

GRAIN GROWERS AGREE ON SCHEME

Farmers' Union Will Build Warehouses and Hold Wheat for Rise.

CROWD OUT SPECULATORS

Equity Society to Co-operate in Collective Marketing Direct to Millers and British Co-operative Societies.

SPRINGFIELD, Mo., May 13.—At the second day's session of the National Grain Growers & Cattle Raisers' Association here today, a plan to construct a chain of warehouses in grain-producing territories for the purpose of holding wheat for higher prices was endorsed.

At the invitation of the American Society of Equity, the farmers promised to co-operate with that organization. Theodore G. Nelson, National organizer for the Equity Society, addressed the meeting, saying: "The object sought by the members of the grain-growers' department this year is much the same as the purpose for which this convention has been called by the Farmers' Union. By collective marketing the members of the society will sell their grain to the millers and export product will be sold direct to the English and Scottish wholesale co-operative societies in Great Britain. In this way we will pass the crops by the speculator and their own middlemen.

"By getting for themselves profits which go to the speculator and the middleman, the grain-growers will, no matter whether the price be low or high, get a greater income from the sale of their crops, without corresponding increased cost of bread to the consumers."

Rain Aids Kansas Crops.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., May 13.—Almost an inch of rain fell in Central Kansas early today, while showers were general in that state and in Northwestern Missouri, greatly benefitting crops.

THREE MEN DISMISSED

RAILROAD FIXES BLAME FOR WRECK NEAR ASHLAND.

Conductor Risley, Sideman Vincent and Engineer Webber Are Dropped From Service.

Only because passengers in the observation car attached to the first section of train No. 15, on the Southern Pacific saw the rapid approach of the second section in tunnel No. 6, 53 miles north of Ashland, on Monday morning, and ran to the rear of the train, were their lives saved. According to the report received yesterday by General Superintendent Charles E. Robson, the train lines, gross negligence is charged against Conductor Risley and Sideman Vincent, of section No. 1, and against Engineer Webber, of section No. 2. All three employees were dismissed the service yesterday.

As the first section ran out of West Fork the second section got in and according to the rule of the road, stopped 10 minutes. Owing to the slippery condition of the rails the first section fell behind her time and was overhauled by the second section. Noticing that the train was falling off, it is charged by the board of inquiry the sideman should have got off the train and ordered the train. The conductor shares his blame for not ordering the sideman to do his duty.

As the passengers on the observation car saw the approaching train, the board of inquiry held that Engineer Webber should have seen that he was approaching the first section and slowed accordingly. He is charged with negligence for not keeping a proper lookout. General Superintendent Buckley said last night that the accident was averted by the action of the passengers running forward and by the fact that both trains were running in the same direction, the second section going but very little faster than the preceding section. As both trains were running up grade, the rate of speed was not great.

NEW SPOKANE RATE MADE

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given a greater advantage in the intermountain district than they have at present, and the cities of the coast, especially San Francisco, will be at a decided disadvantage.

The new rates, if approved by the commission, will give many interior towns between the Missouri River and the Sierra Nevada what is commonly known as the water rate, or at least a rate slightly in advance of and based on that figure. The proposed reductions will amount in many cases to 25 or 30 per cent of the present schedules, and it is accepted will take the place of the rejected schedules going into effect June 5, which are of general application and the general tendency of which is upward.

CONDENSED NEWS BY WIRE

Phillipsburg, Kan.—Fire at midnight Wednesday at Long Island, Kan., destroyed five business buildings, causing a loss estimated at \$100,000.

Union City, Tenn.—An order was received here Thursday recalling the remaining troops detailed in the Reel Foot Lake region. The civil authorities now have the situation well in hand.

Washington.—Office-seekers and office-holding by professional politicians is becoming a vocation in the Philippine Islands, according to the annual report of Acting Director Harbord, of the Philippine Constabulary.

