SAN FRANCISCO STORE

Men's Clothing

You would not think it possible, but it is so. We can sell you a black clay worsted suit, lined with the best of material we know of—we use no other—for $10. These suits are made with round or square corners. Ask for lot 7172.

Then we have some fancy worsted suits also with round or square corners, for $9.75. These are made as well as our factory knows how to make clothes, and if you can't get fitted in these, no ready-made clothing will fit you. Ask for lot 6695.

Here is a particularly attractive line, the material is elegant and the workmanship superior in every way. They are cheviot suits of winter weight and we ask only $8.50. Ask for lot 903.

The foregoing is not the only line of cheviots we carry. Ask for lot 719 and see what they are. You will be pleased with them as they are nice enough for anybody to wear. We have marked the price on these $10.50 just for a surprise.

Young Men's Clothing

We are selling twice as much young men's clothing this year as we did a year ago. This must mean that what we sold last year suited a lot of young men, and they have been telling their friends about it. Yes, and it means that our stock this year is just new and nobby enough to catch them anyway.

Ask to See Some of These

Single-breasted sack suits, brown mixed cheviot, strong or faint plaid as you choose.

Double-breasted sack suit, brown herringbone cheviot.

Single-breasted sack suit, fashionable collar, double-breasted vest. Gray and red mixed, making a broken plaid.

Single-breasted sack suit, with double-breasted vest of gray Scotch plaid cheviot.

Single-breasted sack suit, with double-breasted vest; gray cheviot with overplaid of green.

Single-breasted sack suit, fine check worsted.

Some of these are pretty gay, some are quiet—just like young men.

Boys' Clothing

Somebody's small boy is going to be mightily satisfied with himself when his mamma gets him one of those new cape coats that have just come. We don't make any money to speak of on these, but we have to do something to stop some people from buying cotton. Now, whether he is three or fourteen years of age, he shall have one for $2.35. Don't believe it? Well come in and see, and ask for lot 3932.

Just another word about the boys. Do you want your little fellow to look real swell? If so, we have a line of boys' blue serge double-breasted suits, ages from 7 to 14, that are positively beautiful. These suits, including an extra pair of pants, we are going to sell this week for $6.00. We won't tell you how we can afford it for the story would be too long for our space. Ask particularly for lot 17483.

If the above price is too high, ask for lot 17482. These are suits of a gray mixture, including an extra pair of pants, for $3.75. They are dressy and are sure to delight the proud little wearer. Don't fail to examine them.

Overcoats

Our assortment is a surprise. Portlanders would come down to price and purchase these.

LOT 7340.—Men's covert cloth overcoats $9.50. Stylish and astonishingly low price.

LOT 8010.—Men's blue beaver overcoats, $9.00. If you say you can duplicate these for the money anywhere else, it would be a statement hard to believe.

490 Commercial Street, Astoria, Oregon.

ONCE A MAJOR NOW A SERGEANT

He Had Been a Promising Soldier In the Regular Army.

HIGH LIVING THEN DISGRACE

Secretary Root Makes an Exception In the Rules to Favor an Old Man Who Went Wrong.

The most remarkable case in the annals of the United States army is that of James R. Wasson, who enlisted in the ranks last week. The case presents the most extraordinary phases and establishes a precedent without parallel.

It is the first time that a soldier, and an officer found guilty of theft, court-martialed, dishonorably discharged and sent to prison, has been taken back into the service of his country.

Never before either has a man 53 years old was allowed to enlist. Secretary of War Root, however, waived the regulations in favor of James R. Wasson, waived them so that a man who has sinned may now expiate his sin by giving all that he has to his country.

It is the old story—the story of a brilliant man, one of fortune's favorites, with influential friends, who made his mark young and seemingly would be world-renowned when he was old, and then lost his balance, yielding to the seductions of wine and women, overcome by his love for play, the usual result followed, disgrace and moral suicide. With most men that would have been the end; with this man, after having sunk to the lowest depth he commences to rise. It is a strange story.

Born of intelligent German parents in Ohio, James R. Wasson enlisted in the Thirty-fourth Iowa volunteers in 1864, being then only 18 years of age, and went through the Red River campaign.

His aptitude for military life and an intellect of rare promise procured for him, at the age of 20, the appointment to West Point in 1867. Fred D. Grant had been appointed the year before, and they at once became fast friends. It was an easy mastery for Wasson to keep to the front in his studies and still find time to coach his friend. President Grant favored the friendship and showed the greatest appreciation for Wasson's kindness. When they graduated in 1871 Wasson stood at the head of his class and received the commission of second lieutenant.

