

GET GOOD BRICK

What the Railways Give the Jobbers.

LATTER IN ANGRY MOOD

Concessions Offered Are of No Value.

SECOND CONFERENCE CALLED

Wholesalers Will Demand to Know Just What the Railroads Intend to Do, and an Interesting Session is Promised.

The North Pacific Coast Jobbers' and Manufacturers' Association was handed a gold brick by the traffic representatives of the transcontinental railroads at the meeting of Thursday last, but not having passed the title deed of its approbation in the transaction it will decline to accept the gift at the next meeting, which is scheduled for Wednesday or Thursday of this week, and will at that time request that some consideration be shown the arguments extended by it in behalf of the Portland, Seattle and Tacoma merchants, and will ask that some concession be granted.

At the meeting of last week J. C. Stubbs, as the spokesman of the railroad party, presented a proposition to the association which it was represented would be a partial agreement to the demands of the Coast-line shippers. The statement as presented, however, was of formidable appearance and could not be digested at a glance, and the members of the association asked for time in which to consider it and examine whether or not it was all that was claimed for it. This time was granted by the railroad men and a committee was appointed, representative of Portland, Seattle and Tacoma, to go over the presumed concessions and report its findings to the association. This work has been partially done, so it is reported, and the result is not at all to the liking or satisfaction of the shippers. In fact, the reverse is the case, and it is stated that instead of remedying the evils in distributive rate questions at issue, the adoption of the new schedule would make matters worse than they are at present.

Will Not State Difficulty.

What the difficulty is will not be stated at this time, and no explanation of the trouble that is brewing can be given, but it is admitted that there is a widespread feeling of dissatisfaction on the part of the jobbers, which feeling will be in evidence when the next joint conference is held this week.

The shippers hold that the same rate is being charged back from the coast at the present as was in force 20 years ago, in spite of the changing conditions and volume of traffic, which would make it possible for the roads, in justice to themselves, to make concessions without robbing themselves of right, and equitable on the part of the shippers. The representatives of the freight departments of large transportation companies is a thing alluring, so the shippers state. Their statements are plausible, but the results are being discussed, and the two interests met in conference, discussed the questions at issue and gave out the information that all was harmony and peace. It was true that nothing had been done, no definite announcement had been made by the traffic men, but still it was evident from the speech of the railroad men that they were all imbued with the idea and necessity of making the best adjustment in the shortest possible time. The matters under discussion were intricate and needed diligent study. In the meantime the proposition which had been made was a partial concession and would bridge over the interval until such time as a full solution could be found for the problem of lower distributive freight charges to the interior.

One week has already passed and the spirit has changed. Unrest has taken the place of complacency and dissatisfaction has supplanted hope. At the next meeting generalities and platitudes will be brushed aside and an earnest effort will be made to dig into the heart of the question and reach results. The traffic men know the conditions to be met, they have digested the requests made by the Coast shippers and should be able and ready to tell what they can do to alleviate the burden of discrimination under which the Coast men are laboring.

Jobbers Will Not Temporarily.

The jobbers are not in a spirit to temporize; they want to know, to be shown what is to be. If the freight men are going to give relief they want to be told so. If nothing is to be done they would be pleased to receive their sentence.

For these reasons it is expected that the coming mid-week meeting will be a strenuous one. The railroads have conceded, and can dictate. United, they hold the balance of power, but whether or not they would weather a storm in common cause is a matter of doubt. Each side is entering the arena with those of the other which under stress of circumstance might cause the Harriman system or the Hill lines to break away from any agreement that might have been made. And again the Washington State Commission is a very potent though uncertain factor. The Interstate Commerce Commission looms large in the background, and a verdict of discrimination might work more harm to the railroads than voluntary concessions.

These things give the shippers hope, though what will be done in the event of absolute refusal on the part of the roads to make concessions and obliterate discriminations has not been determined upon or studied to any great extent. Spokane Traffic Company and recognition of its demands, wherefore, it is argued, cannot Portland, Seattle and Tacoma. The plan is not outlined, but somewhere lies a hidden remedy.

