

WAR NOT STARTED

Cracker Companies Do Not Know if They Are Hurt.

TRUST WATCHES ITS RIVALS

Feeling of Tension Exists in Trade and Jobbers Are Confident That Prices Will Soon Be Cut by Big Concerns.

There were no new developments in the cracker industry yesterday, but feeling of tension existed in the trade. Holders who are watching the situation closely are still certain that trouble is on the point of breaking out and that price-cutting is likely to begin any day.

It is learned that the visit of Phil J. Jacoby, president of the Standard Biscuit Company, to the city recently was principally for the purpose of planning a site proposed for a new cracker factory to be built here by his company, J. B. Morin, Portland manager of the company, states positively that Mr. Jacoby did not come for the purpose of inaugurating a price war.

"I can say for our company," said Mr. Morin yesterday, "that we do not anticipate trouble in the cracker industry with our competitors here are entirely amicable."

In spite of Mr. Morin's assurance, and the fact that the schedule is still maintained in this city, there is trouble in other parts of the Northwest, and at least reach such proportions as to affect the trade here, seems to be a foregone conclusion. The Inland Cracker Company, of Spokane, an independent concern, is said to be cutting prices in the Walla Walla country and in the Kootenai region, and the opposition factory at Seattle is also said to be selling crackers at cut rates.

ACCUSES CHARLES A. PARKER

James Neill Writes That Actor-Manager Left With \$1000.

Charles Astor Parker, recently manager of the Neill-Moroso Company, is accused of levying with more than \$1000 belonging to the company. The accusation is made by James Neill, the actor, in a letter received here from him at Butte. This explains the reason that Mr. Parker was "let out" as manager of the company while it was playing at the Grand Theater in this city a short time since, and Robert Morris was installed in his place. Mr. Parker is said to be in Minneapolis and is expected to return to Portland to give account of the funds he is alleged to have absconded with.

When the announcement came, during the management of the company here, that Mr. Parker had been replaced by Mr. Morris, there was considerable conjecture as to the cause of the change. Those who knew the facts were reticent, not choosing to give any explanation of what occurred.

In his letter Mr. Neill states that for some time he had been dissatisfied with the business management of the company, and that this dissatisfaction reached a climax when the manager through carelessness, left Mr. Neill with an open season just at time when his company should have been busy. He also stated that Mr. Parker could not, or would not, furnish him or Mr. Moroso, with weekly statements of the business of the company. He expressed his dissatisfaction because so great that Mr. Parker was telegraphed his discharge.

It is alleged by the actor that Mr. Parker left Portland without rendering any account of something over \$1000 of company money, which he is said to have had in his possession. Mr. Neill states that Pinkerton detectives have located Mr. Parker and that he will be returned to Portland.

NOVEL CHARITY FETE.

Portland Fruit and Flower Mission to Raise Money for Its Work.

The Advertising Fete, which the Portland Fruit and Flower Mission is preparing to give at Parsons Hall on November 19, calls to mind the charity the ladies composing this mission dispense to those unfortunate confined in hospitals and homes. Confinement in a hospital ward is hard enough when one has friends to call daily and cheer the patient with little dainties, but to be in the charity ward without friends is another matter. To these a vase of flowers, a basket of fruit or some good magazine to read comes as a Godsend.

The mission furnishes fruit and flowers for the patients in the St. Vincent and the Good Samaritan Hospitals, the Patton Home, St. Joseph's Home for the Aged, St. Agnes' Home, while the County Poorhouse and the City Pesthouse are supplied with reading matter. The sincere thanks received for these charities encourage the ladies to keep this work up from year to year, and as usual they will raise funds by giving an entertainment. The idea of an advertising fete is something new, and it is hoped will be of considerable pecuniary benefit to the work. Professor Robert Krohn, the physical instructor of the Multnomah Club, has been drilling the participants in this novel entertainment, and with Frank Branch Riley to introduce each lady who appears dressed to represent some local firm, and Melville Dodson to give a character sketch, the evening will no doubt be a great success. A dance will follow the programme, and the event will be one of social prominence. Mrs. Hamilton Brook is the president of the Mission, Miss Fannie Jeffrey, vice-president; Mrs. W. H. Wallace, treasurer, and Miss Koehler, secretary. There are 47 active members, and many more associate members.

Edward Shields Files New Suit.

Edward Shields filed a replevin suit yesterday in Justice Reid's court against S. Morton Cohn, proprietor of the Arcade Theater. He alleges that his property to the value of \$250 is held by Cohn.

The property replevined by Shields in this action is described as follows: All of the rope in the house except two roller lines on the garden drop, a long line and a center line on the garden door fancy drop; a piece of cable under the stage, 50 feet long; two switches, one cut-out medallion or stage carpet; all of the electrical supplies in the locker under the stage stairs, two transformers, two wood wings, the lamp center door set drapery,

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LADIES' BLACK WORSTED TIGHTS, 75c—Just arrived, a large shipment of the celebrated "Alpha" brand ladies' Equestrian Tights, ample length, and perfect fitting. This garment is without a peer for warmth, wear and fitting qualities, the regular \$1.00 grade, offered tomorrow as extra special at 75c.

