

## MARKET'S BID WAS LOWEST

### President Approves Contract for Canal Commissary.

### MARKET'S BID WAS LOWEST

Shonts' Explanation of Transaction Accepted—After Correcting Errors, Other Bidders Named Higher Prices.

OSTER BAY, Sept. 14.—The contract for the hotel and subsistence concession in the Panama Canal zone awarded to Jacob E. Markel, of Omaha, by President Theodore Roosevelt, who today approved a report on the subject made to him by Mr. Shonts. The contract amounts in the aggregate to many millions of dollars, but Mr. Shonts' report indicates that it may be abrogated at the will of the Government, which actually will own the permanent plant used by Mr. Markel in filling the terms of his contract.

The President today authorized the publication of a report he had received from Mr. Shonts, as president of the Panama Railroad Company, regarding the protest recently received by him from Huggins & Dumas and H. Baile, of New York, against the award of the contract to Mr. Markel. The protest alleged that they had not been accorded fair treatment by Mr. Shonts and that through a leak in Mr. Shonts' office Mr. Markel had been informed of the nature of their proposal and had been enabled thereby to incorporate in his bid the revenue which Huggins & Dumas had omitted.

Pressing Need of Food. In this letter to the President Mr. Shonts says that on his arrival at the isthmus on July 25 he found a most pressing necessity for immediate arrangements for feeding the employees and that it was determined by Governor Magoon, Mr. Stevens and himself that the Panama Railroad, and not by the Isthmian Canal Commission, as the commissary department was also in charge of the railroad company and that company was already operating a hotel at Colon. Continuing, he says:

I found Jacob E. Markel on the isthmus. He had gone down at the instance of Mr. Shonts to study the situation. It was decided while on the isthmus that the railroad company should furnish the food. The business and equipment, that should maintain the buildings and the hotel, the commissary department was in the event of its becoming necessary for the railroad to cancel the contract, we should be able to amend the specifications. Mr. Markel left the isthmus and had told him we expected to take this step upon our return, and would like to have him make a proposal when we got ready to submit specifications. We later received a communication from Mr. Markel, in which he stated that he was asking for opportunity to make proposals. As soon as the specifications were received, we amended them to include the same form and invited proposals. It was not until after the specifications were received that we learned that Mr. Markel had a railroad matter and because of the urgency of the case.

Explanation Raises Bids. Mr. Shonts states that he held a conference with the three prospective bidders and at the suggestion of Huggins & Dumas included a weekly menu in the specifications. He continues:

When the proposals were received I found that Mr. Baile's was the lowest bid. Mr. Markel's was some higher and that Huggins & Dumas were some under either the others. I felt that there was some misunderstanding on their part as to the meaning of the specifications. I thereupon wrote them a letter amplifying the specifications, pointing out in detail, and I gave them an opportunity if they did not understand the specifications to amend their proposals. They immediately amended their proposal, raising their prices on some items more than 100 per cent. When I received the amended proposal to my office, they thanked me for having given the additional information. Subsequently, after writing this letter, I referred to Huggins & Dumas. I wrote exactly the same letter to Mr. Markel, so that, if he had labored under any misapprehension, he also could amend his proposal. Mr. Markel replied that, having a thorough knowledge of the situation, he had not considered these matters in making his proposal. He stated that he had written to the same. I did not write to Mr. Baile because his prices were so high that it was not necessary to longer consider him in the matter.

Markel's Bid Lowest and Best. When these amended proposals were received, it was found that in every item but one Mr. Markel's was either as low or lower than Huggins & Dumas. In the one item in which his price was higher, it was only a few cents. In making the award I took into consideration not only the prices but the experience of the bidders and the character of their proposals. In view of the fact that Mr. Markel has been doing for 30 years in the states and has the kind of work that he will have to do on the isthmus, it seemed to me that, even if his price had been somewhat higher, the company could well afford to pay something for the wide experience in the work and against two young men who have had but a local experience in the City of New York; that, however, Mr. Markel's rates will average lower than those of Huggins & Dumas, although that is a difficult matter to determine, because no one can tell how many of each class of meals will be served.

Mr. Shonts states that it was not requisite for the railroad to invite proposals at all, and that the railroad does not buy the food nor sell it, neither does it employ any of the food nor even keep the buildings in order. All of this is done by the holder of the privilege. It is entirely optional with the laborers to avail or not to avail of this opportunity, there being no requirement on their part to either patronize the hotels or camps. The railroad merely assures to them the choice of being fed in this way by a responsible party with good food at reasonable prices, thus guaranteeing them against extortion and assuring to them a means of sustenance on an economical basis.

