

CREDITS ARE BEING LIMITED

CONTRACTION IN MONEY CIRCULATION COMPELS MERCHANTS TO DEMAND THAT BILLS BE PAID PROMPTLY.

The Retail Grocers' Association of Portland has sent the following circular to its members and the trade generally:

Portland, Or., Nov. 13.

"To Our Patrons—The present unusual condition of financial affairs has resulted in the temporary contraction of money circulation to a great extent. The great Northwest country, and Portland in particular, is wealthy, and has no occasion to be alarmed unless the people unreasonably withhold their money. This condition has forced upon the wholesalers the necessity of shortening their credits to the retail dealers to such an extent that all bills must now be paid in 30 days; while meat, poultry and commission-house bills must be paid weekly. This, in turn, has required the retailer to be more exacting in his collections in order to continue in business.

Many of our customers have grown careless in the payment of their accounts and in normal times this did not prejudice business generally, but the time has come when all retail customers must pay promptly at a given time, on or before the 10th of each month. Wage-earners should pay the day following their pay day and no account can be permitted to run more than 30 days.

"A prompt and hearty co-operation by the customers of all retailers will not only avert possible failure with its attending distress and suffering, but will insure the early return of the good times which we enjoyed up to a few weeks ago.

"Portland Retail Grocers' Ass'n." Commenting on the foregoing circular letter local grocers inform us that Portland and San Francisco wholesale houses are tightening up on credits here. Half the goods are billed out on 10-day cash terms, while few bills run over 30 days. Retailers here will therefore expect all accounts to be promptly paid on the terms prevailing in Portland, which are

liberal enough for the best and most prosperous conditions.

Purloins a Flag-Staff—

When a man deliberately, and with purpose aforethought, calls out a hose wagon from the fire department, and drives to one of the most prominent buildings on the most conspicuous street in the city; pulls off the ladders from the combination wagon, places them alongside the building, climbs to the roof and coolly takes down the flag-staff that adorns that building, loads it onto the waiting wagon and drives back to the engine house, and takes the pole inside with the ultimate purpose of raising it on the roof of that public structure, what can the private owner of the de-polluted building do? This is what E. M. Baker is asking himself, and the only answer he can get from Fire Chief Foster is that the staff did not go with the Star Theater building when Baker bought it from the city, and that he proposes to put the staff where it will do some good. The two Eds. have not fallen out about it; they are just asking questions an answering them, good naturedly, that's all.

Powerful Pump-Work—

The popular paper drummer for Blake-McFall Company, of Portland, Kenneth O'Loane, who is immensely well liked in this part of the world, but who is short on a technical understanding of "hydraulics," got off a good thing yesterday, albeit, he was quite unconscious of the fun of it at the time. He was standing, with some friends, by the side of the huge excavation made for the new Weinhard-Astoria Hotel, and as it was the hour of low water, the ground in the great basement was practically dry, which led this Irishman to remark, in all sincerity, "Where the dickens are the pumps that exhaust this basin; I was here yesterday morning and the blamed place was full of water!" O'Loane was astonished at the laugh that went up on all sides, and did a bit of a smile himself when informed that the tides of the sea were not yet barred from the premises.

Wedded Yesterday—

Yesterday afternoon at 2 o'clock, at the Manse of the First Presbyterian Church in this city, the pastor, Rev. W. S. Gilbert, united in marriage Mr. E. W. Lambers and Miss Clair E. Williams. The happy young people departed on the evening express for Portland en route to their home in Ohio.

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NO PERSONAL MENTION
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Charles E. Cutter, of the Cutter Advertising Co., of Tacoma, paid this office a pleasant call last evening.

CONSOLIDATE LINES.

Fast Freight Lines Operating Under One Management.

CHICAGO, Nov. 14.—The final details for consolidating under one management all the fast freight lines operating over the New York Central system have been arranged and the announcement sent to shippers using this service. While the Merchants' Despatch Transportation Co. will be the main lines, the names of others will be retained. The reasons given by freight officials of the New York Central is that great economy in operating will result from this consolidation. Under the new rate law there is little or no chance for active competition and there is no longer need for such large forces of agents as were required before the law went into effect. The headquarters for all the lines has been established at Buffalo.

The Commercial.

The Commercial still continues to do a good business. The finest grades of different kinds of refreshments kept at this well known establishment assures a continuance of its popularity. The proprietor, Otto Sund, is a genial gentleman, and is well and favorably known in this city. Drop into the Commercial when in the neighborhood. It is on Commercial street near Eleventh.

Notice.

We have silver side and steelhead netting, leaded lead lines, cotton twine and rope, Plymouth Manila rope, oil clothing and rubber boots and everything for fishermen. F. J. Carney & Co.

Seattle Fish Market

Fresh Fish Today.

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Annual Sale.
The ladies of the Holy Innocent Guild of Upper Astoria will hold their annual sale on November 16th in the basement of the chapel, both afternoon and evening. Refreshments will be served. 14-2t.

All kinds of furniture made new by Bob Davis, 59 Ninth street 11-7-tf.

Oliver typewriters and automatic stenographers at A. R. Cyrus, 424 Commercial street. tt.

At the Palace.
A new innovation has been introduced at the Palace Restaurant, which will surely prove popular. Each evening a Spanish or Mexican dish will be prepared by one who is thoroughly acquainted in the intricacies of these toothsome repasts. These dishes, which have been in vogue at this popular place, for about a week, have hit the public taste, and change the present results.

Wanted.
A boy to carry papers, apply Morning Astorian. 11-12-tf.

New Grocery Store.
Try our own mixture of coffee—the J. P. B. Fresh fruit and vegetables. Babollet & Co. grocers. Phone Main 1282.
Columbia and Victor graphophones and latest records at 424 Commercial street. A. R. Cyrus. tt.

The Tyler.
The Tyler still keeps up its reputation. Good liquors and polite attention will always win, and in pursuance of this idea Clarence Tyler has made no change in the quality of his goods, and has secured the services of Uncle Gene Lent whose genial personality makes him popular with the Tyler's patrons. Everyone knows where the Tyler is, Sixth and Bond streets.

Notice.
Heating stoves and ranges, the best and the cheapest. Hildrebrand & Ger.

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