PARALYSIS OF TRADE.

More Evidence of Evil Effects of Free Silver Agitation.

LUMBER MILLS CLOSE DOWN.

"If Silver Carries, Good-bye to Business," the Burden of the Cry That Comes Up From Manufacturers.

Among the paragraphs in the current issue of the Pacific Lumber Trade Journal which show which way the political tide is setting among business men all over the country are the following reports on the state of trade:

Mudd & Taylor, the wooden eaves gutter makers, who moved from Seattle to Centralia several months ago, say:

"We are doing about one-half the business we were one year ago. Prices are from 10 to 20 per cent. lower. We are running about half time. We have a good stock of the various sizes and all kinds of gutters we make, both here at our warehouse in Minneapolis. Collections are slow. Prospects are good for the future if McKinley is elected; 16 to 1 and free silver has completely demoralized trade in our line, until after election. If Bryan gets there, good-bye business for the next four years at this place."

The Three States Lumber Company, one of the big firms of Southern Illinois, says:

"Trade is very dull, not over half as good as last year. Collections are getting closer. Prospects for the immediate future are poor. All dealers are waiting until the financial question is settled. If silver carries there will be no trade this year. Stocks on hand are not large."

The Gray's Harbor Commercial Company, of Cosmopolis, Wash., sings in the same strain:

"Our trade this year has been very good indeed, and we had every prospect of same continuing through the entire season until the notorious convention in Chicago was held, and from that time until within the last week our orders have dropped off amazingly. They are now improving a little for quick delivery, but the fact remains that the outlook is far from bright. There is no change in prices, as we are able to maintain the price of spruce, and have done so for the last eighteen months. We are running steady at full time. Stocks are fair, and the grades most in demand with us are the three grades of spruce siding, spruce finish, fir flooring, fir stepping, 4x4 and 4x6 for wind mill purposes, and lumber of that kind. Collections are good. Prospects for the future we think are all right, if the people are not misled to the extent of electing a free silverite, in which case we should expect our business to be very much reduced, both in volume and price."

The firm of Wheeler, Osgood & Co., Tacoma, is having the same experience, and ascribes it to the same cause:

"Trade has been better the first six months of 1896 than during the same period in 1895. Prices this year, however, are lower. We are running full time, but less than half force. Stocks on hand are full. Collections are very poor. Prospects for this fall's business very poor. The silver agitation has paralyzed both trade and collections."

Those who say that the same thing has happened in other presidential election years may ponder the following from Hugh Wilson, a prominent dealer at Jacksonville, Ill.:

"You will perhaps get a better notion of the true state of affairs in this place from the statement of the number of men employed now as compared with former years. I am engaged in the planing mill business and contracting. In 1892, in June, I employed thirty-one men, August 5, 1892, I had twenty-one men, and today (August 12, 1896) I have two men, and my mill is not running except as jobs come in now and then. As to what the future will be, you can guess as accurately as I can."

Under another heading the same paper, commenting on the shingle market in the Pacific Northwest, says:

"About forty shingle mills out of a total of 200 have ceased operations within the past two weeks on account of low prices and a falling demand. Others are expected to shut down when orders on hand are filled."

And in an editorial, based on the market reports from which the above extracts are made, Mr. Beckman thus sums up the situation:

"It is an unfortunate state of affairs when it is possible for a presidential election to so thoroughly demoralize trade that no section of the country is free from business stagnation. Unfortunately such demoralization exists. It is confined to no isolated territory, but is as apparent in the state of Maine as it is in Texas; as evident in Connecticut as it is in the state of Washington.

"It has been the custom of the Pacific Lumber Trade Journal since its birth to send from 200 to 400 'trade condition blanks,' consisting of inquiries as to the state of the lumber trade every month. The answers form the basis of the lumber market summary and are at all times interesting reading. But no returns ever received at this office have been as interesting and instructive, although of a gloomy character, as the ones received this month, a portion of which are printed elsewhere. They tell in a few words the state of the lumber trade the country over and are reliable. They disclose a gloomy state of affairs in every portion of the United States, and are, with one or two possible exceptions, of the same tenor. Trade is dull, collections slow and prospects discouraging.

