

## HILL THINKS SOIL SADLY NEGLECTED

Road-Builder Says America Is Threatened With Food Shortage.

### TOO MANY FILLING CITIES

President of Bankers' Association Advocates \$100,000,000 Central Institution, With Power to Issue Emergency Notes.

CHICAGO, Sept. 14.—A warning that the United States may soon cease to be an exporter of foodstuffs was given to the American Bankers' Association in convention here today by James J. Hill. "The idea that we feed the world is unless we correct it," said Mr. Hill, "and unless we can increase the agricultural areas and their product the question of a source of food supply at home soon will supersede the question of a market abroad."

Warning to America.

"We have," said the speaker, "almost reached a point where, owing to increased population without increased production per acre, our home food supply will be insufficient for our own needs within 10 years, possibly less, we are likely to become a wheat-importing nation; the percentage of the population engaged in agriculture and the product per acre are both falling; at the same time the cost of living is raised everywhere by this relative scarcity of bread; by artificial increase in the price of all manufactured articles, and by a habit of extravagance which has enlarged the view of both rich and poor of what are to be considered the necessities of life."

Mr. Hill declared that never yet has enhanced cost of living, when due to agricultural decline and inability to supply national needs, failed to end in national disaster. He said the farm is our main reliance and that every other activity depends on that. He asserted, however, that the majority of people all realize practically the declining status of agriculture in the country.

Lawrence O. Murray, Comptroller of the Currency, discussed the guaranty of bank deposits. He said: "I believe in just one kind of guaranty on deposits. I believe in the guaranty which comes from the Comptroller of the Currency doing his duty under the law, from the Bank Examiners doing their duty and from the executive officers and directors of the bank doing their duty in accordance with the laws which they take. That kind of guaranty is practicable and does not cost the banks an extra dollar, nor permit depositors to lose a dollar."

"Bank supervision and bank examinations exist for a purpose. They offer greater security to the creditors of the banks. If examining and supervising are to be done at all, they ought to be as well done as possible. The state or Federal Government, as the case may be, affords only a false and misleading security to the depositors. The public official, whether Federal or state, charged with the duty of enforcing banking laws, who is a party to a form of administration that beguiles the depositor into a sense of security which has no basis in fact, perpetrates a fraud."

"A National Bank Examiner ought never to borrow a dollar from any National bank, nor own a share of stock in one. A bank examiner who does his full duty is engaged in business sufficiently important and responsible to require his best and undivided attention to the work at all times."

"I believe in the expansion of the system, but I believe that that expansion should be along normal, safe and conservative lines."

"If we are to have a great system of banks, sound, well-managed and prosperous, the growth of the association and they must be exercised before the Government issues a charter. In the National system we want banks organized in places where the demand is spontaneous and originates with the people living in the place who feel an actual need of banking facilities. I do not believe in the organization of banks by promoters who go about the country, calling public meetings, and by methods of advertising characteristic of the circus, endeavoring to attract thousands for the organization of a bank."

"The director of a bank who poses before the people as the trusted custodian of their funds, and who is using his trusteeship for the purpose solely of personal gain, who is recklessly speculating with the people's money by borrowing unwarranted money from the bank's security, is the greatest menace to the safety of the banking system today. The elimination of this type of director from the control of banking institutions and the fostering of a keener sense of responsibility among a certain class of bank directors of the duties of their high office is being attempted by me through all the means at my command."

For Central Bank.

President Reynolds' address outlined the steady growth of the association and pointed out the need for co-operation. Touching the financial problem of the United States he said:

"As the result of a study of the financial systems of the various countries of the world and the knowledge gained from actual experience in business of some of the changes necessary in order that we may secure a system of currency that will meet all the requirements of our rapidly growing business and which will at the same time command the confidence and respect of the entire business world, I am convinced that we should have established in this country a central bank, with power of note issue, to be operated under Governmental supervision or control."

## PROMINENT MEN AT THE SESSION OF THE AMERICAN BANKERS' ASSOCIATION.



GEORGE M. REYNOLDS, President.

