

WE HAVE \$100 TO GIVE AWAY

AND WE AGREE TO QUIT THE BUSINESS IF WE LOSE

Eilers Piano House Accepts a Challenge

WHICH IS RIGHT, OR ARE BOTH WRONG?



WE'RE READY FOR JUST THIS!

Do They Know It Because They Couldn't Get Any Other to Sell?

The Pianola

WHAT THE MOST FAMOUS PIANISTS IN THE WORLD SAY

I. J. Paderewski—"The Pianola is perfection."
Moriz Rosenthal—"Nothing has more closely approached hand-playing than the Pianola."
Harold Bauer—"I consider the Pianola is superior in every way to all other piano-players."
The Welte Mignon
Vladimir de Pachmann—"Mignon reproduces the living soul of the artist. It is unequalled."

A FOXY, BLUFFING CHALLENGE, AND CLAIMS OF BEING "FAR SUPERIOR" AND "DIFFERENT."—FROM THE OREGONIAN, AUGUST 9.

"We invite any one who will buy a player-piano of us or any other Portland dealer during the month of August to come to our store and choose one of our superb instruments, and we will deliver it to their home free of charge, in competition with any other player-piano made.

A Challenge

We challenge any other Portland dealer, "big" or little, "busy" or otherwise, to place one of their player-pianos in the same home, with the understanding that the sale goes to the most satisfactory instrument. Could anything be more fair?

We have faith in our player-pianos, KNOWING that THEY ARE FAR SUPERIOR to any other.

We court comparison and solicit your investigation. They are different.

NOTE—THIS IS SIGNED BY A CONCERN WHOSE FIRM NAME HAS SUFFERED FOUR CHANGES IN ABOUT THAT MANY YEARS.

A LITTLE MORE "MODEST" CLAIM BY OUR CALIFORNIA FRIENDS—"SOVEREIGN AMONG PIANO-PLAYERS—SURPASSES ALL OTHERS—THE BEST"—AND ALSO "DIFFERENT."—From the Journal, Aug. 3.

"The A. B. Chase is the sovereign among PIANO-PLAYERS. IT HAS SURPASSED ALL OTHER players and gone far in advance of older and highly advertised inferior makes.

It is different. THE A. B. CHASE is unlike other players. Its system is different. It is more easily operated and produces better results than other players. It is different in appearance. With the A. B. CHASE you sit in a restful position in an "easy" chair and enjoy the music. It is different in that the mechanism is all below the keyboard and the music roll is near the expression levers, enabling the operator to watch the roll and give perfect expression to the music. Don't pay a big price for an old-fashioned player that has not passed the A. B. C. stage, when you can just as well own THE BEST, THE A. B. CHASE.

NOTE—THIS IS SIGNED BY A FOREIGN CORPORATION, Successors to a Firm Whose Name has suffered Five Changes in about that many years.



The Pianola Piano is Universally Acknowledged the Standard of the World.

Peerless Instruments

Have invariably received gold medals and highest awards in all competitions in every exposition—an unequalled record.

The Genuine and Only Auto Piano

Purchased from us by the United States Government for Battleships and Schools—and by countless leading clubs, seminaries, etc.

Now Read What We Have to Say About It

It is not the disposition of Eilers Piano House to deny any one the right to engage in the business of selling Pianos, Player Pianos and Organs, nor is it our aim to notice the inflated and exaggerated claims and representations of firms and individuals who must necessarily be content with the crumbs, as it were, that fall from the table in the matter of agencies. In the very nature of things it will be seen how necessary it must be for such dealers to put forth much extravagant bluster and even misrepresentations in order to present their inferior lines in such a manner that an occasional, uninitiated, unposted and unwary purchaser may be drawn into their salesnet.

There can be no misconception of the bold advertisement republished above. They have thrown down the gauntlet. We shall be happy to select one of our Pianos, the reasonableness of our prices and the greater all-around safety and advantages offered to buyers at Eilers Piano House.

Playing Pianos, and the famous Welte Mignon. We'll forfeit One Thousand Dollars if these makes are not proven absolutely the best in this or any other country.

