

\$10 REWARD

We shall give \$10.00 in gold as a first prize, and \$5.00 as a second prize, to the boy or girl under eighteen years of age writing the best poem of two or more verses, using the MONARCH RANGE as subject of the poem. All poems to be handed in before 6 P. M. on February 16, 1905

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CROOKED PLAYERS

Jack Taylor to be Investigated for Throwing a Game.

CROOKEDNESS IS ALLEGED

Several Cases of Crookedness Before the National Commission for Investigation—Noted Ball Players Expelled From the League.

New York, Feb. 13.—For the first time in many years a baseball player is to be placed on trial charged with irregularity on the diamond. The board of directors of the National league will meet for that purpose today in this city, when an investigation will be made of the charges against Pitcher Jack Taylor of the St. Louis club in connection with a game played at Pittsburg on July 30, last.

In 1877 four players of the Louisville club—Devlin, Hall, Craven and Nicholas—were tried on charges of throwing games in the interest of certain pool room gamblers, who operated in Brooklyn, Hoboken and Chicago. Telegrams were intercepted, the players were found guilty and expelled for life from the National league. They afterward made many attempts to be reinstated, but their petitions were refused and the four men never again played professional ball with an organized club.

Even semi-professional and amateur clubs refused to play teams that had one of the men under an assumed name in their lines. Two separate accusations have been made against Taylor. The first was in connection with the post season series of 1902, between the Chicago National and American league clubs. President Hart of the Chicago Nationals alleges Taylor said during the series that he would only get \$100 for winning and could get \$500 for losing. The series ended in a tie.

This case is before the national commission and will not be tried by the

league directors. The charge they will investigate grew out of a statement made last month by President Gary Hermann of the Cincinnati club. Hermann said that his charge had nothing to do with the Chicago case. He alluded to a game played in Pittsburg and to a man named McCormick as having won a large sum of money on a game played between St. Louis and Pittsburg on July 30, in which Taylor pitched and which was won by the Pirates.

GUESS NIGHT.

The Reading Club Hold an Entertainment Last Evening.

Last night was designated a "guess night" by the Reading Club, composed of prominent Astoria ladies, the event being especially given to listen to an address of Hon. George Noland on "Napoleon." The address was interesting and instructive. A piano solo by Miss Pauline Kirchoff elicited applause and an encore. A vocal solo by Edwin Hobson was appreciated and he responded to an encore. The decorations were carnations. About 70 guests were present and certainly enjoyed a literary treat. Refreshments were served and a very enjoyable evening spent.

RUN OVER BY TRAIN.

Thomas O. Connell Killed by Astoria Train Near Warren.

A man named Thomas O. Connell was run over by the noon train on the A. and C. railroad Sunday about a mile south of Warren station. He was walking on the track, but seemed to pay no attention to the whistle from the engine. Coroner Cliff of Columbia county was notified and took charge of the remains and an inquest was held. The evidence adduced showed that he was walking along the track and when the whistle was blown he deliberately walked to the opposite side of the track so that the engineer could not see him, and laid down on the rails. Grasping the opposite rail and was cut in two. There is no doubt but it was a case of deliberate suicide. A letter of recommendation was found in his pocket from Altman, Taylor & Co., La-Salle street, Chicago. It is thought that he came to Portland expecting to find work and was disappointed. The coroner's verdict exonerated the company from all blame.

EQUITABLE CHANGE

Officers Suggest Changes in Popular Insurance Company.

BETTER FOR POLICY HOLDERS

A Desire That the Stockholders of the Company Shall Have a Voice in Its Management—Affairs of Company Are Very Good.

New York, Feb. 13.—Fifty of the principal officers of the Equitable Life Assurance Society have signed a petition to the board of directors urging them to use their influence toward bringing about a great change in the organization, says the World.

The action urged is a grant to the policy holders of the right to vote for directors—in other words, to transfer control from the stockholders to the assured.

At the last meeting of the directors the subject was discussed and is understood to have been supported by President James W. Alexander. Consideration was postponed until the next meeting, which will be held on Wednesday. The petition has meanwhile been signed.

The Equitable Life, although its assurance is conducted on the mutual plan, under the laws which regulate such concerns, is controlled by the stockholders of the corporation, which was founded by the late Henry B. Hyde. The capital stock is only \$100,000, of which 81 per cent is controlled by the Hyde estate. President Alexander is a trustee of the latter and the founder's son, James H. Hyde, is vice president of the society.

According to its last statement, the society had assets of \$413,363,000. The outstanding assurance amounts to nearly \$1,500,000.

Consent of those interested in the Hyde estate necessarily will have to be obtained before the change of plan could be brought about.

PAROLED RUSSIANS.

Several Arrive at Honolulu En Route to Russia Via 'Frisco.

Honolulu, Feb. 14.—Three Russian captains and ten lieutenants who surrendered at Port Arthur and who gave their parole to the Japanese, arrived here today on the steamship Siberia. They will go to San Francisco and from there will leave for Russia via New York.

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\$14.50 for imported materials, fine dress suits, in all styles, worth up to \$20.

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There are many grades that we cannot mention, but you can save 1-3 to 1-2 on any of them.
\$6.50 for a lot of broken sizes worth to \$12.
\$13.50 for choice of a very elegant lot of choice overcoats worth to \$22.

PANTS

Hundreds of pairs to choose from.
\$1.40 for pants worth up to \$2.50.
\$2.40 for pants worth up to \$4.50.
\$3.40 for pants worth up to \$6.00.

Young Men's Suits

We will put an alteration sale on about 20 styles that will clear them out.
\$4.50 for odd lots carried over from last season, all colors, worth \$10.
\$8.50 for several styles to extra fine single and double breasted suits, worth to \$15.

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\$1.50 for a splendid lot worth up to \$2.50
\$2.75 for an extra good lot worth up to \$4.50.
\$3.75 for special lot, 2 pairs pants, worth \$6.

SHOES

\$1.35 for a lot of odd pairs, worth to \$2.50
\$1.75 for a lot of extra good, worth to \$3.
\$2.50 for splendid lot of heavy shoes, worth to \$3.50.

HATS

We will sell you a hat if style and low prices will do the work.
\$1.35 will buy soft and stiff hats worth \$2.50.
\$2.35 will buy soft and stiff hats worth \$3.50.
\$3.00 Contract hat, standard price. We can't cut this, but we give the choice of any tie or suspenders in the house to worth 75c with each Hawes Hat.

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A hundred more bargains that we can't find room to mention.
35c for grades of 50 and 60c underwear.
65c for wool merino and Balbriggan \$1 Underwear.
85c for select wool and English Balbriggan \$1.50 underwear.
\$1.15 for lambswool and French balbriggan underwear.

SHIRTS

25c for a big lot 50c and 75c stiff shirts.
35c for golf, negligee and black sateen 50 to 65c shirts.
55c for a golf and negligee select style \$1 shirt.
85c for choice of all Monarch \$1.25 shirts
5c for 10c sox.
8c for 15c sox.
12 1-2c for 20c sox.
17c for 30c sox.

SUSPENDERS

5c for an odd lot dumb web 15c suspenders.
15c for choice of all fine 25c suspenders.
25c for choice of fine suspenders worth to 50c.
35c for choice of all extra fine suspenders worth 75c.
5c for boy's 10c stockings.
12c for 20c stockings, double sole and heel.
10c for four-in-hand silk 25c ties.
37c for choice of all neckware worth to \$1.00.

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