

STEEL RAIL POOL FEARS ROOSEVELT

Dissolves Lest He Open Attack
to Secure Lower Prices
for Panama Road.

FIXES PRICE BEFOREHAND

If Canal Zone Is Declared Domestic
Territory, Government Must Pay
Trust Price; If Foreign, It
Gets Competitive Price.

NEW YORK, May 25.—(Special.)—Fear, presumably, that the Roosevelt administration would not countenance the existence of a combination in restraint of trade which would work to increase the price of supplies to be used in the construction of the Panama Canal has caused the sudden dissolution of the steel pool. Before this action was taken, however, it seems that an understanding was effected by the six largest rail mills of the country by which, if the canal zone is declared to be domestic territory, the pool rate of \$28 a ton shall be charged on all rail orders, whereas, if it is foreign territory, competition will bring a lower figure.

May Be Contrary to Law.

In view of the fact that the rail pool had an agreement with the railways of the country that, in consideration of concessions in freight rates on rails for export, the pools were to get as low prices on rails as any domestic consumer, there was some doubt whether the anti-trust law was not being circumvented. At any rate, it is known definitely that there has been no disagreement of moment in the pool and no sign of internal troubles. Furthermore, the dissolution, it is believed, will have little bearing on prices for several months at least, as the tonnage of the mills practically for the entire year has been allotted to the pool, and any reduction in price of new business would mean a corresponding reduction in the old prices.

Mills in the Pool.

Mills in the agreement were the Illinois Steel Company's mills, the Carnegie mills of the United States Steel Corporation, the Pennsylvania Steel Company, the Maryland Steel Company, the Cambria Steel Company and the Lackawanna Steel Company. The last named has been a member this year only, having begun manufacturing rails last year. The mills not in the combination are the Tennessee Coal & Iron Company's mills in Alabama, the Colorado Fuel & Iron Company's mills in Colorado and the Republic Steel Company's mills at Youngstown, O. The Republic mills only within the last few weeks have been equipped to roll rails, but at present are rolling sheet bars in their rail mills.

The official pool rail price has, since 1901, been \$28, and in that year the average price was \$27.25, and in 1900, \$25.25.

UNION OF THE CHURCHES

President's Wish Draws Presbyterian's Applause—Two Contests.

WINONA LAKE, Ind., May 25.—President Roosevelt sent a message to the Presbyterian General Assembly tonight through Henry P. McFarland, president of the Board of Commissioners of the District of Columbia. The President expressed the hope that the day would soon come when all branches of the Presbyterian Church would be united into one great body and the assembly gave its approval in prolonged applause.

Justice Harlan, of the United States Supreme Court, presided at the meeting and John H. Converse, president of the Baldwin locomotive works, also spoke.

One of the most eventful days of this assembly is promised for tomorrow, when the special committee on forms of service will make its report. Dr. Henry Vanduyke, professor of English literature at Princeton University, is chairman of the committee, and author of a book of service and prayer which he hopes to have the assembly adopt.

The proceedings of the assembly today were marked by two sharp contests in which about 50 commissioners took part with speeches from the floor. One great out of the report of the committee on young people's societies, which recommended that instead of withdrawing the societies from the general Christian Endeavor movement, that organization should be encouraged. A reorganization and election of an active minister for general secretary was also recommended. Since this meant the withdrawal of the societies from the inter-denominational Christian Endeavor Society, a warm debate followed. It was finally agreed to have committees consider the proposition and report at the next assembly.

The other contest was over the next place of meeting. Des Moines being chosen over Columbus, O., which had been recommended by the committee.

The report of the committee on theological seminaries was read by Dr. John A. Marquardt, of Redlands, Cal. There are 12 of these institutions and each had increased money resources last year. The total enrollment was 600, the largest in their history. There was no deficiency. An official telegram from the assembly of the Cumberland Presbyterian Assembly at Fresno, Cal., announcing that it had voted in favor of union was received with great applause.

Divided on Church Union.

Southern Presbyterians Will Act on Federation Today.

FORT WORTH, Tex., May 25.—The Southern Presbyterian General Assembly adjourned at 11 o'clock tonight without having taken a vote on the question of federation with the Cumberland Presbyterian Church. The convention is believed to be about equally divided on the question. The subject will come up for discussion tomorrow and will consume a half day's session.

