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FULL LEASED WIRE TELEGRAPH REPORT



PORTLAND FIRMS MUST PLAY FAIR

Declaring that unless in the future he can secure concessions or some competition in placing blank book business for the state, Secretary of State Olcott today wrote Irwin-Hodson Company of Portland, that he shall seek fields in placing his orders where competition still exists and he will write similar letters to other Portland firms.

"Unless this department," says the secretary, "can secure concessions or some competition in placing its blank book business, whenever possible it will seek the vicinity where there yet remains some competition. Personally, I do not believe in spending Oregon money out of Oregon, but in this case I believe that the taxpayers will support me."

The secretary has for some time endeavored to secure competitive bids from Portland firms handling supplies for the state, but has met with defeat. He intends to give them the one more chance at the business, and in the event that they fail to avail themselves of the opportunity of grasping it, by offering the supplies at fair prices, the orders will be sent to firms in other states.

BURN'S WORD IS NOT GOOD WITH PUBLIC

[UNITED PRESS LEASED WIRE.]
 New York, July 28.—Intimations by Gilbert Perkins, head of the Perkins detective agency, that agents of William J. Burns had rifled his offices of evidence tending to prove the innocence of John J. McNamara of the Los Angeles dynamiting and other crimes of which he has been accused, were branded here today by Burns as absolutely false. Burns said:

"The statement that I or my men rifled or took from Perkins' office records of his investigations in dynamiting cases is a malicious and libelous fabrication. The story is false and a deliberate attempt to get public circulation of a malicious and libelous lie. It is being circulated in an attempt to create sentiment for John McNamara."

"Perkins has no more right to have such a story circulated for his benefit than I would have to have a story published accusing the most prominent citizen of America of being a chicken thief. My men had absolutely nothing to do with the so-called rifling of the Perkins' offices," Perkins' story became public

through despatches received here from Erie, Pa. These despatches quoted Perkins as saying that after his operatives had failed to obtain any evidence that McNamara could have known of the dynamiting at Columbus, of the Omaha court house explosion, or of the Los Angeles Times outrage, his offices were looted during his absence in court and many private papers and all the McNamara records were stolen. Perkins alleged that Burns' detectives had followed his men and knew just where the records were.

What Darrow Says.
 Los Angeles, Cal., July 28.—While declaring that he had received no direct information concerning alleged intimations by Detective Gilbert Perkins that agents of Detective William J. Burns had rifled Perkins' office in Indianapolis of evidence in the McNamara case, Attorney Clarence S. Darrow admitted this afternoon that Perkins was in the employ of the defense.

"Perkins is a good detective," said Darrow, "but unlike some other sleuths is not disposed to give everything he does to the newspapers. Perkins came to us soon after Burns made the announcement that he had evidence against John J. McNamara and declared that he could show absolutely just how the so-called 'evidence' had been secured. We told Perkins to go ahead, and since then he has been working under the personal direction of Attorney Leo Rappaport. Whether Perkins secured the evidence he hoped to obtain, I do not know."

COLE TOLD OF HIS INTENT TO MURDER

[UNITED PRESS LEASED WIRE.]
 Sacramento, Cal., July 28.—That Sidney Cole murdered Anna M. Dudley in this city Wednesday morning because he thought she caused a Chinese doctor of San Francisco to drug him and place him on a train going to the southern part of the state, was developed today through the statement of Ben Hunt, pitcher of the Sacramento baseball club. Hunt, who has been ill, was lying on the lawn in the capitol grounds two weeks ago and was approached by Cole, who informed him that he was going to kill a woman who worked in the capitol building. Cole told Hunt that the woman had a Chinese doctor in San Francisco drug him, and that he remembered nothing until he awoke on a train in southern California.

Hunt thought Cole insane and paid no attention to him, only recalling the affair when he viewed Cole's body at the morgue.

When Hunt first met Cole the murderer was dressed shabbily but several days later Hunt saw him neatly attired. The police believe that Cole met Miss Dudley and by threats obtained money from her.

