

THE DYING CENTURY PASSED IN REVIEW

NATURE'S LEGACY FOUND UNDER THE SOIL.

Riches Have Come and Are Still to Come to Those Who Dig and Drain for the Mineral Wealth Imbedded in Mother Earth.

From the Chicago Times-Herald. For the new century the term "mineral development" will have a broader meaning than it had a hundred years ago.

From the time of Solomon gold has been the chief quest of the miner. In spite of the truth that the world's coal production each year is fabulously more valuable.

SOUTH AFRICAN FIELDS. As between the modern coal mining and the modern gold mining there is small choice in method.

The gold fields of the Witwatersrand rival those of California in the palmy days of '49. They were discovered in 1852, and Johannesburg sprang into being with the magic of a San Francisco.

Of silver the mines of the United States and of Mexico produce a large percentage of the world's output. In the United States the production of silver has increased steadily since the '60's.

Within the last 100 years the United States has taken second rank in the production of iron ore. Great Britain leads with 15,000,000 tons.

PRODUCTION OF COPPER. Iron-making processes have been revolutionized within the last fifty years.

Since 1880 the United States in the production of copper has led the world. Electricity has emphasized the demand for the product.

insula is the greatest single copper mine in the world. Nearly \$100,000,000 is invested in copper mining in the United States.

Lead production in the United States has grown from 1,500 short tons in 1825 to more than 200,000 tons in the present.

No gold excitement, perhaps, ever exceeded the stampede that followed the discovery of oil in the Drake well at Titusville, Pa., in 1859.

OHIO AND INDIANA OIL.

In 1885 an era was marked in oil development in the discovery of the Trenton limestone and the development of the Lima, Ohio, oil field.

Oil development in this period has been scarcely more than the development of oil in a commercial sense.

Natural gas as a discovery has been scarcely second to oil in its importance and in the rush that it occasioned.

In the Kanawha Valley in 1841, William Thompson discovered a jet of gas escaping from the rocks above his salt works.

IMPROVEMENT IN METHODS.

Throughout this development which has made the mineral resources of a country one of its chief sources of wealth, inventor and skilled craftsman have been busy.

Michigan leads the United States in production far beyond all other states. Alabama and Pennsylvania are close competitors for second place.

THE REAL AGUINALDO.

Dewey's Navigating Officers Sums Up His Character.

"Emilio Aguinaldo is a Tagalo of the Tagalos, a municipal captain and the son of a municipal captain. He was born in Cavite Viejo, and became the chief magistrate of that town before reaching the age of twenty-seven.

time to vote their president a civil list of \$50,000 and an allowance of \$25,000 for representation, that is, for display, during each fiscal year.



Prospectus of the Siegel-Cooper Co.

CO-OPERATIVE STORES, NEW YORK AND CHICAGO.

Profit-Sharing with our Patrons.

Co-operation with our Employees.

THE great success attained since 1887 by Siegel, Cooper & Co., has induced and given warrant to the enterprising owners to further ingratiate themselves into public favor by consolidating their two mammoth establishments into a co-operative enterprise on a profit-sharing basis.

The charter of the Company provides that, after full dividends of 6 per cent. per annum have been paid on the Preferred Stock, and full dividends of 3 per cent. per annum have been paid on the Common Stock, all additional dividends shall be apportioned and paid on the basis of 2/3 in amount on the Preferred Stock and 1/3 in amount on the Common Stock.

To carry out the plan of Co-operation

with its employees, \$2,000,000.00 of the Common Stock has been placed in trust, the annual dividends of which will be distributed among such employees as have been or may hereafter be with the New York or Chicago establishment for a period of three years during their satisfactory continuance in the service of the new Company.

To carry out the plan of Profit-Sharing

it is proposed by the present owners, who are the owners of all the stock of the new Company, to offer to the public through the undersigned, 200,000 shares (fully paid and non-assessable) of the 6 per cent. cumulative Preferred Stock at par, upon which the full 6 per cent. dividend must always be paid before the Common Stock receives any dividend whatever.

In order to give double assurance to the general public, whom it is desired to interest as Stockholders (instead of Speculators) and who may not be fully conversant with such investments, the money required to pay dividends on said 200,000 shares has been set aside and will remain on deposit with the Central Trust Company of New York, and the Illinois Trust and Savings Bank of Chicago, respectively, to secure the dividends of 6 per cent. per annum, payable 3 per cent. semi-annually, for a period of five years, i. e., until July 1st, 1905, on all such Preferred Stock as may be allotted in their respective territories, and each Certificate of Stock so allotted will have an endorsement by said Trust Companies, respectively, to that effect.

