SAN FRANCISCO STORE

During the past few days we have talked exclusively on Men's and Boys' Clothing, and an exceptionally fine line of Overcoats which were placed at prices that drew even the attention and presence of Portlanders to give them a trial; and all who purchased are mightily proud of the bargains they realized.

Now, We Have Something Else to Say

It is this: We have in stock a rich and varied assortment of Underwear and Neckwear that in comparison is fully as reasonable to buy as the Clothing. Really these goods must be seen to be appreciated. They are new—strictly so—in material and design, and are identically the same class of goods as will be found on sale at this moment in the leading houses of New York City.

- - UNDERWEAR - -

Read the price we are now making on Swift's goods. As is well known, Mr. Swift is recognized the country over as the most conscientious manufacturer in this line to be found anywhere. SWIFT'S CONDE WOOL-RIBBED UNDERWEAR, $1.50 per suit. Always heretofore they have been more than cheap at $2.00.

Here is a line of Camel's Hair and National Wool Underwear at 50 cents per garment. They are excellent for the price asked and are sure to please the purchaser. Many of our best people select them by reason of the soft character of the material.

While inspecting this department, ask also to see Lot R T-B. These are what are known as Ribbed Wool Shirts and Drawers. We have decided for a few days only to sell them at $2.00 a suit. This is a remarkably low figure, if you are posted as to values in this direction.

And now we are making a still further cut on the justly celebrated Luzerne Underwear. Think of it! Only $2.50 a suit. We have just been selling it at $3.00, but we want the bulk of Astoria's trade and we propose to get it. You cannot beat this price nor the goods anywhere on earth.

This Week, Wright's Health-Fleeced Underwear, $2.50 per suit. All who wear underwear will understand that this is an amazingly cheap price for Wright's noted make, They are unexcelled for winter on account of being fleece-lined on the inside.

In the same connection we have the Famous Arabian Fleece Underwear. We are also cutting it for the time being to $2.50 per suit.

Shirts Attention all! Fancy Bosom and Colored Body Shirts with one pair of cuffs $1.00. Certainly after examining the quality you won't believe it, but it is the truth. We are going to sell these very same shirts this week at the above figure.

Hats A man who is strictly up-to-date in style wears a derby hat. We carry two lines, one at $3.00 and one at $4.00. They have just been received from the factory and are Latest Fall Shapes. This is a good time to tender our thanks for the splendid trade in hats we have enjoyed.

Neckwear A nobby tie makes any man look respectable. If he wears a handsome tie a Portland merchant can walk the streets here and not be jumped on. We have a beautiful variety just in from the East. Included in it is the swell Rufus Waterhouse Neckwear. Mr. Waterhouse manufactures the finest line of ties in the United States, and the patterns are innumerable. Ask to see our Imperials, Tecks, Four-in-Hands, Puffs and Shield and Band Bows. Prices range from 50c upwards.

490 Commercial Street, Astoria, Oregon.

NEW SCHEDULE OF RATES PROPOSED

The Transcontinental Lines Will Have a Meeting Soon.

GENERAL FREIGHT ADVANCES

With Present Tonnage Oriental Lines Say They Will Be Unable to Handle Much Freight at Present Rates.

Post-Intelligencer.

The great transcontinental lines will have a meting of traffic officials in St. Paul in the near future, when a new schedule of rates from St. Paul to Seattle, Tacoma, Portland and the ports in the Orient will be promulgated. As yet the date has not been definitely announced, but will follow shortly after the return of President Hill from New York. This is the same meeting that was called and postponed some three weeks ago, and is the result of a protest on the part of the Oriental Steamship lines, both Canadian and American, against the present percentage of west-bound rates they are allowed for the ocean haul.

The meeting will be an all important one to the Coast, as the traffic managers will not alone consider an advance on west-bound rates, but on good authority it is learned that east-bound rates wil also be sent up a notch. It is expected that all lines of merchandise will be raised, but just how much no one is able to prognosticate. The present shortage of cars, the increasing rather than the diminishing traffic and the prospect of a large business for many months to come is taken by the roads as an excuse for participating in the general prosperity of the country. All transcontinental lines have recently had representatives over their various divisions, and it is said an agreement to advance has practically been made, so that there is very little likelihood of the plan falling through.