Chicago.—The wholesale removal of tons of every one subject to tuberculosis is advocated by physicians attending the 31st annual convention of the Illinois Homeopathic Medical Association.

Chicago.—Madeline Drummond, whose marriage with Mrs. Marshall Field, Jr., was one of the most notable in London fashion world last summer, is suffering a severe attack of smallpox.

Seattle, Wash.—When John C. Greenwood, postman, put his hand in his mailbox this morning, he drew it out again in a hurry for, coiled up in the box, was a three-foot rattler, alive.

Washington.—By the end of the present week the name of Jefferson Davis will have been again chiseled into the stone in the famous Cabin John Bridge, from which it was removed during the Civil War.

Denver.—John D. Ryan, president of the International Smelting & Refining Company, emphatically denies that any agreement

has been entered into between the International and American companies.

Madison, Wis.—The Plunder planter mill was destroyed by fire early Thursday. Loss, \$100,000.

Chicago.—To provide for future requirements in timber and cross-ties, the Pennsylvania Railroad will, this Spring, plant more than 1,000,000 trees, making a total of 4,000,000 set out during the last three years.

San Bernardino, Cal.—Ruth Mitchell, aged 15, was instantly killed Wednesday at Highland by the discharge of a revolver in the hands of her brother, Harold, aged 17. The boy found the revolver which had been placed in a secluded spot several days ago.

Denver.—Dr. Edgar P. Hill, of Chicago, president of the Theological Seminary, is being mentioned as a candidate for moderator of the Presbyterian General Assembly, which convenes here May 29.

Rome.—The Pope held a semi-public consistory Thursday, recording the canonization of the Spanish priest, Oriol. The ceremony will take place May 29.

Redding, Cal.—Miss Clara Cooper, of Montaur, Iowa, was suddenly stricken blind on the eve of her departure for Iowa after a visit to friends here. When called Sunday morning it was found that she was awake, but an hour later she awoke naturally, but could not see.

Seattle.—Gas accumulating in a basement underneath a brick building was exploded, partially destroyed the building, and fire completed the work of destruction. No persons were injured, those of them perhaps fatally.

TOLSTOI FEEBLE LEADER

ROOSEVELT THINKS RUSSIAN WRITER WORTH LITTLE.

Takes Slam at Bryan, Also, in Article in Outlook and Discusses Political Platforms.

NEW YORK, May 13.—Ex-President Roosevelt, in the current number of the Outlook, combats the statement credited to Count Leo Tolstoi that Bryan represented the party after peace in the last Presidential campaign.

On this point, Mr. Roosevelt says: "Now, there was but one point in the platform of either political party in 1908 which contained an element of menace to the peace of the world. This was the plank in the Bryanite platform which demanded the immediate exclusion by law of all Asiatic laborers and therefore of the Japanese. Coupled with this was the utterly meaningless plank about the Navy, which was, however, intended to convey the impression that we ought to have a navy only for the defense of our coasts; that is, a merely 'defensive' navy, or in other words, a quite worthless navy."

The ex-President expresses the opinion that Tolstoi has "awayed or dominated" not only the feeble and fantastic folk and that his influence over "men of action" has not been great.

Amusements

What the Press Agenda Say.

"Merely Mary Ann." Everywhere one goes this week he hears enthusiastic praise of the Baker Stock Company production, "Merely Mary Ann." It is a different from all others, and so full of quaint comedy and tender pathos that it grips the feelings of its audiences in a manner impossible to resist.

"Ten Nights in a Barroom." There will be a special matinee for children at the Lyric tomorrow, when the best of the famous temperance drama, "Ten Nights in a Barroom." Capacity audiences have been seeing it all week, and the production has won an abundance of praise. It is a drama that teaches a wholesome moral.

AT THE VAUDEVILLE THEATERS. Minstrel With Voice at Orpheum.

