

UNIFORM PRICES SET
BY CEMENT MAKERS

Revelation Is Made at Building Trust Inquiry.

TRADE DATA EXCHANGED

Unrestricted and Open Competition in Future Promised by Hoisting Association.

NEW YORK, Dec. 28.—All but a small fraction of the cement and terra cotta manufacturers of America exchange their price quotations and other data on the amount of business handled through national and regional associations, it developed here today at the legislative inquiry into the alleged "building trust."

While these revelations accumulated on top of similar ones recently brought forth in the investigation of other construction lines, one more organization of terra cotta makers—the Hoisting Association—announced it has dissolved. The members promised to have "unrestricted, open competition" in the future.

The medium through which the terra cotta makers reviewed data on the business of their competitors was the National Terra Cotta Society, its president, William H. Powell, told the committee.

Open Price Plan Explained.

He explained an open-price system of cement was issued, with each designated by "code letters." This was done daily in detail among regional branches of the society in the east, west and central sections of the country. General data was exchanged between the sections weekly.

Cement manufacturers from various parts of the country who have been attending a convention, were summoned by subpoena servers of the committee and they appeared one after another to undergo examination by Samuel Untermyer, committee counsel.

Quoting from price lists of manufacturers who faced him, Mr. Untermyer charged that all members of the cement makers association had "quadrupled prices since 1919 and had boosted them 50 per cent here, January and October this year," when the quotations were slightly lowered.

Prices Declared Uniform.

The prices quoted by all the manufacturers embraced in the Portland cement association throughout the country were "horizontally, unannounced and uniform," he said.

Later two of the witnesses testified the prices quoted by all cement manufacturers usually were identical within 48 hours after any one of them had made a change.

This association, according to a summary of its transactions, which were read into the record, spent \$150,000 last year. Mr. Untermyer expressed a desire to get the books in order to find out how this large sum was expended, and John R. Morin, president of the Atlas Portland Cement company, which he said contributed \$135,000 to the association's fund in 1919, ordered the secretary to produce the books from Chicago.

Mr. Morin, in answer to the questions of the day, told the committee the money was apportioned by states and used in employing engineers to "check" and "promote" the use of that product.

USE HEADS, SAYS MAYOR

JUDGMENT IN ENFORCING LAW ON DARK PARKING URGED.

Chief of Police Jenkins Issues Orders to Force—Necessity for Lights Is Factor.

Chief of Police Jenkins has been instructed to inform all members of the police bureau to exercise "common sense" in the enforcement of that portion of the traffic law which requires use of lights on automobiles between nightfall and daybreak.

Following a conference called by the mayor to which Chief of Police Jenkins, Police Captain Lewis, in charge of the traffic bureau, and Assistant City Attorney Myers attended, the city attorney's office was instructed to transmit a letter to the chief of police outlining the legal rights of the police in the enforcement of the ordinance.

Although Mayor Baker held that it was proper and just that lights should be displayed on automobiles parked in dark places throughout the city, he expressed his displeasure at the method in which the ordinance had been suddenly enforced.

Under his direction, all policemen in the future, upon finding an unlighted machine on a dark street, must notify the owner, making a report of such action. A second offense will mean prosecution.

In the well-lighted sections of the city, including the downtown district and such portions of Sunnyside, Rose City Park, Hawthorne, Sellwood, Albion and other districts, the city policemen will be required to exercise judgment and not tag machines when sufficient light exists.

"It is necessary for the automobilist to co-operate with the police in this matter," said Mayor Baker.

"The ordinance covering the situation must be general, but there is no excuse for the arrest of an automobile owner for failing to display lights when there is no necessity for so doing. In dark streets the lights must be displayed to avoid accidents, but when an officer finds an automobile parked in front of a home without lights, it is his duty to so inform the owner and give him an opportunity to comply with the law. I am opposed to the sudden snatching down upon citizens for failure to comply with some law that has been inoperative for years. The police officers and members of the city commission are public servants and fair play must exist during my administration."

Legion Nominates Officers.

HOQUIAM, Wash., Dec. 28.—(Special.)—Nomination of officers for the American Legion post No. 16 of Hoquiam, resulted last night in the selection of Dr. George L. Gurley as candidate for commander with no opponent. Truman Kellogg was nominated for vice-commander; Earl E. Stinson for adjutant; W. E. Lantz for finance officer; Harold St. Olson, historian; Rev. Paul Asbury, chaplain; Joe McGoffin, sergeant-at-arms; Ray L. Baker, chairman of the executive committee, and J. J. DuGay, William Daniels, Lars Bratt, T. L. Davidson, Grady McHaffey and A. L. Hodgson, members of the committee.