The result, then, is being watched with great interest not only by the wholesalers and jobbers, but by the retail merchants. The railroad men do not want open trouble, which augurs well and it is hoped that when the hands are shown the shippers of goods will be victorious, if only in part. But every one predicts a warm and most interesting session before the last bluff is called and the cards are thrown on the board.

Damage Suit is Transferred.

The damage suit of James A. Hyde against the Warren Packing Company was transferred to the United States Court yesterday from the jurisdiction of the State Circuit Court in Columbia Coun-

ty. Hyde asks for \$15,000 as compensation for injuries received while employed as carpenter in the cold-storage plant of the defendants at Goble, Or. While performing his duties it is alleged that the plaintiff fell into a tank of boiling water, as a result of which he was severely scalded and otherwise injured. The damages are asked for on the ground of negligence and carelessness on the part of the defendants in permitting the tank to remain unguarded and in not properly protecting those who were required to be in its vicinity.

AFTER "TICKET - SCALPERS."

Test of the Laws Will Be Made by Municipality.

The "ticket scalpers" are about to be scalped by the city attorney, if there is any virtue in the ordinance recently passed by the City Council providing for a \$500 annual license and various drastic police regulations on the business.

The railroads have been leading a fight against the ticket brokers of the city for some time and have even declared that no low rates for the Exposition would be made unless the Council or the Legislature gave protection against the scalping of round-trip non-transferable tickets. In response to the pressure brought to bear, the Council during the latter part of last year passed an ordinance the observance of which means the practical extinction of the ticket-broking offices in Portland. This ordinance became effective January 1, but has never been enforced up to this time, though suit was threatened some weeks ago.

In the meantime the Legislature enacted a law along much the same lines as the Portland ordinance, and it was thought that the city authorities were waiting for the test case promised by the brokers to be brought under the state enactment. The state law does not become operative until May 17, however, and the railroads are becoming anxious to have the matter tested and out of the way, one way or the other, before the commencement of the Exposition. Accordingly, Attorney A. C. Spencer, of the O. R. & N., has served notice on the city authorities that the ordinance was not being observed, that no license was being paid by the brokers, and that suit should be commenced. City Attorney Fitzgerald will secure evidence that the ordinance is being violated and will thereupon bring suit in the Municipal Court.

When asked last evening as to when the action would be begun, Mr. Fitzgerald stated that the first case would be probably brought about the middle of the week, or as soon as he could prepare for it.

The brokers on their part declare that the ordinance is unconstitutional in that it requires the brokers to show the inner working of their business and places restrictions upon them which virtually kills their trade. They will contest the actions brought and will carry the case into the Supreme Court if necessary.

Suits will be filed against C. H. Thompson for non-observance of the ordinance in his Third-street office, and against M. J. Higley, who has an office near the Union Depot on Sixth street. Mr. Spencer will assist in the conduct of the cases.

ARRAIGNMENT OF MITCHELL

It Will Take Place at 10 o'Clock This Morning.

A. S. Bennett, of the Dalles, reached the city yesterday morning and it is reported will represent Senator Mitchell at his arraignment which is to take place this morning at 10 o'clock.

Although Mr. Bennett has but little to say as regards the case contemplated in the Mitchell trial, it is understood that he will be glad to have the case set for as early a date as possible. The Senator has been many times in the city and desired to have his case called as soon as may be, and the statement of his attorney bears out the attitude.

Mr. Bennett will also represent the Butte Creek Land & Lumber Company and those of the company's officials who are now under indictment when the cases against them are called in the Federal Court. Besides this, he is to represent John Northrup, indicted with John Hall and others for an attempt to defame the character of District Attorney Heney, and also will be one of the representatives of J. N. Williamson, who will also be defended by H. S. Wilson, of the Dalles.

It is understood that Senator Mitchell has prepared several motions and demurrers which he will interpose as soon after his arraignment as is possible, which bears out the story that he would make his trial one of technicality more than one of evidence offered in rebuttal. He will appear this morning at 10 o'clock to answer the summons for his arraignment.

