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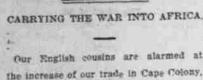
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South Africa, and quite naturally so have had a virtual monoply of the export business to that country, and now to have Americans step in and fill orders for steel rails, and iron tubes, matchmaking machinery and a variety of other articles, is not for them an altogether Consul.General experience. pleasant Stowe, at Cape Town, informs the State Department officially that this is the of trade at the present time, and must be cheering to everybody who believes in the extension of our markets

It appears that a contract for rails and tubing amounting to \$2,500,000 has rebeen placed with an American manufacturer, at 20 per cent below English quotations. Scotch manufacturers refused to make the tubes as long as required, and so the order came to us. In addition to this, large quantities of barbed and galvanized Iron is being shipped to Natal and to other points on the African coast,

These facts are important because the possibility of African trade are almost unlimited. Englishmen have felt secure in their African and South American from underselling them to any very se. vious extent, but they are seeing a new light, and one that bids fair to give the next to Dewey. Cobdenites of commerce cause for deep

and prayerful consideration.

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Post-Intelligencer:

Seattle's increasing interest in Pavific ocean affairs is attested again by three good thing. notable events, namely, the preparation reported action of President Hill in seck. ing to purchase vessels for traffic between Puget pound and the Orient. The Marion Chilcolt equipment for Maproperty followed up by the et-

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