

### MAJOR WORKS TO KEEP PRICES DOWN

#### Surplus Stock of Slabwood Located and Offers of Cheap Coal Are Received.

### ICE CONFERENCE ON TODAY

#### Mr. Baker Declares He is Determined to Protect Public From Excessive Prices for Necessities—Bread Probe On.

### NEW DEVELOPMENTS IN FUEL AND ICE INVESTIGATION.

Mayor locates large slabwood supply near city which will be drawn on to keep down prices in city this winter. Also, supply of blockwood found available to fight skyrocketing tactics of dealers if prices soar. Plans up with railroads for cars. Large quantity of coal at \$3 a ton promised if ice needed. Managers of ice companies in city to confer with Mayor Baker and Ivan Humason, special investigator, today. City Attorney instructed to be ready to proceed with prosecutions unless ice prices drop today as demanded by Mayor in ultimatum.

Mayor Baker proposes to arrange for sufficient wood and coal for next winter's consumption, with the end in view of holding prices to the present scale. He has offers of several companies operating at various points in the Northwest to lay down coal here at \$2 a ton. He also has his eye on large amounts of slabwood, for example, in the country near Hoquiam, Wash., and is confident he can arrange for transportation facilities to Portland.

He doesn't propose that the people of Portland shall be forced to pay inflated prices for their fuel and is bending every energy to block any such move and proposes constructive means of preventing any shortage or price increases. Coupled with this are the efforts of the city administration to force a cut in ice rates and to compel a uniform bread loaf at right prices.

In view of the situation which has developed here as to the supposed fuel shortage, the Mayor's announcement yesterday that he is confident he can supply the demand—and that at reasonable rates—will be mighty good news to the public.

### Provisional Promise Given.

"I don't propose to permit any fuel shortage or any big increase in fuel prices," said Mayor Baker, when asked concerning the fuel situation. "I think I am safe in saying to the people of Portland at this time that they will get their wood, plenty of it and at rates at present prevailing. I don't think there will be any increases in prices. I don't intend that there shall be any."

"I have not as yet received the report on fuel conditions from Mr. Humason, the special investigator for the city, but I will have it tomorrow morning. I do not know what it will contain or what any increases in prices, but I do know that I will not permit the people of this city to be left without fuel or forced to pay exorbitant prices for it."

### Wood Surplus Located.

"I will go the limit in an effort to keep prices at the present schedule and shall not let up until arrangements have been made for ample wood and coal supply at right prices. There will be an available slab wood supply, I think, for Hoquiam will be a very large amount of it. I am confident I can supply, to reinforce this, will be found in the block wood, of which there is a great deal in the city right now, and which is just as good as any other. It looks to me as though we will be able to pull through very nicely."

"I have also received offers from several coal companies operating in the Northwest to supply us with coal at \$3 a ton laid down in Portland. To that figure, of course will necessarily have to be added whatever is required for deliveries, etc., but it is my belief that we will be able to provide ample supply at no greater than present rates. That is my intention, and the city will go the limit to take care of this situation."

### Ice Conference Scheduled.

Regarding the ice situation, W. G. Holman, secretary-manager of the Ice Delivery Company, which handles all of the deliveries for the various ice companies, will meet with Mayor Baker and Special Investigator Humason in the Mayor's office this morning for the purpose of going over the details of the entire business. This is the day set for legal proceedings, unless the companies lower their rates for cash purchases from 75 to 70 cents for each 100 pounds. Mayor Baker said last night that he would insist upon compliance with his demand and that he would instruct City Attorney LaRoche to proceed under the provisions of a city ordinance, unless the companies capitulate.

### Fair Treatment Promised.

Mr. Holman did not wish to make any public statement at this time as to what the companies, represented by him would do, but made it plain that they wish to do what is right by the trade. He said that many details of the business are not understood by the general public and that he would lay before Mayor Baker and Mr. Humason this morning some points which he and his associates believe should receive consideration from the officials.

Linked with the fuel and ice features of the administration's activities, is the subject of bread. Last week, unknown to the bakers, the Mayor instructed E. D. Jones, City Sealer of Weights and Measures, to send samples of bread loaves from various producers. It was found that there is no uniformity whatever as to size or quality and it is now proposed that action shall be taken, after due consideration, to bring about a betterment along this line. Further action will be taken later on this subject.

