

WORSE THAN EVER

Building Trades Strike More Serious Than at Any Time Since it Was Started.

PLUMBERS REFUSE TO RESUME OPERATIONS.

Demands That All Building Material Bear the Stamp of the Union and Master Builders Can Go On as They Have Contracts with Non-Union Mills.

Portland, May 28.—The strike situation has become more complicated today than ever as the Master Plumbers' Association has refused to resume operations because the union demands that all material bear the stamp of the union. The union is tied up now worse than ever and hundreds of carpenters, painters and glaziers are idle. The Master Builders have contracts with planing mills for material and cannot secure that material as the boycott is on against union mills, hence they see no chance of resuming work. They are now trying to compel the unions to accept material from all of the mills. The complete boycott is now being maintained against the planing mills and painters, glaziers and others connected with the building trades. The union called off any and all jobs and any attempt is made to use the unfair product. A number of painters and glaziers have quit to-day and meeting will be held tomorrow by the Building Trades Council for the purpose of perfecting the plan for the early starting of a new mill which several of the unions have under contemplation to own as the Building Trades Cooperative Planing Mill Company and will represent a capitalization of \$100,000.

Master Plumbers' Association has not yet reached an agreement with the union, but expects to withdraw or two. In the meantime, a number of the plumbers have quit to work by master plumbers connected with the association. There are about six of those firms in the city. Some are bitterly opposed to the union and designate as a combine by the association for selfish purposes only.

CALL GENERAL STRIKE.

Luminous Coal Workers May Be Ordered Out of Mines.

St. Louis, May 28.—Frank Sargent, president of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers and a member of the arbitration committee to arbitrate the coal strike, in an interview here today, said a sympathetic strike of bituminous coal miners may be inaugurated unless the anthracite strike is very soon.

A Big Franchise.

Washington, May 28.—Dr. Desote, of New York, and William B. Riley and J. H. Hakebeck, of Philadelphia, today granted a blanket franchise to operate power plants and railroads through Snohomish county. They propose spending \$2,000,000 in damming the Sultan river and developing 250,000 horse-power.

To Coin More Silver.

Washington, May 28.—The house in consideration of the whole today began consideration of the bill increasing the subsidiary silver coinage. The bill authorizes the secretary of treasury to coin into subsidiary silver the silver bullion in the treasury purchased under the act of 1900.

Fire at Baker.

At 1 o'clock Monday morning fire broke out in a block of frame buildings on Center street, Baker City, in the rear of the Episcopal church, completely destroying Hartman's barbershop, Hughes' real estate office, cigar store. The church and blacksmith shop were saved. Loss is about \$1000.

STATE FUNERAL.

Public Services Held Over Ambassador Pauncefote.

Washington, May 28.—The state funeral services over the remains of Ambassador Pauncefote, were conducted today in St. John's church. The full diplomatic corps and the president and cabinet were present. A detachment of 1600 troops escorted the body from the embassy to the church. Twelve American soldiers and marines were the active pallbearers. The casket was draped in the British flag and bore as its sole floral adornment a wreath of white roses and lilies of the valley from King Edward.

ELECTRICAL TRANSPORTATION.

Edison Announces That He Has Solved This Problem.

Orange, N. J. May 28.—Thomas A. Edison announced this morning that the problem of electrical transportation had been solved. The announcement is based on tests of his new storage battery, which has proved decidedly successful. In one test 62 miles were made over a hilly country with one charge. In another, 50 miles were covered. Next week Edison will make a 1000-mile endurance test.

THINK THEY'VE GOT HADLEY.

Murderer of Nora Fuller Believed to Be Jailed at Portland.

Portland, May 28.—Detective Kerrigan today arrested a man suspected to be C. B. Hadley, the murderer of Nora Fuller at San Francisco.

Investigation at Fernie.

Vancouver, B. C., May 28.—A special from Fernie, B. C., says: There will be no whitewashed verdict rendered by the coroner's jury which will recommence inquiry into the mine disaster Friday. The Miners' Union has retained counsel to look after the interests of the miners. This jury is composed of merchants of Fernie, who are free handed in the matter, which they will have to consider. The public demand for an official investigation, aside from the inquiry of the coroner's jury, is becoming more insistent and it is predicted that the verdict of the coroner's jury will be such as to force the government to act. So far 72 bodies have been recovered.

Appropriation Cut Down.

Washington, May 28.—The appropriation for improvement of the Dalles has been amended to reduce the amount continuing the contract from \$400,000 to \$134,000, and a proviso is inserted at the end of the paragraph that before entering upon any work examination shall be made by a board of engineers with a view to modifying the project in such way as to diminish the cost thereof and if the project can be modified, work is to be done in accordance with such modification. Otherwise it is to go on in accordance with the project submitted by Captain Hart.

