

FRIENDLY TONE OF THE GERMAN EMBASSADOR WHITE FOR CORDIAL RELATIONS PORTER'S WORK TO PROMOTE TRADE APPRECIATED.

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BERLIN, March 11.—At the annual diplomatic dinner given by the Emperor of Germany on Wednesday his Majesty again warmly thanked the United States Ambassador, Andrew D. White, for his efforts in re-establishing cordial relations between the two countries.

Mr. White, in replying, said the Emperor's gracefully expressed sympathy in regard to Rudyard Kipling had an excellent effect in the United States. His Majesty thereupon started to converse on the subject of Kipling and his works, saying that the jungle stories were favorites with him, the hunting excursions especially.

The Emperor added that he admired Kipling's keen, quick insight into nature, human or otherwise, surrounding him.

Emperor William then talked of architecture and sculpture, with special reference to Berlin. His Majesty looks more robust and stronger than ever. He has fully recovered from the effects of his Palestine journey.

Although Robert P. Porter, since his arrival here, has repeatedly announced to the official world and to the press that his mission is in no wise authorized by the United States Government, he has here attracted considerable attention and is productive of good results.

The semi-official Post disputes the correctness of Mr. Porter's statement on the subject of German exports to the United States, and adds: "It is undeniable that German imports from the United States have increased since 1896, while the exports to America decreased \$3,000,000 compared with 1897, and \$9,000,000 compared with 1896."

The commercial and Liberal press, however, hail Mr. Porter's statement as a friendly commercial policy, and say: "We believe the statements of Mr. Porter have done both countries service, similar to one Baron von Bulow did the other day in pointing out the desirability of a friendly intercourse between Germany and the United States."

While the Government has taken pains to show Mr. Porter's efforts toward a better understanding commercially between the two countries are duly appreciated, Baron von Bulow, of his own volition, has asked Mr. White to bring Mr. Porter to the diplomatic reception on Wednesday, as the Foreign Minister wishes to converse with Mr. Porter.

Similar invitations have been extended to Mr. Porter by the Secretary of the Imperial Treasury, Baron von Thiselmann.

At the instance of the Government, Mr. Porter has been fully explained the new tariff of Cuba and Porto Rico to a commission of experts. Mr. Porter explains to the correspondent here of the Associated Press that a serious discrepancy exists between the figures of the imports and exports of Germany and the United States furnished to the United States Treasury and those apparently drawn from German official sources and quoted in the Agrarian paper.

The fore part of the week was spent by Mr. Porter at Magdeburg, studying the sugar question. A man principally interested in the industry told Mr. Porter that it is hoped the United States will waive the discriminating tariff on German sugar as a preliminary condition to the conclusion of a commercial treaty.

He also furnished statements apparently showing that the large German manufacturers can produce sugar as low as 2 cents a pound, which, if true, will enable them to compete with Cuban sugar.

The United States Ambassador gave a dinner to-night in honor of Mr. Porter. The guests included Dr. Mikul, the Minister of Finance; Herr Wagner, the social economist; Herr Siemens, Herr Loeve and a number of persons interested in industrial pursuits.

The testimony in the Miles-Eagan dispute at Washington has furnished the Agrarian press here with welcome material for the war on American meat. Some of the comments are extremely uncomplimentary to the American packers. The Kreuz Zeitung says: "Since the testimony of General Miles has proved that the packers are so conscienceless as to furnish totally unfit meat to their soldiers at the front they would certainly not scruple to sell similar meat to foreigners. We hope these facts will not be lost sight of when the next meat inspection bill is considered in the Reichstag."

The Reichstag adjourns for Easter on March 22 the meat inspection bill will not be discussed until the middle of April. The chances of its passage in the present session have diminished latterly, owing to the revelations of General Miles and also to the vigorous agitation of the Agrarian press.

The correspondent of the Associated Press seems to object seriously to slight changes in the wording of the bill, but an amendment in the manner sought by the Agrarians would render it unacceptable.

