

Stockton & Co.

--Now for the--
January Clearings

We have moved all our dress goods up to the corner store and find we haven't near enough room to put them away.

Our jackets, Skirts and suits are crying for room also. In return we are moving our immense stock of furnishings for men, to our old stand 298-300 Commercial. We will run two exclusive stores until our new building is completed. By having the stocks thus classified we will be better able to serve our customers and give them better values for their money.

Our Great January Clearance Sales and Sale of White Goods

will be the event of the coming year. Come to us for better goods for less money

Stockton & Co.

Clothing and Shoe store 298-300 Commercial Streets.
Dry Goods Corner Court and Commercial Streets.

Will Fight Reduction.

Washington, Dec. 29.—Gompers, in this month's American Federationist, urges all unions to resist any reduction of wages.

The average age at which a man marries in the United States is twenty six and a half.

WHEAT MARKETS.

Chicago, Dec. 29.—Wheat, 84% @ \$4.10c.

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. Wain, Agt.

Oregon Fire Relief Association

Oregon's Great Mutual Insurance Co. \$15,440,588 Insurance at risk. Safe, economical insurance for the people. Head office, McMinnville, Or. H. A. JOHN-SON, Agent for Marion Co. Salem, Oregon.

Wanted Potatoes We Want

Burbank Potatoes, Early Rose Potatoes, Early Jackson Potatoes, Peerless Potatoes, Garnett Chili Potatoes.

James M. Kyle & Co. 175 Commercial St.

Fresh NAVAL ORANGES Today

—AT—

Fleur de Lis

Edward Ellis, 144 State St.

PORTLAND STILL A VILLAGE

Can't Find Accommodations for its Invited Guests

A Splendid Outlook for Fair Visitors in 1905--Visitors Must Bring Tents

A serious dilemma now confronts the local executive committee in charge of the National Livestock Convention. It is a shortage of available quarters for the accommodation of the delegates and visitors to the big meeting. The attendance will certainly exceed 3000 and may reach a figure almost double that. Up to this time but 375 rooms have been listed by the committee, and, based on the lowest estimate, about 1000 more will be needed. These are in addition to the accommodations offered at the big hotels, which are rapidly being reserved by mail and wire. Senator Mills has gone to San Francisco, to be absent until after the New Year, and Max M. Shillock, of the press committee, is acting in his stead. He has established an office in the Press Club rooms on the seventh floor of the Marquam building, where he may be found between 11 a. m. and noon, from 12:30 until 1 p. m. and from 4 to 5 p. m. each day. All persons who have rooms to let in their homes or rooming houses are requested to communicate with him by mail or telephone, giving the number of such rooms and the price per day.

The committee feels that the city's reputation is at stake in this matter, and unless Portland promptly responds to the duty of housing its visitors she will suffer irreparable injury. The convention will do much either for good or evil in advertising the city, and every citizen should take a keen interest in seeing that only favorable impressions shall go abroad. It is absolutely necessary to provide a sufficient number of sleeping rooms at reasonable prices if this result is to be attained. The visitor cannot be required to sleep in the streets or herded in undesirable lodgings.—Oregonian.

'Tis Better to Smile.
The sunniest smiles are the fairest.
The happiest hours are the best.
Of all life's high blessings the rarest
Are fullest of comfort and rest.

Though fate is our purpose denying,
Let each bear his part like a man;
Nor sadden the world with his sighing;
'Tis better to smile if we can.

Each heart has its burden of sorrow,
Each soul has its shadow of doubt;
The sunshine we're yearning to borrow—
True sunshine within and without.

Then let us wear the faces of pleasure
The world shall be happy to scan
And add to the wealth of its treasure;
'Tis better to smile if we can.
—N. S. Waterman in National.

The Most Remarkable Suicide.

The most curious suicide in the annals of self destruction occurred at Chiquete, N. B., in the spring of 1890. Before committing the deed the self murderer, who was named W. R. T. Jones, dug his own grave and placed a rough coffin of his own handiwork at the bottom. The dirt from the opening was kept from rolling back into the excavation by boards held in place by a trigger to which a string was attached. Everything in readiness, the deliberate Mr. Jones, as subsequent developments revealed, got in the coffin, took a dose of poison and then pulled the string, burying himself beneath tons of earth. This has been put down as one of the most unique and successful cases of self destruction on record.

The Early Maine Schools.

The first schools in some Maine towns have been attended with romantic circumstances. The first school in Gullford, for want of a better place in which to fertilize the young idea, was held "in the loft over Captain Bennett's open shed." In Dexter the first gathering of urchins for instruction was in "Lieutenant Stafford's barn," in Corinth the first school was held in the open air under a large tree.

The first schoolroom in Exeter was perhaps as unique as any. Crotched poles were set in the ground back of Mr. Barker's barn and on these other poles were laid, while around the sides loose boards were set up on end to inclose the space where the school was held. Scholars of the present day would look askance at such conveyances.

A Prominent Washingtonian.

