



## HIGH PRICES LAID TO LAW OF DEMAND

### Population Moving Into Consuming Districts.

## BANKS AND STORAGE HELP

### Farmers in Better Position to Hold for Good Markets.

## COMMITTEE NOT AGREED

### Democrats, Dissenting From Republicans on Senate Committee, to Employ Expert to Prepare Antagonistic Views.

WASHINGTON, June 23.—Republicans and Democrats do not agree as to the increased cost of living between 1909 and 1910.

The majority report of the special Senate committee which has been investigating these questions was submitted to the Senate today by Senator Lodge, chairman of the committee. A meeting was held prior to the presentation of the report, and the minority members of the committee protested against the character of the findings.

### Minority to Employ Expert.

After a long argument, the minority was authorized to employ an expert to go over the report of the majority and prepare the minority views for submission to the Senate. The report made by Senator Lodge was an exhaustive one, compiled from testimony given by 41 witnesses and from reports received from Consuls and from foreign governments.

The majority of the committee found that of the many causes contributing to the advance in prices the following were most marked:

Increased demand for farm products and food.

Shifting of population of food-producing to food-consuming occupations and localities.

Immigration to food-consuming localities.

Land becomes exhausted.

Reduced fertility of land resulting in lower average production or in increased expenditures for fertilization.

Increasing banking facilities in agricultural localities, which enabled farmers to hold their crops and market them to the best advantage. It was found that this not only stimulated prices, but had a tendency to increase them.

Reduced supply convenient to transportation facilities of such commodities as timber.

Cold-storage plants, which result in preventing extreme fluctuations of prices of certain commodities with the seasons, but by enabling the wholesaler to buy and sell at the best possible advantage, tend to advance prices.

Distribution More Expensive.

Increased cost of distribution.

Industrial combination.

Organization of producers or of dealers.

Advertising.

Increased money supply.

Over-capitalization.

Higher standard of living.

The findings were gathered by measuring the prices of 267 commodities included in the price index number of the Bureau of Labor. The commodities were grouped and the advances noted for the different groups during the period from 1900 to 1909 inclusive. The general wholesale price level in the United States advanced during that period 1.5.

Only Drugs Are Cheaper.

The groups show advances as follows: Farm products, 39.8; food, etc., 18.7; timber and building materials, 19.6; miscellaneous commodities, 14.7; clothes and clothing, 12.9; fuel and lighting, 6.9; house furnishing goods, 5.3; metals and implements, 3.6. A decline was shown for drugs and chemicals amounting to 25.9 per cent.

It was shown that the greatest advances have taken place in the products of the soil.

The committee criticized the use of forests by saying that there had been a large consumption without any particular attempt to replace the timber. The report said that, in view of the fact that the increases have been either directly or indirectly from the farms than in any other line except products of the forest, the conclusion must be reached that the most important cause of the present advance is to be found in a study of farm conditions.

Range Is Disappearing.

Concerning the advance in the cost of food the report says:

"The supply of Government available land for general farming has been materially reduced, and the ranges are being rapidly cut up into homes for settlers. The cost of producing livestock has materially increased with the disappearance of the range, which necessitates producing cattle on domestic pasture and high-priced lands."

Concerning retail prices the report shows that in the United States in the Spring of 1910 prices for bacon were more than 10 cents higher, ham 33 per cent higher, flour about 5 per cent

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## CHICAGO HEAT KILLS; SNOW IN MINNESOTA

### SIX MORE DEATHS; MINNEAPOLIS LIKE WINTER.

### Nineteen Severe Prostrations Recorded in Windy City and Four Persons Bitten by Rabid Dogs.

CHICAGO, June 23.—(Special.)—Six additional deaths were reported today as the result of the heat wave, which has killed 43 persons in the last week. This does not take into account the numerous children in the tenement districts. There were also 19 severe prostrations today and four persons were bitten by rabid dogs.

