GREAT INCREASE BUT NO BLOCKADE

Situation of Wheat Acreage and Railroads in Canadian Northwest.

LARGE AMOUNT OF WHEAT

In Winnipeg, Increase in Acreage Will Be 2,000,000 Acres—Double Track on Canadian Pacific Will Move the Crop Easily.

OTTAWA, Ont., May 16.—(Special.)—Reports received from various parts of the Canadian West indicate that the increase in wheat acreage this year will be tremendous. Local grain men are of the opinion that about 120,000,000 bushels of wheat will be threshed out in 1908.

While fears are expressed that, owing to labor and other difficulties, the government section connecting the Fort William branch of the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway with its line at Winnipeg will not be finished in time to aid in moving the grain crop of this year, there is little doubt that the facilities for transportation of grain between Winnipeg and the Great Lakes will be enormously developed this Fall. This will be brought about, however, by the completion of the double-tracking on the Canadian Pacific main line between Fort William and Winnipeg.

This double-tracking is a stupendous undertaking, involving the expenditure of more than $10,000,000. There being so vast an increase in the area of land put under seed in the Northwest this year, under favorable circumstances the railways will have thrown upon them in the coming Fall by far the biggest task they have ever undertaken, but so largely will the handling capacity be increased that, no matter how big the harvest, it is confidently predicted that there will be no more grain blockades.

H. W. McWilliams, an American, who is prominent in the Winnipeg grain trade, and who has reports from every section of the Canadian West, states that 7,600,000 acres of land will be sown to wheat there, an increase of 2,000,000 acres. The coming of the American farmers into the West is largely responsible for this great and rapid progress in grain production.

LEAVES TRAIL BAD PAPER

Man Cashes $10,000 Worth of Worthless Checks.

CHICAGO, May 16.—After six months' traveling about the country, during which time he passed more than 150 worthless checks, aggregating $10,000, Frank H. Tyler, 26 years old, of Western Springs, Ill., was arrested yesterday. In his meanderings Tyler has covered a good part of Illinois, Iowa, Ohio, Indiana, Wisconsin, Texas and Mexico. Hotel keepers were his chief prey, and he left a trail of forged paper behind him.

Outside of Chicago, where the greater number of the forged checks were passed, Tyler represented himself to be a traveling salesman to the unsuspecting country landlords. Nearly every town he visited he had a new name. The amount of forged checks ranged from $50 to $675, and in most instances were passed upon hotelkeepers in payment of his bill.

It is charged by the detectives that Tyler would write letters to himself, addressing them to towns that he visited, and inclosing the fraudulent checks in these letters. Upon his arrival at a hotel he would ask if there were any mail for him, and the clerk or landlord would hand over the letter which Tyler himself had written. He would open the missive, letting the check drop out on the counter to attract the attention of the man behind the register. Most of the checks and drafts were drawn on the Hanover National Bank of New York and the Western Trust and Savings Bank of Davenport, Iowa. Tyler refuses to tell how he obtained possession of the blank checks, but the police say he stole them from Chicago lithographing firms.

PEDAGOGUE USES FISTS

Tries to Separate Street Fighters, Who Turn on Peacemaker.

LEWISTON, Idaho, May 16.—(Special.)—While stopping a street fight between Fred Little and Charles Dickey last night, President George H. Black, of the State Normal School, was compelled to use his fists in subduing Fred Little, who was sitting on his adversary and using his face as a punching bag. President Black was on his way home from an entertainment late last night when he discovered the youthful pugilists, and in trying to separate them Little turned on the head of the Lewiston State Normal School.

President Black responded and was soon sitting on the prostrate form of Little, waiting for the police, who arrested both men.

UNEARTHS SACK OF GOLD

Seattle Laborer Makes $1000 Find and Suddenly Disappears.

SEATTLE, Wash., May 16.—(Special.)—Joseph Garcia, a laborer employed by the Northern Pacific in filling in the waterfront property it owns along Railroad ave, yesterday picked up a gold poke containing about $100 in dust. The poke was found among the piling underneath a building occupied by a saloon and oyster house. Garcia, as soon as he found it, crawled out from under the wharf and disappeared.

