

## BOLD ROBBERY NEAR VANCOUVER

### ROBBERS PERFORATE BODY OF MIDAY HOTEL CLERK.

Bloodhounds Now on the Trail of the Cold-blooded Murderers Who Committed Bold Robbery Near Vancouver—After Fatally Wounding the Clerk, Followed Him and Punctured Body With Bullets—Held Up Several Others and Escaped.

Vancouver, Aug. 27.—Midway a town 12 miles away, was the scene of a sensational holdup last night when two highwaymen entered the Miday hotel, shot and killed Charles Thomet who was behind the bar, and commanded three other patrons to hold up their hands. Thomet reached for his revolver and opened fire, wounding one of the robbers. The latter fired at Thomet, who staggered through the door in a dying condition. Bloodhounds from Spokane are being brought to trail the murderers. After Thomet fell into the other room, the desperadoes entered the same room through another door and shot him several times more. They then escaped in the direction of Ferry, Wash.

One of the quartet held up included the local banker. No attempt was made to touch the till. Thomet was one of the best marksmen in this part of the country.

**Theatrical Manager Dead.**  
New York, Aug. 27.—Tony Pastor, the well known theatrical manager, is dead. He expired after a long illness. He has been identified with New York's theaters since 1859. He was born in 1826 and when 6 years old went on the stage as a vaudeville artist.

## CHARITY FOR ROYALTY. Crown Prince of Abyssinia Asks for Aid From Mission Officials.

Detroit, Mich., Aug. 27.—Officials at McGregor's mission are discussing the strangest charity applicant in the person of Prince Hendrix Hull Pulawharoo, crown prince of Abyssinia, who some day will sit on the throne of that country. He is the successor of Emperor Menelik, his first cousin. The prince was sent to the mission by a butcher to whom he appealed for help. He said he has sent home all his savings to aid his wife who is ill.

## MAY ABANDON THE EXPOSITION

### BITTER CLASH BETWEEN FACTIONS IN JAPAN.

So Sharp Has the Conflict Become That There is Talk of Abandoning the Proposed Tokio Exposition Entirely—Poorer Classes and the Cabinet Want Postponement, and Commercial Orders Want Original Date—Chief Topic of the Day.

Tokio, Aug. 27.—The clash over the question of postponing the Tokio exposition has become so bitter that some intimations of abandonment were heard today. All Commercial bodies have aligned themselves against the cabinet, the controversy involving practically all interests, both official and industrial. A majority of the members of the cabinet favor a postponement from 1912 to 1917, owing to the government's financial condition. Members of the Chamber of Commerce are against a postponement, and the poorer classes also want the postponement.

## MAY ABANDON SYSTEM OF ANNUAL FAIRS AT FAIR GROUNDS

### BUSINESS STREETS OF LA GRANDE TO BE INCORPORATED FOR EXHIBITS OF ALL KINDS.

New and Plausible Scheme for Method of Conducting Annual Fairs in Union County Being Discussed—Hoped That Plans Will Be Adopted Immediately—Impossible to Work Up Interest Where Grounds Are Two Miles From the City—Has Been Found Highly Successful in Other Cities—Promoters Working Along This Proposition Today.

A radical change in the method of conducting the annual Union county fair is being incited into the thoughts of public-spirited men today, and it is believed that the old system of conducting agricultural fairs in connection with the annual horse race meet at the fair grounds will be abandoned. In its stead will be conducted an agricultural fair on the streets of La Grande, where everyone can attend without the expenditure of 50 cents and loss of valuable time in reaching the site of the fair grounds alone. The agricultural department will be made greater and better than (Continued on page 3.)

## FLOOD VICTIMS APPEAL FOR FOOD

### FIRST REPORTS WERE UNDERESTIMATED AS TODAY'S INVESTIGATION HAS PROVED.

Homeless and Hungry, Inhabitants Are Clinging to Roofs of Buildings for Protection From the Floods—Several Bodies Found—Dire Distress Everywhere and Relief is Coming in Slowly—Coming Night Will Be Full of Terrific Suffering.

Columbia, S. C., Aug. 27.—Reports from the flooded district throughout the state show the losses will be greater than at first estimated. The western section's known losses exceed \$1,000,000. Railroads have suspended. There are no telephone nor telegraph connection between Columbia and the upper part of the state. Scores of reports were received today from various points telling of destitution, and people appealing for aid.

Hundreds are homeless and without food, and have no dry places to sleep.

**Augusta in Sore Straits.**  
Augusta, Aug. 27.—This city is a scene of great suffering as a result of yesterday's flood when the dam broke. The water on the main streets is 16 feet deep. Thousands are marooned in the upper stories, homeless and hungry. There are no means of distributing food. Tons of foodstuffs have been destroyed. The bridge over the Savannah river collapsed today under the terrific force of the rushing waters. In the excitement several houses were burned. Several families are floating about the city on rafts. There is a big loss of crops. Farm houses were washed away in many places.

**Relief Coming Slow.**  
Floods in all sections delayed all railroads, which makes arrival of relief slow. Supplies are expected from Atlanta tonight. It will be weeks before the city recovers from the shock. Reports from (Continued on page 3.)

## WITHDRAW WESTERN TIMBER. Oregon Pine and California Redwood May Drop Out of Shipments.

San Francisco, Aug. 27.—That the new lumber rates from Pacific coast to Atlantic points will result in the withdrawal of California redwood and Oregon pine from eastern trade is the opinion of the western lumbermen, who are complaining about the rates. The southern roads claim a new rate, which is 9 to 14 cents per 100 higher, was forced upon the western roads by the eastern roads, which did not agree to lower the rates.

