

Happy and Prosperous New Year
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Our inventory has just been taken. Our stock is in such an excellent condition that we are able to serve you in a more satisfactory manner than ever before.

New goods are arriving daily. All our bills are paid and we have secured every cent of discount that it is possible to obtain on each bill. Therefore our store is enabled to place at your service the brightest and most attractive line of merchandise at the lowest prices.

We heartily thank you for your liberal patronage. For your appreciation of our efforts to effect economy for you in every price and satisfaction in every purchase.

To make buying here means a saving for you. To fully meet your demands as regards styles, quality of goods and fairness of price. In other words, we believe your best interest has been served by trading here.

We have given you the benefit of 24 years in the Dry Goods and Men's Clothing business and the volume of trade which you have given us the last year proves that this experience has enabled us to offer you merchandise that has made purchasing here enjoyable and thoroughly satisfactory.

Through painstaking efforts we have most carefully purchased a large and comprehensive spring stock in order to make each department unusually attractive.

During 1909 you will find here the best goods at the lowest prices.

We feel confident that this year you will again take advantage of our liberal offerings, and you will always receive a most cordial welcome.

Stockton

PIANOS

Greatest bargains ever offered in the Piano Business. We have all grades, from the cheapest to the best and will give you the bargain in Pianos at the present time. Call at our store and let us show you our line of pianos. All the latest designs in Pianos. These Pianos are direct from the factory in carload lots, and not from middlemen who charge large commissions. We can save you the middleman's profit. Call at once while there is a good selection.

INTERSTATE COMMERCE COMMISSION REPORTS

(United Press Leased Wire.)

Washington, Jan. 11.—The Interstate Commerce Commission today transmitted to congress its report for the year 1908. The report states that the gross earnings of all railroads for 1908, although \$164,464,941 less the gross earnings for 1907, were \$98,875,470 in excess of the gross earnings for 1906 and \$342,158,231 in excess of the gross earnings for 1905 and that the net earnings for 1908, although \$111,951,006 less than for 1907 and \$52,349,138 less than for 1906, were \$37,658,504 in excess of those for 1905.

In E. H. Harriman vs. Interstate Commerce Commission, decided by the supreme court of the United States, the court held that the appellant could not be compelled to answer certain questions propounded to him by the commission. This decision has a somewhat important bearing upon the work of this body which congress should understand.

The commission had instituted upon its own motion an inquiry into railroad consolidation and combinations which had been prosecuted with special reference to the operations of Harriman in connection with the Union Pacific, Southern Pacific and allied interests. In course of investigation it came out that Union Pacific, in which Harriman was the dominant factor, had purchased of the Chicago and Alton and Illinois Central certain very large blocks of stock and he was asked whether he had a personal interest in the stocks of these companies purchased by the Union Pacific. It appeared that the price paid by the Union Pacific, was, and Mr. Harriman was also asked in one instance to state in case he owned any of the stock, what price he had paid for the same. These questions he declined to answer. This refusal is now sustained by the court.

This commission has ruled that it might inquire to the fullest extent into the operations of railroads and the officers of railroads. The Union Pacific is not a private enterprise—it is a public servant. In the opinion of this commission when Harriman assumes control of the Union Pacific railroad he ceases to be a private individual to that extent, and can no longer claim protection, which as a private person he might insist on. It was our opinion that he might properly be required to state whether as an individual he had sold to the Union Pacific stocks belonging to himself and if so that he should further be required to state what profit he had individually made out of the transaction. If this gentleman is allowed to accumulate from manipulations of these public agencies vast sums of money which must finally come from the body of the people, we think he is so far a trustee of the people that he cannot object to stating the manner in which these accumulations have been made.

The supreme court, however, is of the contrary opinion and the commission can, of course, only suggest to congress that if there is to be any full investigation by federal authorities of these financial dealings some action must be taken by congress.

During the year, that the 1904 complaints, formal and informal have been filed with the commission relating to rates and practices of substantially all railroads in the United States. The number of formal cases and investigations instituted during the year was 554, or an increase of 33 1/2 per cent over the previous year. In 1908, 574 hearings and investigations of alleged violations of the act to regulate commerce have been had.

