

THE PLUMBERS' DISPUTES CAUSE INCREASED PRICES

Shop Proprietors Still Wrangling—Meantime Builders Pay More for Work.

As a result of the fight now on between the Master Plumbers' Association and the half a dozen or so master plumbers who are not connected with the organization the prices charged for plumbing are going up by leaps and bounds.

It is estimated that the advance in prices will amount to fully 25 per cent more than the rates which obtained before the journeymen plumbers arrived at an agreement with the association.

The association, or combine as it is now being spoken of, has been trying for over a month to force the independent master plumbers into the organization, but so far without success. To accomplish their purpose they have enlisted the services of the journeymen in their employ, which means all the members of the union. This is proving an expensive experiment. During the continuance of the fight they are paying married plumbers at the rate of \$12 per week and all single employees \$12 whether they work or not. When they are employed they receive \$4.50 per day.

The independent master plumbers pay union wages and have always recognized the union. But when the combine was effected such pressure was brought to bear upon the union as to induce its members to agree to work for no one but members of the association. The journeymen bitterly fought this proposition and

held out against it for several weeks, stating that it was against the principles of unionism and contrary to their better judgment.

At last they signed, and the fight was immediately precipitated. When the independent master plumbers endeavored to secure new men, the association induced its employes to argue them into the notion of quitting, and this has been going on ever since.

As a consequence master plumbers not allied with the association are unable to retain men in their employ for any length of time. In other words the association and journeymen have combined to force plumbers to join them, and by the exorbitant prices being charged for the various jobs secured, hope to make the public bear the expense of the battle.

J. F. Shea, one of the leading master plumbers in the city, this morning said: "It is an outrage and I do not believe the public will stand it much longer."

Those who do not belong to the association and against whom the fight is being made are: J. F. Shea, George Trainor, Henry Swint, Harry Bruce, Coffey & Cobb, and two others. They hope, in time, to be able to get men who will stay with them, but in the meantime the public is placed at the mercy of what some are pleased to style the "Plumbers' Trust."

MILLS CHOSEN AS CHAIRMAN

At the annual meeting of the Board of Public Works held yesterday afternoon, A. L. Mills was elected chairman and William MacMaster was reappointed as a member. The new members, Charles A. Cogswell and City Engineer Elliott, took their seats. The ordinance passed by the council granting the West Side & Suburban Railway Company a franchise for its Portland-Hillsboro line was considered and referred back to the Common Council for amendment, recommending the passage of the ordinance. The ordinance was deemed ambiguous in the matter of keeping the streets in repair, and as to whether the percentage of earnings of the road were to be taken from the earnings originating within the city or from outside. The ordinance required no deposit from the company and specified no time of commencing the work.

A remonstrance to the construction of a sewer in Borthwick and Prescott streets was referred to Messrs. Breyman and Cogswell. The sewer is objected to on the ground of the great expense. Expense estimates for July were submitted and adopted as follows: For City Hall, janitor service, etc., \$215; for repair of streets, \$391; for general expenses of the City Engineer's office, including salaries, \$282; for the street-cleaning and sprinkling department, including the purchase of a new sweeper and repairs to the city barn, \$5,593.

Auditor Devlin was instructed to request the Pacific States Telephone & Telegraph Company to place a switchboard in the fire department headquarters, to furnish the police department with 20 telephones, as required by ordinance.

The petition of E. D. Richards for the removal of a fountain from Albina to Multnomah was referred to the Council. A petition from property owners along East Ankeny street requesting the extension of the street-sprinkling service to East Twenty-third street, was referred. Contracts for street improvements were awarded as follows: Hooker street, Kelly & Stevens; East Main street, Miller & Bauer; Front street, Nickum and Kelly; East Madison street, Miller & Bauer; Hancock street, G. W. Donaldson; Falling street, Giesbich & Joplin.

