

MAY BREAK TRUST

Six Members of Big Sugar Pool Act in Concert.

EXTENDS ALL OVER COAST

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SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 21.—(Special.)—The existence of a secret agreement among the wholesale grocers of the coast for the past year and a half to control the price of sugar has been revealed by the withdrawal of six local houses from the Pacific Trade and Commercial Association, the name used to cover the joint operations of the members of the trust.

Among those who have quarreled with the trust are Haas Bros., Tillman & Bondel, Sussman, Wormser & Co., Wellman, Peck & Co., William Cluff, and Lewin & Meyer.

The agreement worked very well until it was discovered that some of the parties to it were taking advantage of it to undercut the rest. It is charged that the rebels have been competing with foreign refiners, with the result that they have been assured better terms from Hawaii, Central America and China than they are getting from the refiners in the agreement.

Assistant United States District Attorney Charles M. Fickert declares that if it can be shown that the trust is in violation of the interstate commerce law, the Government will take action against the pool.

The trust had, up to last Monday, 48 members, comprising the leading wholesalers all over the coast. Offices were maintained in the Hayward building, and Manager H. D. Loveland was employed at a salary of \$10,000 a year. The members received a secret rebate on the price charged their competitors by the coast refiners, who in turn received the pledge of the refiners to patronize them exclusively, and to maintain the scale of prices to be given out from time to time by the refiners.

PORTLAND TRADE UNAFFECTED

Sugar Prices Will Not Be Changed Unless Later Developments Occur.

According to one of the leading wholesale grocers of this city, there has been no disruption of the Pacific Trade & Commercial Association, and such an outcome of the trouble is not considered probable. It is said that only four out of the 48 members have withdrawn from the association. They are San Francisco firms who were dissatisfied with the management, but they carry much less weight with the association than the heavy Portland buyers. So far as the trade of this city is concerned, the compact, or traffic agreement, is still in force and will doubtless remain so. It is acknowledged, however, that future developments may alter the situation. A factor in the case is the invasion of the coast field by the Independent Hawaiian refiners, and it may yet secure a following powerful enough to upset present conditions in the sugar trade of this part of the country. Until that time comes, at least until the Western refiners take steps to combat the opposition, there will be no change in sugar prices.

NEEDS TWENTY-SEVEN BOOKS

Public School Required to Buy \$9.80 Worth During Course.

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FAST RIDE WRECKS NERVES.

Girl Who Clung to Flying Cowcatcher Is in Precarious Condition.

PENDLETON, Or., Dec. 21.—(Special.)—Miss Edith McBride, who six weeks ago made a desperate run to catch a train, and was assisted by a switch engine before the train left the local yards, is a nervous wreck. She is now at her home in Albena under a physician's care, and her condition is considered precarious. Miss McBride had been visiting here, and upon leaving for the depot was late. The train was just pulling out, as she was about a block away, but knowing she had to return to her home at Pendleton that day, she made a desperate effort to catch the train. She was picked up by a switch engine, and standing in front of the cowcatcher, she was carried along at a rapid rate. After being escorted to the train, she became ill from the excitement, and her nervous system has since been almost completely wrecked.

SEATTLE SOLID FOR FAIR.

Chamber of Commerce Will Aid the Lewis and Clark Exposition.

SEATTLE, Wash., Dec. 21.—(Special.)—The Chamber of Commerce today passed resolutions committing that body to the policy of working to assist in making the Lewis and Clark Exposition completely successful. The Chamber declared in favor of an appropriation of at least \$100,000 from the Washington Legislature to make a suitable display.

BOOKER WASHINGTON COMING

Colored Orator Will Visit Northwestern Colleges in June.

WHTMAN COLLEGE, Walla Walla, Wash., Dec. 21.—(Special.)—Booker T. Washington, the great colored orator, will speak in the college chapel under the auspices of Whiteham College on

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LEG BROKEN; LIGHTS FAIL. Result of Loose Spring in La Grande Power Plant.

LA GRANDE, Or., Dec. 21.—(Special.)—The engineer at the La Grande electric power-house plant, P. E. Brumby, had a leg badly crushed today, the result of a powerful spring on the engine becoming loosened and striking him above the ankle. Two bones were broken. The accident to the engine caused the lights to go out for several hours. The engineer's condition is not considered serious.

SLIPS AND BREAKS NECK.

Boy Playing on Street is Killed in a Peculiar Accident.

NEWBERG, Or., Dec. 21.—(Special.)—While playing along one of the streets of Newberg a little before dusk last evening with several other boys, 14-year-old Willie Corrie, son of James Corrie, slipped and fell on the edge of the sidewalk, breaking his neck. The parents of the unfortunate boy are almost prostrate with grief.

