# PROFITEERS WAIT

If You're Going to Convention, Take Plenty of Cash Along.

Western American Bureau. WASHINGTON, D. C., May 9. profiteer, is getting ready for the Shrine convention. The adding machine has been discaded as much too slow and the multiplying machine is being dragged out with which to boost

Hotel rooms are simply not to be had by anyone. The officials of the imperial council, reserved their hotel space a year ago at outlandish prices. Private homes are being "thrown open" at so much per throw.

The restaurant people are already

The restaurant people are already beginning to lay a predicate for their high prices by saying that there will be a food famine here during the convention, which probably is inspired by the extravagant claims of the Shrine committee's press agent who asserts that half a million persons will visit Washington. If 100,000 come here, the old town will be filled to the overflowing. Washington is crowded any way and 100,000 folks, which, by the

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