In considering the advance an effort, it is said, will be made to get back to the rates formerly prevailing. The movement will be a gradual one because shippers would probably not be willing to stand any radical increase. Nevertheless it is conceded that so far as the Coast points are concerned shippers would be willing to stand a moderate advance owing to the prevailing conditions regarding freight shipments in the grain and lumber districts and particularly if it meant a more rapid movement of freight.

The railroads say that notwithstanding the fact that all annual reports for the past fiscal year show an increased earning in all departments it is due solely to the volume of business handled and not to the low rates that were first inaugurated during the financial depression of 1893 and 1894. These times they maintain are now past and the general impression is that railroads should share in the benefits. On many of the commodities ,such as grain, grain products, lumber, canned goods and other products of the soil, the rates, it is said, will probably be advanced to a point corresponding to that reached about ten years ago. But not all will go that high. The basis on which the advance will be made will, it is stated, be on as average increase of 10 per cent all around.

The Eastern and Southern lines have already taken the initial step on grain for export from Atlantic points on a basis of 22 cents, which is an advance from the quoted rates based on 20 cents which have prevailed for the last six years. Prior to that time the rates were based on 25 cents.

The Oriental lines here and at other coast points are at this time expecting large shipments of cotton to Japan and China ports. Their capacity for heavy freight has been greatly reduced by the pressure of vessels for transport service and all agree that in order to make the lines pay they must receive a greater per cent of the rates from shipping points. The Northern Pacific alone has been able to keep up its tonnage by the leasing of other vessels but now no more large ships, suitable for the trade, can be procured and the best must be made by all ocean lines of what tonnage they have. With the present tonnage the Oriental lines say that they will be unable to handle much heavy freight at the prevailing rates, as their capacity is almost taken up. With an increase in rates, however, smaller vessels could be put on temporarily and the business kept up with.

A SHARP RETORT.

From London Answers.

A well known dean of Norwich tells the following good story against himself:

Some few weeks ago he came to a stile in a field which was occupied by a farm lad, who was eating his bread and bacon luncheon.

The boy made no attempt to allow his reverence to pass, so was duly lectured for his lack of manners.

"You seem, my lad, to be better fed than taught."

"Very likely," answered the lad, slicing off a piece of bacon, "for ye teaches Oi, but Oi feeds meself."

If you will always remember that, whatever you are doing, God stands by as a witness, you will never err in all your acts.

NEED OF PACIFIC STEAMSHIP LINES

OUR TTADE IN THE ORIENT

American Capital Must Provide Tonnage for the Development of the Trans-Pacific Business.

Chicago Times-Herald.

The Washington correspondent of a New York paper claims to have information to the effect that European powers interested in the trade of China will soon ask this government to select a "zone influence" and a port in that empire.

The occasion for this request is assumed to be the fact that, with the United States occupying a base in the Philippines and holding Honolulu, Guam and Manila as intermediary depots, the trade of China and Japan will naturally tend toward San Francisco, no matter from what port or "zone of influence" it started. In view of our commanding position at the gateway to the Orient the European powers will naturally be desirous that the United States shall confine its commerce to a definite sphere rather than to become a dangerous competitor in all the open ports.

If any request of this nature is formulated by the European powers it is safe to say that it will meet with a prompt disclaimer on the part of this government of any intention to acquire or control a particular "zone" of commercial activity in China. The United States could not afford to be committed in this way to any partition of the Chinese empire. Such a policy could not be justified by our government on the score of commercial necessity. Without any base of operations in the Pacific, and with no American lines of merchantmen from San Francisco, we have built up an export trade with China which in 1898 amounted to $10,000,000. The monthly summary of commerce and finance for September issued by the treasury department shows that our exports to China for the first nine months of this year amounted to $11,364,641, from which it is safe to predict that the total sales of American goods in Chino for the year 1899 will not fall below $15,000,000.

The only Chinese "zone" that will satisfy the United States is the Chinese empire. The United States is in a position to demand an enforcement of the "open door" policy in all the ports of China for the entry of its products. What we want is not "zones of influence" in China, but American steamship lines from San Francisco to the Philippines and the Orient. We have already demonstrated that we can build the best battleships in the world. If we can build such sea fighters as the Iowa and the Oregon we can construct equally good merchant vessels. In a recent trip to the Pacific coast the editor of the Times-Herald found that San Francisco merchants and exporters had orders for thousands of dollars' worth of goods for shipment to the Philippines and the Orient which they could not fill promptly because there were no ships to carry the goods.