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The Exhibits of Easter Fashions Are Ready

Make preparation for Easter—at once. In a week from now dress-makers and milliners will be too busy to take more work until after Easter Sunday. Only the briefest mention is made to-day of a few of the new spring stocks. It would take pages to tell the complete story of the displays that now brighten this great store.

Wash Materials. Organdies and Lawns—About 1500 pieces of fancy woven Organdies and Lawns in stripes and figures, Leno weave, dainty in design and serviceable, per yard. 10c White French Organdies, 68 inches wide. 40c, 50c to \$1.25 White Veil Piques, the fashionable sizes of cords that are to be used this season, plain and fancy, English and French makes, per yard. 20c, 25c, 40c, 50c and 75c White Lawns, with fancy woven open work, 3 patterns only, per yard. 10c White Duck, a good imitation of fine cord pique, double warp weave, per yard. 10c, 12c and 15c Twilled Galatea Cloth, in garnet, French blue, navy and black grounds, stripes and figures, per yard. 12c 32-inch Madras Gingham, in dainty fast color stripes, per yard. 12c Percales, newest effects in best grade 38-inch Percales, per yard. 12c Silk Striped Gingham, from the Scotch Looms, choice variety of their best styles, per yard. 25c to 50c

Easter Styles.

Butterick Patterns and Publications for April will be on sale Monday morning at 8 o'clock. Call early and inspect the New Designs, Fashions and Fancies. April Delineator. 15c April Glass of Fashion. 7c April Grand Album. 25c Subscriptions taken for all Butterick Publications. Purchasers of Delineators obtain a coupon entitling them to certain Butterick Patterns at one-half regular retail prices. Butterick Pattern Department Main Floor, Back of Rotunda.

Very Special Fine Shoes.

Our customers wonder how such good shoes can be sold for so little money. Time was when \$5 would not buy such handsome footwear as the big store sells to-day for \$2.50. We lower the prices but not the qualities. Ladies' Chocolate Color Kid Lace Shoes—fancy vesting cloth tops, new coin toes, kid tips and trimmings, sewed flexible soles, style and shape with exceeding comfort, and a low price with a perfect fit. Ladies' Dark Chocolate Color Kid Lace Shoes—new English toe and tip, light sewed flexible sole—a shoe of medium price, having the style and finish found in the higher cost models, all sizes. Men's Dark Chocolate Color Kid Lace Shoes—new English toe and tip, light sewed flexible sole—a shoe of medium price, having the style and finish found in the higher cost models, all sizes.

Linens Specials for Hotels and Restaurants.

If you can use table damask by the piece or napkins in 10 dozen lots, here are prices that cannot be duplicated in this goodly city of San Francisco: Hemmed Napkins—Plain Linen Napkins, with neat red borders, half bleached, good quality; size 20x20 inches; carefully hemmed, ready for use; in lots of 10 dozen or upward—per dozen. Unhemmed Napkins—Plain linen of good wearing quality; both sets perfectly woven; neat red border; size 18x18 inches; in lots of 10 dozen or more—per dozen. Cream Table Damask—The good heavy Irish linen; nice pattern; made to withstand laundrying and wear well by the piece; per yard. Glass Toweling—Well made, Irish linen, 20 inches wide, in 8 different patterns, red or blue checks—per yard.

Blankets and Spreads.

By handling these goods in the large quantities that our housekeepers' department does is the only way that we can quote such low prices for such good qualities. White Wool Blankets (the best Oregon wool), very slight manufacturer's imperfections—that in no manner impair the warmth or wearing qualities of the blankets—7-lb weight; actual value \$7.50 pair—this week's price. White Wool Blankets—fine grade wool; size 65x83 inches; weight 5 lbs; slightly soiled in window display; actual value \$4.75 pair—reduced to. White Marseilles Spreads—heavy fabric, finely raised designs, nicely hemmed; size 82x90 inches—each. White Crochet Spreads—the good quality; neatly hemmed; made of best double twisted thread—very special each. Comforters—good solid white covering; well quilted, filled with an abundance of good white cotton batting—each.