Any other local dealer having a player piano or an electric self-playing piano, which he or they seriously consider in any way worthy of comparison with any of the above shall post a check for \$1000, payable to any worthy Portland charity or charities, to prove our sincerity.

studied its development and perfection since the earliest days of Angelus and Pianola. Only recently a nearly four-months European trip was taken by one of our firm, principally for information upon the self-playing piano. As in the case of our pianos, if there was a better or more desirable Player-Piano, the House of Eilers would carry it for sale. With possibly one exception, there is not today a make of Player-Piano that we have not been asked to present. Could anything be more significant?



NOW WHAT'S THE ANSWER? WE'LL WAIT UNTIL WEDNESDAY, OR SAY A WEEK, IF NECESSARY. REMEMBER, MESSIEURS "WOULD-BE COMPETITORS," SILENCE MEANS DEFEAT AND AN OPEN ADMISSION OF INFERIORITY. IT'S UP TO YOU!

DELAYS ALL TRIALS

Action of Heney and Bristol Complicates Cases.

NOW UP TO BONAPARTE

Attorney-General Must Say Whether Star Prosecutor Shall Return to Take Up Prosecutions Next Fall.

United States Attorney-General Bonaparte must decide when the Oregon land fraud prosecutions shall be resumed. While United States Attorney Bristol last night refused to discuss the subject, rumor, apparently well founded, is that the direction of further investigations and prosecutions for public land frauds in this state has been "passed up" to the Department of Justice. On their recent visit here it is known Attorney-General Bonaparte to say whether Mr. Heney shall return to Oregon in October, as has been announced, to resume the prosecution of the cases in which caused indictments to be returned several months ago. There are still pending 26 of the Heney indictments. From the same reason it remains the Attorney-General to say when Mr. Bristol shall take up further land fraud investigation in this state.

In any event these investigations probably will not be resumed before October, since United States District Judge Wolverson has announced that he will not convene a grand jury before Judge Wolverson is busy clearing his desk of all pending cases preparatory to taking a short vacation.

they are instructed by Attorney-General Bonaparte to proceed. With the dismissal of the grand jury in July by which the furniture trust indictment was returned, Mr. Bristol cleaned up all pending business in his department and is ready to present evidence before another grand jury as soon as it is assembled, that, it is said, will involve several prominent residents of this state. He is waiting for orders from the men higher up.

GATES TO LEAVE COUNTRY

Touted to Become English Squire With Large Stable.

NEW YORK, Aug. 10.—John W. Gates, it is learned by the Sun's Saratoga correspondent, has gone to England to settle there, like Richard Croker, live the life of a country squire and keep up a big racing establishment. This, it is stated, is the true meaning of the auction of C. E. Durnell's stable, to take place on August 15. During this time it was announced they were soon going to England, and it is said he will get together a stable of English-bred horses, which he will race for Mr. Gates. Mr. Gates, the story also says, will retain his citizenship in the United States. His son will probably represent him here, but he himself will seldom favor this country with a visit.

A CHICAGO MINISTER WILL PREACH IN PORTLAND.



Dr. John Roach Straton, pastor of the Second Baptist Church of Chicago, who is to fill the pulpit of the White Temple for three Sundays, has announced his subjects. They will be as follows: August 11, morning, "The Greatest Power in the World"; evening, "The Old God for the New Age"; August 13, morning, "Practical Holiness"; evening, "Short Beds and Narrow Covers"; August 25, morning, "God's Calls to Men"; evening, "Did Jesus Christ Arise From the Dead?"

SHOWS NO IMPROVEMENT

HARRIMAN PASSENGER SERVICE UNRELIABLE.

Train No. 14, From San Francisco, Late Every Day for More Than Week—Mails Are Delayed.

There seems to be no remedy in sight for the demoralized condition of the schedules of the Southern Pacific and O. R. & N. overland trains arriving in Portland. Train No. 14, from San Francisco, has not arrived on time during the past ten days. The nearest it came to the regular schedule was one hour and 15 minutes.

Important business transactions which require early consummation would undoubtedly suffer by these delays. Had a passenger on yesterday's O. R. & N. train No. 5 planned to transfer to the Portland train, he would have lost his opportunity and would have been obliged to spend the entire day on the road, as that train from Chicago did not arrive until 8:15 P. M., being eight hours behind time. This train should have arrived at 9:45 A. M., and the banks close at 1 P. M. on Saturday.