HILL HOPEFUL OF CROPS

Would Force Home to People Results of Governors' Conference.

NEW YORK, May 16.—James J. Hill, chairman of the Great Northern board, who delivered an address on Thursday before the conference of governors in Washington, returned to this city yesterday. He referred hopefully to the crop outlook in the Northwest, saying:

"Everyone is looking forward hopefully to the time when business conditions will resume normal aspects. The crop outlook is good. In some parts of the West the conditions are the most promising in years. In the Northwest the seeding is just being finished, but the conditions under which it is done are the best in 10 years.

"The governors," said Mr. Hill, referring to the recent conference, "do not till the soil, nor work the mines, nor cut down the forests; all they can do is to suggest means for improvement in a great many methods for conserving the natural resources of their states. The carrying out of these suggestions rests with the people, and the important thing to do now is to force home to the people the effects of the situation. That is why I say spread the campaign of education that has been started broadcast."

WILL UTILIZE FIR STUMPS

Government Expert to Make Experiments at Astoria This Summer.

ASTORIA, Or., May 16.—(Special.)—Dr. L. F. Hawley, an expert in the forestry service of the Department of Agriculture, arrived in Astoria recently, arrangements having been made with him by the Chamber of Commerce whereby he will remain here for a goodly portion of the Summer in an effort to devise a plan whereby the logged-off land of this section may be profitably cleared for agricultural purposes.

Dr. Hawley will first devote considerable study to the situation, that he may be informed in the premises, and then his plans will be acted upon by the Chamber of Commerce.

He is well acquainted with the various by-products that can be made from stumps of the Southern States, and he brings with him a considerable laboratory apparatus, which he will set up here, for the purpose of making experiments on Douglass fir, spruce and hemlock, which abound in this section.

In speaking of the work that the Chamber of Commerce has called to his attention, Dr. Hawley said that, while it was too early to outline any general plan of action, he had in mind in a general way a proposition that he believed might later be worked out satisfactorily. In brief, it is to bring in touch with the owners of stump land in this section the manufacturers of by-products from stumps and wood refuse.

He has conceived that if very good financial results can be had by these manufacturers in the South, where they must pay for their stumps, that they should at least be able to operate here on the basis of having the stumps furnished to them. This would at least enable the land here to be cleared at a very low cost, and it might be without cost, or even with some profit.

TAFT MAJORITY ASSURED

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with every confidence lay claim to between 40 and 60.

In the third place, of the 126 delegates whose seats are in contest, most of whom are from the Southern states, there is every reason to believe that the credentials committee will act on the cases as they come up, with the ultimate result that between 20 and 30 votes will be added to the Taft column.

And finally, with the next candidate to the leader, Senator Knox, 500 votes behind the van of the Presidential procession, and with the others trailing farther and farther to the rear, the prognostication is hung out that the opposition to the nomination of Mr. Taft will dwindle to nothing and that it is all over but the ripping din of cheers when the nomination is made by acclamation.

SAYS MAJORITY INSTRUCTED

Taft's Manager Claims Nearly 700 Out of 980 Delegates.

COLUMBUS, O., May 16.—Arthur I. Vorys, manager of the Taft canvass, gave out the following statement tonight:

"The last conventions for the selection of delegates to the National convention were held today. With the close of the campaign for delegates to the Republican National Convention the nomination of Secretary Taft on the first ballot is a foregone conclusion.

"Of the 980 delegates who will sit in the convention, 563 have been chosen under positive instruction to vote for Ohio's candidate or under resolutions of indorsement or preference that were the equivalent of instructions. Two hundred and twenty-five delegates have been instructed for other candidates. One hundred and ninety-two are uninstructed. Of these 192, more than 100 are known supporters of Taft.

"This assures Secretary Taft at this time a total delegate strength in the convention of only a few votes less than 700.

