

PITTSBURGH'S GREAT AND GLORIOUS COMMERCIAL EVENT!

On Next Wednesday Morning, October 19, at 9 O'Clock, the Doors of

* SOLOMON & RUBEN'S *

Colossal Mercantile Emporium Will Swing Wide Open for Business.

The long-looked-for day is almost here, and the gigantic work of completing the grandest building in Pittsburgh nearly at an end. The Herculean efforts of an army of skilled mechanics, artisans and laborers have at last been effective. Bright and early Wednesday morning we will be ready to receive the public. A few months ago the work of erecting the massive structure was inaugurated, and, in face of the almost insurmountable obstacles, pushed with energy and perseverance. It was a gigantic undertaking, and the interests at stake of great magnitude, but we were not to be blocked in any manner, shape or form, and, as a result, Pittsburgh is given a business house which will become famous throughout the country for its immense proportions, its architectural beauty and its generally remarkable and unique appearance. But the citizens of Pittsburgh will find even greater things to admire, as they already know that within this structure there will be found the grandest, largest and most carefully selected assortment of merchandise in Western Pennsylvania. Believing that we have the good will and friendship of the people, and knowing that thousands have been putting off purchasing in order to patronize us, we cannot but be thankful. Our appreciation of the many congratulations already bestowed upon us knows no bounds, and in return we will keep our word and give PITTSBURGH

THE MODEL CLOTHING HOUSE OF THE UNITED STATES!

Which will always be a pleasurable, profitable and inviting place to visit. We'll take care, with all the abilities at our command, that the good impression which we have made externally shall be strongly emphasized in the interior management, manner and method of conducting business. The grand Reception and Dedication which we intend to make memorable for unequalled brilliancy and surpassing splendor will be held in the near future. Due notice of it will appear in our advertising columns. The major portion of the public being desirous of finding out what are the assortments we have in stock, it is with pleasure that we describe the departments, each and every one of which is radiant with the latest and finest of everything. * * * * *

MEN'S RETAIL CLOTHING DEPARTMENT,

Entire third floor. S. V. WAXMAN IN CHARGE. We have spared neither time, expense nor money in the arrangement of this department. Surprised, indeed, will be those who patronize us. Such a stock of men's clothing, comprising, as it does, the choicest selections, finest grades and best styles of every market in the country, will astonish and amaze you. After one visit to this very important branch of our great establishment you cannot but declare it to be the only place in Pittsburgh worthy of patronage. We will certainly not have an old piece of goods on our counters, but only the very latest and superior grades. New makes, new styles and new features will be offered to you at prices which cannot be duplicated. There has been manufactured especially for us a magnificent and superb stock of men's high grade clothing such as will prove a delight and wonder. Here you can see garments ready made which far surpass the average apparel turned out by high class merchant tailors. Come and personally investigate this department. You'll be pleasantly received and will depart in joyful spirits.

WHOLESALE CLOTHING DEPARTMENT,

CHARLES SOLOMON, MANAGER. Fourth and fifth floors. On these two immense floors there will be contained a gigantic stock of men's, boys' and youths' clothing suitable for the very best retail trade. We intend to make this department the base of supply for the retail clothing houses of Western Pennsylvania, Eastern Ohio and Western Virginia. In order to accomplish this we propose to quote such prices and offer such inducements as will cause out-of-town retail merchants to patronize us. All the celebrated makes will be carried, and we will be thoroughly able to fill the lowest or highest orders for the best, most durable and popular grades of the day. We invite retail merchants to carefully examine this particular department, as it means much to them in the way of money saving. In connection with our wholesale clothing we'll carry a complete stock of hats, caps, boots, shoes, rubbers, as well as a general line of furnishing goods. We'll make special efforts to build up this branch of the business to the highest standard of excellence.

WHITE AND FANCY SHIRT DEPARTMENT,

WILL BINGHAM, MANAGER. Formerly people bought plain and homely white shirts which were worn on all occasions, it mattered not whether for business or social purposes. How changed now! A man's wardrobe requires several styles of white shirts even for business. These we have in plain bosom, pleated, open front, back, short bosomed, coat styles. Next we can supply society gentlemen with the latest fashions in full dress shirts. Again we can assure you that in all these lines mentioned will be found the S. & R. label as a guarantee of superior standard grades. Our collection of unlaundried night and negligé shirts is so varied that to do it justice would require more space than that at our command. For the present we will only say that every taste and desire will be satisfied. Particular styles and prices will be talked about later on.

Collars, Cuffs, Jewelry and Handk'f Dept'

JERRY LINDSTER, MANAGER. How far well fitting and immaculate Collars and Cuffs give tone and character to gentlemen is pretty generally acknowledged by anybody who has given some attention to this matter. You'll find in our establishment a marvelous variety of this class of goods. Besides the well-known and popular makes we'll carry a superior brand, every collar and cuff of which has the S. & R. stamp, specially made for us. We love the great city of Pittsburgh and are ever strictly loyal to its interests, therefore we have named every brand of collars after some street, suburb, river, park and prominent place within its boundaries. Fancy Jewelry, Cuff Buttons, Collar Buttons, Shirt Studs, Scarf Pins and other novelties may here be found in profusion.