GATEWAY TO THE SOUTH

Illinois and Missouri Join in Opening Big Bridge at Thebes.

THEBES, Ill., May 25.—There was opened here today to the North and Central West a new "gateway" for commerce and traffic and human intercourse with the South and the "Great Southwest" the only bridge crossing the Mississippi River between St. Louis and Memphis, attended by carmen, in which the Governors of Illinois and Missouri and prominent railroad officials, representing the proprietary roads, participated.

The bridge was formally opened to traffic and dedicated to the uses of five great railroad systems and the business of the two great sections of the Nation. There were also present as invited guests a number of well-known railroad and business men from different parts of the country. The bridge cost, approximately, \$3,000,000.

WATER FOR YAKIMA

Arguments For and Against
Carey Act Selection.

GOVERNMENT MAY STEP IN

Hitchcock Hears Both Sides on State
Scheme—Davis Says Storage of
Flood Waters Alone Will
Secure Water for All.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, May 25.—The Secretary of the Interior today gave a hearing to Hand Commissioner Ross, of Washington, and to A. P. Davis, representing the Reclamation Service, to determine what action should be taken on the selection by the State of Washington of 50,000 acres in the Yakima Valley, which it is proposed shall be irrigated under an extension of the Sunnyside canal. The views presented were decidedly conflicting and show that final action, when taken, must be based on the question whether or not there is sufficient unappropriated water in the Yakima Valley to irrigate this area.

Mr. Ross repeated what he has already declared, that there is abundance of water available, and that there is really no good reason why this Carey act selection should not be approved.

Argument Against Approval.

On the other hand, Mr. Davis, who recently made a personal investigation in the Yakima Valley, stated positively that the entire natural discharge of the Yakima River is already appropriated, in fact, more water has been filled upon than is actually available. He gave it as his opinion that, if this selection should be approved and the land should be irrigated under the Sunnyside canal, it would demand such a large quantity of water as would work great injury to water-users elsewhere in the Yakima Valley, would deprive them of water to which they are by priority entitled, and would result in endless litigation and general friction among farmers all along the Yakima River.

He also stated his reasons for believing the Government should not undertake irrigation in the Yakima Valley, if this selection is approved, explaining that it would be imprudent for the Government to enter upon the scene, where most of the land is already in private ownership and where landowners are warring among themselves. In Mr. Davis' opinion, it will be impossible to greatly extend the irrigable area in the Yakima Valley until the flood waters of the Yakima River and its tributaries are utilized, and this cannot be done except by construction of expensive storage works, reservoirs, etc. The Sunnyside Canal Company does not propose to do this. He questions if any private enterprise will.

If the Government should enter the Yakima Valley, it could build such works, could absorb all private irrigation enterprises, supply water to all irrigable lands and see that every farmer is protected and amply supplied with water. He did not recommend that the state selection be turned down in the interest of the Government, but merely expressed his views without recommendation, in order that Secretary Hitchcock might have all the facts when he comes to decide.

No intimation is given as to what decision will be reached, though final action is expected before many days.

IDAHO RESERVES CREATED.

President Acts on Dubois' Recommendation and Against Heyburn's.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, May 25.—Pursuant to his recently announced intention, President Roosevelt today signed proclamations creating four forest reserves in Idaho, two independent reserves and two additional to present reservations. The reserves created are: Henry's Lake, 70,000 acres; Weiser, 285,000 acres; an addition to Bitter Root, 1,300,000 acres; an addition to Yellowstone, 175,000 acres. Other reserves are soon to be created in Idaho.

All these reserves were strongly recommended by the Forestry Bureau and Senator Dubois.

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Special Inducements at Ellers
Today and Tomorrow.

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Now. Rates \$3 a Month Up.

We have two carloads of the wonderful new Pianola pianos en route to Portland. A few of them are sold to be delivered on arrival, but most of them will be placed on our retail floor first thing next week. We are carrying a large stock of pianos and two carloads of organs due here for us about the same time.

We are, therefore, particularly anxious to dispose of as many of our present stock of pianos as possible before these new shipments come, especially since our wholesale warehouse is now nearly filled to overflowing.