### DEMAND ACTION ON RATES

Nebraska Republicans Want Corporations Controlled, Passes Stopped.

LINCOLN, Neb., Sept. 14.—The Nebraska Republicans, at their state convention today nominated the following ticket:

Justice of the Supreme Court—Charles B. Letton, of Fairbury.

Regents of the University—U. G. Lyford, of Falls City; Frederick Abbott, Columbus.

The platform indorses the Administration of President Roosevelt and praises him for bringing about peace between Russia and Japan. The platform continues:

We believe strictly in the principle of equality before the law applied to the transportation business and, therefore, demand immediate relief through amendatory legislation from the state and federal governments to shippers and unlawful and wrongful discriminations between communities and individuals both in the state and nation.

We heartily approve President Roosevelt's recent utterances as to the control of railroads and large corporate interests.

We request and demand of our representatives in Congress harmonious co-operation with President Roosevelt along these lines, so that the corporate rapacity, extortion and abuse may be subdued and abolished, and the sovereignty of the people over corporations fully and permanently established.

On the question of passing the conven-

tion recommends that a law be enacted to prevent their distribution.

The agitation against railroad passes has been sweeping the state for several months. So great was the interest taken in this question that it promised to overshadow the primary work of the convention. The anti-pass agitators were determined that resolutions against the giving of such favors should be adopted by the convention this year, in order that the question might be a positive issue next year, when candidates for the Legislature are named.

There was also strong sentiment for a 2-cent passenger fare and for a distance freight tariff, which would make it impossible for the railroads to charge more for a short haul than for a long haul.

### CITIZENS LEAVE FUSION PARTY

Withdrawn From Conference of the Anti-Tammany Forces.

NEW YORK, Sept. 14.—The representatives of the Citizens' Union withdrew tonight from a conference of the various local political organizations opposed to Tammany Hall. The conference had been called for the purpose of determining upon a Mayoralty candidate to oppose Mayor McClellan, who, it is generally understood, will stand for re-election as the Tammany nominee.

### Will Petition for Reciprocity.

CHICAGO, Sept. 14.—The National committee appointed by the American Reciprocal Tariff League, which was organized here last month, at a meeting here today decided to present a memorial to Congress at its next session urging the passage of a maximum and minimum tariff law with the present Dingley law, in the main, as the maximum rate.

### MISS ROOSEVELT AT PEKIN

PRESIDENT'S DAUGHTER WELCOMED BY EMPRESS.

Aged Dowager Gives Precious Gifts to Ladies of American Party, Seeing the Sights.

PEKIN, Sept. 14.—(Noon).—Miss Alice Roosevelt, Mrs. Rockhill, wife of the American Minister, Mrs. Newlands, wife of United States Senator Newlands, and other ladies of Miss Roosevelt's party, went to the Summer palace Wednesday and spent the night. Yesterday they were received in formal audience by the Dowager Empress.

Mrs. Rockhill, who was first presented to the Empress, introduced the other ladies of the party. The Empress moved among the visitors, chatting informally and presenting them with handsome gifts of bracelets and rings. This was followed by an inspection of the grounds of the Summer palace. The whole visit was remarkable on account of the absence of formality.

Returning to Pekin in the evening, most of the party attended an "at home" at the German Minister's, where General and Mrs. Corbin and Senator and Mrs. Newlands are being entertained. The party spent today seeing the sights of Pekin. Tomorrow all will go to Tien Tsin to attend a reception given by Viceroy Yuan Shai Kai.

### NEARLY A MILE A MINUTE

NEW GASOLINE MOTOR - CAR MAKES RAPID TRIP.

Improvement on First of Type, It Solves Problem of Cheap Transit on Branches.

OMAHA, Neb., Sept. 14.—(Special).—In just a few minutes less than the schedule of the fast overland limited, the Union Pacific's second gasoline motor car on a trial trip carrying officials and representatives of Eastern roads, today covered the 88 miles from Valley to Omaha. W. R. McKee, Jr., its builder, was at the throttle. Fifty-two miles an hour was reached in places.

Motor car No. 1 has but four wheels with one truck, while the new car has a double truck, enabling it to turn the sharp curves on the hilly track west of Omaha with perfect safety. This is the first all-steel passenger-car. Its weight is but 44,000 pounds, as compared with cars on the New York subway of steel construction which weigh 70,000.

The visiting railroad representatives declare the Union Pacific has solved the problem; that the motor car is no longer an experiment.

Car No. 2 will go into service on a Nebraska branch line. Five more are being built.

### COUNT REFUSES LEGACY

Divorced Husband and Son Claim Estate of American Woman.