Triplicate Mirrors.

So convenient and necessary for shaving, "doing up your hair," adjusting bonnet, etc. One-third off regular prices this week on a lot of about 40 in ten different styles and sizes—all have French beveled plate mirrors, with hinged frames of either oak, white metal or French gilt—regular prices range from \$7.50 to \$17.50, from which salesman will deduct 33 1/3 per cent.

Notion Novelties Just Received.

Beaded Elastic Belts—jet and steel and Crushed Ribbon Belts in latest colorings. Jeweled Elastic Belts—emerald, turquoise, coral and sapphire. Patent Leather Belts—extra heavy. Round Garters—fancy frilled elastic, satin bows and jeweled clasps, all colors. Sample line Ladies' Shell Back Combs, new designs. Jeweled Side Combs—new designs. Jeweled and Real Shell Pompadour Combs. Fancy Neck Ribbons—with jeweled clasps.

WILLIAM WILL TAKE COMMAND To Succeed as Chief of German Navy.

BERLIN, March 11.—Changes which have been contemplated in the administration of the navy, which have been considered for a long time, a correspondent is informed, will go into effect on the retirement of Admiral von Knorr, the present chief of the navy. The Emperor will then assume command of the navy, as he has exercised that of the army, an admiralty and general staff will be created with functions similar to the army general staff, while the functions and importance of the commanders of the naval station at Kiel and Wilhelmshaven will be enlarged. The naval cadet system will be reorganized and the number of cadets will be doubled. Some of the newspapers said that Admiral von Knorr is retiring because of personal differences with the Emperor on the subject of changes in the cadet system. This, the correspondent of the Associated Press is informed, is untrue. On the contrary, intimate cordial relations exist between the Emperor and Admiral von Knorr, who is addressed by his Majesty by his Christian name Edward, and these relations will continue until broken. It is asserted that the admiral is not the only member of the staff who is familiarly dubbed Bernhard by his Majesty. Interesting tests of wireless telegraphy have been made at Kiel recently on board a number of war vessels three German miles apart. On the whole, the experiments have been successful. Emperor William has presented the aged painter, Adolphe Menzel, with a bronze statuette of Frederick the Great, modeled after Uphue's heroic statue intended for the Siegs-Allee of the Hohenzollern Tetralogy series. Three historical plays depicting stirring scenes in this history of the Hohenzollerns by Captain Lauff will, at the Emperor's suggestion, be performed with great pomp in the presence of a number of crowned heads, including the Emperor, at Wiesbaden, beginning May 14. The papers comment upon the Sa-

THE EMPORIUM and Golden Rule Bazaar.

The New Dress Goods.

Are you interested in knowing just what will be worn this Spring and Summer? Then come and feast your eyes on the new beauties that arrived last week. One hundred and eight new styles and color effects in dress stuffs are arranged for exhibition in the lightest, brightest part of the store, where, if there be any defects, they will be detected at once. But we claim that there are none in these, as nearly perfect fabrics as human ingenuity can devise. The prices are right. In Black Dress Fabrics—our pronounced leader this season—is a special line of Black Serges. All the different weaves are here—the fine twilled worsted, serge, the clay serge and the storm serge, in three supreme grades, at 50c, 75c and \$1 per yard, and an elegant 56-inch coating serge (sponged and shrunk) at \$1.50 and \$2. 44-inch Granite Suiting—per yard. 44-inch Whipcord Suiting—per yard. 52-inch Venetian Suiting—per yard. 46-inch Prunella—very latest fabric for a small tailor suit—per yard.

The Charming Silks for '99.

