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COLONISTS TO BE INCREASED

GENERALLY SOUND BUSINESS INDICATES INFLEX.

Coming Migration to the West Will Be Large.

Spokane, Wash., Jan. 23.—(Special)—Colonist travel on all lines to Washington, Oregon, Idaho and Montana, from eastern points this spring will be much larger than last year, according to Howard A. Noble of St. Paul, general passenger agent of the Great Northern Railway company, who is in the northwest on his first official visit. While here he said:

"Business is generally good in the passenger department, showing increases over last year. Of course, it is quiet in some spots, but the good crops of 1911 gave the farmers a little extra money. Many inquiries are being received from persons interested in Washington, Oregon, Idaho and Montana.

"The indications are for a heavier colonist travel this spring. This probably is due to the crops of 1911 and to the advertising through the western governors' special train which trav-

ersed all over the east. The land shows also greatly exploited the country.

"I look for an increased demand for small farms, 10 to 20 acres, nearer the larger towns and cities this year. This is much inquiry for logged off lands and tracts that can be used for dairying and poultry raising where small orchards can be set out. Many working people in the east, with small savings, are making these inquiries, and it is our aim to get these people to come west and locate. We have our exhibit car traveling through Indiana and Ohio now, and instead of having it make stops in the larger cities as heretofore, are having the car stop at towns of from 500 to 1,000.

"While it is not definitely settled, I look for a reestablishment on all transcontinental lines of last year's colonist rates, based on \$33 from Chicago to Pacific coast points and \$25 from St. Paul. This is one of the matters to be discussed at the next meeting of the association."

The republican and democratic national convention are each to have 1,074 delegates. A republican candidate is nomination by a majority of the delegates, therefore President Taft needs only 538 votes for re-nomination. The democratic national convention nominates a presidential candidate by a two-thirds vote, therefore the winner in the democratic national convention must secure 716 votes, 176 more than the republican candidate.

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CHICAGO PIPES BOTHER POOR

SOLD SPELL WORKS HAVOC WITH THOUSANDS.

Vegetable Prices Soar When Cold Snap Comes.

Chicago, Ill., Jan. 23.—(Special)—The low temperature which in Chicago established new records of duration for nearly half a century will cost many million dollars in high prices the country over for food and fuel and in losses of produce, fruits and plumbing. The cabbage and potato could not travel without extra precaution against freezing; the stoves and furnaces became inoperative and the way plumbing froze and burst was beyond anything ever seen, plumbing having been scarce in days of similar "cold spells." In the poorer tenement houses havoc was wrought with waterpipes but plenty of expensive flats were in no better case.

Shipments of produce practically came to a standstill and before the supplies can be restored famine prices will prevail. The new Chicago coal monopoly refrained during several days of severe cold beginning to talk of famine but then began to shove the prices upward, notch by notch, carefully watching the public's willingness to be squeezed to determine how much of a harvest would be safe. Voluble explanations were made that the "railroads were slow."

The warm weather which will follow this severe cold is expected to ruin the six million barrels of apples held in ordinary storage by speculators on January 1st. Cold storage capacity was too small for the 1911, apple crop although it is said that in Chicago alone a million barrels of apples are in cold storage.

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GYMNASIUMS FOR ALL PUPILS

SUCH IS MOVEMENT SET AFOOT IN SPOKANE.

Dance Hall and Noodle Joints Are Objects of Attack.

Spokane, Wash., Jan. 23.—(Special)—A gymnasium in every grammar school, the abolition of the public dance hall and the noodle joint and the substitution of the supervised playground and the neighborhood social center will be urged by the committee appointed this week by the Child Welfare league to investigate conditions in oriental cafes and public ballrooms.

This is the statement of Mrs. W. H. Page, secretary of the league and the chairman of the committee. Continuing she said:

"Why spend thousands and thousands of dollars upon our high school equipment—the school of the favored few—and not one cent upon the masses of children who never reach the high school? The cause of their failure to reach the high school may be lack of physical strength to stand the mental strain of school."

"The public dance hall and the noodle joints must go. The school house must be made an institution—a university of the people. It is here we want our boys and girls to meet for social life. Here we want the tired father and mother to find recreation, relaxation and stimulus.

"Our campaign will not alone be corrective, but preventative." It is not our intention to take away the noodle joint and the public dance hall, places of amusement, without providing a healthy substitute.

"We want supervised playgrounds and the wider use of the school house as a social center, without having to pay fees to the janitor.

"This committee will be enlarged progressive men and women of the city and it will number upon it the most city. We are determined to get results."

Spokane, Wash., Jan. 23.—(Special)

—From comparatively nothing to the ownership of over 1,900 acres of excellent wheat land in Lincoln county is the remarkable record made by Mrs. Josephine Ditmar, the "wheat queen" of Reardan, Wash. The history of Mrs. Ditmar's business life for the ten years reads like a romance. Everything that she acquired more than doubled in value. Thirty-two years ago the Ditmars left Oregon and settled near Davenport. At that time there were not many houses in Spokane. After a few years the family moved near Reardan, where Mrs. Ditmar has lived ever since. In 1902, without funds, but believing in the future of the Big Bend country, Mrs. Ditmar purchased 720 acres of land under contract. She was not able to pay a cent down, but by hard work, good management and abundant crops she was able to pay for the land in three years. From 1905 to the present time she has gradually acquired land until today she owns more land than any other woman in the state. Her land at the present time is estimated at a value of \$150,000. Next year she expects to average at least 40 bushels per acre, which will give her a return of something over \$53,000.

Spokane, Wash., Jan. 23.—(Special)

—Too many "Spokanes" scattered throughout the country bid fair to lead to interstate complications. The chamber of commerce has learned that North Carolina, Ohio and Missouri each boasts a town named Spokane. Wherefore, R. J. Maclean, secretary of the local chamber of commerce declared with emphasis that he would communicate with Senator Miles Poin-dexter in an effort to have a few of the towns with names similar to this select new ones. In a conversation with a visitor recently Mr. Maclean was informed that the city by the falls had no corner on the name Spokane. The secretary immediately dictated a letter to the postoffice department, elicited the information that Missouri, North Carolina and Ohio have towns that have taken unto themselves the classic Indian appellation. "There should be but one Spokane," declares Secretary Maclean. "There is but one San Francisco in this country. Complications have arisen from the duplication of Portland, Vancouver and other cities."

Frank S. Katzenbach, former mayor of Trenton and for many years a prominent figure in politics in New Jersey, is mentioned for the democratic nomination for vice presidential candidate.

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Canadian Ex-Premier to Speak.

Chicago, Ill., Jan. 22.—The Belleville club of Chicago, at its second annual dinner to be given at the Hotel La Salle tomorrow night, will have as its guest of honor and principal speaker the Right Honorable Sir MacKenzie Bowell, K. C. M. G., the former premier of Canada. The club is composed of Belleville men who formerly made their homes in Belleville, Ontario.

Journal Praises Tilly Olson.

The Portland Daily Journal says of the Tilly Olson show which plays here at the Steward January 25th: "Tilly Olson," the better half of the Yon Yonson family, occupied the stage at the Empire yesterday afternoon and last night, greatly to the entertainment of her many devoted admirers. The Swedish dialect plays have a special clientele of their own—many who don't go to see anything else, don't fall to grasp an opportunity to see the dialect comedians in their work, and the attendance at both performances was large.

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