

TRADE COMMISSION IS FEELING ITS WAY

Federal Body Cautious About Permitting Combinations for Foreign Trade.

NECESSITY IS REALIZED

Unrestricted Competition in Markets of World for Resources of Country Held Ruinous to Home Industries.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, July 7.—The Federal Trade Commission evidently intends to feel its way carefully before issuing orders restricting the operation of American exporters who desire to combine in bidding for foreign trade and in selling to foreign buyers.

From all parts of the country, and especially from the large exporting cities, the commission has received requests of the same general nature and representing all manner of American industries, and hearings held in the East are to be supplemented by hearings soon to be held by the commission in Portland and other exporting cities on the Pacific Coast.

Pointed Questions Asked. Judging from questions asked by the commission in the course of the New York hearing, the commissioners have formed an impression not only as to their authority to permit combinations in foreign trade, but also as to the effect such combinations would have on domestic trade.

Specific Rating Desired. Business men are unwilling to take chances, and therefore want a specific ruling from the Trade Commission, or, failing to get that, want a specific enactment of Congress, about which there will be no question.

John D. Ryan, interested primarily in the copper business, but also interested in Western development generally, showed how Germany had been buying American copper at an average of 14.35 cents a pound, delivered in foreign ports, while this same copper laid down in New York has cost the American purchaser an average of 15.21 cents.

Combination Held Essential. If American copper men were permitted legally to cooperate and confer about sales abroad, they would be able to defeat this scheme, and there would not be the discrepancy between the price at home and abroad.

CITY BATHING POOL READY

Old Multnomah Club Tank Will Open Formally Tomorrow. The large swimming tank at the old Multnomah Club grounds at Morrison and Chapman streets will be opened formally tomorrow by the city as a public bathhouse and swimming-pool.

RELIGIOUS ATHLETES VIE

Christian Endeavor Holds Field Meet at Chicago. CHICAGO, July 10.—Muscular Christianity found a prominent place on the program of the Christian Endeavor convention today in a field meet at Stagg Field, University of Chicago.

FOREST WARNING ISSUED

Government Says 50 Per Cent of Animal Loss Can Be Avoided. WASHINGTON, July 10.—With the opening of the season of fire danger on most of the National forests, the Forestry Service is sending broadcast warnings that more than half of the forest fires in the United States are due to carelessness or other preventable causes, starting from campers,

railroad locomotives, brush burning, incendiaries and sawmills. This statement is based on an analysis of statistics compiled from the forest fire records of the last season, when more than 7000 fires were reported on National forests alone and approximately 10,000 on state and private holdings in the 15 states which receive Federal co-operation in fire protection under the Weeks law, namely: Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, New Jersey, Connecticut, New York, New Jersey, Maryland, West Virginia, Kentucky, Michigan, Wisconsin, Minnesota, South Dakota, Montana, Idaho, Washington and Oregon.

LOSS OF WATER PROBED

FARMERS AT WAPATO MEETING TELL OF DAMAGE DONE. Crops on Acreage Under Holt Lateral Dry Up, Says Witness—Indian Service Men Blame Farmers.

TOPPENISH, Wash., July 10.—(Special.)—The water-users held a meeting Thursday at Wapato to fix the responsibility for water shortage in the reservation, and, if possible, to remedy such conditions. The meeting was in charge of Messrs. McDonald and Benz, who conducted the examination. Witnesses examined representing the farmers' side of the case were V. A. Lum, C. W. Larringer, W. G. Bryan, George Gang, W. B. Meyers, H. E. Hanson, Joe Balair, George T. Hyatt, J. C. Bailey, E. P. Carver, Joseph Leroux, Joseph Scarbrough and Edward Baxter. All their testimony was similar.

TWO-CENT RATE FAILS

LOW FARE CAUSES RAILROADS TO CHANGE METHODS. Practice of Granting Special Reductions to Tourists and Home-seekers Stopped as Result.