"The seats of 182 delegates are contested, but in only 126 of these contests are Taft delegates affected."

TEMPORARY OFFICERS CHOSEN

Subcommittee on Arrangements for National Convention Reports.

CHICAGO, May 16.—Temporary officers of the Republican National convention were selected today by the subcommittee on arrangements of the National committee as follows:

Temporary chairman—Julius C. Burrows, of Michigan.

General secretary—John R. Malloy, Columbus, O.

Chief assistant secretary—Lafayette B. Gleason, New York.

Assistant secretaries—Charles Smith, Parkersburg, W. V.; Ernest Walker Smith, Hartford, Conn.; Philip M. Hoefele, St. Louis; M. J. Tobin, Vinton, Ia.; Charles M. Harger, Abilene, Kan.; Allen Hollis, Concord, N. H.

Reading clerks—Thomas W. Williams, Edwardsville, Ill.; George A. Wilson, Des Moines, Ia.

Parliamentarian—Ascher C. Hinds, Washington.

Official reporter—M. W. Blumenberg, Washington, D. C.

Messenger to chairman—Empsirdell Stone, Indianapolis.

Messenger to the secretary—John H. Jackson, Cincinnati.

Sergeant-at-Arms—William F. Stone, Baltimore.

First assistant sergeant-at-arms—Edward P. Thayer, Greenfield, Ind.

Chief of doorkeepers—Stephen R. Mason, Baltimore.

Lead pencils were first made in the United States in 1811 by William Monroe, at Concord, Mass.

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FOR YOUR APPETITE

Is the wisest preparation you can take. It is a perfectly safe, pure, reliable medicine,—in which no change was necessary to comply with the Pure Food and Drugs Act.

Composed of the choicest ingredients for purifying and vitalizing the blood, for restoring the appetite and promoting healthy digestion, it is the favorite Spring Medicine.

"Since I began taking Hood's Sarsaparilla my appetite has greatly increased. I also sleep better. I recommend this medicine to all who are suffering from indigestion, nervousness, or impure blood. It is a wonderful medicine." John Bell, Jr., 623 Lafayette Ave., Brooklyn, N. Y.

In usual liquid form or in chocolate-coated tablets called Sarsatabs. 100 Doses One Dollar.

SAYS TRUST A MYTH

Cowles Insists Paper Manufacturers Compete.

KNOWS OF NO AGREEMENT

Head of Combination Accuses Publishers of Combining to Break the Paper Market—Will Quit Unless the Price Advances.

WASHINGTON, May 16.—Denial was made today by the International Paper Company and other manufacturers of paper of the charges made by the American Newspaper Publishers' Association that an agreement exists between them, either to raise the price of paper or to restrict the output. This evidence was given before the special committee of the House of Representatives that is investigating the wood pulp and print paper question.

The statement also was made that Canadian mills which are selling paper at 65 cents a hundred pounds less than American mills were doing so at a loss and that, if normal conditions were resumed in New England and Canada, these prices would be raised. It also was a contention of the witnesses today that the present price of paper is the lowest they can manufacture it for and live.

The taking of testimony by the committee will be concluded Monday, the desire of Chairman Mann being to make a report to the House in time to allow Congress to act at this session, if it so desires. To further that end, a session of the committee was held tonight.

David S. Cowles, the paper manufacturer, resumed the stand today. Mann called the attention of the witness to the charges of two newspapers that his companies had refused to sell them paper.

In these cases, Mr. Cowles said, he did not desire their business. He said he had no knowledge of any combination, agreement or understanding among paper manufacturers to fix a price for paper, nor did he know of any understanding or agreement among manufacturers or sales agents not to compete in order to obtain the business of a paper which had a contract with some other manufacturer.

"I believe other manufacturers believe as I do," he said. "They want to get as much for their product as the market will justify."

Mr. Cowles said that there was a concerted effort to break the paper market. He denied that his mills had shut down in order to restrict the market output.

