

FUEL DEALERS TO FORM BIG TRUST

Combine Being Organized in Portland to Control Coal and Wood Business.

DECLARE SUCCESS CERTAIN

Owners of Existing Companies to Sell for Stock in New Concern. Merger May Be Completed Before End of This Month.

That a big combine of Portland fuel dealers is in process of formation and will be hatched not later than June 1, is the statement of men who are in close touch with the fuel trade, and consequently refuse to permit their names to be used.

The proposed trust, if it is accomplished, will take over all of the Portland fuel companies, giving the owners of the different plants stock in the merged concern.

The wood companies are getting together, said a man who is interested in one prominent concern. "The movement is on foot and promises to be a success.

Unless there are some unexpected obstacles, it is believed the organization will be completed within the next two weeks.

The corporation will control practically all the fuel in the city. The largest concern is interested and are in harmony with the movement.

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DROPS STANFORD EDITORS

FACULTY RESENTS LAMPPOONING OF ITS MEMBERS.

H. F. Bruning and M. J. Helmie, of the Quad, Expelled From College.

SAN FRANCISCO, May 13.—(Special.)—Henry F. Bruning, editor in chief, and M. J. Helmie, the "dash" editor of the Quad, the Stanford University annual, were dropped from the university today because of the severity of their strictures on the college faculty.

C. H. Raymond, one of the students dropped earlier in the week, has secured the services of an attorney and will sue for reinstatement.

Although this is commencement week at Stanford, there is no sign of the usual festivities.

MARRY AT RIPE OLD AGE

Rev. John Glen, of Portland, and Mrs. Virginia Clarkson Wed.

SAN FRANCISCO, May 13.—(Special.)—The books of the marriage license clerk in the County Clerk's office in San Jose say that the Rev. John Glen, of Portland, Ore., who was married there today to Mrs. Virginia Clarkson, of this city, had nearly reached man's allotted years, being 69.

Dr. Glen was formerly pastor of the Free Methodist Church in San Jose and Mrs. Clarkson was one of the most faithful parishioners.

MEXICANS TO SEE CONVENTION.

CHICAGO, May 13.—President Manuel

CHANGES IN FLEET

Several Battleships Will Be Reassigned to Divisions.

NEW MEN IN CHARGE

Admiral Sperry Plans to Place Vessels of Same Class Together as Far as Possible to Assure Homogeneity.

FIFTY PERSONS KILLED IN NEBRASKA

DESMOINES, Ia., May 13.—A tornado swept into Southwestern Iowa from Missouri last evening, destroying many farm homes in Fremont and Page counties and killing Mrs. Will Pliley, of the village of Northboro, in Fremont County.

OMAHA, Neb., May 13.—Reports which came in slowly today from the tornado-stricken district south of this city, add three deaths to the list of dead, making a total of 15.

Nearly every one of five towns in the path of the storm—Bellevue, Papillion, Richfield, Meadows and Louisville—were badly wrecked, and the village of Fort Crook, and the post at that point suffered heavy damages.

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UNITE AGAINST ONE FOE

Roosevelt Says War on Tuberculosis Makes for Peace.

WASHINGTON, May 13.—President Roosevelt has accepted the presidency of the International Congress on Tuberculosis, which will be held in this city in the autumn.

CAMPAIGN DAYS IN CLACKAMAS

Programme of Meetings Arranged for Republican Candidates.

OREGON CITY, Or., May 13.—(Special.)—Chas. A. Supp and Secretary Clark, of the Republican County Central Committee, have arranged meetings for the candidates for county offices in the final week of the campaign as follows:

SPEAK FOR LARGE ARMY AND NAVY.

NEW YORK, May 13.—The Founders and Patriots of America held a banquet tonight at the Hotel Manhattan.

FUNSTON PAYS HIS RESPECTS

Makes Official Call on Admirals of the Fleet.

SAN FRANCISCO, May 13.—Brigadier-General Frederick Funston, commanding

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Advertisement for ROYAL BAKING POWDER. Includes text: 'Absolutely Pure', 'From Grapes, the most healthful of fruits, comes the chief ingredient of ROYAL BAKING POWDER', and an image of a tin of the product.

Disagree on Postoffice Bill. WASHINGTON, May 13.—By not agreeing to the amendments placed thereon by the Senate, the House today necessitated the sending of the postoffice appropriation bill to conference.

Advertisement for SELZ ROYAL BLUE SHOE. Includes text: 'A good-shoe guarantee with SELZ ROYAL BLUE SHOE' and an image of a shoe.

INJURED THROUGH X-RAYS. DAMAGES OF \$25,000 ASKED FOR BURNED FOOT. Woman Alleges Doctor Exposed Limb 17 Times to X-Ray and Injury for Life is Result.

Advertisement for Rosenthal's shoes. Includes text: 'EVERY PAIR of these shoes has a maker's guarantee attached to it which says, in substance, that the shoe is guaranteed to be satisfactory.' and an image of a shoe.

FROM COLLIER'S WEEKLY. April 25th, 1908. About Curing Ourselves. With nature's own wanted pabulum that is always present within ourselves in health but, when diseased, is absent.

Advertisement for Shredded Wheat. Includes text: 'If you don't care what you eat—if you don't care whether it is clean or not—if you don't care whether it contains any real nutriment or not—there's no use trying to interest you in Shredded Wheat' and an image of a bowl of cereal.