We propose to rent at least a carload of fine new pianos each day for the next three or four days, and are prepared to make extraordinary concessions to reliable homes wanting to rent a first-class piano. Rates, from 10 months up. No carriage charge if instrument is kept longer than six months, cartage charge one way only if rented less than 6 months. Pianos tuned free and delivered the same day they are ordered. Ellers Piano House, corner of Eighth and Washington. 531 Washington is the number.

for Dubois, and their creation is the final bow debt Senator Heyburn, Governor Gooding, Representative French, and others who were fighting the Administration. It is believed that the creation of these reserves will convince the Idaho people of the wisdom of the forestry policy.

Northwest Postal Changes.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, May 25.—Postmaster appointed: Oregon—Ada, William Boyd, vice Maggie Young, resigned; Ocean View, Amy Segel, vice Joseph Proctor, resigned.

Washington—Elyan, Marian Summers, vice C. W. Shannon, removed.

Rural carriers appointed—Oregon—Aurora, route 4, John W. Norvel carrier, Josie Norvel, substitute. Washington—Bow route, R. P. Dawson, carrier, Dan Dawson, substitute.

ATTACK ON CATTLE RATES.

Texas Stockmen Appeal to Interstate Commission.

WASHINGTON, May 25.—The Interstate Commerce Commission today heard argument in the case of the cattlemen of Texas against practically all of the railroads running South, or from Chicago, except the Great Northern and Union Pacific. The charge includes the statement that the freight rate on cattle from the cattle-raising states to the cattle markets is unjust and excessive, that the terminal charge at Chicago is unjust; that the rate for feeding cattle en route is excessive; that the freight rates for shipment of cattle have been raised from 6 to 9 per cent per hundred pounds since 1900, and that the present service is not as good as the former. In answering the charge the railroads do not deny the increased rates, but deny that the higher rates are unjust or excessive.

Quicker Ocean Mail Service.

WASHINGTON, May 25.—Beside determining to put into effect all vessels of the American, British and German steamship lines the service for "mailing up" the mails for various sections of the country during the trans-Atlantic trips, so as to expedite delivery, Second Assistant Postmaster-General Shallenbarger has just completed a reciprocal arrangement with the British postal authorities by which each country is to include about 25 cities to which mail is to be shipped direct in separate bags. This is done to lighten the work of the postal clerks operating the sea routes. Heretofore only three or four of the larger cities in Great Britain and the United States have had mail sorted direct to them from other countries. The extension of the service is based on the excellent results of the service in operation for some years on several of the trans-Atlantic liners.

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Lewis and Clark Exposition.

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Famous Friday Bargains

18c to 12½c Wash Goods Remnants 5c

New Wash Goods Remnants, lengths 2½ to 6 yards, voiles, lawns, waistings, melanges, etc.; regular price 18c to 12½c, your choice today, per yard.....5c

40c to 30c Wash Goods Remnants 15c

10c Organdie 6c

3000 yards fancy printed Organdie, a large variety, new designs and colorings; regular price 10c, for this sale.....6c

25c Huck Towel 20c

Bleached Linen Huck Towel, 38 inches long, 20 inches wide, extra heavy; regular price 25c, for this sale.....20c

\$1.75 Bedsread \$1.44

Marseilles design Crochet Bedsread, extra full size, white only; regular price \$1.75, for this sale.....\$1.44

Cotton Blankets \$1.38

Full double size Cotton Blankets, white and gray, plain and fancy border; extra special, for this sale.....\$1.38

Comforts at \$1.50

Silkoline lined Comforts, filled with the finest grade white laminated cotton, light, medium and dark ground, fancy floral effects; special value.....\$1.50

Lace Curtain Specials

Lace Curtains, Irish Point, Battenberg, Cable Nets, Brussels and Nottingham effects, 45 to 52 inches wide, 3 and 3½ yards long, white and Arabian.....

Regular \$1.50, for this sale.....\$1.19
Regular \$2.50, for this sale.....\$1.98
Regular \$3.50, for this sale.....\$2.68
Regular \$5.00, for this sale.....\$3.95

Best Challies 5c

27-inch Cotton Challie, for quilts, bright colors in blue, green, red and Persian figures; special values for this sale.....5c

12½c Gingham 8c

Dress Gingham, extra quality, newest effects, stripes and checks in black and white, blue, gray, pink, etc.; regular price 12½c, for this sale.....8c

\$1.25 Kid Gloves 98c

Our 2-clasp "Dena" Overseas Kid Gloves, Paris point embroidery, all shades; the best glove offered for \$1.25, for this sale.....98c

Plaited Skirts \$6.00

In the Cloak Store today we place on sale 100 PLAITED SICILIAN WALKING SKIRTS in black, navy and brown; made in the newest gored shape with 50 side plaits and graduated stitching at top of skirt; all seams bound and hemmed around bottom; a great special at.....\$6.00

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Today we place on sale 150 HANDSOME PLAITED SICILIAN WALKING SKIRTS in black, navy and brown; made in the new 27 box plaited style with graduated stitching forming pointed front effect; a great special at.....\$6.50

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Not Authorized by the Estate.

