, but she deprecated any suggestions that she was "an author."

Mrs. Ernest Thompson Seton, wife of the well known naturalist and lecturer, is a devotee of big game hunting. She accompanies her husband on his trips into the big game country and helps him take photographs and study the habits of animals.

Miss Margaret Abbott of Chicago has been titled "queen of the golf." At the opening of the tournament at La Boule in Paris Miss Abbott outplayed all competitors. Miss Abbott has won some little fame as an illustrator and inventor of children's games.

Lady Henry Somerset expects to sail for New York on Sept. 23. Unable to remain long in this country, she has pledged herself to few engagements beyond the national convention of the Women's Christian Temperance union at Portland, Me. She will visit Montreal, Washington and Boston, in each of which cities she will deliver an address.

Battlers of the State.

Who builds the state? Not he whose power.
Rooted in wrong, in gold entrenched,
Makes him the regent of the hour;
The eternal light cannot be quenched.

This shall outlive his little span;
Shine hence upon each tainted scheme;
Shall show where shame blots all the plan.
The treachery in the dazzling dream.

He builds the state who builds on truth,
Not he who, rushing toward his aim,
Strikes conscience from the throne and ruth
To win a dark, unpeopled fame.

Not he, though master among men—
Empire and ages all his thought—
Though like an eagle be his ken;
Down to the ground shall all be brought.

For this I hold and shall for aye,
Till heaven sends death, that they who sow
Hate and the blood of brothers, they
Shall harvest hate and want and woe.

The curse of earth's dread agonies
Shall hence upon each tainted scheme;
And all the unheeded tears and cries
They caused in lust of lawless power.

He builds the state who to that task
Brings strong, clean hands and purpose pure,
Who sets no virtue as a mark;
He builds the state that shall endure—

The state wherein each loyal son
Holds as a birthright from true sires
Treasures of honor nobly won
And freedom's never dying fires.
—Richard Watson Gilder.

In the Happy Banks.

Can't be always roamin' in the valleys of the May;
Any sort of weather, so we're happy on the way!
Same sky bends above us, or whether blue or gray—
'Night is always driftin' to the mornin'!

Can't be always rollin' in the wealth that will not stay;
Poverty—what is it if we're happy on the way?
Sweetest songs for singin', sweetest words to say;
'Night is always driftin' to the mornin'!

For all our little blessin's, a heart that thrills with thanks,
We're crossin' over the country in the halloo ranks
An' singin' songs of happiness on Jordan's stormy banks;
'Night is always driftin' to the mornin'!

—Frank L. Stanton in Atlanta Constitution.

Consider.

Consider well your actions;
What's done you can't recall.
No use to pull the trigger,
Then try to stop the ball.
—George Hyde in Lippincott's.

It stirs the blood in an old man's heart
And it makes his pulses fly
To catch the thrill of a happy voice
And the light of a pleasant eye.
—Willa.

Fried after friend departs;
Who hath not left a friend?
There is no union here of heart
That finds not here an end.

BUBONIC PLAGUE QUESTION

California and Mexico Scene of Disease

Military Bill is Passed at Washington

Postmaster General to Account for Affairs

Washington, Jan. 19.—The convention of the state board of health officials, called by the surgeon-general, to discuss the bubonic plague situation in California and Mexico, met this morning in a secret session at the office of the marine hospital service. Twenty state and territorial boards of health are represented, including California. The California situation, in which the marine hospital records 49 deaths in 1902, is scarcely less serious than in Mexico, where the officials claim the plague is spreading. The house today agreed to the senate amendments to the Dock military bill, which becomes a law as soon as Roosevelt signs it.

LAW POINTS.

A stipulation in a pass releasing the carrier from liability for negligent injuries to one riding thereon is held in Payne versus Terre Haute and I. R. company (Ind.), 56 L. R. A. 472, to be valid.

An insolvent corporation is held in National Wall Paper company versus Columbia National bank (Neb.), 56 L. A. R. 121, to have no right to give preference to a debt due from it on which the officers and directors are bound as sureties.

A municipal ordinance requiring corporations operating electric street cars within the limits of a city to water their tracks so as to effectually dust is held, in State versus Canal and C. R. company (La.), 56 L. R. A. 287, to be a legal exercise of the police power.

D. C. Agler and Wm. O'Malley, well-known Southern Pacific conductors, are in the city, attending the legislature in the interests of their profession. Mr. Agler's place on the Albany local is supplied by Chas. Minkler.

Wm. B. Clark, of Millwood, Douglas county, is an attendant at the legislature.

Lewis Her aged 17 years, of Butteville, this county, was today committed to the state insane asylum.

Two Furnished Rooms—For rent, near state capitol. Apply at 538 State street. 1-19-03

Labor Exchange Checks. All who have not reported their Labor Exchange checks to George Griswold, will, within the next 10 days, report to L. H. McMahan, at his office in the Murphy block. 1-19-03

BORN. LEHMAN.—To Mr. and Mrs. U. J. Lehman, of this city, a boy, on Saturday, January 17, 1903.

What Shall We Have for Dessert?

This question arises in the family every day. Let us answer it today.

Jell-O,

a delicious and healthful dessert. Prepared in two minutes. No boiling or baking! add boiling water and set in cool. Flavors—Lemon, Orange, Raspberry and Strawberry. Get a package at your grocers today. 10 cts.

Chicago Store

PEOPLE'S BARGAIN HOUSE.

TRADE WINNERS — SALE FOR MONDAY ONLY.

The Bargains we are offering are certainly Trade Winners judging from the crowds that visit our store.—Monday's Prices Slaughtered.

At 45c. yd. velvet corduroy, all shades. The latest for waists, beautiful goods, regular price 75c.; Monday's Sale price 45c.

At 49c. Black Taffeta Silk, fine quality, good weight, regular price 75c.; Monday's sale price 49c.

At 45c. Best French flannel, all the latest shades, beautiful cloth, heavy and thick, every thread good, regular price 75c.; Monday's sale price, 45c.

At 49c. Imported English Covert cloth dress goods, beautiful cloth for spring suits, regular price 85c. yd.; Monday's sale price 49c.

At 44 1/2c. yd. Best standard prints and porcelains, 500 yards to select from spring shades, regular price 75c.; Monday's price 44 1/2c.

At 49c. yd. All pure linen satin de mask Table Linen, Belfast goods, thick and heavy, regular price 85c.; Monday's sale price 49c.

At 5c. Union Huck Towels, fringed, length 30 inches, 50 doz. to select from, best towels made for 15c.; Monday's price 5c.

\$1.00 white Bed Spreads, sale price 75c.

75c. White Hemmed Shirts.

15c. Pillow Cases sale price 10c.

MCEVOY BROS., Proprietors, Court St., Salem, Or.