

SOAK CONTRACTORS

New York Bricklayers Granted Concessions in Wages.

SEVENTY CENTS PER HOUR

This Will Enable the Bricklayers to Make \$65.50 a Week, the Highest Wages Ever Paid in any City in the United States.

New York, Feb. 27.—If they vote to accept, more than 8000 bricklayers in this city, in accordance with their agreement with the Mason Builders Association, will have their wages raised from 65 to 70 cents an hour on Wednesday, the highest wages ever paid by bricklayers in this country.

Under this rate of wages it will be possible for a bricklayer to make \$67.20 a week for during the busy season the men work 12 hours a day. For every hour overtime they get double pay, so for the extra four hours they receive as much as for the previous eight. The men say that this really is not so much, because they are only employed six months in the year. Employers say the average is about nine months.

The present agreement was made last May, when there was a strong agitation for the elimination of the clause providing that the installation of the fire proofing brick could be done only by mason builders and could not be sublet. At the convention of the International Union in Trenton a year ago it was ordered that this clause be eliminated and that any contractor who paid union wages and conformed to union conditions could install fire proofing brick. The New York bricklayers already had an agreement with the mason builders' association containing the usual fire-proofing clause and ignored the order of the Trenton convention. At the recent convention of the bricklayers' International Union in San Francisco the Trenton order was reaffirmed, but in the meantime the bricklayers' union in New York had made their agreement which does not expire until December 31 of this year.

This agreement provided that the present wages of 65 cents an hour should continue until March 1, when

there would be an increase to 70 cents. The unions for the last two weeks have been voting on the question of living up to their agreements with the builders or accepting the ruling of the international body.

FROM ARGENTINE.

A Number of Students Arrive to Take Course in University.

New York, Feb. 27.—Seventeen young natives of Argentina have arrived here to put in a four years' course of study at various American universities. The ages range from 18 to 20 years and they will study agriculture, mining, civil and mercantile engineering. All but two of the young men are sent by the minister of public instruction, and after their course of study their government has made claim for their services for two years in the branches in which they expect to become adepts. Those who are here of their own seeking are Maxim Roca, a nephew of former President Roca of the Argentine republic, and Valerín Masjoan.

Roca will enter Cornell university and take a course in agriculture and mining and Masjoan will attend Columbia university to study naval architecture. Several of the young men have attended the national agricultural and industrial college at Buenos Ayres and the national colleges. Ten of the party are to attend Cornell university and study agricultural institution as Columbia; two at a smaller school at Madison, Wis., and one is to be installed at Guelph, Ont.

The young men are the sons of lawyers, merchants and large land owners, and all express an anxiety to begin their work at once, today they will visit the consul general for the Argentine republic and there receive their formal government instructions.

Put Back to Port.

San Francisco, Feb. 27.—The schooner Orient, which sailed six days ago for Grays Harbor, put back today and is leaking. The vessel encountered heavy seas.

A Crowded House.

Another crowded house at the Star theater shows that the public appreciate merit. The Cycle Dazzle is certainly an exhibition of marvelous riding and well sustains the reputation of being the champion of the world. Homes and Homes keep the audience in good humor by their versatile acting, while the great violinist is certainly a drawing card. The projectoscope is an attractive feature of the entertainment. The bill at the Star this week is certainly one of the best ever seen at a vaudeville show in Astoria. There is no doubt but the house will be crowded every night during the week.

ROBBING SCHOOLS

Drivers Arrested by the Board of Education.

CONSPIRACY IS UNCOVERED

Claimed That Merchants and Others Have Conspired With Members of Educational Board and City is Robbed of \$10,000.

New York, Feb. 27.—With the arrest of a driver employed by a carter doing much work for the board of education the police believe they have uncovered a conspiracy in which a dozen or more men are implicated whereby the department of supplies of the school board had for the last three or four years been mulcted of goods valued at \$10,000 or more. Complaint was recently made in a public report by an official of the board that thousands of dollars worth of school supplies were being stolen and detectives were at once put on the case. They found a store on the lower east side where the stolen articles were on sale and several other stores are on suspicion.

