

MONDAY WILL BE CHRISTMAS

Our store is now being thronged with purchasers eager to receive immediate attention. As each day will see the crowd greatly augmented, the necessity of early purchasing will be apparent to all.

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DISMEMBERMENT OF CHINA. England and the United States Are Interested in Keeping the Empire Together.

CHICAGO, Dec. 18.—A special to the Times-Herald from Ann Arbor, Mich., says: Dr. James D. Angell, president of the University of Michigan, and former minister to China, addressed the business men's class today upon the subject "The Dismemberment of China."

"All the powers have got concessions in China and to dismember it are doing what they call extending their spheres of usefulness. The powers would at one time have divided up South America if it had not been for the Monroe doctrine.

Our market is in North China and if Russia extends her possessions there it would be a problem whether or not we are to be excluded. We would prefer to have the influence of England and this country thrown in the direction of open markets.

QUARRELING WITH CHINA.

France Wants More Territory in the Celestial Empire. CHICAGO, Dec. 18.—A special to the Chronicle from Tsingtao, says: Hongkong mail advices state another Franco-Chinese war is imminent over the delimitation of France's "leased" territory at Kwang Chou bay, on the Tzuiku border.

IS HE A FARMER?

Burton, of Ohio, Is Placed at the Head of the River and Harbor Committee. WASHINGTON, Dec. 18.—Burton, of Ohio, was today given chairmanship of the committee on rivers and harbors by Speaker Henderson.

THE PALACE CAFE

W. W. WHIPPLE, Prop'r. Finest Restaurant North of San Francisco. OPEN DAY AND NIGHT. Attentive Service, First-Class Cuisine, Private Rooms for Ladies.

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NATIONAL DISTRIBUTING COMMITTEE.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18.—Chairman Hanna of the republican national committee has appointed Perry S. Heath, Chas. G. Davis and Senator Shoup a committee on the distribution of literature authorized by the national committee.

FISH! FISH! FISH!

Boston Codfish and Mackerel Common Stockfish Stellangler Stockfish Anchovis, Speelang, Holland Herring Hamburg Smoked and Canned Eel, French Sardines, English Bloaters, Russian Caviar, Kieler Bueckling, Marnirte Heringe. At Foard & Stokes Co., Astoria, Oregon.

Santa Claus. Will find it to his interest to call on us before purchasing elsewhere. Our Holiday Goods are all new and will not be kept after New Years. Everything guaranteed as low as Portland prices. B. F. Allen & Son, 365 Commercial St.

The Best Eyes. Are those given the best care throughout all periods of one's life? "I used to have the best eyes," is a common expression. Those people very likely have had eyes now because neglectful of the care necessary to keep them good.

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THE MONEY STRINGENCY.

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loans. It is agreed that if the present conditions continue, New York must get along with a smaller amount of currency than formerly and business must be adjusted to meet the new conditions.

MONEY PANIC IMMINENT.

Reverses in South Africa Seriously Affecting England's Financial Resources.

NEW YORK, Dec. 18.—The Times London financial correspondent cables: A week of strain and anxiety has ended in something very near to a panic, both on the stock exchange and in the money market, thanks to the news yesterday morning of General Buller's defeat.

But there is too much reason to fear now that when the gold arrives it will be drawn out of the bank of England and hoarded. Already some of our large banks are getting alarmed and a run on them is by no means a remote contingency as things at present look. If you are able to spare us 10,000,000 scribbing we may stand a shock, but I fear that to have this sum lost in New York might bring our country troubles on your market.

We are able to draw gold with safety because the anticipated quantities of cotton have not come forward. But drawn in anticipation of these shipments have therefore to be renewed and the rates on such offered for discount last week were generally higher than on other foreign paper. On Friday 90 day American drafts coming this week in some cases sold at 6 1/2 per cent discount and from 5 1/2 to 6 1/2 per cent was the common rate earlier in the week. Add to this the advance in the banks price for American eagles and the necessity for good remittance becomes evident. Yesterday business was paralyzed and the discount rate had at 5 1/2 per cent with the banks refusing to buy from brokers.

INTRODUCE MR. BRYAN.

Perhaps He May Be Able to See "General Prosperity" by This Time. BOSTON, Dec. 18.—An advance of ten per cent in the wages went into effect today in many of the cotton manufacturing cities and towns of New England. This increase affects about 50,000 persons. The advance also goes into effect in a number of cotton mills of Central and Western Massachusetts. Some of the wooden mills also increased wages ten per cent this morning. These are outside of the American Woolen Company which will make a general advance on January 1.

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