FLORENCE, Italy, Sept. 14.—When the will of the woman known as Mary R. Newberry, who died here on May 13, was opened today, it was found that her real name was Mrs. Guy Currier, of Los Angeles, and that she had been divorced. The woman's estate amounts to \$60,000, and the will bequeaths \$30,000 to charity, \$1000 to servants, \$5000 to female friends and the remainder to her son James and to a Count, whose name has not been disclosed.

The former husband of the woman and her son have declined to contest the will, and it is understood that the Count has declined to accept the amount bequeathed to him.

### Coal Crank Declared Insane.

MINNEOLA, I. I., Sept. 14.—Isaac Schamus, who was arrested at Oyster Bay Tuesday, after having made efforts to see the President, in order to present to him a plan for having the anthracite coal output today was declared insane after an examination.

### 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.

Tutt's Liver Pills an absolute cure.

Tutt's Liver Pills an absolute cure.

## COMBINE TO RESIST

### Master Printers of Chicago Oppose Eight Hours.

### INDEPENDENTS JOIN HANDS

Concerted Movement Follows Extension of Strike—Printers Strike in Other Cities—Some Employers Concede.

CHICAGO, Sept. 14.—Concerted action between the members of the Chicago Typothetae and a number of the big independent employers of printers was decided on today in an effort to oppose the demands of the union job printers of Chicago. The Typographical Union today filed demands of independent job and book publishing houses for an eight-hour day and union conditions after January 1. After the union had ordered out 100 men in eight of these houses for refusal to grant the request of the union, the Chicago Typothetae, whose members are already involved in a strike, invited the independent master printers to meet the members of the Typothetae in an effort to devise means of fighting the union demands. Nearly 100 independents attended the meeting. A motion was unanimously adopted to have a committee of 12 appointed to arrange for the formation of an organization of independent master printers to resist the eight-hour day plan. Pledges were made by most of the independents that they would temporarily affiliate themselves with the Chicago Typothetae in the struggle against the union. During the day more than 50 small independent establishments, upon whom the union made demands, agreed to the proposal presented by the union.

### Employers Unite to Help Bosses.

NIAGARA FALLS, N. Y., Sept. 14.—At a meeting of the Employers' Association of Niagara Falls, representing \$3,000,000 of invested capital, it was resolved to stand by the newspaper publishers of this city in their fight against the striking printers. Liberal bonuses will be offered by the association to printers who will work for the newspapers.

Master printers of the union demand an eight-hour working day and increase of the piecework price from 37½ cents per thousand to 40 cents. Five firms are affected. It is expected that an effort will be made to secure nonunion men to take the places of the strikers.

### Five Firms Idle at New Haven.

NEW HAVEN, Conn., Sept. 14.—Forty-five printers, who have been employed at various book and job printing establishments in this city, are out on a strike today on account of the refusal by the Master Printers of the union demand for an eight-hour working day and increase of the piecework price from 37½ cents per thousand to 40 cents. Five firms are affected. It is expected that an effort will be made to secure nonunion men to take the places of the strikers.

### Two Firms Yield at Topeka.

TOPEKA, Kan., Sept. 14.—The union job printers of this city called out today on a strike for the eight-hour day. Two of the five offices which are members of the National Typothetae surrendered at once to the demands of the union. The two are the Mail and Breeze and the Kansas Farmer. The other offices are in conference with the union printers.

### Eight St. Louis Shops Struck.

ST. LOUIS, Sept. 14.—Printers in eight union offices here were called out today. President Jackson, of local Typographical Union No. 1, said that about 15 printers stopped work. He also stated that out of the 140 printing firms in St. Louis 60 signed the eight-hour scale today.

### WAIVE DEMAND FOR MORE

Freighthandlers May Accept Railroad Terms Without More Wages.

CHICAGO, Sept. 14.—The indications tonight are that the threatened strike of the freight-handlers and vicinity by the railroad in Chicago and vicinity will not take place, the union having decided to waive the demand for an increase of 10 per cent in wages. Committees representing each freighthouse throughout the city called on the general managers today and, although in each instance met with a flat refusal for any increase in wages, were offered modifications in other ways, such as working hours and pay while injured.

At the meeting tonight of the executive committee of the international union called to hear the reports of the committees, it was decided to advise the men to accept the proposition for the railroads and the whole matter will be submitted to a mass meeting of the rank and file of the union, probably Saturday night.

### Maildrivers Paid Off.

NEW YORK, Sept. 14.—The striking maildrivers were paid off yesterday. One hundred and fifty showed up for their money, and about 50 more called for their pay today. Not a single striker has applied for reinstatement.