The production basis contract, which Mr. Norris testified many of the papers formerly had, was designated by Mr. Cowles as "something rotten."

"There was where you put paper into the pressroom and they paid for what they said they printed," he added.

The witness said eventually he would go out of the paper business unless the price of paper went up. He said that he was opposed to placing wood pulp on the free list.

TAXPAYERS' LEAGUE ADVISES VOTERS ON MEASURES SUBMITTED TO PEOPLE IN THE JUNE ELECTION.

The Taxpayers' League has issued a statement to voters advising them to vote as follows on the various amendments to the constitution, laws proposed under the initiative and laws on which the referendum has been invoked:

Increase in membership of Supreme Court, etc.: Vote yes.

Change in time of holding elections from June to November: Vote yes.

Free transportation for officials: Vote no.

National Guard armories: Vote No.

Appropriation for support and maintenance of University of Oregon: Vote yes.

Limiting power of state to control gambling, sale of liquors, etc: Vote no.

Single tax amendment: Vote No.

Choosing jurors and indictment by grand jury: Vote yes.

Increasing powers of Port of Portland: Vote yes.

RESERVE IN APPALACHIANS

Senate Passes Bill for Purchase. Postal Bank Bill Deferred.

WASHINGTON, May 16.—A bill appropriating $5,000,000 for the acquisition of land on the watersheds of the navigable streams in the Southern Appalachian Mountains within Maryland, Virginia, West Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Alabama, Kentucky and Tennessee and in the White Mountains of New Hampshire and Maine.

Carter secured an agreement to make the postal savings bank bill a special order in the Senate for December 14 next, this action being taken in view of lack of time in this session to permit Senators to speak on the measure.

Announcement also was made by Fulton, chairman of the committee on claims, to the effect that he would not press for a vote on the omnibus claims at this session.

BUILD WARSHIP AT NAVY-YARD

Newberry Will Show What Government Can Do at Brooklyn.

WASHINGTON, May 16.—One of the big new battleships authorized by Congress in the naval appropriation bill just approved by the President, will be built at the Brooklyn Navy Yard. Acting Secretary of the Navy Newberry issued orders to this effect today. Anticipating action by Congress, tentative plans for the construction of the two ships authorized have already been prepared by the Bureau of Construction and Repairs, and in their general lines will follow those laid down in the construction of the 20,000-ton battleships Delaware and North Dakota, now under construction. The remaining ship will be built by contract.

Mr. Newberry also issued orders for the construction of one of the colliers authorized by the naval bill, at the Mare Island Navy Yard, California. Another is to be built by contract. For the remaining three provided for by the bill, Newberry has directed that advertisements be inserted in newspapers of the larger cities on the Atlantic, Pacific and Gulf Coasts, asking for tenders of such vessels for sale to the Government.

AN INVESTMENT.

A well-known Portland real estate operator has joined hands with other well-known gentlemen in big enterprise, and needs $10,000 to carry his interest. A loan for this amount is required for two years. Good security given, reasonable interest and bonus. Only principals meaning business need answer. W 965, Oregonian.

—why have it tailor made?

Never ask yourself a foolish question like this again. Why have a tooth pulled by a dentist or sickness treated by a physician? Why have your home built by a carpenter or your plumbing installed by a plumber? It is for the same reason you have your clothes made by a tailor. There are dentists, physicians, carpenters and plumbers. So are there tailors and tailors. If you were as particular about the kind of men that build a suit of clothes for you as you are about the professional men and artisans you employ for various other kinds of work, you would be mighty careful about your selection of a tailor. A tailor has it within his power to make or mar a first-class piece of cloth. To be always on the safe side, go directly to the Columbia Tailors and take no chances. At this shop you get the opportunity of selecting a piece of up-to-date, stylish and "classy" material; you are certain of a perfect measurement and the most skillful cutting on the Coast. An artist fits you and when the garment is delivered and ready to wear, you can bank on it that it is right. There is only one way to be tailored and that's Columbia's way.