"These conditions are due to the struggle between sound money and free silver coinage, on the basis of the platforms promulgated at the different national political conventions recently held. Coming on top of the worst depression in the history of the United States—a depression lasting four years now and which wrecked thousands of business firms, destroyed the credit of a larger number and forced the closing of factories and lowered the price of every commodity to an unprofitable basis—the proposition to make new financial ratios, always a delicate undertaking, is one that had better be left alone until the country recuperates sufficiently to make the test a safe one. But the financial question is the issue between the parties this year, and the first result is apparent in the reports printed. Future results may be worse; time alone will tell."

THROUGH FAULTY PACKING.

How Slovenly Work Does Injury to the Shingle Business.

One thoughtless, slovenly or unscrupulous representative of a trade may do almost irreparable injury to the interests of his associates, and of the section of country in which he carries on his business. This is illustrated by a faulty shingle shipment recently made from this state as told of in the Pacific Lumber Trade Journal. During the past month the Pacific Lumber Trade Journal received a letter from an Eastern lumber firm requesting the editor to pass upon a bunch of shingles selected by representatives of the seller and buyer from a car load. Desiring to give both sides an equal show a committee consisting of Charles E. Patten, of the Atlas Lumber Company, Seattle; W. R. Moultray, of the Nooksack Lumber and Shingle Company, Nooksack City, and G. K. Hiatt, of G. K. Hiatt & Co., Clear Lake and Edgecomb, was requested to act as judges. All are manufacturers of shingles and represent an aggregate daily output of about 500,000 shingles. Upon inspection the shingles were found to be the worst ever seen by either of the gentlemen. They were branded Extra Star A Star. They average only 6½ to 8 inches. There were numerous worm holes, showing that the shingles were cut from dead and unsound timber. Nearly one-third showed feather edges; the knot sawing was bad, and there were numerous shingles less than four inches in width. As a result over one-half the shingles were thrown out and the decision awarded the buyer. The committee recommended that the shingle manufacturer be censured on behalf of the industry for making poor goods.

In commenting on the occurrence, the Pacific Lumber Trade Journal says:

"We are satisfied that the blame lies wholly with the mill crew and not with the manufacturer, as he is a conscientious and honest man; nevertheless, the shingles in question have injured not only the mill man in question, but the entire trade, and we feel justified in making the report public. Happily there are but few poor shingles being sent East from this state, notwithstanding the extremely low prices prevailing, and the above exception should be taken as a warning to the mill men to look after their employes closely. An incompetent crew, in whatever line, can easily bankrupt any business, and eternal vigilance should be a popular motto in every mill."

Consul Saito's Acknowledgments.

That most polished of diplomats, the representative of the Japanese government, Mike Saito, vice consul at Tacoma, has addressed a note to Mayor Wood of a semi-official character in which he thanks the mayor and the city for the reception tendered to the Miike Maru, of the Nippon Yusen Kaisha. The polite expressions are best conveyed by quoting the letter, which is as follows:

"I had hoped to give myself the pleasure of calling upon yourself and Mrs. Wood to express my warm thanks for the hearty reception tendered yesterday by your city to the new steamship line, and more especially to thank you for the warm interest which you yourself were pleased to take in all the arrangements. I am sure that the pleasant manner in which everything passed off was in no small degree owing to your interest in even the smallest details, and I beg that you will accept of my very sincere and cordial thanks, and through me, the thanks of our whole Japanese community for all your kind offices and those of Mrs. Wood in making the happy occasion a complete success. I am sure it will remain with me as a most pleasant memory.

"With kindest regards to Mrs. Wood and yourself, I am very faithfully yours,

"MIKE SAITO,

"H. I. J. M.'s Consul."

The communication is beautifully inscribed with all the latest fashionable ideas of polite correspondence. In consenting to allow its publication, Judge Wood said that while a certain part of it suggested a letter of a personal nature, it was of sufficient public importance in its acknowledgment of the city's part in the reception to justify the belief that it was written with that end in view, and only addressed to himself as mayor of the city.