SAN FRANCISCO, May 25.—The attorney here for Mrs. Stanford's estate says he can assign no motive for the offer of this reward by Welton Stanford, and that not an authority connected with the Stanford estate has authorized him to do so.

EAST SIDE BATTLE GROUND

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the effective manner with which Mayor Williams had caused that improvement to be completed at the expense of the bondsmen of the delinquent contractor.

Mr. Seton insisted that not a single charge made had been proved, and that Mayor Williams stood before the people of Portland in every way worthy. He was the representative of the Republican party, regularly nominated at the primaries as the Republican candidate for Mayor, where all others had a chance. With dignity the Mayor had waited the result of the primaries. While his opponents were denouncing him on the stump and by means of circular letters, and the Municipal League had denounced him in the prayer-meetings, Mayor Williams had with dignity gone about his duties without making reply, or any answer to his detractors, and yet he was nominated by 100 majority over the candidate of the

Municipal League. Mr. Seton closed his speech by making an earnest appeal to the Republicans of the Peninsula to vote for Mayor Williams for Mayor, and to vote to turn over the most important office in the state to the control of the democratic party by electing Dr. Harry Lane.

After singing by the quartet Dr. Drake delivered a forcible address, contrasting Mayor Williams and Dr. Lane as candidates for Mayor.

Rockwell Is Skull and Bones.

NEW HAVEN, Conn., May 25.—The

Catarrhlets

Relieve Nasal Catarrh, allay inflammation, soothe and heal the mucous membrane, sweeten and purify the breath. Best gargle for Sore Throat. 50c. or \$1. Druggists or mail.

Dyspeptlets

Give instant relief in Sour Stomach, Heartburn, Nausea, all discomforts of indigestion and dyspepsia. Pleasant and economical. Medium size, 25c.; Large, 50c.; Pocket, handsome aluminum bonbonniere, 10c. Druggists or mail. C. I. HOOD CO., Lowell, Mass.

Better than money: Schilling's Best is as good for you as it is for your grocer; and moneyback.

Tutt's Pills

Cure All Liver Ills.

ARE YOU BANKRUPT in health, constitution undermined by extravagance in eating, by disregarding the laws of nature, or physical capital all gone, if so, NEVER DESPAIR

Tutt's Liver Pills will cure you. For sick headache, dyspepsia, sour stomach, malaria, torpid liver, constipation, biliousness and all kindred diseases. Tutt's Liver Pills an absolute cure.

THE WOMAN'S
STORE

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FOURTH AND
MORRISON

Spring Suits at Half Price

And the reason is—that our New York buyer was especially fortunate in securing for us a large and excellent line of Spring Suits—an order cancelled by one of New York's most exclusive outfitters for ladies—the lot not being accepted over some alteration as to the date the garments should be finished. Our buyer arrived at an opportune moment during the controversy and purchased the entire lot at a great sacrifice. That is the reason we are able to offer the finest tailored, most fashionable Spring Suits ever shown in the city at such prices as we quote below. Handsome, strictly-tailored Suits of serge, Panama cloth, broadcloth, Aeolian cloth, shepherd plaids and Scotch mixtures in blue, brown, green, black and light gray, made in the fashionable jacket and blouse styles; some having peplins and others having fancy vests. Skirts are all full plaited and most fashionably cut. Note the prices quoted below and examine the Suits in our windows and department.

\$35.00 SUITS.....\$17.50
\$40.00 SUITS.....\$20.00
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ALL TRIMMED HATS 1-4 OFF

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\$1 Undermuslins 63c

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Our entire line of Misses' Wash Dresses, handsome and serviceable garments of linen lawn, fancy gingham and percales, of all desirable colors, and all the very latest styles. All Wash Dresses at a discount of.....25%

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