

FOOD AND DAIRY MEN IN NATIONAL SESSION

Opening of the Convention This Morning—Mayor Williams' Address of Welcome.

The delegates to the National Food and Dairy Commissioners' Convention arrived at night at 8 o'clock. They assembled at Chicago and came in special cars to the Dalles, under the charge of William Kilpatrick, secretary of the Railroad and Warehouse Commission of Illinois.

There are 75 delegates, some accompanied by their wives and daughters, the largest and biggest of whom is Alfred H. Ames, State Food Commissioner for Illinois, and president of the National Association.

There is also Professor John Hamilton, Secretary of Agriculture of Pennsylvania, who is attracting a good deal of attention because he has one of the prettiest daughters in the crowd accompanying him.

The man that knows his business and looks it, is James H. Shepard, chemist of the Agricultural College of South Dakota, He reminds one of the farm scene in "Way Down East."

The sessions of the convention are held in the Mining Hall in the Chamber of Commerce building and will include tomorrow evening, Friday morning there will be an excursion to Astoria by boat, when the delegates will be entertained by the Citizens' Club.

Today's Session. The sixth annual session of the association was opened this morning in the Board of Trade rooms in the Chamber of Commerce building.

WOODWORKERS TO BE REORGANIZED

The Local Union May Be Allied With the Building Trades Council.

When Thomas J. Kidd and other prominent members of the International Federation of Labor arrive here on July 13 it is understood that they will take a hand in the matter of putting the Amalgamated Woodworkers of this city upon a more substantial footing.

Since the Building Trades Council declared the material turned out at the mills to be fair, it was the means of throwing the locked-out woodworkers upon their own resources.

Just what action the labor leaders who are coming here will take in the matter is not definitely known, but it is believed that the Amalgamated Woodworkers' organization will undergo a general re-

Burton Johnson Arrives.

Burton Johnson, the general freight agent of the Wisconsin Central, came in from Puget Sound last night. General Agent Clock went up several days ago to meet him and accompanied him hither.

"I came West over the Canadian Pacific. Mr. Clock met me at Vancouver, B. C. Together we visited Tacoma and Seattle, and tonight we shall go to San Francisco over the Southern Pacific.

"I enjoyed my trip West very much indeed. The West is a revelation to me, and I frankly admit it. I must say that the Portland Hotel surpasses any hotel

STREETS MUST BE IMPROVED

City Engineer Elliott has determined on a steady course of action looking to their betterment of the streets and sidewalks of that portion of the city within the fire limits. The practice of patching up old rotten sidewalks will be severely frowned down, and a strenuous effort made to make them a credit to the city instead of being as they are now, a disgrace.

The present scheme embraces the improvement of Second, Third, Fourth, Fifth and Sixth streets, between Glisan and Jefferson streets, Washington and Alder, to Seventh, will also be improved. The means employed will be asphalt paving with vitrified brick gutters three feet wide.

RAGING FLOODS

Threaten Destruction All Over Iowa—Hundreds Homeless.

(Scripps-McRae News Association.) DES MOINES, Ia., July 9.—One of the greatest floods in the history of Iowa, as the result of a recent heavy rains, is threatened. It has been raining incessantly here for the past 24 hours, and as a result the rivers are spreading over the lowlands and hundreds of people have been driven from their homes.

STOCKER STARTS SOUTH.

F. H. Stocker, the Pacific Coast agent of the Traders' Despatch Fast Freight Line (the New York, Chicago & St. Louis and the Lehigh Valley, leaves for his home at San Francisco tonight. He said this morning:

"I have been much impressed with the business chances here to be picked up. This is only the second time in five years that I have inflicted my presence upon this community. If it recovers, I hope to visit Portland as often as once a month. I like the people here. You may say for me that during my presence here they have shown me a great deal of consideration. I shall do them no harm, but I do propose to work enough business out of this territory to make enough items so that it will pay to write out a waybill."

Mr. Stocker formerly resided at Minneapolis. He is deservedly popular with the members of Railroad Row.

FOX TERRIER GUARDS JAIL

One of the most useful guards at the County Jail, according to Jailer D. D. Jackson, is "Mischief," ex-jailer George T. Mitchell's fox terrier. On going out of office Mr. Mitchell kindly consented to let the dog remain at the jail for a while and assist the new jailer in getting on to his routine of duties.

Mischief is a veritable sleuth, and a wonder for canine intelligence. Born in the jail, he has been trained by his master to keep a close watch of the halls at night time, and report any unusual disturbances by his clarian voice. It is customary to lock the prisoners in their respective cells at 9 o'clock each night. Mischief knows when that time arrives to a second, and if the officer does not move at once he will hear from Mischief. Last night at 9 o'clock Jailer Jackson was aroused from his room by the furious barking of the dog at his bedroom door, giving the signal that the time had come to remove the inmates from the corridors to the cells for the night.