His fame as a civil engineer had already spread beyond the academy, and when President Grant was asked by the Japanese minister for a brilliant officer of unimpeachable character to fill the chair of mathematics in the College of Hok'Kaido he immediately bethought him of his son's friend, and, arming him with the strongest indorsements to Minister Bingham and the Japanese court, retired him from the army and sent him on the mission. After a year's service he became surveyor in chief to the Kaitakaski of Hok'Kaido. Later he was made chief engineer, with the rank of Colonel (chuza) in the imperial army of Japan, being engaged in the Formosa campaign. That over he again took the chair of civil engineering in the Imperial University of Tokio, Tokio.

Honors came easy to one so intelligent, so brave, so kind, and he was made a member of the Imperial Order of Merit of Meipi and received the decoration of the "Rising Sun" of that order for his gallant and faithful service in the Formosa campaign in 1874. Minister Bingham took him into the bosom of his family and showed him all possible honor and attention.

Wasson was then a tall, courtly young man, with honest blue eyes and a long flowing mustache, so favored with manly beauty as to attract universal attention and comment. He easily won the heart and hand of Minister Bingham's daughter, and the wedding was one of the grand events of the country, in which foreigners and Americans vied in paying homage and honor.

At last Wason's heart turned to his own country, and in 1876 he returned. He came at once to Washington, and was cordially received by the president and young Grant. An opening was sought for him here, and with the remark from General Grant, "I took Wasson out of the army and I guess I will have to put him back," at once made him paymaster with the rank of major. With this position came Wasson's downfall.

At first his duties were regularly discharged. He was located at San Antonio, Texas and associated with reckless men. He began to lose money over cards, and his income was inadequate to the life of midnight gaming and its attendant associations; he began to borrow clandestinely from the amount placed in his hands by the government. The deficit increased and he sought means to recover it. It became certain to the department that somthing was Wasson was crooked in his accounts.

When the matter was brought to the notice of the paymaster general he at once said: "It is impossible. Wasson would not do that. President Grant has the greatest possible confidence in him." An examination of the accounts proved that the chief clerk was right—Wasson was crooked in his accounts.

He knew he was found out and was desperate. He must immediately resort to strategy to save himself. The pay of the troops at Fort Davis was due. There was not a cent of the government money left with which to do it. His inventive mind came in play.

He left Fort Worth at 10:30 o'clock on the evening of April 30,1883. He had as company Mr. Noble, disbursing clerk. He carried a small but stout leather bag, supposed to contain $29,000 in money—it was empty.

A plan was fast developing in Wasson's mind for saving himself. A reconnoiter through the train completed the plan. In one of the smokers there was a company of Texas rangers, filling the car with smoke, profanity and ribald song and jest. He had thought to provoke an altercation, possibly be killed, certainly robbed.

In his car were four quiet men of lowering looks. Life was still sweet. His plan was complete. Robbery was determined upon.

He retired later, placing the small leather bag in his berth and resting upon it. The moonlight streamed in through the little car window and made him half afraid of the dastardly fraud. As he wrote to Major Charles M. Terrill, chief paymaster of the department of Texas, "I slept lightly; the moonlight streamed in over me, until thinking that was what awakened me, I lowered the curtain."

He was called at 6:30 by the porter, and at once missed the bag. The four dark browed men in the car the night before were missing also. Two had left at Cisco, before daybreak, and two at Baird, a little later.

The conductor was called and a search made for the bag. He called upon a sheriff at the next station and told of the suspicious conduct of the trainmen in not telling him they had on board a lot of rangers. Another sheriff was later dispatched with Mr. Noble to search the car.

Wasson returned to Fort Worth. From there he sent a most dramatic appeal to Paymaster Terrill, reciting the journey, the disastrous loss of $29,000, and his suspicions in the matter. Terrill telegraphed to Washington, and the immediate arrest of Wasson followed.

He was tried by court-martial at San Antonio, Texas, and plead guilty to every charge. He made no effort to conceal even his plans for deceiving the government, and told how he had made out false checks.

His tragic downfall culminated when President Arthur, on July 3, 1883, signed the document, sentencing him to eighteen months in the penitentiary at Fort Leavenworth, Kan., and dismissing him from the army.

While serving his term he engineered the famous roadway from Leavenworth to the fort, and did other valuable work for the government.

When released he was a reformed man. His passion for gambling and drinking had had a quietus in the confinement and hard work of eighteen months. He went to Des Moines, Ia., and began the practice of law, and for years has led a life of retribution. As he passed through the war department, to bid adieu to his son and friends, no one could doubt his contrition.

From the dashing, brilliant engineer, whose floating blonde mustache was the envy of all his brother officers, he has become a gray-haired man, bowed with the weight of self-convicted guilt. His plea that the last years of his life might be given to the service of his country was most touching, and caused Secretary Root to allow him to be enlisted as a sergeant, and down a past in a new country.