CHICAGO, July 10.—W. J. Cannon, assistant general passenger agent of the Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul Railroad, continuing his testimony in the western passenger rate hearing held today, said the two-cent fare law had wiped out the practice of granting special rates to fairs, conventions and resorts. "Experience," he said, "has proved that the institution of reductions like tourist fares has generally stimulated travel and as a large percentage is carried on regular trains the railroad can afford to make such reductions. Tourist fares of all characters are open to the public and necessarily reduced the average rate per mile. Home-seekers' fares, which apply to round-trip tickets, have been made for many years to the West South and Northwest, and the demand continues. The carriers are vitally interested in inducing settlers to take up or purchase land. Experience shows that the bargain rate principle of granting such concessions on certain days is a factor of consequence in accomplishing the desired result."

CONCERT WILL AID HOME

Open-Air Vaudeville July 22 to Raise Funds to Help Aged. Elaborate preparations are being made for a band concert and open-air vaudeville show that will be on Thursday night, July 22, in the grounds surrounding the Home for the Aged at 23rd Street and Stark streets, for the benefit of the institution. This is the second annual event of this character. Last year more than 4000 persons attended the concert. Already 2000 tickets have been sold.

CANNERY WORKER DROWNS

White Salmon Youth Meets Death in Slough at The Dalles. THE DALLES, Or., July 10.—(Special.)—Orin Thomas, 20 years old, who came here from White Salmon, Wash., a few weeks ago to work in the Libby, McNeill & Libby cannery, was drowned this afternoon in the Columbia River Slough, near the portage dock. Young Thomas, who was not a strong swimmer, attempted to swim across the slough, where it is 100 feet wide, facing a strong wind. He became exhausted before he could reach shore, and, giving one cry for help, went down and did not come to the surface again. His body was brought up 10 minutes later with the aid of grappling hooks. The boy's mother became hysterical at the scene of the tragedy while awaiting the unsuccessful efforts of resuscitation. Mrs. Thomas also came to this city recently from White Salmon to work in the cannery.

DAYTON FINANCES SHOWN

DAYTON, Wash., July 10.—(Special.)—The semi-annual report of the City Treasurer shows that the receipts of the city for the general fund for the last year were \$1,194,464 and the disbursements \$1,238,805. Water fund receipts for the same period were \$545.53 and the disbursements \$224,778. When the remainder of the taxes are paid that sum will cover all estimated expenses, with perhaps a surplus left over to be applied to the bonded indebtedness.

This time it has been discovered that the steam engine was known in Egypt as early as the year 300 B. C. The machine in question was a rotary affair and more theoretical than practical. A Greek adaptation of the steam engine was made a little later than the Egyptian one. The steam power dropped out of sight for centuries.

FORESTER GRAVES TO VISIT PORTLAND

Opening of Roads Through Reserves to Be Discussed With Chamber of Commerce.

CO-OPERATION IS FAVORED

Official Head of Service to Be Guest of Business Men Next Saturday on Way to Study Alaska Problems.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, July 10.—Henry S. Graves, Chief Forester, on invitation of the Chamber of Commerce of that city, will spend all Saturday, July 11, in Portland conferring with representatives of the Chamber and then will leave for Alaska, where he will spend six weeks studying forest reserves. Mr. Graves will arrive in Portland Friday night, when he will confer with the District Forester and other representatives of his bureau, particularly with reference to the Oregon & California land grant case.

Land-Grant Policy Undefined. Mr. Graves said today he had formulated no definite idea as to what disposition should be made of the lands in the Oregon & California grant, and before taking a stand on this question wished to inform himself fully as to the character of the land involved. Some 300,000 acres affected by the Supreme Court decision lie within the exterior limits of existing forest reserves, and beyond doubt Mr. Graves will recommend that this land be added to the reserves, together with some other sections immediately adjoining existing reserves.

