

With a knowledge of these facts, is there any sober-minded man who desires to live comfortably—comfortably in more senses than one—willing to make his home in the Western States?

If any Eastern readers of this article are intending to emigrate, I advise them to "Go West, but go to Oregon or Washington Territory," don't come to Kansas or any of the Western States east of the Rocky mountains.

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#### FIRST STREET, PORTLAND.

An unprejudiced person looking at the handsome view of First street produced upon the opposite page, will at once come to the legitimate conclusion that Portland is a metropolis. The

Shindler. Their salesrooms run through an entire block from First to Front streets, with a large basement underneath two stories in height, and they occupy additional storage rooms in different parts of the town. Their factory is located at Willsburg, 4 miles from Portland, and here they employ a large number of skilled mechanics at the various branches of furniture manufacturing. Their stock embraces all the very latest styles and patterns of furniture, carpets, curtains and house-furnishing goods generally.

Isadore Gumbert's Golden Rule Bazaar is the next attractive store. Mr. G. is a young man favorably known in this city, although but recently established in this line of business. He keeps a complete stock of crockery, glassware and fancy goods.

Located on the northeast corner of Yamhill and First streets we find

THOMPSON, DE HART & CO.,

dealers in hardware, iron, steel and hardwood lumber. The house was first established in 1851 by Northrup & Simon. Mr. S. finally withdrew



SALESROOM OF THOMPSON DEHART & CO.—Cor. First and Yamhill Sts., Portland

elegant structure on the left in the engraving is the property of C. E. Smith, Esq., of Smith Bros. & Watson, and is without doubt one of the handsomest buildings in the city. The corner store is magnificently fitted up, and is occupied by L. Lemline, Esq., for the sale of tobacco and cigars. Mr. L. has been in business in this city for twenty-three years, five years of it on the very same corner. He keeps a choice and well selected stock of every thing pertaining to his line of business.

Adjoining, we find C. H. Meusdorffer's hat store. It is beautifully fitted up, has handsome plate glass windows and large mirrors. This is the retail department. The wholesale department is located on Front street. Mr. M. has been established here since 1864, and has a large and constantly increasing patronage. He manufactures extensively, and makes a specialty of fine goods.

The large furniture store of Shindler & Chadbourne next claims our attention. This is an outgrowth of the old established house of Hargren &

and the business was conducted under the name of Northrup & Blossom, the latter in course of time sold his interest to Mr. Van Rensselaer and the firm became Northrup & Co. Mr. Van Rensselaer retired from the concern and in 1870 Mr. R. R. Thompson purchased a half interest in the business, the firm name then became Northrup & Thompson, and continued until two years ago, when Mr. Northrup sold his interest, and the present partnership was formed. The firm at present consists of R. R. Thompson, R. H. Thompson, E. J. De Hart and Wm. Honeyman. Their salesrooms run through an entire block having entrances on Front, First and Yamhill streets. The ground floor contains the offices of the firm, and is the salesroom proper, the basement is used for storage purposes, whilst the second floor is used for the display of lighter articles of hardware and cutlery.

The wagon material and coal department occupies one hundred feet square, and is located at the corner of Second and Main, but connects by

telephone with the main salesrooms on First street. The firm has also just completed a substantial wharf and warehouse at the foot of Yamhill street, this occupies 100 feet square, is two stories in height, and will be used for discharging and storing heavy goods. The facilities now enjoyed by this firm are excelled by no other house on the Pacific Coast. They import direct, purchase and ship in large quantities, and do a larger business in this line than any house in the Northwest.

On the opposite corner we find the dry goods house of P. Selling. He has been established here for a number of years and does a very large business.

I. F. Power's Furniture House occupies the large three-story building adjoining. He also has extensive salesrooms opposite, running from First to Second streets, two stories in height. His manufactory is situated on Water street, where a large number of men, assisted by labor-saving machinery and steam, turn out all the different articles of furniture. Mr. P. has been established here for fourteen years, and his constantly growing trade is the best evidence of his popularity.

The Farmers' and Mechanics' Store, L. Prager, proprietor, is one of the busiest looking places in the city. By a liberal use of printers' ink, carrying out all promises, and adhering to a strict one-price system, Mr. P. has built up a trade equalled by few houses in this line of business in Portland.

The Oregon Furniture Manufacturing Co.'s elegant salesrooms occupy all of the large three-story structure on the northwest corner of First and Yamhill streets, their immense steam factory being located at the northeast corner of Front and Madison streets. This is a strictly home enterprise, the stockholders are all residents of Portland, and the President, Mr. Samuel Loewenstein, Secretary, Mr. Wm. Kapus, and Head Salesman, Mr. H. C. Breeden, are favorably known to the business community of this State. They manufacture and keep in stock a full assortment of all grades of furniture, from the cheapest, for the humble cottage, to the most expensive, for the mansions of the wealthy. Their stock of wallpaper, curtains, carpets, etc., embraces the very latest patterns.

Lobe & Co.'s Crockery Store is the next establishment worthy of note. They have a complete stock of Crockery and Glassware, embracing all the latest novelties, and although established here but a short time, we predict abundant success for this firm, having known the senior, Mr. A. Lobe, for the past twelve years, as a live, go-ahead business man.

On the second story of this building, we find the Law Offices of Julius C. Moreland and Johnson, McCown & Macrum, as well as the elegant Dental Rooms of E. O. Smith. Mr. Smith is one of the most skillful operators in his line in this State.

Abell's Photograph Parlors are located on this floor, and on fine days will always be found crowded with visitors. Mr. A. is an artist, which his beautiful life-like photographs fully attest. He is Vice President of the Photographers' Association of America, and expects to make an exhibit of his work at their National Convention, to be held in Chicago in August next.

The wholesale department of the Drug House of Blumauer & Co. is also located in this block—a full description of their establishments appeared in our January number. O. F. Sites & Co., grocers, one of the handsomest in the city, and Joseph Kohn's Clothing Palace, occupy elegant large salesrooms in this block and do a thriving business.

In the second story of the building shown on the right of the engraving, is Jos. Buchtel's Photograph Gallery. He has been located here as Joe Meek would have expressed it, "since Mount Hood was a hole in the ground," is one of the most successful artists in Oregon.