

CASTING EYES AT BAY STATE

National Interest in Coming Political Battle Is Growing.

PRESIDENT IS CONCERNED

Henry Cabot Lodge Faces Desperate Fight, and H. M. Whitney, Original Member "Ananias Club," to Run for Governor.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 17.—(Special.)—Eager National interest is turning toward Massachusetts, where the hottest political battle in a score of years is to be fought this coming Fall.

MEET IN CHICAGO IN 1908

Windy City Expects Democratic Convention.

CHICAGO, Aug. 17.—(Special.)—Assurances have been received by local Democrats that Chicago will be chosen as the place of meeting for the Democratic National Convention of 1908.

JAPANESE GUEST OF HONOR

WITH SECRETARY STRAUS, ISHII ATTENDS BANQUET.

Bay City Chamber of Commerce Addressed by Mikado's Director of Commercial Affairs.

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 17.—The Fairmont Hotel was the scene of an international banquet this afternoon, the occasion being a banquet tendered by the San Francisco Chamber of Commerce.

There were about 150 guests, including Major Taylor, of this city, and elaborate preparations were made to make the affair international in character.

According to Secretary M. Burke, of the Chamber of Commerce, the object of the banquet was to favorably influence any reports that Director Ishii may make to his government upon the Japanese labor troubles here.

The sentiments of every orator reflected his personal faith in the good intentions of the business men of the two nations toward each other.

The most significant utterance was that of Director Ishii in connection with local Japanese troubles when he said:

"The foolish talk of war because of sporadic disturbances here and there, resulting in local friction, is unthinkable to the masses of the people. It is not the sentiment of Japan and the thinking of your country is responsible for him who throws a stone or offers insult to an inoffensive subject of Japan upon the streets, as voicing the sentiment of the American people."

Secretary Straus spoke on labor and his good impressions of the Hawaiian Islands.

WOMAN SLEUTH PROMPT

Finds Burglar in Room and Cries Lustily.

SPOKANE, Wash., Aug. 17.—(Special.)—"Robber, stop that burglar!" shouted Ley Marie de Noevre, a female detective at an early hour this morning, as she leaned out of the window of a Sprague avenue rooming-house, and only in her night robe and pointed to the fleeing figure of a man who was making east on Sprague avenue.

broke at fast speed and made for the street, falling downstairs in his wild dash. Picking himself up he dashed away with a policeman who had been attracted to the spot, in pursuit.

When confronted by the woman at the station he asserted that he gained admittance to her room to get his diploma which he said was there.

BOLD DASH FOR LIBERTY

Young Breckenridge Escapes From Reform School at Salem.

SALEM, Or., Aug. 17.—(Special.)—Scarcely a week after his arrival at 10 o'clock this afternoon, Charles E. Breckenridge made a bold dash and gained his freedom from the State Reform School.

SECRETARY OF OREGON AND WASHINGTON LUMBER MANUFACTURERS' ASSOCIATION.



tonight he was going Northward, and it is believed he is headed for Portland.

Breckenridge, who is 17 years old, was committed from Portland last week and was involved in an elopement with a young girl from Portland and apprehended at Tacoma, which is his home.

REFUSE THEIR REQUEST

Tacoma Will Not Reduce the Assessments.

TACOMA, Wash., Aug. 17.—(Special.)—The first big gun was fired today by the Board of Equalization, backed up by the State Tax Commissioners.

"When a company comes in here and tells us that they hold no franchises, that their mortgages are worthless, that they are getting shipments to offset their just taxation, it is time to force the issue and we heartily endorse the action of the Board of Equalization in making these raises."

"Exclusive franchises are of great value in this growing city, and what a thing is worth for the purpose of better and sale, it is worth for taxing purposes, and this same proposition applies to franchises as well as to tangible property and requires no arguments."

The Board refused to change the assessment and a similar request from the Western Union was also turned down.

SETTLING ZONE DIFFERENCE

Colombia and Panama to Confer Over Old Debt.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 17.—Secretary Taft today concluded arrangements with representatives of the United States of Colombia and Panama for the settlement of the issues between these countries and the United States growing out of the separation of Panama and the creation of the Canal Zone.

It provides for three treaties, one of which, if approved by the President and Secretary Root, probably will be submitted to the Senate at the next session.

It is understood that the arrangement provides the final settlement of the claims of Colombia upon Panama for the assumption by the latter of part of the national debt of the parent state and for the restoring of the commercial relations between Colombia and Panama.

FOREST FIRES IN FRANCE

Port of Toulon Threatened From All Sides.