FRED E. FARNSWORTH of N.Y. Secretary.

president of the Chicago Clearing-House Association. Lee Pierson, chairman of the bill of lading committee, informed the delegates of the progress in securing uniform bill of lading laws and the necessity of further effort in that direction. After the regular session Vice-President Sherman addressed the delegates. "Mr. Hill made a strong speech," said Mr. Sherman, "but I would like to say that while Eastern farm lands have unquestionably lessened in value, the reverse has been true of the farm lands of the West, which have been opened up by the railroads. It is generally understood that the next president of the association will be Lewis E. Pierson, president of the Irving National Bank of New York. The next convention of the Bankers' Association will probably be held at Los Angeles. There will be no regular session tomorrow."

### DRINKING BREAKS PAROLE

Fred Anderson, Fisherman, Must Now Go to Prison.

ASTORIA, Or., Sept. 14.—(Special.)—Fred Anderson, a fisherman, who has been working on the lower river during the past season, came to the city today and immediately started in to celebrate by getting gloriously drunk. The result is that he will now be compelled to serve a term in the penitentiary in fulfillment of a sentence that was hanging over him.

Last May, Anderson was arrested for a quantity of meat and provisions from the lighthouse-tender Heather. At the June term of the Circuit Court the man pleaded guilty to the charge and Anderson was sentenced to two years in the State Penitentiary, but the execution of the sentence was suspended and the prisoner was paroled during good behavior, the special adjournment of the court being that the defendant was to keep out of saloons and must not drink. This afternoon Anderson was found in an intoxicated condition and was arrested. He will be taken to Salem as soon as the commitment papers can be prepared.

### BOY TELLS PITIFUL TALE

Says Uncle Mistreats Him, Giving Him Only Scraps to Eat.

Harold Medaris, 13 years old, found in a boat Monday morning and turned over to the juvenile court, told such a hard luck story that the officials started on a tour of investigation. He said he lived with his grandmother in Missouri, and they went from there to Seattle. Then the grandmother returned East and young Medaris was sent to Portland to live with his uncle at Mount Tabor. There he was locked up for three months, he said, and fed upon scraps, until he made his escape by a back way. He said his father and mother are dead.

### NORTH BANK TOWN IS SOLD

Boston and Seattle Capitalists Pay \$100,000 for Laxon Tract.

GOLDENDALE, Wash., Sept. 14.—(Special.)—Five prominent Goldendale men, Frank Aldrich, Edwin Ward, Nat. Ward, Louis Duncan and Nat. Ingram, with Hugh G. Phillips of Vancouver, Wash., are negotiating the holdings at Laxon, on the North Bank road, to G. Henry Whitcomb, of Boston, and James A. Moore, of Seattle.

### TROLLEY CARS COLLIDE

Motorman on "L" Car Loses Control of Power and Crash Follows.

A serious collision was narrowly averted at Third and Flinders streets between "L" car No. 120 and "L" car No. 121 last night at 10 o'clock, when the "L" car motorman lost control of his power and ran into the rear of the "L" car just ahead of him. There was a shower of broken glass and a severe jolt in both cars.

### BROKER COMMITS SUICIDE

Commission Man Cuts Throat With Razor at Sea.

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 14.—Paxton Wright, a well-known commission broker of this city, committed suicide by cutting his throat with a razor aboard the steamer Alameda, September 13, when the vessel was two days out from Honolulu, bound for this port. The body was buried at sea. Business reverses are believed to have been the cause.

A 400-pound halibut was recently displayed in London.



JOSEPH T. TALBERT, Pres. CHICAGO CLEARING HOUSE ASSOCIATION.

## FOREST FIRES RAGE

Blaze Threatens Ranches and California Resorts.

### THOUSANDS FIGHT FLAMES

Dozen Counties in Grip of Conflagration Mostly Started by Live Embers Left by Campers.

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 14.—Several thousand men are engaged in a dozen counties of this state in fighting numerous forest fires that threaten ranch and resort buildings, as well as many square miles of valuable timber lands. As a result of these conflagrations unusual heat prevails along the coast. Great damage already has been done to ranch houses and several groups of Summer resort hotels and tent cottages have been destroyed.