WHY NEED YOU REGISTER?

Prohibitionist Says Primaries Are Not at All Important.

PORTLAND, April 10.—(To the Editor.)—The first two lines of a card headed "Register Now," which has been widely distributed in connection with the Chapman meeting during the past week, read: "It is the duty of every citizen to vote at the primaries." This statement is absolutely untrue. Not only is it not the duty of every good citizen to vote at the primaries, but a large number of the very best citizens of Portland cannot vote at either the Republican or Democratic primaries without being automatically disqualified as dishonorable act. I refer particularly to party prohibitionists and Socialists. I might also fairly include the Christian and several voters of our city generally who do not propose to vote for certain candidates now before the people, even should they vote at the primaries.

Again, presumably referring to the primaries, this card reads: "This is the opportunity of all friends of good government." This statement is also untrue. Neither the Republican nor the Democratic primaries necessarily presents an opportunity—let alone "THE opportunity"—for the friends of good government; but let no one suppose there will be no opportunity open to the friends of good government at the coming elections. Such opportunities will unquestionably be presented by the Prohibition party, whose nominee for Mayor will not only be the equal in character and business ability of any man that can ever be nominated at the primaries, but will be a man regarding whose position as to law enforcement there will be no question, and who, while protecting to the utmost the saloonkeeper in all the privileges granted him by the Christian citizenship of the state, will never cease to protest by voice and vote against the existence of the saloon, regardless of boxes, combination houses or other accessories.

It is the sheerest nonsense trying to purify politics by voting in oil-party primaries, under the present conditions of things. Good men will not adopt the same methods, to be nominated, that had men will; and when the best men of the city are nominated, which they usually do, the good people are in honor bound to support them.

Keep out of oil-party primaries unless you intend to support the nominee of the primary at which you vote, whether he be your choice or not. Anything short of this is dishonorable. It is said: "There is honor among thieves." Let it not be said: "There is want of honor among Christians."

I. H. AMOR.
German Evangelistic Movement.
Rev. A. W. Reinhard, pastor Zion's German Presbyterian Church, spoke at the ministers' meeting on Monday morning of the advisability of a German evangelistic campaign in Portland. German ministers expressed their approval and will meet at the German Reformed Church, Rev. Mr. Halper, pastor, on Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock, to discuss the plans of the campaign.

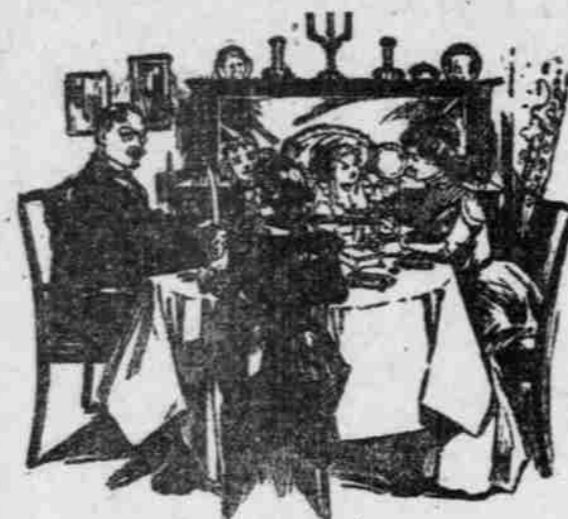
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Sole Portland Agents for the Famous "Ostermoor" Patent Elastic Felt Mattresses—All Sizes—Every One Guaranteed—Lowest Prices—Third Floor

April Sale of Dinner Sets



Two carloads of Dinner Sets included in this Great April Sale which starts today—American, German, English and Haviland china sets in all the newest and best designs at unusually great reductions—Bargains every housewife having table china to supply is deeply interested in

- American Semi-Vitreous Dinner Sets, open stock patterns; 60-piece set for \$3.88
- 100-piece set for \$6.57
- 60-piece Semi-Vitreous Set, green floral decoration, gold on knobs and handles, great special value at \$5.47
- 100-piece set, same as above, for \$8.65
- 60-piece Semi-Vitreous Dinner Set, pink floral decoration with heavy gold tracing, unequalled val. \$6.97
- 100-piece set, same as above, for \$9.85
- 60-piece Semi-Vitreous Set, pink rose decorated and gold band, best value ever offered at, set... \$6.97
- 100-piece set, same as above for \$9.85

English Semi-Porcelain Sets

Open Stock Patterns.