Dr. Wong Him, the Chinese doctor to whom she had gone for treatment, and his matron, Mrs. Mary Haskell, will come to Sacramento to make statements before the coroner's inquest.

WILL MAKE SOME LAND AT TACOMA

Tacoma, Wash., July 28.—One hundred thousand acres of barren prairie land, adjacent to this city, which has heretofore been considered worthless, is to be converted into productive soil, according to statements here today by government experts, who have just completed an exhaustive examination.

Dr. Samuel Fortier, chief of irrigation investigation of the department of agriculture, with two assistants, have covered the ground thoroughly, and are optimistic as to the prospects for reclamation of the immense tract by means of irrigation. Experiments are to be conducted this fall, which, if successful, will greatly increase the agricultural importance of this country.

Taft Will Not Come.
 Washington, July 28.—Secretary Charles N. Hillea, writing for President Taft, today advised Governor Hay, of Washington, that the president probably would not extend his Western trip in September to the Pacific coast, owing to the prolonged session of congress, and that he could not, therefore, accept the invitation to visit Spokane.

Black Satin 16 Button Shoes
 Express Shipment Received Today

New short vamp stage last; this is the swellest Fall style ever shown in Salem.

Bring your children here for shoes
 The largest stock of Children's Shoes in Salem. All the novelties.

Big Assortment of Outing Footwear

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 Opposite Bly's Theatre. 444 STATE STREET

RINGLING BROTHERS BIG CIRCUS

A great many Salem people are going to Portland on August 18 to the Ringling Bros' circus. It will be the only opportunity this year, and the railroads are preparing to handle thousands of visitors from the surrounding territory.

Ringling Bros. have made many important improvements since they last appeared in this part of the country. At Madison Square Garden, New York, where the season began, the performances were attended nightly by the biggest crowds that ever saw a circus in Manhattan, and the newspapers were not backward about saying that the Ringling Brothers were presenting, in every respect, the best entertainment of the kind ever given there. The performance in Portland will be identical with those given in the Garden, not the slightest change having been made in the long program.

The circus offered this year is one of wonderful novelty. Instead of the usual single thriller presented by other circuses, the Ringling Brothers are heading their bill with no less than seven of the greatest

and most sensational acts that have ever been presented anywhere on earth.

The parade will be given in the forenoon. It will far surpass the brilliant pageants which the Ringling Brothers have given in past years, having been entirely rebuilt in foreign workshops of the show at Liverpool, England.

Lewis Accuses Cortelyou.
 [UNITED PRESS LEASED WIRE.]
 Washington, July 28.—That ex-Postmaster-General Cortelyou "abominably broke his word" and that "the second-class mail privilege is a wrong which the postoffice department keeps hanging over the heads of publishers to keep them from opening their mouths against postoffice officials," was declared yesterday by E. G. Lewis, president of the Lewis Publishing Co., of St. Louis, before the postoffice expenditures committee.

"Mr. Cortelyou broke his word with me," said Mr. Lewis, "both in regard to the fraud order which he issued against our bank, and also as to the order against our Woman's Magazine. He promised us hearings in both cases, but did not give us any chance at all."

Teething children have more or less diarrhoea, which can be controlled by giving them Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy. All that is necessary is to give the prescribed dose after each operation of the bowels more than naturally, and then castor oil to cleanse the system. It is safe and sure. Sold by all dealers.

CONVICTS ARE GIVEN FINE DINNER

FARMERS AND THEIR WIVES OF THE SUBLIMITY NEIGHBORHOOD SHOW THEIR APPRECIATION OF THE CONVICTS' WORK AND BEHAVIOR.

The 20 convicts engaged in road construction work near Sublimity sat down to a fine dinner prepared by the wives of the farmers residing in that vicinity last evening, and upon its conclusion listened to, and participated in the discussion of the prison reform policy launched by Governor West.

