

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 fleeced-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 well known 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.

RESOURCEFULNESS OF GREAT SIBERIA

A Part of Russian Territory That
Has More Gold Than the Klondike

PABULOUSLY RICH IN MINERALS

Convicts Work the Mines and They are
Kept so Employed That Their
Chains Never Get Rusty.

San Francisco Call.
The schooner Vine returned to port yesterday, after an absence of six months in Siberia and Japan. The greater part of the time she was on the Amoor river, only stopping at Hakodate on the way home to secure a cargo of sulphur.

The Vine left here in April last for Nicolaefski with a general cargo and had a good run across the Pacific. She as detained some time on the Amoor river discharging her cargo, and then went to Hakodate in ballast to load sulphur for San Francisco.

"Nicolaefski is a pretty little harbor, something like Port Townsend," said Captain Small yesterday. "There are about 4,000 inhabitants there and an immense country behind it. Everybody seems to be doing well. Nearly all the interior country is mining land and the merchants of Nicolaefski told me that fully 200 tons of gold dust came down the Amoor river last season. Now, don't say that I made that statement of my own knowledge, but the merchants told me that amount of gold came down, and I have no reason to doubt them. Siberia is fabulously rich in minerals, and I don't think our Klondike is in it with some of the Russian placers."

"All the street work in Nicolaefski is done by convicts. There are about 500 of them there, and they have to work in chains. The iron goes around their waist and then runs down the leg to the ankle, where there is another band. Attached to the band is a ball, and this the convict has to move around with him. By constant chafing the chains are as bright as burnished steel and the overseers see to it that the men are kept on the move and that the chains do not rust."

"While the Vine lay at Nicolaefski over 1,500 prisoners arrived, bound for Saghalien. They were the hardest lot of citizens I ever saw. Every one of them was a criminal, and judging by

their looks deserved the punishment to which they were condemned by the Russian government. During the trip across the continent some of them escaped, but were eventually captured. One man had cut off his right foot at the ankle to get rid of the chain and ball, but was given up by the peasant in whose hut he had taken refuge. The peasant was his friend, but fear of discovery made him give the poor fellow up to the soldiers. He was sent over to Saghalien along with the other prisoners.

"Saghalien is the Russian penal settlement. It is an island off the mouth of the Amoor river, about 514 miles long, and from 17 to 78 miles broad. It is covered with low forest clad mountains, and the climate is probably the severest in the world. There is an abundance of coal on the island. I have no means of judging, but I should think Russia has about 15,000 convicts there. "At Nicolaefski the fishing industry is very great. In the season the Amoor river simply swarms with fish, and salmon are caught by the million. Why, at times it would be possible to walk across the river, the fish being packed close enough to form a bridge. This is no 'fish story', as I am telling you what is an absolute fact. At times the salmon are so packed in the river that they can get neither one way nor the other, and all the fishermen have to do is to scoop them out of the water."

FAIR WORDS FOR BIG EARS.

A Kansas City judge, after studying the features of a boy who was before him the other day on a charge of assaulting another boy, said: "I like to see a boy with big ears, and I am inclined to give you a chance on account of your big mouth and generous ears. A man with little ears like a fox's or a squirrel's won't always do. He needs watching."

Then he gave the boy some good advice and permitted him to go. The theory that a big nose is necessary for human greatness has long been accepted by people who are interested in the study of physiognomy; but this Missouri judge seems to have said the first good word for big ears. Yet it is only necessary to look at the portraits of the world's great men for proof of the soundness of his doctrine. Caesar had big ears, Cromwell had big ears, Napoleon had big ears—so big that when a young man he tried to hide them by letting his hair hang over them; Washington had big ears, Lincoln had big ears, and Grant had big ears.

So there is no reason why the boy with big ears should be ashamed of them; yet it will not be safe for anyone, however large his ears may be, to conclude that they alone will make him great. We have but to study the mule and some big-eared people that all of us know to be convinced of this.

THE BURGHERS AS FIGHTERS

ARE EQUAL TO ANY TROOPS

A British Critic Recalls Instances of
Their Prowess and Generalship in
Fights With the English.

American Review.

It is usual, I know, for military men to sneer at the generalship, or want of it, which, as they allege, was responsible for the Majuba disaster—these critics are wise after the event. It is forgotten that the Boers met other officers than General Colly at Bronkhorst Spruit in a number of fights about Pretoria, Potchefstroom and other villages, and that in no case were our men and military leaders able to stand up to the enemy. At Durban, in Natal, in 1848, we got the worst of it, as we did at Doornkop, where English officers of the ordinary type commanded. The only military success which English officers can claim in a good many encounters with the Boers is the battle of Boomplaats, fought in 1848 between artillery and flintlock guns. It is, therefore, nonsense to take refuge behind the lack of generalship of our leaders. If such factors as courage and leadership do not come into the controversy, except to a very limited extent, in what direction must we look for the explanation of our defeats?

