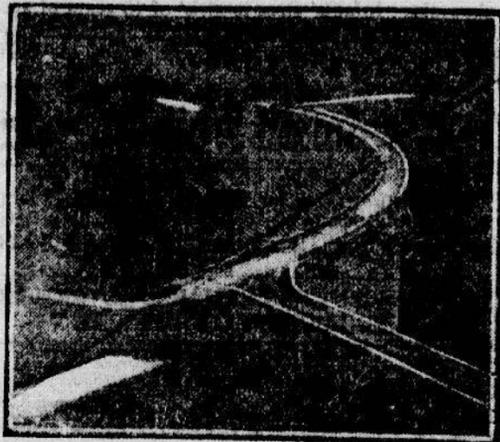


COLONEL ROOSEVELT HAS A LOOK AT GRAND CANYON OF COLORADO

Former President Takes Lunch Beside One of Nature's Greatest Marvels and Thoroughly Enjoys the Day—Will Open Famous Roosevelt Dam Some Time Today.



The completed Roosevelt dam as it appears today, ready for the water to be turned on. Colonel Roosevelt will formally open this gigantic reclamation project today.

Grand Canyon, Ariz., March 17.—Colonel Theodore Roosevelt lunched today beside the boiling waters of the Colorado river, 4,200 feet below the rim of the Grand canyon. It was his first visit and he is the first occupant of the White House who ever made the 14 miles round trip to what is often declared to be the most striking sight nature has provided in all the world.

Colonel Roosevelt led a cavalcade composed of his daughter, Ethel, his son, Archie, Chief Justice Kent of the Arizona territorial supreme court, and several others, clear to the bottom of the gorge.

The colonel was clad in leggings and yellow riding clothes, which formerly remained those who saw him of the much caricatured leader of the rough riders.

The former president set the pace all the way and he was beaming with enjoyment of it, all when he swung from his mule, military fashion, before the hotel, on his return.

Colonel Roosevelt devoted the whole day to the trip. The luncheon was a picnic affair on the banks of the stream and the colonel eyed off all restraint and bugle-eyed the occasion.

To Business.

On his return, however, he returned to business, going over the address which he will make at Phoenix Monday, relative to the Arizona state constitution.

CAPTAIN W. H. KNAPP BACK TO VISIT

FORMER HEAD OF MISSOULA'S SALVATION ARMY CORPS LOVES THE CITY.

Captain W. H. Knapp, formerly head of the local corps of the Salvation army and now stationed at Boise, Idaho, is in the city for a two-day visit. Last evening he conducted services in the Missoula barracks. Captain Knapp accompanied Captain Nelson and Ensign Hoshinson back from Butte, where they attended a conference of officers that ended Thursday. Tonight Captain Knapp leaves for Spokane, where he will conduct special services. He will also speak at Court d'Alene City before returning to Boise. Last evening Captain Knapp expressed to a newspaper man his delight at getting back to Missoula, if even for a short time. "There's something about this town that stays in my heart," he said, "and I must admit that I like it better than I do Boise, although we have a great field there. We have a restaurant that feeds 300 people every day and a workmen's club, not to mention a lot of other enterprises. All charity work there is organized and the army handles it all. From \$1,200 to \$1,500 passes through my hands every month. Just the same, I like Missoula and Montana better than Boise and Idaho. Although Boise is much larger than Missoula, it's much harder to get anything started there. Missoula is a liberal town and a good town and I love it."

MARKET IS BETTER SAYS BARNES

NOT IN YEARS HAVE CONDITIONS IN THE EAST BEEN SO FAVORABLE TO BUYERS.

