

SPECIALLY INTERESTING BARGAIN NEWS FOR

FRIDAY SHOPPERS

An Exceptionally Good Line of Umbrellas Specially Priced for Friday's Selling at \$1.00

MISSES' UMBRELLAS, with fancy handles and good durable covers **\$1.00**
 LADIES' UMBRELLAS, with Directoire handles of polished wood, trimmed nickel silver, with good strong frames and fast black covers **\$1.00**
 MEN'S UMBRELLAS, with cherry wood and fancy handles, steel tubes and frame and useful covers **\$1.00**

Ribbons for Your Xmas Fancy Work at Low Prices

FINE ALL-SILK RIBBON, full 3 in. wide, all good colors. Per yard **10¢**
 FINE ALL-SILK RIBBON, 4 1/2 to 6 in. wide, in almost any shade. Per yard **25¢**
 FINE ALL-SILK RIBBON, 5 1/2 in. wide, beautiful stiff quality, all colors. Per yard **35¢**
 SILK DRESDEN RIBBONS, 1 and 1 1/2 in. wide, very neat designs. Per yard **10¢**
 ALL-SILK DRESDEN RIBBONS, 4 1/2 in. wide, colors in rose patterns beautifully blended. Per yard **25¢**

Mid-Week Prices on Neckwear for Ladies

LADIES' FANCY EMBROIDERED COLLARS, 1 1/2 and 2 inches deep, all new designs, 35c and **25¢**
 LADIES' LACE COLLARS, Gibson style, in white and ecru, 35c and **25¢**
 LADIES' DUTCH COLLARS, of fine lawn, with neat embroidered designs and scalloped edges **50¢**
 LADIES' COAT COLLARS, of heavy Guipure lace, new patterns **50¢**
 LADIES' SILK BOW TIES, novelty shapes, trimmed fancy jet buttons and drops, all new colors **25¢**
 LADIES' FANCY COLLARS, of fine Oriental and imitation Irish laces **50¢**

Ladies' Silk and Lisle Vests

Long sleeves, open fronts **\$2.00**
 Short sleeves, open fronts **\$1.75**
 Closed fronts and long sleeves **\$1.50**
 Closed fronts, with short sleeves **\$1.50**

Friday Bargains in Men's Suits and Overcoats

MEN'S SUITS. Specially Priced Friday at **\$10.00**
 These are exceptional values. Every man should take advantage of this surprisingly low price. They are made of fancy worsteds and tweeds, splendidly tailored, in all the latest styles. Specially marked for quick selling at **\$10.00**

MEN'S OVERCOATS. Regular \$15.00 and \$18.00, for **\$10.00**
 Just when most needed comes this extra special offering of Men's Fine Overcoats. They are in cravenette cloths and waterproof cloths, in fawns, tans and grey mixtures, and which sell regularly for \$15.00 to \$18.00. Special Friday **\$10.00**

Boys' Norfolk Suits, Reg. \$3.50, Friday, \$2.50

A special line of Boys' Fine Norfolk Suits go on sale Friday. These are in tweeds and worsteds, in grey, fawns and brown mixtures. Any mother who takes pride in the appearance of the little man should take advantage of this special saving. Regularly sold at \$3.50. Friday **\$2.50**



Xmas Books for Boys and Girls

Chatterbox, 1909 **75¢**
 Chatterbox Zoo **60¢**
 Chatterbox Studies **60¢**
 Wonder Book **\$1.00**
 Animals' Wonder Book **\$1.00**
 Our Darlings **\$1.00**
 Buster Brown **50¢**
 Little Nemo **50¢**
 Foxy Grandpa **50¢**

Buster Brown Frolics **50¢**
 Terrors of Tiny Tads **50¢**
 Monkey Shines **50¢**
 Angelic Angela **50¢**
 Little Folks' Favorite Album **\$1.00**
 Little Folks' Picture Album **\$1.00**
 Chatterbox World Animals **80¢**
 Herbert Strang Annual **\$1.10**
 Sunday **\$1.00**