Frank Coombs, who is sometimes called "the minstrel with the voice," assisted by Miss Martha Stone, in a new playlet, "The Last of the Troupe," are making a great hit this week. Mr. Coombs has a remarkable tenor voice and, among the many songs he sings is the favorite "Silver Threads Among the Gold," which he gives with great feeling.

Training a Husband. Every woman wants to know how to manage a husband. There are many ways and among others is that which appears in "A Wild Rose," a new playlet, at the Grand this week. Mr. and Mrs. Forbes are appearing in this comedy and it is a playlet which has attracted uncommon comment all week. This is but one of many features.

Famous English Artists—At Pantages. Three journeys into the wonderful land of Charles Dickens are made three times daily at the Pantages Theater, by Mr. and Mrs. Lucas, one telling of the weaving of Jonas Chuzzlewit, the second depicting the shattered ideals following the honeymoon. The silly hypocrisy of Uriah Heep is also impersonated.

Moving Pictures—Star. "The Hunter's Gallop," as the star is exceptionally well acted and photographed perfectly. The story for this film was written by M. T. Fisher, of the Academie Francaise, and among the actors are M. Maisher, of the Theater Renaissance; M. Mademoiselle, "Requiesce," of the Odéon, all prominent artists. There are six other motion, singing and talking pictures, Dora, Frank, ballet, and a comedy, violinist, are meeting with popular approval.

COMING ATTRACTIONS. Seats Selling for Nazimova. Seats are selling at the Helix Theater, Fourteenth and Washington streets, for the famous Russian actress, Madame Alla Nazimova. This world-famous actress will present the following plays, Monday and Tuesday nights and Wednesday afternoon, "A Doll's House," Wednesday night, "The Gambler," Thursday night, the comedy, "Comedians," and the play, "The House of the Dead," at the advance price will be exceptionally large.

Ferris Hartman Opens Sunday. Ferris Hartman's engagement at the Baker Stock Company's "The Little Minister," at the Bungalow next week, and it will be a striking contrast to her role of "Merely Mary Ann." Mr. Ayres will play Gavin Dishart; Mrs. Gleason, Nannie Webster; Maribel Seymour, the boy's part of Michael Dew, and all the others have strong character roles.

Piano Trinity at Orpheum. "The Piano Trinity" is the way three young men book themselves. They are Bert Anderson, Thomas C. Hand and P. Harrie Meakin, and are Salt Lake men. Their act consists of piano playing of different styles and all play one piano at the same time. Their selection are from the opera as well as some of the more popular airs.

Premier Musicians. The premier musical act of the vaudeville stage is the Elita Four, the headliner number for the new bill which opens at the Grand Monday afternoon. The number of the acts booked for the coming week is a record for the Grand, and each one will be a distinct feature.

Famous Apache Dance—Next Week. "Les Apache De Paris" direct from the famous Apache Dance, will be the feature of the Grand Theater next week. This is one of the latest Parisian novelties, and will be presented here in Portland for the first time in the West.

"Thelma" Next Week. Next week at the Grand beginning Sunday matinee, the popular stock company will be seen in "Thelma," Marie Corbett's beautiful stage effects help to make this version a great success. All the favorites will be in the cast.

SENATE RESORES DUTY ON IRON ORE

Party Lines Obliterated When It Comes to Dividing Slice of Pie.

DEMOCRATS GREEDY FOR IT

White 12 Republicans Vote for Free Iron Ore, 17 Democrats Vote for Duty—Move to Hurry Vote on the Bill Falls.

WASHINGTON, May 13.—After a day devoted to discussing the duty on iron ore, the Senate adopted by a vote of 61 to 24 the recommendation of the committee on finance for a duty of 25 cents per ton. The House had placed that article on the free list. The single duty is 40 cents per ton. Party lines were obliterated in the vote today, as 17 Democrats voted "aye" with the Republicans and 12 Republicans voted "no" with the Democrats.