S. P. STRIKE IS SERIOUS

(Scripps-McRae News Association.) HOUSTON, Tex., July 9.—The strike of the shompen of the Southern Pacific is assuming a serious aspect, and a general sympathetic strike of the switchmen, yard force, and other employees is imminent. The company is attempting to get men to take the vacant places of the strikers. The strikers themselves are peaceable but active. Kindred organizations along the system will be appealed to for help.

Special Chautauqua Trains.

Thursday, July 10, the City & Suburban conductors will sell round-trip tickets for Gladstone Park, connecting with Southern Pacific special trains at East Washington street. Lecture at 2 p. m., "Paintings and Painters," by Professor John Ivey. Music, vocal and instrumental. At 8 p. m. Hon. Henry Watterson will lecture on "Money and Morals." Last train leaves the park at 10 p. m.

BUILDING PERMITS.

C. O. Farrell, Seventh and Glisan, repairs; \$200. E. S. Nelson, Prescott and Hendricks, cottage; \$300. A. C. Brush, Rodney and Russell, two-story house; \$1,600. A. C. Brush, Rodney and Sacramento, two-story house; \$2,400.

MARKETS FLATTEN

Yesterday's Decline in Corn Has Made the Market Flat.

(Scripps-McRae News Association.) CHICAGO, July 9.—Following yesterday's late decline in July corn after the 90 mark had been reached, the opening this morning at a cent below yesterday's close, made the market listless. Trade was light.

An advance of 2 cents was recorded within an hour, Gates feeding the market a little corn to prevent a runaway and ensuing panic that might send the price up to a dollar or a more prohibitive figure, leaving him to hold the bag.

CITY DISGRACES

Many of the prominent citizens are protesting vigorously against the dilapidated and dangerous condition of many of the sidewalks in the city. It is claimed that the ordinance in regard to permitting wood to remain piled along the walks, very much to the discomfiture and displeasure of the people, is also being disregarded. One prominent attorney, speaking of the matter this morning, said it was no credit to the city to allow the walks to remain in such bad repair, and this fact might be impressed upon the minds of the officials after the city has been called upon to pay damages for serious injuries sustained by some pedestrian. In some instances throughout the city wood has been allowed to remain piled up along the walks for over three months, notwithstanding the protestations of the neighboring residents.

TRACEY AND FERNS WILL FIGHT SOON

(Journal Special Service.) SEATTLE, July 9.—"Rube" Ferns and Tommy Tracey, of Portland, were matched today to fight here the latter part of the month. The match has been hanging fire for some days.

Ferns wanted to weigh in at 142 pounds at 4 o'clock. Tracey asked that 6 o'clock be the time for weighing in. Ferns positively refused to fight unless he had his way, and finally Tracey agreed. The articles will be signed at once.

Building Not Prosperous.

Since the recent boycott on the product of the planing mills employing non-union help has been declared off, the building operations on the East Side have been resumed only to a slight extent. A prominent East Side resident said the other day that he intended, the first part of the year, to erect several new dwellings this summer, but since the advent of the labor troubles has changed his mind. He says that contractors will not specify any certain time when they will have a building completed, and that they now figure a great deal higher when taking contracts than they did for the first part of the year. The reason for this is that they cannot tell what minute their men will demand higher wages. At the present time very few new structures are being begun.

St. Johns.

A fire in the timber along the St. Johns motor line yesterday afternoon was put out by the engineer of the motor with a half dozen buckets of water. The train was delayed about 10 minutes.

Mr. Shields and family have moved from the residence owned by Mr. Mock to the one recently erected for him.

Mr. Thust went to Salem yesterday on a business trip.

Arthur Clark, son of the postmistress, is ill with tonsillitis. He is slowly convalescent.

M. Anderson and family, who are visiting at the home of Mr. Lee, the St. Johns grocer, went to Waboussai on a pleasure trip yesterday. They returned today. Mr. Anderson is a late arrival from South Dakota. Mr. and Mrs. Lee accompanied them on their trip.

A. L. Miner is making extensive preparations for a long prospecting trip to the Thunder Mountain country. He will leave in a few days.

A. S. Douglas left the other day for Stella, Wash., to ship the machinery for the new planing mill which he is erecting in St. Johns. The building for the mill has been completed. It is located opposite the St. Johns match factory.

Several hundred cherry-pickers are arriving in St. Johns every day. The Royal Anne and the Black Republican cherries are just about ripe. Most of the pickers just pick enough for their own use.

