

WHOLESALE PLAN QUARTERS

BIG CONCERNS LOOKING TO THIS CITY FOR FIELD.

BAKER GROCERY HOUSE PLANS HOUSE IN CITY

Two Firms Await Action of Each Other Before Taking Final Steps—Fine Site Owned by Baker Company—New Rates Make Headquarters for Two-County Distribution Here Feasible.

Two wholesale grocery firms are awaiting the day when the new freight rates become operative to install headquarters in La Grande. That at least one of them will build and operate a large house here, as soon as new freight rates become effective, is generally conceded and perhaps both, namely, the Allen & Lewis concern of Portland and the Baker Grocery company, will do so. The Baker Grocery company already owns a splendid site, on Jefferson avenue just off North Fir street, and the Allen & Lewis people, a big concern of Portland, are and have been dickering to get a warehouse foothold in La Grande. Which one will be the first to establish extensive headquarters is yet to be determined, in fact the truth of the matter seems to be that both are holding back, awaiting the other to make the first move. But on information of a reliable source it is learned that the Baker people are planning now to put their warehouse in operation here as soon as the new rates become operative, regardless of the competing firm's plans.

Terminal Rates Cause.

This venture, discussed tentatively for the past three years by the Baker dealers, has been fanned into likelihood by the fact that manufacturers of Missouri river points, Iowa and Omaha canning houses can ship their products to La Grande with the same freight rates that Portland gets now. The back-haul clause is eliminated with these concerns which furnish much of the meats and canned corn for the proposed warehouses and wholesale houses in La Grande. Maine sources of supplies are believed due to a drop in prices so that they can overcome the 23 per cent charges above terminal rates. In this way Portland stands to lose a great deal of its Eastern Oregon distribution business and La Grande will gain what Portland loses.

At present the Baker concern stores considerable goods here in leased quarters.

RECORD COSTS ASSESSED

Standard Oil Pays Heavily for Being Called a Trust by Court

Washington, D. C., Aug. 11.—It cost the Standard Oil company \$43,000 to be declared a trust by the supreme court. Today the company paid the costs of the recent dissolution suit, which was the largest costs ever assessed.

Senator Frye is Buried

Lewiston, Maine, Aug. 11.—With his eight grandsons acting as pall bearers Senator Frye was buried here today. Governor Platsted attended.

TAFT COMING WEST SHORTLY

ACTION DECIDED LAST NIGHT BY THE PRESIDENT.

Not Only Will Visit Frisco Ground Breaking, but Other Cities.

Washington, Aug. 11.—Unless something unforeseen arises, President Taft will be present at the ground breaking exercises of the Panama-Pacific exposition and will also visit other coast cities on his proposed western trip. He decided this last night, on urgent request of western cities.

HOPE OF PEACE CHEERS STARVING LONDON WORKMEN

Critical Situations in London and Liverpool--Soldiers Stand Ready--Food Shortage Severe.

London, Aug. 11.—Fears of bloodshed in London were allayed today when it was announced that the carmen's strike, which caused the most rioting in the present labor war, had been settled. During the morning the outlook for a settlement of all strikes was bright. The employing federation announced its acceptance of the teamsters' demands, and a settlement of the lightermen's strike is impending.

Anticipating peace the government has suspended the order for movements of further troops but the soldiers will be held in readiness. Famine among the working men is impending, and the ruin of employers at the principal causes which are settling the strikes.

Food Shortage of the Worst

Thousands of workmen are literally starving. Pawnshoppers are refusing to accept any more pledges. The heat too, is intense.

Every industry is affected and even

the mint is closed as no wagons are obtainable to haul its bullion. Along the water front every dock is piled high with food, and the Thames is simply blocked with ships while the city starves.

Liverpool Still in Struggle.

Liverpool, Aug. 11.—Trade is dead here today and strikers completely control the city. The police are powerless to control the strikers and even aided by two squadrons of Scot guards the authorities were enabled to gain only a temporary grip on the situation by driving the strikers to the side streets. They returned as soon as the guards left.

Leaders of the strikers today stopped the coaling of the liner Teutonic. This action ties the vessel up so she can't sail until the labor war is settled. In Hull and Manchester all transportation is paralyzed. Riots and strikers overpowered the police.

29 PERCENT IS WOOL SCHEDULE

TARIFF AGREEMENT REACHED THIS FORENOON.