C. A. Barnes, manager of the men's department of the Missoula Mercantile company store, was at his desk yesterday, after a couple of months in the east. Asked by a Missoulian reporter for a story of his trip, Mr. Barnes paused in his work and said: "Business is quiet in the country at large, but the quiet is a conservative pause and there is no occasion for alarm. The buyers are not making extensive purchases; they are buying for immediate needs and are not anticipating the future to any extent. This is due to the uncertainty which attaches to the extra session and the opening of the discussion of the reciprocity question which, it is felt, will involve the entire tariff schedule before it is ended. There is doubt as to the result and nobody cares to discontinue the future under those conditions. "But there is nothing panicky about the situation. There is belief that matters will adjust themselves in a few months. The heavy crops have made it impossible to develop any serious uneasiness. The south is particularly prosperous; the east is recovering in good shape already and conditions are not bad in the west. There is no doubt that conditions will improve once the uncertainty is removed. "The existing conditions make the market very favorable to the buyer in the east. I have never found the situation quite as satisfactory in this respect. It is possible to get orders filled quickly and satisfactorily. It was on this account possible for me to get our stock ready in much less time than has been the case in the past few years. "There was never a season when so many beautiful styles were developed for both women and men. The market abounds in delightful features. There is nothing radical in any of the new styles, except a few things in women's wear which have recently come from Paris and there is nothing certain about their adoption. In fact, it seems probable that they will not be taken up. The public is tiring of freakish stuff. "In men's clothing the new styles are more conservative than they have been in several seasons. The climax of the extreme styles seems to have passed last year. The result is that we have what seems to me to be the best line of men's stuff that we have had in a long time. "There is another thing. There are better values in all our clothing than has been the case in many years. The clothes are better; it has been easier this year to select good materials than I have ever found it. This means that I have some guaranteed clothes for men that are a source of great satisfaction to me. Our spring showing will be wonderfully good. I want you to see it. You will be surprised. I am certain that we are going to please our patrons better than ever this season. We are getting the stock into shape for the opening as rapidly as possible."

NO NIGHT-RIDER TRIALS.

Hopkinsville, Ky., March 17.—None of the pending cases against alleged participants in the night-rider raid on this city in 1907 will be tried at this time of court. The announcement was made today following the acquittal last night of Dr. David Amoss charged with being the leader of the raiders.

WHITE-SLAVER GETS 10 YEARS.

Chicago, March 17.—Judge Landis in the United States district court today sentenced Edward S. Nichols, who was convicted of having enticed Elsie Ferris, 13 years old, to Hammond, Ind., in violation of the Mann white-slave statute, to 10 years imprisonment in the federal prison at Fort Leavenworth.

Missoula Mercantile Co.

"What Shall My New Suit Be?"

The question of the hour with every woman who has not already bought is easy of solution if you will but come here and see the hundreds of new garments on display—a showing such as no other store in town can boast and every suit the acme of style and good taste and a value without comparison outside this store.

The Very Suit for You Is Here

No matter whether your preference be for a suit of severely tailored model replete with elegant simplicity, or a fancy tailored model for dressy occasions—the exact model to suit your taste and figure is surely among this collection. No matter what price you settle upon, you'll find a heaping measure of quality, style, fit and service here at that price.

New Spring Suits, \$15 to \$65

At every price-point within this range one finds in this peerless collection of women's and misses' suits a wonderful assortment to choose from—serges, black-and-white checks and stripes, hairline effects, worsteds, tweeds and novelty weaves in every stylish color. Exclusiveness at every price, for of all the suits here there are no two exactly alike.



Wonderful Values at \$25

"How can you sell such a suit for \$25.00?" asked a lady yesterday. "I've been all over town and could not see it's equal for less than \$35.00." Of course she bought. Truth is, we've bettered our own best in suits at this moderate price. Latest materials, styles and colorings, modish checks and hairline stripes and plenty of plain blues and blacks. Coats in the fashionable short length, cut on beautiful lines, lined with soft peau de cygne or Duchesse satin. Skirts on the very newest slender lines, gored-plaited in effective ways and in variety enough to suit every type of figure. French serge or hard twisted storm-serge, mannish worsteds and other popular fabrics to choose from. Both odd and even sizes, so that every woman will find exactly the right suit to fit her. Let us show you these suits and you'll buy, too.

Hat Elegance

When a store is doing a business in millinery such as is going on here, there must be a reason. Any discerning woman will find that reason for herself if she will come here and spend a half hour among the hats.

Unmatchable styles! Becomingness personified! Colors non-rampant! Endless variety! Prices within reason.