### CHURCH FACES PROBLEM

#### Christianity, Says Dr. Boyd, to Be Rescued From Formalities.

Rev. John H. Boyd, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, delivered a forceful sermon last night on "Prob-

### Palatial Building Will Open Today

United States National Bank Ready to Do Business in Elegant New Quarters. CASH AND RECORDS MOVED

### PATRIOTIC SPIRIT EMBODIED IN STEEL ENGRAVING.



Design Made by Albert O. Yates. Albert O. Yates, an Oregon pioneer of 1888, has just completed a steel engraving embodying the spirit of the times as he feels it. The design is the spread eagle holding the flag, with the sunburst in the background. On the design is the following legend: "One country, one flag, America first, foremost and always. Oregon, and Portland, the Rose City, next." Mr. Yates lives at 695 Alberta street and is well known among the old residents of Oregon.

which the average man confuses with the religion. The simple fact of it all is that to be a Christian, a man must be kind and just to his fellowmen. When you serve the veriest beggar, you are serving Jesus Christ."

### PORTLAND ADMEN HOME

#### LOCAL MEN WIN HONORS AT OAKLAND CONVENTION.

#### Charles F. Berg and William Strandborg Are Elected to High Offices of Coast Body.

Having cleaned up practically all the honors there were to be cleaned up at the annual convention of the Pacific Coast Association of Advertising Men, the Portland delegation came sailing home in high good humor yesterday on the Northern Pacific. About 46 delegates went to Oakland, and, with the exception of three or four who came back at an earlier date, or remained in the South, the whole party arrived here yesterday.

Charles F. Berg and William Strandborg, who were present and elected secretary and treasurer respectively, held a conference in San Francisco Friday with the officers of the committee on the National Admen's convention, which will be held there next summer, and arranged to co-operate. The Pacific Coast convention will be held in Portland next summer—that being the particular honor that the Portland delegation went to Oakland this time to get—and it has been arranged to hold the National convention a short time later, so that National delegates and speakers from the East may come by way of Portland and participate in the Coast convention.

This arrangement is expected to bring to Portland a bigger attendance than has come to any Coast convention heretofore. Among the honors won by the Portland delegation in Oakland was the cup for advertising speeches, won by M. Mossesohn, and a special vote of honor for Miss Florence Frevost, of the George D. Lee agency, who might have been awarded a cup had she been a bona fide member of the association. Mrs. Jane Burns Albert and the Ad Club quartet were the sensation of the convention with their singing. Frank McCrillis, chairman of the delegation, had the distinction of having a bunch that "hung together" better than any other group at the convention, and his fellow members are loud in their praise of his executive ability.

### HANDSOME NEW HOME OF UNITED STATES NATIONAL BANK, WHICH OPENS TODAY.



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#### United States National Bank Ready to Do Business in Elegant New Quarters.

### CASH AND RECORDS MOVED

#### Structure Is Architectural Triumph and Provides Extraordinary Facilities for Transactions and Counting House.

Portland will open another palatial bank building today. It is the new home of the United States National Bank at the northwest corner of Sixth and Stark streets. The entire structure has been completed in every detail from basement to capstone and every piece of furniture and every requirement in fixtures is in place.

When the bank closed the doors of its old quarters at Third and Oak streets Saturday afternoon the staff bent to the task of moving its equipment into the new home. In fact there was not much to move. For more than a week the accumulated records, books, papers and documents had been transferred, a little at a time. All that remained to move on Saturday were the ledgers and current account books, typewriters, adding machines and other implements of the business, together with the papers in daily use.

### All Furniture Is New.

All the furniture for the new building was bought and built for the place so it was not necessary to move any of the old furniture. The cash, bonds and other valuable securities were moved on Saturday afternoon, a big dray serving as the conveyance. With the exception of a few armed men who rode with the driver the wagonload of gold moved through streets as if it might have been so many bricks. It attracted no attention from the public.

The vaults are in the basement. Here the valuables of the institution and the safety deposit boxes of its patrons have been provided with the utmost protection. In both interior and exterior the new banking home presents a most attractive appearance. The frame is of re-enforced concrete, faced on the exterior with light pink terra cotta on a base of Vermont granite.

### Front Is On Sixth Street.

The main entrance is in the middle of the Sixth street facade between a colonnade of six free-standing Corinthian columns, 48 feet high. The Sixth street side presents a series of Corinthian pilasters between the ornamental windows.

The main lobby is on the street level and is 42x56 feet, entirely free from pillars of other obstructions. The banking room is 30 feet high with a mezzanine floor on three sides. The ceiling is of decorative plaster. Marble, bronze and plate glass have been used in the fixtures. The interior is well arranged to receive a maximum of natural light. All the tellers' cages and bookkeepers' desks receive ample light from the outside. The indirect system of artificial lighting has been installed.