The most serious fires reported today are in Northern Sonoma, Western Napa, Mendocino, Santa Cruz, Lake and Los Angeles counties. In Napa County where Walter Springs was destroyed and the cottages and tent-houses at Burke's Sanatorium were badly damaged, the fire burned today, but in the hills near Preston the flames are spreading.

In the vicinity of Ukiah the whole country is ablaze. Fire fighters are back-firing to locate the fire from destruction. In the vicinity of Callotoga the conflagration that threatened that town last night has been controlled. A hundred men are now at work in the hills near Callotoga, where the fire is burning for two days, spreading in the direction of Gilroy.

Rangers succeeded in saving the big trees. Thousands of acres in the foothills west of Donovon Valley, Lake County, have been swept by the flames, but they are now under control. For a time the oil region around Whittier was in danger. Most of the fires so far reported originated at points where campers had left embers or from sparks from engines.

### PASTURE LAND DEVASTATED

Thousands of Acres Burned Over in Two Counties.

### UKIAH SURROUNDED BY FIRE

Whole County Seems Ablaze—No Loss of Life Reported.

UKIAH, Cal., Sept. 14.—Ukiah is surrounded by forest fires and the valley is overhung by a dense cloud of smoke. The most serious conflagration is in the vicinity of Wendling and Navarro, where the whole country seems to be ablaze. Large fires are raging in the hills back of Walker's Valley and north of Willits. In this neighborhood several smaller fires are in progress and on the east side of the valley blazes of considerable magnitude are reported from settlements along Lake County line. Up to this time no loss of life has been reported.

### COLORADO PIONEER DIES

J. J. Hagerman, Railroad Builder, Passes, Aged 70.

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo., Sept. 14.—J. J. Hagerman, builder of the Colorado Midland Railroad and one of the foremost among Colorado pioneers, died at Milan, Italy, last night, as the result of a lung affection, according to a telegram received here today. Mr. Hagerman was 70 years old.

St. Petersburg—W. W. Rockhill, the newly appointed American Ambassador to Russia, arrived here Tuesday from Berlin.

## Diamond Mounting Done While You Wait—14-Karat Gold Mountings Used

# Olds, Wortman & King

### Gloves \$1.48 Pr.

WOMEN'S REAL KID GLOVES, in a special advance sale; suede or kid finish, select French stock; colors, black, white, tan, navy, brown and gray; two or three-clasp styles; prices up to \$2.25; special at \$1.48.

### 50c Ribbons 29c

Fancy Ribbons, in dresden effects, stripes, plaids; also in plain colored satin taffeta ribbons; three to five inches wide, and values up to 50c the yard; special at 29c.

### \$2 Neckwear 98c

A sample line of women's Neckwear, in jabots, stock collars, tailored collars, chemisettes, vest lace collars and lace coat sets; values up to \$2.00 each; special at 98c.

### New Silks, Dress Goods

Our fabric stock shows pleasing preparedness for this Fall's demands. The preferred weaves, weights and patterns are here in generous variety. Portland's handsomest and smartest gowns are being planned from fabrics chosen here. The low price of the goods allows generously for the cost of making.

MANNISH TAILORED SUITINGS, in two-tone effects, stripes, shadow effects, checks, plaids, etc., all weights, any shade or combination desired.

NEW SILKS in the reliable, dependable grades of taffetas, also popular for suitings or all-round wear; soft shimmering fabrics such as messalines, peau de cygnes, etc., in bewildering assortment of plain or evening shades. See the display of Fall's favored fabrics and make your selections early while assortments remain.

### Union Suits 79c

WOMEN'S ELASTIC RIBBED Union Suits, low neck, sleeveless, knee length, lace trimmed; regular \$1.35 values; special 79c.