Never Have We Shown Such Beautiful Dress Fabrics

Buying the materials for your new spring and summer dresses is a pleasure in a store like this. So many beautiful styles to choose from that to find the material you want and the color or pattern you want is simply a matter of finding it and we'll gladly help you do that. Besides the pleasure one gets out of shopping in this store, it's economy to buy here, where everything is priced on a most liberal value-giving plan.

75c Silk Crepe 59c

A special offering for the balance of the week. This charming soft crepe material is distinguished for its self-colored silk stripes, colors are cream-pink, light blue, Copenhagen and black, 25 inches wide.

Suesine Silks 39c

The most useful material for drapes over which to make up those dainty sleep aprons! It's so light and cool and wears better than the expensive china silk. In at least fifty different colors and shades.

Nearsilk Foulards

With these materials you can have four or five dresses for what a single silk foulard would cost. Everyone will be as pretty as an all-silk, with the same luster and will wear better. The fastest-selling material we have shown this season; per yard, 20c.

A Poplin at 35c

It's our "Continental" brand, nothing better can be had in a straight cotton mercerized poplin. The silk-like finish is permanent, even after repeated washings. In every wanted color and shade, 27 inches wide.

\$2.40 Longcloth \$1.70

Don't hesitate if you want any, for next week they'll be back to regular price. This is a very fine, soft-finished quality, 36 inches wide, and comes 12 yards in a piece.

Flaxons 25c and 35c

Other stores ask more for identical qualities and have not nearly the line of styles to show. Plain and cross-bar weaves, in all sorts of dainty patterns—floral, pin stripes, dots, figures, etc. Then we have the plain solid-colored Flaxons to be used for trimming effects.

R. & S. Silk-and-Wool Poplin

One of the greatest objections to poplin is that every pin hole shows. Not so with this material, neither do they wrinkle and muss up. In both plain and brocade effects, very lustrous, soft and silky; colors include blues, tans, rose, apricot, browns and black and white, 42 inches wide, per yard \$1.75.

Towels—Save \$1 a Dozen

A good quality all-linen lace-abric towel, 20x40 inches, in plain white, that we sell regularly at 25c each; this week, per dozen \$2.00.

Crash Toweling 5c

Not the coarse, common kind, but a good quality; roll bleached, with a red border, 18 inches wide.

Thread Economy

When sewing with silk on a machine use "Waterpurl" for the under thread. "Waterpurl" comes in all silk colors and has the same luster but greater strength. Spools of all 200 yards, 5c.

New Belts

All the latest novelties are shown here as fast as they appear in the market. New elastic belts in black and white checks and Persian effects, 75c to \$1.25. Leather belts in novelty black and white effects, 75c.

REVIVAL MEETINGS NORRIS TO ISSUE CAUSE SPLIT MEETING CALL

PUPILS AT KALISPELL HIGH SCHOOL DIVIDED INTO FAC-TIONS BY PREACHINGS.

Kalispell, March 17.—(Special)—Split into two factions over religious differences brought about by the recent Lowry-bloody revival meetings, the high school has declined in its work during the last two weeks, and estrangements between friends and enthusiastic comments by some of the girl converts against their schoolmates who did not profess conversion, have brought about a well-defined difference. The demonization of the school has gone so far that some of the younger students have refused, it is said, to study the "Merchant of Venice," believing themselves upheld by Mr. Lowry's bitter attack upon the stage and theater, while further trouble has been occasioned, and has enlisted some of the boys, through the refusal of some of the girls to attend the "Junior prom" or to cohabitate with them, at all. The last bit of fuel was put on the smoldering fire when the school authorities refused to permit the proposed high school Y. W. C. A. to use a room in the building, the students and some of the women who were counseling them taking the refusal as a slap at the revival which has just closed. The girls have determined to organize an association of their own outside the high school. Yesterday the school board and principal said they were not opposed to the Y. W. C. A. but would refuse to permit the use of any schoolroom, believing it would stir up war.

NORTHWESTERN DEVELOPMENT LEAGUE TO CONVENE IN HELENA IN MAY.

Helena, March 17.—(Special)—The call for the meeting here May 2 and 3 next of the Northwestern Development League will be issued probably tomorrow by Governor Edwin L. Norris, the matter being taken up with him today by the executive committee of the league.