Nominated by Roosevelt.

Washington, May 28.—The president today sent the following nominations to the senate: Melvin Grigsby, to be United States attorney for the district of Alaska; Thomas Dargie, to be postmaster at Oakland, Cal.

Attempted Murder.

Portland, May 28.—James Murray attempted to murder W. E. Minan in a saloon today in a dispute over some drinks. The shot grazed Minan's head, but he was not injured.

New Postmaster Appointed.

Washington, May 28.—Fred W. Miller has been named postmaster at Oakesdale, Wash.

"The New Agriculture."

In June Scribner's "The New Agriculture," by W. S. Harwood, is what the author calls glimpses into "the pages of a book of magic." Few people realize that a thousand trained scientific men are at work and a million dollars are expended annually by the government to support the agricultural experiment stations in the various states. Within the last decade the work of these men the results of which are freely given to the public, has revolutionized many branches of agriculture and added many million dollars to the value of farm products in the United States. This article for the first time sets forth in popular form these wonderful achievements. The illustrations show some of the experiments in progress. The article is an eye opener who believe that agriculture has stood aside while other American industries have gone ahead.

C. A. RHEA IS SUED

By Woman Who Wants \$15,000 for Laceration of Her Tender Affections.

SAYS SHE HAD BEEN HIS HOUSEKEEPER.

And After Expecting for Four years to Marry Him, She Was Turned Down With a Dull, Sickening Thud, Another Woman Winning His Affections.

Portland, May 28.—C. A. Rhea, a prominent banker of Heppner, was sued today for breach of promise by Annie Schmitt. She asks for \$15,000 for her wounded affections to the amount of \$15,000.

She had been his housekeeper in apartments in Portland for the past four years and now claims that he deserted her for another woman.

A MEAT FAMINE.

Strike of Stock Yards Teamsters Causes Shortage in Chicago.

Chicago, May 28.—The possibility of a meat famine in Chicago is increasing. The packers smuggled several carloads out of the stock yards this morning, but the striking teamsters prevented the delivery of the meat either by persuading the drivers to join their ranks or by forcibly preventing delivery. Several riot calls were turned in, but there were no serious outbreaks.

Peace Not Assured.

London, May 28.—Just before parliament arose, after midnight Tuesday morning, a rumor reached the lobbies that a hitch had occurred in the peace negotiations. Nothing official concerning this rumor could be ascertained, but the dispatch to the Associated Press from Pretoria, in which it was stated that the prevalence throughout South Africa of the optimistic feeling in regard to the peace negotiations was hardly based upon solid facts, may be regarded as an indication that such a hitch has occurred. Little information from Pretoria has been able recently to pass the censor.

Closed a Loophole.

Washington, May 28.—Secretary Hay yesterday closed up one of the principal places of refuge for criminals committing crimes in the United States, when he exchanged the final ratifications with Wilker Martinez, the Chilean minister here, of the new Chilean extradition treaty. The United States never has had such a treaty with Chile and some of the most notable defaulters and embezzlers from the United States have found safety in that country.

TAKING IN FARMERS.

They Unite to Wipe Out Wheat Speculation in Kansas.

Walter Vrooman of the western cooperative movement, has closed contracts for the purchase of six of the largest wheat elevators in the Kansas wheat belt and two of the largest flouring mills. The price paid is said to have been \$750,000, and Mr. Vrooman, who has left for New York to complete the financial end of the plan, says the present purchase is but the beginning of a movement to center the farmers of Kansas in a branch of the Vrooman Co-operative Company.

The farmers are to be taken into the scheme upon the payment of \$100 each, for which they are to receive the market value of their wheat sold to the company and in addition will receive one-half of the profit derived, the other half going to co-operative stores through which the wheat and flour will be handled.

"The plan," said Mr. Vrooman, "is to eliminate wheat speculation and the middle men. The farmers are in earnest sympathy with the movement. It is the only way to head off the talked-of flour trust forming in New York. It is intended to ship to Great Britain, to be sold among the co-operative members there, the surplus product not disposed of in Kansas and Missouri."

HANNA WON OUT

His State Ticket Carried Ohio Republican Convention by Overwhelming Majority.

GOVERNMENT'S PHILIPPINE POLICY WAS INDORSED.

Platform Adopted Favored Chinese Exclusion, Retention of the Philippines, Reciprocity With Cuba and Other Matters of National Importance—Hanna Made Strong Speech.

