

AFTER 9-HOUR DAY

Planing Mill Workers Make a Demand.

WAGE ADVANCE IS OFFERED

But Union Holds Out for Fewer Hours—No Agreement Yet, and Possibility of a Serious Clash.

Proprietors of local planing mills have decided to advance wages 25 cents per man. Whether this will prove satisfactory to the recently organized millmen's union, however, remains to be seen, as a demand has also been made for a nine-hour day, and this, the proprietors say, they will be unable to grant.

The large export business, which has of late developed in Portland, is due partly to the shutting down of many Eastern mills because of the difficulty of securing lumber. This has raised the price of sash, doors, moldings and other mill products in the East, and has made it possible for goods manufactured in Portland to find a market outside of the city, and the indications are that local trade will soon cut as little figure with the planing mills as it does with the saw-mills.

Wages in mills vary widely with the skill of the men and the nature of their employment. Expert "stecker" or molding machine men receive now from \$2.50 to \$3.50 a day. Planer hands are paid up to \$2, and some of these, and other unskilled and door machine hands receive all the way from \$2 to \$3. Laborers in the yards and mills are paid from \$1.50 up to \$2.

Just what the millmen propose to do has not yet been decided. Although their union has lately been organized, it numbers many members. Organization has been going on steadily since the first of the year, and it is said that the union has been gaining strength in all of the mills.

The proprietors assert that they have no objections to unions as such, and feel that their men have the right to organize for their own protection. They do not object to the union as long as it will be possible to run on nine hours without sacrificing a large and growing business, and will probably take this stand firmly.

There has been no clash so far, the question having been discussed only between employers and men as individuals. There is no bitterness, and the likelihood of trouble is looked upon by both sides as remote.

ADVANCE IN A SAWMILL.

Imman, Poulsen & Co. Raise Wages 25 Cents Per Man.

Imman, Poulsen & Co. announce that on the first of April they will advance the wages of their men 25 cents each. This method of advancing the wages is looked upon as more just than an advance on a percentage basis, as in this way the men who are receiving small wages will get as much benefit as those who are paid \$3 or more, and who consequently are not in an great need of the money.

PERSONAL MENTION.

Mayor G. J. Farley, of The Dalles, is at the Imperial.

H. C. Thompson, County Treasurer of Clatsop County, is a guest at the Imperial.

E. M. Croftan, leader of the Elmon-Geer political forces in Marion County, is a guest at the Imperial.

Frank Geiser, one of Baker County's enterprising young mining men, is spending a few days in the city.

Judge William E. Ellis, who has been spending a few days in the city, returned to his home on last night's train.

Attorney A. S. Hammond, who is a candidate for Attorney-General, returned to his home in Medford last evening.

Governor T. Z. Geer returned to Salem yesterday afternoon, after a short conference with political associates in the city.

State Senator L. L. Porter and George C. Brownell, of Oregon City, were conferring with local political leaders yesterday.

F. W. Chausse, of Grant's Pass, who is a candidate for the nomination of State Printer on the Republican ticket, returned to his home on last night's train.

State Senator N. H. Looney, of Jefferson, came to the city last evening. Mr. Looney says that the death of Samuel Hayden is the cause of widespread sorrow in Marion County.

R. W. Baxter, of Omaha, superintendent of the Union Pacific, came to town yesterday and began renewing acquaintances in railroad row and outside of it. He will be here a few days, looking after private interests. Mr. and Mrs. Baxter are at the Portland.

Sammy Vigneaux, the popular baseball manager, who has been sojourning at St. Martin's Springs, Wash., came to the city yesterday to attend to matters concerning the baseball situation. He returns to the springs this morning, and will remain there until March 25.

Manager Koshler and Superintendent Fields, of the Southern Pacific, returned yesterday from a trip of inspection over the main line from Portland to Dunsmuir, Cal. They found the road in very good shape, and during their four days' journey they found the trains running on excellent time.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 20.—Portland people registered at the Palace Hotel are as follows: J. O. Humphrey, Mrs. Wiley, Miss S. H. Lewis.

Oregonians are registered at the Occidental as follows: Mrs. I. P. Kohn and H. F. Fickenshain, of Portland, and H. Watson, of Albany.

NEW YORK, March 20.—Northwestern people registered at New York hotels today are as follows: Mrs. E. M. Pond, of the Ashland; H. O. Hanlon, at the Savoy; E. H. Lewis, at the Herald Square.

NO RELIEF IN EQUITY COURT

John Kieranan's Suit Against Mary Dempsey Dismissed.

Judge George yesterday dismissed the suit of John Kieranan against Mary Dempsey and Mary C. Rogers to recover about \$200 on notes executed in favor of the Portland Savings Bank, on the ground that it is not an equitable proceeding, but should be prosecuted as an action at law.