Another instance will show how these delays may work all sorts of hardships on those who are obliged to patronize these trains. If a passenger on the Southern Pacific morning train from San Francisco, which is scheduled to arrive at 7:25 A. M., desired to catch the 8:30 A. M. Northern Pacific train for Seattle, to catch a steamer for Alaska, under the present unsatisfactory conditions, he might not reach Portland until after the afternoon train had departed, and the night train to Seattle might not arrive in time to enable this passenger to get his steamer. He would then be required to suffer the expense and inconvenience of remaining in Seattle until the sailing of the next steamer.

The delay to the mails is also a serious matter. Postmaster Minto said yesterday that many complaints are being made to carriers on account of non-delivery of mail. The mail-carriers' schedule cannot be adjusted to take care of mail the time of whose arrival cannot be ascertained.

The Portland Chamber of Commerce has taken this matter up, and also the fact that the Eastern mail for San Francisco is rushed directly through to its destination, while that destined for Portland is held over for four hours at Green River, Wyoming, for no other reason than to wait for the evening train, so that the Portland car may be coupled on and save the railroad company the expense of making up another train.

Following is the record of a few of the Harriman passenger trains since August 1:

Train No.	From	Arrival	Departure
1	San Francisco	8:15 A. M.	8:45 A. M.
2	San Francisco	10:15 A. M.	10:45 A. M.
3	San Francisco	12:15 P. M.	12:45 P. M.
4	San Francisco	2:15 P. M.	2:45 P. M.
5	San Francisco	4:15 P. M.	4:45 P. M.
6	San Francisco	6:15 P. M.	6:45 P. M.
7	San Francisco	8:15 P. M.	8:45 P. M.
8	San Francisco	10:15 P. M.	10:45 P. M.
9	San Francisco	12:15 A. M.	12:45 A. M.
10	San Francisco	2:15 A. M.	2:45 A. M.
11	San Francisco	4:15 A. M.	4:45 A. M.
12	San Francisco	6:15 A. M.	6:45 A. M.
13	San Francisco	8:15 A. M.	8:45 A. M.
14	San Francisco	10:15 A. M.	10:45 A. M.
15	San Francisco	12:15 P. M.	12:45 P. M.
16	San Francisco	2:15 P. M.	2:45 P. M.
17	San Francisco	4:15 P. M.	4:45 P. M.
18	San Francisco	6:15 P. M.	6:45 P. M.
19	San Francisco	8:15 P. M.	8:45 P. M.
20	San Francisco	10:15 P. M.	10:45 P. M.

PARTICIPATION IS ASKED

CALL ISSUED FOR COMING TRANS-MISSISSIPPI CONGRESS.

Portland Will Be Represented by Commercial Bodies at Meeting in Muskogee, Okla., in November.

The Chamber of Commerce and Board of Trade are in receipt of the official call for the 15th annual session of the trans-Mississippi Commercial Congress, to be held in Muskogee, Okla., in the new State of Oklahoma, November 19 to 22 inclusive. The Chamber of Commerce is allowed the full quota of ten delegates.

The Chamber of Commerce has been in receipt of several letters during the past several days from various merchants and importers in Japan who wish to be placed in touch with American houses engaged in the export trade with the Far East.

The cause of the interest taken in Portland by the Japanese firms is the Oriental edition of the Chamber of Commerce Bulletin which was issued in June and largely circulated in Japan.

The Chamber of Commerce evidently made a good move in publishing the recent edition of the Oregon booklet. Requests have come for it from all parts of the United States and even some near-by foreign countries.

The leading hotels of the city have been supplied with lots of 100 and over for distribution to their out-of-town patrons. The local railroad offices will receive their supplies the early part of next week.

"The trustees and Mr. Giltner certainly deserve credit for the publication of these 50,000 booklets. It is really surprising how the fact has become known in even the remotest parts of the country that the books have been published. Yesterday we received a letter from Camp Columbia, near Havana, Cuba, from one of the soldiers there who desires a copy of the booklet. Other places from which we received requests are Chicago, Tallahassee, Florida, and many Middle West cities.

There can be no doubt that great benefit to this state will be the result of the advertising done by the publication."

GRANDSON OF A POUNDER OF FOUR CITIES.

A. Edward Labowitch, Jr.



Master A. Edward Labowitch, Jr., is a grandson of General M. M. McCarver, pioneer of 1845 and founder of Tacoma, Wash.; Linton, Ore.; Sacramento, Cal.; and Burlington, Iowa. The mother of Master Labowitch is a daughter of Mrs. M. A. Hurley, of Portland, who was the eldest daughter of General McCarver.