Professor Cox, of the Weather Bureau, says there is no indication that the heat wave will be broken for three more days at least, as there is no rain in sight, and points not touched by lake breezes are suffering more intensely than Chicago. Intense humidity accompanied the heat today, making breathing difficult and increasing the suffering.

Today's dead: Sergeant Patrick Wynne, Irving Erickson, Frank Kirk, D. B. Woods, C. Christianson, James Rufford. A horse owned by H. Stern, driven mad by the heat kicked its way out of the barn and attacked its owner, whom it followed up a flight of stairs. There it became wedged in a narrow hallway at the top of the first floor and was shot by a patrolman.

MINNEAPOLIS, June 23.—(Special.)—Though for the past week the mercury has hovered around the 96 point, it looks like "winter" here tonight, with snow, which melts soon after falling. The snow is accompanied by a strong wind from the northwest. Rains early in the week in North Dakota broke one of the worst droughts the state has ever experienced, and it is believed a cold spell has hit that part of the country and Minneapolis is getting the aftermath in snow.

## ROBERTSON, POET, IS DEAD

### Greatest Work Produced While Suffering From Locomotor Ataxia.

SAN FRANCISCO, June 23.—(Special.)—Louis Alexander Robertson, the poet, died Tuesday night at Buena Vista Sanitarium. A sufferer for 15 years from locomotor ataxia, Robertson produced his greatest work during his illness, and died leaving a work upon which his name is certain to endure.

He was a poet of remarkable depth and color, and his work is all the more remarkable when it is considered that it was produced under such adverse conditions.

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## HOT IRON SEARS TOT'S EYE

### Mother, at Clothes Board, Stumbles Onto Creeping Babe.

VANCOUVER, Wash., June 23.—(Special.)—Accidentally, a mother seared the eyeball of her 22-month-old babe today, when she was doing the family ironing.

Mrs. Samuel Walker, who lives near St. Johns, Wash., a few miles from Vancouver, was ironing, and her baby, Ivy Bass, 22 months old, was toddling around on the floor. No particular attention was given the little one. Mrs. Walker lifted a flatiron from the stove and just as she was turning with the iron in her right hand at the height of the child's eye, she stumbled onto the baby. The hot iron struck the left eye of the child and seared the eyeball. A doctor was called and he is of the opinion the sight of the eye may be saved.

The burn is a serious one, as well as being very painful.

## OREGONIANS WIN HONORS

### Two Rank High Among 800, Who Leave University of Wisconsin.

MADISON, Wis., June 23.—(Special.)—The State University commencement class included two Oregon students, who rank high in honors, even if there are not many Oregonians on the roll of 800 graduates who finished their work at the institution today.

The Oregon honors are Graduate Schoolmaster of Arts, Ward Ray, B. A. (U. of O.), Deer Lake, Pa., University Graduate Scholar, D. Klanton Shangle, B. A., University of Oregon.

## TRAIN WRECK INJURES 17

### All Cars but One Turn Turtle in Chicago & Alton Accident.

CARLINVILLE, Ill., June 23.—Seventeen persons were injured, several seriously, and the Chicago & Alton Prairie State Express was wrecked a mile and a half north of Carlinville at 3:25 P. M. today.

The locomotive, baggage car, smoker, day and chair cars and three Pullmans were derailed and all turned turtle except the last Pullman.

## White Slaver Found Guilty.

SEATTLE, June 23.—Lucius Katz was found guilty of importing a woman into the United States for immoral purposes by a jury in the Federal Court today. During the trial evidence was introduced to show that Katz brought a woman from British Columbia, taking her to Walla Walla, then to North Yakima, Wash., and then to Pocatello, Idaho, where they were arrested by the immigration authorities.