MAKING PICTURE NEWS

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SCENE FROM "THE MASTER MIND," FEATURING LIONEL BARRYMORE, AT THE COLUMBIA.

TODAY'S FILM FEATURES.

Majestic.—Helena Chadwick, "Godless Men."

Peoples.—Ethel Clayton, "Sins of Rosanne."

Liberty.—Roscoe Arbuckle, "The Round-up."

Columbia.—Lionel Barrymore, "The Master Mind."

Rivoli.—Babe Daniels, "You Never Can Tell."

Star.—Harry Carey, "West Is West."

Circle.—Max Murray, "On With the Dance."

Globe.—Constance Talmadge, "A Perfect Woman."

Hippodrome.—May Allison, "Are All Men Alike?"

"THE MASTER MIND," starring

Lionel Barrymore, at the Columbia, is an absorbing drama of hate, intrigue, revenge, love and then a final reconciliation. The story, which, through the impulse of the moment, he reaches the height of his career as a gubernatorial candidate. A beautiful girl, unsuspecting of the deep intrigue, allows herself to be used as the pawn with which the intended victim is tempted into murder. This man with a master mind finds it easy to gain complete control over a gang of dangerous criminals of the underworld and with their aid he works for five years to crush the man he hates, choosing the moment he reaches the height of his career as a gubernatorial candidate. A beautiful girl, unsuspecting of the deep intrigue, allows herself to be used as the pawn with which the intended victim is tempted into murder. This man with a master mind finds it easy to gain complete control over a gang of dangerous criminals of the underworld and with their aid he works for five years to crush the man he hates, choosing the moment he reaches the height of his career as a gubernatorial candidate.

The supporting cast with which Whitman Bennett has surrounded his distinguished star is worthy of a paragraph. Leo Garry O'Brien, the leading feminine part, excites admiration and she builds up her character in such a way as to have the whole sympathy throughout. Ralph Kellard, as the marked district attorney upon whom the "master mind" seeks to heap his vengeance, is most convincing and gives a performance which marks him as a finished artist. Bradley Barker, Charles Brandt, Marie Shotwell, Bernard Randall and Charles Edwards in the lesser roles are all happily cast.

The musical accompaniment for the feature is furnished by the Columbia picture players.

Screen Gossip.

Queer turnings of motion picture production are shown by the fact that Eddie Barry, who has so often been seen in burlesque and vaudeville comedies, has just been loaned to Julian Eltinge to play the lead. Eltinge himself, of course, will impersonate a woman. Barry was seen as a fake dancing girl in "Mr. Fatima."

John Barrymore, whose triumphs in "The Jett" and "Richard III" have made him America's foremost actor, has paid a most amazing and generous tribute to the art of Lillian Gish, who is appearing in D. W. Griffith's "The Sign of the Cross."

Mexico is making a bid for notice as a motion picture producing country. Florence Lawrence, at one time the screen's most popular actress, has practically determined to stage "come-back" against a background of Mexican scenery.

An additional charge of failure to render assistance has been filed against him.

SUSPECT'S RECORD IS BAD

DRIVER BELIEVED TO HAVE HIT WOMAN HELD RECKLESS.

Several Arrests in Hood River County Previously Reported; Accidents Elsewhere Looked Up.

Investigation has revealed a record of reckless driving in the case of William J. Collins of Wyeth, Or., who was arrested recently and accused of being the driver who ran down and seriously injured Mrs. J. M. Killam, 2641 Sandy boulevard, on December 9, according to D. R. Mobley of the traffic department.

A letter from Sheriff Johnson, Hood River, Or., alleged that Collins had been arrested several times in that county on charges of reckless driving. Records at the Multnomah county courthouse showed that on June 23, 1920, Collins wrecked his car and injured Mrs. Rivers of Roseburg, Ore., in an accident a half mile west of Springfield, Or. Mrs. Rivers, a waitress at the Elks hall, was riding with him at the time.

The report of the accident alleged that Collins was under the influence of liquor.

Collins was arrested December 23 at Wyeth, Or., and brought to Portland on a charge of failure to report an accident. He was released under \$500 bonds pending trial in the municipal court, which was set for December 30. Officers of the police department had difficulty in locating Collins after the accident in which Mrs. Killam was injured, as he made no report. He was alleged to have given a false name and address to witnesses of the accident, who rushed to his car when he was said to have attempted to drive away without rendering assistance.