- 60-piece English Semi-Porcelain Set, heavy green decoration, gold on knobs and handles, great value at \$6.45
- 100-piece set, same as above \$9.43
- 60-piece English Semi-Porcelain Set, neat gray decoration, full gold finish, great special value at \$6.78
- 100-piece set, same as above \$9.87
- 60-piece English Semi-Porcelain Set, pink floral decoration, gold band, gold on knobs and handles, at \$7.52
- 100-piece set, same as above \$11.23

Haviland China Dinner Sets

- 100-piece Haviland Dinner Set, pink floral decoration, great bargain at \$21.85
- 60-piece Haviland Set, blue forget-me-nots with gold edge and handles, \$33 set, on sale for low price of \$26.40
- 100-piece set, \$47.00 value, for \$37.60
- 60-piece Haviland Set, green floral decoration, heavy gold mounted, great bargain at \$27.90
- 100-piece set, same as above \$40.50
- German China Sets, open stock pattern, great values, \$12.49, \$14.57, \$19.52.

\$6.50 Silk Waists \$3.85

A grand offering of fine Silk Waists for today's shoppers—This big Cloak and Suit Store of ours has been giving you no end of good things of late. You will find this Waist Special equal to the best values of the season—100 of the newest and prettiest Tailor-Made Silk Waists in all sizes, 32 to 44—invisible or shepherd checks and plaids in a great variety of the very newest colorings and combinations. All are splendidly made and finished coming from the best silk waist manufacturer in the land. Every waist in the lot best bonafide \$6.50 value—your choice \$3.85

Two Grand Silk Bargains

3000 yards of splendid quality Striped Silks for waists and shirtwaist suits; low variety of colorings; best 85c values, on sale at 69c this low price, yard 69c

3000 yards of the popular Checked Silks for shirtwaist suits; many styles to select from; the very best \$1.00 quality can be bought here at the low price of, yard 73c

Women's \$38 Suits \$28.45

For today and tomorrow a high-grade suit bargain for women who want and appreciate something "good" in ready-to-wear apparel—75 of this season's most attractive Tailored Suits in blouse, jacket and tight-fitting box and eon styles—Colors are checks, navy, brown, green, tan and black in serges, Sicilians, broadcloths, voiles and fancy worsteds—Skirts are plaited, gored or flared. The style, quality and general get-up of the garments will make them appeal forcibly to Portland's best dressers—\$36.00 and \$38.00 values \$28.45—We are showing an immense line of women's Silk and Alpaca Shirtwaist Suits in all the very newest effects and ideas, at prices ranging from \$7.50 to \$35.00 each.

New shipment of Women's Walking Skirts in Cheviots, Granite Cloth, Tweeds, Cashmeres, fancy checks, great variety, at prices from \$5.50 to \$20.00.

Immense line of new Tan Covert Coats in all the very newest styles. The greatest showing in town at prices ranging from \$7.50 to \$30.00—Second Floor.

Portieres and Couch Covers

- Double-faced Tapestry Couch covers, green, red or tan, two-tone effects, fringed all around—best \$2.50 val., each \$1.79
- \$3 Bagdad stripe Couch Covers, full size, heavy fringe \$2.15
- \$4.50 Oriental Couch Covers, in red and green, red and blue, reversible, full size... \$3.38
- Heavy mercerized Portieres, fringed top and bottom, two-tone effects; all this year's colorings and designs, regular \$7.50 values, pair... \$5.35
- Fringed Window Shades, 3 colors only, oil opaque, mounted on good rollers, reg. 65c values, pair... 39c

\$1.75 Allover Laces 98c

18c Embroideries 9c Yard

85c Swiss Insertions 63c Yd.

