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Business for non-residents promptly attended to. Residents of Salem for over 25 years. Correspondence solicited. Agents for the

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#### Mr. Z. J. Riggs, Ph. G.

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Served five years as a member of the Oregon Board of Pharmacy Examiners, which speaks well for his knowledge of his profession.

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We sell nothing but the best and purest of drugs, and prices as low as consistent with the quality dispensed.

Z. J. RIGGS, Proprietor Capital Drug Store.

## ADVANTAGES OF OREGON

Mr. E. C. Minton has lived in Salem for twenty years, is well acquainted with land values, is one of the best posted men in Oregon on the culture of fruit, the varieties to plant and where to market. Having traveled all over the valley in the interest of the Oregon Nursery Company, you can make no mistake in consulting him with reference to the adaptability of the soil for growing the different varieties of fruit. He is especially qualified to give information with reference to the planting and growing of English walnuts, having studied the subject both in California and Oregon. He has had ten years' experience in the real estate business in Salem. About a year ago he formed a partnership with Louis Bechtel, an experienced real estate man, under the firm name of Bechtel & Minton, and they are in a position to render excellent service to both local and non-residents. Correspondence solicited.

## Bechtel & Minton

341 State St. Salem, Oregon

READY TAILORED CLOTHES FOR WELL DRESSED MEN.

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## STATE LAND OFFICE LOCATED AT SALEM

The state school land office and the work connected therewith is in charge of the chief clerk, Geo. G. Brown, who has been connected with the office since 1895, and Chas. V. Galloway, who was appointed by Governor Chamberlain to succeed his first appointee, Oswald West. Galloway has never unearthed any frauds like West but is believed to be making a conscientious officer in the interest of the state. He has been clearing up the records of defective and canceled selections, and has in the past year put 76,852 acres on the cleared lists. The records show that the state still owns 98,600 acres valid base, which it sells at \$8.75 an acre.

Following is taken from the report of the school land board just printed for 1908:

"All certificates which were issued upon applications acknowledged before H. H. Turner, except where the holders thereof were able to satisfy the board as to the genuineness of the applicant, have been canceled, and the holders of these certificates, or their assigns, with the exception of A. T. Kellher and a few others who have failed to make application, have been allowed to repurchase the tracts at \$2.50 per acre, and under section 35 of the act of 1907 the board has repaid to the holders of the certificates, upon surrender and relinquishment of the certificates to the state, the amounts paid as principal and interest.

"Mr. Kellher surrendered all certificates held by him, amounting to 35,852.63 acres, and was repaid the sum of \$25,315.79, principal, and \$5729.58, interest—a total of \$31,045.37. Of the above acreage 20,560 are included within existing forest reserves and can be used as a basis for the indemnity selections at \$8.75 per acre. The supreme court reversed the decision, of the lower court in the case of State vs. A. T. Kellher, and thus far no further action has been commenced against him.

"The board makes a separate report relative to lands applied for under the provisions of the act accepting the terms and conditions granting lands to the state under the Carey act."

## OREGON RAILROAD COMMISSION ACTIVE

Some states have railroad commissions that are like an extinct volcano—they do not even smoke. But the Oregon railroad commission is only a two-year-old and feels the vigor of youth. During the past year it has revised freight rates on the O. R. & N. lines, reducing them from The Dalles east, and reduced rates in the case of the city of Milwaukie from 10 cents to 5 cents. Both these decisions are hung up in the higher courts. It has the grain rates in this state under consideration now and the Wells Fargo and Pacific Express rates, and the subject of the physical valuation of railroad properties. To ascertain the original cost of the railroads, the present values and the market values is a big undertaking, and the Oregon commission may ask the legislature to give them an engineer to check over these values. The commission is composed of three men well fitted for the places—Campbell, Alchison and West—the first named being chairman of the board.

## GRAND OPERA HOUSE

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Portland's Fashionable Popular Price Playhouse. Home of the incomparable Baker Stock company.

Beautiful Christmas week attraction, commencing matinee Sunday, December 20, 1908, Hoy's

## A MIDNIGHT BELL

Evening Prices: 25c, 35c, 50c.

Matinees, 15, 25c.

Next week: "Are You a Mason?"

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It's a Day Medicine for Busy People.

Brings Gold's Health and Renewed Vigor.

A Powerful Laxative, Inexpensive, Live and Effective.

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# OUR FIRST GREAT Stock Reducing Sale

BEGINS

Saturday Morning, December 26th, 1908

And lasts until we begin our annual inventory, January 11th, 1908

THIS IS OUR FIRST GENERAL REDUCTION SALE IN 17 YEARS and we're going to make it one to be long remembered.

Owing to the mild Fall weather WE HAVE TOO MANY GOODS ON HAND and we need the room for our new spring lines, some of which ARE ALREADY ON THE WAY.

During this sale WE OFFER EVERY ARTICLE IN OUR IMMENSE STOCK, with the single exception of Boston and Bay State Rubbers and Rubber Boots, at

## 20 Per Cent Discount

Just think of it—Every shoe in the house reduced 20 per cent; Every Suit of Clothes in the house reduced 20 per cent; 20 per cent discount on every yard of dress goods, every yard of silks, velvets, velveteen, trimmings, bear cloth, dress linings, flannels, outing flannel, flannellette, muslin, sheeting, gingham, calico, bed ticking, table linens, toweling, oil cloth, laces, embroidery, ribbons, ladies' furs, lace curtains, corsets, hosiery, underwear, blankets, comforts, umbrellas, handkerchiefs, collars, neck wear, sweaters, shirts, gloves, hats, overalls, duck coats, slickers, men's suits, men's overcoats, boy's suits, boy's overcoats, men's and boy's separate trousers, suit cases, notions of every kind.

EVERY ITEM in our immense stock, with the single exception of rubbers and rubber boots.

Every article in the store is marked in plain figures, and you can figure for yourself the 20 per cent discount

If your bill amounts to \$20.00	you get it for \$16.00
If your bill amounts to 15.00	you get it for 12.00
If your bill amounts to 10.00	you get it for 8.00
If your bill amounts to 7.00	you get it for 5.60
If your bill amounts to 5.00	you get it for 4.00
If your bill amounts to 1.00	you get it for 80c
If your bill amounts to 50c	you get it for 40c
If your bill amounts to 5c	you get it for 4c

We are not paying any sales agency a commission to manage this sale for us. We are simply overstocked, and realize that a

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IT WILL PAY YOU TO BUY ENOUGH GOODS AT THIS SALE TO LAST YOUR FAMILY FOR A YEAR. REMEMBER, THAT THIS IS OUR FIRST GREAT SALE IN 17 YEARS AND YOU'LL FIND EVERYTHING ABSOLUTELY AS REPRESENTED. NO DECEPTION OF ANY KIND ALLOWED IN OUR STORE.

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A Safe, Certain Relief for Irritated Menstruation.

NEVER KNOWS TO FAIL. Each box contains 20 pills. Price 25c. Sold by all druggists. If you are troubled with irregular menstruation, or if you are suffering from any of the following ailments, you will find these pills of great benefit. They are sold in boxes of 20 pills each, for 25c. Sold by all druggists.

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