NORTHWEST DEAD.

John Michaels.

WEISER, Idaho, Dec. 21.—(Special.)—John Michaels, a well-known ranchman and cattleman living about 14 miles from Weiser, was found dead in his barnyard about 7 o'clock last evening. Returning from his home, he was attempting to climb when he slipped and broke his neck. The end was painless. It came as a paternal goodby, and while the sting of everlasting parting was there, it was softened by the knowledge that he to whom the summons came was prepared. Among the many who enjoyed the rare privilege of Senator Shoup's acquaintance, his death is regarded as a keen personal affliction. To the State of Idaho the passing of such a lovable character, such a broad-minded, unselfish, untiring worker for the welfare of the commonwealth is an irreparable loss.

William Alvord.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 21.—(Special.)—Mr. Michaels was about 73 years of age. He was one of the best residents of what is now Washington County. He was well fixed financially. He leaves a wife and three children. Mrs. Dan Ackley, of Boise, wife of a senator of the State Penitentiary, is a daughter.

Children Call Father Insane.

OREGON CITY, Or., Dec. 21.—(Special.)—A. Grisshaber, a farmer residing near New Era, was examined today on a charge of insanity, preferred by his children, who allege that the father threatens them with serious personal injuries. Grisshaber, who is about 61 years of age, drinks excessively, and has at times been considered unsafe. He has employed attorneys and is fighting the case. The hearing, which is being conducted before Judge Ryan at the Oregon State Penitentiary, is expected to be continued until Thursday morning.

New Immigration Inspector.

PORT TOWNSEND, Wash., Dec. 21.—The following year will see material changes in immigration circles in the Northwest. Colonel Thomas M. Fisher, inspector in charge for Washington, at his own request, is to be relieved here, and will be given a less laborious detail in the East, and will be succeeded by Inspector John Sargent, now in charge of the substitution at Sumas. Colonel Fisher's new detail has not been announced, but he will probably go to the Eastern Coast. He is one of the oldest and most experienced men of the Chinese service in the United States.

Building Injunction Denied.

ASTORIA, Or., Dec. 21.—(Special.)—A motion for a permanent injunction in the case of the O. R. & N. Co. vs. the Masonic and Odd Fellows Association was denied in the Circuit Court this afternoon, and the motion was denied. The suit was brought to settle the title to two lots along the waterfront in this city, and the result secured a temporary injunction restraining the defendant from constructing any building on the property.

New Lumber Schedule.

VANCOUVER, B. C., Dec. 21.—British Columbia lumbermen are tired of rate-cutting, and have reorganized the combine formerly existing with a new schedule of prices which will be higher than have been quoted by individual mills at lower than the rate formerly upheld by the association. The schedule gives an average reduction on rough lumber of from 20 to 25 per cent, and on other grades of 25 per cent.

Show First Planer in State.

OREGON CITY, Or., Dec. 21.—(Special.)—At the Hargreaves sawmill at James may be seen an interesting relic of early Oregon days. It is the planer that was imported from London by Dr. John McLaughlin and which was the first machine of the kind ever brought to the Oregon country. An effort will be made to secure this relic as an interesting feature of the Clackamas County exhibit at the Lewis and Clark Fair.

Trains Stop at North Powder.

LA GRANDE, Or., Dec. 21.—(Special.)—North Powder, 25 miles east of La Grande on the line of the O. R. & N., has, through the efforts of the La Grande Commercial Club, been made a flag station, and all passenger trains will now make regular stops at that point. North Powder is becoming a good-sized town and is in a prosperous farming and cattle section.

New Bishop of Helena.

DUBUQUE, Ia., Dec. 11.—Rev. John P. Carroll, ex-president of St. Joseph's College, of this city, was today consecrated bishop of the diocese of Helena, Mont. Archbishop Keane, of Dubuque, officiated as consecrator. Archbishop Glennon, of St. Louis, presided at the ceremony. Twenty prelates and 300 priests were present.

No Cows at Large.

HILLSBORO, Or., Dec. 21.—(Special.)—The City Council has passed an ordinance, to take effect January 1, to prohibit cows from running at large within the city limits. The ordinance covers livestock of all descriptions and covers as well.

MURKIN EYE REMEDY.

Cures Sick Eyes. Makes Weak Eyes Strong. Murkin don't smart. It soothes eye pain. Druggists and opticians.

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true for family, country, friends and state gave its final throes, and the spirit of the patriot, statesman and beloved friend and neighbor took flight.