A. J. Rhoades, Esq., of Winlock, Washington, who has been visiting Mr. A. Prescott of this city for the past week, returned to Portland by this morning's train. After visiting there with his son Charles, who is postal clerk on the Northern Pacific,

he will go back to his home in Winlock. Mr. Rhoades was for years one of the prominent mill men of Washington. He has for some years been closely identified with the Christian Science church of Winlock, having been one of the first members and at ways one of the most loyal supporters of that church in his home town.

New Military Board.

Governor Chamberlain this morning appointed his military board, displacing the officers holding these positions since Governor Geer's time. All of the appointees are residents of Portland. They are:

Gordon Voorhies, is inspector-general, succeeding Col. James Jackson. Cecil H. Bower, judge advocate general, vice Col. S. C. Spencer.

Dr. Chas. T. Chamberlain, surgeon general, vice Col. A. B. Gibbs.

Al. Waddle, commissary-general, vice Col. D. M. Dunne.

Gloomy Paul Kruger.

Paul Kruger, once the "Lion of South Africa," is now living a life of seclusion at Menton, France. He looks old, sick and disheartened, and he lives so quietly that he might be at Utrecht for all Menton knows about him. The Boer ex-president has taken two small villas, almost mean in appearance overlooking the sea. He has been outside the garden only once since he arrived. Although he never goes to any place of public worship devotional exercises and Bible reading take up the greater part of each Sunday.

Because women are not angels is no reason why they don't like to have people say they are.

Second Hand Sewing Machines

We have continued to accumulate so many second-hand sewing machines by taking them in on sales of new machines that we have a great many more than we want. We can make it worth your while to visit us, for we will sell you a modern, high-arm machine of most any standard make at about your own price.

Drop in, and you'll see we're right. Needles for all machines, Excelsior and Howards, best made, 25c a dozen. Best grades Noyes sperm oil, "3 in 1" and "Big Four" oils, all prime sewing machine oils, and warranted not to gum.

F. A. Wiggins' Implement House.

255-257 Liberty St.
Farm Machinery, Bicycles, Automobiles, Sewing Machines and Supplies.
N. H. BURLEY,
Sewing Machine Repairing.

DIED.
SPRINGER.—At the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Peter Springer, at Brooks, Monday, December 28, 1903, Nettie May Springer, aged 17, of tuberculosis.

The funeral was held this morning at the family home, and burial took place this afternoon at the Odd Fellows' cemetery.

DIED.

DOLE.—At the family home, on 18th street, near Mill, Salem, Oregon, December 29, 1903, Cornelio A. Dole, aged 59 years, of paralysis.

Deceased has been a railroad man all his life, and but recently came here from his old home in Colorado, in the hope of restoring his health in the mild climate of the Willamette valley. Deceased leaves a widow and five children, Nina M., Edwin E., Charles C. and Mrs. Elma Skinner, the latter a resident of Colorado.

The funeral arrangements will be made later.

Undergoing Court-Martial.

Seattle, Dec. 29.—Lieut. Oscar C. Haines, of the revenue cutter Manning is being court-martialed today on a charge of conduct unbecoming an officer. It is alleged he seduced, under promise of marriage, Mrs. Fannie Fahn, a prominent society woman, who has sued Haines for \$25,000 for breach of promise.

W. W. Johns, the Harness Maker, 96 State street, is confined to his home because of sickness, and W. I. Gadwa is conducting the place in his stead, and will fill all orders promptly.

Treaty Approved.

Paris, Dec. 29.—The council of ministers today approved the Franco-Italian arbitration treaty.

New Today

For Rent.—A five-room cottage. Inquire of H. S. Jory, near the brick store, South Salem. 12-29-3*

Found.—Near Rosedale a ladies hand bag, containing some money. Owner can have same by calling on A. M. Blinston, Route 4, and proving property. 12-29-3*

The White Sale Is a Big Success

The store is trimmed in white from top to bottom Ladies who came yesterday pronounced our showing of muslin, underwear the prettiest ever on display in Salem

W. O. W. Ball.
Leap year party at Tloga hall New Year's night. Tickets and invitations to be had of committee. Best of music and a good time assured. All come. Admission, gentlemen 50c, Ladies 25c 12-29-3*

CHICAGO STORE

PEOPLES BARGAIN HOUSE

CLEARING SALE CONTINUED
Prices Recklessly Slaughtered, Investigate, it Will Pay You

The Cheapest Store in the Northwest
M'Evoy Brothers, Court St., Salem
Court Street, Salem.

Happy New Year

to all our old and new customers, to prospective ones we will say that we will continue our reputation for low prices, good goods, and good work. If during the coming year you are in need of anything in our line or need work done, you will find it to your advantage to consult us first. Remember we are the pioneer opticians.

Chas. H. Hinges,

Jeweler and Optician, 88 State Street.

NOTICE!

Owing to an unavoidable delay in manufacturing the large edition of the January number of the

Metropolitan Magazine

Subscribers will probably not receive their copies by mail until about January 1st.