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REPRESENTATIVE MEN VISIT OUR CITY

The Northwest, Oregon, and La Grande, in particular, is honored today by the presence of the delegation of Chicago business men who are with us. These gentlemen being interested in large mercantile and commercial interests and realizing the rapid growth the Northwest is making, they naturally desired to personally view this immense territory which is rapidly acquiring annually thousands of new population and is sending trainloads of her produce to the market centers of the world.

These gentlemen cannot but be impressed with the greatness of the country they are touring. Some of the gentlemen represent firms that commenced their career when Chicago was less than one half the size of La Grande. They realize how the west is growing and will grow. It is their commercial territory and they are interested in its development and when this delegation makes its report to the Chicago Commercial Association, they will enlist its co-operation to assist in the building up of the west.

The delegation was met at the depot and escorted to the Commercial Club and from there were taken to the Foley House where they were given a lunch in company with a number of the business men of the city. They were then driven about the city and surrounding country and left at 1:30 in a special for Hot Lake and then to Baker City where they were entertained until the evening train overtook them.

During lunch, Senator Walter Pierce delivered the address of welcome which was responded to by Mr. Delebaugh, editor of the American Lumberman, who outlined the objects of this tour which is embodied in his poem which he read, being written since coming to our city.

Bribe Plan Changed

(By Scripps News Association)

Sacramento April 27.—In the Bankers case this morning, attorney Smith the counsel for the defense, in his argument, contended that the original plan was really a bribe for the legislators, but that the plan was changed.

THE FORUM OF LA GRANDE

Now Illinois and Oregon clasp hands across the hills
And mingle in a common song the music of their mills;
Chicago's mighty commerce waits the pleasure of your wills.

Now Illinois and Oregon clasp fingers o'er the land
And men come closer and speak the speech that each may understand;
And council fires are kindled in the forum of La Grande.

Now Illinois and Oregon stand speaking face to face;
We find ourselves of common name, of common blood and race;
We find, each in the other one, some new discovered grace.

And it is well that thus we meet in council in La Grande
Chicago buys and sells for you and for the mighty land
And those who buy and those who sell shall long united stand.

The guests were favored with several selections by the quartet of the Mormon church, which were royally received and later responded to by the visitor's quartet entitled "Chicago the Beautiful."

PERSONAL OF THE DELEGATION

Frank Hibbard, fourth vice-president of Hibbard, Spencer, Bartlett & Co., was educated in eastern schools, after which he made a tour of the world. In 1894 he started at the bottom of the ladder, sweeping floors and doing primary work. He went through all the departments of the store, and in 1901 was made director; in 1904 he became fourth vice president and director, and in the latter year was also made a director of the Continental National Bank of Chicago. He is a member of the Chicago Club, the Reddie and Cycle, Chicago Athletic and the Unwonted Golf Club at Lake Forest, Ill., in which city he has a summer home.

Hibbard, Spencer, Bartlett & Co., are one of the largest if not the largest wholesale hardware house in the

United States and will this year celebrate their fiftieth anniversary.

W F Hayes, representing Marshall Field & Co., of Chicago, began his career in this well known house twenty five years ago. Starting as a boy with the concern, he has worked his way through the various divisions up to sales manager, the duties of which position he assumed upon the retirement of R N Fair in January last.

The position held by Mr. Hayes is one of the greatest responsibility in an organization like Marshall Field & Co., they being the largest jobbers, importers and retailers of dry goods in the world, distributing annually about \$65,000,000 worth of dry goods, carpets and kindred lines, which output is constantly increasing. The sales of this firm greatly exceed those of any other jobbing house in the world. They employ about 11,000 persons.

J G Miller, who accompanies the excursion as the representative of the Chicago Clothing industry, is the senior member of the firm of John G Miller & Co, whose business ancestry dates back to 1839.

Mr Miller is a prominent factor in Chicago business affairs, a well known clubman, and a shrewd and general business man. Under the direction of Mr Miller, his house has reached and enjoys an enviable standing in the Chicago clothing field.

