



Ladies Neckwear

We are showing the new neckwear in an attractive assortment of styles, rich and dainty materials and pretty designs.

Embroidered Stocks and Turnovers in white and colored. Regular 25c and 35c values. Special **19c**

Pure Linen Irish Crochet. Latest novelties in collars. Elegant line to choose from **50c to \$1**

Keiser Collars. New line of turnovers and stocks, pure linen, hand embroidered.

35c to \$1.50

Lace Collar and Cuff Sets in Irish Crochet, Point Gauge, Rose Point and Venice.

\$2 to \$5 a set.



"MÉRODE"
(Hand Finished)
UNDERWEAR

Knit Underwear

Merode Hand Finished knit underwear. Cannot be equalled for form, fit and finish; made in vests, tights, drawers and union suits.

We carry a full assortment of sizes and grades for ladies and children. Ask for Merode underwear. Prices range from **25c to \$3.50**

New Purses

Just received the newest novelties in Japanese Hand Bags, decorated with real Japanese art work. Full assortment of sizes

\$1.35 to \$3.75

Jos. Meyers & Sons

SALEM'S GREATEST STORE
THE WHITE CORNER

Our Progressiveness

While our commodious and splendidly lighted storeroom, our fine fixtures and furniture, and last but not least, the high qualities and advanced styles of our merchandise, are sources of much pride to us, and we believe, also, to Willamette Valley citizens generally, we are not satisfied to fold our arms and lessen our efforts toward advancement. On the contrary we are determined to keep well in front of the van of progress. Each succeeding week marks some decided improvement in methods and efforts of this store.

Spring Dress Goods

We carry more dress goods than any other Salem store, which insures you the largest variety to select from at the most economical prices. We are always prepared to supply you with the newest effects and materials at the most reasonable prices.

FLAKE SUITING. London Flake Suiting in colors Green, Navy and Grays, 27 in. wide; a very suitable material for summer wear. **15c**

DIMITY. A new assortment of colored dimities in the new dots, figures and striped designs; 30 inches wide, a very popular material. **15c**

LINENETTE SUITING. Something new in summer suitings. We have it in blue, green, tan, navy and gray, 28 inches wide. **25c**

GRECIAN VOILE. 27 in. wide, in plaid stripes and checks, in a wide assortment of colors and patterns. A very popular material. **20c**



Oxford Shoes

In tan or black either lace or button. We have the

GLORIA SHOE

For women, the best shoe made; the shoe with a reputation for style, fit and wear. We can satisfy the most particular or hard to fit.

Always **\$3.50** pair

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Bigger, brighter and better stock than ever. We are ready with the best of this season's weaves and patterns priced at modest cost to you. Something new is shown almost every day. Come and see them.

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W. B. Corsets denote grace and beauty and style and chic and pliant comfort and trim fit—everything that the world's foremost corsetier puts into these, their best product. New models in Batiste and Cantil now ready. Ask for Nuform Number 404.

\$1.00

Men's Shirts

For Spring 1905
Hundreds of new negligee shirts in fresh and attractive patterns for the host of men who won't wait for summer to be comfortable.

COAT SHIRTS
GOLF SHIRTS
OUTING SHIRTS
in all colors of Madras, Pecos, Oxford. Best values and patterns
75c to \$2.50

Don't Forget The Boys

Spring Suit. We have all that's new and up to date in Norfolk style, Buster Brown, Sailor Suits and Novelty Suits in all manner of pretty styles and patterns for boys from 3 to 9 years of age. Bring him with you and see how nicely we can fit him out for little money.

\$2.50 to \$6.50



Easter Hats

Newest Shapes. Newest Colors. in Black, Brown, Tan and Gray.

\$2 to \$3

Fancy Ribbons

Latest effects in fancy ribbons, chiffon ribbons in all new shades and designs.

29c to \$1.25



Youth's and Men's Clothing

The good qualities of our suits are remembered long after the price is forgotten. Just this fact should bring you here for your next suit. Besides this our styles are not only correct, but individualized—withe just the needed dash of smartness.