BOYS' AND CHILDREN'S DEPARTMENT,

JAMES CARPENTER, MANAGER. We justly claim and know that we will be heartily indulged in declaring that our boys' and children's department not only excels that of any other in the city, but we are safe in saying that it is superior to any other in the United States. The designers' ingenuity and tailors' art have been exhausted in order that we may show to Pittsburghers and all others a perfect boys' and children's clothing department. The hundreds of novelties which mothers will find here for their young sons will be so great and of such a character as has never been seen here before. We do not hesitate one moment in saying to the general public, and mothers in particular, that we will have the largest, best selected and noblest stock that they ever had the pleasure of examining. We will present to you notice all grades, all sizes and all the latest designs in boys' and children's dress suits and general wearing apparel. To be concise, we simply cannot be equaled anywhere when it comes down to first-class, nobby, elegant, comfortable and durable garments for youths of all ages and sizes. Bear in mind that while we have the best and choicest assortment, our prices will be the very, very lowest.

HOSIERY, GLOVE AND NECKWEAR DEPT',

CHARLES SEIDENSTRICKER, MANAGER. It is the little things that form perfection in dress or the finishing touches of styles. We have used capital, brains and cultivated taste to spread before the stylish dressers of Pittsburgh an array of "fixings" that will delight their hearts. In this connection we may add that we will name such prices as will make it positively prohibitory on the part of economical buyers to purchase anywhere but in our furnishing department. When inspecting our immense palace closely examine the numerous styles in these particular lines. Every taste will be satisfied and every new creation in Hosiery, Gloves or Neckwear will be kept in stock. We have made special efforts in the Glove Department and congratulate ourselves that the assortment of Dress Gloves is second to none in the Union. In Working Gloves we'll show an endless variety and quote such prices as will make for us thousands of patrons. We wish to make particular mention of the grand variety of Boys' and Children's Gloves to be found here.

HORSE GOODS AND TRUNK DEPT',

H. B. MCKEAN, MANAGER. Horse goods in a clothing store. Some will be prompted to say, "Well, well." But when they see this splendidly equipped department will enthusiastically ejaculate, "Well done." Our assortment of everything pertaining to horse goods is so comprehensive that nothing is lacking, from the finest harness, fit to caparison the proud steeds of a king, down to a bottle of Kitchell's Liniment. We will make a specialty of English & Whitman's ladies' and gents' riding saddles. The workmanship, execution of design, elegance of finish, and general durability of our horse goods will be acknowledged by those who purchase of us. The percentage of savings in this department will prove a great attraction and make it an unqualified success.

Our trunk department is replete with all the necessary requirements for the comfort of tourists. There will not be a single demand made upon us in this line that we'll not be able to supply. Nothing like our assortments ever before presented in Pittsburgh. Trunks, valises, hand satchels, pocket books, bill books, purses, shawl straps, traveling blankets, etc., in endless varieties.

MEN'S, BOYS' AND CHILDREN'S HAT DEPT',

MAURICE RUBEN, MANAGER. This important feature of our establishment requires no introduction. If all the hats which we ever sold with the Ruben name were put on soldiers it would make an army sufficient to thrash any country in the world. It will suffice to say that with additional space, greater convenience and improved facilities we propose to treble and quadruple our already vast trade. We have laid particular stress on our line of Boys' and Children's Hats. Our specialties and novelties in this line exceed those of any collection in any store in any city. Perfect beauties in the way of headgears for youths. Fond and loving mothers will be pleased when they see our nobby, natty and newest styles. All makes and shapes suitable for gentlemen will be found here. Our Hat Department will be the only place in Pittsburgh where you can get the latest and best at the lowest prices. Every effort to render satisfaction in the fullest sense of the word to all will be exerted. In the past you have found it wise and economical to buy your hats and caps of us. As for the future you will find it even more so. Every feature of fashion will here be shown for young and old. Every care to not only fit but become well will be exerted, nourished and guarded by a competent corps of expert salesmen.

Men's, Ladies', Misses', Boys' and Children's Shoe Dept'.

OSCAR M. BINGHAM, MANAGER. The mere announcement that the genial and thoroughly able Mr. Bingham will have charge is already sufficient index that it will be a supreme success. We will carry a tremendous stock of footwear and will be able to fit anything in the shape of pedal extremities. Our aim in quality will be very high, but in the matter of prices exceedingly low. For fit, style, endurance, comfort and value our grand collection is above anything of the kind in this or any other city. Our prices will be within easy reach of all, and our assortment good enough for the richest or most fastidious—serviceable and desirable enough for the poorest and most modest. Our salespeople are expert foot fitters, and you will not experience that tiresome delay and annoyance met with in other houses. Shoes for men, shoes for ladies, shoes for misses, shoes for boys and shoes for children. Come and see this great array of stock.