The bank itself will occupy the main floor and the mezzanine floor and the basement. The three upper floors will be let for offices. The elevator entrance for the upper floors is on the extreme north on the Sixth street side. The bank will open at its usual hour this morning and continue open through the afternoon. To provide its friends and patrons an opportunity to inspect the new quarters the building will be open again from 8 to 10 this evening.

### ITALIAN FEUD FLARES UP

#### Embarrassing Situation May Develop Here Friday Night.

The factional feud that long has existed among certain Italian residents of Portland threatens to break out in a new and somewhat embarrassing form next Friday evening. At 8 o'clock Friday evening a group of influential Italian residents will sit at a banquet in honor of Paula Brenna, Italian Consul at Seattle. At 7 o'clock Friday evening another group, headed by Dr. Carlo Visetti, will gather in the park blocks in front of the Courthouse to conduct memorial services for their countrymen who have been killed on the field of battle.

The latter meeting admittedly has been arranged as a protest against the other.

### Alleged Plotter Surrenders.

#### HONOLULU, T. H., July 29.—H. R. Schroeder, one of the defendants indicted in the alleged plot of Hindus and

sympathizers to free India from British rule, surrendered to the United States marshal here yesterday and was released on bonds of \$40,000. Schroeder will sail for San Francisco next Tuesday to answer to the indictment.

### War Literature Growing.

LONDON, July 15.—The National War Museum, which the government is creating is to have a great war library. The literature of the war has grown to such an extent that a library of 30,000 to 40,000 volumes would scarcely cover that which already exists.

### Service of Song Heard

#### Quartet From Fisk University Stir Congregation to Applause—Women and Men on Tour to Aid Their Alma Mater.

BY BEN HUR LAMPFAN. Perhaps the park-bench congregation, just across the way from the First Congregational Church, commented last night on the singular clarity and sweetness of the organ tones and the voices that wandered out of the edifice and under the trees, to be lost in the distance of city. And if they did they were right about the voices, but no organ mingled in that flood of hauntingly sweet melody. The tones that blended so softly, that soothed, entreated, promised and rejoiced, were the blended voices of four colored singers of Fisk University. And the service was a service of song. Such music it was as one wants to shut the eyes to, and voyage wherever the melody flows—and there must be a message in it, for everyone is strangely quiet, and forgetfulness of all save the yearning of it falls like a benison.

The songs they sang were scarcely songs by rule. Phrases and sentences, caught and repeated, now lifting in a psalm of expressive, implicit faith and joy, now lowered to sadness that is the whisper of a sigh—inexpressibly sweet. They were the songs that slaves sang in days when Fisk University was less than a dream. "Lord, I Want to Be a Christian in My Heart," "Steal Away," "Roll, Jordan, Roll," "Nobody Knows But Jesus," "Swing Low, Sweet Chariot" and "Where Were You When They Crucified My Lord?"

There were sermons in all of them, but in the last there was a super-sermon of the magnificent tragedy of Cal-

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### Charge Purchases

Today and Tomorrow Go on August Accounts and Are Payable September First

## Great Two-Day Month-End Clean-Up Sales Begin Today

When our doors open at 9 A. M. this morning nearly every one of our 70 departments will have its quota of bargain offerings ready. Details appeared in our ads in yesterday's papers, back page, section one. It will pay you to be here with the hundreds who will be on hand when the store opens. But by all means come some time during the day—guaranteed savings await you all over the store. We list below some added specials for this sale.

### Refrigerators At Special Prices

A limited number of standard make high-grade refrigerators at very special prices while any remain. Secure a good refrigerator at a substantial saving by sharing in this sale today. Several styles to select from. Easy payments if desired. Some of the reductions follow:

- \$17.50 Refrigerator \$14.75
  - \$22.50 Refrigerator \$18.75
  - \$30.00 Refrigerator \$24.50
  - \$35.00 Refrigerator \$27.50
  - \$37.50 Refrigerator \$29.85
  - \$42.00 Refrigerator \$32.50
- Sixth Floor, Fifth Street.

### Men's and Young Men's \$15 - \$20 Suits \$11

A clearaway of 85 men's and young men's suits of cassimere, tweed, homespun and flannel. Pinch-back and belt-all-around styles. Plain gray, gray mixtures, checks and plaids, good assortment of brown, tan and green in stripes and mixtures. Well styled, hand tailored, perfect-fitting garments in sizes 33 to 42.