TOULON, Aug. 17.—A great forest fire is blazing on all sides, and two forts are threatened. Troops are making a desperate effort to control the fire, but thus far with little result, owing to a high wind.

THE DAY'S DEATH RECORD

George Foster Talbot. PORTLAND, Me., Aug. 17.—George Foster Talbot, who was prominent as an abolitionist, before the Civil War, died this evening, aged 88. He was a delegate to the Republican convention in 1860 that nominated Lincoln.

For Help Wanted—Situations Wanted—Rooms to Rent—Boarding—Houses for Rent—Houses for Sale, and other classified advertising see pages 6 to 11 in section 2.

Metzger's spectacles, 41, 342 Wash. st. Main spring, 41, Metzger's, 342 Wash. st.

ONE OF PARTY DEAD

Trip to Cliff House Has Sad Ending.

BRING BODY TO HOSPITAL

San Francisco Pleasure Outing Through Park and Along Ocean Boulevard Brings Sudden End to Girl's Young Life.

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 17.—An automobile containing two young women and the body of a girl who had been their companion on a ride through the park to the Cliff House, reached the Park Hospital this morning.

The dead woman was Miss Frances Earl. Her companions were George W. Forbes, who acted as chauffeur, Miss Pearl Sheldon and Harry McHenry, all of this city.

The story told by the men after they had been arrested was that they had gone out to the beach early in the evening and had spent some time in various resorts along the boulevard.

As they were going through the park it was discovered that she had fainted, and in hope that she might be still alive they hurried to the hospital, but when they reached there she was dead.

WILL FIGHT RATE LAW

(Continued from First Page.)

closely together the lumber interests are standing in the present crisis. Not only that, but all lines of business pledged their support to the lumber manufacturers.

Secretary A. B. Wastell, of the Oregon and Washington Lumber Manufacturers' Association, had only 18 firms represented when it was organized May 6, 1905, it now includes 206 companies and has become a great power in the West.

S. H. Cobb, secretary of the Standard Box & Lumber Company, was toastmaster at last night's dinner. Beside him at the head table sat Philip Buehner, president of the Oregon & Washington Association; Henry Hahn, of Wadhams & Co.; J. N. Neal, attorney for the association; A. C. Dixon, of Eugene, chairman of the advanced rate committee; H. C. St. Clair, of the Twin Falls Logging Company, and George K. Wentworth, secretary of the Portland Lumber Company.

In introducing the first speaker, Toastmaster S. H. Cobb said he was very much gratified to find the representatives of all industries of the Pacific Northwest present, for he said a blow at one industry is an injury to all.

Secretary A. B. Wastell, of the Oregon & Washington Lumber Manufacturers' Association, then read letters of regret from a number of prominent business men of Portland and the state, who were unable to attend.

President Buehner speaks. Philip Buehner, president of the association, was introduced as the first speaker. His remarks dealt directly with the rate controversy.

"Local Rates Are High." "Local rates in the Willamette Valley are high. We had occasion to ship a less than carload of flour to Medford from Eugene. What do you think the rate was? It was 32 cents a sack which the carload rate is 10 cents for 100 pounds."

H. C. St. Clair spoke for the logging industry, showing the effect of the advance in rates on the loggers. He showed how stumpage had increased from 20 to 60 per cent during the past five years.

"Looking at this condition in a common sense way," said he, "it would be very foolish for a logger to place his one crop in the hands of the mill. If the rates were cut off, the railroads would notice it, the storekeeper would notice it, the farmer would notice it. The railroad themselves would be seriously affected."

The result of the proposed advance in lumber freights on the planing mill industry was discussed by Samuel Connel of the Northwest Door Company. He said he believed the policy of the railroads in raising rates is wrong and will be a great damage to the industries of the Pacific Northwest.

Charles Deyette, of the Marshall-Wellis Hardware Company, pledged the support of his company to the lumbermen in their present fight against the railroads.

W. A. Mears, secretary of the Pacific Coast Jobbers' Association, told of the ruin to the grocery business that would be wrought by the proposed advance in rates.

After extended discussion of the subject, the association agreed unanimously to give the committee already at work on ways and means, to secure the return to the former rates, full power to act in the matter.

The committee consists of A. C. Dixon, of Eugene, chairman; F. C. Knapp, of Portland; George E. Gerlinger, of Dallas; S. H. Cobb, of Portland; B. C. Miles, of Newberg, and Philip Buehner, ex-officio member.

This committee will have charge of the organization of the publicity bureau to be formed by the association to smoke out the railroad tariff-makers in their stand on the rate question.