At Lang's Nek the action began by our guns dropping a few shells into the Boer lines, and, as admitted by the Boers themselves, the small loss they suffered from the fire—General Joubert was nearly hit by a splinter of a shell—induced them to think seriously of abandoning the position. They were about to leave when the attack by a small number of mounted infantry and by a few companies of Colonel Deane's regiment was made. Only one of our men reached the Boer lines, the others being stopped a short distance away; and, as they were unsupported, they were driven back down the hill. Result: 190 killed and wounded on the British side, against 24 Boers killed and wounded. At Ingogo, fought a few days afterward, a force of about 300 men and two guns were stopped on a small plateau, and, after an action lasting all day, our men, with the two guns, were withdrawn during the night, leaving dead and wounded on the ground. The Boers also left the field at night. At this fight the Boers crept up to within sixty yards of our guns. They lost 17 killed and wounded, while our loss was 142 killed and wounded.

A force of about 600 infantry set out for the summit of Majuba Hill on the night of February 28, 1881. There were about 550 combatants. After leaving some companies on the road about 400 men reached the summit, and were disposed in various positions about the rim of the mountain. The first shots were fired about 4 o'clock, and the combat went on uninterruptedly for hours. In the final stages the main body of the Boers crept to within forty yards, and for a considerable time frustrated our troops at that distance. Many of the men fell in the subsequent flight; but when the fighting was over, at 1 o'clock, our casualties were 280 killed and wounded, while the Boers lost one killed and four wounded. At Bronkhorst we lost 120 killed and wounded within ten minutes, the Boers losing one. In the Jameson raid our losses were about 100 killed and wounded, the Boers having five killed and wounded in the actual fighting. It is usually maintained that these Transvaal fights were fought at a disadvantage, and that our men in such cases were vastly outnumbered. If we accept the Boer accounts, our forces were not outnumbered. At Majuba they say they had about 400 men. But even assuming that there were as many as 1,000 Boers, the result is still extremely unsatisfactory.



There is a widespread and false impression that a man, in order to be a good physician, must be more or less heartless. People mistake the hardness of nerve for the hardness of heart. The two terms are far from synonymous. A man may have a nerve of steel and a heart as tender as a mother's. Of all the specialists in the world, there are probably not two that have as wide an experience in the treatment of women's diseases as Dr. R. V. Pierce, chief consulting physician to the Invalid Hotel and Surgical Institute, at Buffalo, N. Y. With the assistance of his staff of able physicians, he has prescribed, in the past thirty years, for many thousands of women. Dr. Pierce is pre-eminently a sympathetic physician. Perhaps more than any other man in the profession he realizes the hardships of woman's work, and the disadvantages under which she labors because of the weak, delicate and susceptible structure of the feminine organism. His immense practice in diseases peculiar to women forced upon his recognition the fact that women would never take the proper care of their health, so long as that care required the repugnant "examinations" and "local treatments" insisted upon by nearly all physicians. After years of study he invented a remedy now known as Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription that is an absolute and unfailing cure for the most complicated and obstinate cases of diseases peculiar to women. This wonderful medicine cures in the privacy of the home, and does away with the necessity for obnoxious "local treatments." It imparts health, strength, vigor and elasticity to the organs distinctly feminine and fits for wifehood and motherhood. In paper covers, 21 one-cent stamps; cloth binding, 10 cents extra. Dr. Pierce's Common Sense Medical Adviser. Address Dr. R. V. Pierce, Buffalo, N. Y.

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, 231 Alder street.

BUSINESS POINTERS.

Fresh cracked crabs at the National Cafe.

Hire's root beer at the Spa candy factory.

Lurianski potatoes, 11 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 trifolies at Lee Herring's National Cafe every day.

Until further notice the Astoria Creamery will pay 24 1/2 cents for butter fat.

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

Do you know Spodgrass 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 Gums 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, 175 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 Zap'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.

The smallest act of charity shall stand us in great stead.

Dr. W. Wilson, 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.

A man that hath no virtue in himself ever envieth virtue in others.

J. D. Bridges, Editor "Democrat," Lancaster, N. H., says: "One Minute Cough Cure is the best remedy for cough 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.

What appear to be calamities are often the sources of fortunes.

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.

Trust him little who praises all; him less who censures all, and him least who is indifferent to all.

"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.

Be noble! and the nobleness that lies in other men, sleeping, but never dead, will rise in majesty to meet thine own.

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.

Great occasions are the necessities only for which great men are the supplies. Great men even make great occasions.

"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.

Choose such pleasures as recreate much and cost but little.

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.

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.

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.

Next to knowing when to seize an opportunity, the most important thing in life is to know when to forego an advantage.

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 Gallahe. Under date of Nov. 4, 1897, from Vryburg, Bechuanaland, he writes: "Before starting on the last campaign I bought a quantity of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy, 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.

To succeed one must sometimes be very bold, and sometimes very prudent.

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

My wife has been using Chamberlain's Pain Balm, with good results, for a lame shoulder that has pained her continually 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. Jillett, Manchester, N. H. For sale by Chas. Rogers.

A sound discretion is not so much indicated by never making a mistake as by never repeating it.

DEAFNESS CANNOT BE CURED