According to the police the driver in the course of one of his trips would stop and leave his trunk unguarded, while men known to him would take from the wagon articles left in bundles. These were disposed of later to small dealers.

THOMAS JEFFERSON.

Birthday of Ex-President to Be Celebrated in New York.

New York, Feb. 27.—Arrangements are being made by the democratic club in this city to celebrate the birthday of Thomas Jefferson, with a dinner on April 13, to which representative democrats from all parts of the country will be invited. Replies already have been received from 400 persons.

A committee has been appointed to visit Washington this week to deliver in person an invitation to various democrats of national importance. Governors Douglass of Massachusetts, and Johnson of Minnesota both have promised to speak. David R. Francis of St. Louis; Senators Raynor, Car-

mack, Dantel and Bailey have promised to be present.

NELSON THE FAVORITE.

Betting Eight to One in Favor of Battling Nelson.

San Francisco, Feb. 27.—Betting on the result of the bout between Young Corbett and Battling Nelson tomorrow has settled down to ten to 8 with Corbett at the short end. Efforts to secure even money failed and Nelson was installed as the favorite on account of his recent victory over the former champion. Very favorable reports come from both training camps.

Confessed to Murder.

Denver Feb. 27.—James Neal, aged 18, who has been living in Denver under the name of Roy Ballew, has given himself up to the police and confessed that he murdered Cynthia Johnson, a widow, who lived on a farm near Kennison, I. T. Neal says he killed the woman because she had drawn a gun on him and said she was going to kill him. He says the crime was committed on June 28, 1903.

Neal says he was driven to confess the crime through remorse. The local authorities have telegraphed to Vinita, I. T., to have Neal's statement verified.

New Corporations.

New York, Feb. 27.—Papers filed for new companies in eastern states during February with a capital of \$1,000,000 or over, represent a total of \$98,600,000. This is a decrease as compared with January of over \$1,757,900 due to several incorporations in January with much larger capitalizations that those in February. Notwithstanding the decrease in February, the total was much larger than for any month in 1904, down to May, when the incorporations were \$132,000,000.

Maine, as for some months, past, heads the list of new incorporations, with a total of \$42,000,000. New Jersey comes next with \$27,000,000 and New York follows with \$24,600,000.

Senator Clark's Wife Sick.

New York, Feb. 27.—Mrs. William A. Clark, the wife of Senator Clark of Montana, is in a private hospital here. Shortly after her return three weeks ago from Paris she was taken there by order of the Clark family physician and an operation was performed. News of the young woman's illness was not, however, permitted to become public. Although the operation was not of a serious nature, the highly nervous condition of Mrs. Clark made her recovery slow. She will be removed to her home some time this week.

AFTER THE NIGGERS

Bunch of Niggers Kill Two White Men in Yazoo.

MURDERERS MAKE ESCAPE

A Posse of Officers Are After Them and If Caught There is no Doubt But They Will Be Lynched Short Way to End Trouble.

Yazoo City, Miss., Feb. 27.—A difficulty occurring late last evening between Ed Stephens, a prominent planter, living near this city, and four negroes, led to the killing of Stephens and his brother, W. H. Stevens, and the wounding of a negro named Wilder, one of the slayers of the Stevens brothers. The negroes escaped.

A sheriff and posse are now scouring the country for the quartet of blacks and a lynching is believed to be inevitable if the negroes are caught. Details regarding the killing of the Stevens brothers, which occurred on a plantation two miles from this city, are meager. Ed Stevens, it is said, had gone to the cabin of Wilder, near the former's home, became engaged in a quarrel with him, Wilder's wife and two other negroes, W. H. Stevens, running up, tried to quiet the disturbance. Later the quarrel was renewed and he hastened back to the scene, when he saw Wilder's wife rush upon his brother. W. H. Stevens raised a shotgun and fired at the woman, Wilder and his companion promptly drew pistols and fired on the Stevens brothers, killing both.

