

IRON AND STEEL UP

Increase in Demand Causes Advance in Price.

RAILROADS ARE BUYING RAILS

Indications Point to Unusual Activity in Railroad Building in the United States During the Present Year and Prices Advance.

Cleveland, O., Feb. 23.—The Iron Trade Review this week says:

Conferences of representatives of four important southern companies are being held in New York this week with a view to effecting their consolidation. Sales of basic iron to leading steel interests during the week aggregated 80,000 tons. Unfilled orders on the books of the Eastern Furnace Association amount to nearly 350,000 tons. A Pittsburg interest has purchased 22,000 tons of northern Virginia and southern foundry iron for second and third quarter deliveries. Tonnage taken at valley furnaces was placed at \$15.75 to \$15.85 furnace for No. 2. The southern iron was placed at \$12.50 Birmingham and the Bir-ginia iron at \$14.50 furnace. An Ohio valley steel interest purchased 6000 tons of Bessemer for April and May delivery at \$15.50 valley furnace and the steel corporation is negotiating for 30,000 tons of Bessemer for prompt shipment, although delivery on the recent purchase of 25,000 tons has not been entirely completed. The southern has been strengthened by recent sales and several large interests have made advances of 25 to 50 cents a ton. Rail orders have been heavy. Wisconsin lines have taken 30,000 Rock Island, 50,000 and two western roads 50,000 in the steel market. Pressure is being brought for larger shipments of billets and bars. In the east a small tonnage of foreign steel has been taken. Steel for prompt shipment is now held at a premium of \$4 while for second hand delivery an advance of \$2 is asked.

Plates and structural shapes have been advanced \$2, restoring the prices prevailing prior to the reductions made last September. Shifting has been advanced two points and an early advance of \$2 on steel bars is looked for. Iron bars are easier in the west and are offered at a decline of \$2 a ton.

Advances in blue annealed and galvanized sheets, wire products and merchant pipe have been made this month and advances in black sheets and tin plate are expected by the trade.

DOMINGO BACKS DOWN.

Grants All Concessions Asked by the United States.

New York, Feb. 23.—One of the leading members of the house of deputies is authority, according to a Herald dispatch from Puerto Plata, San Domingo for the statement that the dominican congress will accept the new agreement with the American government with certain modifications. Congress will begin its session February 27.

It is desired, the correspondent states, that article two of the treaty shall be so amended as to permit the dominican government to name the officials who are to collect duties in the ports whose customs houses are in charge of the United States, these officers to be named with the approval of the American government and to be Americans if desired.

Dominicans also desire such a change in article seven as will provide against the landing of troops in the republic.

Excitement in Monte Cristi is dying out and Lieutenant Commander Leiper continues in full charge of the custom houses. Six American war vessels are in the harbor.

WASHINGTON NEWS.

Army Appropriation Bill Agreed Upon by Conference.

Washington, Feb. 23.—The conferees on the army appropriation bill today perfected an agreement which covers all points of difference in amendments the most important of which affects the pay of retired officers and involves the pay of General Miles, which at present gives him full pay as a lieutenant general. The effect of the agreement as to Miles gives him full retired pay without reference to the compensation he may receive for services as on the governor's staff of Massachusetts.

PEABODY LOSES.

Colorado Gubernatorial Contest in Favor of Adams.

Denver, Feb. 23.—The gubernatorial contest committee completed its labors today and the report will be completed by next Wednesday. It is reported that the committee will file a minority report sustaining Governor

Adams and will recommend that Peabody be given leave to withdraw his contest.

FROM SODA TO HOCH.

Noted Bigamist Sent to Jail and Bail Is Refused.

Chicago, Feb. 23.—Johann Hoch was held to the grand jury today without bail upon the verdict of the coroner's jury, which investigated the death of Mrs. Marie Walcker-Hoch. The jury found that the deceased came to her death from the effects of poison administered at the hands of Hoch.

IN THE SENATE.

Testimony in Swayne Impeachment Trial Concluded.

Washington, Feb. 23.—The last testimony in the interest of Judge Swayne in the impeachment trial against him was presented in the senate today. Much time was spent in arguments relating to the admissibility of testimony. The senate also adopted an order granting each side five hours in closing arguments. The bill providing for a form of government for the Panama zone passed early today.

Fire in a Flat.

Chicago, Feb. 23.—Fire early today caused a panic among 12 families occupying flats in an apartment building at 6201 Princeton avenue. Nearly a dozen persons were overcome by smoke and were carried out by firemen. One woman leaped from a second story window, but was not severely injured. John Malone, a discharged janitor was seen around the building shortly before the fire was discovered. He was held pending an investigation. The property loss was \$1000.

Result of Robbery.

Victor, Col., Feb. 23.—Edward Fay who was shot while resisting an attempted robbery in his saloon at Independence February 11, died today. This is the fourth death as a result of the fight.

AFTER HEARST SCALP

Powerful Democratic Leaders are Organized.

SULLIVAN WILL LEAD FIGHT

There is a Growing Sentiment Against the Hearst Methods of Terrorism Characteristic of Anarchy and Socialism Not Conducive.