With such vast trade opportunities opening up for Pacific coast cities, in the Philippines and the Orient it can be but a question of a short time before American capital will provide American steamship lines from the Pacific with adequate tonnage for its development.

Money is properly only a medium of exchange for labor, and has no moral right or claim to increase, except passing directly through some form of labor.

Strike Quickly.

"On the instant when a lion shows his temper" said a famous lion tamer "cut him quickly over the face. Don't wait until he springs at you." This is equally good advice for treating the lion of disease. Many an attack of dangerous illness would be headed off if at the first premonitory symptoms the victim would strike quickly.

Those severe coughs, bronchial affections and wasting diseases which merge into consumption would never get their savage teeth into the constitution if their early signs were headed off by Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery. It provides such an abundance of rich nourishing blood that tuberculosis germs have no chance to get any lodgment in the lungs. It clears the skin and purges all the impurities from every organ. It invigorates the liver to expel all bilious poisons from the circulation. It creates healthy tissue, vitalized nerve fiber and gives solid strength.

"I have thought for a long time," writes Mrs. Rose Petty, of Lockville, Chatham Co., N. C., "that I would not do you justice if I did not write and tell you how I was cured of that dreadful disease called consumption, by using Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery. I had measles and pneumonia both at the same time, and came near dying, and as soon as I was able to go out I was taken with grip, and then followed consumption. My physician did all he could for my relief but I received none. I tried everything that I could hear of that was good for a cough but grew worse, and would have died soon had I not commenced using the Golden Medical Discovery. I felt improved before the first bottle was finished. I took six bottles, and after that I felt better and stronger than in ten years before. That was six years ago, and to-day do not feel any symptoms of a return of the disease. I remain cured, and I think I am the cause of a friend being cured by using the same medicine. He was afflicted as I was, and after every thing failed to cure him he took Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery and was cured."

RADICAL LITERATURE.

We know of only one book store in Portland where so complete a line of novels can be obtained, on all the radical subjects of the day under discussion as can be seen at Jones' Book Store, 291 Alder street.

BUSINESS POINTERS.

Fresh cracked crabs at the National Cafe.

Hire's root beer at the Spa candy factory.

Burbank potatoes, $1 a sack, at Pat's Market.

Jeff's is "the only" restaurant. White cooks.

Best 15-cent meal, Rising Sun Restaurant, 612 Commercial street.

Chili con carne and frijolles at Lee Herring's National Cafe every day.

Until further notice the Astoria creamery will pay 24½ cents for butter fat.

Cold lunch, pickled pigs' feet, oysters, sheep's tongue, etc., at the National Cafe.

Do you know Snodgrass makes Stamp Photos? Call and see them. They are all the go.

Cream Pure Rye, America's finest whiskey. The only pure goods; guaranteed rich and mellow. John L. Carlson, sole agent.

Buy Roslyn coal; the best coal for heating and cooking purposes on the market. George W. Sanborn, Agent. Telephone 1311.

Boquet de Cuba and Key West Gems are the finest 5-cent cigars that ever came to this market. Henry Roe, opposite brewery.

Visitors from Portland and elsewhere will find the pleasantest rooms in Astoria at the Bay City house, 179 Tenth street, Mrs. E. S. Andrews, proprietress.

Kelley's transfer wagons deliver box wood to any part of the city on short notice. All orders left at Zapf's furniture store, 630 Commercial street, will receive prompt attention. Telephone 2144.

The following reduced rates are in effect via the O. R. & N. between Astoria, Portland and intermediate points along the river: Fare, 25 cents; section, 25 cents; lower or upper berth, 50 cents each; stateroom, 75 cents.

Go to the Columbia Electric and Repair Company for all kinds of new and repair work, from a cambric needle to a bicycle, boiler or engine. Quick work and satisfaction guaranteed. Logging machinery of all kinds a specialty. Shop opposite Ross, Higgins & Co.

Troubles spring from idleness, and grievous toils from needless ease.

Dr. W. Wixon, Italy Hill, N. Y., says: "I heartily recommend One Minute Cough Cure. It gave my wife immediate relief in suffocating asthma." Pleasant to take. Never fails to quickly cure all coughs, colds, throat and lung troubles.

You never know what form of blood poison will follow constipation. Keep the liver clean by using DeWitt's Little Early Risers and you will avoid trouble. They are famous little pills for constipation and liver and bowel troubles. For sale by CHARLES ROGERS.

Cheerfulness or joyfulness is the atmosphere under which all things thrive.

