

DON'T FAIL TO HEAR J. W. SLAYTON ON THE LABOR QUESTION, SATURDAY, DEC. 9TH AT 2 and 7:30 P. M., in Turner Hall. Admission Free. And Sunday, Dec. 10th, at 2 P. M.

LABOR PROBLEM IN ENGLAND

Polemics over systems of taxation are silenced by proofs of starvation and destitution. It was so in Cobden's time when the potato rot set in after a cold, rainy season, and Lord John Russell proclaimed his conversion to the policy of the anti-corn-law agitators, and Sir Robert Peel resolved to introduce free trade. Traditional party policies, the tactics of leaders, the arguments of financiers and the experience of treasury officials were of little account when the most eloquent free trader, sturdy John Bright, could sum up the politics of the day in the terrible sentence: "Famine, against which we had warred, joined us." Equally convincing today is the evidence that industries are overwhelmed with the increasing burden of competition, and that immense masses of the population are without employment and in dire distress. Mr. Chamberlain might make weighty speeches on commerce and empire, and the tariff-reform commission issue reports on the destructive force of foreign competition, or Mr. Asquith and other Liberals might demonstrate from monthly, quarterly or annual exhibits of the export trade that the country was never more prosperous, and the inconclusive oratory passed like gusts of wind among patches of thorn and hazel on the chalk downs. Arguments cease when long files of hungry women, with

pinched faces, march across London to hands and fathers are out of work, and to hear his sorrowful admission that he cannot do anything for them. The idleness and destitution of masses of working people in London and throughout the United Kingdom are decisive proofs that the country is not prosperous, and that something ought to be done. When Sir Robert Peel reached similar conclusions the fiscal system was changed, and the risk of breaking up the party was courageously faced. What Mr. Balfour will do is problematical.—London Correspondent of New York Tribune.

How's This?

We offer One Hundred Dollars reward for any case of Catarrh that cannot be cured by Hall's Catarrh Cure. F. J. CHENEY & CO., Toledo, O. We, the undersigned, have known F. J. Cheney for the last 15 years, and believe him perfectly honorable in all business transactions and financially able to carry out any obligations made by him.

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Knew Him Slightly.

"Do you know the man who is sitting back of us, Ethel?" "Very slightly—we were engaged last summer."—Translated for Tales from "Flegende Blatter."

THE HOP MARKET QUIET

Prices Remain Firm, With Growers Holding for an Increase

A dull and lifeless state has been the feature of the hop market the last few days. Sales are not at all brisk, and growers are holding onto their product, until prices become a little more encouraging. Orders to buy are in dealers' hands, but they cannot be filled at the ruling quotations, and buyers will not pay the prices asked.

The only large buys reported so far this week was one of 300 bales made by L. Kleber, Wolfe & Netter, of Portland, from the Independence district. The other was 100 bales from Jack McNeff, by H. L. Stephenson, at Belvedere. This last, however, has not yet been taken in, through a slight difference. Prices of both buys were around 10 cents.

The New York market, as reported this morning by the Waterville Hop Reporter, shows the following receipts to date:

	Bales.
Receipts for week	6,204
Receipts from Sept. 1	30,704
Receipts same time last year	69,646
Exports to Europe for week	2,407
Exports from Sept. 1	5,328
Exports same time last year	42,401
Imports for week	913
Imports from Sept. 1	4,571
Imports same time last year	2,489

The same paper, in speaking of the general situation, says:

Export demand for choicest hops is keeping up steadily though prices have perhaps been shaded about one-half cent under last week with purchases at 19@20c, but the lower grade of state hops are going begging. A much firmer feeling has developed on the Pacific coast for all grades, and we hear of several sales being made as high as 12c in Oregon, while grades that were selling a fortnight ago at 7@8c are now commanding 9@10c. Heavy sales are reported in Sonoma county up to 10c, and of the 22,000 bales grown in that county only about 8000 bales remain in growers' hands. The German market is weaker on all grades, excepting the fine even green-colored hops. Reports from the English markets are firmer on their better qualities.

State, 1905 prime to choice	18@20
State, 1905, common to fair	10@15
State, 1904, choice	12@14
State, 1904, prime	10@11
Pacific Coast, prime to choice	14@15
Pacific Coast, common to fair	10@12

Pacific Coast, 1904, choice 12@14 || Pacific Coast, 1904, prime | 10@11 |
| Old lots | 6@8 |

Hop Conditions in England.
(Kentish Observer, Nov. 16th.)
The available supply of really choice hops being practically exhausted, there is more doing in medium grades and useful copper hops. Brewers have been large buyers of late, and many large orders have yet to be filled. Prices for 1905 hops continue the same as last quoted, but yearlings are up to £2 15s, for choicest quality.

Messrs. W. H. & H. LeMay, hop factors, London, S. E., report: The demand noted in our last continues. Consumers are taking all classes freely at current rates.

The imports of hops for the month of October, 1905, were 14,165 For the corresponding month last year 65,530 || The total imports for September and October, 1905, were | 18,771 |
For the corresponding period last year	93,647
The export of hops for the month of October, 1905, were	5,012
For the corresponding month last year	2,618
The total exports for September and October, 1905, were	6,236
For the corresponding period last year	3,365

In Mad Chase.

Millions rush in mad chase after health, from one extreme of faddism to another, when, if they would only eat good food, and keep their bowels regular with Dr. King's New Life Pills, their troubles would all pass away. Prompt relief and quick cure for liver and stomach trouble, 25c, at J. C. Perry's drug store; guaranteed.

Boats Run to Corvallis.