As the gifted, courageous old man walked the corridors of the war department, preparatory for leaving for Manila, no one could doubt his sincerity and remorse.

GIVE ALL THE WORLD THE CROP NEWS.

A resolution of request, presented by the Board of Trade of Philadelphia through Joel Cook of the International Commercial Congress, recommending an international bureau for the collection and dissemination of agricultural statistics, is worthy of adoption, for the good and sufficient reason that it could be made to serve the interests of the masses of the people, including those of the nations which have to buy agricultural staples as well as those who sell.

Statistics offered by a Russian delegate at Monday's session show that the world's supply of wheat, for instance, is all required, taking one year with another. As a matter of fact, demand increases faster than supply, and if the public was in possession of all the facts concerning the wheat crop from year to year the farmers of the United States would not be misled into selling their wheat for less than it was worth on the plea of overproduction, and the wheat consumers of the old world would not be compelled to pay exorbitant prices on the counter-claim that the supply was unequal to the demand.

If the absence of reliable information on this score wealthy syndicates, which can afford to collect accurate statistics at their own expense, are able to buy wheat from the farmers at less than its real market value, and by holding it out of the market for a time sell it at an advance which amounts to an exorbitant profit. No one will blame dealers and exporters from taking advantage of their superior knowledge of market conditions, especially when they have paid well to secure their information. An international system of crop reports given to the public through the medium of the newspaper press would not put wheat-growers and wheat-consumers in possession of valuable knowledge every year in season to enable the one class to sell their product for its real market value and to prevent the other from being compelled to pay exorbitant prices.

It is clearly the province of all governments to furnish their respective people with information vital to their prosperity, and in no particular could this be more effectively done than in the dissemination of the best possible information concerning the staple crops which constitute a chief article of commerce.

THE HUMAN BODY.

Science is paying more attention to the mechanism of the human body than ever before. It has found that all achievement, success or failure, happiness or misery, is controlled by the body. This can only be done through the stomach. If it is weak, it produces poisonous refuse, and debilitates every organ in the body. It may be made strong and kept strong by Hostetter's Stomach Bitters. This is a natural stomach remedy which acts quickly and gently. It will cleanse the system, wake up the liver, stimulate the kidneys and improve the general health. Ask your druggist for it, and see that a private Revenue Stamp covers the neck of the bottle.

To be harrassed about money is one of the most disagreeable things of life. It ruffles the temper, lowers the spirits, disturbs the rest, and finally breaks up the health.

Help in trouble.

Nearly every woman can recall from her own experiences some emergency when a ready knowledge of the best thing to do, would have saved days or perhaps months of anxiety and suffering. No family ought to be without the constant safeguard and ever-present help of that wonderful free book the Common Sense Medical Adviser by R. V. Pierce, M. D., chief consulting physician of the Invalids' Hotel and Surgical Institute, Buffalo, N. Y. It tells what to do in emergency or accident or sudden sickness. It contains over one thousand pages, profusely illustrated with engravings and colored plates. It gives receipts for several hundred simple, well-tried home remedies. It instructs the mother in the care of her ailing children or husband, and gives invaluable suggestions for the preservation of her own health and condition in all those critical and delicate periods to which women are subject. The author of this great work has had a wider practical experience in treating obstinate diseases than any other physician in this country. His medicines are world-renowned for their marvelous efficacy.

Mrs. H. M. Hanscrote, of Magnolia, Morgan Co., W. Va., in a letter to Dr. Pierce says: "My husband is a locomotive engineer. He came home about a year ago and just dropped in the doorway. He was burning up with fever and he commenced with Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery according to directions and in two weeks he was able to go to work, without having a doctor. I commenced to take Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription something over two years ago, and am glad to testify that it is a God-send to womankind. I have been out of health for years, and am now able to say your medicine has cured me entirely. The three children who were born before I commenced to take your medicine did not live long, they were very delicate, but those born since (three in all) are very hearty, and that convinces me that your medicine is just what it is said to be and a great deal more."

By simply enclosing 21 one-cent stamps to pay the cost of mailing only to World's Dispensary Medical Association, 663 Main Street, Buffalo, N. Y., a paper-bound volume of Dr. Pierce's great book will be sent absolutely free, or for ten stamps extra a heavier and handsomer cloth-bound copy will be sent. A whole medical library in one 1000-page volume.

Joseph Stockford, Hodgdon, Me., healed a sore running for seventeen years and cured his piles of long standing by using DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve. It cures all skin diseases. For sale by Charles Rogers.

You should forgive many things in others, but nothing in yourself.—Ausonius.

"When our boys were almost dead from whooping cough, our doctor gave One Minute Cough Cure. They recovered rapidly," writes P. B. Belles, Argiye, Pa. It cures coughs, colds, grippe, and all throat troubles. Sold by Chas. Rogers, druggist.

