

A \$400 Player Piano to be given to some Alexander Girl. See our proposition on this page

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In order to clean up odds and ends and make room for our

FALL AND WINTER GOODS

which are coming in daily we will sell

50 Men's Suits

as follows:

✱	\$15.00 Suits for	\$7.50
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✱	10.00 " "	5.00

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All Summer Goods at and below cost.

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VOTING CONTEST

has begun to move up.

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Each yearly subscription counts 100 votes.

Persons not now taking The Scout may subscribe and pay for a term of one or two years, but no longer.

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Every dollar paid on this contest must be accompanied by the name of some person to whom the Scout is to be sent for a term of one or two years. In other words, no money will be received without a subscription.

Any one wishing to place a friend in the contest can do so by paying one dollar for a subscription to The Mountain Scout. This gives your candidate 100 votes to start with. Then bring in every subscription you can secure and watch the standing of the contestants in the Scout each week.

A candidate can enter at any time and withdraw at any time; but one candidate will not be allowed to transfer her votes to another candidate.

Every subscription taken in this contest will be entered in a book kept for this purpose, with the name of the candidate for whom the votes are cast. This book will be kept open for examination by any of the candidates or their friends. The contest will be conducted with absolute fairness to all.

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We want you all to come to our regular

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The Bank of Alexander.

OUR PUBLIC FORUM

F. C. Howe
On The Advantages of Free Ports



Mr. F. C. Howe, Federal Commissioner of Immigration, who is one of the best American authorities on marine commerce, in discussing the relation of free ports to the development of sea trade said in part:

"Ships will go hundreds of miles out of their way to avoid ports surrounded by a tariff wall. The only way, therefore, for a country with a tariff to compete in the shipping world with a free-trade country is to establish free ports at strategic points along its coast line. Germany has done so, and in a comparatively short period has built up a carrying trade which before the war was seriously threatening England's supremacy. Hamburg, one of the three German free ports, now ranks as the second greatest seaport in the world, its total foreign commerce in 1913 being only \$6,000,000 under that of New York.

"The free port would offer great opportunity for financial operations, now made possible by the recent currency act. It would stimulate international banking, and would tend to shift the financial center of the world to this country. And America, by the logic of events, has become the natural center for the world's financing, just as London became that center several centuries ago, when it shifted from the cities of the Netherlands. But the financial center will only move to this country when it becomes a clearing house of goods as well as of money. For credit the world over is created by currently created wealth in transit or change so that our financial expansion is dependent upon the opening up of American ports to the clearance of the wealth of the world. A port should not operate to yield a return on the investment, but to develop the prosperity of the country." In recapitulating the advantages, Mr. Howe brings out the importance of the free port in developing our shipping and linking us with South America, Asia and Africa, and then concludes:

"The most important gain is the direct gain to America. It will cheapen commodities by bringing great quantities of goods to our doors for importation or export, as trade needs demand. It will stimulate the growth of exporting houses, which can hold goods for an indefinite period without payment of tariff dues (often equal to the cost of the article itself) for disposal to meet the trade demands of the whole world. It will uphold international credit and shift to American an increasing and ultimately a predominant share in international exchange.

"Finally, America is the natural country to be the counter of the world. Its seacoasts face every other continent; it is the greatest of all reservoirs of raw materials and foodstuffs. In iron and steel and standardized production it is in a position to compete with the world. But international trade (and this is always overlooked) must be reciprocal. It cannot be one-sided. And credit balances cannot for any prolonged period be paid in gold. They can only be paid by exchange of wealth."