Our careful study of the tastes and requirements of our silk customers is manifest, now that the collection of Spring and Summer Silks is nearing completion. Never so early in the year have we been able to show such large assortments, such perfect weaves, beautiful colorings, exquisite styles, but come and see—the showing will interest you. 24-inch Striped Taffeta Silk, medium width stripes, alternating with small hair line stripes, in spring and summer shades of Blue, Green, Modes, Royal, Navy, etc., per yard. 21-inch Cortelle effects with embroidered stripes, exclusive designs, exquisite colorings in shades of Purple, Turquoise, Brown, Green, etc., a high novelty at a low price, per yard. 21-inch Black Ground Taffeta with two-toned Jacquard figures, very dainty for shirt waists, will not soil easily, very rich and dressy when made up, per yard. 22-inch heavy Swiss Taffeta, an excellent wearing cloth with two-toned embroidered stripes, suitable for shirt waists or costumes, will be very popular, per yard. 22-inch very heavy Silk Stripes and Brocades, including Moire Antique with satin stripe and floral designs, and rich Satin Brocades exquisitely patterned and colored, per yard.

Rubber Goods. Counter in Rotunda.

Fountain Syringes and Hot-water Bags, which, notwithstanding the smallness of the prices, are positively guaranteed for one year. First-class Water Bottles—4 quart size—this week. Excelsior Fountain Syringes—with hard rubber fittings. 2 quart size. 3 quart size. Peerless Fountain Syringes—complete with all pipes—polished wood box. 2 quart. 3 quart. 4 quart. Combination Water Bag and Syringe like picture. 2 quart. 3 quart. 4 quart.

Spring Ribbons Latest Novelties.

300 yards of new Fancy Ribbons—comprising a rich assortment of 4-inch Plaid and stripe effects for neck and millinery purposes; exceptional value—per yard. 2000 yards of wide (4 1/2 inch), superb quality silk neck and millinery Ribbons—all this season's latest styles, hair stripes, warp prints—worth 35c and 40c yard. A big selection of the narrow draw string fancy Ribbons in plaids, gauze chenille, stripe cord edge, polka dot effects, for trimming—at 10c, 8c and 7c, and 5c yard. A lot of the latest style Ribbons, Rouches, Collarettes, Jabots, Neck and Waist Bands—made to order by experts free of charge—at the ribbon counters.

Stationery. On Sale Near Books.

The Stationery Department has been moved to rear of rotunda, adjoining book section, in order to secure a necessary increase of space. When values such as these form the basis of ever-increasing business is any wonder that the sales grow? 24 sheets Stain Wove Writing Paper and 24 envelopes to match—pink, blue or cream tints—per box. 24 sheets Fine Writing Paper and 24 envelopes to match—4 popular tints—square shape—per box. Box of 50 pieces Old Dorchester Bond, in tints or cream—octavo size—per box. Engraving from plate extra quality of Cards—100 for \$1.00. We make a specialty of Die Work and Stamping.

The Mecca of All Tourists—This Bazaar.

Of all the famed Oriental Bazaars in San Francisco the big Chinese and Japanese Department in this store is easily the finest. The rare ivories, curious bric-a-brac, carved ebony, embroidered silks, beautiful Cloisonne ware and curios from all parts of the Orient are well worth a visit of inspection. Goods are marked in plain figures at prices surprisingly low to people who have seen similar articles in Chinatown, at Chinatown prices.

Mexican Leather Carvers.

Have you seen them at their interesting work in the Rotunda? It's one of the unique features of the big store. They will make to order any article you may want in designs of your own choosing—Carved Cases, Bill Books, Shopping Bags, Picture Frames, Eggless Cases, Cigar Cases, Etc. Hand-carved Belts—cinch or buckles—from. Hand-carved Combination Pocket Books from. Hand-carved Chatelaine Bags from.

Underwear—Hosiery.

Ladies' Jersey Ribbed Cotton Corset Covers—high neck, long sleeves—white only—each. Ladies' Swiss Ribbed Lisle Vest—fancy crocheted fronts—white only—extra good value—each. Ladies' Egyptian Cotton Jersey R. bbed Vests and Pants—vests high neck and long sleeves—pants knee or ankle length, with French bands—medium weight—ecru color—per garment. Ladies' Imported Hose—lisle thread—Hermesdorf black—milk finish—Rembrandt ribbed—per pair. Ladies' Macc Cotton Hose—full fashioned—fast black—satisfaction guaranteed—a box of 4 pairs for. Men's Good Hats, \$1.55. These are good outline out of our \$1.85 line of Fedoras and Derby Hats for men. So much for the shapes—the qualities are those of the exclusive hatters' \$2.50 hats; black or colors—all sizes this week at.