Attention is called to a case in which the commission has recently held that a rule in official classification territory prohibiting the consolidation at carload rates of shipments belonging to different individuals is unlawful. The carriers secured from the circuit court an injunction suspending the order of the commission during the pendency of a suit to determine its lawfulness. Carriers in southern and western classification territory have not in the past prohibited such consolidation but transcontinental lines have now filed tariffs establishing the same rule effective January 1. The commission is in receipt of earnest protests from shippers against such action. It is asserted that 80,000 shippers are affected by it.

Effective April 15, 1908, in exact harmony with the commission in the case of the Cosmopolitan Shipping Company vs. the Hamburg American Steamship Company et al., a regulation was promulgated by the commission requiring that tariffs ap-

plying on traffic exposed to or imported from foreign countries not adjacent to the United States must show rates, fares and charges of the inland carriers to the port and from the port in the United States, and for good cause shown, carriers were given permission to make changes in their rates applicable to such import and export traffic to and from our Pacific coast ports upon notice of three days of reduction in rates and of ten days as to advance in rates.

Following this order the transcontinental lines withdrew, effective November 1, 1908, all their through import and export rates via the Pacific ports and applied to inland carriage of export and import traffic to those ports the domestic rates applicable to and from the ports proper. The Canadian Pacific railway, in connection with a large number of carriers in the United States with lines east of the Mississippi river, published and filed proportional class and commodity inland rates applicable to Vancouver, B. C., and traffic destined to Oriental points, the Philippines, Australia and New Zealand, which rates are much lower than the domestic rates applying on traffic destined to Vancouver proper. No opinion was expressed by the commission that the inland portion of export and import rates might not reasonably and properly be less than the domestic rates to these ports. The order simply required the carriers to conform to the plain requirements of the law and to publish in the manner prescribed by law whatever rates they saw fit to establish on this traffic.

Attention is called to the necessity of legislation authorizing an investigation under direction of the commission of train accidents, for the purpose of obtaining light on the question of preventative measures for the future.

With the possible exception of power brakes the condition of safety appliances is steadily improving.

The enforcement of the act by means of criminal prosecutions still continues to be necessary. Since December 1, 1906, 46 indictments for giving or receiving rebates have been returned in the various judicial districts of the country. In the same period 41 prosecutions were concluded.

The decisions of the court during the year just passed have, with two or three exceptions, served to strengthen the law against discriminations.

The ruling of the circuit court of appeals of the third circuit that the commodities clause of the act is unconstitutional has served to embarrass and delay the fight against discrimination.

Kennedy's Laxative Cough Syrup tastes nearly as good as maple sugar. It cures the cold by gently moving the bowels, and at the same time it is soothing for throat irritation, thereby stopping the cough. Sold by all druggists.

COSGROVE POSTPONES HIS TRIP TO OLYMPIA

(United Press Leased Wire.)
Paso Robles, Cal., Jan. 11.—Following his decision not to start for Olympia, Washington today to be inaugurated, Governor-elect Samuel Cosgrove, made the announcement that he will depart for the northern capital in a special car the latter part of this week.

All arrangements for his departure today had been made when he received a telegram from his son in Olympia urging him to remain at Paso Robles for the present, on account of the frigid weather in Washington. Young Cosgrove wired his father that a trip to Olympia would be suicidal.

The Pure Food Law.

Secretary Wilson says: "One of the objects of the law is to inform the consumer of the presence of certain harmful drugs in medicines." The law requires that the amount of chloroform, opium, morphine, and other habit forming drugs be stated on the label of each bottle. The manufacturers of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy have always claimed that their remedy did not contain any of these drugs, and the truth of this claim is now fully proven, as no mention of them is made on the label. This remedy is not only one of the safest, but one of the best in use for coughs and colds. Its value has been proven beyond question during the many years it has been in general use. For sale by Dr. Stone's drug store.

Good Woolen Underwear...

Will save you doctor bills. Now's the time you need it and now's the time to buy it during our

Great 20 per cent Discount Sale

On everything in the house excepting Rubbers and Rubber Boots.

