

MEANS BUSINESS ON RATE ISSUE

Taft's Speech Shows Administration Is Determined on Legislation.

MAY CALL EXTRA SESSION

Railroad Men See They Must Meet Issue—Senate Sub-Committee Will Draft Bill in Time for Regular Session.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, May 10.—Secretary Taft's speech last night at the banquet of railroad men, considered in connection with the speech of the President at Denver, is regarded as an official announcement of the Administration that there will be railroad rate legislation at the next session of Congress. The President's speech was sufficiently significant, but it did not create as much discussion or as much surprise as did the fearless declarations which Mr. Taft hurled into the faces of the men most interested in preventing the passage of a railroad rate bill.

Handwriting on Wall.
His speech was as bold as it was unlooked for. When the biggest railroad men in the country invited Mr. Taft to address them, they expected an ordinary speech of welcome. But when Mr. Taft virtually told that great assemblage of railway men that there must be legislation looking to government regulation of railroad rates, they began to reflect and to wonder if this announcement, coming at their feast, was as significant as the handwriting that appeared on the wall at another great feast known to history.

Mr. Taft, more than any other public official, is regarded as the mouthpiece of the President in the absence of the Chief Executive. His statements last night are therefore regarded and may be accepted as reflecting the views of the President.

Committee Will Draft Bill.

The opinion prevails here that the Senate committee will conclude its railway hearings about June 1 and will then appoint a sub-committee to draft a bill in accordance with the views of the majority. In all probability the sub-committee will not be ready to report until December, unless the President makes it plain that Congress will be called together in October, in which event the committee may bring in its bill before the opening of the regular session. It may be truthfully said that the Administration is preparing to force the passage of a railway rate bill next winter and, if the President is as determined as his speech and that of Mr. Taft would indicate, the Senate committee will not be able to block this legislation, even if it should be so disposed. The House will, of course, pass a rate bill as near the President's views as possible. The trouble will arise in the Senate, not in the House.

ARMOUR DEFIES FRUIT MEN Asks Interstate Commission to Facilitate Fight to Finish.

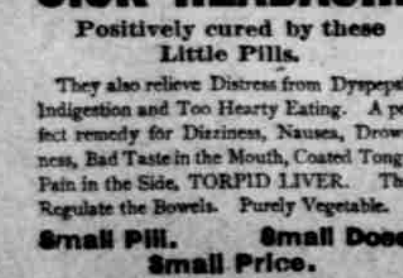
CHICAGO, May 10.—The Interstate Commerce Commission today began the hearing of evidence in the Michigan fruit case. A compromise offered by the Armour carlines to reduce the charge for icing cars in the Michigan fruit belt if the Chicago commission merchants would drop the investigation was rejected after a lengthy discussion prior to the taking of testimony.

"The claim of the car lines," declared Frank Hargraves, one of the Armour representatives, addressing the commission, "is that the commission has no jurisdiction in so far as dictating these rates, and we ask that an order be entered immediately, that we may have an opportunity of testing the case in the courts. This is without doubt the primary object of the complainants, anyway."

"I would say this—that if you think you have the power, make an order dictating the rate, and we will then have an opportunity to test the case. Since our compromise has been denied, we are in a position to fight the case to the bitter end."

Request to Idaho University.

BOISE, Idaho, May 10.—(Special).—The regents of the State University have been advised by William Jennings Bryan, one of the executors of the estate of the late Philo M. Bennett, who was killed in a runaway accident in this state, that \$400 of the fund of \$10,000 left by Mr. Bennett will be used for the purpose of having set aside for the Idaho University. This will constitute an irrevocable fund, the interest being used for an annual prize to the student preparing the best paper on political economy, statesmanship or kindred subject. The regents hope the amount will be increased by Idaho donations to \$1000, so three prizes may be given.



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SICK HEADACHE
Positively cured by these Little Pills.
They also relieve Distress from Dyspepsia, Indigestion and Too Hearty Eating. A perfect remedy for Bile, Nausea, Dizziness, Bad Taste in the Mouth, Coated Tongue, Pain in the Side, TORPID LIVER. They regulate the bowels. Purely Vegetable.
Small Pill. Small Dose. Small Price.

The Different Store Olds, Wortman & King



All Aboard For the Grand Thursday Bargain Carnival at the "Different Store"

"ALL CHANGE"

You get back here is the difference between regular prices asked elsewhere and our SPECIAL prices as created by the "HOME-FOLK'S PRE-EXPOSITION SALES" now in progress.