ENGINEER DIES IN WRECK

Three Passenger Cars Turn Over From Undetermined Cause.

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WASHINGTON, Dec. 28.—Testimony by Secretary Houston of the treasury before the senate finance committee yesterday placing the cost of carrying out the pending adjusted compensation or soldier bonus bill at \$2,500,000,000 was characterized by F. W. Galbraith, national commander of the American Legion, in a statement to-night as "a scintillating skirmish to muddy the waters so that the principle involved can be clouded in a lot of figures that mean nothing."

Mr. Galbraith estimated the maximum amount the bonus bill would cost the government at \$1,378,800,000.

"Secretary Houston's whole presentation of the matter," said the legion commander, "was misleading and designed to frighten the country into a repudiation of its obligation to ex-service men. The general impression was conveyed by his testimony that the passage of the adjusted compensation bill would entail the immediate appropriation of billions of dollars to the government and would seriously cripple the financial condition of the treasury at present."

The facts are that appropriations necessary to carry out all features of the bill except that of cash compensation would be negligible for this year and for several years to come and that appropriations for cash compensation are not asked until July, 1921, and are to be spread over two years."

RESOLUTION CONDEMNNS STONE

Legion Post at Oregon City Goes on Record Against Official.

OREGON CITY, Or., Dec. 28.—(Special.)—At a meeting of the American Legion, No. 1, held in this city last night, the following resolution was unanimously adopted: "Resolved, that the attitude of William M. Stone, representative-elect to the next state legislature from Clackamas county, who has publicly asserted his position in regard to the proposed adjusted compensation bill, as being in favor of ex-soldier legislation, is hereby condemned by the legion."

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WALTERS IS SENTENCED

FEBRUARY 10 SET FOR DATE OF MURDERER'S DEATH.

Prisoner Is Unable to Speak and Attorney Addresses Court in His Behalf.

Husted A. Walters, soldier and Highwayman, convicted of the murder of Patrolman Jerome Palmer, was yesterday sentenced by Circuit Judge Tucker to pay the death penalty on February 10 at Salem. He was allowed 20 days in which to begin action for a new trial.

A packed courtroom witnessed the little drama early in the afternoon. The session was brief. The prisoner, visibly impressed by the enormity of his crime, stood before the judge, but was unable to say anything.

B. F. Mulkey, Walters' attorney, spoke in his behalf. "May I please state to the court," he said, "that this man desires to say that he appreciated the courtesy with which he has been treated by this court and its officials during this severe ordeal of the trial. Neither he nor I will add to the distress of the court by further words at this time."

Judge Tucker pronounced the death penalty. The court room was silent for an instant. Walters wavered and sought support from the two deputy sheriffs who stepped to lead him out through the judge's chambers and away from the throng. He was the first murderer sentenced to the gallows in this county since the restoration of capital punishment.

AUTOISTS MADE SCRIBES

TRAFFIC VIOLATORS FORCED TO COPY ORDINANCES.

Municipal Judge Rossman Imposes Novel Sentence on Alleged Breakers of Law.

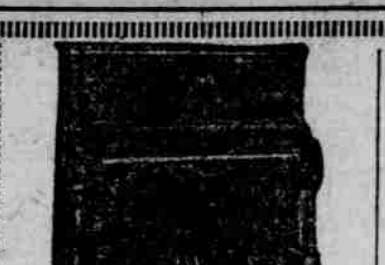
Judge Rossman inflicted a new penalty on motorists charged with minor traffic violations when they expressed ignorance of the city traffic ordinance in municipal court yesterday. Each was directed to copy the section of the ordinance he was alleged to have violated and was then examined by the judge.

A. C. Sly, Washington State college student, finished his task in record time but the judge found him unprepared for an oral examination on the paper he had just written. After copying the section a second time Sly appeared flustered with the regulations. E. J. Van Mers also copied a lengthy paragraph dealing with bright lights.

J. Turlock, charged with driving his automobile without a tail light, burning, explained to the judge that he thought the wick had burned out. Judge Rossman directed him to read a Bible passage regarding the six virgins who did not trim their lamps or who had sufficient oil, and dismissed him.