There was some Portland Industrial Exposition stock pledged as security for the loan made on the notes. With reference to this the court held that if the name of Mary Dempsey on the pledged stock was a forgery, the stock would not be considered pledged, and that it may have been possible that she wrote the name on the back of the stock for her own convenience, and that it was taken by some one and pledged for the loan, and with the pledged property disposed of, the suit would not be one in equity.

ANSWER M'KAY'S SUIT.

Mr. and Mrs. Ferris Make Defense Against Mortgage Foreclosure.

Margaret Allen Ferris and Clarence S. Ferris, her husband, yesterday filed an answer to the suit of Harry F. McKay to foreclose a mortgage. Dr. McKay holds the mortgage by assignment from Thomas A. Gibbons. The answer recites that August 25, 1900, the mortgage for \$1000 was executed to Gibbons, payable in five years, on a house and quarter-block on the northeast corner of Union avenue and East Hoyt streets.

In January, 1901, Margaret A. Ferris became insane, and Thomas Gibbons was appointed as her guardian, and has not yet been discharged, although Margaret A. Ferris was liberated from the asylum as cured, December 18, 1901.

It is alleged that Gibbons as guardian has been collecting rents on property owned by Mrs. Ferris, amounting to \$22 per month, but has not paid the interest on the mortgage on the Union-avenue property, but neglected to do so for the purpose of procuring a foreclosure of the mortgage. The value of the property is worth \$4000, all of which is known to Gibbons, and it is denied that the assignment to Harry F. McKay was for a valuable consideration or any consideration.

MRS. HICKLING LOSES SUIT.

Judge Cleland Decides She is Not Entitled to Husband's Support.

Judge Cleland yesterday decided that Mrs. S. W. Hickling did not make a proper showing in her suit against her husband, Charles Hickling, for support, and dismissed the case. Mrs. Hickling asked for \$5 per month to provide for herself and two children. Hickling is a restaurant keeper, and his wife testified that the business is a profitable one and that he is well able to assist her and the children.

The parties were married in 1888. In 1897 Mrs. Hickling sued her husband for a divorce, which was denied by the court. Since that time they have lived together. Mrs. Hickling testified that for about three years Hickling bought clothing and shoes for the children, but for the past 23 months had not done anything for them. She said she did not live with him, and never would.

George C. Stout, attorney for the defendant, called the attention of the court to the latter statement of the plaintiff, and said that under the circumstances and showing made, she was not entitled to an allowance for support. She refused to cohabit with her husband.

STEAMER SPENCER LIBELED.

A. M. Bertrand Seeks to Recover \$515 for Barge Sunk to Be Sunk.

A. M. Bertrand has filed a libel in the United States Court against the steambarge Charles R. Spencer, her "wearing apparel, fishing tackle," etc. He charges that while the steamer was towing a raft of logs up the Willamette River she swung the raft out of its course, causing it to strike the barge and causing it to sink. The cost of raising the barge and having it repaired amounted to \$515, which he seeks to recover, with costs, etc. Captain E. W. Spencer, the owner of the steamer, gave bonds in the sum of \$1000 and secured her release from custody. He says that the steamer did not strike the barge, which sank because it was leaky above the water line, and because one end of the barge had been unloaded, causing the other end to sink deeper in the water, so that the water poured into her above the water line.

Affidavit in Divorce Case.

In the divorce suit of Mary Pearl New vs. J. Dudley New, commenced some time ago, an affidavit was filed yesterday showing that a copy of the summons and complaint were mailed to New at San Francisco, where he now resides. Mrs. New in her complaint charges her husband with cohabitation and adultery, and asks for a divorce, and once threatened to throw her out of the house. She alleges that he is revengeful and jealous, and says that in June, 1901, she left him for fear of her life. She asks to be restored to her maiden name, Simpson.

Petition for Adoption.

William J. Netherton and wife yesterday filed a petition in the County Court for the adoption of Lillian Clarissa Netherton, aged 2 years, and to change the name of the child to Lillian Clarissa Netherton. It is stated that the father and mother: Bert and Hilda Winer, deserted the child, and the boys' and girls' Aid Society was appointed guardian.

Decisions by Judge Calk.

Judge Calk will announce decisions this morning as follows:

In the matter of the estate of Charles O. Smith, deceased; petition for sale of real estate.

Estate of J. W. Whalley, deceased; petition for removal of executors.

Estate of Ida M. Bryant, deceased; petition for removal of executors.

Articles of Incorporation.