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CALIFORNIA RESTAURANT.

Reopened Under New Management.

John Blasch has leased the California Restaurant and Oyster House and is now prepared to serve the public. The best oysters and meals in the city. Family trade supplied. Good cooks, polite waiters and prompt service.

The steamer Rendondo leaves San Francisco Thursday for Astoria and Portland, and will land at the Elmore dock.

TAYLOR, YOUNG & CO. General Agents.

Let DICKINSON & ALLEN help you to choose your

NEW SPRING SUIT

You pay One Dollar per week for Thirty Weeks with a chance of getting it for less.

SEE US BEFORE YOU BUY.

\$30 SUIT

CONDITIONS.

We agree to deliver to each member of the Suit Club, one tailor-made suit of clothes upon the payment of one dollar a week for thirty consecutive weeks, or until such time as the member shall be the successful drawer of a suit. Failure to make payments regularly forfeits former payments. After a person has been a member for ten weeks, if for any reason he wishes to discontinue he will be allowed to pay the remaining twenty payments and obtain his suit; but his number will be taken out and he will have no further benefit of the club. After a person has been a member for fifteen weeks he will be permitted to pay the remaining fifteen payments and receive his suit. His number will remain in each drawing and should he be successful he will be refunded the amount due him.

\$30 SUIT

THIS WEEK OR NEVER!

The Great Alteration Sale Ends Next Saturday Night When the Clock Strikes 10.

S. Danziger & Co., Astoria's Greatest Clothiers.

488 @ 490 Commercial St.

MEN'S SUITS.

Don't ask us to describe them for it's impossible to give any satisfactory description, but you can have a half-hundred styles to select from at about the cost of cloth and making.

OVERCOATS.

By the score. Step in and select one, the price will be so low that you can't help buying.

PANTS.

Prices practically pulverized. A hundred styles. Every pair of them high class; take them away. Our price is lower than yours.

SHOES.

We have several lots, broken in sizes, odd pairs, etc., worth up to \$4.50. Your choice at prices that will make you buy.

GRAND CLEAN-UP

As a fitting end to the greatest sale that Astoria ever saw. From now until 10 P. M. Saturday night we will let off business brakes and send the GREAT SALE through with a whirl.

Hundreds of choicest styles of Suits, Overcoats, Pants, Hats, Shoes and Furnishings, that are in small or broken lots will be cleaned up. No power of cost, loss or value will change our course.

Goods will be sold for a mere fraction of their worth. THIS SALE SHALL GO DOWN IN HISTORY as the greatest bona fide sacrifice of fine goods ever attempted on the Coast.

We will Sweep the Counters of All Odds and Ends.

We offer you a chance to secure Clothings, etc., at prices that will cause thousands of thinking people to visit this sale.

THE GRAND FINAL. THE WIND UP! Is running under a full head of steam. Remember that when the Clock Strikes 10 next Saturday night, March 4. This Slaughter Sale ends.

P. S. —After this unpa ralled alteration sale closes Saturday night several days must be devoted entirely to arranging new fittings, stock, etc., in the now nearly ready enlarged store, during which time our service will be badly crippled. But knowing that the public is aware of our big undertaking and immense amount of work necessary to prepare the big stock, etc., for Spring trade we ask that you defer buying as much as possible, or excuse us for any inconvenience that may arise while trading with us during the week following this. Yours respectfully,

S. DANZIGER & CO., Astoria's Greatest Clothiers.

Boy's and Children's Suits.

Mothers, just step in. You can save money now if you ever saved it in your life. The price will make you glad that you came.

HATS.

No store in Astoria ever showed as perfect a hat stock as Danziger & Co., at \$2.00 to \$5.00.

Our prices this week are extremely low.

It's Hat Time This Week.

FURNISHING GOODS.

We will clear up every odd or small lot of goods in this department or break our neck in trying. You know what prices will do. Well, come along between now and Saturday at 10 P. M. and you will be glad that you did not miss Danziger & Co.'s Grand Windup of the alteration Sale.