There was no false ring in the profuse expressions of regret voiced on all sides when the news of the Senator's death spread. Among the countless friends of George L. Shoup, not one can be found who ever heard him utter an unkindly word of any man, none who ever knew him to refuse to perform a kindly act. He belonged to his family, his friends, his state and his Nation, and to all trusts he was loyal. Little wonder then is that flags were half-masted, that men of all political beliefs stood in the chilly fog on the street corners, and deplored in sincere tones the loss of a friend and counselor.

State Funeral Friday.

In response to appeals which could not be resisted, the family of Senator Shoup has consented to a state funeral. It was the desire that the funeral should be as simple and unostentatious as was the life of the man upon whom the state had so often conferred the highest honors within its gift.

It has been decided that the funeral services will be held in St. Michael's Cathedral Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock. The simple services at the Episcopal Church will be conducted by Bishop Funston, assisted by Dean Hinks. There will be no music, no display, no formalities of any kind. In the evening, where the last rites are to be performed, the Masonic Grand Lodge will supervise the ceremony. The like members of the Loyal Legion, and the Grand Army will participate in the obsequies, and the state will be fully represented by the executive and judicial officers and the Justices of the Supreme Court.

Although the arrangements have not been fully completed, it is announced that the casket will be taken to the Capitol building at 10 o'clock on Friday morning. Surrounded by a guard of honor, the body will lie in state until the hour set for the funeral. This decision was reached in response to insistent demands from the public which said Shoup has served so long and faithfully, it was felt that the people had a right to the opportunity of a farewell to one who held such a prominent place in their hearts.

The body of Senator Shoup will be moved from the residence at the Capitol building at 10 o'clock Friday morning. A detail of Knights Templars will act as an escort. The casket will be placed in the Capitol building on Friday morning. Details from the Third Cavalry will be stationed at the entrance.

(George Laird Shoup was born at Kittanning, Pa., June 15, 1826. When 15 years old, having received an academic education, he moved with his parents to a farm near Galena, Pa. For six years he was with his father, stockraising and farming, and then the family moved to the "Pike's Peak" country, as Colorado was then called.

In September, 1861, he enlisted in a company of scouts. Later he joined the First Colorado Cavalry and saw service until the close of the war, leaving the service as Colonel of the Third Cavalry of Colorado. During the Civil War he had obtained a 30 days' leave of absence in order that he might serve as a member of the Colorado Constitutional Convention.

In 1866, Colonel Shoup established stores at Salmon City, Idaho, and also at Virmondia City, Mont. He came to the Gem State at the time of the great Leasburg gold boom, and his business venture proved successful from the start.

He was a member of both the Eighth and Tenth Territorial Legislatures of Idaho—1874 and 1878. From this time on he was active in politics as a Republican. His party sent him to the National Convention in 1886, when he was a member of the National Republican Executive Committee. He served in this capacity again in 1888. He went as United States Commissioner for Idaho to the Cotton Centennial at New Orleans, 1884-1885. His executive ability was rewarded in 1889, when he was chosen Governor of the Territory of Idaho. Scarcely a year later when Idaho was admitted as a state, he again won gubernatorial honors. On December 11, 1890, Governor Shoup was elected United States Senator, taking his seat later in the year. His second term as Senator expired in 1901.)

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RUNS FOR FREEDOM

Dangerous Ex-Convict Escapes From Jail Guard.

BLOODHOUNDS ARE ON TRAIL

Edward Farrell, Who Walked Streets Threatening to Kill Penitentiary Warden, is Considered One of State's Worst Criminals.

WALLA WALLA, Wash., Dec. 21.—(Special.)—Edward Farrell, an ex-convict, now serving a ten months' sentence in the County Jail, escaped from the guard while working on the county road near the city at 6 o'clock this afternoon. While the guard had his back turned Farrell picked the lock of his ankle shackles, and made a break for the brush, 100 yards away. Deputy Sheriff Gilliam quickly organized the guard, and started in pursuit, and at 6 o'clock bloodhounds from the penitentiary were put on the trail, but up to a late hour tonight no trace of the fugitive has been found.

Farrell was serving time in jail for having burglar tools in his possession last September on the day after he was released from the penitentiary at the end of his third term. He walked about the streets threatening to kill Warden Dryden and Chief Turney McLaughlin, and when arrested the tools were found on him. His first term in the penitentiary was from Spokane, but he was pardoned. Within one month he was returned from Tacoma for burglary.

After serving out his year's sentence, Farrell went to Seattle and robbed a store and returned for two years. Since being imprisoned in the County Jail he led the recent attempt to break out. He was the only one who escaped. The shanks were found on him. He is considered one of the most dangerous criminals in the state.