## K. & E. CLOSE DEAL FOR THEATER HERE

### Ten-Story Building to Be Erected.

### SITE IS ON MORRISON STREET

### Arrangements Made in New York Wednesday.

### EDIFICE TO OCCUPY BLOCK

### Investment Company Will Begin at Once Razing of Old Dekum Home and Building of Playhouse, to Be Ready in Nine Months.

For Charles Frohman, Klaw & Erlanger a modern ten-story theater building is to be erected on the old Dekum home-stand on the block surrounded by Morrison, Yamhill, Thirteenth and Fourteenth streets, by the Sweeney Investment Company. The contract for the construction of the building and its lease to the theatrical syndicate was signed in New York Wednesday and news of the arrangement was telegraphed to The Oregonian yesterday.

E. G. Cooke, representing Klaw & Erlanger, yesterday telegraphic report, when seen at the Portland Hotel late yesterday afternoon, and explained that the new theater would be rushed to completion as fast as money could accomplish it. Mr. Cooke is of the opinion that the building will be completed at the end of nine months, if not before, as men will be worked in eight-hour shifts, three shifts a day, until the work is done.

The new building will be modern throughout and will be the exact duplicate of the theater to be built in Seattle for the same people, by the Metropolitan Company.

### Work to Be Rushed.

"That the theater might be completed as soon as possible," said Mr. Cooke, "bonuses will be paid to the iron manufacturers and to contractors to hurry it up. That does not mean that the building will be thrown together, but that it will be rushed as fast as possible, while care is being taken to make it one of the best buildings in the city."

Mr. Cooke left last night for Spokane, where he is to arrange for a site and the construction of a modern theater in that city. He will probably return to Portland later to complete some details for the new building here.

Concerning the press reports from New York to the effect that Henry W. Savage had deserted the syndicate, Mr. Cooke said that he had just received a dispatch from that city from a reliable authority, in which it was explained that Mr. Savage would continue his affiliation with the syndicate, although he had arranged for some one-night stands at places where Klaw & Erlanger have no houses. That Mr. Savage had affiliated with John Cort was denied by Mr. Cooke, who said that the press dispatch to that effect must have been engineered by Mr. Cort for the purpose of hampering the syndicate work in the Northwest.

### Cooke Discusses Report.

"Klaw & Erlanger have handled Mr. Cooke's attractions since he became identified with the theatrical world, 15

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## HYPNOTIC, WOMAN IS UNABLE TO WED

### PORTLAND COUPLE'S PLANS FAIL AT OREGON CITY.

### Justice Refuses to Perform Ceremony When Told Bride-to-Be Once Was Wed in Hypnotic State.

OREGON CITY, Or., June 23.—(Special.)—Because she had been hypnotized and, when in that state, married a man in Vancouver, Wash., two years ago, Julia Gundlach, of Portland, was unable to become the wife of James Kane, also of Portland, here yesterday, when Justice of the Peace Samson refused to perform the ceremony.

Kane and his bride-to-be secured a license here yesterday and Justice Samson was to have performed the ceremony, but when the young woman told the official of having wed a man by the name of Robins, Robertson or Robinson, she could not recall which, in Vancouver, while in a hypnotic state, Samson wouldn't act.

Miss Gundlach told the Justice that shortly after her previous marriage she learned that the man, supposed to be her husband, had another wife.

She had him arrested and he was sentenced to serve three years in the penitentiary on the charge of bigamy, but later was paroled. She says she consulted her attorney, who advised her that the marriage was not legal and that she could marry Kane.

Being unable to find anyone to tie the knot that would make them man and wife, the couple returned to Portland today, determined to find someone there to wed them.

### Oregon Postmasters Named.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, June 23.—President Taft today nominated Fred C. Ahlstrom as postmaster at Lakeview, Thomas J. Monahan at St. Johns, and John M. Rennie at Waterville.

