

Books are not to be taken from the library without permission. Any one found guilty of such offense, will be liable to prosecution.

ASTORIA PUBLIC LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

The Morning Astorian.

VOL. LIV

ASTORIA, OREGON, SUNDAY, MAY 11, 1902.

NO. 110.



Our Men's Suits
\$10 to \$27.50 are O. K.

they are made by the best Clothing Factories; properly lined; sewed with silk; padded to hold the shape and fit well. Your money back if YOU SAY SO.

Boy's Suits



We have the reputation for carrying the best grades. You can buy cheaper Boy's Suits, but if you buy one from WISB you get your MONEY'S WORTH.




Herman Wise
THE REPUTABLE CLOTHIER-MATTER

WATERMAN'S IDEAL

The most perfect, practical and convenient Fountain Pen ever made

Every Pen Guaranteed

Money refunded if not satisfactory. Just the thing for every day use. Nothing more acceptable as a gift.

GRIFFIN & REED.

LAWN MOWERS

\$2.90 to \$5.60

FISHER BROS.

SHIRTS

MONARCH SHIRTS



We are Now Displaying the Nobbiest Line of Shirts in the City. They are

NEW - STYLISH - DRESSY

Handsome, Durable and Cheap.

Yes, and HATS, too.

You are not dressed unless you have a "Mascol", "Queen" or "Princess" Hat. They are the rage.

P. A. STOKES.
The Clothier.

TO THROTTLE GREAT OCTOPUS

U. S. Attorney-General Files Suit Against the Meat Combination.

IT IS A GREAT CONSPIRACY

Has Complete Control of Meat Food Products and Prices Raised Beyond Reach of the Poor.

CHICAGO, May 10.—District Attorney Bertha this evening filed with the clerk of the federal circuit court a bill for injunction, sweeping in its character, and designed to destroy the alleged giant conspiracy to illegally control the meat trade of the United States. District Attorney Bertha also served notice that on May 20, he will appear before Federal Judge Grosoup and ask for a temporary injunction against the packers and their representatives under the Sherman anti-trust law.

The petition charges conspiracy, unlawful combination, black listing, illegal cartage charges, illegal credit agreement, creating false market prices, illegally depressing the market and accepting railway rebates. All of the principal packing companies organized under the laws of New Jersey, Michigan, New York and Illinois, are made parties to the defense and all are residents of Illinois, save Sulzberger & Noyes, of New York, and Swift of Boston.

THE COMPLAINT.

WASHINGTON, May 10.—The bill of complaint against the so-called beef trust, which has been prepared under the direction of Attorney-General Knox, was filed today in the Circuit Court of the United States at Chicago. Following is the petition:

"In the Circuit Court of the United States for the Northern District of Illinois, Northern Division:

"The United States of America versus Swift & Co. and others—Petitioner, the United States of America, by C. H. Bethes, its attorney for the Northern District of Illinois, acting by and under the direction of Philander C. Knox, its Attorney-General, brings this, its bill of complaint, against Swift & Co., the Cudahy Packing Co., the Hamond Packing Company, and Armour & Co. (the petition naming all other firms and persons in the combine.)

"First—That said corporations, partnerships and persons for many years last past have been and are now engaged in the business of buying livestock, to-wit: cattle, sheep and hogs, at divers points throughout the said United States where stock yards and such like and open competition markets for the sale of livestock exist. (Here the places of business of all of the institutions are set forth.)

"Second—Defendants for many years have been and are engaged in the business of selling such meats at the places where they are so prepared to dealers and consumers in divers states and territories of the said United States other than those wherein the said meats are so prepared and sold and in the District of Columbia and in foreign countries, and shipping the same, when so sold, from the said places of their preparation over the several lines of transportation of the several railroad companies serving as common carriers, to such dealers and consumers, pursuant to such sales; and in so doing have been and are engaged in trade and commerce in the territory aforesaid.

"Third—Defendants for many years have been and are now engaged in the business of shipping such fresh meats from the said several points where the same are so prepared for consumption over the several lines aforesaid, serving the same as common carriers, to their respective agents located at and near the principal markets for such meats in other states and territories than those wherein the said fresh meats are so prepared for consumption as aforesaid to dealers and consumers; and have been and are through those agents selling the same in those markets and in so doing have been and are engaged in trade and commerce

among the several states and territories of the United States and the District of Columbia and with foreign nations.

"Fourth—That of the total volume of trade and commerce in fresh meats the said defendants together control about 60 per cent, having during the year 1901 purchased and slaughtered and sold and shipped in the form of fresh meats four million cattle, five million sheep and six million hogs.

"Fifth—That as to such trade and commerce in the territory named in fresh meats the defendants should, and but for the acts hereinafter complained of would, be in free competition with each other.