J. D. Bridges, Editor "Democrat," Lancaster, N. H., says: "One Minute Cough Cure is the best remedy for croup I ever used." Immediately relieves and cures coughs, colds, croup, asthma, pneumonia, bronchitis, grippe and all throat and lung troubles. It prevents consumption. For sale by CHARLES ROGERS.

Whatever you dislike in another person take care to correct in yourself by the gentle reproof.

Geo. Noland, Rockland, O., says "My wife had piles forty years. DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve cured her. It is the best salve in America." It heals everything and cures all skin diseases. For Sale by CHARLES ROGERS.

The power of fortune is conferred only by the miserable; the happy impute all their success to prudence and merit.

"I wouldn't be without DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve for any consideration," writes Thos. B. Rhodes, Centerfield, O. Infallible for piles, cuts, burns and skin diseases. Beware of counterfeits. For sale by CHARLES ROGERS.

Self-reverence, self-knowledge, self-control, these three lead life to sovereign power.

Dr. H. H. Haden, Summit, Ala., says, "I think Kodol Dyspepsia Cure is a splendid medicine. I prescribe it, and my confidence in it grows with continued use." It digests what you eat and quickly cures dyspepsia and indigestion. For sale by CHARLES ROGERS.

There is always hope in a man that actually and earnestly works. In idleness alone there is perpetual despair.

"I had dyspepsia fifty-seven years and never found permanent relief until I used Kodol dyspepsia Cure. Now I am well and feel like a new man," writes S. J. Fleming, Murray, Neb. It is the best digestant known. Cures all forms of indigestion. Physicians everywhere prescribe it. For sale by CHAS. ROGERS.

Time is, indeed, the theater and seat of illusion; nothing is so ductile and elastic. The mind stretches an hour to a century, and dwarfs an age to an hour.

LaGrippe, with its after effects, annually destroys thousands of people. It may be quickly cured by One Minute Cough Cure, the only remedy that produces immediate results in coughs, colds, croup, bronchitis, pneumonia and throat and lung troubles. It will prevent consumption. For sale by CHARLES ROGERS.

It will not be a surprise to any who are at all familiar with the good qualities of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy to know that people everywhere take pleasure in relating their experience in the use of that splendid medicine and in telling of the benefit they have received from it, of bad colds it has cured, of threatened attacks of pneumonia it has averted and of the children it has saved from attacks of croup and whooping cough. It is a grand, good medicine. For sale by Chas. Rogers.

The ideal life, the life of full completion, haunts us all. We feel the thing we ought to be beating beneath the thing we are.

USED BY BRITISH SOLDIERS IN AFRICA.

Capt. C. G. Dennison is well known all over Africa as the commander of the forces that captured the famous rebel Galishe. Under date of Nov. 4, 1897, from Vryburg, Bechuanaland, he writes: "Before starting on the last campaign I bought a quantity of Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy, which I used myself when troubled with bowel complaint, and had given to my men, and in every case it proved most beneficial." For sale by Chas. Rogers.

I see that time divided is never long, and that regularity abridges all things.

CHAMBERLAIN'S PAIN BALM CURES OTHERS, WHY NOT YOU?

My wife has been using Chamberlain's Pain Balm Balm, with good results, for a lame shoulder that has pained her continualy for nine years. We have tried all kinds of medicines and doctors without receiving any benefit from any of them. One day we saw an advertisement of this medicine and thought of trying it, which we did, with the best of satisfaction. She has used only one bottle and her shoulder is almost well.—Adolph L. Gillett, Manchester, N. H. For sale by Chas. Rogers.

Great men begin enterprises because they think them great, and fools, because they think them easy.

DEAFNESS CANNOT BE CURED

By local application, as they cannot reach the diseased portion of the ear. There is only one way to cure deafness, and that is by constitutional remedies. Deafness is caused by an inflamed condition of the mucous lining of the Eustachian Tube. When this tube is inflamed you have a rumbling sound or imperfect hearing, and when it is entirely closed, deafness is the result, and unless the inflammation can be taken out and this tube restored to its normal condition, hearing will be destroyed forever; nine cases out of ten are caused by catarrh, which is nothing but an inflamed condition of the mucous surfaces.

We will give One Hundred Dollars for any case of Deafness (caused by catarrh) that cannot be cured by Hall's Catarrh Cure. Send for circulars; free.

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

Sold by druggists, 25c.

Hall's Family Pills are the best.