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FLOUR MILL TRUST

CAPITALIZATION OF THE TRUST IS \$10,000,000.

Portland, Puget Sound, Spokane and California Mills in the Combine; Theodore Wilcox, of Portland, the Prime Mover.

The Pacific Coast Flour Mills merger will mean that the individual flour produced will be driven from business, frozen out, and will finally be compelled to unite his pigny interests of the great trust. He will be absorbed. That is the view taken in Walla Walla, says the Union, of the announcement which was made yesterday morning through the Associated Press telegram in effect that, with a capitalization of \$10,000,000, the following flour producing companies have banded together to control northwest trade and oriental supplies: Portland Flouring Mills company, Puget Sound Flouring Mills Co., Centennial Mills, of Seattle, and Spokane, and the Sperry Mills of California.

For several years Wilcox, with his line of mills, throughout the northwest, has virtually controlled the flour output of the this section. There is on the Portland Flouring Mills company's string twelve or fourteen mills along the line of the Oregon Railroad and Navigation company's road, these being in operation in connection with the Pacific Coast Elevator company in wheat buying and shipping. The Puget Sound Warehouse company is on the same circuit. For years the Wilcox combination controlled virtually the Chinese trade in flour by reason of its being able to furnish almost exclusively the stronger flour which the Chinamen demanded and which cannot be produced in California.

But There Were Others.

Others saw the possibility of an active competition and thought there was life for two companies. In consequence the Centennial Milling company came into existence, with headquarters at Spokane. Eight mills are operated by that firm, and the same class of flour is manufactured that was being sold by the Wilcox syndicate to Chinese consumers.

However, the plan did not work out as well as was expected, and it soon became apparent, it is said, that there was no great amount of money for either firm in the flour making business with open competition in the field. About the same time the California people awoke to the realization of the fact that the north Pacific coast mills were getting an edge on the oriental trade and that a combination would restore to them some of the lost prestige while it might also open eastern markets in the United States to northwest flour which would not otherwise find an outlet.

As a consequence plans for merging the interests of the three big firms have been under advisement for some time. The Sperry mills in California have the same grip on the flour producing sections of that state as Wilcox has on the northwest, and there is little doubt expressed here that in the event a merger is consummated the three firms named will virtually control the entire coast trade. It Will Reduce Expenses.

A reduction of the expenses in office work and a number of clerical employes in another immense item of saving which is to be reckoned with in connection with a combination. It is stated here that fully \$75,000 a year could be saved by the combined interests in the manner above. Then a forcing upward of the market of only a few cents on a barrel of flour would result at the end of the year in a gain of millions.

The individual mill owners in the northwest are stared in the face with a gradual but certain squeeze which will ultimately drive them to the wall or force them into line with the combination.

REPUBLICAN PRIMARIES.

Warm Fight Expected in all Parts of the County.

Friday, the 7th, inst., is the day for the republican primary elections, which are to be held in the precincts of the county and city for the pur-



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Heat Rash, inflammations, itching, irritations and chafings, undue or offensive perspiration, and many other sanative uses, nothing so cooling, purifying, and refreshing as a bath with CUREGMA SOAP, followed in the severer forms by gentle anointings with CUREGMA, the great skin cure and purser of eruptions. CUREGMA. How to get all about the most effective skin purifying and beautifying soap, as well as the purser and corrector for toilet, bath, and nursery. Read through out the world. PUTTA DAZZ AND CURA. Corp., Sole Prop., Boston. "How to Have Beautiful Skin," free.

MULDOON'S \$75,000 TRAINING QUARTERS.



A great stir has been occasioned in the sporting and medical world by the opening of new magnificent training quarters at Purchase, N. Y., by ex-Champion Muldoon. All medicine is thrown out of the window by the professor, who achieves results by healthy exercise, horseback riding, hygienic living, and the practice of those methods by which he made Sullivan a magnificent specimen out of a physical wreck. Muldoon is beset with applications from all over the country, but as it is not a sanitarium or a money-making scheme, it is difficult to come under his tutelage, unless the professor feels so inclined. Some famous men, including several millionaires, are now regaining health at his unique training quarters.

BASEBALL OPENS.

Charles W. Zeigler Chosen Coach and Manager of the Pendletons.

A meeting of the managers of the Pendleton Baseball Association was held at the rooms of the Commercial Club Wednesday evening for the purpose of getting acquainted with Chas. W. Zeigler, who has been engaged to coach and captain the Pendleton team. The plans of work for the coming season were discussed and formulated and steps will now be taken to get one of the swiftest baseball teams in the field that ever crossed a diamond in this part of the county.

Baseball Notes.

It is announced today that John H. Bolin, called the "Kansas Cyclone," has been engaged to pitch for the Spokane baseball team. He was with the Winfield, Kan., team last year. Mayor Bookwalter, of Indianapolis, states that he would not allow Sunday baseball in that city, because it would be in violation of the state law. This will disarrange the American Association schedule. Manager Watkins says there will be Sunday ball or no ball at all.