Secretary Ling, of the Chamber of Commerce, has received the following note from the Japanese consul:

"I was summoned to Tacoma by telegram notifying me of the arrival of the Northern Pacific steamship, and so did not have time to thank my Seattle friends for their welcome of yesterday.

"I beg that you will be good enough to express to the members of the Chamber of Commerce, and all the gentlemen who contributed toward making yesterday's exercises so splendid a success, my sincere thanks for the enthusiastic manner in which they threw themselves into this greeting to the new steamship line. I can only express the hope that all the happy anticipations which your citizens were kind enough to predict may be fully realized at no distant date.

"With renewed thanks to yourself and all those to whose efforts is due this splendid acknowledgment of sympathy between our nations, I am, faithfully yours,

MIKI SAITO,
H. I. J. M.'s Consul.

From Shingles to Tubs.

While other shingle men are shutting down their mills and stopping work altogether, Messrs. Card & Knight, of Maxfield, have demonstrated their versatility and business enterprise during the past four months. The gentlemen for some time prior to May 1 had been conducting a shingle mill at the mouth of the Nisqually river, but on account of the stagnation in business and the poor market for shingles, says the Tacoma Ledger, they turned their attention in another direction. Buckets, tubs, etc., must be had whether the roof leaks or not. If it should leak so much the more need of buckets and tubs to catch the water. Being practical workmen and realizing the needs as aforesaid, and otherwise, with a little additional machinery they are now turning out tubs and buckets and doing a thriving business. Both gentlemen are very much pleased at the outlook and expect to push trade in all directions at home and abroad.

The Silver Craze Does It.

The Post-Intelligencer has recently published a number of statements from men prominent in the various industrial lines showing the baneful effects of the free silver craze. Just in line with these comes the announcement that President Roberts, of the Pennsylvania, has issued orders for a further cut in expenses, to meet the falling off in receipts. The superintendents have been instructed to thoroughly examine their pay rolls and discharge every man who can be spared. Station agents will cut down on clerk hire, gas bills, and in every possible way to reduce expenditures. The Railway Age holds that the check that has been put upon business by the free silver agitation is the one and only cause of these unfortunate conditions.

Railroad and Industrial Notes.

The Great Northern is running excursions from St. Paul to enable visiting G. A. R. men to see the Red river country.

The Northern Pacific has opened the following new stations: Canfield, Dalrymple, Sidney and Hannaford, N. D., and Castle Junction, Mont.

Receiver C. J. Smith, of the Oregon Improvement Company, was in Portland yesterday, and Superintendent Bush was in British Columbia. Both are expected to be in their offices today.

The Canadian Pacific is distributing a neat and useful annotated time table, containing a volume of information about points along its line, and conveniently interleaved throughout for memoranda.

S. L. Moore, general freight agent of the Northern Pacific Railway Company, has issued a formal notice continuing in force after September 8 all freight tariffs of the Northern Pacific Railroad Company till canceled or modified by further notice.

The Great Northern offices in this city have been notified that passenger navigation on the Northern Steamship Company's steamers Northland and Northwest will close for the season next week. The last sailing will be made from Duluth September 8, and passengers from Seattle will make the last connection by leaving Seattle tonight.

The Northern Pacific announces a rate of 62½ cents, effective September 2, on lumber, logs, shingles, fence posts, pickets and wooden tank material from Portland, Tacoma and Seattle to Trask, Dargy, Rathbun, Myrtle, Jerome, Seymour, B., Powerayille, Lucerne, Newton, Harris, Osgoo, Gault, Laredo, Chula, Sturges and Chillicothe, Mo.

The Pacific Lumber Trade Journal, edited by Victor H. Beckman, and published in this city, is now an established authority on the interests to which it is devoted. Its reports of statistics and of the general state of the lumber and shingle trade throughout the country are particularly complete and reliable, and its editor has a broad and accurate knowledge of industrial conditions equaled by few men in the country.

Our Midseason Sale Ends Saturday.

Unprecedented Furniture, Carpets, Drapery, Baby Cab. Prices—20 per cent. off, cash.

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PUSHING THE WORK.