### Men's \$25-\$30 Sports Suits \$14.85

Just 18 men's two-piece sports suits suitable for golf and outing wear. The fabrics are Scotch tweeds and chevots, in plain brown and gray, plaids and mixtures. Belt-back coats, skeleton lined, large patch pockets. Number in each size as follows: One 34, four 35, five 36, three 37, five 38. —Men's Clothing Shop, Third Floor.

### Month-End Clean-Up of Boys' \$10 Sampeck

## Two-Pants SUITS \$6.98

Boys' Sampeck suits of good medium-weight cassimeres, tweeds, chevots, velours and flannels. Wide range of patterns and colors in gray and tan — checks, plaids, stripes and mixtures, in light, medium and dark shades. Double-breasted, belt all around and pinch-back Norfolk models. EACH SUIT HAS 2 PAIRS FULL-CUT, FULL-LINED KNICKERS. —Boys' Clothing Shop, Third Floor.



### Victrola X Outfit \$85

Today only. Victrola illustrated, six 10-inch D. D. records (12 selections), seven record albums, 1000 needles and one record cleaner, complete for \$85. Sold on easy-payment plan of \$5 Down—\$5 Month. —Phonograph Shop, Sixth Floor.

### Our Daylight Bakery Specials

Our Homemade Pies, correctly spiced, with toothsome fillings, and delicious, flaky crust. Fresh Raspberry, Apple, Apricot, Cherry and Cream, 25c. Almond-filled Coffee Cakes and Wreath Cakes, 40c, 30c and 10c; Cinnamon Rolls, dozen, 20c; Tea Sticks, dozen, 20c. Homemade Doughnuts, dozen, 25c; Jelly Doughnuts, dozen, 20c. Cakes—Gold Layer, 60c; Devil's Food, 50c; Angel Food, 40c; Nut Loaf, 20c; Three-Layer, 40c. Bread, for the picnic lunch basket—Sandwich Bread, 25c; Rye, 10c; Large Homemade and Whole Wheat, 15c; Rye, Poppy Seed Twist and French Bread, 10c. Mocha Cream Pastry, dozen, \$1. Fresh Fruit Tarts, dozen, \$1. Wedding and Birthday Cakes to order. Cake Decorations in great variety. —Ninth Floor, Fifth Street.

### SWEET TUNES HAUNT

#### Negro Singers Enchant Congregational Audience.

vary. The pitiless inquisition of those voices, laden with clearest melody and yearning, repeated the question for every act of the drama of the cross. And shrilly after, as a child cries in the dark, came the declaration: "O, sometimes it causes me to tremble!" But "Roll, Jordan, Roll" was of different weave and more familiar in its theme—the favorite of jubilee singers since jubilee songs were sung. "I looked over Jordan, an' what did I see, comin' for to carry me home?" jubiliantly queried the singers. "O, band of angels comin' after me! Comin' for to carry me home!" It is greatly to be doubted that ever before has a service at the First Congregational been signalized by outright hand-clapping. And that is what happened last night. As each song passed in sweetness there were scattered evidences of such a disposition, but when Dr. Dyott, as a midway announcement, told the congregation that he was certain they preferred to hear more of the songs, even though he shortened his remarks, the applause was instant and unrestrained. "I thank you," said Dr. Dyott, somewhat dubiously, and retired. At the conclusion of the song service, Dr. Dyott spoke of the origin and purpose of Fisk University, of Nashville, Tenn., and announced that the evening offering would be devoted to that institution, declaring it to be one of the most worthy in the United States. Fisk University was created in 1866, for the sake of freedmen, and has had a remarkable growth and success. Its buildings and equipment are now valued at \$400,000. It has an endowment of \$250,000 and an annual income of \$65,000. An income of at least \$100,000 is needed. For the aid of their alma mater the Fisk jubilee singers have been touring since last September. The personnel of the quartette is as follows: Miss Bowman, soprano; Mrs. J. J. Jones, alto; J. A. Myers, tenor; L. L. Foster, bass. In his request for aid, Dr. Dyott highly praised the work of the university, and told of the various professions to which its 1100 graduates had turned. Less than one-half of one per cent of these graduates are out of employment. And then Dr. Dyott drove the nail. "Only one of these 1100 graduates," he declared, "has ever put public reproach upon Fisk University and the cause of our Lord, Jesus Christ!"

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