### Metalworkers' Strike Averted.

NEW YORK, Sept. 14.—A big strike in the building trades was averted yesterday when the sheet and metal workers

agreed to a new contract.

The new contract provides for a 10 per cent increase in wages and a 10 per cent increase in the cost of living.

The new contract also provides for a 10 per cent increase in the cost of living.

The new contract also provides for a 10 per cent increase in the cost of living.

The new contract also provides for a 10 per cent increase in the cost of living.

The new contract also provides for a 10 per cent increase in the cost of living.

The new contract also provides for a 10 per cent increase in the cost of living.

The new contract also provides for a 10 per cent increase in the cost of living.

The new contract also provides for a 10 per cent increase in the cost of living.

The new contract also provides for a 10 per cent increase in the cost of living.

## PIANOS

### SECOND HAND AND SLIGHTLY USED

At about one-half their real value. We have a large stock of them on hand of almost every known make, and must get rid of them to make room for the large shipments of new goods arriving. This simple announcement is sufficient without giving a list of makes and prices, for our house is recognized as the great real bargain house of the city. Come in and look them over and we are sure you will find something to your liking. Remember any second-hand piano you buy of us can be exchanged any time within two years for a new piano at the price you pay for it. Call this week.

### NEW PIANOS

We have the largest stock of high-grade, up-to-date Pianos ever shown in Portland—such pianos as Knabe, Everett, Mason & Hamlin, Hardman, Fischer, Packard, Conover, Ludwig, Vose and Cable need no introduction to the public. No cheap makes, no painted cases and celluloid keys find a place on our floors. Remember, our Pianos are specially selected for most of the state and published by the city. The Exposition, another evidence of their superiority—then our prices and terms are the lowest that can be obtained. If you want the best for your money you want to see us.

### ALLEN & GILBERT- RAMAKER CO.

SIXTH AND MORRISON

announced through their representatives that they would report back for work today. There is an arbitration agreement between the 3,000 workers in the building trades and the 100 employers, the sheet and metal workers being among the number. They recently demanded an increase in wages of 50 cents a day, and went on strike without submitting their grievance to arbitration.

Twice the employers ordered them to return to work, but each time the metal workers defied them. They have yielded under threat of a lockout.

### DOES NOT EXPECT TRIAL

Haynes Says Seattle Church Will Not Take Up Charges.

CHICAGO, Sept. 14.—(Special).—Rev. Myron W. Haynes today scouted the report that the anti-Haynes faction in the First Baptist Church of Seattle had declared that he must face trial and be acquitted of the charges relating to Miss Nellie Gray before he will be allowed to take up the pastoral of that church. "I have received no advice concerning disensions in the church," he said. "On the contrary, I have been given to understand that sentiment in Seattle is very favorable to me. I shall go to Seattle."

### Railroaded to the Gallows.

LEXINGTON, Ky., Sept. 14.—(Special).—It took only seven minutes to secure a jury at Winchester today to hear evidence and render a verdict and for the judge to pass sentence of death upon Samuel Hillis, a negro, who criminally assaulted Mrs. Mollie Case. This is the shortest jury trial on record where a sentence of death was the verdict.

### Catarrets

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.

### Dyspeplets

Give instant relief in Sour Stomach, Heartburn, Nausea, all discomforts of indigestion and dyspepsia. Pleasant and economical. Medium size, 25c.; Large, 50c.; Pocket, handy size, 10c. C. I. Hood Co., Lowell, Mass.

### AWARDED

Grand Prize

Louisiana Purchase Exposition, St. Louis. Paris 1900, Buffalo 1901, Chicago 1893.

The most complete assortment of GOOD Shoes in the Pacific Northwest. New Fall styles now on sale.

### ROSETHAL'S

149 THIRD ST.

Between Morrison and Alder

SOLE AGENTS

For These Celebrated Shoes

## Lipman, Wolfe & Co.

### A BIG SPECIAL PURCHASE OF Embroidered Lingerie Waists

PLACED ON SALE TODAY AT \$3.00

You have paid \$5.00 and \$6.00 for Waists that could not equal these in beauty and workmanship, made of fine white waist material, front beautifully embroidered and tucked. Full new leg-o'-mutton sleeves with deep plaited cuffs; the back has eight line plaits; extra special value at \$3.00

### 20c and 15c Cretonnes at 10c

Any bedroom in your home would be beautified with these Dresden Drapery Cretonnes, full 30 inches wide, in medium and light grounds, with exquisite, conventional and floral designs; regular price 20c and 15c, today at 10c

### 2000 Yards of Kimono Flannelettes

15c Values on Sale Today at 9c

Persian designs, striped, figured and floral effects in a variety of colorings. Come early and secure your share of these bargains; regular price 15c, today at 9c

### Robinson & Wells

HATS ON SHOW TODAY

On show today and Saturday Robinson & Wells English Tailored Walking Hats—second shipment.