BOYS' AND GIRLS' OWN ANNUAL—Our Price \$1.75

The People's Library, Leather Edition, Price 40c

Treasure Island and Kidnapped, by Stevenson.
 Adam Bede, by Eliot.
 East Lynne, by Wood.
 The Essays of Elia, by Lamb.
 A Tale of Two Cities, by Dickens.
 Ivanhoe, by Scott.
 Poems, 1830-1865, by Tennyson.
 Westward Ho! by Kingsley.
 Sesame and Lilies, Unto This Last, and The Political Economy of Art, by Ruskin.
 The Scarlet Letter, Hawthorne.
 Cloister and the Hearth, by Reade.
 The Christmas Books, by Dickens.
 Tom Brown's Schooldays, by Hughes.
 King Solomon's Mines, by Haggard.
 Poems, 1833-1865, by Browning.
 John Halifax, Gentleman, by Craik.
 Essays and other Writings, by Bacon.
 The Mill on the Floss, by Eliot.
 The Autocrat of the Breakfast Table, by Holmes.
 Kenilworth, by Scott.

Jane Eyre, by Bronte.
 Robinson Crusoe, by Defoe.
 Waverley, by Scott.
 Old Curiosity Shop, by Dickens.
 Essays and other Writings, by Emerson.
 Cranford, by Gaskell.
 Silas Marner, by Eliot.
 Poetical Works, by Longfellow.
 Last Days of Pompeii, by Lytton.
 Esmond, by Thackeray.
 Pride and Prejudice, by Austen.
 Tower of London, by Ainsworth.
 Bible in Spain, by Borrow.
 Last of the Mohicans, by Cooper.
 The Optimum Eater and other Writings, by De Quincey.
 Complete Works of Shakespeare.
 Barnaby Rudge, by Dickens.
 Last of the Barons, Lytton.
 Fairy Tales, by Andersen.
 Vicar of Wakefield and Poems, by Goldsmith.
 The Deerslayer, by Cooper.

Sense and Sensibility, by Austen.
 Poems and Songs, by Burns.
 The Three Musketeers, by Dumas.
 The Channings, by Wood.
 The Ingoldsby Legends, by Barham.
 Oliver Twist, by Dickens.
 The Little Minister, by Barrie.
 Fairy Tales, by Grimm.
 Meditations, by Marcus Aurelius.
 Uncle Tom's Cabin, by Stowe.
 History of Selborne, by White.
 The Two Paths and other Essays, by Ruskin.
 The Pathfinder, by Cooper.
 Tales from Shakespeare, by Lamb.
 Woman in White, by Collins.
 Sartor Resartus and Essays on Burns and Scott, by Carlyle.
 It Is Never Too Late to Mend, by Read.
 Pilgrim's Progress, by Bunyan.
 Shirley, by Bronte.
 Tales, Poems and Sketches, by Bret Harte.

Hypatia, by Kingsley.
 Essays, by Huxley.
 Handy Andy, by Lover.
 Voyages of Discovery, by Cook.
 Mr. Midshipman Easy, by Marryat.
 Heroes and Hero Worship and Essays on Goethe, by Carlyle.
 Masterman Ready, by Marryat.
 Our Village, by Mitford.
 Origin of Species, by Darwin.
 The Three Midshipmen, by Kingstons.
 Gulliver's Travels, by Swift.
 The Talsiman, by Scott.
 Harold, by Lytton.
 Plays, by Sheridan.
 Ravenshoe, by H. Kingsley.
 Vanity Fair, by Thackeray.
 Peter the Whaler, by Kingstons.
 Wonder Book and Tanglewood Tales, by Hawthorne.
 Charles O'Malley, by Leys.
 Historical Essays and Lays of Ancient Rome, by Macaulay.
 Wuthering Heights, by Bronte.

Fancy Lace Collars at 50c and \$1.00

FANCY LACE COLLARS, suitable for yokes, etc., in Guipure and fancy Oriental laces. Some pretty designs. Friday **50¢**
 FANCY GUIPURE LACE COLLARS, good heavy lace. Just the thing for the little miss's coat **\$1.00**

Friday's Bargain Leaders in Ladies' Patent Leather Bags

Five splendid lines of Ladies' Handbags go on sale Friday at specially low prices, and which should demand the attention of every lady in need of a good bag.