SHE DARKENED HER GRAY HAIR

A Kansas City Lady Darkened Her Gray Hair and Stimulated Its Growth by a Simple Home Process. She Tells How She Did It. A well-known resident of Kansas City, Mo., who darkened her gray hair by a simple home process, made the following statement: "Any lady or gentleman can darken their gray or faded hair, stimulate its growth and make it soft and glossy with this simple recipe, which they can mix at home. To half pint of water add 1 oz. of bay rum, 1 small box of Barch's Compound and 3/4 oz. of glycerine. These ingredients can be purchased at any drugstore at very little cost. Apply to the hair every other day until the gray hair is darkened sufficiently, then every two weeks. This mixture relieves scalp troubles and is excellent for dandruff and falling hair. It does not stain the scalp, is not sticky or greasy and does not rub off. It will make a gray haired person look 10 to 20 years younger.—Adv.

STOMACH TROUBLES

Diarrhoea, Cholera, Sunstroke, Cramps, Malaria and all other Summer complaints can be prevented and relieved by Duffy's Pure Malt Whiskey. The one remedy that has been used with continued success; the standard of purity and excellence since 1860. When traveling use a little Duffy's Pure Malt Whiskey in your drinking water. It often saves much distress occasioned by the change. Sold in SEALED BOTTLES ONLY by most druggists, grocers and dealers everywhere, for \$1.00 per large bottle.

WOMEN'S DRESS SKIRTS

A Sample Line, Including the Most Popular Materials and Models, Values to \$6.50—Your Choice at \$2.98. Unexpected good fortune for you if you can arrange to attend this important sale of Women's Fashionable New Woolen Dress Skirts—it is a prominent manufacturer's sample line comprising the most popular models in serges, chevots and other desirable materials in black and white checks—navy, black, brown, etc. Most every woman has need of a separate skirt for shore or mountains or for home wear and here is an opportunity to purchase one or more at a great saving, for you have choice from values up to \$6.50 at \$2.98 this sale for only \$1.69. Women's White Corduroy Gown Coats at \$4.75. A Decided Bargain at this low price. It is a special purchase and sale of the extremely fashionable White Corduroy Gown Coats in belted effects. They are extra well made and finished with silk lining—all sizes—but come early, for they'll go with a rush at this low figure. This sale at only \$4.75.

YOU CAN DO BETTER FOR LESS ON THIRD STREET. Store Opens Daily at 8:30 A. M. On Saturdays 9:00 A. M. Pacific Phone Marshall 5080. Store Closes Daily at 5:30 P. M. On Saturdays 6:00 P. M. Home Phone A 2112. Roberts Bros. THIRD & MORRISON. The Most in Value—The Best in Quality.

The Price-Saving Reason--Exemplified by These Special Offerings--Is a Clearance in Midseason

Our Great Annual July Sale of Woolen Dress Goods Remnants and Short Lengths at One-Half Regular Remnant Prices

Short Lengths of Dress Goods. The season's greatest saving opportunity in the buying of fashionable Woolen Dress Goods. Included are most every desirable weave, weight and quality in plain colors, checks, plaids, stripes and novelties. Short lengths and remnants of Serges, Granites, Gabardines, Cashmere, Crepes, Veilings, Challies, etc.; also cream-colored fabrics and black materials of all sorts. Hundreds of pieces in qualities to suit every purpose and all to go in this sale at ONE-HALF THE MARKED REMNANT PRICES.

A Great Overstock of Embroideries to Go at Half Price

Thousands of yards, including hundreds of patterns in dainty and elaborate effects illustrating exquisite workmanship and excellency of materials conjoined with important underpricing are proof positive of the wonderful value-giving power of this sale. LOT 1 AT 5c YARD Regular 10c Embroideries. LOT 2 AT 10c YARD Regular 20c Embroideries. Lot 3—Batiste, Swiss, Cambrie Edges, Bands and Galloons, in values 15c to 50c, to close at, yard. Lot 4—Beautiful 18-inch Flouncing and Corset Cover Embroideries, in values to 75c, to close at, yard. Lot 5—Organdie Allover Embroideries in the finest patterns, values to \$1.25, to close at, yard.

