

THE WORST SAID TO BE OVER

Street Paving Begun—New Era in Salem's Progress

NEW YORK STOCKS STILL FEVERISH

FREE BANKS FAIL

Stock Opened Stronger In Market This Morning—New Financiers Think the Worst Over

NEW YORK, Oct. 25.—Despite the close of yesterday, the financiers of the East had the failure of three emores this morning. Notices were on the doors of the United Exchange Bank of New York, capital of \$100,000 that it not open its doors today, and of the Borough Bank of New York held the same notice. In Rhode Island, the Union Company formally posted no payment would be temporarily suspended. A run developed on the Trust Company's bank late afternoon, but it was the company had sufficient

funds to stand the emergency. All of these banks are believed to be solvent, and able to pay dollar for dollar.

Boost American Stocks.

London, Oct. 25.—A sharp rise in prices of American stocks here gave added confidence to the market for American securities. Union Pacific opened two points higher, and Southern Pacific one point.

Couldn't Cash a Postage Stamp.

New York, Oct. 25.—The Williamsburg Trust Company of Williamsburg and Brooklyn closed this afternoon, because of its inability to cash a \$10,000 check. Frank Jenkins is president of the bank, which had a capital of \$700,000 and liabilities of \$9,676,484.

MAY BE BUBONIC PLAGUE.

Four Deaths in Seattle May Be Due to It.

Seattle, Wash., Oct. 25.—In an effort to impress the public with the necessity for precautionary measures, the board of health today confirmed the following story: Patrolman E. C. Osborne, on duty in the Chinese quarter, died 10 days ago from what was then believed to be quick pneumonia. A few days later his sister died suddenly from similar symptoms, and four days ago the undertaker's assistant, Chas. O. Eddy, who handled the patrolman's body, died. Now another sister of Osborne is dangerously ill, and a second undertaker's assistant is not expected to live. The symptoms may be those of a species of bubonic plague, and all deaths occurred within a day or two after the first illness appeared. The health board is making a thorough examination.

PAYING COURT STREET

OLD JOBS SHOW UP

Sewers, Gas and Water Mains Being Put In Shape Before Pavement Goes Down—One Block Will Soon Be Completed

Paving has actually begun on Court street, but for only three blocks. The hot tar and bituminous preparation began to go down Thursday, and all day long the smoke has been rolling up from the bitulith plant that has the contract. The first block will be nearly completed this

is put to great expense to go over the whole work. But it will be done, and the plan is to have the papers all ready to put through at the next session of the city council.

Eastern State Street Blocked.

State street from Church street to Twelfth is again blocked by some very cunning work, that has the external appearance of crucifying the General Electric Company, of Portland, but is really letting them off without any street improvement whatever. The ordinance committee had an ordinance nearly completed, granting the General Electric a new franchise, that would provide for such rails and such street paving as the corporation is willing to put down. The General Electric claim they cannot get the rails demanded by the city council, nor borrow the money needed to pay for the kind of pavement which the city asks for, and under its old franchise it is not required to put down anything but a plank on each side of its rails. Aldermen Gesner, Lowe and Goode have worked for several weeks to get such an amended franchise that the paving might go ahead, and had it nearly in shape when Alderman Gesner jumped up a resolution ordering the work to go ahead on the impossible lines it was started on. He roared the corporation good and hard, told what an outrage it would be to let them put down anything but such a pavement as is demanded by

WANTS TO SUGGEST PLATT

PRESIDENT IS SORE

Disgusted With Fusion In New York, and If Taft Is Elected Would Like to Lead the Senate in Support of His Politics

A dispatch from Washington, D. C., last night says:

If Secretary of War Taft or a man of the Roosevelt type be elected President next fall, President Roosevelt may, under certain conditions, go before the New York legislature in 1909 as a candidate to succeed Thomas C. Platt in the United States senate, with the idea of leading the support of administration policies in the upper branch of congress. This exceedingly interesting information has come to close friends of the President's since the latter's return from his Western and Southern trip.

If Mr. Taft or somebody of the same recognized type be not elected President, Mr. Roosevelt will under no circumstances seek a seat in the senate, for the reason that he would not be in a position to give hearty support to the administration, and at the same time would feel the impropriety of taking an official part in criticizing his immediate successor in the White House.

There is no longer any doubt that the President is disgusted over the fusion of the New York county Republican organization and the Hearst outfit. The President does not approve of the action of Herbert Parsons, upon whom rests the responsibility of the strange alliance in New York this fall, and at this distance it looks very much as though the young leader would be a "down-and-out" before very long.

The President has given friends to understand that he not only was not consulted about a fusion deal, but that he really knew nothing concerning it until he emerged from the canebreaks, and that as far as he may go in authorizing any statement anent the situation of things that have been done. Apparently he does not want to make any open reflection upon Mr. Parsons while a campaign is on, preferring to let the matter go to a finish. But it is understood that the President has spoken his private opinion to visitors in emphatic terms.

In justice to himself, however, in view of the fact that it has been openly asserted that Mr. Parsons had conferred with the President before making the deal with Mr. Hearst, Mr. Roosevelt has let it be known that the declaration is false.

High administration officials very well acquainted with the New York situation have declared privately that the fusion in the county is likely to be snowed under.