During the day Bailey announced that he proposed to vote for the duty on iron ore as a revenue measure, declared that free ore would not affect the prosperity of the United States Steel Corporation, and added that, even if it did, there was a better way to deal with that organization, which was by an enforcement of the anti-trust law against it. He declared he expected to see this law enforced, and expressed confidence that eventually the officers of the Steel Corporation would either be in the penitentiary or fugitives from justice. For the first time there was a suggestion looking to the fixing of a date for a vote, but it came to naught because of objection from Beveridge.

Burrows Wants Protection.

Burrows spoke in favor of a duty on iron ore as a source of revenue for the Government. The present duty on iron ore is 40 cents a ton, which the committee proposes to reduce to 25 cents, yields, he said, a revenue of \$23,000,000. That would be lost by placing iron ore on the free list as proposed by the House.

Burrows said at the present time 500 men were employed, receiving wages amounting to \$2,500,000, in the production of iron ore, which industry, he said, it was now proposed to open up to the competition of the world.

Quoting from advance proof sheets of the next annual report of the Geological Survey, Burrows said there are now available in the United States 500,000,000 tons of high-grade ore, while in Michigan, Minnesota and Wisconsin there were of lower grade ore that will be available and are now useful, 70,000,000,000 tons, thus making 75,000,000,000 tons, in addition to which it is estimated that the Cuban deposits of high-grade ore amount to 1,735,000,000 tons.

He presented petitions from bodies of iron ore miners in Michigan and elsewhere, protesting against the withdrawal of the duty on iron ore.

Tariff Perverts Human Mind.

Rayner spoke in favor of free iron ore. He read from a statement of Representative Payne in the House in defense of the action of the ways and means committee in placing iron ore on the free list, and remarked that he was protecting Mr. Payne from the Republican members of the Senate.

He said he did not believe that the Cuban iron ore would go west of the Alleghenies, but it would be available for the steel companies of the Atlantic Coast in Eastern Pennsylvania, Delaware and Maryland. The companies, he said, were competitors of the United States Steel Corporation. Later Rayner took occasion to observe:

"There seems to be something about the tariff that perverts the human mind and the aspirations and longings of the soul for truth."

Short speeches were made by Senators offering their positions in reference to the proposed protection of 25 cents a ton on iron ore. Nelson, Republican, favored the free entry of that product. Daniel, Democrat, wanted it to pay the duty of 8 cents.

Tillman inquired whether anything was ever done about the "illegal" absorption of the Tennessee Coal and Iron Company by the United States Steel Corporation.

Culbertson replied that if the Attorney General had not information to show the illegal nature of that combination he could furnish it to him.

Money Calls for Revenue.

"I am for revenue," declared Money, who is a minority member of the finance committee. He introduced a statement giving the total value of products and total wages entering into each under each schedule of the bill.

"This bill does not carry enough revenue," he said. "I am of the opinion that the expenditures of the Government cannot be reduced, and I will venture to predict that the next supply bill, instead of carrying \$1,022,000,000, will amount to \$1,100,000,000. I am one man at least who is for the United States of America and next for the consumer."

Money had read a circular calling upon people to write letters to Senators asking for free hides and to request others to do so, and characterized the system as an "endless prayer business."

"Now if these people would get together on free hides, free leather and free shoes, lumping them all together, I might stand for the programme," said Money.

Enough Iron for 1500 Years.

McChamber referred to the estimate of J. J. Hill that the merchantable iron in this country would be exhausted in 30 years.

Aldrich, quoting from the report of the Chief of the Geological Survey, said the estimate of iron ore in sight was 1,000,000,000 tons, which he said would last 1500 years.

Bailey was arguing that the levying of the tariff was a matter of revenue, when Rayner asked how it happened that the Steel Corporation was using every effort to keep the duty on iron ore.

"I don't know that and therefore I will not attempt to explain it," retorted Bailey.

He declared that the Republican party is now more rent by internal discord than was the Democratic party in Cleveland's time. "Your lease of power is not so strong as you think it is," said Bailey. "You are sleeping on a volcano and in the next election there will come an eruption."