"Sixth—That the said defendants, in violation of the provisions of an act of Congress, entitled, 'An Act to protect trade and commerce against unlawful restraints and monopolies,' and in order to restrain competition among themselves (which would otherwise exist) as to the purchase of livestock necessary to the production of the meats produced by them, have engaged in and intend to continue an unlawful combination and conspiracy for directing and requiring their respective purchasing agents at the several stock yards and open and competitive markets where they customarily purchase such livestock aforesaid, produced and owned principally in other states and territories and shipped by the owners to such stock yards and open markets for competitive sale to those engaged in producing and dealing in fresh meats, to restrain from bidding against each other except perfunctorily and without good faith when making purchases on behalf of the said defendants, and by this means inducing and compelling such owners of livestock to part with the same at such stock yards and open markets at prices less than they would there receive if such bidding were really competitive; and they have caused and are causing their agents to refrain from bidding accordingly, and are inducing each other, and will, unless restrained, continue to induce each other to refrain from bidding; which combination and conspiracy is one in restraint of trade and commerce.

"Seventh—That defendants, in further violation of the provisions of the said act of Congress, and to further restrain competition which would otherwise exist, and to obtain for themselves other undue advantage in the buying and shipping and in buying the same at the places named, intend to continue an unlawful combination and conspiracy among themselves for bidding up the prices of livestock for a few days at a time, so that the market reports will show prices much higher than the state of the trade will warrant, and thereby inducing owners of such livestock in other places to simultaneously make large shipments of livestock from other points to such stockyards and open markets instead of shipping to more natural and advantageous markets and at more natural and advantageous times, and, by reason of the large offerings, obtaining livestock at prices much less than in the regular way of trade; and have been and are now fraudulently bidding up the prices of stock, and will, unless restrained, continue to do so; which is in restraint of trade and commerce.

"Eighth—Defendants, in violation of the said act of Congress, and in order to restrain and destroy competition among themselves and monopolize trade, have engaged in an unlawful combination and conspiracy to arbitrarily, from time to time, raise, lower and fix prices and to maintain uniform prices at which they will sell such fresh meats to dealers and consumers; and that, in this method, in pursuance of the said combination and conspiracy is being effected through the action of divers agents and attorneys to petitioner unknown, is secretly holding periodical meetings at some place or places to petitioner unknown and there agreeing upon the prices to be adopted by them until they may change the same, by collusively restricting and curtailing the quantities of meat shipped; by imposing against each other penalties for deviations from prices fixed; by a uniform rule of giving

(Continued on Page Four.)

ST PIERRE IS BARRED BY FIRE

A Stream of Lava 4400 Feet Long Ran Down the Mountain Side.

WATER OF SEA RECEDED

Many Stories of the Most Awful and Most Exciting Scenes Ever Recorded in History.

UNION MADE FOOT WEAR

No Better in Town Every Pair Perfect

Boston Rubber Boots

Buy your shoes and boots of a Practical Shoemaker

S. A. Gilmre.
Opposite Ross, Higgins & Co

CASTRIES, St. Lucia, British West Indies, May 10.—Mount Pelee, on May 3 began to throw out dense clouds of smoke. May 4, hot ashes covered St. Pierre an inch thick and made Mont Pele invisible. At noon May 5 a stream of burning lava rushed 44 hundred feet down the mountain side following the dry bed of a torrent and reaching the sea five miles from the mountain in three minutes. In its rush the fire swept from its path the plantations, buildings, factories, cattle and human beings over a breadth of about half a mile.

As the lava rushed into the sea the sea receded 200 feet along west coast. The terror stricken inhabitants rushed for the hills screaming shouting and wailing mad with terror.

Thirty-five women and children arrived here on the 6th and furnished the above details.

On the 8th the British steamer Rodan crawled slowly to Castries harbor. Captain Whittier reported that having just cast anchor off St. Pierre at 3 p. m., he saw a tremendous cloud of smoke and glowing cinders rushing with terrific rapidity over the town and port, completely, and in an instant enveloping the former into a sheet of flame and raising fire on board. By superhuman efforts the cable was stripped and the steamer, nine hours later, reached Castries.

The mail steamer Esk, which called off Martinique at 10 o'clock last night reported that the whole sea front was blazing for miles. The Esk sent a boat ashore but it could not land on account of the terrific fire. Not a living soul appeared ashore after the boat had waited for two hours.

In the afternoon the French coasting steamer arrived here from Fort de France seeking assistance. The steamer was loaded with food and sent back to Martinique.

All attempts to get to St. Pierre are barred by fire.

The volcano of the island of St. Vincent has burst out in sympathetic eruption. The steamer which returned from there last night reports that the northern third of the island is in flames and cut off from assistance by continuous streams of burning lava.