Differences Between Two Bills Split, Making Final Measure.

Washington, Aug. 11.—Settlement of the vexed wool schedule came today when the house conferees, headed by Underwood, and the senate conferees led by La Follette, agreed on a 29 per cent tariff on raw wool.

The agreement split the difference between the house and senate measures for revision of the wool tariff. The house bill provided for 20 per cent duty and the senate measure for 35 per cent.

It was also agreed that a 29 per cent ad valorem rate should apply to woollen shoddies, rags, etc. Although there are some differences on the bill yet remaining unsettled, Underwood said he expects to reach an agreement on everything before night.

BAILEY RESIGNS AGAIN

Angered Solon From Texas Leaves Monetary Commission for Good.

Washington, Aug. 11.—Senator Bailey today resigned as a member of the monetary commission. It was accepted without objection. The resignation was presented when the senate engaged in a spirited filibuster to kill the Cummins bill ending the commission. Bailey got angry.

BATTLE'S MOTHER DEAD

Woman Who Lived in Luxury Through Son's Fighting, Killed

Medford, Or., Aug. 11.—Cancelling all engagements, Battling Nelson, former lightweight champion of the world, left here hurriedly for Hege-wisch, Ill., today to attend the funeral of his mother who was killed by a train yesterday.

POPE'S HEART BETTER

Medical Treatment Brings Pius Nearer Normal Condition.

Rome, Aug. 11.—As the result of hypodermic injections of caffeine, Pope Pius' heart is stronger today. He feels more encouraged. His general condition shows slight improvement.

NEW FINANCIAL POWER FEARED

FRICK AMONG THOSE SAID DEPOSED BY IT.

Wall Street Alarmed Even Though Frick Denies His Ousting.

New York, Aug. 11.—Wall street today is greatly confused over conflicting reports that powerful financial interests, who are reported as being after Henry Frick's scalp, had succeeded in ousting Frick from the directorship of the Union Pacific and would soon secure his removal from the steel corporations. Frick today denied the reports, and said he did not intend to resign from anything.

HOTELS SHUT TO NEGROES

Denver, Aug. 11.—With 3000 negro delegates expected to attend the National Negro Educational congress which convenes here tomorrow, the local committee is "up in the air to-

PRISONER IS KILLED

Committed to Prison, Enraged Prisoner Shoots and Is Killed.

Christopher, Ill., Aug. 11.—Committed to jail today by Justice Mormon, Martin Spadown who shot the magistrate through the arm, wounded Marshall John Stackrider and two deputies named Mack and Hughes, before the officials killed him with a bullet through his own head. During the affray Charles Shadowen, a brother, was thrown from the court room window and fatally injured.

LORDS' VETO BILL, FORERUNNER OF HOME RULE FOR IRISH, IS PASSED BY THE PARLIAMENT

London, Aug. 11.—Passage of the Lords' veto bill last night is causing unbounded enthusiasm among the Irish members of parliament, as it is believed it means a realization of the national dream of home rule for Ireland. In the future the house of commons

FIRE RAZES OLD COVE LANDMARK

ENTIRE TOWN MENACED WHEN SHINGLES ARE SCATTERED.

VALUABLE FRUIT PRESERVATIVES BURNED UP IN BLAZE

Blacksmith Shop, Built Over Thirty Years Ago, Destroyed, and Its Burning Comes Near Spelling Ruin to the Town of Cove—Watchmen Needed All Night to Prevent Other Fires.

Fire that for a time threatened the town of Cove, residences and business structures, destroyed a landmark in Grande Ronde valley and did considerable damage to property last evening about 8 o'clock. The fire, of origin at present unexplained, started in a barn, now delapidated and deserted, that was built over 30 years ago, shortly after the Civil war, by James Masterson of Elgin, and was used as a blacksmith shop for many years. The loss of the barn was trifling, excepting for its value as a landmark of pioneer days, yet a carload of shingles owned by Lay & Daniels was burned and during the destruction of the tinder-like shingles, burning embers were carried far and wide by a slight wind. But for the fact that the air currents were light, the town would undoubtedly be destroyed for the burning shingles lit everywhere and it was only by diligent watch during the night that any other fires were prevented.