Federal statute provides that any person who shall obstruct or prevent the free passage of stock over or through public lands, shall, upon conviction thereof, be fined not more than \$1000 or imprisoned for not more than one year. Anyone who by threats or force shall attempt to prevent the free passage of another over public lands is liable to arrest.

THE FRIARS' LANDS

Taft Would Buy Them From the Roman Church.

(Scrapps McRae News Association.)
ROME, July 2.—Governor Taft's note to the Vatican regarding the Philippines is ready. It proposes payment for the friar's lands in three installments, one-third immediately, and the balance in three months' installments.

BIRTHS.

To Mrs. W. N. Meyer, 345 Russell street, on June 27, a boy.
To Mrs. P. L. McKenzie, 175 East Twenty-third street, on June 2, a girl.

DON'T WANT ANY CALLERS

President Roosevelt Won't Stand for Any Bores.

(Scrapps McRae News Association.)
WASHINGTON, July 2.—President Roosevelt leaves here for Pittsburgh tomorrow night to participate in the Fourth of July celebration there. On Saturday he returns to Oyster Bay, where the seat of the summer government will be. The President will have an office in the village three and a half miles from his residence, and will keep regular business hours. It is his intention to discourage all political business callers outside of office hours.

NORTHWEST NEWS

CHICAGO.—Reports received here from all over the West and Northwest indicate that the damage to crops from rain is less than at first reported. Warm July weather will remedy the wet June.

BUTTE.—The Montana Smelting & Refining Company, with a capital of \$3,000,000 will erect a smelter at Pierre, S. D., in competition with Amalgamated Copper.

OMAHA.—The center of activity in the Union Pacific strikes has moved to Cheyenne. The company is straining every effort to keep the shops open and the men are as determined to close them.

PUEBLO, Colo.—The Bridgemen's Union has declared their strike off here and gone back to work. Their demands were granted by their employers.

MINNEAPOLIS.—Captain N. W. King, of the detective force here, has been sentenced to three years and six months' hard labor, he having been proven accessory after the fact to a felony.

WEISER, Idaho.—A ten-stamp mill is to be placed on the Silver King mine at Warren and development of the property will be pushed at once.

NEW WESTMINSTER, B. C.—Three Indian children were wounded, one fatally, and a squaw hurt by the accidental discharge of a rifle on the Albert Crescent reserve yesterday.

POIRE, Idaho.—Joseph Pinkham, who has been appointed United States Marshal for Idaho, has refused to qualify. The office will be left vacant.

TRIAL TRIP OF THE NEW BATTLESHIP "MAINE"

(Journal Special Service.)
PHILADELPHIA, July 2.—About 10 o'clock tomorrow morning the Maine, one of the most powerful battleships ever built for the United States Navy, will leave her dock in Cramps' shipyard for her builders' trial trip. She will be under the general supervision of Edwin S. Cramp, with James A. Clamplitt as pilot. The trial spin will be over the builders' course, which extends 21 miles from the Delaware Capes to the Southwest Lightship, 11 1/2 miles from the Northeast Lightship to the Southwest Lightship, and 21 miles from the Southwest Lightship back to the Capes.

Her trial will be made to determine how well she steams, whether her machinery works smoothly, and approximately what her speed is. That she will meet and exceed the requirements of the contract is regarded as a certainty by naval experts who have closely watched her progress from the day her keel was laid. During the trip she will be manned by a crew of 550 picked men from Cramps' yards. The conditions under which this trial will be made will differ to some extent from her Government trial this fall, inasmuch as she is not now in a

THE FIELD OF SPORT

Baseball, Championship Baseball, Pacific Northwest League, Thursday, 3 p. m. Grounds, 24th and Vaughn Streets vs. Portland. Admission, 25c. Grandstand, 50c. Game played, 3:30. Baseball, Baseball, Baseball.