O. R. C. and Ladies, you're ON TIME to share in the greatest values ever offered at any time by any Western house. You're welcome to share the privileges of the MONSTER BARGAIN SALE, and you're

Welcome to Portland's Greatest and Foremost Store With All Its Privileges

Of free phones, rest rooms, lavatories, Bull Run water fountains, 3 big passenger elevators, etc. Lunch at the 2d floor tearoom, attend the Free Cooking School on 3d floor, and enjoy to its fullness every privilege afforded by this great DEPOT of the World's best merchandise. Every FREIGHT that stops at this great Western TERMINAL brings goods bought EXPRESS-ly for our patrons, styles exclusive with this store. The largest stocks in the city are here at the fairest prices. We have refused to leave the straight TRACK of Dependability during our TRIP of nearly 30 years of Storekeeping. Neither tricks nor cajolery of competition could SWITCH us a hairsbreadth from our course. Reliability is a safe ROUTE; we're BOUND THROUGH. 10 HOURS FOR BARGAIN REFRESHMENTS TODAY—WON'T YOU JOIN US?

THE SHORTEST ROUTE TO "ECONOMY" is via these Price Cut-Offs.

PUPILS' EXPOSITION CONTEST

Standing of Candidates at Time of Count Wednesday P. M.

The pupils' voting contest for the 20 books of 50 admissions each to the Lewis and Clarke Exposition has created a furore among the lads and lassies of Portland that has never been equaled by any similar event that ever transpired in our city. An intense interest is being manifested among the fathers, mothers and those who have the care of children in the contest, and votes are falling into the ballot boxes thick as snowflakes in a New England January blizzard. As the voting is so far-reaching and names so numerous, we shall only attempt to print the names of the 20 leaders, and those, after this week, on MONDAYS (morning and evening papers) and THURSDAY evening and FRIDAY morning papers only. A trip around the world, with all the expenses of a year's travel involved, could not be as pregnant of educational advantage to the young as that to be gained by 50 visits to this great World Exposition. The privilege is one of tremendous educational importance. We shall distribute 20 books of 50 admissions each to 20 pupils of Portland schools ABSOLUTELY FREE on July 3d—or as soon thereafter as votes can be counted and result determined—the recipients to be selected by popular vote. The only condition being that the contestant must be a pupil of some school within the city limits of Portland.

STANDING OF CANDIDATES AT 4 P. M. YESTERDAY

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| Lilla Ewing, High School..... | 880 | Ruby McKinnon, Hawthorne..... | 85 |
| Dorothy Allen, Ladd School..... | 506 | Ambrose Peelan, Col. University..... | 80 |
| Leis Smith, Williams-Ave. School..... | 416 | Winifred Abbott, High School..... | 80 |
| Ida Dingle, Hawthorne School..... | 380 | Foster McLaughlin, Stevens School..... | 80 |
| Christie Smith, Atkinson School..... | 382 | Lee Mandell, Ladd School..... | 84 |
| Henry Feldman, High School..... | 382 | Louis Pinkham, High School..... | 40 |
| Metta Saldier, Failing School..... | 248 | Bessie Wood, Stevens School..... | 44 |
| Ruth Murphy, Atkinson School..... | 236 | Mabel Wood, High School..... | 34 |
| Adrian Murphy, Atkinson School..... | 195 | First Twenty..... | 4,372 |
| Gladys Crockett, Atkinson School..... | 181 | Scattering..... | 1,236 |
| Beatrice McLean, Ladd School..... | 163 | Total..... | 5,608 |
| Maud Thayer, Thompson School..... | 103 | | |

SCHOOL OF DOMESTIC SCIENCE. TEA ROOM

Second Floor.
Auspices Portland Y. W. C. A.
MENU FOR TODAY.
Tea. Coffee. Chocolate.
Milk in Bottles.
Scotch Broth.
Creamed Chicken with Mushrooms on Toast.
Hot Rolls. Tongue Sandwich.
Bread and Butter. Ice Cream.
Ice Cream Cakes.

What Woman Wants a Pair of Good Shoes?