In addition to issuing the call, personal invitations will be addressed to the governors of Minnesota, North Dakota, Idaho, Washington and Oregon to attend the meeting and to appoint delegates each. Every commercial club in the six states comprising the league will be invited to appoint five delegates.

The movement to organize this league, so as to bring about co-operation, and a closer spirit of harmony between states having interests in common, was launched by the Commercial Secretaries' association of Montana and taken up by the railroads and the commercial organizations of the twin cities.

MUCH ENTHUSIASM IS SHOWN BY OWLS

The recently organized order of Owls held a big banquet and entertainment in the lodge rooms of the Masonic temple last evening. One of the features of the evening was the initiation of a flock of approximately 100 new Owls. The obligations of the order were conferred upon them in a solemn and impressive manner. After the initiation ceremony had been performed a banquet was served. At the conclusion of the banquet a good program was given. The McCarthy quartet sang several songs and Ed Levasseur danced. These numbers received enthusiastic encores. Several speeches were made that struck a responsive chord and created much enthusiasm. Alderman Finley presided over the meeting in a very acceptable manner.

STONE IS BETTER.

Kansas City, March 17.—Although United States Senator William J. Stone is ill with grip at the home of his son, Kinbrough Stone, in this city, and is still confined to his bed, his condition was greatly improved, according to his physician this morning.

WANTED FOR SWINDLING.

Des Moines, March 17.—Governor Carroll today issued requisition papers for the return to Des Moines of Mrs. Maud Brewer, who has been arrested in Oklahoma City. Mrs. Brewer is wanted on the charge that she swindled John Hauser out of \$4,200 by pretending that she would help him find a treasure buried in his cellar.

JURY SECURED.

Chicago, March 17.—A jury was obtained today in the criminal court to try Attorney Charles E. Erlstein and Arthur McBride on charges of conspiracy to defame State's Attorney Wayman.

STREET CAR HELD UP.

Los Angeles, March 17.—Two masked bandits, armed with automatic revolvers, boarded a street car on Garvanza suburban line early today and robbed the crew and five passengers of \$50 and jewelry. The highwaymen escaped.

Look Into the Clothes Question Before You Buy

Here's where you find—
The Best Makes
The Best Styles
The Best Qualities
The Best Values
The Best Service



We guarantee these things, no other store does:
A Perfect Fit
Better Clothes for Less Money
Complete Satisfaction.

There is no standing still in this clothing store. It grows larger each year by virtue of better serving. The clothing grows better each year because the manufacturing tailors with whom we deal are constantly bettering their output. All clothing sold here is of the Missoula Mercantile Co. standard, and, whether it bears the manufacturer's label along with our own, or our own label alone, it has the brand of quality, the warranty of satisfactory service.

Men's New Spring Suits - \$20 to \$45 Young Men's Spring Suits \$15 to \$35

We want you to come today, or any day, and look around and see how well we've prepared for you when you are ready to buy. You'll see more clothing here than any two stores in town can show, and it's all good clothing, and new. You don't have to be content with choice of a few models, but can pick from a score or more among which you'll find several just cut for you. You can pick from hundreds of patterns in all the stylish colorings, and you will find just such picking at every price—no need here of a man paying more for a suit than he really wants to just to get something that suits him.

HALL MARK SHIRTS

When you want to make the acquaintance of a better \$1.50 shirt than you ever saw before, ask to see these new Hallmark shirts. The patterns will appeal to you for their dignity and style; you'll wonder how such good materials can go into a \$1.50 shirt, while the cut and manner of making will astonish you.

MONTANA HATS

Montana hats have a wonderful reputation and they live up to it in every particular—in style, quality, value. The new spring shapes are winning friends every day. Already orders are being sent in for more hats to fill up the gaps left by the unprecedented early selling. Stiff hats, \$3.50; soft hats, \$3.00.

BOYS' CLOTHING

While stocks in this line are not as complete as they will be in time for Easter, still there is no reason why any boy in need of a new suit cannot be satisfied out of present showings, which include all the best styles. M. M. Co.'s boys' clothing means best boys' clothing. Suits \$3.50 to \$12.00.