Three great bargain events in the Lace Store for today, Tuesday and Wednesday. You don't want to miss them.

18-inch black, white and cream Venise and figured Net Allovers, very best styles, values up to \$1.75 a yard, on sale 98c at the low price of, yard.....

8000 yards of Cambrie and Nainsook Embroideries and Insertions, three to five inches wide; very best designs; values up to 18c yard, for low price of, yard..... 9c

Swiss Insertion for shirtwaists, 2 to 3 1/2 inches wide, values up to 85c yard; all this season's newest and most desirable styles, on sale at low price of, yard..... 63c

10-Inch Skirt Embroidery 29c Yd.

1500 yards of handsome 10-inch Skirt Embroidery, great assortment of the prettiest patterns to choose from; 45c values, on sale for three days at this low price, yard... 29c

Our Spring Lace stock is the largest and best in the city.

\$1, \$1.25 Hosiery 73c Pair

Women's fine dress slippers and hosiery priced remarkably low for a few days' selling. Both lots are worthy the careful consideration of the most conservative buyers.

1000 pairs Women's colored lisle Hosiery, fine quality, all the very latest shades in new beaver, wine, gray, mouse, Russian green, with embroidered clocks; also silk lisle Hose in all the new changeable effects, all sizes; every pair new, this season's Hosiery, bought to sell at \$1.00 and \$1.25 pair..... 73c

Phenomenal Rug Bargains

Parties furnishing up for the Fair will find this an unequalled opportunity to buy floor coverings at extremely low prices—Third Floor.

ROOM SIZES—Brussels Rugs, a great special lot in Oriental and floral designs, desirable colorings:

- 9 ft. x 9 ft., \$14.50 value \$10.35
- 9 ft. x 10 ft. 6 in., \$16.50 value \$11.25
- 9000 yards of Novelty Brussels Carpets, reversible, green, red and tan, artistically mottled, cut from the roll at the remarkably low price of, yard..... 39c
- 300 Kolga Art Rugs, pretty, subdued Oriental effects in a big variety of styles and sizes. Note the great special reductions for one week:
- 9 ft. x 10 ft. 6 in., regular \$10.50 value \$8.95
- 9 ft. x 12 ft., regular \$12.00 value \$10.20
- 10 ft. 6 in. x 12 ft., regular \$14.00 value \$11.90
- 12 ft. x 12 ft., regular \$16.00 value \$13.60
- 12 ft. x 13 ft. 6 in., regular \$18.00 value \$15.30
- 12 ft. x 15 ft., regular \$20.00 value \$17.00

Wash-Goods Specials

- 50c figured French Nets, 20 handsome patterns, one of the season's most desirable fabrics for the Summer dresses, all colors, great value at low price of, yard 32c
- 25c and 30c fancy Flaked Voiles, pretty effects in all the leading shades; a popular, serviceable material for shirtwaist suits; exceptional value at this low price, yard 21c
- 50c fancy mercerized white Waistings, in Madras, Voile, Granite, Silk and Satin effects; great variety for your choosing at the special low price of, yard 41c

May Delineator on Sale at the Butterick Pattern Department, 15c a Copy, \$1 per Annum

Easter Sale of Infants' and Children's Wear

Second Floor

Infants' fine Lawn and Nainsook Dresses, dainty yokes, styles trimmed in fine laces and dainty embroideries, edgings, insertions, beadings, clusters of tucks, etc.—

- \$1.25, \$1.50 Values 79c
- \$2.00 Values 99c
- \$2.75, \$3.00 Values \$1.49
- \$5.00, \$6.00 Values \$2.78

Children's Short Dresses, 6 months to 3 years; Mother Hubbard, long-waisted, French and Russian styles; made of fine Linens and Lawns, trimmed in fine laces and embroideries, long and short sleeves; our regular \$2.75, \$2.12

Children's White Lawn Guimps, 50c, 75c, \$1.00, \$1.50 each; trimmed in clusters of hemstitched tucks, embroidery, insertions and hemstitched edgings.