Kingston, the capital of St. Vincent, is safe, but the people are very anxious as to the fate of the rest of that island.

SOUNDED LIKE ARTILLERY.

POINT-A-PIETRE, Quadelope, May 10.—On the morning of May 5th Quadelope learned that the Mount Pelee volcano in Martinique had been in a state of eruption since May 3, throwing out ashes. The same day violent thunder storms began here. Tuesday, a very heavy storm occurred and loud detonations were heard. Then came a rumor that lava was flowing from Mount Pelee and that 2000 lives had been lost at St. Pierre.

All that day were heard noises like the discharge of heavy artillery far off.

In the afternoon the cable connections with Martinique all disappeared. The earth was trembling and violent rumblings were heard. News of the disaster in Martinique reached here Friday morning. Nearly every one here has relatives in Martinique and intense sorrow prevails.

CHOKED WITH DEAD BODIES.

FORT DE FRANCE, Martinique, May 10.—It is estimated that 30,000 persons perished at St. Pierre. Roads leading out of the city are choked with dead bodies, according to reports that have reached here.

The second relief expedition brought back some of the inhabitants of Corbett. They were crazed with terror and dying from hunger. The expedition succeeded in reaching St. Pierre which is entirely destroyed. Houses seem to have disappeared as though swallowed up in a great pile. Immense iron columns were found twisted

ed and bent over in direction of the sea.

FIRE CONTINUES.

PARIS, May 10.—The minister of marine has received the following from Fort De France, Martinique, under date of May 10, at 4 p. m.: "We arrived at Fort de France with provisions, passing close to St. Pierre. The fire continues and the volcano is still emitting ashes, but with less density. SUCHET."

NATIONAL LEAGUE.

At Chicago—Chicago-New York game postponed, rain.

At St. Louis—St. Louis, 5; Philadelphia, 6.

At Pittsburg—Pittsburg, 9; Brooklyn, 4.

At Cincinnati—Cincinnati, 9; Boston, 5.

AMERICAN LEAGUE.

At Cleveland—Cleveland-St. Louis game postponed, rain.

At Boston—Boston, 3; Washington, 1.

At Philadelphia—Philadelphia, 13; Baltimore, 4.

NORTHWEST LEAGUE.

At Tacoma—Tacoma, 3; Helena, 0.

At Seattle—Seattle, 7; Butte, 6.

At Spokane—Spokane, 3; Portland, 1.

THE CINCINNATI TO MARTINIQUE

Secretary Moody Also Orders the Dixie to Prepare for Sea

THE CONSUL WILL ALSO GO

Congressman Objects to a Relief Resolution Until an Official Report is Received.

WASHINGTON, May 10.—The secretary of the navy has ordered the cruiser Cincinnati from Santo Domingo to Martinique. Secretary Moody also sent the following telegram to the commandant of the Brooklyn navy yard: "Order the Dixie to prepare for sea as soon as practicable. Report when she can be made ready."

The Dixie is a ship of considerable carrying capacity and would be better fitted than any of the regular naval ships to hasten to Martinique with relief supplies which can probably be obtained more readily at New York than at any of the West Indian Islands.

And still more measures; the state department today cabled the United States Consul Ayme, at Guadeloupe, to proceed on to Martinique, to report upon the condition there and inform the government what help is needed.

500 JEFFERSON BIBLES.

WASHINGTON, May 10.—The house today transacted some minor business, including the passage of a resolution to print 500 copies of the Jefferson Bible and then laid aside public business to pay tribute to memories of the late Representative Rufus K. Holt, of Pennsylvania, and the late Senator F. H. Kyle, of South Dakota. Underwood objected to the consideration of the senate's resolution for relief of victims of the West Indian disaster; because no official report had been made to congress.

THE CORONATION.

WASHINGTON, May 10.—A lively debate occurred in the senate today upon amendment to the army appropriation bill, offered by Bailey, providing that no part of the appropriations made by the measure should be used in defraying expense of the special embassy to the coronation of King Edward.

Bailey contended that the United States should not send a special ambassador to the coronation of England's king or the coronation of any ruler, when the country thus honored did not extend a like courtesy to the United States on the inauguration of the president. After considerable discussion the amendment with withdrawal and the bill passed.

U. OF O. WON.

EUGENE, Ore., May 10.—The field meet between the University of Oregon and the Pacific University resulted in a victory for the U. of O., winning 83 points out of 104. The track and weather were unfavorable.

The Eclipse Hardware Co.

Plumbers and Steamfitters. Steam Boat and Gasoline Boat Work a Specialty. Stoves and Tinware

527 BOND STREET - ASTORIA, OREGON