Here's a pair of bargain worth while paying a bit of attention to. Supposing you come in and count us about them—they'll be in plain view to-day—hundreds of pairs, will sell themselves, but you'd better allow us to sell them. The "Fair-Way" Boot Shop—West Annex—First Floor.
Women's \$6.00 Shoes \$3.98
Women's Lace Shoes, Louis heels, turned soles, patent ideal kid, foxed matt kid tops, silk-worked eyelid holes; all sizes—Our regular \$5.00 and \$5.50 values; special at the pair.....\$3.98
Women's \$4.00 Half-Shoes \$2.75
Women's tan Half-Shoes, Russia calf; oisans and polishes nicely; new goods this season; all sizes and widths—Regular value \$4.00 and \$3.50; special at the pair.....\$2.75

IMPORTANT NOTICE!

The month of May at this store features a series of one-day special sales: All prices advertised during this month are for one day only, and must be taken advantage of on that day in order to secure benefit of special price advertised. Out-of-town patrons, thro' the Mail Order Department, have 24 hours after date of issue of paper bearing our announcement in which to order the extra specials.

Free Cake-Baking School 3d Floor.
Lessons given from 9 A. M. to 12 M., and 4 P. M.—FREE!

Free Embroidery Lessons given by expert teachers in the Needle-Work Art Shop—Annex, 2d Floor.

ART SHOP BARGAIN TODAY. A Half-Price Sale of Drawn Work Pieces

Mexican and Spanish Hand Drawn Work Pieces at half price Thursday only. Hand Drawn Work Pieces in all sizes of center pieces, table cloths, scarfs and dollies; slightly soiled or mused, but one washing will make them fresh and white on the day they left their creator, all at ONE-HALF PRICE today only.

Jewelry—Leather Card Cases and Coin Purses

SPECIAL ATTRACTIONS TODAY.
In West Annex—First Floor.
Visitors are wonderfully attracted to the splendid assortments of high-grade Sterling Silver and Aluminum Souvenirs and novelties consisting of art, brooch and stick pins, fobs, book marks, grip tags and tumblers, match boxes, trays, rings, jewel boxes and mirrors. Exclusive and original designs in spoons unobtainable elsewhere. Prsty souvenirs for visitors and the distant friends of our home-folk at especially moderate prices.
Extra Special for Today
This morning we place on sale our entire line of Fancy Gold and Silver Belt Buckles, all richly jeweled and enamelled, at ONE-FOURTH of regular price.
A lot of regular 30c Card Cases for ladies' or gentlemen's use; special at.....\$1.50
A lot of 65c Coin Purses of fine leather; blacks, browns or tans; special at.....\$1.25

Two Magnetic Bargain Cards

For Today's Patrons in Domestic Section—First Floor.
50 dozen fancy drawn-work, hemstitched squares, suitable for centerpieces, washstand covers or pillow shams, 30x30 inches in size; 28c special today only at.....
25c DANISH CLOTH 19c YARD
Half wool, and in all colors 36 inches wide.

Mourning Millinery

Bijou Millinery Salons—Annex, 2d Floor.
The more we do—the better we do it. And the same knack that made this city's leading millinery store keeps it in the lead. A great special sale of MOURNING MILLINERY FOR TODAY. Clever conceits of clever conjurers in our workrooms. Interested? Hundreds will be who don't wear mourning. Black is a rich dress color. Here's a grand selection, all in newest style effects in chiffons, malines, fancy straw and horsehair braids. A shape for every face at a price for any purse. A limited number—about 200. Regular values from \$3 to \$5. Special for today.....\$2.49

About This Time Buy Sunbonnets

Say the almanacs. Today is the best time—there's a big special sale on. Read:
Ladies' and Children's Sun Bonnets in a great variety of plain and fancy colors; materials percale, gingham, calico and pique—Special—
Today Only at 17c

Special and Extraordinary Offerings for Today's Patrons in the Dress Goods Stores

South Annex—First Floor.
Our regular \$1.90 grade of Imported ALL-WOOL BATISTE, VOILES and SILK AND WOOL CREPE DE PARIS. These three most popular dressy fabrics, in creams and all shades of evening and street colors—Special for today only, the yard.....74c
Black Dress Fabrics
A tremendous assortment of the swellest Silk and Wool Mixtures shown; equal to the dressiest fabric found in any store in America; consisting of Caritas, embroidered boelin de chene, lace-jotted voiles, and a large assortment of novelty weaves—Our regular \$2.75, \$2.50 and \$2.25 values—Special for today only, the yard.....\$2.50
The above are the cream of our well-known Black Dress Goods Department stocks.