Joe Mahaffey, the released Portland pitcher, left for Baker City last night and will be followed by his brother Lou tonight. Both have been signed by the Baker City nine and will finish the season with that team. "In discussing his case last evening Joe Mahaffey said:

"Of course, it is very unpleasant to be released by a team, especially when you don't feel you deserve it; but Vigneux unconsciously did me a good turn when he fired me, as I am now getting \$25 per month more salary than Portland paid me. This city is getting off with the smallest salary list in the league, Engle is the only man getting a good salary. Take and bunch all the salaries, and they won't average over \$115 to the man, while Brite gets about \$200.

"Coming right down to my release, I would like to say that Sam did not give me a square deal. He says that his trouble with Lou had nothing to do with my release, but I know it had. In the matter of pitchers' percentages I stood next to Engle. Barring him, I had won more and lost less than the others. I have always thought that pitchers who could win were the ones who drew the salaries. Sam and Lou had a little personal difficulty in the hotel and on the field, and the former, who, as every one knows, is very hot-headed, simply made up his mind to get rid of us both, and he did so. I have read his side of the case, as published by you and others; now you have ours."

Joe Mahaffey is very outspoken in expressing himself regarding Vigneux's mode of handling a team. He says that Sam was naturally sore at not being able to win, and very touchy and anted hastily. Engle is said to have admitted that he should have covered first for Mahaffey when the latter was fielding the ball, and then the dispute would never have occurred.

"Well, I am through with the Portland team, and that's all there is to it. If I can not get my release I will leave anyway. President Lucas has offered me a good job umpiring, providing I can secure my release. Unless something new happens today I will light out for Baker City tonight."

VIGNEUX'S PROTEST.

Manager Vigneux's protest of the Helena game has never reached President Lucas. The latter received a notice from Butte yesterday to the effect that the registered letter, containing the protest was in the postoffice there. Mr. Lucas says: "The season this year is much better than it was last year. The people are taking more to baseball than they did a year ago, and then the addition of the Montana teams adds to the interest. The people like to see new and many faces on the diamond. Six clubs also make the race more keen and exciting. So far Seattle has proved the best city for attendance. In Montana the receipts are higher because the general admission price is twice as much as it is in the other states. The grandstand price is the same."

MISCELLANEOUS SPORTS.

John Flannagan, the Irish champion hammer thrower, threw the 56-pound discus 33 feet 10 1/2 inches. This beats his previous record 3 feet 1 inch.

It is very doubtful if Young Corbett and Dave Sullivan are allowed to meet at St. Louis, as the authorities are up in arms against them.

MAD DOG SCARE

(Journal Special Service.)
MATTON, Ill., July 2.—A mad-dog epidemic is causing alarm in Jasper and Richland Counties. Mayor Wakenfeld has ordered all unmuzzled and suspected canines to be shot. Several days ago a hound in Smallwood Township went mad. John Brown, a young farmer who protected three women, was badly bitten. The mad dog has appeared at Newton and Inley, biting other dogs and cattle. Mrs. Stella Halgren of Olney was bitten about the face and hands.

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Celebrate the Fourth

Heartily, with patriotism and good cheer, hang out bunting and spread "Old Glory" to the breeze. In making preparations you'll find our prices a big help in keeping down the expense. Friday being a holiday, many people will expect to do two days' shopping in one tomorrow—we are prepared to serve you quickly and satisfactorily, and as usual we make prices for the occasion.

BUNTING FOR 5c FOURTH, 4c Yd.

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DRESS GOODS.

36-inch Cassimere in evening shades.....25c
40-inch Albatross in light blues, pinks, creams) 25c
60c values, only.....25c
36-inch Plaid suitings.....12 1/2c
30-inch Plaid Suitings.....12 1/2c

We place on sale tomorrow a lot of remnants of Wool Dress Goods, in waist and skirt lengths, fancy and plain, at special prices.

SHIRT WAISTS, 49c!