Supervising Architect Is Very Busy.

WASHINGTON, March 11.—Representative Hilborn delays his departure for home and is seen frequently at the Navy Department. This gives rise to the rumor circulated during the past few days that he will be taken care of by the administration and given some appointment in the Navy Department, as he is considered an expert in naval matters. Executor Johnson's Shortage. SANTA ROSA, March 11.—Referee Julliard, appointed to ascertain the amount of the shortage of J. R. Johnson, executor of the estate of Harriet Wiley, filed a report this afternoon showing there was coming to the estate from the executor over \$600. Suit probably will be brought to make the bondsmen pay the shortage. Join the Prune Combine. SANTA ROSA, March 11.—A meeting of the prune growers of Sonoma County was held here this afternoon to discuss the Pacific Coast Fruit Association. A number of speeches endorsing affiliation with the movement were made and a number of shares of stock in the association subscribed for.

The Catalogue for Spring and Summer will be ready in a few days. A pictorial written description of the new styles, attractively printed and bound, that is free to out-of-town folks for the asking. Have your name on our list? Grocery Catalogue for March is ready. Ask for it. Compare prices. Theater tickets for sale in rotunda.

New Neckwear. Some for the Opera.

Twice Around Long Scarfs—are now the latest and most popular neck dressing—made of embroidered chiffon embroidered with applique corners—also on net with Honiton applique—prices—4 shades—per box. Long Scarfs in net or lawn foundation with handsomely embroidered ends—each. A complete line of Wash Neckwear—lawn and net Jabots—and stocks at. Lace and Chiffon Jabots with applique ends and handsome stock collar, suitable for evening and opera wear—each. Chiffon and Lace Trimmed Fichu for evening and opera wear at. Opera shades in Ostrich Boss and Collarettes—cream, gray, pink and blue. 18-inch. 45-inch. Opera Fans—real ostrich feathers, with shell and wood sticks, in cream, pink and blue, at.

We Save on Articles for the Toilet.

"La Blanche" Face Powder—per box. "Bourjois L'Eclatante" Face Powder—equal to any 50c powder on the market—4 shades—per box. Imported Almond Oil Castile Soap—3-lb bars. Imported Green Olive Oil Castile Soap—3-lb bars. Italian Castile Soap—2-lb bars. Dr. Lambert's Antiseptic Skin Soap—best cuticle soap made—per box 3 cakes. Good Toilet Paper—1000 sheet rolls—3 rolls for.

Annual March Sale of Best Makes Carpets.