The committee will also select a manager to wage the contest with the railroads on the rate question. At yesterday's meeting there was evidenced the firm determination to go ahead with the campaign for a return to the old rates, and the struggle from now on will be unremitting.

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among the very largest consumers of our goods. I consider it second to none other.

"The question, to my mind, is what justifies the advancement in rates? They say they want more—why do they want it? These Northwestern roads have been earning up to 30 per cent on their stock issues. How can they justify this advance? The net return to the railroads for a car of lumber to St. Paul is \$284. Ore and grain do not cost so much. Canned goods from this Coast to New York only brings about \$25 a car. To the average layman it is hard to understand how rates are made. It appears to us that the profit on lumber is a very handsome one.

"The railroads will tell you that lumber does not pay a fair proportion of transportation cost. It would be interesting if we could get Stubbs of Miller to tell us what is their basis of operation. The present system seems to be a bit and miss system. Charge what the traffic will bear has been the favorite maxim with all traffic managers.

Situation Becoming Acute. "The railway situation is becoming quite acute. They say it is high time for the public and the railroads to get together. It is a singular thing that while the railroads spend millions in fighting each other for territory, there is never any fight on rate questions.

"The rates of lumber rates so that shipments to the Eastern markets, are prohibitive," he said, "would be equal to that of the West in physical freight. The railroads will be killing the goose that lays the golden egg. By your action tonight, you are showing the railroads that there are others in the Pacific Northwest beside those engaged in railroading."

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Advertisement for suits and trousers. Suits \$20.00 to \$40.00. Trousers \$4 to \$10. Almost Ready to Cut It Out!

Every day now brings additional arrivals to my stock of Fall woolsens; some of the swellest and handsomest fabrics I've ever received.

FREE—SHORT TIME LONGER. Now, while this preparing is going on, I'll continue the free extra trousers offer with every suit at \$22.50 or more.

GRANT PREGLEY, Manager. ELKS' BUILDING, SEVENTH AND STARK.

Advertisement for Columbia Tailor. ELKS' BUILDING, SEVENTH AND STARK.

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STARTLING PIANO PRICES

EILERS EMERGENCY SALE TURNS YEAR'S DULLEST SEASON INTO RECORD-BREAKER

San Francisco Sends Three More Cars of Finest Instruments to Portland for Immediate Sale—These Will Be Offered on Even More Liberal Basis Than Those in Previous Shipment—Such Remarkable Values Excite Music Circles to Highest Pitch and Cause Other Dealers to View the Situation With Dismay—Those Who Wish to Profit by the Opportunity Must Lose No Time

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It is generally admitted that the Eilers Stores are now selling a good many more pianos than all the other Pacific Coast firms combined.

The reasons for this great trade supremacy are not hard to establish. First, the Eilers Houses were started upon popular principles, to carry none but reliable makes of pianos and organs, to sell at the lowest prices consistent with a fair profit, to have strictly one price, and a definite "Money-Back Guarantee."

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A piano that sold under the methods of other dealers in former days at \$400 can be bought at Eilers now for not to exceed \$255. The progressive and modern way of piano selling as now carried on by the Eilers Houses saves the individual purchaser not less than \$50 to \$150 of the prices that are today asked by other firms.

After a Spring and Summer of turbulent conditions, so unsettled that every line of business in San Francisco suffered, followed by the second great fire on Van Ness Avenue, after which the insurance companies cancelled practically all of their risks on the contents of temporary buildings, our House there found it impossible to accommodate the enormous stock of new instruments ordered in anticipation of occupying their new building on Market street in September.

The new quarters will not be ready for weeks yet—perhaps several months. All building operations have been retarded on account of the strikes. These new pianos must be moved—sold—for there is no place there for them. Now, in addition to the great saving that the Eilers methods make possible in the ordinary way, there is added to the inducements offered another saving, for these pianos will be sacrificed in order to dispose of them quickly. Seven carloads of them have already been sold here in Portland within the past two weeks.

Three more cars have just been received, and the forty-four additional instruments in this shipment will be offered during the coming week, on terms even more liberal than those established for the first hundred and seventeen.

The Present Emergency Sale Means Much to the Economic Seeker of Highest Piano Quality.

Finest Makes—Prices Never Before Duplicated—Note Well the Terms.

The makes embraced in this positively unparalleled offer are all too well known to need indorsement; the prices are sensational in the extreme; \$200 pianos go for \$114; \$300 pianos go for \$171; \$400 grades go for \$228, and \$500 instruments go for \$285.