The dinner was served in the camp of the convicts, and was given by the farmers and their wives for the purpose of showing their appreciation of the work done by the convicts and their gentlemanly conduct. Several paroled and pardoned convicts learning of the dinner to be given attended and participated in the festivities of the occasion. The convicts will complete their work in the next week, and the dinner also has had a sort of a farewell feature to it. Governor West was present and delivered an address, and speeches were also made by Henry Downing, Walter Denton, and Road Supervisor Hill who has been in charge of the work.

Plan Successful.
 Shortly after Governor West put the convicts to work on this stretch of road a certain citizen complained that the neighborhood was living in deadly fear of them. The governor's reply was to immediately withdraw them from the work. Petitions signed by all but this one individual asking that the convicts be returned began rolling into the governor and he finally consented. That was something over a month ago, and during all the time they have been engaged in the work not a single one of them has sought to escape or committed any depredations.

Work Without Guard.
 The convicts have been pursuing

their work of crushing rock for the road building purposes without a guard. Road Supervisor Hill has directed their work, and he says he never saw a crew of men work more willingly or more industriously. During the hot weather in view of the fact that they had to work in a hard pit the strain of the work proved hard on them but they never faltered for a moment but kept steadily at it from early morning till late at night.

Just where they will be put to work upon the conclusion of their present labors has not been determined.

Seattle Ice Now Weighed.
 Seattle, Wash., July 28.—Distributors of ice within the city limits were notified yesterday by Superintendent of Public Utilities A. L. Valentine that ice must be weighed before delivery to a consumer.

The drivers have been depending on their ability to size up a block of ice and cut it equally to furnish the amount for which a charge is made. This is in direct violation of the weights and measures ordinance. Valentine directed that a warning be given to dealers, not only that scales must be carried and each delivery weighed, but that the tongue used must be inspected and the exact weight stamped thereon.

THE OFFICE GETS PLENTY OF LETTERS

To settle a controversy existing between the offices of secretary of state and state treasurer as to which receives the most mail daily Mail Clerk Nye this morning began to count the letters received by each with the result that while the treasurer's office received 50 letters this morning, the secretary of state's office received over six times that many—311.

The secretary of state's office has been receiving between 300 and 400 letters each day, and before the day is at end it is estimated that at least 50 more will roll in. Mail Clerk Nye intends keeping a count of the letters for a few days—or until such a time shall pass that both offices are satisfied as to the point in controversy.

A CLEAN SWEEP

MID-SUMMER SALE

TWICE A YEAR WE REDUCE OUR STOCK TO THE LOWEST NOTCH-- WE REDUCE THE PRICE TO A LOW NOTCH IN ORDER TO DO IT.

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| \$30.00 Suits, reduced to | \$19.85 | PACKARD SHOES A FEW ODDS AND ENDS, ALL SIZES |
| \$25.00 Suits, reduced to | \$16.45 | \$3.50 and \$4.00 Shoes, reduced to |
| \$20.00 Suits, reduced to | \$12.65 | \$1.55 |
| \$15.00 Suits, reduced to | \$ 9.65 | MEN'S COATS AND VESTS |
| \$10.00 Suits, reduced to | \$ 6.45 | Suit values to \$20.00---Coat and Vest |
| A LINE OF DRESS SHIRTS with Collar attached--REGULAR PRICE 75c, REDUCED to . . . 40c | | |
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| \$1.50 Dusters, reduced to | \$1.00 | Regular \$1.50 Pants, reduced to |
| \$2.00 Dusters, reduced to | \$1.35 | Regular \$2.50 Pants, reduced to |
| \$2.50 Dusters, reduced to | \$1.65 | Regular \$3.50 Pants, reduced to |
| \$3.00 Dusters, reduced to | \$2.00 | Regular \$4.50 Pants, reduced to |
| \$4.50 Dusters, reduced to | \$3.00 | Regular \$6.00 Pants, reduced to |
| ALL OTHERS REDUCED ONE-THIRD. | | |
| ODDS AND ENDS AT GREAT REDUCTIONS | | |
| MEN'S HATS | | MEN'S UNDERWEAR |
| All Regular \$3.00 Hats, now | \$2.25 | We have some broken lines of Shirts and Drawers, Regular \$1.00 and \$1.25 values, now |
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