Under no circumstances will any

of the Preferred Stock not so allotted, nor any of the Common Stock, be sold, the present

owners having no desire to sell out, but intending to remain with the business; they will therefore not part with any more stock than they believe necessary to fully carry out their plans for co-operation and profit-sharing, as previously stated.

The owners confidently believe that, by inaugurating the liberal policy above outlined towards their employees, they will in return be rewarded by more faithful service, and courteous attention to patrons, the result of which must be beneficial to the new Company as well as augment the continued good will of the public.

Furthermore, it can be calculated to a certainty

that with many thousands of new stockholders exerting their personal influence toward the success and welfare of the business, larger patronage and correspondingly greater earnings for the new Company will be assured. It is from the increased benefits and material advantages which these changed conditions are expected to bring about, that the present owners feel confident of better pro rata remuneration on the stock which they retain, and in a measure justifies them in parting with any portion of their interests in an established and exceptionally profitable business.

The SIEGEL-COOPER CO. Co-operative Stores will take possession Monday, July 2d, 1900, of the two great department stores of Siegel-Cooper Co., New York, and Siegel, Cooper & Co., Chicago, in their entirety, covering a floor space of over thirty acres, with their millions of dollars' worth of Merchandise, Store Fixtures, Delivery Plants (consisting of many hundreds of Horses, Wagons, etc.), Machinery, extensive Stable Properties, and all the appurtenances required for the complete operation of the two stores, and also its Palatial Fireproof Store Building and Real Estate in New York City, which alone represents an asset of many millions of dollars, free of all encumbrances or indebtedness whatsoever, so that the Siegel-Cooper Co. (Co-operative Stores, New York and Chicago) will start its career without owing a single dollar.

For the good and sufficient reason of not wishing to divulge the details of our business to our competitors, we present no balance sheet for publication. We do not, however, desire to ask our patrons or the public to rely exclusively on our representations, and, therefore, the money required has been set aside and will remain on deposit with the above-named Trust Companies to absolutely secure the dividends on all the Preferred Stock to be allotted as stated. More-

over, we allude with pride to the fact that the Chicago establishment has since its inception paid millions of dollars in dividends to its stockholders, and that the New York establishment, while only in its fourth year, is not only doing a larger business than the Chicago store, but is also on a most profitable dividend-paying basis. We can also say for the benefit of subscribers, that the net earnings of our two establishments for the past year were largely in excess of the amount required to pay the dividends on all the Preferred Stock of the new Company.

There will be no change in management,

and the same men who thirteen years ago started the original Siegel, Cooper & Co. store in Chicago (and later its sister-store in New York) and who have achieved a success almost without parallel in modern retailing, have pledged themselves to continue in the management of the business of the new Company the same as in the past, and they will deposit with the Central Trust Company of New York, all of their stock holdings for a term of years to secure such pledge.

Subscriptions for the 200,000 shares of the Preferred Stock

will be received in person, or by mail, on blank forms provided for that purpose, by the Central Trust Company, 54 Wall Street, New York, and Siegel-Cooper Co., New York and Chicago, beginning at 10 a. m. Monday, May 7th, 1900, and will continue for a period of One Week; the right, however, is reserved to close subscriptions upon one day's notice in the New York and Chicago daily papers. The above Trust Company, for the convenience of our patrons and the public, will receive subscriptions at the Siegel-Cooper Co. store in New York, or at its own office, 54 Wall Street. All subscriptions must be accompanied by money, check, money order or draft, payable to the Central Trust Company of New York, to the amount of 20 per cent. of such subscription (equal to \$10.00 per share), for which proper receipts will be given by said Trust Company. Notice will be given as soon as practicable of the number of shares allotted to each subscriber, and the balance due must be paid to said Trust Company on or before July 5th, 1900, upon the delivery by said Trust Company of the stock allotted.

With a view of extending the benefits of our offer to as many of our patrons and the public as possible, it is proposed to allot the stock in the following order, namely:

- 1st. To all subscriptions for one share;
2d. To all subscriptions for two shares;
3d. To all subscriptions for three shares;

and to continue in the same order for larger subscriptions until the entire 200,000 shares have been allotted.

Respectfully, SIEGEL-COOPER CO. (Co-operative Stores, New York and Chicago.)

Walking to Work

Is the only way in which the business woman, employed in store or office, can get open air exercise.

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Form for subscription to the Central Trust Company of New York, including fields for Name, Street Address, Town, State, and Date.

may say of him, as Carlyle said of Dante, that he walked straight his own wild road, whither it led him."
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