The best styles from such well known manufacturers as Hart, Schaffner & Marx; Adler Bros. & Co.; Ederheimer, Stein & Co., in 'varsity, double breasted, regulars, stouts, slims, etc.

\$10 to \$25

Equal to \$12.50 to \$50 values elsewhere.

Neckwear

Four-in-hands, English squares, Mid-gets and Bows; all new colors and shapes.

25c to \$1.50

REPORT OF COMMITTEE FURNISHED BY PRINTER

State Printer Whitney has just completed printing the report of the committee appointed by the legislature to investigate the books and accounts of the state land office. The report is a large one and sets out in full the testimony introduced before the committee and the conclusions were reached from the testimony and the books and papers found in the office.

The report says: "We, the committee appointed under house concurrent resolution No. 10, directing the committee, consisting of Senators Loughary and Brownell, appointed by the senate, and Messrs. Dobbin, Colwell and Settlemier, appointed by the house, to investigate the charges made as to past irregularities in the office of the state land agent, also the books and accounts in the same, beg leave to report as follows:

"With reference to base used for the selection of lieu lands, we find that when L. B. Geer entered upon his duties as state land agent it appears there were many thousand acres of valid base or losses in sections 16 and 36 on account of Indian and forest reserves, fractional townships and homestead entries, and for which the state was entitled to indemnity, and which it has been the duty of the state land agent to discover and list, that the public might have the benefit of such list without charge. It was possible for the state land agent to do this, as a record of all base ever used by the state was to be found in the clear lists and state lists, which were on file in the office of the clerk of the state land board.

"It appears that private individuals made such a record, and there was no reason why the state land agent could not have done the same. While Mr. Geer (as shown by his report of 1899 and 1900) claims to have been making a record which would show all available base, we do not find that such a record was ever made or completed—but, on the contrary, we find that State Land Agent Geer, as shown by copies of letters written by him and on file in the state land office, informed applicants for base, for indemnity or lieu selections that the state had no base, and at

the same time informed them that they could secure base from E. P. McCornack and W. H. Odell, and stated the price charged by Mr. Odell.

"We find by his correspondence that he referred letters from applicants for base to W. H. Odell, in order that Mr. Odell might correspond with them.

"We also find that Mr. Odell was given desk room in the office of State Land Agent Geer, and it appears that he was permitted to receive and receipt for money to be paid the state for lieu lands, and that by his presence in said office many people were led to believe that in dealing with him they were dealing with an officer of the state.

"It also appears that he was authorized by Governor Geer to undertake the adjudication of a large number of school sections which he (Mr. Odell) alleged were mineral in character, and for which the state should be entitled to indemnity should their mineral character be established.

"We find that many of the school sections had been sold by the state, and no effort seems to have been made to ascertain this fact.

"Had these lands been accepted as valid base by the government, the titles of these purchasers would have been defeated.

"We do not find that any effort was made by either Geer or Odell to have any of the unsold lands withdrawn from sale by the state land board, so as to avoid complications which were sure to arise should the clerk of the state land board continue to sell the lands and the state land agent use them as base for indemnity selections, thereby relinquishing to the government any claim the state may have had to the lands.

"We find that after these lands were adjudicated and returned as mineral by the local land office, their sale was continued without interruption, and while they were being used as base, and that for some unknown reason the same tracts were used twice as base for indemnity selections, the result of which was that the state had practically sold the same tract three times.

"Many of these selections were re-

jected by the general land office, for the reason that the base assigned had been previously used and the local land office duly notified, and they in turn notified State Land Agent Geer, but he does not appear to have notified the purchasers of the lieu lands that they might be informed as to the condition of their titles and take steps to protect their interests. There are many cases where purchasers of lieu lands have lost their land through not receiving notice or information as to the cancellation of their titles.