New Stocks of Summer Hosiery

Phoenix Silk Hose 75c. Cinderella Silk Hose at \$1.00 a Pair. The Cinderella is a pure thread Silk Stocking of perfect fit and finish. Comes in all sizes in black and in colors. It is without doubt the best-wearing and finest-appearing Silk Stocking sold at a pair \$1.00.

A Splendid Saving at This Sale of Warm Weather Coat Style Shirts

Made With Separate Soft Collar and Double French Cuffs; All Sizes; Plain Colors, Stripes 95c. A Ferguson & McKinney Guaranteed \$1.25 Shirt. Men who are the most particular will like these Shirts the best, for they are guaranteed to fit perfectly, not to fade and to wear satisfactorily—otherwise they will be replaced without cost—these are the most popular Warm Weather Shirts; made in coat style with separate soft collar and double French cuffs—they come in plain tan, cream and white and in assorted stripes in neat colorings. All sizes. A 95c Shirt of standard \$1.25 quality. Priced this sale at only \$1.69.

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A Sale of Stamped Gowns 59c Regular 85c Grade. A fine lot of Stamped Gowns at a bargain price. They are stamped with high-grade patterns and can be made with either round, square or V-shaped neck, with the popular kimono sleeve. Regular 85c grade. Priced this sale at 59c.

Special Announcement

This Store Will Close Thursdays at 1 P. M. During July and August thus allowing our employes a much-needed and well-earned half-holiday each week during these hot months. Lend your support to this movement by arranging to do your shopping in the forenoon on Thursdays. We'll appreciate it, and so will our employes, we assure you.

Ribbons

A Great Overstock of Velvet Ribbons To Close Out at Tempting Prices. No. 5 Velvet Ribbons in 15c and 20c Grades now... 12c. No. 7 Velvet Ribbons in 20c and 25c Grades now... 16c. No. 9 Velvet Ribbons in 30c and 35c Grades now... 22c. No. 12 Velvet Ribbons in 35c and 40c Grades now... 28c. No. 16 Velvet Ribbons in 40c and 45c Grades now... 32c. No. 22 Velvet Ribbons, Regular 50c Grade now... 37c. No. 40 Velvet Ribbons, Regular 60c Grades now... 42c.

Notions

Notion Section. 25c Shaving Mirrors priced at 15c. 75c Hand Mirrors, this sale, 49c. 50c Hand Mirrors on sale at 35c. 75c Hair Brushes priced at 39c. 20c Clothes Brushes, this sale 12c. 75c Leather Back Cloth Brush 49c. 25c Stickier Braid priced at 15c. 15c Wave Wash Brush at 10c. 15c Large Box Wire Hairpins 10c. 25c Whisk Brooms priced at 19c. 25c Crown Gaiters, pair... 10c. 15c Crown Dress Shields, pair 10c. 50c Crown Dress Shields, pair 35c. 10c Lightweight Dress Shields, 5c. 15c Dress Forms, 36 and 38, 98c. 15c Dressing Combs priced at 10c. 25c Dressing Combs priced at 15c. 10c Shoe Trees, this sale at, pr. 6c.

Shan Tung Pongee Silks

Closely Woven, Washable, Durable and 29c Fashionable—Formerly Sold at 75c, This Sale 29c. Just Received—A great import purchase of real Hand Loom Shan Tung Pongee Silks at a price concession that brings to you an out-of-the-ordinary saving—they are closely woven silks of exceedingly durable quality—they will wash perfectly and need no ironing—they come in natural color and in a quality formerly sold at 75c a yard. It is a rare opportunity for you to purchase these ever fashionable Silks at a ridiculously low figure, for tomorrow the price will be 29c a yard. None Sold to Dealers—No Samples Cut. No Phone Orders and None Sent C. O. D.

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Our Corset Department shows all of the latest seasonable designs and in such an excellent variety of models that shopping with us becomes an actual pleasure. For excellence of style, accuracy of fit, genuine comfort and lasting service, we know of no better Corsets than the R. & G. at the moderate prices we ask. A visit to our Corset Department will amply repay you if you are interested in this season's new styles. A model for every figure, and a price for every purse—\$1.00 TO \$3.50 A PAIR.