Aside from the carload of shingles, 10 barrels of valuable cherry preservatives used by the Oregon Packing company, of Portland, for which Dave Clark is local agent, were destroyed, and in addition some empty barrels for packing purposes were burned up. The total loss is only about \$600, but the narrow escape from complete destruction which the town suffered, made the blaze one of cause for a great deal of alarm during the life of it, and throughout the night.

Watchmen were kept on duty at various places until morning.

RAILROADS CLAIM EARNINGS DO NOT WARRANT DEMANDS

World-wide Union of Railroad Men Aimed at by Chicago Leaders--Western Men Closely Watched.

Shops Are Fenced—Sacramento, Cal., Aug. 11.—A gang of carpenters, comprising a ten-foot fence surrounding the University Library, are here. On the top boards are heavy posts and a barbed wire. The officials say that they are following orders, and the shop employes are not talking much of the strike, and make no comments.

Chicago, Aug. 11.—That the first gun in the threatened fight between the railroads and their shop employes will be fired at San Francisco is the belief expressed here today.

Labor leaders will probably watch the Pacific coast and see what attitude the railroads assume toward the shopmen's organization. If they are recognized a movement to secure a recognition on other lines will be pushed. Mr. Kruttschmitt, director of maintenance of the Harriman

men, said today that it was up to the unions whether a strike will be called or not. He said the railroad earnings are too small to grant the increases asked.

Gigantic Union Planned.

Chicago, Aug. 11.—A readjustment of railroad earnings, making a nationwide strike, is the critical situation which it is understood is now drawing to a head here. Within six months, it is said a new system of meeting the men and their demands must be devised or a monster labor war may result.

The new method is planned by the American Federation of Labor which, guided by its railroad department, plans to arrange for a system of smaller federations. Each of these small federations will represent all the unions employed on a single railway system. This will make it possible for the unions to arrange their contracts with the railroads so they will expire at the same time, so all can go out if the demands of any single branch of the federation is refused by the railroad concerned.

CAPITAL AND LABOR MAY BE ASKED TO HELP FRAME TRUST COMMISSION. PLAN POPULAR

Washington, Aug. 11.—A federal trust commission, controlling all the interstate corporations now under investigation, was recommended today to the Stanley Committee by steel king Perkins, as a solution of the trust and industrial problems. Perkins was delighted when Representative Littleton told him that Littleton proposed introducing in the house a resolution providing for a comprehensive investigation of industrial conditions preliminary to altering the Sherman trust law, and that both big

business and labor would be asked to aid in settling the present trouble. "Littleton's information is the best news I have heard for a long time," said Perkins.

Representative Bartlett, resuming the inquiry asked if the steel trust attorneys were consulted before Gary and Frick held a conference with Roosevelt which resulted in the absorption of the Tennessee Coal & Iron company. "I don't know," said Perkins. "At that time no one could get lawyers to tell us what we could legally do under the Sherman law."

Want Pensions for 1898 Widows

Detroit, Mich., Aug. 11.—Widows of soldiers who served in the Philippines will receive pensions the same as widows of the Civil War veterans, if plans of veterans of the army of the Philippines conventioning here are carried out. The convention today decided to petition congress to that effect.

Phones Are Returned

The telephone boycott is off so far as this city and Joseph are concerned. Monday night saw the matter adjusted to the satisfaction of company and subscribers and telephone service was resumed Tuesday morning.—Wallowa Sun.

Togo Visits Squadron

Washington, Aug. 11.—Admiral Togo will pay a visit to the North Atlantic squadron, now off Provincetown, Mass., by special permission of the Navy department. Togo asked the permission which was immediately granted.

Chicago Attorney Returns

Attorney Franklin Harris, a well known barrister of Chicago, who traveled through Canada with Dr. N. Mollitor, his life long friend, and was a

guest of the doctor here, left last night for his home.

Mrs. Baker Slightly Better

Mrs. John Baker, critically ill this week, is believed to be resting a trifle better today than last night. Her condition is still precarious.

SMALLPOX AT PERRY, REPORT

HEALTH OFFICER TO MAKE A CLOSE INVESTIGATION.

Report Made to Doctor Mollitor of Contagion There.

A report that smallpox in a more or less virulent form has broken out at Perry, has been made to County Health Officer Dr. N. Mollitor, and tomorrow morning Mr. Mollitor will make an official inspection of the case to determine definitely what is the nature of the disease reported as smallpox.