Organizing Ballington Booth's Volunteers in the West.

SALVATION ARMY SECEDERS.

Maj. Washington Blackhurst Coming to Seattle—One Hundred Posts Already.

Maj. Washington Blackhurst, one of the leaders in Ballington Booth's new movement, the Volunteers of America, will be in Seattle tomorrow and Sunday. Maj. Blackhurst comes to this city for the purpose of perfecting the organization of a Volunteer post in this city. He will speak on the "American Movement" tomorrow night at 8 o'clock, in the hall recently fitted up as an armory for the Volunteers on Occidental avenue, between Washington and Main streets. Sunday at 3 p. m. and also at 8 p. m. he will speak at the Methodist Protestant church corner Third avenue and Pine street.

About seven months ago Commander and Mrs. Ballington Booth, who had been in charge of the Salvation Army in this country for several years, were ordered to "farewell" to the work in America and report in London. Instead of obeying, they left the organization, claiming that Salvation Army international headquarters at London had for several years preceding this event been apparently doing their best to harass and make it unpleasant for their American leaders.

The worry and strain incident to the prolonged trouble nearly prostrated both of the Booths, and they were naturally disposed to seek retirement and rest. But from the hour that it became known that they had left the English organization they were besieged by their friends, both in person and by letter to inaugurate a new movement, which should be distinctively American in its form of government, and adapted to the needs of this age and the spirit of this country. After careful deliberation, in response to the many urgent overtures which had been made to them they secured two rooms in the Bible house at New York city and in this small way the new movement was first started.

Since that time the growth of the organization has been so rapid that the most sanguine expectations have been more than realized. It has already become necessary to establish a national headquarters, with an immediate staff of fifty officers and employes. Posts have been established rapidly throughout the country, and there are now over 100 organized and officered. Col. Fielding, with headquarters at Chicago, has forty-five posts, and 120 officers.

Eight weeks ago Maj. Washington Blackhurst was sent by Commander Booth to take charge of the work on the Pacific coast, and headquarters for the work have been secured in the building formerly occupied by the Y. M. C. A., at 252 Sutter street, San Francisco. Posts are now being opened in California, Oregon, Washington and Montana.

Maj. Blackhurst was a staff officer in the old organization, and was private secretary to Brigadier Fielding for two years. When Commander Booth started the new organization in New York city Maj. Blackhurst was among the first to go to the Volunteers, and his position as private secretary to the commander from the commencement of the new organization gives him an insight into the situation that he could not otherwise have obtained.

Maj. Blackhurst visits Seattle in the interests of the Volunteers, and will give an address explanatory of the situation, showing the real causes which led up to Commander and Mrs. Booth leaving the old organization. He will also outline the work of the Volunteers. Large audiences have been present at the services held by him in the principal cities.

Reception to the Secretary.

A reception will be held tomorrow morning at 8 o'clock in the parlors of the Y. M. C. A. in honor of the new secretary, Mr. C. C. Swift, and his wife. It is hoped that all the members and a large number of friends of the association will be present to meet and greet the new comers. The following programme will be rendered during the evening:

Piano solo, F. Boyd; Wells; address, James A. Dummett, of Portland; address, George Carter, of Victoria; piano duett, Mrs. A. K. Fisken and Mrs. J. R. McDonald; address, A. W. McLeod, of Tacoma; address, Mayor W. D. Wood; address, Rev. W. A. Shanklin; address, Miss DeVoe, of Y. W. C. A.; quartette, E. L. McAlaster, Alex. Meyers, C. McAlaster and William McAdams; address, Dr. J. B. Eagleson; response, C. C. Swift; quartette.

THEIR MINDS ENFEEBLED.

Three Cases of Insanity in the Superior Court Yesterday.