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last night, dying a moment later. She was in the sleeping-room with her husband, who was in bed sick at the time. He lay with his back to the wall and heard her go to a bureau drawer to obtain something. Then he heard a pistol shot. Getting up as quickly as possible, he saw his wife reeling toward him. He caught her as she fell over on the edge of the bed. Without saying a word she died in his arms.

Investigation shows that a revolver in the bureau drawer had been discharged, but whether she did it purposely or it was caused by accident is not known. The coroner made an investigation and decided the shooting was accidental. There was nothing to show that she had reason to take her own life.

Exceptions in Lauth Case. OREGON CITY, Or., Dec. 21.—(Special.)—The bill of exceptions in the Lauth murder case, having been signed by Judge McBride, were returned to this city today and tomorrow will be forwarded to the Supreme Court by Senators Brownell and Dimick, who are Lauth's counsel. But slight modifications were made to the bill of exceptions by Judge McBride. It is expected the case will be argued before the Appellate Court about January 1. Lauth has been sentenced to be hanged Friday, January 27.

Observatory for Mount Wilson. LOS ANGELES, Dec. 21.—The Express today says: "Today a telegram was received from Washington stating that the

Carnegie Institute for the Promotion of Science of that city had made a grant of \$100,000 for the use in 1906 for the purpose of establishing a solar observatory on Mount Wilson. Its further equipment and maintenance will be provided for by subsequent grants. It is estimated that the equipment of the observatory will cost not less than \$300,000. Dr. George Hale, director of the Yerkes observatory of the University of Chicago, has been appointed director of the Solar observatory.

Town's Fierce Rivalry. WALLA WALLA, Wash., Dec. 21.—(Special.)—The excursion gotten up by the Walla Walla business men brought 1600 shoppers from Pendleton and intermediate points today. Yesterday the rival excursion, starting from the Oregon city, only carried 28 passengers. Merchants report large sales to visitors today and are much pleased over the outcome of the strife for Christmas business of Umatilla County.

No Noose for Boyd. NORTH YAKIMA, Wash., Dec. 21.—(Special.)—Millard Boyd, under charge of murder in the first degree and in whose case a jury failed to agree on a verdict last week, was admitted to \$1000 bail today. The court said that the failure to agree on a verdict eliminated the presumption of murder in the first degree.

THE BEST CHRISTMAS GIFT For Wife, Mother, Daughter Sister or Sweetheart

By this Sign you may know and will find Singer Stores Everywhere

A small payment down, the rest at convenient intervals. Four different kinds and a wide range of prices to suit. Select Now-Delivery when wanted. Get the Best and you get the Singer.

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When your child is ill you dislike to make it take bad tasting medicine. Hence it is well to know that Ayer's Cherry Pectoral is very pleasant. But it is a medicine, a strong medicine.

Time and time again we have published the formula of this cough medicine in the principal Medical Journals of this country and Europe, and have mailed it to nearly every physician in the United States.

So it follows that when your doctor orders it for coughs, colds, bronchitis, or consumption, he knows precisely what he is giving.

Physicians recommend their families to keep it on hand.

Made by the J. C. Ayer Co., Lowell, Mass. Also manufacturers of AYER'S HAIR VIGOR—For the hair. AYER'S PILLS—For constipation. AYER'S AGUE CURE—For malaria and ague.

Advertisement for THE JOHN BARRETT COMPANY, featuring imported bellows, driftwood blaze, electric and gas lamps. Text: "We are overstocked on Andirons, Plaques, Imported Bellows, Driftwood Blaze, Electric and Gas Lamps. These goods came in all at once and we are compelled to sacrifice." Includes an illustration of a lamp.

Advertisement for SINGER SEWING MACHINES. Text: "THE BEST CHRISTMAS GIFT For Wife, Mother, Daughter Sister or Sweetheart. By this Sign you may know and will find Singer Stores Everywhere. These Machines are never sold to dealers. Only from Maker to User." Includes an illustration of a Singer sewing machine.

Advertisement for Helvetia Economy Brand Evaporated Cream. Text: "From the Cow to the Table. Inspectors watch the farms and feed of the cows. We test all the milk as it is brought to our condensing. There is no place in the world where more caution is exercised to insure absolute cleanliness. Every department is under the direct charge of a partner in the business. Under these conditions Economy Brand Evaporated Cream is produced. If you try it, you will say it is the most pleasing and appetizing. Chemists and doctors say it is the most healthful. Take no brand unless it bears the cap label reproduced here. We produce ninety per cent of the world's supply and guarantee every can bearing our cap label. HELVETIA MILK CONDENSING COMPANY, Highland, Ill." Includes an illustration of a cow and a woman milking.

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