As soon as the water subsides a little work will be begun on the new sawmill to be located on the Byers tract. The Portland Manufacturing Company is back of the venture.

Cedar Park is crowded nearly every day in the week at the present time. A large number of private picnics are being given in the park. The wonderful miniature railway is the delight of all the children—and the old folks, too.

A RED HAT

May Come to Ireland If Taft Mission Is Successful.

(Scripps-McRae News Association.) ROME, July 9.—It is believed here that if Taft is successful in his mission to Rome, Archbishop Ireland will be raised to the cardinalate in the November consistory. The enemies of the archbishop are working hard to prevent this.

EDWARD'S PROGRESS

Toward Complete Recovery Expected to Be Protracted.

(Scripps-McRae News Association.) LONDON, July 9.—This morning's bulletin of the King's condition says his progress continues uninterrupted. His Majesty sleeps well, is gaining strength, and his wound is slowly healing.

LONG CONVALESCENCE.

LONDON, July 9.—It is learned that while the doctors are pleased with the present rate of the King's progress it is believed the period of his convalescence will likely be long and protracted, as the King's constitutional condition still gives cause for anxiety.

Two Funerals.

The funeral of Mrs. Susan E. Miller, wife of Rev. J. W. Miller, was held this morning from her late residence, 623 East Ankeny street. The body was interred in Lone Fir cemetery.

The funeral of John G. Nowels, employed as a brakeman on the Southern Pacific Railway, was held this afternoon from an East Side undertaking parlor. The following organizations of which the deceased was a member took part in the ceremonies: Mt. Hood Division, No. 31, Order Railway Conductors and Orpheus Castle, No. 58, Knights of Pythias. The body was interred in Lone Fir Cemetery.

BARGE OVERTURNED.

A barge loaded with sand and belonging to Nickum & Kelly broke away from its moorings south of the Madison-street bridge last evening and after springing a leak overturned and floated bottom side up until it collided with the draw of the Morrison-street bridge. One of the bridge tenders secured a rope to the wrecked barge and tied it to the north end of the draw-raft, where it attracted the attention of quite a number of passers-by.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS.

Elizabeth F. Cole to Michael J. McGrath, 19 by 22.05 feet Fourth and Mead streets, Caruthers addition to Caruthers 1 Catherine Cole and husband to same, 40 by 106 feet same 850 Portland Trust Co. to Mary E. White, lot 10, E. 10 feet lot 12, B. 283, Couch addition 1 Finley O. McGrew to Edith B. Rayburn, 10 acres, section 10, T. 1, S. R. 2 750 Rhoda M. White to Wm. McPhee, lot 5, B. 6 East Portland 2800 Bertha L. Forester to Ida Hickey, lot 1, B. 101, Couch addition 400 Virginia Wilson to Jane A. Perkins, lot 16, B. 207, Couch addition 1250 David Rafferty et al to Fred Morris, parcel land opposite West Side B. 18, Stephens addition 43,000 Mintie Forster to George L. Read, lot 3, B. 26, Sellwood 75 Hawthorne Estate to Rose E. Daniels, E 1/2 lot 5, B. 229, Hawthorne Park 1400 Roman Catholic Archbishop to Mary C. Smith, lot 198, section 1 or "A," Mt. Calvary Cemetery 32 John P. Olsen and wife to G. A. Olsen, lot 12, B. 15, B. Mt. Tabor Place addition 1 Jacob B. Wertz to Victor Land Co., lot 4, 5, 6, B. 7, Marchmont addition 1 Portland Trust Co. to F. W. Tubbing, lot 2, B. 11, Williams avenue addition 425 Ella Anibal and husband to Etta Swaine, lot 8, B. 4, Orchard Place 300 A. L. Buckman and wife to Jane G. Buckman, lot 3, B. 233, lot 1, 2, 4, 7, 8, B. 7, E. Portland, lot 2, B. 5, lot 3, 9, 10, B. 5, lot 1, 2, 4, B. 5, Buckman's addition, 7 lots in Eastwood, also 200 by 200 feet, 19th and E. Davis 1 Hans Larsen and wife to H. C. Brown, lot 5, B. 76, Stephens addition 1

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DEATHS.

J. E. Medcalf, 54 years, on July 7, Bright's disease. John G. Nowels, 54 years, on July 6, legs crushed. Susan E. Miller, 66 years, on July 7, pleuro-pneumonia.

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DESERTERS RETURN

Strikers Refuse to Go to Work on the P. C. & O.