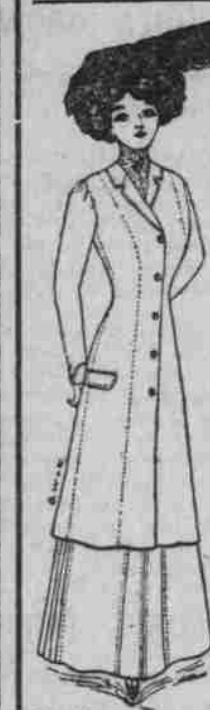
### Umbrellas \$1.48

These rainshields are for women or men; made of fast black union tape edge taffeta, with good strong frames and neat handles, in goodly variety; handles are of natural wood, or in fancy trimmed effects; values to \$2.25; special \$1.48.

### \$1.50 Hose 95c

WOMEN'S EMBROIDERED HOSE, in all the new shades, silk embroidered instep, also plain lisle or lace boot effects or fine silk hose, in all leading colors; 95c all are regular \$1.50 vals., at.

## Tailored Suits \$39.50



Pleased customers enthusiastically declare that these Suits at \$39.50 are the greatest values they have ever seen. 'Tis impossible to describe in cold type the smartness and attractive styles of these garments. They are produced by a maker who is famous for the character and style worthiness of his productions. They are manufactured for us in immense quantities; yet so large is the assortment that there are few of any one style or pattern. They are made on the plain—almost severe—tailored lines, without trimmings of any sort. They come in plaited styles (side plaits as pictured here and other arrangements of plaits), with coat three-quarter length and the plain form-fitting model here illustrated. Materials are fine quality broadcloth, plain colors, or high-grade mannish wool mixtures. Suits unapproached for quality and style at \$39.50.

## "Merode" Underwear

### HAND-FINISHED

Be particular about your underwear, for it costs no more to wear the very best, absolutely sanitary made, hand-finished garments, than it does the poorly constructed, inferior grades. We are sole Portland agents for Merode underwear for women and children. These garments are made from the best yarns to be had, and every garment is finished by hand. We've nearly 300 shapes in vests, drawers, tights, corset covers and union suits. We can fit any form or supply any weight wanted. There is a display of Merode garments this week in our underwear department, and women who desire the finest quality for themselves or for their children should view this showing. They are made of finest combed cotton, lisle, silk and lisle, silk and cotton, merino wool or silk and wool. We've underwear suitable for any climate and are especially well stocked with just the right weights and textures suitable for Oregon weather.



## Skinner's Satin (Guaranteed) Best Lining Made

When you are buying lining satins, take no chances. Buy Skinner's Satin, guaranteed for two years' wear, and know that you will get your money's worth, and more. Buy from a store whose goods you know are the best; whose word you can depend upon for quality and who can show you the up-to-date shades and goodly varieties. Remember that the life of a garment depends largely upon the lining. Good satin, like Skinner's, not only saves relining, but greatly increases the life and wear of your coat or suit. We carry it in black and all colors. Name woven on selvage and guaranteed for two seasons' wear. The yard \$1.50 or suit. SEE MAGNIFICENT SHOWING IMPORTED TRIMMINGS—DIRECT FROM GAY PARIS.

## Fine Curtains at \$2.95



A special sale of madras curtains of a fine quality and pleasing designs. They are much in demand for novelty curtains, drapes, etc.; come in striped or fancy designs, at following prices, pair:

Reg. \$5.00 values, special sale price... \$2.95  
Reg. \$5.50 values, special sale price... \$3.35  
Reg. \$6.50 values, special sale price... \$3.95  
Reg. \$7.00 values, special sale price... \$4.25  
Reg. \$7.50 values, special sale price... \$4.60  
Reg. \$10.00 values, special sale price... \$6.75  
Reg. \$11.00 values, special sale price... \$6.95  
Reg. \$13.50 values, special sale price... \$8.95  
Reg. \$15.00 values, special sale price... \$9.75

### Heavy Fleece Blanket

Sanitary gray, pink or blue borders, sell regularly at \$1.35; special \$1.15. A regular \$2.25 grade, at the pair... \$1.75. FANCY FLEECE WOOL BLANKETS, colors pink, blue or gray; A regular \$10.00 grade selling at only... \$7.95.