Fredward P Ambruster is secretary and treasurer of the old pioneer crockery firm of Burley & Tyrrell, with which he became connected about twenty-five years ago. He has charge of the credits of the firm for the past sixteen years, and is conceded to be one of the most popular and successful credit men in this trying and important branch of the crockery business.

The firm of Burley & Tyrrell was started in 1838 by Arthur G Burley, when Chicago was a town of less than 2000 persons.

James E Delebaugh, editor of the American Lumberman, Chicago, began his career as a printer's devil in his native state, Pennsylvania, came to Chicago in 1877, and has been identified with lumber journalism since 1881. The American Lumberman is a court of last resort in matters pertaining to the lumber trade, and is considered the foremost trade publication in the world. It is an effectively aggressive bulwark between the lumber trade and its utterances are invariably accepted as authoritative.

J E Hardin, of F A Hardy & Co., wholesale opticians and manufacturers of that class of goods, is an im-

portant factor in the company of distinguished tourists, he being the general secretary of the Chicago Commercial Association, and his relationship to the trip is somewhat official, although his position is honorary. Mr. Hardin is an unusually interesting character, is a successful young business man of great clerical ability, and is an eloquent talker and one of the orators of the party.

E U Kimbark, vice president and manager of the Paper Mills' the "paper man" of the Commercial Association excursion party, is "of age" in the business, having been in the wholesale paper trade for twenty-one years starting as office boy in a Chicago paper house at the age sixteen. He is an expert in paper, and is considered one of the best judges of paper in the country.

Mr Kimbark is a member of the executive committee of the National Paper Trade Association, and is secretary of the Western Paper Dealers Association.

John McCarthy, who represents the banking interests on the trip, is the assistant cashier of the Continental National Bank of Chicago, a position which he has occupied for nearly two years. His father is an Irishman by birth, but has lived in the United States the greater part of his life. He was for twelve years connected with the American Writing Machine Co., with headquarters in New York City, a concern afterward connected with other interests, and was for three years previous to his connection with the American Writing Machine Company he was connected with the Manhattan National Bank of New York. The Continental National Bank is the second largest national bank in Chicago and the eighth in size in the whole country. It has deposits of about \$55,000,000, a capital of \$5,000,000, and a surplus and undivided profit of \$1,527,000.

Franklin Mac Veagh, representing the great grocery interests of Chicago. Mr Mac Veagh, after being graduated from Harvard University in 1895, started immediately to work with the firm of which his father is the senior member. In 1900 he was made a partner and has been in this business ever since, with the exception of a year which he devoted to making a tour of the world. His work is principally the engaging and routing of salesmen and the employment of help.

This firm does business in thirty-three states and territories, and is one of the best and most favorably known grocery concerns in the United States.

Frederick Bode, who represents the wholesale millinery interests among the tourists of the Chicago Commercial Association, has grown up in that line of business. He was for several years with D B Fisk & Co., also with Edson Keith & Co. Thirteen years ago, Mr Bode with George Eberling bought the Page Brothers concern, which was then doing a business of half a million dollars annually. During the period from the time of their purchase, they have greatly enlarged the territories and have increased their business until the volume of their trade amount to a turn over of \$2,500,000 annually. They ship to practically every state in the Union, and even as far east as New York City, where they have a branch office.

W D Haynie, who is and has been, associated with the Illinois Steel Company as general attorney, is one of the older members of the party and personifies one of the largest interests represented. The Illinois Steel Company has, as is well known, large plants in South Chicago, in Joliet, in Milwaukee, and in Indiana. At South Chicago it manufactures tons of steel rails annually; at Joliet billets, wire rods, etc., of enormous volume; at Milwaukee small rails and round stock, and in Indiana its enormous cement plant produces 4,000 barrels of cement daily.

During the past ten years Mr Haynie has become thoroughly identified with the iron and steel interests and is an able representative of that line of commerce.

Lester Coy who has been with several large mercantile establishments in Sprague and Spokane for the past three years, arrived last evening on a visit to his mother and sisters.

Rumor Of Naval Battle

(By Scripps News Association)

Tsing Tan, Shanton Peninsula, April 27.—A private telegram received here says that the fleet of Admiral Rojestvensky has effected a junction with the squadron under Nebogatoff.