Cleveland, O., May 28.—The second day's session of the republican state committee convention was called to order at 10 a. m. Congressman Grosvenor, elected permanent chairman, in a speech accepting the chair, made a reference to Roosevelt which brought forth tremendous applause. The platform was adopted after Grosvenor closed. The first plank is a tribute to William McKinley; the re-enactment of the Chinese exclusion act is commended; the isthmian canal favored; trusts denounced, and reciprocity with Cuba is indorsed, as is the administration's Philippine policy. The platform says our flag is in the islands to remain.

The entire Hanna state ticket went through, the Cox forces being soundly thrashed. When the business of the convention had been completed Hanna made an address, in which he said: "Great national questions will be involved in the coming campaign, and I trust that you will vote for congressmen who can be called upon to support our strenuous president. In all campaigns there are issues. The democrats are trying to make an issue of the Philippine question which the republicans settled last year and settled right. They have claimed that the policy of McKinley was morally wrong. It seems almost a insult to his memory to have such an attack made on the floor of the senate. His course was dictated by a desire to do the best for his own country and people and the people on the other side of the hemisphere. Our flag is in the Philippines and it will stay there."

Found an Infernal Machine.

London, May 28.—A St. Petersburg dispatch says the police have arrested a woman at the Imperial palace at Zcarskoe Selo, who had an infernal machine on her person. The palace is but a few miles from St. Petersburg, and according to recent advices the czar is domiciled there.

GRAIN ELEVATORS.

The Wheat and Corn Crops of the United States.

The farmers of the United States today are sowing corn fields aggregating eighty million acres, ten million more than ten years ago and harvesting two billion bushels and over in a season. Their wheat fields cover forty million acres, four million more than in 1890, and even the oat area is nearly thirty million acres, an increase of 20 per cent. It may be impossible to sell such a crop immediately except at a loss. Therefore the imperative necessity for storage facilities has resulted in the development of the elevator system in America on a scale unknown elsewhere in the world.

On a Dakota, Kansas or Nebraska farm, where the harvest field may cover 500 to 2000 acres only a small portion of the yield is threshed and placed in the barn bins. The bulk is carried to what are termed railroad elevators located in convenient towns. These vary in capacity from 100,000 to 100,000 bushels, according to their location in the producing district, and from them the transportation companies load its cars for the domestic or foreign market. But the district elevators, as they might be called, represent only a fraction of the space for storage which now exists in the United States. Before it is loaded on ship board at tidewater, a cargo must pass through three or four different buildings, be transferred from car to vessel and back again to car, as the modern processes employed facilitate its handling with ease and economy.—D. Allen Willey in the Engineering Magazine for May.

A TEMPERANCE ELEPHANT

KILLED MAN WHO OFFERED HER GLASS OF BEER.

Keeper of Topsy, One of the Elephants of Sells & Forepaugh's Circus, Crushed to Death by the Huge Beast This Morning at Brooklyn.

New York, May 28.—Jesse Blount, of Fort Wayne, Ind., was crushed to death this morning by Topsy, a female elephant of the Sells & Forepaugh show at the circus ground in Brooklyn.

Blount had a glass of beer in his hand and showed it to the elephant. Instead of her giving her usual greeting, the great beast seized Blount with her trunk and after hurling him violently to the ground, knelt on him, crushing him to death.

NEW YORK MARKET.

Reported by I. L. Ray & Co., Pendleton, Chicago Board of Trade and New York Stock Exchange Brokers.

New York, May 28.—The grain markets were all down grade today, prices being off over a cent on wheat and 1 1/2 on corn. Liverpool closed 1/2 lower, 6. New York opened at 80 for July and closed 79 1/2, being the high and low prices. Chicago closed 72 1/2 @ 73. There will be no markets on Friday on account of Decoration day.

Closed yesterday, 80 1/2. Opened today, 80. Range today, 79 1/2 @ 80. Closed today, 79 1/2. Sugar, 129. Steel, 49 1/2. St. Paul, 170 1/2. Union Pacific, 104 1/2.

Wheat in Portland.

Portland, May 28.—Wheat—Walla Walla, 66c; valley, 67c; bluestem, 67 1/2c; Tacoma, 66 1/2c.

Wheat in Chicago.

Chicago, May 28.—Wheat—74 @ 73 1/2c.

More Filipino Treachery.

Manila, May 28.—While Second Lieutenant Robert C. Humber, of the Tenth Infantry, and Sergeant Waring, of the same regiment, were walking about six miles from Camp Vickers, in Mindanao, they perceived a single Moro carrying a flag of truce. When the native had approached close to the Americans, he suddenly drew a cutlass and slashed Sergeant Waring, cutting his arm completely off. Lieutenant Humber attempted to shoot the Moro, but his revolver missed fire and the native escaped.