## LOVE FEAST AT TAFT'S HOTEL

### BRYAN SAYS KANSAS G. O. P. REBUKED TAFT.

Brilliant Reception Slated for Tonight as a Farewell Affair to the Taft Family, Which Leaves Hot Springs Tomorrow—Pretty Girls Will Give Lender Loving Cup—Bryan Pleased With Outlook in Kansas—Gives Bank Address Tonight.

Hot Springs, Aug. 27.—A brilliant farewell reception will be given tonight by the guests of the Hot Springs hotel in honor of William H. Taft, who is preparing to depart tomorrow night. A bevy of pretty girls will present Taft with a handsome loving cup. The cup will be presented to Mrs. Taft by her son Charles. It is not definitely decided who will preside at the ceremonies, but the speech of presentation will be made by Colonel McEmery of New York. The Tafts have spent almost the entire summer here, and leave for Middle Bass island for a week's outing.

**Says Taft is Rebuked.**  
Kansas City, Mo., Aug. 27.—Wm. J. Bryan arrived here today on his way to Topeka, where he speaks tonight on the bank guarantee question. Bryan declared the action of the republican state convention in Kansas, in demanding a bank guarantee law, is a direct rebuke to Taft, who asserts such a plan is dangerous. Bryan is pleased with Kansas, growing out of the bank guarantee issue.

**SUICIDES TO AVOID ARREST.**  
Druggist Discovered Role in Selling the Riot Leader Poison.

**Springfield, Ill., Aug. 27.**—Mrs. Cecelia Overton, a companion of Kate Howard, who suicided last night to escape arrest, on a charge of murder in connection with the recent race riots, today declared that every druggist in the city was warned not to sell the Howard woman poison.

## NEW 'FRISCO IS TO BE IMMENSE

### INCLUDES A DOZEN SUB- URBAN TOWNS IN EXTENT.

Report of Greater San Francisco Committee and Sub-committee Divulges the Immensity of the New San Francisco—Includes Two Whole and Two Half Counties, as Well as a Dozen Small Towns and Cities in Vicinity of Shore Line.

San Francisco, Aug. 27.—According to a report submitted today by the Greater San Francisco committee and by a sub-committee on boundaries, a plan for a greater city in an immense territory around the bay shore will be carried out. The border line begins near Bolinas bay, Marin county, crosses the Marin peninsula at San Pablo straits, embraces Berkeley, Oakland, Alameda, Fruitvale and other towns as far south as Newark. It crosses the bay to Santa Clara county, where the line follows the county boundary across the Santa Cruz mountain to the seashore, at a point near Half Moon. All told, a dozen towns, cities and half of two counties and all of two others will be included in Greater San Francisco.

**Railroad Reassured.**  
Medford, Aug. 27.—There will be a railroad into central Oregon inside of two years, whether Harriman acts or not, is the statement made by John D. Porter, who built many miles of Hill roads. He returned this morning from an auto ride in central Oregon. He made the trip from The Dalles to Prineville and cross-country until Fort Klamath was reached. He made copious notes.

**GOVERNOR ENFORCES LAWS.**  
New Jersey May Have Trouble in Keeping Saloons Closed Sundays.

**Searlet, N. J., Aug. 27.**—Governor Fort today issued a proclamation declaring that if the excise law requiring the closing of the saloons on Sunday is not obeyed, he will call an extra session of the legislature and possibly order out the militia. The Sunday closing issue was the most important feature in the campaign last fall when Fort was elected.

**Large Oil Merger.**  
Los Angeles, Aug. 27.—Plans are being perfected today for a \$50,000,000 merger of the southern California oil interests to regulate business of all companies.

# OPENING DISPLAY Of Ladies Fall Suits In New York' Latest Styles

This week we place on display, for the first time fifty advance styles of New York's smartest ladies' tailored suits made by the best and most exclusive ladies' suit tailors in America. Suits of distinguishing style, character and individuality—designed by experts who are in touch with the fashion centers of the world—made from cloths that represent the highest obtainable results of the cloth designers and weaver's art. Embodied in these suits you will find everything worth while, superb workmanship, exclusive styles and patterns and in attention to all the small details so essential in the making of a really stylish garment. Our prices, too, will give you a decidedly pleasant sensation:

## \$15.00 to \$40.00



You are hereby extended most cordial invitation call and look them over.

## POLITICS HUM AT CLEVER RUSE

### DEMOCRATS ALLEGE THE RE- PUBLICANS ARE BEGGING.

Democratic Leaders Publish a Letter Purported to Have Been Sent Out by Republicans Asking Corporations to "Come Through"—As it is Illegal to Donate as a Corporation, They Ask Individual Members to Send Their Checks.

Chicago, Aug. 27.—The democrats have sprung a sensation by issuing the letter appealing to corporations for contributions, which they allege was sent out by the republicans over the signature of Fred Upham Saturday. The text of the letter, as given out by the democrats, points to a need of campaign funds, and informs the corporations that in as much as it is against the law for corporations to contribute, "You are requested to bring the matter to the attention of your business associates and ask each to send his check."

## Take a Little Soda For Your Stomach's Sake

This Advice Certainly Holds Good with Everyone This Sort of Weather  
Soda served at our fountain is more than a tasty thirst-quenching beverage. It is tonic and refreshing and every glass a strengthener for the stomach.  
Our Soda is absolutely pure, strengthening, reviving, refreshing and healthful. It "lands direct" on the "dry" spot and quenches thirst as nothing else will, because we serve it at just the right temperature.

### HILL'S DRUG STORE LA GRANDE, OREGON