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A Credit Merchant

Carries Two Stocks of Goods

One in the store: The other scattered among his credit customers.

Carrying customers on the books increases the cost of doing business. It's one of the things that compel merchants to get high prices from those who pay.

Why Don't You Pay Cash And Be Independent. Trade where prices are figured on a spot cash basis.

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Is Salem's cheapest one price cash store. Quality is always the first consideration with us. Reliable Merchandise sold 15 to 25 per cent cheaper than at "regular stores" keeps us growing.

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Holiday Novelties

We will sell them on the same margin of profit as regular lines.

Don't put off your Holiday shopping till the last day. The assortment is better now and the prices will never be lower.

Two rooms full of goods suitable for practical presents if you prefer them to the fancy novelties.

E. T. BARNES, Proprietor

Washington, Dec. 11.—The house was in committee of the whole this morning, and considered the pension appropriation.

Washington, Dec. 11.—A cable from Rear-Admiral Baker, from Guantanamo, says: "Took formal possession of this port at noon."

ALL ARGUMENTS AGAINST STATE PORTAGE FADING

There Is Now No Obstacle to Building Portage Road

Right of Way Available and Even the O. R. & N. Does Not Control Necessary Ground—The Canal Can Be Dug Later—Major Langfitt Says the Two Routes Do Not Seriously Interfere With Each Other—Business Men Favor Quick Action—Lookout for Secret Opposition.

The big corporation influences are still fighting to delay the little portage railroad. There are many ways in which this can be done, and the apparent friendliness of the Oregonian is that of an enemy in disguise.

But the business men of Portland seem to be alive to the dangers of the situation, and are not aiming to be tricked out of that club over the transportation monopoly on the Columbia. A break in the railroad blockade on the great commerce of the Columbia means the making of Portland, the average business man knows it, and will not listen to interested sophistries and "Greek gifts" from a corporation-controlled newspaper.

Strong and sincere support has come to the state portage by Major Langfitt, and the engineering corps at Portland. They seem to concede that the portage and the canal can both be built alongside of the O. R. & N., and they will not crowd, except at one or two points.

The property owners over whose land the state portage is to be built are almost a unit to allow the state to proceed without litigation, and without condemnation proceedings, so that

the portage can be built in time to handle the fall crop of 1904.

The broadsides of The Journal, which were sent of all members of the legislature, and to the business men of Eastern Oregon, at its own expense, have aroused public sentiment, and, as it now appears, swept away every apparent obstacle to immediate construction of the state portage. Every argument raised against the state portage has proven to be false, and was thrown out by concealed and cunning enemies of the proposition, who, when driven from cover, admit that they had no real reason for their opposition.

Of course, it is to be assumed that the big corporation influences will, from ambush, fight for delay, and try to put the construction of the state portage over another year. But the vigilance of Governor Chamberlain and the other state officials, will guard against deceptions or dilatory tactics on the part of the railroad monopoly that has Eastern Oregon by the throat. Read the latest confession of friendship in the Oregonian, to which it has been driven by public sentiment:

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HAVE LANDED TROOPS

Reports From Colon Show Colombians Are Busy

Department Has Ordered Vessels From Cuba and Will Have Large Fleet at Panama

Washington, Dec. 11.—A dispatch from Admiral Glass, commanding in Isthmian waters, says there is a well-defined rumor on the isthmus that a small boat of Colombian troops had been landed at the mouth of the Arato river.

Howard Ames, who last year made a long report on the health condition of Colon, and a trip up the Arato river, where it is rumored the Colombians landed, was at the bureau of navigation this morning, closeted with Admiral Taylor for a long time. There is no doubt both army and navy is aroused to unusual activity, presumably upon express orders from Roosevelt, and that extreme measures will be immediately adopted to forestall any movement of Colombia. Rear-Admiral Sands, with the flagship Texas, and a torpedo fleet, has been ordered to sail for Key West on the 17th. This forms an ideal fleet for Isthmian waters, where, in event of trouble, boats of great speed and shallow draft will be required. There are six vessels in the fleet.

Among His Peers. Washington, 11.—A large batch of petitions against Smoot were presented in the senate today. Platt, of New York, introduced a communication from the Arbucksies and others, remonstrating against the anti-Mormon agitation.

SPECIAL SESSION OVER

Montana Legislature Adjourns Sine Die Today

Fair Trial Bill Most Important Passed—Thought it Will Prevent Further Trouble

Helena, Mont., Dec. 11.—The extra session of the legislature adjourned sine die today. The fair-trial bill, which provides for changes of revenue and review by the supreme court in civil cases, was the most important bill passed, as it prevent a recurrence of industrial troubles.

Acquitted and Arrested. New York, Dec. 11.—Daniel Myers, tried on a charge of grand larceny from the Manhattan Fire Insurance Company, was today acquitted by the jury. He was promptly rearrested on another charge, alleging the larceny of \$27,000. He gave a bond of \$5000.

Hops Moving. Hop shipments are numerous, and about two carloads are being carried daily by the Southern Pacific. The car shortage conditions are improving somewhat.

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The ones you have been waiting for just arrived in all the popular shades, including Tans, Greys, Blacks, etc., also the new Herringbone Stripe Cravenettes. These celebrated goods are becoming more and more popular as people come to know more about them. They are the finest materials for your long rain coat, wraps, etc. We are sole distributors for Salem.

NEW PASTEL CLOTH.
The prettiest goods from which to make your new opera or party cape or wrap. Here you will find it in just the shade you need. A great variety from which to select.

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Every garment in this department is being sacrificed at unusually low prices. This great sale is of the greatest importance to the economically inclined, as it places the latest creations in women's dress far below the regular prices. Call, examine and see how our values compare with others; we'll stand by your verdict.

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The boys will want to see the trains of cars and the tracks with the wonderful switches, wonderful and no end of fun for ambitious boys. There are all sorts of mechanical toys, such as fire engines, automobiles and the like. Here are Happy Hooligan, Gloomy Gus, Policemen, Foxy Grandpa and all the jolly caricature friends of the comic papers. But, oh, dear, there is no end to the story; for it really hasn't begun, and you're probably more tired of reading that we are of writing. Come to the store today, and see it all. That's ten times as much fun. See the things you want to write Santa Claus about.

QUEEN QUALITY
Having regard solely for the three great essentials of fit, style and thorough workmanship, no better shoe can be produced for this popular price. There are a great many shoes on the market today sailing along on the full tide of popularity, commanding the price of \$4.00 and more, that are not even so good as Queen Quality Shoes. Our winter line just received, embracing all the late fashions and styles—always

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If you are in doubt about what to get "him" for Christmas, buy a necktie. No matter how many ties a man has, one more is always welcome. Your taste, as well his, can be satisfied by looking over and making your selection of entire line of four-in-hands.

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