From the best makers in the land, owned by us so that we can sell cheaper than smaller dealers can buy. Seeing is believing, but you'll doubt your eyesight when you see the qualities that we now offer at these prices. Tapestry Carpets, standard makes, their only fault is they've lingered after the stock-taking period, border to match, complete on floor, laid and lined. Velvet Carpets, various makes, all reliable, effective designs and pleasing color schemes; just because they left the looms last season instead of this season you may buy \$1.15 grades laid and lined. Axminster Carpets, also lately perfect and usually sold for \$1.85, styles that we gathered late last season, artistic patterns and colorings, laid and lined. Lowell Body Brussels—They exemplify all the grace and goodness associated with the great name of Lowell; you'll find the same qualities and styles in other stores marked \$1.35 per yard. Our price laid and lined. Art Squares—useful and serviceable in many ways; just what you want to adorn oilied floors or to unroll over matting; the prices of these are exceedingly low, and the patterns as well as the color combinations, are new and effective; they are all wool. Cost varies according to sizes—3x2 yards. 3x3 yards. 3x3 1/2 yards. 3x4 yards. 3x4 1/2 yards. 3x5 yards. 3x5 1/2 yards. 3x6 yards. 3x6 1/2 yards. 3x7 yards. 3x7 1/2 yards. 3x8 yards. 3x8 1/2 yards. 3x9 yards. 3x9 1/2 yards. 3x10 yards. 3x10 1/2 yards. 3x11 yards. 3x11 1/2 yards. 3x12 yards. 3x12 1/2 yards. 3x13 yards. 3x13 1/2 yards. 3x14 yards. 3x14 1/2 yards. 3x15 yards. 3x15 1/2 yards. 3x16 yards. 3x16 1/2 yards. 3x17 yards. 3x17 1/2 yards. 3x18 yards. 3x18 1/2 yards. 3x19 yards. 3x19 1/2 yards. 3x20 yards. 3x20 1/2 yards. 3x21 yards. 3x21 1/2 yards. 3x22 yards. 3x22 1/2 yards. 3x23 yards. 3x23 1/2 yards. 3x24 yards. 3x24 1/2 yards. 3x25 yards. 3x25 1/2 yards. 3x26 yards. 3x26 1/2 yards. 3x27 yards. 3x27 1/2 yards. 3x28 yards. 3x28 1/2 yards. 3x29 yards. 3x29 1/2 yards. 3x30 yards. 3x30 1/2 yards. 3x31 yards. 3x31 1/2 yards. 3x32 yards. 3x32 1/2 yards. 3x33 yards. 3x33 1/2 yards. 3x34 yards. 3x34 1/2 yards. 3x35 yards. 3x35 1/2 yards. 3x36 yards. 3x36 1/2 yards. 3x37 yards. 3x37 1/2 yards. 3x38 yards. 3x38 1/2 yards. 3x39 yards. 3x39 1/2 yards. 3x40 yards. 3x40 1/2 yards. 3x41 yards. 3x41 1/2 yards. 3x42 yards. 3x42 1/2 yards. 3x43 yards. 3x43 1/2 yards. 3x44 yards. 3x44 1/2 yards. 3x45 yards. 3x45 1/2 yards. 3x46 yards. 3x46 1/2 yards. 3x47 yards. 3x47 1/2 yards. 3x48 yards. 3x48 1/2 yards. 3x49 yards. 3x49 1/2 yards. 3x50 yards. 3x50 1/2 yards. 3x51 yards. 3x51 1/2 yards. 3x52 yards. 3x52 1/2 yards. 3x53 yards. 3x53 1/2 yards. 3x54 yards. 3x54 1/2 yards. 3x55 yards. 3x55 1/2 yards. 3x56 yards. 3x56 1/2 yards. 3x57 yards. 3x57 1/2 yards. 3x58 yards. 3x58 1/2 yards. 3x59 yards. 3x59 1/2 yards. 3x60 yards. 3x60 1/2 yards. 3x61 yards. 3x61 1/2 yards. 3x62 yards. 3x62 1/2 yards. 3x63 yards. 3x63 1/2 yards. 3x64 yards. 3x64 1/2 yards. 3x65 yards. 3x65 1/2 yards. 3x66 yards. 3x66 1/2 yards. 3x67 yards. 3x67 1/2 yards. 3x68 yards. 3x68 1/2 yards. 3x69 yards. 3x69 1/2 yards. 3x70 yards. 3x70 1/2 yards. 3x71 yards. 3x71 1/2 yards. 3x72 yards. 3x72 1/2 yards. 3x73 yards. 3x73 1/2 yards. 3x74 yards. 3x74 1/2 yards. 3x75 yards. 3x75 1/2 yards. 3x76 yards. 3x76 1/2 yards. 3x77 yards. 3x77 1/2 yards. 3x78 yards. 3x78 1/2 yards. 3x79 yards. 3x79 1/2 yards. 3x80 yards. 3x80 1/2 yards. 3x81 yards. 3x81 1/2 yards. 3x82 yards. 3x82 1/2 yards. 3x83 yards. 3x83 1/2 yards. 3x84 yards. 3x84 1/2 yards. 3x85 yards. 3x85 1/2 yards. 3x86 yards. 3x86 1/2 yards. 3x87 yards. 3x87 1/2 yards. 3x88 yards. 3x88 1/2 yards. 3x89 yards. 3x89 1/2 yards. 3x90 yards. 3x90 1/2 yards. 3x91 yards. 3x91 1/2 yards. 3x92 yards. 3x92 1/2 yards. 3x93 yards. 3x93 1/2 yards. 3x94 yards. 3x94 1/2 yards. 3x95 yards. 3x95 1/2 yards. 3x96 yards. 3x96 1/2 yards. 3x97 yards. 3x97 1/2 yards. 3x98 yards. 3x98 1/2 yards. 3x99 yards. 3x99 1/2 yards. 3x100 yards. 3x100 1/2 yards.