VESSELS LEAVE INNER HARBOR

Saigon, April 27.—All the Russian transports, and the hospital ship, Ore, which were left behind, when the main squadron of Rojestvensky left Kamban bay, left the inner bay yesterday. The vessels now form an immense area outside the harbor. The torpedo boats are kept busy steaming in all directions, apparently waiting for the arrival of the squadron of Admiral Nebogatoff. The vessels captured by the Russian cruisers were flying German flags, and reported that they were bound for Japan.

RUMOR OF NAVAL BATTLE

London April 27.—Markets are weak this morning on account of the reported cutting of the Hainan cable. There is an unconfirmed rumor of a great naval battle, in which several Japanese warships are said to have been lost. The heavy selling of international securities by Paris has forced the price down sharply.

Murderer Located

(By Scripps News Association)

Bakersfield April 27.—Pietro, the man wanted by the authorities of San Francisco for the murder and dismemberment of Biagio Vilaro, is supposed to be passing along Paso creek near this city. A farmer in that vicinity told the police that he had seen a man who resembled the accused man hiding in the woods. When shown the picture of the murderer, he declared unequivocally that he was the man and officers are used in scouring the neighborhood.

BATTLE REPORT

AFFECTS MARKET

(By Scripps News Association)

Paris April 27.—Reuters has declined forty centimes since last night on account of the reported naval battle between the Russians and Japanese.

New Oil Refinery

(By Scripps News Association)

Kansas City April 27.—H H Tucker Jr., today bought a fifty acre tract of land at Trener, Kansas, upon which he will build a large independent oil refinery.

CHICAGO STRIKE GROWS

(By Scripps News Association)

Chicago, April 27.—Five hundred policemen were detailed this morning to storm the center of the teamster's strike, which is expected to spread to several large houses, and may be accompanied by violence. The police are escorting the wagons to and from the stores and freight houses.

MORE JOIN STRIKE

The drivers of the Marshall Field company, the Carson, Pierce Scott company and the John V Farrell company all joined the strike this morning with the teamsters. None of the concerns have sent out wagons from the bars. One hundred and ninety drivers of the Forbes Cartage company also went out on a strike, and the strike now seems to effect sixty firms, which concerns furnish the wagons. The drivers of the railway and express companies have refused to haul goods for the companies of which the teamsters have struck, thus further complicating the situation. The labor leaders claim that there will be three thousand teamsters out by night.

MAY CALL GENERAL STRIKE

The labor leaders say that they will call out every unionist in the city if necessary, in order to win the strike, which now hinges on the employment of the Montgomery Ward people of the former union teamsters. A special meeting of the Chicago Federation of Labor will be called to empower the business agents to order strikes according to their discretion.

EXPRESS DRIVERS STRIKE

(Later) One hundred and sixty drivers of the United States Express Company refused to deliver goods today to the boycotted firms, and struck when one of their number was discharged. Their action affords the opportunity desired by the employers to ask the Federal Court to enjoin the strikers from interfering with interstate commerce.

(3:45 p m) The express drivers of all companies went out this afternoon.

FOUND MURDERED IN HOUSE FIRE

(By Scripps News Association)

Eureka Cal., April 27.—Upon quenching the fire in her home this morning, the dead body of Mrs Patrick Quinn was found on the floor. The lower half of the remains were burned to a cinder. The woman's skull was fractured and there were stab wounds on her face and neck. Robbery is supposed to have been the motive for the murder.

LADIES' SUIT SALE AT LIBERAL PRICE REDUCTIONS THIS WEEK



For this week we place on special sale our entire line of Ladies' Silk Shirt Waist Suits, Sicilian Shirt Waist Suits and Ladies' Tailored Suits, at sweeping price reductions. ANY SUIT YOU MAY SELECT AT SPECIALLY REDUCED PRICES. This in connection with the fact that we absolutely guarantee our suits the best value in Eastern Oregon at popular prices make this the greatest suit buying opportunity ever offered at the opening of the season. EVERY SUIT AT REDUCED PRICES

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