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UNITED STATES REDUCTION AND REFINING COMPANY. THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE TO-DAY.

COUPONS NO. 14 OF THE FIRST MORTGAGE BONDS OF THIS COMPANY.

Financial Meetings. NEW YORK CENTRAL & HUDSON RIVER RAILROAD COMPANY.

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CALIS TICKET SYSTEM BEST

Henry T. Blake Advocates Abandonment of Blanket Ballot.

New-Haven, Nov. 17 (Special).—Henry T. Blake, president of the New-Haven Department of Public Parks, is of the opinion that the Connecticut Ballot law, with its provisions regarding invalidating the ballot for "distinguishing marks" eradicated, might be taken as the basis for ballot laws in other States where trouble has arisen because of present ballot systems.

In a communication from him to The Tribune to-day he raises the point that certain additions to the ballot law in this State interfere with its efficiency. Mr. Blake's letter follows: To the Editor of The Tribune.

Sir: Having for several years made a study of the ballot law of the United States, and of the system under the various phases which it has taken in different States of the Union and from time to time in the various States, I have become interested in observing the proposed form of ballot shown in your columns as recommended by the ballot reform committee of the Connecticut State Ballot Commission.

First—The voter being compelled by it to mark every candidate whom he desires to vote for, many voters who are not original candidates, or who are two or three, and let the rest go.

Second—As the alphabetical order of the party candidates is not maintained, there is a great liability to confusion and mistake in voting even a straight ticket, and much more in voting a split ticket.

Third—It has been found by experience that in a list of different party candidates the first name in the list is the most marked, and the party it belongs to. This applies to candidates for the highest offices, as well as the others.

These are the principal objections which I have fully established by experience, as can be shown by statistics. But apart from these, it is evident that to vote the proposed ballot correctly, whether as a straight or split, will require a higher degree of intelligence and patience than under the form now in use here in all of them.

To escape these evils there is one remedy, and that is to radicalize and abandon the blanket ballot entirely, and return to the single ticket ballot, not in the shape of a ballot, but in the shape of a ballot paper, as has been done in the State of Connecticut.

Of this system the essential features are: First, a single ticket ballot, about six inches by eight in size, each party printing its own ticket on uniform blanks supplied by the State, and enclosed in a separate envelope or ballot, also provided by the State, and third, a private booth on Election Day into which every voter is required to go to cast his ballot in the official envelope.

These comprise the only essential features of the Connecticut ballot reform, and if they are adopted, it will be a great improvement on the present system, and will be a great benefit to the State.

It would also reduce the cost of elections. HENRY T. BLAKE, New-Haven, Conn., Nov. 17, 1905.

SECURITIES VALUES HIGHER.

SHARP ADVANCES IN ACTIVE SHARES.

Copper Stocks Features—Call Funds Realistically Easy—Banks Lose Money.

Closing prices yesterday of stocks dealt in, with net changes, follow:

Table of stock prices including columns for stock names, prices, and net changes. Includes categories like All-Clal Cos., Amal Cop., Am Oil, etc.

SALES AT THE STOCK EXCHANGE.

Table of bond prices including columns for bond names, prices, and net changes. Includes categories like Japanese 6s., 5000 Man Con 4s., etc.

Closing prices yesterday of active bonds dealt in, with net changes, follow:

Table of active bond prices including columns for bond names, prices, and net changes.

STOCK MARKET OPERATIONS.

Following the lead of the London market, where prices were strong, opening quotations on the local exchange showed marked improvement over the closing of the preceding day.

There was unmistakable evidence of important buying in all the active shares, notably in the copper stocks, while at the close predictions were made of further improvement in the market.

Prosperity breeds high prices for everything. Stocks are high and probably will go higher, the general cost of living is greater than ever before in the history of the country.

Work is to be begun at once on a new church building in the heart of the city, near 14th-st., opposite the old St. Paul's.

Real Estate Dealer Accused of Perjury by District Attorney's Office.

Solomon Stekel, thirty years old, a real estate dealer of No. 235 East 73rd-st., was held in \$3,000 bail by Magistrate Crane, in the Tombs police court, yesterday on a charge of perjury.

BOND MARKET TRADING.

GOVERNMENT BONDS.—Market steady. Final quotations follow:

Table of government bond prices including columns for bond names, prices, and net changes.

RAILROAD AND OTHER BONDS.—Market generally higher. Total sales amounted in par value to \$3,175,000, against \$4,274,000 on Thursday.

AMERICAN SECURITIES ABROAD.

FOREIGN SECURITIES.—British consols for money, \$89-1/2; for the account, \$81-1/2. French rent, 99 francs 87 1/2 centimes.

MONEY AND EXCHANGE.

FOREIGN EXCHANGE.—Market closed steady. Actual closing rates follow:

Table of foreign exchange rates including columns for currency names, rates, and net changes.

DOMESTIC EXCHANGE.—New-Orleans—Commercial—Sight, 100; telegraph, 100. Boston—Commercial—Sight, 100; telegraph, 100.

RAILROAD AND OTHER STOCKS.

CONSOLIDATED EXCHANGE SALES.

Table of railroad and other stock prices including columns for stock names, prices, and net changes.

Table of consolidated exchange sales including columns for stock names, prices, and net changes.

MINING STOCKS.

Table of mining stock prices including columns for stock names, prices, and net changes.

WHEAT.

Table of wheat prices including columns for wheat names, prices, and net changes.

FOREIGN TRADING.—Foreign houses dealt in 39,000 shares in the local market, selling 20,000 shares.

MARKET GOSSIP.—It was said yesterday that E. H. Harriman had turned bullish on the market, and was encouraging the bull movement in the Union Pacific and Southern Pacific.

BANKS LOSE CASH.—The reported movement of currency this week indicates a loss in cash held by the banks of \$2,800,000.

NEW-YORK OFFICE CHECKS.—\$34,300,000 on Saturday, \$34,000,000 on Sunday, \$34,000,000 on Monday.

GRAIN EXPORTS FOR THE WEEK.—First-straights reports the exports of grain for the week, with comparisons, figures in bushels, as follows: Wheat, 1,288,612 in this week last year, and 1,277,612 in 1904.

CANADIAN LAG BROOM.—Western Canada is favored by a big lag broom and prices are being held in Manitoba and the two provinces of Alberta and Saskatchewan.

APPLICATION TO LIST.—Application was made to list \$1,212,700 additional preferred stock of the Denver and Rio Grande Company.

BALTIMORE AND OHIO'S EARNINGS.—Statement of earnings and expenses of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Company, ending at the close of the month of October, 1905.