As to Mr. Hearst, Hearstism and all that Hearstism in politics involves, it may be stated that the President holds the same opinion today that he held last fall, when Mr. Hearst was a candidate for governor on another kind of fusion ticket against Mr. Hughes.

RAISING EMPRESS OF CHINA

Vancouver, B. C., Oct. 25.—Two big pumps are slowly emptying the hold and lower decks of the Empress of China of water, and the big liner is rising at the rate of six inches an hour. The company expects to have the vessel in condition to sail a week from today, and will make every effort to do so, as it will otherwise lose considerable money which it forfeits to the government on mail contracts. The rumor in Vancouver yesterday that the vessel was scuttled by the Chinese crew is denied by the officers, who say the accident was due only to gross carelessness.

Why Not Reform Her?

"Some girls say to me 'oh, doctor, I can't join the church, for if I did I couldn't dance,' but if I had a girl with no higher ideal in life than that, do you know what I would do? If I had such a girl with a No. 7 shoe and a No. 2 hat, I would at once send her to a dancing school—I would see that the biggest end of her got an education."—Dr. Whitcomb Brougher.

Cholera Rages in Russia.

Vienna, Oct. 25.—Cholera is raging with frightful violence throughout Southwestern Russia, where the poor are dying like flies. At Kiev the deaths average 100 daily.

Shot His Father.

Drain, Or., Oct. 25.—M. V. Hinman, an old soldier, was shot and killed, six miles west of here today. He was mistaken for a deer by his son, Clarence.

OPERATORS RETURNING TO WORK

Seattle, Oct. 25.—A break in the lines of the striking press telegraph operators may be expected at any hour now, say close observers of the situation. It is believed that within the next three days a majority of the old Associated Press men now on strike will be back at work. It is stated on reliable authority that the old men are now back at Butte, Seattle, Tacoma, Helena, Missoula and Salt Lake, and these desertions will undoubtedly affect the situation in San Francisco and Portland. Desertions are looked for in the cities before Monday. Lack of definite progressive program at the Milwaukee convention and the disheartening action of the late president, Small, are mainly responsible for the return of the men.

QUAKE SHAKES ITALY

Rome, Oct. 25.—Horrible loss of life resulted from the earthquake shocks that occurred throughout Calabria Wednesday. At first it was thought few persons had perished, but later reports add to the mortality list.

At 8 o'clock yesterday evening about 200 bodies were taken from the earthquake ruins. It is now estimated that the deaths will surpass 500, but it is impossible to get accurate information on the subject, as many villages are still cut off by floods and the destruction of roads and telegraph lines, and no word from them can be had.

The earthquake shocks continue, but are slight. The people are still in a condition of apprehension, which is increased by each tremor. In spite of the torrential rain that is falling, they absolutely refuse to remain under cover.

They have made their beds in the open. Mattresses have been spread about the squares and the fields surrounding the stricken villages, and the people are covering themselves and their children as best they may. Many thousands will pass the night in this manner.

The only buildings that the frightened people will consent to use are the churches, and even there they will not stay long. Sacred relics have been exposed in the cathedrals of Catanzaro, and this served our measure to calm the public. Furnace.

No bodies had been recovered, and dust evening, when 200 were tall durable. This earthquake bids fair to that of 1905.

Half of the houses at Ferruzzano and Barcalone collapsed, and many persons were buried in the ruins. At Sinopoli and St. Ilario several persons were buried and everywhere panic prevailed.

An earthquake about two years ago in the same province destroyed several villages and killed about 800 persons.

Rome, Oct. 25.—The list of dead in the earthquake in Calabria, Sicily, and Stromboli provinces is growing, according to dispatches, and will exceed 1000. At least 800 were killed at Ferruzzano. About 310 bodies have been recovered, and there were heavy losses in nearby towns.

FOOTBALL

SALEM HIGH SCHOOL vs. WILLAMETTE UNIVERSITY.
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week. Just one block ahead Street Commissioner Martin is making the changes necessary for the paving crew to get onto the ground with their heavy machinery. A crew of gas and water pipes, men are laying all the pipes necessary under the street, so that it will not have to be torn up right away, at least. Each lot is connected so that when the buildings go in on vacant lots the water and gas are ready to connect.

Crooked Work Revealed.

In digging up the old streets all crooked work of the past is laid bare. For instance, at the corner of Court and High streets two catch basins were uncovered yesterday that had no sewer connection whatever. The catch basin at the northwest corner of the street was connected with a six-inch pipe across the street to the southwest corner catch basin, and that had no sewer connection. So the street commissioner had to go down 14 feet to a sewer in order to

the heaviest traffic of the narrow streets of Portland, and succeeded in tying up the paving of State street east for an indefinite period, or else involving the city in a lawsuit.

May Pave Liberty.

The indications are that the three blocks of State street, originally ordered paved, BUT DELAYED AND DEFEATED BY MEANS OF JOKERS will now be taken up and put through next after the Court street work, and thus the paving plant be kept in the city and at work. Then there is a quiet movement going to pave three blocks of Liberty street next, and, if possible, before State street is paved. A number of Liberty street property owners are looking after the matter, and it may be sprung at the next meeting of the city council. The papers will be searched with a fine-tooth comb for legal technicalities, and no jokers will be permitted. The stale trick of persons in the public employ, who



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