The probate branch of the superior court was yesterday more gloomy than usual, and its disposition of orphans and the settlements of matters of estates were completely shut out by the business of the court with Stellacoom. In the morning Drs. A. M. Burns and Fred W. Sparling surveyed two patients, the first of whom was Samuel Lamma, who was examined once before on the charge of insanity and discharged. Yesterday's survey, however, developed the fact that the later phases of the malady exhibit a homicidal tendency. Deputy United States Marshal Curtis, who is married to a sister-in-law of Lamma's, is the person at whom the threats are directed, and during the examination the patient calmly stated that he intended to kill Mr. Curtis on sight. Some time ago Mrs. Lamma secured a divorce from Lamma, at which time the custody of the child was awarded to the mother. Since the divorce was granted Lamma has tried on several occasions to kidnap the child, but each time has been frustrated in his attempts. The examining physicians also discovered a soft tumor on the back of the patient's head, which he avers gives him supernatural foresight. He has been a heavy drinker, and upon the recommendation of the physicians and their statement that it was dangerous to allow him to remain at large, Judge Langley signed the commitment.

The second case was that of Henry Johnson, whose hallucinations are that hundreds of men and women crowd his room at night and abuse and call him names. They also follow him about and threaten him. Besides all this, he claims that Hon. John B. Allen has $30,000 belonging to him. Inquiry revealed the fact that the demented Johnson did place in the attorney's hands what he claimed were papers connecting him with an estate in Europe. The papers and claim were both worthless and foundationless. The matter that led up to the examination as to sanity was his ordering his father to go to Senator Allen and demand the $30,000. Upon the old gentleman's refusal to do so, Johnson set upon him and gave him a sound beating. The complaint was drawn in accordance with the facts and upon examination the patient was committed to Stellacoom.

The third case contained a greater element of sadness inasmuch as it involved an inquiry into the mental condition of a man much better known than either of the above named persons, and one who numbered his friends by his acquaintances. The complaint was sworn out by Dr. F. H. Coe, an old-time friend, charging Carroll Remick with being an insane person and dangerous to be at large. Remick has been periodically afflicted with departures from a mental balance for two or three years, the cause being usually attributed to an attack of the grippe, from the effects of which he never recovered. At times he has suffered periods of depression, and at other times his malady has taken on a violent form. At such times he is dangerous to himself and others. His latest hallucinations have been of a more serious nature than any others, being a dreaded symptom that patients rarely recover from, the presence of those who intend harm and the hearing of voices. He has a wife and two children, to whom he is devotedly attached during his lucid intervals. He has been ranching in a small way in the Duwamish district, but his real calling is that of a clerk. He has had wide experience in railroad business, and at one time was chief clerk under William B. Spencer, in 1892 and 1893, during which time Mr. Spencer was county clerk.

SEIZURE OF THE SWAN.

U. S. Attorney Brinker Asks for the Forfeiture of the Sealer.

The American sealing schooner James G. Swan, Capt. Manney, has been seized for violation of the seal treaty of February 24, 1892. The seizure was made in Bering sea, 960 miles from the Pribilof islands, in latitude 55 degrees, 51 minutes north, longitude 130 degrees 30 minutes west, by the United States revenue cutter Perry, Capt. H. B. Smith. Along with the vessel were seized thirteen canoes, nine seal skins, seventy-seven spear heads and twenty-three spear poles, and all have been brought to Port Townsend. United States District Attorney W. H. Brinker yesterday filed a petition in the Federal court asking the forfeiture of the vessel and appurtenances.

Two British schooners, the Alnaka and Beatrice, were also seized by the Perry, and have been turned over to the British authorities.

An Abandoned Husband.

Engel Erkes vs. Alice Erkes, is the title of an action commenced in the superior court yesterday wherein the plaintiff seeks to have the marital relations between himself and the defendant severed. The complaint states that the pair were married in the county of Charles Mix, South Dakota, in 1892, at which time both parties to the suit were poor people, and they have since remained so. In April, 1894, Mr. Erkes states that he moved his family to Missouri, and the following month Mrs. Erkes returned to her parents and refused to go back to either Erkes or the state of Missouri. The abandoned husband then followed Mrs. Erkes to South Dakota, where he endeavored to prevail upon her to go with him to the state of Washington. This she also refused, and so Erkes came alone. There is no effort to take the 3-year-old child away from her mother, and the statement is incorporated in the complaint that there is no community property.

Crushed the Attorney.

