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CHINA THREATENS

The people of the Chinese empire threaten to boycott the United States and quit purchasing our products if we do not change our exclusion policy and be more liberal in the admission of Chinese to this country. It is not probable that this is all a bluff, and that unless we change our policy of exclusion, it is reasonable to conclude, that our exports to China will be greatly diminished. Let us see what we will lose by the Chinese refusing to purchase American articles. For the nine months ending with March 1905 the exports from the United States to China amounted to \$83,431,410, and our exports for the same period was \$20,713,420 leaving a balance in our favor of \$12,715,990.

While the trade with China is growing and the hope is that it will grow to larger proportion when the 400,000,000 of Chinese have more of their wants supplied from the farms, factories, mines and forests of the United States, at present compared with our total foreign trade it is small. Our total exports to foreign countries during the nine months ending with March 1905 footed up \$1,145,696,479, and our imports were valued at \$939,481,790 which being deducted from our exports leaves a balance in our favor of \$306,214,689 for the nine months. Our exports to the Chinese Empire amounts to one thirty-fourth of our foreign exports.

Taking the favorable balance as what we make by trading with China for the nine months under review it will be seen that what we gain by trading with her is but one twenty-fourth of the general balance in our favor from our foreign trade.

Recognizing that we will lose by not conceding to China's demands for a more liberal policy, should that demand extend to the opening of our country to the unrestrained influx of China laborers, and the consequent loss to the American wage earners, there can be no question but our government should maintain its present policy even if by so doing we diminish our annual trade balance by fourteen millions of dollars.

In 1900 there were 29,074,117 persons in the U S ten years old and over engaged in some useful occupation.

All persons returning from Portland have the same story to tell regarding the "room trust" which has been organized there to extort the dollars from those who attend the fair. Those who have resided in this state long are not surprised at this action on the part of the Portland business men, for it is a well known fact that the Port-

land hog has always fattened at the expense of those who are compelled to contribute to it by reason of its geographical location. The "room trust" may prosper for a time, but the people who deposit their dollars to its credit, will long remember the city of Portland as the place where they were held up and robbed, and will naturally think the second time before returning for another skinning. After people are skinned once they are a little tender and do not part with another layer of outsize as freely as they did with the first. Portland business men should think of this. Many of the fair visitors are also Portland customers, and they may reason that a business firm which will take the advantage regarding room rent might be depended upon to do the same in other business transactions.

Son Lost Mother

"Consumption runs in our family, and through it I lost my Mother," writes E B Reid, of Harmony, Mo. "For the past five years, however, on the slightest sign of a Cough or Cold, I have taken Dr King's New Discovery for Consumption, which has saved me from serious lung trouble." His mother's death was a sad loss for Mr Reid, but he learned that lung trouble must not be neglected, and how to cure it. Quickest relief and cure for coughs and colds. Price 50c and \$1.00 guaranteed at Newlin Drug Co. Trial bottle free.

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THEN CALL**

WM. REYNOLDS
The transfer man.

He will take that trunk to the Depot or your home in less time than it takes to tell it. Wagon always at your service. Charges moderate. Day phone 1751, night phone 1863.

**J. L. MARS,
Contractor and Builder**

Dealer in Building Material
La Grande, Or.
Drop a line, naming work, and I will give the right price.

**I. HARRIS
THE MEAT MAN**

Is still doing business at the old stand. Will be glad to see all his old customers as well as new ones. As good prime beef cattle is now scarce, I have on hand a fine selection of cured meats, hams breakfast bacon. About the fifteenth of May, I will have a fine assortment of young prime beef, which are now fattening. Do not forget that I now have as good fresh beef as there is on the market as well as fresh fish and poultry. Prompt Delivery Phone 16

—VISIT THE—
**Lewis and Clark
EXPOSITION**

To be held at Portland,
June 1 to Oct. 15, 1905.

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Through the Willamette, Umpqua and Rogue River Valleys, of Western Oregon, pass Mt. Shasta, through the Sacramento Valley to the many famous resorts on the line of the

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To reduce our entirely too large stock of clothing we offer the unrestricted choice of any suit at

25% DISCOUNT

For one week commencing, Monday May 22, and ending May 27.

Gordon \$3.00 Hat for \$2.00

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25% Discount All 25% Discount

Ladies' Suits and Coats

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Reduced 25 per cent for one week, Commencing Monday, May 22, and ending on Saturday, May 27,

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Kid Gloves

You can get as good for \$1.00, \$1.50 and \$2.00 a pair, and to match your dress, too, good as the price can buy in the U. S. right here at the Chicago Store

Hosiery

Nice fine, real lisle hose; plain, lace embroidered, ect., extra good for the price, at the Chicago Store.

A Bit for the Neck

Lots of the newest and prettiest of turn-over collars, Stocks, etc. 15c to \$1.50 each. Also ready to use lace and tucked lawn Vestees, Yokes, Etc. Or a shirt waist, a veil, a belt, a Petticoat or any such furnishing. There's one thing sure, the price will be right if it's to be had at the Chicago Store.

All Shoes aren't Alike!



There's as much difference in shoes as there is in candy or cigars, or Panama hats. Unless you're an expert in shoe values — do the wise thing. And that is — buy

Keith's Konquerors They're as staple as Lowney's candy, or a Mayville's Best or a Paul's Perfecto Cigar. \$3.50 to \$5.00.



Majestic SHIRTS.

Europe and Yankee Land are ransacked as with a fine-toothed comb by the makers of "MAJESTIC" shirts to get the newest and finest fabrics or their productions. Add to fine fabrics, unerring taste in selection and trained skill in making and you have the secret of the Shirt that's "FIT FOR A KING." "MAJESTIC" Night Robes will lull you into pleasant dreams. They woo sleep. "MAJESTIC" \$1.00 to \$2.50 Shirts

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The Chicago Store
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WE SELL GILBERTS
CELEBRATED Dress Linings