Suits from $20 to $50
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Portland's Fastest-Growing Store

The Best in Quality

THE STORE NEWS

For tomorrow is replete with many an offering of the most magnetic kind. It's a message that goes direct to the needs of every home—a message that spells "economy" of the most pronounced kind and affords savings that make this store the people's popular shopping center, the place where the dollar will buy most and best. You'll be interested in every offering below, as all merchandise on our counters consists of new Spring and Summer goods at prices much below the average.

Great Showing New Spring and Summer Dress Goods

Immense varieties, exclusive patterns, rich colorings and unmatchable values are keeping this section busy.

For Tomorrow and Tuesday We Announce Another Big Sale

Never in the merchandising history of the Northwest have such magnificent stocks of fine dress fabrics been shown and offered at such wonderfully low prices. It is our annual Spring sale, and we propose to make this sale the greatest sale of dress goods ever attempted in the city. Here are a few of the specials:

NOVELTY SUITINGS, 75c GRADE, AT..... 45c

In this lot you have choice of an unlimited assortment of new Novelty Suitings, in widths from 38 to 45 inches; all fresh, bright, new goods, in this season's most wanted patterns and colorings. All our 65c and 75c lines priced for this sale Monday and Tuesday at, per yard..... **45c**

NOVELTY SUITINGS HALF PRICE AT..... 25c

Monday and Tuesday

A most extraordinary offering. Novelty Suitings in 36 and 38-inch widths, in the newest checks and stripes in all wanted shades; good, dependable qualities, that were made to retail at 50c a yard, specially priced for this sale at..... **25c**

NOVELTY SUITINGS, $1.50 GRADE, AT..... 69c

44 to 52-inch materials, in a great assortment of light, medium and heavy-weights; a splendid assortment of colors and patterns to choose from, in all-wool and silk and wool fabrics; also plain shades, in all the best colors; all strictly high-class dress goods, $1.00 to $1.50 kinds, priced at..... **69c**

Hundreds of Yards of New Novelty Suitings, $1.25, $1.35, $1.50 Grades, All at One Price, Tomorrow, 95c

44 to 50-inch purest of wool fabrics in the new shades of navy, copenhagen blue, wood and golden brown, tans, hunter's green, champagne, etc.; correct and fashionable, piece-dyed materials, in new shadow stripes, herringbone serges, new chevron weaves, new swivel stripes, etc., etc. And endless variety to choose from. Regular $1.25, $1.35, $1.50 qualities, priced for this sale at one price..... **95c**

BROKEN LINES AT 59c—In this lot you will find seasonable dress goods in values up to $1.00 a yard. 46-inch Crepe Egyptia, silk and wool Eolienne, Novelty Worsteds, Fancy Panamas, plain wool Taffetas, plain and fancy Mohairs, Storm Serges, French Henriettas. Not a desirable shade is missing. Values up to $1.00 a yard, at..... **59c**

BROKEN LINES AT 45c—At this price you have choice of the following fabrics, worth regularly up to 85c a yard. 38-inch French Albatross, French Serges, Nunsveiling, Storm Serge and Chiffon Panamas, in all desired evening shades, as well as the staple colors. 65c, 75c and 85c values, priced for this sale at..... **45c**

Two Bargain Offerings in Beautiful New Silks

A wonderful sale of this season's choicest silks. It would be almost impossible to overestimate the bargains in this sale. Fact is, we never offered such high-grade silks at such low prices. It is positively the best opportunity of the whole year to secure beautiful silks—for instance:

TUSSORAH PONGEES, BEST $1.25 QUALITY..... 98c

Just received a special purchase of genuine Tussorah Pongee Silks, the very finest high-grade imported silks shown anywhere, full 26 inches wide, beautiful, fine, close weave, high luster finish; come in the newest shades, light leather brown, Alice blue, navy, natural, reseda green, wood brown, etc. Silks that are sold everywhere at $1.25— Sold here at..... **98c**

FOULARD SILKS, BEST $1.25 GRADE..... 89c

Cheney Bros.' celebrated showerproof Foulard Silks in an unlimited range of the newest patterns, in all wanted colorings, neat small figures, pin and polkadots, graduated stripes and small broken designs; a soft, clinging silk, unequaled for Summer wear or rich evening gowns. Beauty, quality and low price are combined in this special offering. Very best $1.25 grade— Sold here at..... **89c**

A Monday Sale of Embroideries

AND THE GREATEST AND BEST OF THE SEASON.