The latest member of the family is 3 years old and is a bright boy. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Labowitch, are residents of Portland. Mr. Labowitch being a drygoods merchant, McCarver was a noted pioneer character of the West. He was born in Kentucky, whence he moved to Iowa, where he laid off the town of Burlington. Thence he emigrated further West, coming to Oregon.

After dodging arrest by the Portland police for six weeks on a warrant charging the theft of a gold watch valued at \$100 from Miss Lida Warner, H. B. Walker was arrested last night in the office of District Attorney Manning by Detective Maher and booked at police headquarters.

Walker thought, apparently, that he could "square" the case, as he went direct to District Attorney Manning's office upon his arrival in Portland from Gresham

last night. He found, however, that he was mistaken. Six weeks ago Miss Warner, while skating at the Oaks skating rink fell and was slightly injured. Walker volunteered to take her to a hospital, and represented himself, she avers, to be a locomotive engineer on the Astoria & Columbia River Railway. On the pretext that he had broken his own watch, she says he borrowed the one she wore, and said he would return it later. He failed to do so, and she had a warrant issued for his arrest.

VISITS COAST COUNTIES

Dairy Commissioner Bailey Will Inspect Many Dairies.

J. W. Bailey, State Dairy and Food Commissioner, leaves tomorrow for a trip through Coos County. He will inspect the dairy industry in that county, where he has not been for three years and will be gone ten days. He says Coos is coming to the front as one of the greatest dairying sections of Oregon, a condensed milk factory having been established there within the past year. A large dairy which compares favorably with any in the state outside of Portland, is also located in Coos County.

Mr. Bailey will go to the Coast by way of Drain, taking the stage there and stopping at Myrtle Point. He will also visit Coquille, North Bend, Mars, and the other cities of the county.

Upon his return Mr. Bailey will visit Tillamook County, taking with him into that district Professor Larsen, a dairy expert who has been connected with the

University of Colorado, but who is going to the University of Utah. He will spend two or three weeks in the Tillamook country looking over the dairying possibilities of that section.

Mr. Bailey says that Tillamook County will produce more wealth in dairy products this year than for some time past because of the increased value of her cheese, which now sells from 15 to 15 cents a pound. On this account, says Mr. Bailey, 15 per cent of the dairy cows of Tillamook County will, during the year, return their owners a profit of \$100 a cow.

After depositing these on the table before the patron, taking particular pains to divide the knives, forks and spoons in equal arrangement on either side of the platter, he recalls a funny story "Mame" told him last night and repeats to the adjoining table to repeat the story to "Jim."

Presently he comes to, and again repeats to the region in the rear. He approaches with a self-satisfied smile over spreading his features, deposits on the table the cold roast chicken, stuffed pepper, German fried potatoes, and sliced tomatoes. Now, observe him closely. Placing his hands on the edge of the table and bending over at a certain angle, the while keenly eyeing the guest, he asks with an innocent air, "What will you have to drink?"

Sign of the Waiters' Union Leaks Out

Why Customer Always Has to Repeat His Drink Order When Dining at Restaurant at Last Revealed.

AFTER being kept secret for years, one of the "signs" of the waiters' union has at last leaked out. Patrons of restaurants doubtless have been much mystified now it appears that a waiter, even the best of them, seems to be unable to remember what the guest orders in the way of liquid when giving his list for the meal.

Ever notice it? The patron, after looking over the bill of fare, will announce, say: "Bring me some cold roast chicken, stuffed pepper, German fried potatoes, sliced tomatoes and a pot of mixed green and black tea."

The waiter disappears in the region at the end of the room, and after what he doubtless regards as a reasonable time, reappears bearing in triumph one glass of water, one plate of out bread, knives, forks and spoons, dining plate and perchance, a napkin.

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Is the "sign" apparent? It is not in the form of the question, as might be supposed. No, it is far more subtle; it is in the seeming forgetfulness of the waiter.

If a waiter should fetch with the rest of an order the tea, coffee or milk desired by a patron, then the patron, if he belongs to a union, knows at once that the waiter is what they call a "soak." The union man is compelled to make an additional trip to the region in the rear of the restaurant for the liquid required simply to indicate to his fellow union men that he "belongs."

"You can 'spot' a union waiter every time if you watch how he serves your coffee, or rather when he serves it," explained the man who imparted this veracious information.

Seymour on Post-Dispatch.