UNDERWEAR AND CARDIGAN JACKET DEPT',

LOUIS HOECHSTETTER, MANAGER. You'll be surprised at the stacks and mountains of underwear which you will find at our opening. We will be in a position to supply the superior demands of gentlemen for the finest silk underwear down to the plain, substantial, common-sense and comfort-giving undergarments of mechanics and laborers. Prices, qualities and quantities which cannot be matched anywhere. Our stock is composed of the most infinite varieties, entirely new and fresh, selected by competent buyers from the leading makers of both hemispheres. In Cardigan Jackets and Stockinette Coats we have a supply that would in itself make a regulation size store. Here also we may add with pleasure that we will carry a full and comprehensive line of youths', boys' and children's underwear, comprising everything which is made for the comfort and health of our juveniles.

LADIES' CLOAK AND SUIT DEPARTMENT,

WALDEMAN BRY, MANAGER. Our hopes and expectations for this department soar high. We have undoubtedly a grand and unsurpassed cloak and suit parlor, which the fair sex will deem the ideal of perfection. It will be a veritable paradise for ladies. Large, lofty, spacious and with excellent ventilation, it cannot but be attractive and inviting. As will be observed by the reader, an entire page of this paper is exclusively devoted to this department.

MEN'S OVERCOATS AND PANTS DEPT',

JACOB WEAVER, MANAGER. We will carry such an enormous stock of these two classes of goods that a special department was made for the sale of them. Here you will find an endless array of Overcoats in all styles, all shapes and all fancies. Single and double-breasted silk, wool and cashmere lined Overcoats, Ulsters, Ulsters with hoods and Cape Overcoats may be had in abundance and at astonishing prices. Every one of the latest and most favored materials selected by us for our patrons. Among the many celebrated and famous grades may be mentioned Carr's Meltons, English Kerseys; Peyton Beavers, Irish Friezes, Chinchillas, Elysians, Montaignacs, Scotch Mixtures and the finest Fur Beavers. The styles, the fabrics, the fit, the make and the prices can all easily run the gauntlet of the most chronic critic or idealist of fashion. Our incomparable facilities have made it possible for us to present an assortment of Overcoats that will completely eclipse any effort in the clothing business of Pittsburgh. We will sell better goods and sell them at a lower price than any firm in Western Pennsylvania. Stop in and examine this matchless line of stock on our opening day. Lengthy comment on our peerless selection of Trousers is scarcely necessary. We will have in stock from the finest made Pantaloon down to the mechanic's Overall. This line of goods must be seen to be appreciated. As in other departments we will invariably carry only the superior and reliable grades, but always at the most reasonable terms.

BANKING DEPARTMENT,

ROBERT L. TOWNLEY, CASHIER. We presume that some of our staid old citizens will wipe their eyeglasses in order to see whether they read aright. We can assure them that it is no mistake, for in connection with our colossal mercantile house we'll carry on a general banking business. One of the unique features of this department will be the novel innovation of a stamp savings bank. We will not elaborate on this matter at present, as we propose giving it special attention and illustration in the near future. Our representative is now engaged in establishing agencies for the sale of our stamps throughout the city and county. Another important feature of this department will be the issuance of letters of credit, drafts, money orders to all parts of Europe and the civilized world, and at a less rate of commission than is generally charged for the transaction of such business by exclusive banking houses; 4 1/2 per cent interest paid on savings deposits. The office hours of our bank will be identically the same as those of our business, an accommodation which we trust will be appreciated by the working people. Accounts of individuals and corporations solicited.

General Departments and Their Managers.

Space forbids us to elaborate any further on the various features of our vast and comprehensive enterprise other than to briefly indicate and name the heads of those in whose charge they will be placed:

ROBERT GILLAM, Chief Accountant.
MISS J. GITTINS, Chief Stenographer.
J. ROSENTHAL, General Cashier.
CHARLES H. ADAMS, General Floor Manager.
JACOB BIBRO, Designer and Decorator.
J. W. HOWELL, Window Trimmer.
W. L. DANAHEY, General Advertiser.
W. H. LETZKUS, Receiving and Shipping Manager.
H. J. MORELAND, Engineer.
H. McWILLIAMS, Chief Electrician.
WM. AGNEW, Manager Livery and Uniform Department.
F. M. WARD, Manager Rubber Goods Department.
ISY BICKERT, Manager Umbrella and Cane Department.
MISS ALICE IRVIN, Manager Boys' Shirt Waists, Leggings and Windsor Ties Department.
JAMES WILLIAMS, Chief Wrapper.
JOSEPH RICHARDS, Time Keeper.
MICHAEL SHERRAN, Chief of Janitors.
LOUIS SONS, in Charge of Elevator.
EDWARD M. MEEHAN, Telegraph Operator.
JOSEPH KALTENBACH, Chief Inspector.
JAMES JONES, Watchman.

We have in contemplation the addition of a great many more departments. They will be organized as soon as practicable and fully outlined when the proper time comes.

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