An out-of-the-ordinary sale of beautiful, new, crisp Edgings, Insertions and Embroideries in the most attractive and dainty designs, at considerably less than half their real worth. It is a sale you cannot afford to miss, coming as it does just at a time when embroideries are in greatest demand:

THESE FIVE LOTS TO CHOOSE FROM:

Lot 1—20c to 25c Embroideries..... 9¢
Lot 2—30c to 35c Embroideries..... 15¢
Lot 3—40c to 50c Embroideries..... 23¢
Lot 4—60c to 75c Embroideries..... 27¢
85c to $1.25 Embroideries at..... 45¢

Don't miss this Monday sale of Embroideries. It means the greatest buying opportunity ever offered in this section of the store.

PANEL FRONT AND ALLOVERS, $1.50 to $2.50 Values, at..... 98¢

EMBROIDERIES, $3.00 to $4.00 Values.... $1.19

A wonderful offering. The greatest collection of high-class Embroideries ever sold at such extremely low prices. 22 to 32-inch panel front and allover Embroideries in the newest and best patterns, embroidered on fine, sheer swiss and chiffon cloth; blind, open-work, shadow effects and filet designs, in an unlimited assortment of designs that would even tempt the unneedy. Values such as you have never seen before.

Men's Shirts, A Sale Worth While

TWO GREAT BARGAIN LOTS AT UNEQUALED PRICE REDUCTIONS.

COAT SHIRTS, $1.25 VALUES..... 84c

About 200 dozen of these popular Shirts on sale tomorrow and Tuesday at one-third less than real worth. They are made with cuffs attached, and come in a large variety of new and desirable patterns in the new shades of blue, tan and gray stripes and checks, all sizes from 14 to 17. They are equal in value to any $1.25 shirt made. Buy as many as you wish, as long as they last, Monday and Tuesday, at..... **84c**

NEGLIGEE SHIRTS, $1.50 VALUES..... $1.15

A great special sale of men's fine Soisette Negligee Shirts, made with soft turndown collars that button down, and two buttoned cuffs; custom-made shirts that fit perfectly and are well finished throughout; they come in plain tan, cream and white, and sell regularly at $1.50. They are just the thing for Summer wear, being soft, cool and durable. This is one of the best shirt bargains we have ever offered. Real $1.50 values, priced for this sale Monday and Tuesday at..... **$1.15**

25c SOCKS AT 12½¢.

A sale of men's cotton Socks, made seamless, with double sole and fine ribbed top; absolutely fast black. Real 25c values, on sale Monday and Tuesday at..... **12½c**

Sale of Children's Shoes and Oxfords

SATISFACTORY SHOES AND OXFORDS—That is the only kind you will find here. Satisfactory in style, satisfactory in quality, satisfactory in fit and satisfactory in price. For tomorrow we have arranged the following specials:

$1.00 OXFORDS AT 77¢.

Children's and misses' new-style Oxfords, in black vici kid, made with turn soles and patent leather tips; all sizes. Regular $1.00 grade, on sale tomorrow at..... **77c**

$2.00 OXFORDS AT $1.47.

A most unusual offering of children's and misses' Oxfords, all new styles, in patent leather, tan, kid and vici kid; they come with both heavy and light soles; all sizes up to $2. Regular $2.00 grades, on sale tomorrow at.. **$1.47**

Children's Shoes, in colors red, brown and black, all sizes up to 5, 75c value..... **49c**

Boys' and girls' Shoes, solid all through, all sizes up to 2, $1.50 values..... **99c**