This Sale Lasts Until January 16, 1909

Don't You Need an Overcoat or a Cravenette Raincoat

While you can get them at 20 per cent discount? Look over the bargains on our HALF PRICE TABLES. They're full of odd lots and remnants that we are determined to clear out before invoicing.

Barnes' Cash Store E. T. Barnes, Prop.

There's nothing uncertain about our prices. Everything is marked in plain figures and you can figure the 20 per cent discount yourself.

Our store closes every evening at 5:30 o'clock excepting Saturdays

PUBLIC GATHERS TO HONOR HENEY

San Francisco, Jan. 11.—A public reception to demonstrate to Francis J. Heney that the citizens of San Francisco are supporting him heart and soul will be given in his honor late this afternoon when he returns from his Eastern trip.

When he arrives on a ferry from across the bay the prosecutor of graft will be met by a committee of 22 appointed by the Citizens' League of Justice and escorted to the second floor of the ferry building, upon reaching the spacious nave he will be greeted by hundreds of citizens, for the public has been invited to be present and assure Heney of its sympathy.

The coming trial of Patrick Calhoun, president of the United Railroads, scheduled to open tomorrow, has awakened new interest in the prosecution of graft. Calhoun is accused of offering a bribe to a member of the boodling board of supervisors.

TRUE LOVE WILL RUN OFTEN, ANYWAY

Seattle, Wash., Jan. 11.—Georgia McDonald, aged 17, ran away from her home in Vancouver, B. C., yesterday and came to Seattle to meet Harry Hawley. The police arrested her and she was sent back by the steamer last night. Miss McDonald claims that her parents insist that she marry a man by the name of Jack Miller. She does not and never will love Miller, she says, and will run away every time she can until she marries the man of her own choice. Mr. Hawley is now in this city.

Miss McDonald's father is a foreman in the British Columbia government service.

Blaze on the Sound.

Sedro Wooley, Wash., Jan. 11.—Fire yesterday destroyed the Bingham-Holland brick block and contents. The loss is estimated at \$30,000. The fire started in the basement and ate its way up, gutting the entire interior. The law offices of Coleman & Gable, containing one of the finest law libraries in the state, was destroyed. The cause of the fire is unknown.

Keep Your Eye on Pasco.

Pasco, Wash., Jan. 11.—This city's waterless owing to the cold wave. The Columbia River has fallen until the water is below the intake pipe of the city's water system.

ROOT COMMENTS ON HIS LEGAL CRITICS

(United Press Leased Wire.)
Seattle, Wash., Jan. 11.—Judge Milo A. Root censured by the State Bar Association, with Former Supreme Judge Gordon, as the result of the recent investigation, criticizes the language used in the report.

"A portion of the report," says Root, "is very disappointing. I regret the harsh language used by the committee concerning my action in the Harris case. Putting the facts in the worst light against me, I still think that any fair-minded person can see that I was trying to reach a result that was right and honest in the case."

"As my vote would have cast the decision either way, you can see I could hardly have decided the whole thing for the company had I been a tool of it or of Attorney M. J. Gordon, so any mistake I have made in conferring with Mr. Gordon was not done as a favor, but was an effort to get at the right of the case."

"As a judge of the court I always worked hard, and tried to do my duty faithfully. I never decided or attempted to decide a case other than I believed to be honest and right."

Stomach Trouble Cured.

If you have any trouble with your stomach you should take Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets. Mr. J. P. Klotz of Edina, Mo., says "I have used a great many different medicines for stomach trouble, but find Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets more beneficial than any other remedy I ever used." For sale by Dr. Stone's drug store.

HE SAVED OTHERS BUT WRECKED HIMSELF

(United Press Leased Wire.)
Los Angeles, Cal., Jan. 11.—John Ellison, who was decorated with a Victoria medal for saving 150 lives from a wrecked steamer off the western coast of Australia, is in jail here on a charge of larceny. He attributes his downfall to whisky.

For cuts, burns, bruises and scratches, but especially recommended for piles—DeWitt's Carbolic Witch Hazel Salve. Sold by all druggists.

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