"It also appears that Mr. Geer had full knowledge that Mr. Odell was charging a certain price per acre for furnishing base, and his letters, copies of which are made a part of this report, will show that he held up selections until enough money had been remitted by the applicants to cover Mr. Odell's charge for furnishing base, which price was usually \$1 per acre.

"Certified copies of letters and receipts, which are made a part of this report, will also show that Mr. Odell received and receipted for money which was to be paid to the state as well as that which covered his commissions.

"We have taken testimony from L. B. Geer and W. H. Odell, which we attach hereto and make a part of this report. We also attach certified copies of documentary evidence of the above observations, together with the report of the clerks employed to investigate the records and accounts of the state land agent. We also attach a statement made by State Land Agent Oswald West in answer to one made by General Odell.

"We find that the state land agent is without clerical assistance other than that received by courtesy of the clerk of the state land board.

"The duties of the office, owing to the lieu land entanglement, are such that it is absolutely necessary that a competent clerk be employed. This clerk can undoubtedly save to the school fund many times his salary, by inaugurating a system of bookkeeping that will show the resources of the school fund, and searching the records for base, which is now selling for \$5.00 per acre.

"Our report will show that the state has suffered, owing to the lack of good bookkeeping, and in order that the books of the state land agent be kept in a proper manner, we recommend that

competent clerical assistance be given that office.

"This will have the further advantage of giving the state land agent time for out-door work.

- "U. S. LAUGHARY,
- "Of the Senate.
- "JAY H. DOBBIN,
- "ELMER B. COLWELL,
- "J. H. SETTLEMIER,
- "Of the House."

Full of Tragic Meaning

are these lines from J. H. Simmons, of Casey, Ia. Think what might have resulted from his terrible cough if he had not taken the medicine about which he writes: "I had a fearful cough that disturbed my night's rest. I tried everything, but nothing would relieve it, until I took Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, Coughs and Colds, which completely cured me." Instantly relieves and permanently cures all throat and lung diseases; prevents grip and pneumonia. At J. C. Perry's, druggist; guaranteed; 50c and \$1.00. Trial bottle free.

Administrator Appointed.

S. F. Crabtree was appointed administrator of the estate of J. F. Crabtree, deceased, and his bond fixed at \$500.

When you want Hop Baskets, Fruit Boxes, Trays for fruit Dryers, call on

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Why not send it all to us and save yourself this work and bother.

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DOROUR D. OLMSTED, Manager.
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Walking Was Poor.

Chief of Police Cornelius Saturday night arrested a man by the name of Ed. Darcy. The man had come in from the country and had become intoxicated to such an extent that he could not walk, and was lying down on the ground near Willamette University. He was locked up in the city jail until this morning, when he was released after paying the minimum fine of \$5.

CHILDREN CRY FOR FLETCHER'S CASTORIA.

PROPOSALS INVITED

Sealed proposals endorsed "Proposals for construction of buildings, etc., at Oregon State Fair Grounds" will be received by the State Board of Agriculture for the construction of buildings, plumbing, sewerage, drainage, painting, etc., to be done at the Oregon State Fair Grounds, in accordance with plans and specifications on file at the office of W. D. Pugh, architect, Salem, Oregon.

Bids will be received at the office of E. W. Durbin, State street, Salem, Oregon, until Saturday, April 15th, at 1:30 p. m., and then publicly opened.

Bids must be made out on blank forms, which can be secured at the architect's office.

The board reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

W. H. DOWNING,
4-4-103-1w
President of Board



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A second-hand cushion-tired, whipcord trimmed, stick-seat runabout.
A long bodied road wagon with top and one seat.
A light one-seat, three-spring village wagon, 1-inch axle.

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A Pure, Cleanse, Relaxer and Restorative. NEVER KNOWN TO FAIL. Only 1 Dose! Ready Relief. Suffering from Indigestion, Stomach Troubles, Headaches, Neuralgia, Rheumatism, Pains in the Back, etc. Will send them on trial, to be paid for when returned. Sample Free. If your druggist does not have them send your orders to the

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