EGGS AND CHICKENS.

The Local Market Well Supplied With Eggs at 20 Cents a Dozen.

Eggs are 20 cents per dozen in the local market and there are more eggs than demand. Two weeks ago the price was 35 cents and they were scarcer than the proverbial "hen's teeth," but, as a local groceryman said today, "It never rains but it pours." The cold snap of January caused the hens to refuse to do their usual amount of labor and almost a famine was the result, but a week of spring weather, such as we have had recently, has moved the Oregon hens to again perform the duties of providing the market with eggs and the price has dropped down to 20 cents retail, with a good prospect of them being 20 cents in a short time. Chickens are still commanding a high price, they being quoted at \$4 per dozen for almost any kind.

Blow From Unexpected Source.

Senator Gebhardt, democrat, has introduced a bill in the senate of the New Jersey legislature to repeal and dissolve the charter and corporate existence of the Northern Securities Company. The bill has a long preamble, in which it is stated, among other things, that the company has organized to enable the Northern Pacific Railroad Company and the Great Northern railway to violate the laws of several states and interfere with their revenues and also to destroy the competition in passenger and freight rates that existed between these railroads. The preamble goes on to say that the organization has aroused great public indignation and that the governor of Minnesota has already instituted suit to prevent the consummation of the illegal and injurious purpose sought to be accomplished by the formation of the securities company. The bill was referred to the committee on corporations.

At bedtime I take a pleasant herb drink, the next morning I feel bright and my complexion is better. My doctor says it acts gently on the stomach, liver and kidneys, and is a pleasant laxative. It is made from herbs, and is prepared as easily as tea. It is called Lane's Medicine. Lane's Family Medicine moves the bowels each day. Price 25c and 50c. For sale by Tallman & Co., sole agents.

Horses Wanted.

J. C. Hayes, of Seattle, Wash., will be here Saturday, March 8th, to buy horses for the market.

A Good Guesser.

An elderly woman with an impediment in her speech had troubles of her own at the corner of Twelfth and Walnut streets the other day. As each car came out Walnut street she would stop it and say to the conductor, "Dud-dud-dud-does th-this kuk-kuk-car gug-gug-go" - At this juncture, and sometimes before, the conductor would impatiently exclaim, "No; take the car." Then he would pull the strap, and the car would go ahead, leaving the woman at the crossing.

There are five different lines passing out Walnut street at this point, and if the woman could read the signs she disregarded them. Finally a conductor more considerate than the others helped her aboard and allowed her to explain afterward. After three blocks had been traversed he found that she wanted to go to Darby, and his was a Darby car. When she learned this, she beamed her joy. "Yuh-yuh-young man," she said, "yuh-yuh-you're a gug-gug-gug-gug-gug-guesser." - Philadelphia Record.

Turning a Sharp Corner.

On one occasion a great public dinner was given to Isaac Hull by the town of Boston, and he was asked to sit for his picture to Gilbert Stuart, the celebrated artist, who was a great braggart. When Hull visited his studio, Stuart took great delight in entertaining him with anecdotes of his English success, stories of the Marquis of This and the Baroness of That which showed how elegant was the society to which he had been accustomed.

Unfortunately in the midst of this grandeur Mrs. Stuart, who did not know that there was a sitter, came in with her apron on and her head tied up with handkerchief from the kitchen and cried out, "Did you mean to have that leg of mutton boiled or roasted?"

To which Stuart replied, with great presence of mind, "Ask your mistress."

The Pearl Hunters' Superstition.

The pearl hunters of Borneo and the adjacent islands have a peculiar superstition. When they open shells in search of pearls, they take every ninth find, whether it be large or small, and put it into a bottle which is kept corked with a dead man's finger. The pearls in the vial are known as "seed pearls" or "breeding pearls," and the native Borneese firmly believes that they will reproduce their kind. For every pearl put into the vial two grains of rice are thrown in for the pearls to "feed upon."

Some whites in Borneo believe as firmly in the superstition as the natives do, and almost every hut along the coast has its "dead finger" bottle, with from nine to fifty seed pearls and twice that number of rice grains carefully and evenly stowed away among them.

Children's Play in Germany.

It is a common belief in south Germany that if children play soldiers very often in the street there is a war coming, and if they play "funeral" an epidemic will come over the land, and many deaths will result. The relator of this tells that, when a boy, he with others played "funeral" in front of the house of an old miser in his native town in Germany. The miser became much excited and exclaimed, "I will not die yet!" and made complaint to the mayor that the boys should be arrested and punished.

Two Breaks.

"You needn't hide that letter you're writing. That's impolite. I wasn't looking at it." "You shouldn't have noticed that I was trying to hide it. That wasn't polite either." - Chicago Tribune.