ROSEBURG CHRISTMAS MAIL BIG

ROSEBURG, Or., Dec. 28.—(Special.)—According to information given out today by Postmaster Reisenstein, the largest holiday business in



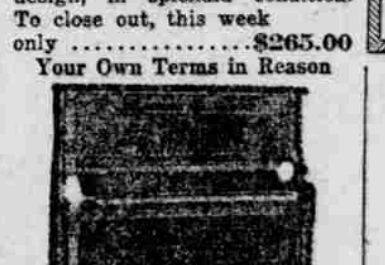
Mason & Hamlin, ebonyized case, small size, in excellent condition; a very desirable piano for small home or apartment. To close out, this week only \$335.00. Your Own Terms in Reason



Singer, mahogany case, plain design, good practice piano. To close out this week only \$185. Your Own Terms in Reason



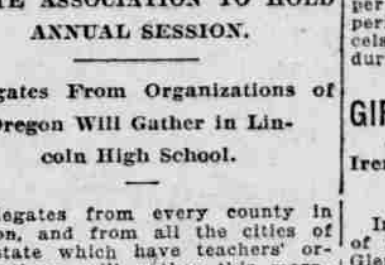
Peerless Piano, oak case, plain design, in splendid condition. To close out, this week only \$265.00. Your Own Terms in Reason



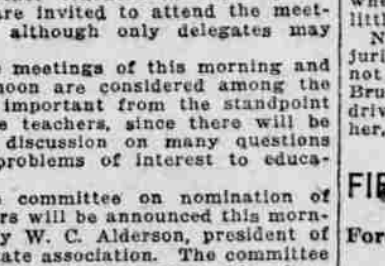
Weaver Bros., oak case, slightly figured design. Tone and action splendid. To close out, this week only \$235. Your Own Terms in Reason



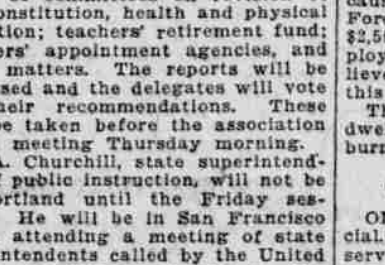
Farrand Baby Grand, used short time. Almost like new. To close out this week only \$785. Your Own Terms in Reason



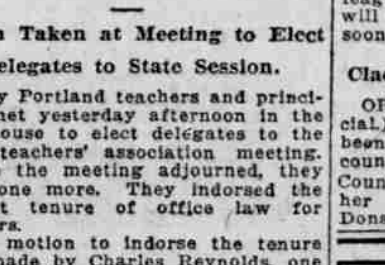
Bjor Bros. make, plain mahogany case, excellent tone. To close out, this week only \$295. Your Own Terms in Reason



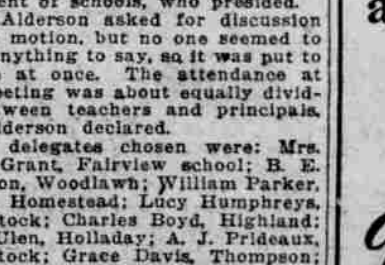
Cecilian Mahogany Player Piano (65-note). The piano part alone is worth more than \$435. To close out this week only \$365. Your Own Terms in Reason



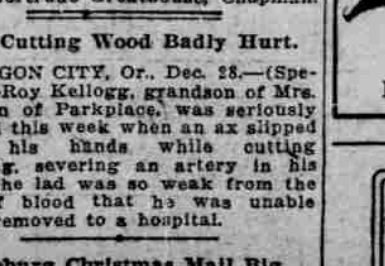
Auto Piano, mahogany case, studio model, full 88-note, almost like new. This is a wonderful buy in a player piano. To close out, this week only \$550. Your Own Terms in Reason