"Your honor," said Attorney Hawkins, addressing Judge Glasgow, "you have before you a case that should never have reached court. Ole Loman and N. P. Ulnus are hard-working men who happened to be engaged in a slight dispute in a beer hall this morning at 2 o'clock. There was no one on the street to be disturbed, and if the noise had warranted interference of the law, the bartender would have called in a policeman. There was no occasion for the officer coming in unsolicited. I ask you to discharge them."

"Three dollars fine," said the judge; "next case," and Attorney Hawkins nearly fell out of his chair.

Court Notes.

W. F. Hayes yesterday filed a bond of $1,[illegible] on appeal to the supreme court in the case of Brooks O. Baker vs. W. F. Hayes, from the ruling giving the plaintiff a judgment of $834.45. The sureties on the bond are P. D. Hamlin and J. M. Frink.

Citizens were manufactured at a lively rate yesterday, when Judge Langley issued five sets of naturalization papers and Judge Humes two. The gist of the first-named court was Eric Masiberg, a native of Sweden; A. H. Peterson, of Sweden; Andrew G. Hanson, Sweden, and August Hanson, Sweden. Judge Humes admitted H. Rathe, a native of Norway, and Martin Harris, of Russia. Nels Borquist, a native of Sweden and a minor, was also admitted by Judge Langley.

No Accident to Chehalis.

Rumors of disaster to the steamer Chehalis, at Anacortes, are without foundation. The Chehalis is safe and sound. How the story originated is unknown, but the report was generally circulated on the water front Wednesday and yesterday that the steamer had blown up and that the captain and engineer were killed. Interest is felt in the vessel here, as this was her home port until last spring.

The Ladies of St. Mark's.

The ladies of St. Mark's church are invited to meet at the rectory, Fourth avenue and Olive street, this afternoon at 2:30, to inaugurate the women's work for the fall and winter. The starting of the parish house (temporary church), near Madison and Broadway, will create new interest among the women of this parish.

Escape of a Bicycle Thief.

Frederick Christianson, who has several aliases, has escaped from the city after stealing two bicycles. Detective Cudihee has recovered the wheels from second-hand stores, where they were sold for an aggregate sum of $8. One of the wheels was owned by Forehand Bros., the other by the Queen City Cycle Company.

BREVITIES.

The September meeting of the Young Women's Association will be held on Saturday, September 5, at 2:30 p. m. Important matters will be considered, which require the attention of all members.

Birdie Smith was fined $50 and costs yesterday afternoon in the municipal court for selling liquor without a license at 112 Paradise alley. Paradise alley is back of the Cliff house, which is located at the corner of First avenue and Seneca street. The complaining witness was Lillie Baker, the sharpest woman that has been on the witness stand in that court for many days.

Film Limmon, a magnificent specimen of the St. Bernard dog, was placed in the hands of the police yesterday afternoon by Judge Glasgow, pending a decision as to ownership. Mrs. Morgan Cantwell, wife of "Jumbo" Cantwell, of Coxey army notoriety, claims the dog as her property and had F. W. Parker, a well-known steamboat man, arrested for stealing the animal. Parker claims that the dog belongs to his wife, having been given into her hands at Puyallup by a man named Campbell, with Mrs. Cantwell's consent.

Disfranchising Squaw Men.

Buffalo Express.

The squaw men and the negroes of the Choctaw nation are greatly stirred up over a proclamation issued by Governor Gardner convening the Choctaw council in special session on September 8th. He recommends in his proclamation the disfranchising of all the intermarried citizens (squaw men, or white men with Indian wives) and the adopted freedmen. He wants the Choctaw council to prepare its own citizenship roll for the Dawes commission. The governor will protest against names being enrolled by any outside agency. Governor Gardner's action is causing a good deal of comment among the squaw men and the negroes, and they intend to rely upon the Dawes commission for protection.

Three Trains Daily.

The North-Western line have three daily trains between St. Paul and Chicago. If your train from the West should be late, and you don't connect, recollect it's less than two hours to wait. This is an important matter if you are in a hurry. F. W. Parker, Puget Sound agent, 601 First avenue, Seattle, Wash.

Excursions to the Beach.