The P. C. & O. Company has made no apparent move to resume its street-car business. Fear of the strikers have left the union, but are said to have returned today, positively refusing to go to work. A machinist has returned, but he received permission to do so from the Electrical Workers' Union, to which he belongs.

The strikers say that it will be unnecessary for the company to put on any cars in addition to the two carrying the mails, because the public will not patronize them. It is possible, they claim, for the two cars now running to do a fair business, but it is seldom that they carry more than two or three passengers a day, showing conclusively that the public is in sympathy with the former employes.

The men coming down on the boats from Milwaukee today say that no trolley wires were cut there yesterday, as reported, or that any other damage to the company's property has been done.

It is reported that the residents of Oregon City will hold a big mass meeting tonight to give public expression as to where they stand on the strike proposition. They have been with the men all the time, and have given it out in others ways and on various occasions that they intend to do so. One of the strikers was heard to remark today:

"I would dislike very much to be the first man to take a car into Oregon City before this strike is settled. They wouldn't do a thing to me."

The four striking carmen who deserted the union yesterday and returned say that they will never work for Tiffany until the difficulty is settled. They emphatically refused to work for the company today when given orders what to do. This leaves the employes again united to a man.

A DARING FEAT

Captain Newman Will Brave Fury of the Atlantic.

(Scripps-McRae News Association.) NEW YORK, July 9.—The 38-foot kerosene launch Alibi Abbott Low started for England this morning, with Captain William Newman and his 16-year-old son Ed as crew. They expect to cross the Atlantic in about 20 days.

'ROUND TOWN.

Thomas Meserve of the Westport Lumber Company, Clatsop County, arrived in town today en route for Upper Columbia River points in the interest of the company. He is anticipating engaging in the lumber business in that part of the country.

H. West of Seapooose is in the city today attending the meeting of the National Dairy and Food Association. Mr. West is one of the most extensive dairy men and stockraisers in Northwestern Oregon, and is very keen to assist in any undertaking that tends at all to promote the interests of that business.

Wants Money for Wood. G. A. McKee today filed suit in the State Circuit Court to recover a balance of \$300 alleged to be due from Loren Seward, on a wood contract. McKee complains that in 1891-2 he sold and delivered to Seward at the latter's request, at Le Center, Wash., 4,900 cords of wood for \$500. But \$200 of the amount has been paid.

ABOUT PEOPLE.

John F. Logan, librarian of the Law Library Association of this city, has gone to San Francisco to spend a 10 days' vacation.

Dr. J. H. Tammeise of Hillsboro is in the city today.

BIRTHS.

To Mrs. Alfred Drill, 1071 Florence, on July 5, a boy.

To Mrs. W. Johnson, near pottery, on July 6, a girl.

To Mrs. G. E. Jackson, 623 Sixth street, July 1, a boy.

CONTAGIOUS DISEASES.

Miss Gill, 448 Everett street, smallpox. Ralph Sutton, 628 Front street, scarletina. G. Schmidt, wife and two children, Delay and Stanton, smallpox.

Garrison for South Africa.

CAPE TOWN.—The permanent garrison of South Africa is to be 50,000 men besides a large force of reserves, the whole under the command of General Lyttleton.

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PETER SOFFEL WANTS DIVORCE

(Scripps-McRae News Association.) PITTSBURG, July 9.—Peter Soffel, ex-warden of the jail here, whose wife, Kate, helped the Biddles to escape, has filed a suit for divorce. He names four co-respondents. His wife, who is in the penitentiary, will make no defense.

COMPELLED TO SACRIFICE ENTIRE STOCK

Henry J. White, gent's furnisher, 103 Third street, says: "We have simply been forced into sacrificing summer goods by the existing trade conditions. It has been our custom for some time past to make large price reductions at this time of year in order to clean up stock so not to carry over goods into another season. As a general thing, the stock is so low that we do not feel the sacrifice, but this year the buying of spring and summer goods has been so light, for various reasons that we are left in mid-summer with an immense stock of goods that should have been sold, under ordinary conditions, weeks ago. Resulting the impossibility of being able to move these goods soon enough at what is usually considered big price reductions, we are compelled to simply slaughter prices without regard to profit, and in some instances, cost. Think of selling a \$1.00 silk golf shirt, that is regarded as a big snap at 75 cents, for 40 cents. Stocks that are advertised as big bargains at 15 cents, for 7 cents. It is a fact that we have never in our business history sold men's furnishings at such profit-killing prices as we are now forced to. The goods are all new this season, and were selected by me with great care and were ordered with a view to meeting a heavy demand; as was indicated by conditions earlier in the season. Business has fallen flat, however, and we are left with the big stock on hand that we must get rid of, even at a loss."

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