Articles of incorporation were filed yesterday of the Southern Pacific Excavator Company by A. S. Pattullo, R. K. Warren and John R. Swinton. The capital stock is

Coak Dept. See the new Monte Carlo Coat in silk—Handsomeness New Etamine Skirts in colors—Novelty Suits came by express yesterday—Long Silk Coats, new styles arriving daily—2d floor Meier & Frank Co. Meier & Frank Co. Easter Clothes for boys—Superb styles at very reasonable prices—(Second floor.) New arrivals in high-grade Muslin Underwear—All styles—(Second floor.) "Fanehon" Suede Gloves in black, tan and mode—Best quality—All sizes.

Friday Surprise Sale Today the 658th Friday Surprise Sale—A great offering of two immense lots of fine Bedspreads at a price fully one-third below regular value—As you get to know this linen store better you'll begin to realize what a splendid place it is to get what you want at a great saving on what you are asked to pay elsewhere—Here's one illustration—(See window display.) 500 full size Marselles pattern Spreads in great variety of designs, splendid weight, and for today 98c only at the extremely low price of. 200 Marselles and Satin Spreads in the very best designs, big size and fair weight, the greatest value ever offered you at \$1.69

Baby Carriage Talk There's a store not a thousand miles from these corners giving considerable publication to a line of baby carriages heralded as the oldest, largest and best equipped manufactory of baby carriages in the whole world, making every part that enters into the construction of a baby carriage, while as a matter of fact this particular carriage is the product of the supposed manufacturer we told you about in Wednesday's Oregonian—He makes the body, he does the upholstering, he does the finishing—This mammoth carriage builder occupies a frame building 75x150 and three floors in the conservative little community of Leominster, Mass., where they have never possessed the plant necessary to make a running gear or the automatic machinery to make a perfect wheel—We're a personal acquaintance with this particular manufacturer.

The Gendron Factory In Toledo, Ohio, where for thirty years they've been building high-grade baby carriages, being the largest plant in the world devoted to the building of wire wheel vehicles, possessing the most perfect electric welding, rim truing and wheel-making machinery in existence, making the only perfectly true wire wheels on the market because of exclusive possession of automatic machinery effecting that result—Every part of the carriage with one exception (rubber tires), made under one roof—The new styles, 40 in number, now ready, and ranging in price from \$4.25 to \$40—(Third floor.) Venetian Granite Ware At one-third below value—Last two days of sale—Coffee Pots, Teapots, Dishpans, Saucepans, Rice Boilers, Water Kettles, and a dozen other style pieces—Replenish the kitchen closet at a saving. 22 Pounds Sugar for \$1.00 Best dry granulated—All you want of it—Phone Private Exchange 4—(Basement) Meier & Frank Company | Meier & Frank Company

AN OPINION FROM THE GOVERNMENT SURGEON AT FORT STEVENS, OREGON. OFFICE OF THE SURGEON, Fort Stevens, Or., March 15, 1902. Publishers of The Oregonian, Portland, Or.: Gentlemen:—The only ray of sunshine that has found its way into my quarters during the long, dark, dreary days of Winter, came with the set of "Modern Eloquence." To say that I am pleased with the books conveys a small idea of their worth. They are both entertaining and instructive. I do not know when I have read anything that has so charmed me. Yours truly, JAMES REAGLES, M. D.

PRIZES FOR SCHOOL PUPILS Oregon Humane Society Invites Competitive Compositions. City Superintendent of Schools Rigler has sent circulars to the principals of the city schools, informing them that the Oregon Humane Society invites competitive compositions from the various public schools of the city upon any of the following subjects: First, second and third prizes will be awarded for successful competitors. "The Value of Bird Life." "The Check-rein." "Examples of Animal Intelligence." "Visitation." "Our Household Pets." "The Protection We Should Give Animals." "Influence of Humane Education." The conditions of the contest are as follows: First—Pupils of all grades from fourth to ninth, inclusive, will be permitted to compete. Second—Compositions will be divided into three classes, as follows: First class, those submitted by pupils of the eighth and ninth grades; second class, those submitted by pupils of the sixth and seventh grades; third class, those submitted by pupils of the fourth and fifth grades. Third—The principal of each school shall select from the compositions offered a number not exceeding 10 in each class and forward them to the City Superintendent not later than April 18, 1902. Fourth—Compositions should be from one to five pages in length. They are often too long than too short. Fifth—Pupils must write under fictitious names. Sixth—Each composition must be separate from all others, with the name of the school, the grade of the pupil, and his fictitious name placed at the head. Seventh—The grade and real name of each pupil competing must be placed in a sealed envelope, on the outside of which is written the pupil's grade and his fictitious name. Eighth—Write on one side of the paper only, and fasten at upper left-hand corner. Ninth—For compositions of the second and third classes, any subject dealing with kindness towards animals may be used. The society will award general prizes as follows: For compositions of the first class (eighth and ninth grades), first prize, \$12; second prize, \$8; third prize, \$5. For compositions of the second class (sixth and seventh grades), first prize, \$10; second prize, \$5; third prize, \$4. For compositions of the third class (fourth and fifth grades), first prize, \$7; second prize, \$5; third prize, \$3. All prizes will be presented at the regular annual meeting of the society. BUSINESS ITEMS. If Baby Is Cutting Teeth, Be sure and use that old and well-tried remedy, Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup, for children teething. It soothes the child, softens the gums, allays all pain, cures wind colic and diarrhoea. The Latest Things in skirts from Paris show a finish of blue velvet on the edge. The best blue velvet has S. H. & M. stamped on the back—Adv. The most perfect pencil made is a "Koh-I-Noor."