Terms as low as \$50 down on the finest and most costly instruments will be accepted, and as low as even \$25 on the less expensive grades, with the balance in a year. With such a saving as this, such splendid makes to choose from, and terms so easy, you can hardly afford to pass this unusual opportunity.

But remember, this sale only applies to these forty-four instruments; when these are sold, your chance to buy upon such a remarkable basis will end. Therefore, be prompt. Come tomorrow. Eilers Piano House, The House of Highest Quality, 353 Washington Street, Corner of Park.

LEAPS TO BABY'S RESCUE. MINNIE MORTON, TACOMA GIRL, JUMPS OVER TWO TABLES.

Child Wades Beyond 'Depth and Sinks—Girl Coolest One in Party. Resuscitated With Difficulty.

TACOMA, Wash., Aug. 17.—(Special.)—Miss Minnie Morton proved herself a heroine yesterday when she rescued Lyle Froggatt, the 2-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Froggatt, from drowning in American Lake, where the parents and others were picnicking.

The baby was fond of the water and was allowed to wade near the shore. When his parents were eating luncheon he waded beyond his depth and sank with a surging cry.

While others cried aloud with fear, Minnie Morton leaped over two tables and plunged into the water after the child. The baby was unconscious for several minutes, being finally resuscitated when the parents thought him dead.

Parachute Falls to Work. NEW HAVEN, Conn., Aug. 17.—An aeronaut named Theodore French was killed this afternoon at Savin Rock, a nearby resort. The parachute failed to open.

Your credit is good at Metzger's, Jeweler, 342 Washington st. Metzger's eye glasses, 41, 342 Wash. st.

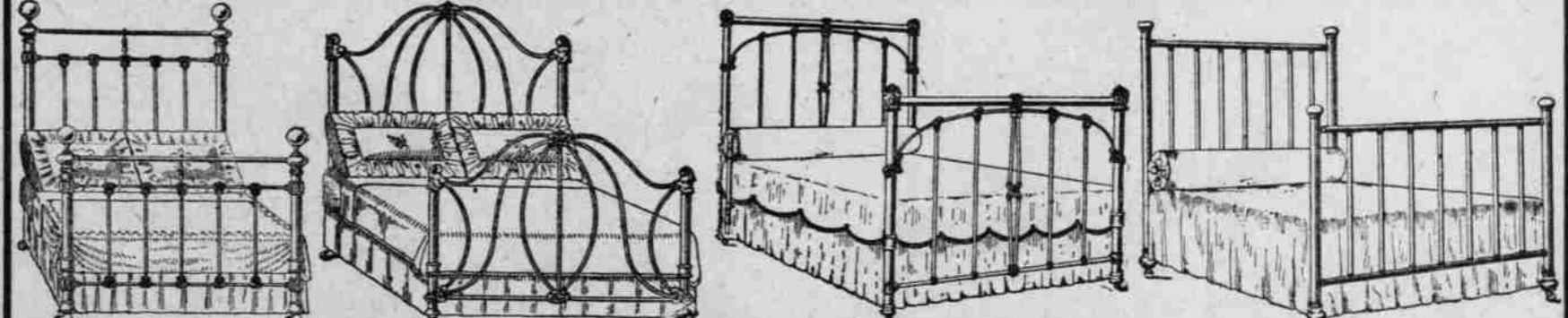
THE "AMERICAN DOG" Boston Terrier Pups. For Sale: Best pedigreed "Boston" on the Coast. Reasonable price. Prize-winning strain. Inquire Harry C. Whittier, Adv. Mr. The Golden Eagle, 045 Third St., Phone Main 2850.

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SPECIAL METAL BED SALE THIS WEEK



Enamelled Iron Bed, Brass Knobs and Brass, top rail. SPECIAL, \$6.00. Enamelled Iron Bed with very heavy Bed. SPECIAL, \$4.50. Enamelled Iron Bed, a Beautiful Design. SPECIAL, \$6.50. All Brass Bed, Plain but Beautiful. SPECIAL, \$25.00.

We have just received a carload of Metal Beds. All new and beautiful designs which we put on sale this week at greatly reduced prices. If you are anxious to buy Furniture and Housefurnishings at right prices, come to see us. We will save you money. We will please you.

CASH OR CREDIT. INDEPENDENT FURNITURE CO. 104-106 FIRST STREET. Green Front Buildings, Between Washington and Stark Sts.

Hood's Sarsaparilla. In usual liquid form or in choicest tablets known as Sarsatabs, 100 doses \$1.