Queen to Be a Nun.

London, May 28.—According to advices from Rome, Queen Margherita of Italy, has decided definitely to become a nun. Rumors of such a step on the part of the widowed queen have been more or less prevalent since King Humbert's assassination, and it is regarded as probable that the present announcement is correct. Queen Margherita is 51 years of age, and is noted for her learning and piety.

NO MONOPOLY GOES.

President Roosevelt insists on Equal Rights on Uintah Reservation.

President Roosevelt informed a number of senators who called upon him that he would sign the Indian appropriation bill. Some of the objections that he had to it have been met by special legislation. There is still one provision which he insists on being changed, and that is the one which gives the exclusive right to the Florence Mining Company to prospect one year all the mineral lands on the Uintah reservation in Utah. It is understood that a bill will be introduced in both houses of congress repealing this provision, which, if it passes, will have the effect of allowing the general public to explore the land and establish claims.

Southern Pacific's Earnings.

President E. H. Harriman, of the Southern Pacific has issued a statement of the income and outlay of the company from July 1, 1901, to March 31, 1902. In that period the gross earnings of the company were \$63,435,970, an increase of \$6,255,145 over the same period of the year before. Operating expenses and taxes were \$41,887,559, an increase of \$4,531,851. Net earnings amounted to \$21,548,411, an increase of \$1,723,297. The total net income was \$22,407,144. Deducting from this \$12,154,770 of fixed charges and \$8,033,389 of betterments, there was left a surplus of \$2,218,984.

ISLAND DESERTED

North Martinique Entirely Deserted, the Residents Going to Fort de France.

ERUPTION OF PELEE WIPED OUT ANOTHER TOWN.

None of the inhabitants of Morne Rouge Who Remained at Their Homes Escaped From Destruction—Volcano is Still Active and Clouds of Ashes and Smoke Cover the Island.

Fort de France May 28.—The north island of Martinique is now deserted. The last eruption of Pelee created a panic and the inhabitants of Grande Riviere and Basse Pointe and the coast east of Pelee were brought here today. As a result of Monday's eruption none who remained at Morne Rouge escaped.

Volcano Still Active.

Paris, May 28.—Acting Governor of Martinique, L'Huerre, today sent a cablegram to the minister of colonies, giving the latest accounts of the conditions there.

Heavy rains have prevented the projected exploration of the interior of the island. The volcano is still active, throwing heavy clouds of ashes through its several craters. The government ship Tage reports that when it passed St. Pierre a new eruption was causing a rush of mud into the Red River Blanche.

Lumber for Homes.

Norfolk, Va., May 28.—The United States collier Leonida, sails from here this evening heavily loaded with lumber to be used in providing shelter for the homeless of St. Vincent.

General Wheeler Off for Europe.

New York, May 28.—General Joseph Wheeler, accompanied by his daughters, sailed on the Philadelphia today to witness the military maneuvers in France and Germany. They do not expect to return until late in August.

A NEW ELECTRIC RAILWAY.

Company Incorporated to Build From Dayton, Wash., to Pendleton.

Walla Walla, May 28.—"The Washington & Oregon Electric Railway, Light and Power Company," is the name of a new corporation formed here, articles of incorporation having been just filed with the county auditor. The company will exist for 50 years, and have a capital stock of \$1,500,000, divided into shares of \$100 each. The incorporators are H. Mellman and R. W. Bachrach, of San Francisco, and F. B. Romo, of this city. The business of a general street railway and power company is given as the purpose of the company.

This is the company that is seeking franchises for a line from Dayton, Wash., to Pendleton, Or., passing through this city and half a dozen smaller places. Applications are pending in all the towns and counties for the rights to use streets and public highways. The company proposes to build an electric line connecting all the fruit and vegetable sections of Umatilla county, Oregon, and Walla Walla county, Washington, passing through the thickly settled districts, where small farms and large orchards are the rule. People here have no further information of the plans than that given out by Mr. Mellman, who represents San Francisco capitalists in the matter.

Hurt at Walla Walla.

Walla Walla, May 28.—While riding home from main street yesterday afternoon, Mrs. Henry Blackman fell from her wheel at Palouse and Birch streets and suffered a fracture of the right leg below the knee. Although the injury is very painful, the break has been reduced and Mrs. Blackman is resting as easily as could be expected. The young woman had been down town on a shopping excursion, and when she attempted to turn a corner the front wheel of the bicycle slipped and the machine jumped from the walk. Mrs. Blackman was thrown suddenly and forcefully to the ground and rendered partially unconscious by the shock of the fall.