OLDS, WORTMAN & KING For Present Wear, For Easter Wear Easter Novelties and Table Favors. Our third floor is alive with all kinds of pretty Easter ideas. A few culled at random are Souvenir Plates, each, . . . 15c Easter Pin and Ash Trays, ea. 10c Easter Eggs, many sizes and effects, each, from 4c to 12c Rabbits, each, from 5c to \$1.35 Easter Egg Cups, with raised chicken decoration, each, 5c A STOCKING SENSATION One of the good things our stocking man picked up for thrifty buyers—a lot of fine imported LADIES' BLACK LISLE HOSE In regulation and fine gauze weights, ingrain fast dyes, full finished and strengthened at every point. A really superior 50c hose. Yours TODAY AND TOMORROW AT 29c PAIR. Little Things at Littler Prices Bargains for Today and Tomorrow. Fine Art Toilet Soap, box of three cakes, special, box, . . . . . 25c Sulphur Transparent Tar Soap, special, cake, . . . . . 15c Antiseptic Pine Tar Soap, special, cake, . . . . . 12c 10c Toilet Soaps, seven different kinds, special, cake, . . . . . 6c 35c box Writing Paper and Envelopes, plain or ruled, assorted tints, special, box, . . . . . 19c Handy Box Desk Assortment of Labels, Tags, etc., worth 75c, at, box, . . . . . 50c Belt Buckles, many styles, special, each, . . . . . 10c

Lipman, Wolfe & Co. 3000 Yds of RIBBON BARGAINS 10c AND 15c SILK RIBBONS 5 cents Our ribbon buyer found a manufacturer anxious to dispose of an accumulation of inch and inch and a half fancy silk ribbons. Worth 10c and 15c yard. He purchased the lot. Get your share of the bargains today. Your choice at 5c yard.

Gros de Naples Ribbons 45c The best ribbon manufacturer in America made these ribbons. They are the best ribbons that he ever made. Made of the purest, finest, most lustrous silks, on the finest looms, most carefully operated by expert ribbon weavers. All the leading syndicate shades are shown. Not only is the Gros de Naples a ribbon of beauty, but it retains its luster and finish, and exquisite appearance after continual use, and after being washed and ironed. Our price is the same as asked by all leading Eastern ribbon stores, 45c yard.

L. Shanahan 144-146 THIRD, BET. MORRISON AND ALDER FRIDAY NEWS IS GOOD When you get it from us. We want you to know for once and for always that this great store can give the greatest values in Portland. We believe you will appreciate our way of advertising. Friday from this on will be a day of specials. In all departments you will find some articles marked at a saving from 50 to 100%. In other words—

FRIDAY ONLY AT THESE PRICES Large-size towels, worth 10c, 5c Boys' knee pants, worth 25c, 15c Men's suspenders, worth 15c, 10c Clark's machine cotton, a spool, 1c Boys' caps, for, 1c Child's umbrellas, worth 35c, for, 19c Dress goods, worth 25c to 50c, for, 19c 5c a yard, for, 2 1/2c Amoskeag ginghams, worth 7c, for, 4c FRIDAY ONLY AT THESE PRICES Ladies' muslin drawers, worth 25c, for, 15c Ladies' chemise, worth 50c, for, 15c Ladies' muslin gowns, worth 60c, for, 29c Ladies' lace-trimmed hose, worth 50c, for, 18c Ladies' black seamless hose, worth 25c, for, 5c Children's tam o' shanters, worth 50c, for, 10c Children's Summer underwear, worth 25c, for, 10c Boys' percale waists, worth 25c, for, 10c Infants' cotton vests, worth 15c, for, 5c This signature is on every box of the genuine Laxative Bromo-Quinine Tablets the remedy that cures a cold in one day.