Children's Gingham Dresses, pink, blue and checks, 1, 2 and 3 years; all the newest and prettiest styles, 75c, \$1.00 and \$1.25.



Clothes Hampers

Special for today—200 handsome large Clothes Hampers, the regular \$2.00 values, on sale, Third Floor, \$1.69

Lewis and Clark official Exposition Flags in bunting and silk, all sizes. Third Floor.

Small Pin Flags and Bows at 5c each. Third Floor.

Photo Department

4x5 Glass Trays, the 20c values, for 15c

Seeds' Developing Powders, either Metal-Hydro or Eiko-Hydro, 25c val., box..... 15c

8-oz. Solio Toning Solution for 35c

4-oz. Toning Solution for 25c

1-lb. box Hypo 5c

Samples of Cyko Paper free to purchasers in our Photo Department. Third Floor.

Skirts Made to Measure Free of Charge

And every Skirt guaranteed to fit perfectly; materials and findings must be purchased here and cost \$1.00 or over the yard. You can make your selections from our entire immense stocks of dress materials, 5, 6, 7, 8-gored, plain, flared or flounce style Skirts are made under the free offer. Any style Skirt will be made for a very small charge. Over 600 Skirts have been made to date and not a single complaint. If for any reason your Skirt should turn out unsatisfactory, material will be delivered to you as purchased.

Sample Line White Petticoats \$7.50 to \$10.00 Values at \$5.98

Two great special purchases of Undermuslins that will attract scores of eager buyers—Lot 1: A manufacturer's sample line of high-grade Petticoats; about 200 of them—the handsomest styles made by America's leading manufacturer—elaborately trimmed in fine embroidery, flounces, openwork and blind patterns—fine valenciennes laces and insertions. All have full flounces and separate dust ruffles. Every woman wanting a beautiful new white Petticoat for Easter wear will find this the best white skirt bargain she has ever been invited to share in; regular \$7.50 to \$10.00 values on sale \$5.98 at the low price of, each \$5.98

\$2.75 to \$3.00 Nightrobes at \$1.98 Ea.—Second Floor

Sample line of women's fine nainsook, muslin and cambrie nightrobes, trimmed in fine laces, embroideries, insertions, tucks and beadings, high, round, square and V-shaped necks, long and short sleeves, all the very best styles, selling regularly at \$2.75 and \$3.00 each. This lot of 200 you can take your choice from at the unusually \$1.98 low price of, each \$1.98

Just received—Spring line of Shirtwaist Underslips, made of Lawn and India Slips; white, pink, blue and lavender; very pretty pieces at prices from \$1.00 to \$3.00 each—Second Floor.

New Neckwear

Exceptional values for today—"Keiser!" Turnovers in white, linen, circular effects, embroidered in assorted designs; sizes 11 1/2 to 13 1/2; great values at low price of 24c

\$5, \$6 Slippers at \$2.95 Pair

Women's high-grade fancy Slippers in different styles, all the very best hand-sewed goods, in patent leather and kid, French or Cuban heels, \$5.00 and \$6.00 values, pair \$2.95

Special lot of patent leather and kid Slippers, French heel Colonial, best \$5 values, on sale today at \$1.75

Long Silk Bandana Winders, in all the newest colorings, with pointed ends; best \$1.25 values, at this low price 89c

Venise Lace Stocks, white, cream and ecru, in stole and straight styles; great Monday bargain at 19c

New Wash Stocks in all the latest ideas. Linen and blind embroidery effects, tailored stocks, Byron effects for children; prices from 35c to \$1.25.

New sheer Lawn Chemisettes, trimmed in Mechlin insertion, cuffs included, 50c to \$1.50 each.

Drug Department

1000 cans of Dr. Graves' Tooth Powder, unequalled for health and beautiful teeth, great bargain at, can 9c

Choose from our entire stock of 25c Tooth Brushes Monday and Tuesday at 16c