Boston, Feb. 23.—Powerful democratic leaders here have started a movement for an organized revolt against William Randolph Hearst, father of yellow journalism, in which they hope to secure the co-operation of leaders throughout the east with John Sharp Williams and the conservatives of the west and south. The plan here is to have Congressman John Sullivan of Boston lead the way to congress, while others work quietly but none the less effectively on the outside. There is a growing sentiment against the Hearst methods of terrorism, as there was a strong sentiment against the methods of campaigning which culminated in his defeat at St. Louis.

Hearst and Hearstism are regarded as a dangerous menace to the democratic party, if not the country as a whole and there are any number of willing workers to be found who will line up against him, some actuated by a spirit of revenge, of course, but the majority by the feeling that now is the time those republicans who expressed a wish to see him nominated, to insure the success of another republican candidate, are short-sighted even from a partisan viewpoint, for he is even more of a menace than he was before, and they will not rest easy until he is buried forever four years hence.

NOW THE MILK TRUST.

Chicago Threatened With a Milk Trust and Milk Raises.

Chicago, Feb. 23.—Milk consumers of Chicago are now confronted by a combination of all the large dairy farms in the city. The leading dealers have met and quietly effected an organization, which it is said, will be able to control nearly the whole supply of milk.

Two explanations for the combination were offered. Labor men saw in the movement a plan to present united strength in resisting the demands recently made by 20,000 milk wagon drivers for higher wages. Milk dealers predicted the alliance would result in eight-cent milk, a figure which the large firms are known to have desired for the last two years. The moving spirits of the organization themselves declared that the association was formed "for the general improvement of the milk business."

SATURDAY HOLIDAYS

Chicago Workmen Threaten to Strike Next Monday.

CONCESSIONS NOT GRANTED

Eleven Thousand Carpenters and Bricklayers Want a Half Holiday on Saturday and Pie Three Times a Week.

Chicago, Feb. 23.—Over the matter of a Saturday half-holiday \$500 carpenters and 3500 bricklayers are in a deadlock with their employers. Arbitration has failed to relieve the situation thus far, although conferences have been in progress during the last three weeks.

The difficulty is made more serious because of the refusal of each union to yield to the desires of the other. While the bricklayers are standing out for a weekly half holiday the year round, they were prevented from accepting a compromise from the employers by reason of the carpenters' position. The latter workmen have enjoyed a Saturday vacation and are loath to yield any part of it. The contractors insist upon the same terms for both trades.

The bricklayers' agreement expires on March 1, while the carpenters are bound by their present contracts until April.

In place of the bi-weekly pay day now in effect the men also are demanding that they receive their wages every seven days.

All the differences have been submitted, according to the agreements, to arbitration committees from the union and the building contractors' council. In case of failure to reach a settlement an umpire will be chosen.

Hair Bobs Up.

Greenville, Pa., Feb. 23.—Robert S. Heasley, a laborer, has retained attorneys to further his claim as an heir to the estate of William Marsh Rice, the New York millionaire, for whose murder Attorney Patrick was convicted. Rice came originally from this vicinity and left but a few heirs. Heasley is a second cousin.

Agonizing Burns.

are instantly relieved, and perfectly healed by Bucklen's Arnica Salve. C. Rivenbark, Jr., of Norfolk, Va., writes: "I burnt my knee dreadfully; that it blistered all over. Bucklen's Arnica Salve stopped the pain, and healed it without a scar." Also heals all wounds and sores. 25c at Chas. Rogers, druggist.



WINTER RASHES

Instantly Relieved by Baths with

Cuticura SOAP

And gentle applications of CUTICURA Ointment, the great Skin Cure and purest and sweetest of emollients. This is the most speedy, permanent, and economical treatment for torturing, disfiguring, itching, burning, bleeding, scaly, crusts, and pimply skin and scalp humors, eczemas, rashes, and irritations, and is sure to succeed when all other methods fail.

Held throughout the world. Cuticura Soap, 25c, Ointment, 50c. Headlines, 25c. (In form of Chocolate Coated Pills, 25c. per box of 60.) Dealers: London, St. Charles, Boston, N.Y., Harris, & Rue de la Paix; Boston, 127 Columbus Ave. Foster Drug & Chem. Corp., Sole Proprietors.

Time Waits for No Man!

YOUR TIME IS NOW!

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Astoria's Greatest Clothiers

488 & 490 Commercial St.

Great Alteration Sale!

Offers more true blue money saving opportunities than will ever be seen in this city.

Sacrificing Thousands of Dollars worth of the finest and choicest quality Suits, Pants, Overcoats, Shoes and Furnishings at 1-3 to 1-2 off regular prices.

Not from matter of choice but forced by necessity while the refitting and altering of this store is in progress, while the hammer and saw make dust fly, we are forcing business and giving such wonderful bargains that the Big Store's Alteration Sale is a Guiding Star for every man, woman and child that knows the valuation of money.

DON'T WAIT, DON'T MISS THIS SALE, it's like may never occur again in all Oregon.

MEN'S SUITS

At less than cost of manufacture. One-third to one-half off regular prices.
\$5.50 for all wool suits in a variety of colors. Broken lots. Sizes 34 to 42. Worth \$10 to \$12.
\$8.50 double and single breasted suits in very choice styles of tailor-made worth up to \$15.
\$11.50 for extra fine suits, tailor made, single or double breasted, worth up to \$20.
\$14.50 for imported materials, fine dress suits, in all styles, worth up to \$20.

OVERCOATS

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.

Knee Pants Suits

\$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.

Furnishing Goods

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.