Good Furniture Was Never Cheaper.

This 3-piece solid oak Bedroom Set, full-sized bed, beveled glass on bureau, ample drawer room, for this week, special priced at. Other Sets from \$10.00 up to \$200.00. A full line of Office Furniture just in. Our assortment of Dining Tables probably the largest on the Coast. A very fair one to seat 10 persons costs only.

This Week's Reductions on Groceries.

The new grocery price lists are ready. Get one and compare the prices with those you've been paying elsewhere. Only articles of recognized merit find shelf room in this model department. You may be sure of quality, no matter how low the prices are. These extra specials for all the week. Dry Granulated Sugar, 18 lbs for. 300 dozen Amazon Table Fruit—Apples, Peaches and Pears—all the week if supply lasts, per can. 50 dozen 1-lb tins Dessert Grapes, reduced this week to close out the lot, per dozen. 1-lb cans Oysters, quality all right, per can. Knox's Gelatine, the popular kind, per package. Coffee, the new health coffee, 1-lb packages, regularly 25c, this week.

Choice Liquors. Specially Priced.

Special for This Week Only. Zinfandel Wine, a good value at 75c gallon, this week. 55c. Sherry's Pure Malt Whiskey, for medicinal use, regularly \$1.00 bottle, this week. 77c. Sherry Wine, our \$1.00 per gallon quality, this week. 71c. Pure Malt Extract, the best tonic, per dozen. \$2.35.

PLANS FOR SIXTY PUBLIC BUILDINGS.

Supervising Architect Is Very Busy. Special Dispatch to the Call. Call Headquarters, Wellington Hotel, Washington, March 11. The Supervising Architect's office is busy with preliminary arrangements toward the erection of sixty odd new public buildings. Chief Executive Officer Kemper said to the Call correspondent to-day that by the end of the month he would cause to be published advertisements asking for proposals for sites for all the public buildings, including Oakland, the Los Angeles and Stockton sites are already available. These advertisements will run for two or three weeks, at the end of which time the bids will be opened. It does not follow that the lowest bid will be accepted, the selection being discretionary with the Secretary of the Treasury. Before the acceptance of any site offered it is usual to send a special agent of the treasury to examine such site, and upon his report to the Secretary the Attorney General is asked to approve the title. In all cases it is necessary for the Legislature to cede exclusive jurisdiction over such sites to the Federal Government. The Call correspondent asked the Supervising Architect whether the Government is empowered to accept as a bonus any property offered by citizens as a contribution to the erection of a Postoffice building in any particular section of the city. He said that the Government could not accept an absolute bonus. Some consideration must be named even if it were but one dollar in order to literally comply with the act of Congress authorizing the "purchase" of the site. It has already come to the notice of the department officials that in various cities where new postoffices have been provided for real estate agents have formed combinations in order to secure the location of the building in their section of the city in order to enhance the value of the property. In some instances they propose either to donate property or sell it at a nominal price to the Government. Insurance War at an End. WOODLAND, March 11.—The insurance war is off and old rates have been reestablished. While it prevailed a large number of property holders had their policies canceled and were reimbursed at about one-third compact rates.