Comfort and Decorative Effects

ENHANCED EASILY by selecting today from the Fourth-Floor Homestitching Stocks. Bed Comforts for the chilly nights; soft, restful things that will sleep as rain patter on the roof. Handsome Tapestry Portieres you may have a use for between the rooms or in making two from one—an extra one for the Exposition visitor.
\$1.50 Bed Comforts \$1.09
White Cotton-Filled Bed Comforts with tied silk-line covers, soft and warm—Regular value \$1.50; special at, each.....\$1.09
\$4.00 Portieres \$3.07
Tapestry Portieres, fancy Oriental designs, 48 inches wide, 8 yards long, fringed top and bottom. Handsome patterns—Regular value \$4.00; special at, the pair.....\$3.07

Portland's Largest and For most Apparel Stores Offer Today a Trio of Unmatchable Bargains!

Grand Salons of Dress—2d Floor.
Largest Suit and Wrap Store West of Chicago
Women's \$22.50 -- \$25.00 Silk Shirtwaist and Tailored JACKET SUITS FOR \$14.98



Rich and Handsome Taffeta Silks
Pretty, trim and trig: Every woman wants at least two Shirtwaist Suits this Summer. There's a lot of tramping ahead before Exposition days are over, and there's nothing so suited for that purpose as the Shirtwaist Suit, so favored by Dame Fashion for 1875 wear. The Suits comprising today's offering are in handsome taffetas, brocades and greens in changing effects and plain blacks. Waists have shirred yokes and are box-plaited, with leg-of-mutton sleeves, in fancy effects, and fancy-stitch trimmings. Skirts are in the popular round lengths, with stitchings, shirings and plaitings to match;
\$22.50 and \$25 values—today only, at.....\$14.98

Handsome Summer Etamine Skirts in the Sale Sharply Reduced!

Very stylish skirts in soft gray etamines; also tans and plain whites, walking and dress lengths, with dip train. Plaited and trimmed flounce styles, effective trimmings of braids and taffeta silk to match materials. Reductions scale this way—today only:
\$10 Skirts, \$7.95 Special at **\$12.50 Skirts, \$8.72 Special at** **\$15 Skirts, \$10.85 Special at**
Pretty House Kimonos at a "Docked" Price—\$2.00 Kimonos \$1.59
Long house Kimonos in pretty stripes and figures, blue and white, black and white and pink and white combinations, prettily trimmed. Best \$2.00 values in town;
Special today only at.....\$1.59

Bright, Bristling Bargains in Suit Silks

Dollar Silks Today for 69c
Our regular \$1 grades of Suit Silks, in full assortment of colors and all new styles in checks, stripes and neat figures; also a full line of Changeable Peau de Cygnes and 21-inch Black Peau de Sote and Taffetas—Special for today only, yard.....69c

Women's Toggeries and Trimmings at Lowered Prices

First Floor.
Opportunities to save were never more important or more plentiful than now. Alert, everyday buying is in order—Special for today:
\$4.00 IMPORTED CHIFFON \$1.98
Imported Printed Chiffon, 45 inches wide, fine quality; makes pretty shirtwaists and dresses—Regular value \$4.00; special, yard.....\$1.98
CHILDREN'S 60c GLOVES 35c
Children's Fancy Open-Work Gloves, in moles, gray and red; will fit a child from 5 to 12 years—Regular value 60c; special, pair.....35c
40c RIBBONS 25c
A beautiful lot of Plain and Fancy Ribbons, in polka dots, Dresden patterns and plain satin taffetas—Regular values 35c and 40c; special, yard.....25c
25c HERCULES BRAID 10c
Wool Hercules Braid, 1 1/4 to 2 1/4 inches wide, in blue, brown and gray—Regular value 25c; special, yd.....10c
MEN'S AND WOMEN'S \$1.50 UMBRELLAS 90c
26 and 28-inch Rain Umbrellas for men and women; all new—Regular values \$1.25 and \$1.50; special at, each.....90c