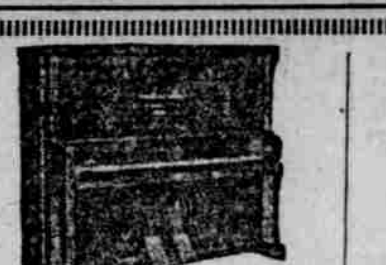
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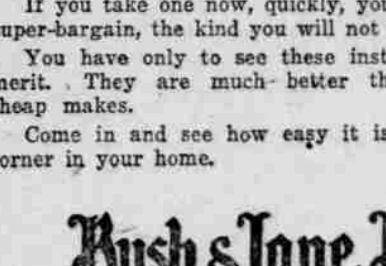
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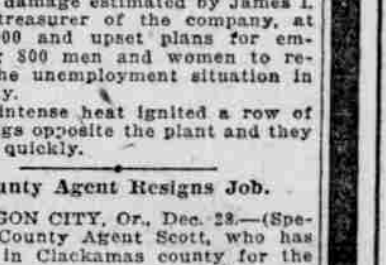
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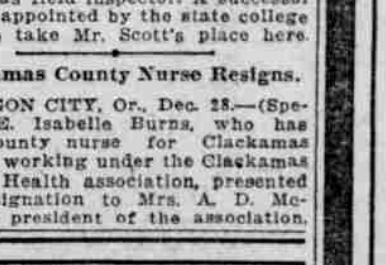
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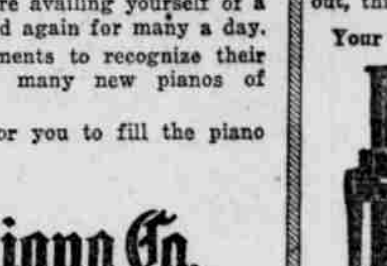
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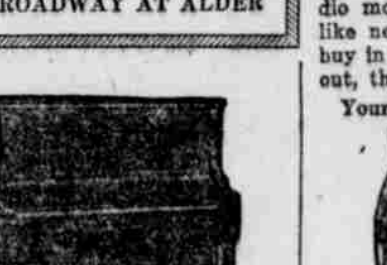
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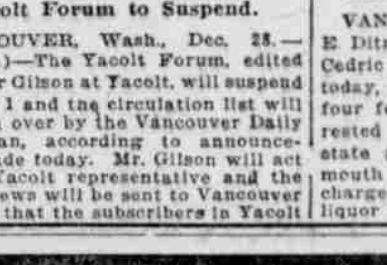
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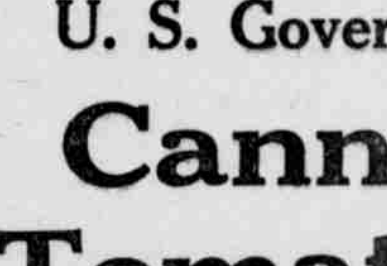
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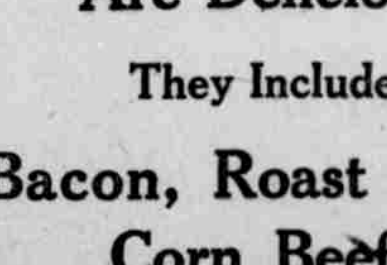
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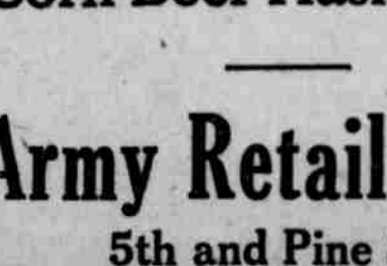
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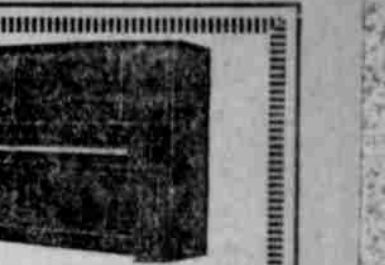
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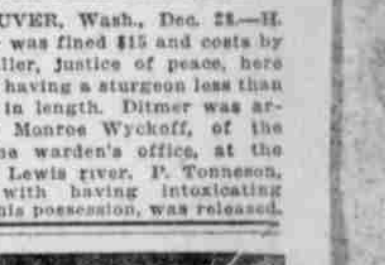
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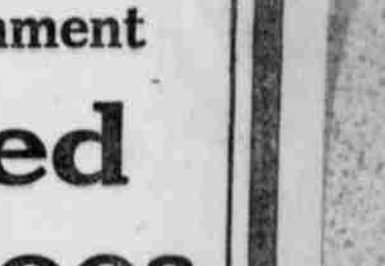
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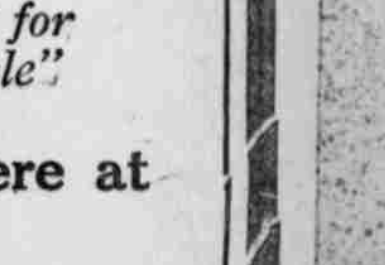
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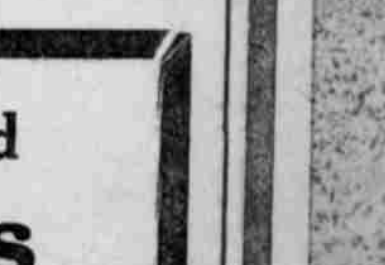
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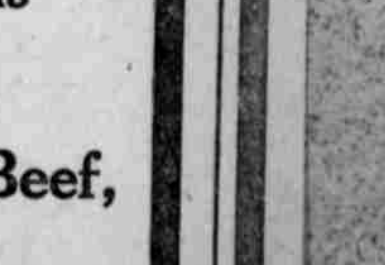
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