## Fine Sewing Machines

### \$1 a Week

Time for Fall sewing, isn't it? And perhaps you are one of those who are wondering how they will possibly get through the season's work with the old sewing machine. Don't do it. Put the old sewing machine in the attic and BUY A STANDARD AT \$1 A WEEK.

We are sole Portland agents for Standard Sewing Machines, and carry them in five grades priced at \$18.00, \$26.00, \$32.50, \$35.00 and \$40.00. At the latter price we sell the Standard Rotary, two machines in one, chain or lock stitch, the highest-grade machine on the market at any price. Sold in Eastern stores for \$45.00; our price on the easy payment club plan, only \$40.00.



## SWIFT BEHIND DEAL?

### MOLALLA RAILROAD PROMOTER GETS TERMINAL, IS REPORT.

Option Taken on Property at Oregon City and Connection Made With O. W. P.

OREGON CITY, Or., Sept. 14.—(Special.)—It is currently reported that F. M. Swift is the man for whom the options on a block of Oregon City property were taken recently.

There is an air of mystery pervading the transaction and the real estate firm handling the deal declines to divulge the name of their client, merely stating the options were taken for a syndicate. Mr. Swift is promoting the construction of an electric railway system from Oregon City to Silverton through the Molalla Valley, and it would be very natural for him to secure the property under option for his terminal.

It is understood that traffic arrangements have already been made by Mr. Swift with the Portland Railway, Light & Power Company under which this company will take care of his freight and passenger traffic from Oregon City to Portland.

### Grants Pass Man Drowns.

VICTORIA, B. C., Sept. 14.—Thomas McKale, formerly of Grants Pass, was drowned at Cumberland Sunday, through the upsetting of a launch, he not being a swimmer. Four others had

## HUME ESTATE TO BE SOLD

Property Valued at \$375,000 Will Be Disposed Of Soon.

MARSHFIELD, Or., Sept. 14.—(Special.)—Property of the late R. D. Hume, in Curry County, will be ready for private sale by the executrix, Mrs. Hume, in about a month. The appraised value of the estate is \$375,000.

There are 14,999 acres of timber and range land, about one-third of which is valuable timber. The estate also consists of about 2000 head of sheep, large herds of cattle, race horses and feeding rights, cannery and cold-storage plant. It is said that a number of firms have examined parts of the property with a view of purchasing.

### Coal Tar Fires Home.

WOODLAND, Wash., Sept. 14.—(Special.)—While Earl Allen, who lives four miles east of Woodland, was boiling some coal tar to be used in calking a rowboat, the stuff boiled over and before anything could be done the house was in flames and was completely destroyed, together with about one-half of his household furniture. The loss is \$1200, with no insurance.

### Thugs Beat and Rob Indian.

WOODLAND, Wash., Sept. 14.—(Special.)—George Charley, a well-to-do Indian, was set upon by two thugs about

## JAP PRINCE DOING GOTHAM

Kuno Takes an Auto Trip Through City—Sees Dress Parade.

NEW YORK, Sept. 14.—Prince and Princess Kuno, of Japan, who since their arrival from Boston last night have been the guests of Colonel Robert M. Thompson on board his houseboat, the Everglades, were taken on an automobile trip about the city. Later the party visited Fort Adams, where they witnessed dress parade of the Coast Artillery.

Tonight General and Mrs. J. Fred Pierson gave a dinner in their honor. The Prince and Princess sail tomorrow for Sag Harbor.

### INDIAN GETS FINE CLAIM

Simon Charley, Quintault, Refuses to Be Outdone by Whites.

HOQUIAM, Wash., Sept. 14.—(Special.)—Emulating the wiles of the paleface, and not to be outdone by the local allotting agent, a Quintault Indian, named Simon Charley, has secured official documents from Washington which entitle him to the claim he had selected near the head of Lake Quintault.

The allotting agent is alleged to have turned Simon down flat when it became known that he had staked such a valuable claim, which is 160 acres and bears

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