Ladies' Patent Leather Bag, double strap handle, extra strap fastener, fitted with purse **\$1.25**
 Ladies' Patent Leather Bag, with three outside pockets, fine quality, fitted with purse **\$2.00**

Ladies' Patent Leather Bag, large size, with two outside pockets, fitted with purse **\$1.50**
 Ladies' Patent Leather Bag, with two outside pockets and extra strap fastener **\$2.25**

LADIES' PATENT LEATHER BAGS, extra fine quality, at \$3.75, \$4.50 and **\$6.75**

Friday's Sale of Embroideries at 15c and 25c per Yard

On Friday we are making a special offering in Fine Embroideries. These are just the thing you need for flouncings. There are also a large variety of insertion of fine muslin and cambric, ranging in width from 18, 20, 23 and 26 inches, specially priced for Friday's selling at, per yard, 15c and **25¢**

Xmas Post Cards, Etc.—Big Assortment at 25c per Doz.

CHRISTMAS CARDS at, each, 2 1/2c, 5c, 10c, 15c, 20c, 25c, 40c and **50¢**

CHRISTMAS BOXES OF STATIONERY
 HOLLY BOX at, each, 35c, 60c, 85c, \$1.00, up to **\$3.00**
 CRANE'S FANCY BOXES, each, \$5.00, \$3.50 **\$2.50**
 FANCY STATIONERY BOXES **\$6.00**
 YULE-TIDE CHEER **85¢**
 BOXES OF STATIONERY with holly embossed **60¢**

Special Bargains for Friday in Men's Socks, Shirts and Furnishings

MEN'S SOX—Men's heavy striped cotton sox, strong for hard wear. Per pair 10¢

MEN'S SOX—Men's dark grey wool mixture sox, heavy weight. Per pair 12 1/2¢

MEN'S SOX—Men's black cotton sox, medium weight, seamless. Per pair 12 1/2¢

MEN'S SOX—Men's extra heavy grey wool mixture sox, white toe and heel, also natural shade with white toe and heel. Per pair 15¢

MEN'S SOX—Men's strong working sox, natural shade with white toe and heel. Pair 20¢

MEN'S SOX—Men's heavy black worsted sox, ribbed. Pair 25¢

MEN'S SOX—Men's ribbed heather mixture wool sox. Special quality. Per pair 35¢

MEN'S SOX—Men's imported grey, army sox, ribbed or plain knit. Per pair 25¢

MEN'S SOX—Men's imported heather mixture sox, fine quality, good weight. Card of mending with each pair. Per pair 25¢

MEN'S SOX—Men's medium weight wool sox, natural and light and dark greys. Special at toe and heel for wear. Pair 25¢

MEN'S SOX—Men's fine black cashmere sox, seamless, special toe and heel. Per pair 25¢

MEN'S SOX—Men's heavy working sox, special value, dark grey or heather brown, with red toe and heel, also natural and grey with white toe and heel, extra heavy for hard wear. Pair 25¢

MEN'S SOX—Men's selected black ribbed worsted sox. Per pair 35¢

MEN'S SOX—Men's superfine, black llama cashmere sox, a fine soft quality. Per pair 50¢

BOYS' SWEATERS—Boys' imported wool sweaters, in new shades of green, brown, blue, red and white, all sizes. Prices according to size and quality, from \$1.90 to 90¢

MEN'S SHIRTS—Men's imported heavy grey union flannel shirts, special quality, full size and well made collar, buttoned down front and back \$1.50

MEN'S SHIRTS—Men's imported flannel shirts, in new shades and patterns. Each shirt has 2 separate collars to match. \$3.00, \$2.75 and \$2.50

Friday Leaders—Houseware Section

HEAVY GALVANIZED TUBS, with wringer attachments, and strong handles. Three sizes. Friday Bargain, \$1.00, 85c and **75¢**

HEAVY ENAMELLED STEEL WATER PAILS, with raised bottoms, plain white and blue decorations. Two sizes. Friday Bargain, 75c and **65¢**

TOILET SETS, 5 pieces, assorted colors. Friday Bargain **\$2.00**

DINNER SETS, including four size plates, decorated with light blue spray. Friday Bargain **\$6.90**