Bailey proposed a vote on the income tax amendment next Saturday and a vote upon the tariff bill on June 1, saying he would ask unanimous consent to that agreement.

"That is satisfactory to me," said Aldrich.

Beveridge objected, saying the bill would be voted upon when Senators had concluded discussing it.

Bailey, modifying his suggestion, said that, if Aldrich would agree to vote on

the income tax bill next Saturday, he would use his influence to bring about a vote on the bill as early as June 1.

"I am not willing at this time to consent to that arrangement," said Aldrich, "but I may be willing tomorrow."

Bailey, resuming his criticism, declared that in the present financial condition of the country it was necessary either to maintain the high rates of the Dingley bill or to sell bonds.

Dolliver maintained free iron ore would aid independent steel manufacturers.

Smith (Mich.) said that the steel corporation was understood to control most of the iron ore deposits in Canada.

Beveridge said he was tired of hearing every time a reduction of a tariff rate was proposed that it would benefit some trust.

Iron Duty Finally Fixed.

On motion of Aldrich, a vote was taken on the committee amendment making iron ore dutiable at 25 cents a ton. The amendment was adopted, 61 to 24.

Democratic Senators for the amendment were as follows: Bacon, Bailey, Chamberlain, Clay, Daniel, Fletcher, Fossorier, Prater, Johnston (Ala.), McEnerney, Martin, Painter, Simmons, Stone, Tallafiero, Taylor and Tillman.

The Republicans who voted against the amendment are: Beveridge, Borah, Bristolow, Brown, Burkett, Cummins, Curtis, Dolliver, Dupont, Gamble, La Follette and Nelson.

JUSSERAND WILL VISIT

FRENCH AMBASSADOR TO STOP HERE JUNE 11.

Banquet Probably Will Be Held at Commercial Club in Honor of Distinguished Guest.

M. Jean Adrien Antoine Jules Jusserand, Ambassador from France to the United States, is to visit Portland June 11. The Ambassador will stop here on his way from San Francisco to the Alaska-Yukon-Pacific Exposition at Seattle, having arranged his trip with a view of being in this city during the Rose Festival week. C. Henri Labbe, French Consul in Portland, said last night that as there is no French society in this city, on account of the few residents of French birth, it is probable that no entertainment of the Ambassador will be undertaken by his compatriots. The distinguished visitor will be tendered a reception, however, that may develop into a banquet at the Commercial Club, the preliminary arrangements for which are already being made.

M. Jusserand has been given the degree of LL.D. by several universities in this country in recognition of his distinguished scholarship displayed in his historical works. He received the degree from the University of Chicago, Columbia, University of Pennsylvania, McGill and Harvard. He was born in Lyons, France, in 1856, and has been in the diplomatic service of his country since he attained his majority.

Mme. Jusserand is to accompany the Ambassador on his Western trip.

PROSPECT SEEMED GOOD

"TWO QUEENS" ORE WORTH INVESTIGATION, SAYS WITNESS.

Government Closes Its Case Against Mining Promoters Accused of Fraud.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., May 13.—The Government closed its case against the Horn brothers, Raymond P. May and T. H. Snyder, late today, charged with fraud in the sale of the "Two Queens" mining stock in Arizona. Ex-Judge Krum, attorney for the defendants, moved later to quash the indictments against all the men except Frank Horn, but was overruled.

Frank Desousa, connected with a Phoenix, Ariz., newspaper, testified that he had been paid \$96 by the defendants in return for publishing glowing descriptions of the "Two Queens."

Dr. W. W. Lewis, a mining engineer of Prescott, Ariz., who examined the ore of the "Two Queens" mine in Arizona, before the property was developed, testified that the samples of ore which he found in the property justified an investigation, but that the development of the mine early showed discouraging results. He said the mechanical work of development was of a high order, but that much of the work done was ill advised. Judge Crum, of the defense, objected to the methods of the

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