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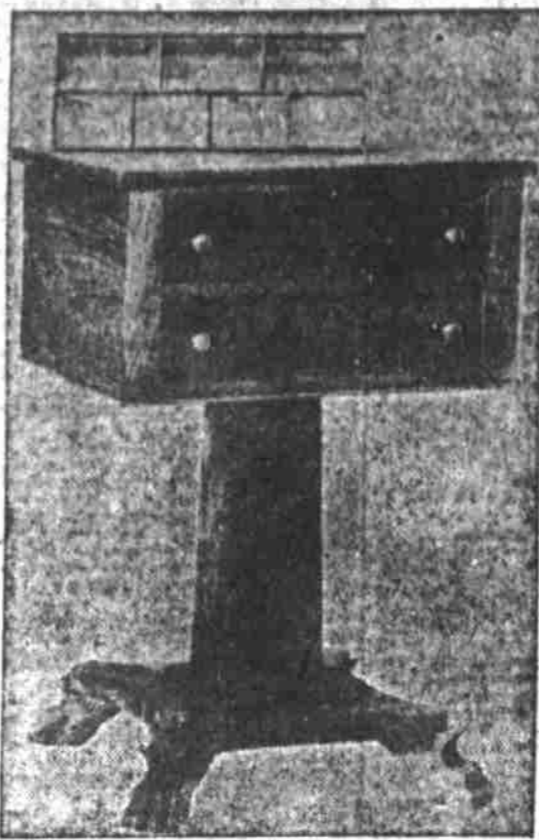
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## KILLED ON EVE OF VISIT HOME

Murdered Bartender Had Completed Plans for Nebraska Trip.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)  
The Dallas, Tex., Oct. 2.—Andrew A. Wilcox, who died Saturday morning as the result of knife wounds received at the hands of Joseph Shaughnessy Thursday night, had completed plans on the day of the stabbing for a visit to his parents in Nebraska, whom he had not seen for some time. They had been notified of the intended visit.

The preliminary hearing of Shaughnessy was held before Recorder Pillion Saturday morning. The defendant was remanded to the custody of Sheriff Christman without bonds to await the action of the grand jury. He is charged with murder in the first degree. The trouble was caused by a dog belonging to the defendant that was at the rear of the saloon. The defendant insisted on getting the dog. Wilcox, who was closing the saloon for the night, wanted Shaughnessy to get out. A quarrel resulted and the stabbing followed. Wilcox was stabbed in the abdomen, the right chest, in the back near the shoulder blade, the back of the head and under the nose, where the knife blade broke, penetrating the roof of the mouth.

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Mrs. E. H. White.

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## AW, MRS. REGGIE, YOU'RE EXCUSED

(United Press Leased Wire.)  
Newport, R. I., Oct. 3.—"The thought never entered my mind that I snubbed anybody while in Pittsburg. The story is untrue and perfectly ridiculous." With these words, Mrs. Reggie Vanderbilt this evening denied the tale that she and her husband incited the feelings of several Pittsburg millionaires by refusing to attend several social functions while they were exhibiting their thoroughbreds at the Pittsburg horse show.

## DIES, SAYING HE WAS PERSECUTED

San Francisco, Oct. 3.—"I am going to kill myself. I can't stand the drill-master's scolding, coming so soon after a hazing in which a young recruit's body was found on the beach. He had carried out his threat of suicide by asserting suicide, coming so soon after a hazing in which a young recruit was strung up to a yardarm by upper classmen, has aroused the authorities by the persecutions of the drill-master, is in the possession of Lieutenant Commander Sewell of the naval station. Whether or not the accusation is justified is a point he has not as yet discussed."

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- \$5.00 Extra Fine Comforts ..... \$3.49
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- 35c Muslin Drawers ..... 19¢
- 50c Ladies' Hose ..... 22¢
- 15c Ladies' Hose ..... 9¢
- 50c Ladies' Vests ..... 22¢
- 25c Children's Stockings ..... 12 1/2¢
- 20c Children's Stockings ..... 11¢
- \$1.25 Ladies' Gowns ..... 79¢
- \$1.00 Ladies' Skirts ..... 59¢
- \$1.00 Ladies' Drawers ..... 59¢
- Ladies' Black Hose, white feet ..... 11¢
- Children's Black Hose, double sole and knee, 35c value ..... 19¢
- Ladies' Black Hose, extra quality ..... 19¢

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(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)  
Olympia, Wash., Oct. 3.—In preparing the forthcoming biennial report of the state bureau of labor, Commissioner C. F. Hubbard has completed an investigation into the cost of living in Washington, the results of which tend to show that prices of ordinary household commodities have been higher during the past year than ever before. In making this investigation, the year 1907 was made the starting point and the conclusions are based on the wholesale prices of a list of 68 articles, all of which are in every-day use. Wholesale prices were taken rather than those of retail dealers for the reason that accurate records of the former are available and, moreover, wholesale prices are not subject to artificial fluctuations arising from local causes.

The plan pursued involved the preparation of a comparative table covering the quotations on the 68 different articles for each year from 1900 to 1907. As there is a wide variety of grades in nearly all commodities offered for sale, it was necessary to select certain standard brands, using the same ones, as nearly as possible, for the entire period. In this way it was possible to avoid comparing a cheap product for one year with a high-grade article for the next.

**25 Per Cent Average Increase.**  
As compared with the prices for the year 1900, 41 of the 68 articles considered show an average increase of 25 per cent for 1907. Included in this list are the following: Cove oysters, canned cherries, canned raspberries, canned asparagus, canned tomatoes, coffee, evaporated cream, dried apples, apricots, currants, peaches, pears, plums, oatmeal crackers, wheat flour, first and second grades, oatmeal, cornmeal, graham flour, rye flour, honey, rice, table salt, granulated sugar, molasses, eggs, butter, cheese, lard, ham, bacon, mutton, dressed hogs, chickens, turkeys, Irish potatoes, sweet potatoes, cabbage, beans and canned salmon.