The Northern Pacific are now making a rate of one fare for the round trip to Aberdeen and Ocosta. Tickets on sale every day. Nothing more pleasant than a visit to the grand Pacific ocean.

The Daily Post-Intelligencer is now on sale in Portland, Or., at Rich Bros.', 274 Morrison street, Portland Hotel news stand, and Northwest News Company, 150 First street.

All Labor day sports at Madison park Monday, free.

Having used Chamberlain's Cough Remedy in my family and found it to be a first-class article, I take pleasure in recommending it to my friends. J. V. FOSTER, Westport, Cal.

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THE MIKADO'S MUSIC.

Will Be Played at the Saturday Night Concert.

THE NATIONAL AIR OF JAPAN.

To Be a Feature in the Tuneful Two Hours Contributed by the "Post-Intelligencer."

After this morning it will be impossible to arrange for the playing of any new music at the Post-Intelligencer popular concert tomorrow night, and such applications as are received must be included in the extensive repertoire of the First Regiment band or they cannot be considered. Tomorrow morning's Post-Intelligencer will contain the programme for the evening, and while all of the selections asked for are not included, many are in reserve as encores. For the concert tomorrow night a greater number of requests have been filed than ever before in the history of the popular Post-Intelligencer concerts, and had it been within the capacity of even so clever a director as Mr. Wagner to arrange a programme containing all of the music asked for, its playing through would have occupied all of Saturday night and the greater part of Sunday. The programme consequently was arranged with the idea of gratifying the greatest number who were sufficiently interested to give an individual expression as to choice. In some cases pieces of established popularity have been included where a preponderance in request has that appeared, and in such instances Mr. Wagner has used his judgment, which is backed by a long experience in catering to the tastes of the music lovers of the city.

There will, however, out of compliment to Seattle's guests, be some very pronounced novelties in the way of music. Sol Asher's new march, the "Miike Maru," which has been played in public but once since it left the composer's hands, will be produced. The Japanese national air has been specially arranged for this occasion. It will not be an ungraceful act to wish the officers and men of the Miike Maru a safe voyage and quick return in music, and to send them away Sunday with the memory of the strains that are so familiar to them, singing the songs of the far-away land of the mikado as the lines are cast off and the city sinks into distance, a pleasant memory to be revived again after a short absence.

The requests which came to the Post-Intelligencer yesterday were as diversified as usual, and of those that were practical at all the following present fair samples:

To the Musical Editor: Permit me to suggest as one of the numbers for next Saturday night's programme a medley of Scotch ballads, such as Mr. Wagner has or can easily arrange. I should like especially to hear "Within a Mile of Edinboro Town." My mother used to sing it when I was a child and I haven't heard it sung or played since. LEAL SCOT.

Musical Editor: In my humble opinion the most beautiful composition ever attempted by the First Regiment band was the paraphrase of "Ben Bolt." I would enjoy listening to it forever. MISS R. I.

Post-Intelligencer: "The Gladiator March" is requested by a young lady. She also requests that Signor De Caprio play one of his charming solos. A. V. C.

Mr. Wagner: Will you please render the Lustpiel overture on Saturday evening? E. M. G.

Mr. Wagner: Please play the "Spring Song." J. B. M.

Musical Editor P.-I.: Kindly request Mr. Wagner to have his excellent clarinet soloist play a solo at the next concert. H. G. B.

Musical Editor of P.-I.: I would be greatly pleased if one of the numbers on Saturday's programme would be Sousa's "King Cotton." J. B. M.

Will Mr. Wagner please play "Ma Angeline" Saturday night? TELEPHONE GIRL.

Mr. Wagner: These are my favorites: "William Tell," Nevine's "Narcissus," De Koven's "Oh, Promise Me," and "Schubert's Serenade." I shall be satisfied if the latter is played. A LOVER OF MUSIC.

Musical Editor Post-Intelligencer: In behalf of twenty-five lovers of music I would most respectfully request that you include in your programme Saturday eve that sweet Spanish melody, "La Paloma." Yours very truly, A. E. P.