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## WINNING FIGHT BY FLUKE, RENO HAPPY

### World Locks to Nevada, Says Jack London.

### CITY OF DIVORCEES WELCOMES

### Jeffries Sized Up as "One-Man of Generation."

### BIG FELLOW NOT HAS-BEEN

### Oregonian's Special Correspondent Sees White Champion at Work With Corbett—Explains Why Men Fight.

BY JACK LONDON.

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RENO, Nev., June 23.—(Special.)—Reno has always been a live town but just now it is quickening to a greater and growing liveliness than any it has ever known.

Every train east or west brings in the sporting men, fight followers and the inevitable correspondent.

It is to wonder, on the other hand, there is no wonder about it. There must be a large remnant left of the large-bloodedness of the English-speaking race, to evince such a tremendous interest in the particular sport of sports which it originated and developed until it became stamped today into the crystallization of many generations, the Marquis of Queensbury rules.

### Everybody on Way to Reno.

Everybody is arriving in Reno. All the men whom one has met in all the earth, he meets again here in Nevada's metropolis. From all the lions of the old days down to the latest cub, they are here, fight fans, grizzled and time-worn, who remember far beyond the aching 30 rounds at Chantilly, France, between Sullivan and Mitchell, down to the youngsters of yesterday who were not dry behind the ears yet when Corbett and Fitzsimmons fought their historic fight in Carson City.

Never in a war, at any one place, was congregated so large a number of writers and illustrators. When the Japanese threw 50,000 men across the Yalu into the teeth of the Russians on the Manchurian shore, on the walls of Wiju, but 11 correspondents watched.

### Newspaper Cover Event.

Many men were killed and the fate of great empires and ancient dynasties hung in the balance, yet only 11 men were there to tell what they saw to the world. But here in Reno today, are ten times that number of correspondents. Nor are they here to witness a bloody battle and see the deaths of thousands. They are here to witness two strong men, heavy and husky, who will not kill each other, but who will attempt by skill and wit, and gameness and endurance to outdo each other in a sport that calls to the uttermost for the exercise of all these faculties.

For the man who would know life as it is, in all its naked facts, and not life as he surmises or dreams it ought to be, there is something of big and basic importance in the contemplation of the

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## BEAR NEARLY HUGS CHILD TO DEATH

### TERRIBLE FATE AVERTED BY WOMAN'S TIMELY ARRIVAL.

### Phoenix, B. C., Park Scene of Accident to Little 8-Year-Old Girl. Club Beats Off Cub.

VICTORIA, B. C., June 23.—(Special.)—Little Effie Larson, of the British Columbia mining town of Phoenix, last week narrowly escaped the horrible fate of being hugged to death.

Effie is but eight years old and therefore too young to have an athletic sweetheart. The huggers was a bear that has, for months past, been the especial pet of the little folks of Phoenix on the occasions of their visits to the public park. Serious wounds were inflicted on the child's neck and shoulders, and but for the timely arrival of assistance the little girl undoubtedly would have been squeezed to death. And at that the bear was only in a playful frame of mind.

The bear had been captured a year ago, when a cub, and is kept in a public square in the city as a pet. The little girl was feeding it, when the animal playfully grabbed her with both paws and began hugging her. The screams of the child attracted the attention of Mrs. Arthur Webster, who beat the bear on the head with a club until it released its hold of the child.

The little girl was brought here today for treatment and is now believed out of danger, except for a grave possibility of blood poisoning.

## SKULL BROKEN; LAD LIVES

### Vancouver Boy's Fall From Haymow Doesn't Prove Fatal.

VANCOUVER, Wash., June 23.—(Special.)—Although he suffered a fractured skull, one fracture reaching from ear to ear, over the head, Johnny Johnson, 19 years old, who was struck by a mallet, jammed her body into a trunk and sank it in the waters of the Italian lake.

She was Mary Scott Castle, of San Francisco, a woman 46 years his senior, divorced wife of Neville H. Castle, a San Francisco lawyer, and a beauty. Charlton is 21 and a son of Judge Paul Charlton, now officer of the Bureau of Insular Affairs at Washington. The boy married Mrs. Castle in Wilmington, Del., last Spring over his parents' protests.