As mentioned above, all of the foregoing list have advanced on the average 25 per cent over the price as quoted in 1900. Some of them, however, have undergone a much greater increase, and it is worthy of note that the highest increases are confined largely to such articles as may be termed absolute necessities. For example, since 1900 wheat flour, first grade, has advanced 55 per cent and the second grade article has increased almost as much; cornmeal has advanced 59 per cent; graham flour, 54 per cent; rye flour, 57 per cent; rice, 50 per cent; dried apricots, 47 per cent; lard, 40 per cent; mutton, 25 per cent; dressed hogs, 22 per cent, and other articles in proportion.

To bring this out in somewhat more concrete form it may be said that in 1900 a barrel of first-grade wheat flour cost \$2.95; the 1907 price is \$4.65. A ten-pound sack of cornmeal in 1900 was worth 18 cents; the 1907 price is 24 cents. In 1900 rice brought .045 per pound; the 1907 price is .0675.

**Advance Not Proportionate.**  
On the other hand, reports which the labor commissioner has been gathering covering the matter of wages do not indicate anything like a similar advance, to make up for the increased cost of living expenses.

It is true that most lines of skilled labor have secured advances since the year 1900, but very few of these advances have been secured during the past two years. In fact, there have been some decreases during the past year, and the number of idle men has practically doubled due in large part to the financial panic which, however, did not seem to influence the prices of food products. Besides, prices have also stiffened up and appear to show no signs of weakening.

All of this information, which is now the subject of a report, will be presented at length in the labor commissioner's next report to the legislature, and will contain extensive information concerning labor and industrial conditions in Washington.

## PRESSES EAT WHOLE FORESTS EVERY WEEK

By Major A. F. Sears.  
The imminent menace of forest destruction in the United States, the effect thereon of the colossal output of print paper required for newspapers, magazines and other publications, and the pressing question of what is to be the raw material for the manufacture of print paper when the forests are gone are speculative themes that render of great interest the excellent work of Mr. Pinchot's bureau of forestry in distributing circulars of inquiry touching the intricate problem on the fluvial regime of the country. These resources of the United States are not inexhaustible, and the bureau has

been careful in its studies to make precise estimates of our capital in forests and our expenditure of that capital.

Each year we are destroying 100,000,000,000 feet of wood, and reproducing only 600,000,000. Thus in 30 years there will be no forests in the United States unless some more energetic recuperative measures are adopted by the government, multiplication of books and periodicals.

**Forests Disappearing.**  
With the loss of the forests comes the crisis in paper, which is now being severely felt by those whose business demands the use of that article. A formidable problem faces us in the tremendous multiplication of books and periodicals. Mr. Maire in the Scientific Review has given some figures touching the consumption of paper in the world today. Thus in the United States are made annually 36,611,000 hundred-weight; in Germany, 8,500,000; in England, 6,000,000; in France, 3,800,000; in Australia, 3,140,000; in Italy, 2,000,000; or in the six nations a total of 49,651,000 hundred weight.

The United States stands at the head of the producers and also of the consumers of paper. J. J. Arren has given figures showing the development of the American periodical press. He calculates that in 1870 each inhabitant of the country received 38 copies of a periodical; that in 1880, this number rose to 41.2; in 1890 to 72.2; in 1900 to 102; and that in 1908 each inhabitant of this nation is receiving 125 copies of a periodical. But this increase in the number of copies bears no comparison with the real amount of printing done by the American periodical press, for in 1880 1,000 copies of the average newspaper weighed 21 pounds, while in 1890 it had increased to 118 pounds, in 1900 to 137, and in 1905 to 176 pounds, or double the original weight. If we consider that the number of periodicals has quintupled in these 25 years, we have no difficulty in understanding that we are using 18 times as much paper now as in 1880.

## Mammoth Newspapers a Factor.

Advertisements are the great cause of this increase in the number of papers and magazines. They triumph over and submerge all the Sunday papers. In New York alone, the six principal Sunday papers on one day printed 1,803,000 copies, with an average of 60 pages each, enough to print an octavo volume of 450 pages.

The economist asks what literature do these periodicals contain to compensate for the destruction of the forest, which furnishes their supply? Take the production of one day, at say the beginning of the present year. The six principal Sunday papers contained a total of 388 pages, of which 149 were advertisements, 89 were illustrations, 110 pages were reading matter, a trifle more than a third of the whole, which occurs here is repeated in Europe, though in smaller proportion. Everywhere the press is eating up numbers of copies and weight of paper used.

## HUGHES' VOICE HAS FAILED HIM

(United Press Leased Wire.)  
Chicago, Oct. 3.—Governor Hughes' military secretary, G. E. Evans, tonight telegraphed Senator Dixon of the state's bureau at Republican national headquarters, that the governor developed an attack of laryngitis at Buffalo and was forced to cancel his Chicago date for Sunday. A throat specialist warned Governor Hughes that if he attempted to use his voice in speaking in the campaign he may lose his voice permanently. Contrary to the advice of his physician, Hughes will try to fill his western tour tomorrow on his special train and receive visitors at his train and in his rooms at a hotel. He will appear before the business men at night and shake hands with them, but will not speak.

## VICTOR ROSEWATER, NATIONAL COMMITTEEMAN FROM NEBRASKA, IN REPLY TO MR. BRYAN'S STATEMENT THAT HIS NEWSPAPER CONTRIBUTED TO BRYAN'S QUOTATION FROM THE REPUBLICAN PLATFORM AND THEN RECALLED THE QUOTED STATEMENT, SAID TONIGHT:

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