Well made of plain and fancy stripe Dimities.....49c
Nice colored Dimity shirt waist, tucked.....85c
White Lawn and India Linen shirt waists, hem-stitched, tucked, lace insertion and embroidery.....Special \$1.25
Nice line button back waists in white, finely made.....\$1.25 to \$1.50

SUMMER SKIRTS.

In white duck and pique, with flounce.....\$1.50 to 1.90
Excellent linen skirts, with flounce..... 1.50 to 2.50
These are just the thing for the 4th.

GLOVES.

2-class Mocha, all colors, \$1.25 values.....98c
Ladies' bicycle gloves in colors.....65c
Lisle thread and silk mits, black and colors.....15c
Ladies' white lisle thread glove, 5-but. lengths.....15c
Ladies' black silk mits.....30c
Ladies' extra heavy quality mits in regular and extra sizes.....35c
Children's elbow length mits, all colors.....25c

FOR MEN AND BOYS.

Men's merino half wool shirts and drawers.....62 1/2c
Men's finest balbriggan double seat drawers..... 50c
Men's light weight merino in gray.....Special 25c
Men's straw hats, good value.....25c, 50c, 75c
Men's and boys' crash hats, fedora shape..... 25c
Special line of men's ties, 50c values..... 25c
Men's suspenders, good value 35c, 40c, Special 25c
Men's cassimere pants, regular 2.25 value.....\$1.90
Men's worsted pants, asst colors, 4.50 val..... 3.50
Men's jean pants, 1.25 value.....Special 1.00
Boys' 2-piece wool suits, 3.00 value..... 2.50
Boys' 2-piece suits black with chalk line stripe 1.75

NOTIONS.

Children's shoulder brace hose supporters in black and white..... 19c
Ladies' satin fancy belt hose supporters, all colors..... 25c
Good quality toilet soap, asst kinds, cake..... 5c
150 pieces finishing braid, white and colors, piece 4c
Children's bibs..... 5c
Windsor ties in fancy plaids, all silk..... 20c
Whisk brooms, worth 15c..... 10c
Ladies' shopping bags..... 25c
Children's handkerchiefs..... 2c
Sample chatelaine purses at cost.

SOFA PILLOWS, Uncovered, 75c.

Pillows 26x36, made of silk down, only..... 75c

NATIONAL RIBBON FOR THE FOURTH

National Stripe Ribbon, flag patterns, etc, 1 1/2 inches wide, yd.....8c
1000 Yards all-silk Fancy Ribbon, 3 inches wide, worth 20c, yd.....15c
500 Yards Liberty satin Ribbon, all colors, 3 inches wide, yd.....20c

SHEEP OUTRAGES

Frequent reference has been made through the press from time to time of the friction between settlers and sheepmen in different parts of the state. This has led frequently to bad blood between them, and many hundreds of sheep have been ruthlessly slain. The trouble has grown to unbearable proportions in Grant County, and one of the sheep owners residing at Monument has written United States District Attorney Hall in the matter.

The writer says that the settlers object to having the sheep graze upon the government land in the high mountains. One man has had 500 sheep killed. The herdsmen have been shot at, and there is no knowing to what extent to which these abuses may go unless the Federal law is employed to stop it. The writer of the letter says that the trouble in his case is simply that certain persons desire that the public domain be kept for their use as a game preserve. The appearance of men and sheep drives away the game, it is claimed.

United States District Attorney Hall has advised his correspondent that he has an adequate remedy at law. The

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DID NOT RETURN TO WORK

Striking Railway Men Will Rest Until Tiffany Is Removed.

The striking street railway employees held a rousing meeting at Milwaukee last night at which stirring speeches were made. There was a full attendance and all present expressed their loyalty to the cause for which they are contending.

The company had given notice to the employees that if they wished to return to work to present their application today at 10 o'clock. This notice was discussed at some length and it was unanimously decided that they would not heed the invitation.