Men Are Fast Learning the Route To Our Man's Shop

West Annex—First Floor.
The sterner sex are "getting the habit" and wearing a beaten path to "The Haberdasherie" from every point in the city's compass. Here are some of the best bargains yet for to-day. We're trying to fix the habit in man's mind—
MEN'S \$1.25 SHIRTS and DRAWERS 90c
Men's extra fine double thread Worsted Shirts and Drawers, in cream color, light-weight, of an extra finish—Our best \$1.25 garment; special at, each.....90c
MEN'S 30c HANKERCHIEFS 35c
A line of Men's Pretty Colored Silk Handkerchiefs, also with colored corners and centers; all new designs—Regular value 50c; special, each.....35c
MEN'S 75c HANKERCHIEFS 45c
A line of Men's Silk and Linen Handkerchiefs in blues, tans, pinks and lavenders; very stylish—Regular value 75c; special, each.....45c
MEN'S \$3.50 VESTS \$2.38
A swell new line of Men's Fancy Summer Vests, in plain white linen, white basket weave with red and green dots, gray with colored dots and stripes, and white with black dots and pin stripes; an unusual offer—Our best \$3.50 value; special, each.....\$2.38

If You're a Housekeeper You'll Be Interested in These Third Floor Bargains

CHOCOLATE SETS.
Chocolate Pot and 6 Cups and Saucers to Set—
Regular \$ 4.95 value—Special, set.....\$2.50
Regular \$ 6.85 value—Special, set.....\$4.00
Regular \$ 7.25 value—Special, set.....\$5.25
Regular \$ 8.25 value—Special, set.....\$5.00
Regular \$11.00 value—Special, set.....\$7.50
Regular \$18.00 value—Special, set.....\$12.75
FERN POTS
4-inch green, gold-decorated Fern Pot and lining; a cheerful table decoration; special, each.....8c
CUPSIDORES
Flower-Decorated China Cupsidores, lined edges, full gold-lined, round and square tops; special, each.....30c
Mottled Stone Cupsidores; special, each.....30c

Children's Carts for Work or Play

At a Bargain Price—Today—Third Floor.
Children's \$3.50 Express Wagons \$2.45
Four-Wheel Express Wagon, solid wood wheels with steel tires, 15x30-inch wood body with seat; most useful for the children's Summer sports—A standard \$3.50 Wagon; special, each.....\$2.45

Today Occurs the Great Annual May Bargain Sale of Hosiery

First Floor.
\$1.00, \$1.50, \$1.75

Women's Hosiery at 49c pr

Our patrons will remember the great May sales of women's hosiery in past years—please remember them in comparison with today's SENSATIONAL CARNIVAL of HOSIERY VALUES!



Today's offerings surpass anything ever planned before at any time by any Portland store in point of extent of the assortments, quantity and surpassing values. In the monster sale is included fine imported hosiery, black lisle, with fancy white stripes; black lace boots, with fancy tops; fancy boots, with black lace tops; all lace in fancy stripes, gray and black lace, pinks and blues in fancies, and bebies of other beauties in dainty hosiery—too many for detailed description. Not a pair in the lot under \$1 in regular value, more at \$1.50, and many at \$1.75. All go in one grand sweep today. Ready at 8 o'clock, the opening hour, at the pair.....49c
Other Bargains Today Same Section
Women's fine Swiss ribbed sleeveless vests, neat crochet and silk-tape trimming, 25c quality; each.....17c
Children's black, fine ribbed cotton Hose, finished foot, splendid wearer, 25c quality; pair.....17c
Boys' good, strong print Waists, in light shades, with pretty stripes and figures, 35c quality; each.....19c

A Bevy of Busy-Day Bargains in Small Wares

Nations, Toilet Sundries and Stationery at Lessened Prices for Today
5c HOOKS and EYES 1c CARD
Patent Hump Hooks and Eyes, black, two dozen on card, medium size—Regular value 5c; special at, the card.....1c
5c THIMBLES 2c
Silver-Plated Thimbles; sizes 7 to 10—Regular value 5c; special, each.....2c
\$1.50 CLOTH BRUSHES 80c
Cloth Brushes, all bristle, best grades, solid back, extra quality—Regular value \$1.50; special, each.....80c
10c ROSE and CUCUMBER JELLY 5c
Remove roughness, redness, tan; cures chapped hands, face and lips; also nice to use after shaving—Regular value 10c; special, bottle.....5c
25c EYE SHADES 10c
Feather-weight transparent Green Eye Shades—Regular value 25c; special, each.....10c
25c WRITING PAPER 15c
1-Pound Package Royal Wave White Writing Paper, ruled, 128 sheets paper in package—Regular value 25c; special, package.....15c