The first boat of the season arrived Sunday afternoon. The Willamette is now at good boating stage, and hereafter boats will run on schedule, making three round trips per week between Corvallis and Portland. The leaving days will be Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, and the arriving days Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays. The hour for departure is 6 o'clock a. m. J. B. Irvine has been appointed local agent of the company, and the office at the dock is open regularly for receipt and delivery of freight. The steamer Pomona is on the regular run.—Corvallis Times.

A Fearful Fate.

It is a fearful fate to have to endure the terrible torture of piles. "I can truthfully say," writes Harry Colson, of Masonville, Ia., "that for blood, bleeding, itching and protruding piles, Bucklen's Arnica Salve is the best cure made." Also best for cuts, burns, and injuries. 25c at J. C. Perry's drug store.

Great Dress Goods Sale

The Fraser Stock now at Rostein & Greenbaum's.

Fraser's 35c Heavy Grey Suitings, now	20¢ yd
Fraser's 30c and 35c Worsted Dress Goods, now	20¢ yd
Fraser's 52-inch Grey, Heavy Suitings, 75c goods, now	35¢ yd
Fraser's Black Heavy all Wool Suitings, \$1.25 goods, now	65¢ yd
Fraser's \$1.00 a yard Black, all Wool Henrietta, now	80¢ yd
Fraser's \$1.25 a yard black all wool Henrietta	75¢ yd
Fraser's 35c a yard linings, now	23¢ yd
Fraser's 35c a yard linings, now	17¢ yd
Fraser's 15c a yard linings, now	10¢ yd

Great Bargains in Coats

Ladies' Bain Coats, this season's, only	\$5.00
Ladies' Bain Coats, this season's, \$12.50 value, now	\$9.50
Ladies' \$5.00 Coats, now	\$3.75
Ladies' \$7.50 coats, now	\$5.00
Children's Coats, all wool, pretty trimmed, only	\$2.50

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Salem

Eugene Glee Club.

The best glee club that has ever been organized at the State University will come to this city on the 16th from Eugene and give a concert at the Grand Opera House. It will be accompanied by the mandolin club of the university. The two organizations will give Salem music lovers a feast of melody such as they have rarely enjoyed. Both societies are composed of the most talented musical students at the Eugene college.

On the evening of Thanksgiving day the glee and mandolin clubs gave an entertainment at the Marquam Grand theater in Portland which was attended by a capacity house. The following day the Portland papers spoke highly of the recital and of the high degree of training and talent evidenced by both organizations in the various selections they gave.

Most people in this city are convinced that if they can sing and play as well as they play football that they must be—well, cracker-jacks. There is no doubt but that Salem will turn out in great numbers to hear the boys.

The glee and mandolin clubs are to commence their tour of the state next week. Their date in this city is the 16th. The boys will travel as far east as Pendleton and stop at most of the large towns enroute.

Prof. Irving M. Glenn, of the university, is the basso profundo of the organization. He has a magnificent

voice. Robert Rountree is funny man, and he plays a star part in the comedy which closes the performance. The program will include some of the following numbers:

Two songs of Oregon, (a) "The Toast," (b) "Oh, Oregon, Glee and Mandolin clubs; "Hop Scotch," (Whitney), Mandolin Club; "An Election Lesson," Robert Rountree; "The Humorous Ghost," (De Koven), Professor Irving M. Glenn and Glee club; "Pipe Dreams," from "Pre-tender," Earl Abbott, Glee and Mandolin clubs; cavalier song, "Swords Out for Charlie," (Ballard), Professor Glenn; potpourri, "Woodland"; (Fitzley and Lunders), Mandolin club; "Italian Salad," Madame Norma Norpatti and Glee club; "An Evening at the Frate," the Glee and Mandolin clubs in college and popular songs, and uniting in the movement to suppress "Dickie"; "Good Night, Beloved," Roy Bridgman.

Cannery Meeting.

Fruit growers of Salem and Marion and Polk counties are requested to meet at the police court rooms, city hall, Thursday morning, at 10 o'clock, to decide whether there shall be a co-operative cannery or not. Come out and hear my proposition for a modern, up-to-date plant. S. J. LEMMON. 12-4-31

The Century in 1906.

The lavish promises of a year ago were splendidly fulfilled in the Century during 1905—its verse and essays, its pictures and fiction, its articles of timely interest and permanent value, went beyond all promise and expectation. The feast of 1906 will be even richer than in 1905. There will be the new novel by Mrs. Humphrey Ward, "Fenwick's Career," a new humorous serial by the creator of "Susan Clegg," and short stories by the ablest and most popular writers of the day. There will be authoritative accounts of such wonderful work as our construction of the Panama canal. W. B. Harwood will tell of "Saving California's Crops," the director of Cornell's school of agriculture, Prof. L. H. Bailey, will discuss the important problem of the young man and the farm. There will be many other articles of kindred value and interest.

"Lincoln the Lawyer"—the law career of Lincoln has been neglected, according to the authorities like President McKinley and the Hon. Joseph H. Choate—will begin in the December Century. Frederick Trevor Hill has made an exhaustive study of this phase of Lincoln's life and development, with the assistance of able Illinois lawyers and officers of the Illinois Historical Society; and his series of papers will be rich in new and valuable material. Pictorially the Century will be more beautiful in 1906 than ever before—Howard Chandler Christy's pictures of the American girl in full color will be one of the many features. It will contain the cream of the best in American literature, art and thought.

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On December 24th, we will wind up one of our eight-day Mission clocks and the one guessing the nearest the time at which it will stop will be entitled to the clock. The one guessing next nearest will be entitled to the next best clock. One of the clocks to be given away is worth \$25.00, the other \$18.50. Remember you are entitled to one guess, whether you buy anything or not. Come in and examine the clocks. A book will be provided in which to register guesses. Register your guess when you make your purchase.

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