"When the company grants our terms we will consider the matter of re-entering its employ, but not until then," is the way they expressed themselves at the meeting. Therefore, there will be none of them appearing for positions today.

In speaking of the situation today Chairman Dimick, of the strike committee, said:

"The outlook is brighter today than ever. Prior to the meeting last night I was afraid that some of the men would become weak-kneed today and make applications for their old jobs. But my fears were unfounded. At the meeting last night every man of the 75 present voted that he would not return to work until Tiffany is removed. It was one of the most enthusiastic gatherings that I ever attended."

A committee of the strikers is at work today gathering evidence to prove to the public that Mr. Tiffany is the improper person to occupy his present position. Each employee is being approached, and statements to be sworn to before a notary public, are being secured. These statements will comprise the many vile and abusive remarks which Tiffany has addressed to the employes at divers times without the least provocation. When this matter is all compiled they intend to apprise the public of its contents, but say that they will be of such an obscene character that they will be unprintable.

It is believed that the company is making preparations to start up business again as soon as the bridge is repaired. But so far as known no new men have been employed.

CROP BULLETIN.

The past week has averaged slightly cooler than the previous one, and there has been more cloudiness, with a few small scattered showers in the northern portion of the state. The maximum, or day temperatures during the week in Western Oregon ranged between 57 degrees and 76 degrees, and the minimum, or night temperatures between 48 degrees and 59 degrees. In Eastern Oregon the maximum temperatures ranged between 59 degrees and 80 degrees and the minimum temperatures between 49 degrees and 58 degrees.

Hay is now general and the crop will be slightly below the average in quantity, but in quality it will be better than last year. No damage of consequence has occurred to cut hay by the showers, and they were of great benefit to spring grain, gardens, and hops. In Southern Oregon, and the Grande Ronde Valley more rain would prove beneficial, but in the Umatilla country rain is not desired, as it would lodge the fall grain and do more harm than good, although spring seeded fields would be benefited.

Fall grain is filling under very favorable weather conditions. Wheat is heading well, with a large amount of straw, but oats, as a rule, are heading rather short. Barley is ripening and beginning to turn yellow, and some rye has been harvested. Hops, onions, and gardens are thrifty and making satisfactory advancement. Corn is growing slowly. Early potatoes are in the market and they are of good quality. Sugar beets need more rain, but they will continue doing fairly well. Range grass is falling on the south slope of the hillsides, but stock is laying on fat, and the creameries are receiving a good supply of milk.

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OVER THE WIRES.

NEW YORK.—The capitalization of new corporations in the East during June was \$198,182,500, the smallest of any previous month this year.

WASHINGTON.—President Roosevelt yesterday laid the cornerstone of the new Grace Memorial Reformed Church in this city.

WASHINGTON.—The total appropriations of Congress during the session ended yesterday were over \$900,000,000. The total last year was \$730,000,000.

LONDON.—Twenty-five hundred of the Colonial forces of the British empire, were reviewed by Queen Alexandra yesterday. Canada had 600 men in line, and made easily the best showing.

PEKIN.—China has refused to pay the July installment of the indemnity except at the rate of exchange prevailing in April, 1901.

CHRISTIANA, Norway.—A disastrous fire is reported from Laurvik. The greater portion of the city is destroyed and the fire is still spreading.

PORT DE FRANCE.—Mont Pelée is still erupting, but with little violence. The fears of the people have almost subsided and a general activity is shown in repairing the damage on the island.

WILLEMSTAD.—The real state of the Venezuelan revolution is at present impossible to ascertain, but the impression is general that Castro's defeat is assured.

FIRE COMMISSION.

A meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners will be held in the City Hall on Saturday afternoon at 3 o'clock, at which a number of important matters will be considered. The reappointment of the retiring member, Richard Everding, by Mayor Williams leaves the board the same as before.

The Netherlands rank in importance second only to Great Britain as a market for American flour.

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