Simplicity in character, in manners, in style; in all things, the supreme excellence is simplicity.

Eat plenty, Kodol Dyspepsia Cure will digest what you eat. It cures all forms of dyspepsia and stomach troubles. E. R. Gamble, Vernon, Tex., says, "It releived me from the start and cured me. It is now my ever lasting friend." Sold by Chas. Rogers.

Reading makes a full man, conversation a ready man, and writing an exact man.

"It did me more good than anything I ever used. My dyspepsia was of months' standing; after eating it was terrible. Now I am well," writes S. B. Keener, Holsington, Kan., of Kodol Dyspepsia Cure. It digests what you eat. Sold by Chas. Rogers, druggist.

Every noble life leaves the fiber of it interwoven forever in the work of the world.

President King, Farmer's Bank, Brooklyn, Mich., has used DeWitt's Little Early Risers in his family for years. Says they are the best. These famous little pills cure constipation, billiousness and all liver and bowel troubles. Sold by Chas. Rogers.

Virtue, if not in action, is a vice; and when we move not forward we move backward.

"I wish to express my thanks to the manufacturers of Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy, for having put on the market such a wonderful medicine," says W. W. Massingill, of Beaumont, Texas. There are thousands of mothers whose children have been saved from attacks of dysentery and cholera infantum who must also feel thankful. It is for sale by Chas. Rogers.

There is not so contemptible a plant or animal that does not confound the most enlarged understanding.—Locke.

For many years science has studied liquors. Result the whole world uses whiskey. It has proven the best stimulant and does not injure nerves and tissues like coca wines and other drugged compounds. And Harper Whiskey is the ideal whiskey. Sold by Foard & Stokes Co., Astoria Oregon.

A horse is not known by his trappings, but qualities; so men are to esteemed virtue, not wealth.—Socrates.

Millions of dollars is the value placed by Mrs. Mary Bird, Harrisburg, Pa., on the life of her child, which she saved from croup by the use of One Minute Cough Cure. It cures all coughs, colds and throat and lung troubles. For sale by Charles Rogers.

The "Plow Boy Preacher," Rev. J. Kirkman, Belle Rive, Ill., says, "After suffering from Bronchial or lung trouble for ten years, I was cured by One Minute Cough Cure. It is all that is claimed and more." It cures coughs, colds, grippe and all throat and lung troubles. Sold by Chas. Rogers, druggist.

We are never made so ridiculous by the qualities we have, as by those we affect to have.

On the 10th of December, 1897, Rev. S. A. Donahoe, pastor of M. E. Church, South, Ft. Pleasant, W. Va., contracted a severe cold, which was attended from the beginning by violent coughing. He says: "After resorting to a number of so-called 'specifics,' usually kept in the house, to no purpose, I purchased a bottle of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy, which acted like a charm. I most cheerfully recommend it to the public." For sale by Chas. Rogers.

Better to be despised for too anxious apprehensions, than ruined by too confident a security.

"If you scour the world you will never find a remedy equal to One Minute Cough Cure," says Editor Fackler, of the Micanopy, Fla., "Hustler." It cured his family of LaGrippe and saves thousands from pheumonia, bronchitis, croup and all throat and lung troubles. Sold by Chas. Rogers.

The desire of fame betrays an ambitious man into indecencies that lessen his reputation; he is still afraid lest any of his actions should be thrown away in private.

During the winter of 1897 Mr. James Reed, one of the leading citizens and merchants of Clay, Clay Co., W. V., struck his leg against a cake of ice in such a manner as to bruise it severely. It became very much swollen and pained him so badly that he could not walk without the aid of crutches. He was treated by physicians, also used several kinds of liniment and two and a half gallons of whisky in bathing it, but nothing gave any relief until he began using Chamberlain's Pain Balm. This brought almost a complete cure in a week's time and he believes that had he not used this remedy his leg would have had to be amputated. Pain Balm is unequalled for sprains, bruises and rheumatism. For sale by Chas. Rogers.

What is liberty without wisdom and without virtue? Such liberty is the greatest of all possible evils, for it is vice and folly and madness, without tuition and without restraint.

HOW'S THIS?

We offer One Hundred Dollars Reward for any case of Catarrh that cannot be cured by Hall's Catarrh Cure.

F. J. CHENEY & CO., Toledo, O.

We, the undersigned, have known F. J. Cheney for the last 15 years, and believe him perfectly honorable in all business transactions and financially able to carry out any obligations made by their firm.

WEST & TRAUX, Wholesale Druggists, Toledo, O.
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Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally, acting directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. Testimonials sent free. Price, 75c per bottle. Sold by all druggists.

Hall's Family Pills are the best.