It is an established fact that the name of "Robinson & Wells" stands out prominently for the following three reasons—Leaders on Ready-to-Wear Ideas, Exclusive Styles and Moderate Prices.

### \$1.50 to \$1.00 Gloves

Your Choice Today at 68c

Women's Silk Lisle and Net Gloves from the best makers, every pair perfect in fit and finish, all new gloves. These gloves are always sold at \$1.50, \$1.25 and \$1.00; a great glove bargain, your choice today 68c

### Polka-dot Ribbon

SPECIAL VALUE AT 25c

5000 yards all pure silk polka-dot Ribbon, 3½ inches wide, all shades with two-toned colored embroidered dots; very special at 25c

### Handkerchiefs in Fancy Boxes \$1.48

Women's Embroidered Handkerchiefs in fancy picture boxes of Oregon scenery, containing six Handkerchiefs; assorted designs. A very useful present to send to your Eastern friends. Very special, box \$1.48

### Blankets and Comforters at Surprisingly Low Prices

800 Pairs of Blankets at Lowest Prices of Last Season

All our Blankets were contracted for long before the advance in wool, and we can sell you Blankets at prices that mean substantial savings for all who need Blankets.

10-4 white wool Blankets at \$3.25

11-4 extra heavy all-wool mottled Blankets at \$3.25

10-4 white wool Blankets, \$5.00 values, at \$4.00

11-4 white wool Blankets, \$6.50 values, at \$5.50

11-4 superior wool Blankets, \$7.50 values, at \$6.50

11-4 extra selected wool Blankets, \$10.00 values, at \$8.50

500 Silkoline Comforts, filled with the finest grade of white laminated cotton, covered with the best quality of figured silkoline, in light or dark ground, full size and weight; special at \$1.48

250 Sateen Comforts of the best quality, filled with the finest grade of white laminated cotton, covered with the best quality figured sateen in dainty designs; extra large size, full five pounds—special at \$2.68

### Cipman, Wolfe & Co.

Artistic Picture-Framing—High-Grade Watch Repairing—Very Reasonable Prices.

### THE WOMAN'S STORE

SILVERFIELD'S

FOURTH AND MORRISON

### SATURDAY IS BABIES' DAY

AT THE FAIR—IS THE BABY READY?

And every mother fortunate enough to possess a beautiful baby (and who ever saw one that was not beautiful?) should, by all means, bring it to the Fair, as besides the chance of having yours judged as the finest baby in the whole country, there is also a splendid chance of its being awarded any of the innumerable useful and elegant prizes to be given to the handsomest, heaviest and happiest babies to be found here, where all babies are handsome and cross ones are few indeed. We would suggest that before taking your baby to the Fair you would glance at our display of "Babies' Outfittings" in our Fourth-street window, or visit our department on the third floor, as our stock is so complete and comprehensive and contains so many elegant little garments that will contribute so much towards bringing out the good points of your little one, that this opportunity of furthering its chances should not be overlooked. As an added inducement we are offering for Friday and Saturday great reductions on our entire line of "Babies' Wear"—the items mentioned below are but a smattering of the great wealth of bargains in our department on the third floor.

Infants' \$1.25 Slips \$1.00

Infants' long fancy slips of nainsook, finished with clusters of tucks and beautifully trimmed with lace and embroidery. A very beautiful garment for the baby; regular \$1.25 slips—on sale at \$1.00

\$1.00 Bonnets 80c

Babies' Bonnets of white silk, with beautiful embroidered designs, finished at edge with heavy fancy inch of lace and silk bow at top, long silk ties; regular \$1.00 Bonnets—on sale at 80c

Babies' 35c Booties 28c

Hand crocheted, of the finest all-wool worsted, trimmed with colored bands at ankles, and finished with crocheted design of silk at tops. A most beautiful and serviceable booties; regular price 35c—on sale at 28c

Fall Millinery

Our splendid showing of Millinery for Fall includes all the very latest and most exclusive creations. Every new effect, every popular shape and manner of trimming is here shown in great variety. Our stock has been chosen by a master hand—the leading millinery establishments of Europe and America are all strongly represented, and these, combined with the striking creations of our own clever milliners, make this the finest showing of fine millinery in the city. Note the styles we are showing in our Morrison-street window.