### Fishermen Find Body.

Ill-mated and both of emotional temperament, they sailed for Italy on their honeymoon. Her body was found by fishermen, June 10.

Fleeing from Italy under an assumed name, almost penniless and shabby of dress, Charlton on landing ran straight into the arms of Captain Henry Harrison Scott, U. S. A., the murdered wife's brother. The prisoner was taken to police headquarters at Hoboken, where, after a pitiable collapse, so spasmodic that it produced extreme nausea, he regained his composure and unflinchingly signed the confession.

Tonight he is behind the bars in the Hoboken City Jail, pending the preparation of papers of extradition brought about by his arrest.

### Foresight Is Keen.

Captain Scott's foresight, directed so accurately that it falls little short of a premonition, resulted in young Charlton's arrest. Stationed at Fort Wright, on Fisher's Island, off New London, Conn., Captain Scott obtained leave of absence at 1 o'clock this morning and went to Hoboken to scan the passengers of incoming liners. Three Hoboken detectives aided him.

He accompanied the prisoner to Police Court, but did not hear the confession that poured from the young man's lips. Charlton's collapse after arrest seemed due to fear of Captain Scott, refused to make a statement in the Army officer's presence and the latter left the room.

In his confession Charlton said no one else had a hand in the murder. It was the old story of incompatibility and high temper.

### Story Is Condensed.

After Charlton had told his story in a rambling way, Chief of Police Hayes condensed it into a typewritten statement, which he asked the prisoner to sign. It was written on regular blanks used for affidavits.

Filling out the blank, Charlton gave his age as 21, his birthplace as Omaha, his occupation "bank clerk," and his place of residence 204 West Fifty-fifth street, New York. Then followed his statement:

"My wife and I lived happily together. She was the best woman in the world to me, but she had an ungovernable temper. So had I. We frequently quarreled over the most trivial matters, and her language to me was frequently so foul that I knew she did not know the meaning of it.

"The night I struck her she had been quarreling with me. She was in the worst temper I had ever seen her in. I told her if she did not cease I would leave her and put a stop to it. She stopped for a little while and started again.

### Mallet Is Weapon.

"I took a mallet which I had used to do household repairs with and struck her three times. I thought she was dead. I put the body in a trunk, into which I also threw the mallet.

"About 11 that night I brought the trunk to my house and dragged it down to a small pier and threw it overboard. I left the following night and went to Como, and from there to Genoa, where I took the steamer Irene three days later.

"The room where I killed her was an outdoor sleeping apartment."

As he appended his confession, Charlton remarked:

"There's a Russian, Ispolotoff. I see he has been under suspicion in connection with this affair and I want to clear him. He was the only man of intelligence in the neighborhood of our villa. The rest of those who came to see us were cattle."

Here the prisoner took a pen and

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## PORTER CHARLTON MURDERER, CAUGHT

### Bank Clerk confesses to Killing Wife.

### ARREST ON PIER DRAMATIC

### Dead Woman's Brother Responsible for His Capture.

### LAKE COMO MYSTERY ENDS

### Callow Youth, Taken as He Steps From Liner After Army Officer's Remarkable Premonition, Tells Story of His Crime.

NEW YORK, June 23.—The Lake Como murder mystery is solved. Porter Charlton, an American youth of good family, sought by the police of two continents, was arrested in Hoboken, N. J., shortly before noon today as he stepped from the North German Lloyd liner Princess Irene.

In less than an hour he had confessed that in a fit of temper he beat his wife into insensibility with a mallet, jammed her body into a trunk and sank it in the waters of the Italian lake.

She was Mary Scott Castle, of San Francisco, a woman 46 years his senior, divorced wife of Neville H. Castle, a San Francisco lawyer, and a beauty.

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