Misses' and Children's Jackets OUR STOCK OF COATS AND JACKETS for young folks is the largest and most varied we have ever shown, and you may rest assured that you will not find garments in any store that can be compared with what we offer for anywhere near our prices.

Children's Long Jackets.....\$2.50, \$3.50, \$4.50, and \$6.50 Children's Short Jackets.....\$1.75, \$2.50, \$3.50, and \$3.90 Misses' Long Jackets.....\$3.50, \$4.50, \$6.50, and \$8.50

Fall Wrappers Our stock of Wrappers for this season is the largest and best ever shown. In order to call your attention to this department where the best goods can be had for the least money, we will offer 25 dozen fannette and special price..... 98c

A Special Lot of Skirts Our New York buyer sent us five dozen Chevot, Homespun and Melton Walking Skirts, all well tailored, latest style, trimmed with straps of same goods, tailor seams, easily worth \$5.50. Monday on \$3.90 Fur Scarfs, made of good Shear Coney, 4 tails, worth \$2.50, now \$1.90 Fur Scarfs, made of fine French Marten, with 6 tails, worth \$4.60, now \$2.75

A Splendid Raincoat, \$14.90 We have just received another lot of those splendid raincoats we are offering at \$14.90. We make this announcement, as many are waiting for them. There are only a few, so come early..... \$14.90 Mackintoshes for women and children.....\$2.75, \$2.95 and \$4.25

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Smart Walking Suits The Latest Style Suits are here in great variety of fine Zibelines, Chevits, men's-wear Tweeds and rough Scotch mixtures. Our ready-to-wear garments are attracting much attention and customers tell us every day that we are showing equally as fine goods as any store in the city at very much lower prices. Suits at \$22.50, \$17.50, \$15.00 and..... \$12.50

Sateen Petticoats You will always find our prices the lowest, quality and style considered. 10 dozen fine black mercerized sateen Petticoats, three hemstitched ruffles on deep flounce, tailor-stitched seams; formerly priced at \$1.95. Special this week..... \$1.50 Large selection of Silk Petticoats, in black and colors.

Silks, Satins, Velvets CREPE DE CYGNE, all pure silk, a superior grade and finish, 24-in. wide, in black and white and all popular evening shades; regular \$1.19 value. Special Monday..... 85c BLACK TAFFETA, pure silk, an exceptionally good, extra heavy grade, 19-in. wide; regular 90c. Special Monday..... 65c 20-in. Satins, in all colors, also black and white; specially good values—one-third-less than is usually charged elsewhere. Special, 50c and..... 35c LIBERTY SATINS, high, lustrous finish, extra good weight, in black, white and all popular shades; regular 85c grade. Special at..... 60c TAFFETA, in black and latest shades, 19-in. wide; specially adapted for linings and drop skirts; regular 50c grade. Special at..... 35c Black Pean de Sole, 20-in. wide, high luster, soft finish, all silk, extra heavy grade; regular \$1.50 grade. Special for Monday..... \$1.19 Black Taffeta, 36-in. wide, a superior grade, lustrous black, wear warranted; regular \$1.25 grade. Special Monday..... 98c Panné Velvets, beautiful trimming velvets, in black, red, cardinal, gray, brown, the regular \$2.00 quality. Special at..... \$1.40

Another Week of Shoe Selling at Bedrock Prices Shoes that are up to the times in style and fit; made from the best high-grade leathers; soles and uppers made to wear, and, best of all, low prices for this week's selling. WOMEN'S 75c SLIPPERS, 55c—Women's Felt Slippers, plain and embroidered, 2-strap style, with flexible soles, all sizes and widths; regular 75c grade. Special this week..... 58c MEN'S 80c SLIPPERS, 60c—Men's Everet Slippers, felt and velvet embroidered; also imitation alligator; good solid soles; all sizes; regular 80c values. Special this week..... 60c GIRLS' \$3.00 SHOES, \$2.09—Girls' best XXX quality Kid Lace Shoes, new 3-4 boxing, dull tops, GENUINE GOODYEAR WELT, EXTENSION SOLES; regular \$3.00 values; sizes 1 1/2 to 2; all widths. Special this week..... \$2.09 Sizes 1-2 to 11 of same quality, regular \$2.50 values, all widths. Special this week..... \$1.89 BABIES' 60c SHOES, 44c—Babies' Red and Black Kid Shoes, lace or button, kid and patent tips; regular 60c value; sizes 2 to 5. Special this week..... 44c WOMEN'S \$3.50 SHOES, \$2.39—Women's Kid, Patent Kid, Patent Calf, Velour, Calf and Box Calf Lace Shoes, GENUINE GOODYEAR WELT, EXTENSION SOLES and flexible turn soles; regular \$3.50 quality, all sizes and all widths. Special this week..... \$2.39

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handed in restraint in some institution in this state, if his Paris or Sydney connections do not make arrangements for him elsewhere.

Gold now constitutes nearly one-half of our stock of money.

Cuts Throat With Razor. SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 14.—R. T. Metayer, the well-known merchant of Paris



and Australia, removed recently to a local hospital on account of mental trouble, cut his throat yesterday with a razor which was taken from him before he could inflict a fatal wound. So serious is his condition now that the physicians are of the opinion that he will have to be