DINNER SET, including four size plates, in a very neat light green pattern. Friday Bargain **\$7.90**

DINNER SETS, including four size plates, finished with a beautiful dark blue floral spray, gold lined. Friday Bargain **\$15.00**

Blackie's Boys' Books Priced at 35c

Tales from the Norse. Uncle Tom's Cabin.
 The World of Ice. The Gorilla Hunters.
 Murad, the Unlucky. Plutarch's Lives.
 Decisive Battles. Settlers in Canada.
 Deerslayer. Peter Parley Tales.
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UNPRECEDENTED FLOOD CONDITIONS ISLAND ARE WITHIN IN ANY RE

Traffic on Esquimalt & Nanaimo Further Notice—Gorge Cellars Blocked—CITY V FOR TWO YEARS

Torrential rains during the past flood conditions without precedent on Vancouver Island, in consequence of which all trains on the Esquimalt & Nanaimo division were cancelled until further notice, it being feared that not a wheel will turn on the island railway for several days at best. The up train for Nanaimo which left here at 9 o'clock yesterday, stalled somewhere en route, and while downbound passengers walked from Colwood to Victoria, a druncheon, disconsolate, disheartened company of dozen strong, ladies having been left at the Colwood hotel, whence they were subsequently brought by motor cars and carried to Victoria.

In Victoria the precipitation is believed to have broken all records, the gauge in the water commission's office showing the Elsie lake rise to have been 12 1/2 inches from midnight Saturday until 9 this morning, the nearest remembrance of such a rise being in November of 1886, when six inches downfall was recorded, which was the source of Victoria's water supply, had still 2 1/2 inches to go from 9 o'clock this morning to the original high water mark, while the recent building up gives 3 feet inches added margin.

In Victoria the engines have been requisitioned to deal with flooded cellars and basements, and later residential districts. One engine has been busy since yesterday at the Provincial Hospital, where the morning was ordered to the St. James' Hospital, where the water was so high that the road is closed to traffic, for he long cannot be prophesied.

From every part of the city reported down upon City Engineer Topp this morning, of flooded streets and sewers out of commission, and the grating being blocked and water so high on the majority that it is difficult to present. According to King's road, the water is so high that the main drain is so blocked that the engineer has ordered the removal of the manhole covers under observation to relieve the situation.

Sixty or more requests for immediate help were received in this department before noon today, and it is experienced in securing a sufficient number of men to deal with the emergency demands. According to Topp, more rain has fallen in Victoria since Saturday night last than in a entire month of 1908.

Water Commissioner Raymur is a cause for rejoicing in the very connection which drive Engineer Topp most to distraction. The fact that he looks upon as a blessing since they assure an abundant supply of water in the lakes for two years at average consumption. Putting at the filter beds is no longer necessary and was stopped this morning.

The most serious feature of the flood as it affects Victoria is the connection with the disorganization of railway service between here and Wellington. Owing to the interruption of telegraphic service from same moving causes details of extent and location of roadbed damage are unavailable, although at fourteen washouts of more or less importance are reported, the longest being at Koksilah and in the neighbourhood of Ladysmith, one break being 300 feet. Work trains are out on night and commission in charge Assistant Superintendent Goodfellow on the door of the Stores at station appears a notice as hereunder.

ALL TRAINS CANCELLED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.

As it will be impossible to re-arrange train connection for some arrangements will be made for steamers service, the City of Nanaimo being already equipped with appliances for passage on her departure Ladysmith, Nanaimo and up to points tomorrow morning. It is expected that the Charmer will go on run for the time being on Wednesday. Passenger trains may be cut through by transferring within a few days, no freights are likely to go through a week or more, unless the road from Shawnigan on this morning declared the Niagara Canyon to be seriously damaged, but there as yet been no chance to estimate the extent of the injury along line.

All points reached by the Dominion Wireless on the Western and North Island coasts report correspond heavy rains in their respective districts while the tides are higher than in time past, the steps by the James causeway even being submerged. Not Equalled in Twenty-Eight Years. Since weather records have been in this city, never has such a down