Mr. Wagner: Will you please play at the Saturday night concert some of the stirring war melodies that have become identified with the Republican party, like "Marching Through Georgia?" I think its effect would be good in these times. G. A. R. REPUBLICAN.

Musical Editor: I would like to hear airs from the Mikado played Saturday night. W. H. G.

Post-Intelligencer: Would it be convenient to have Mr. Wagner play "The Heart Bowed Down?" I think it lovely. EDNA.

Musical Editor: Don't you think it would be a pretty compliment to Miki Saito if the band played some of the airs of his native land? CONSISTENT.

Mr. Wagner: I think it "the band played on" all night, it would be pleasant enough, so —" leave the rest to you. CLARA P. T.

I should like to hear some of the compositions of Frank Girard or Eddie Fox played at the Saturday evening concert. I consider that the composers named were real writers of ballads. MUSICIAN.

Mr. Wagner: Can your excellent organization render at the Saturday night Post-Intelligencer concert selections from "Princess Ida," and oblige? UP-TO-DATE.

To the Musical Editor Post-Intelligencer: I would greatly enjoy hearing selections from Mascagni's "Il Pagliaccio" Saturday evening. PIETRO MARKANTI.

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This Mark on Goods Is Worrying British Manufacturers.

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Recently the Earl of Rosebery made a speech in formally opening a technical institute and art school at Epsom. Speaking on the subject of technical education at large, Lord Rosebery said: "In the first place, even if we were not exposed to foreign competition, the gradual decay of the apprenticeship system would necessitate in all our smaller towns, and, of course, in all our larger towns, some means whereby a man might be able to become a skilled artisan in his trade, and so obtain that capital which skill represents to the man who possesses it. But our present position is not one of being free from competition. Year after year our consuls and our various officials of the board of trade have called the attention of the community to the fact that we are no longer, as we once were, undisputed mistress of the world of commerce, but that we are threatened by one very formidable rival, at any rate; I mean Germany. A little book has been lately published called 'Made in Germany,' to which I think your attention ought to be called; but if that be too long to read there is an abstract of the arguments of the book in the last number of the Review of Reviews which I do think is well worth the attention of everybody who is interested in the prosperity of the country of which his prosperity is a part. The figures with regard to Germany are very simple. The heads of the indictment against ourselves are three. First, that the proportion per head of exported British produce is £3 1s in 1872, whilst it had sunk to £5 11s 3d in 1884. Of course, you may say that reduced prices account for some part of that, but I do not think you will find that decreased prices do account for it, when you observe the broad features of the balance of trade and also of the German increase of trade. Secondly, the imports of German manufactured goods into Great Britain rose from £16,630,000 in 1883 to £21,630,000 in 1893—an increase of 30 per cent. in ten years of manufactured goods into the country, which believed it had almost a monopoly of supplying the world with manufactured goods. The total imports into Great Britain declined in value £22,000,000 between 1883 and 1893 in gross, but the imports of manufactured articles increased by over £13,000,000. I think these are grave and striking facts, and it is not, perhaps, a time to inquire into the causes as regards Great Britain herself, but as regards Germany the causes are not far to seek. The fact is that for the last sixty, seventy or eighty years she has fitted herself by the most perfect system of technical education in the world, except, perhaps, the Swiss system, to be a great industrial nation. She has been slow, she has been patient, she has been laborious, she has sent clerks and agents over here who have taken what secrets we had to afford and have improved on them when they returned to Germany, and the result is that, though we have not lost our position, she is slowly—and not very slowly after all—creeping up to us. In some of our colonies, in India and in Egypt, which is under our tutelage for the present, German trade has greatly menaced British trade.

"Now," said Lord Rosebery, "we ought to consider what has led to this state of things. We have to form an educated public opinion in order to give an impulsion to governments, and I believe that is more likely to be performed by the study of the facts and the figures with regard to British trade and with regard to German trade, and also by studying in these smaller technical institutes what can be done to remedy it, than by any parliamentary action that is likely to take place. But, at any rate, we have a right to ask this. There are committees and commissions of inquiry without end. Some are indefinitely postponed, but some are pressing and immediate. Surely an inquiry might well be instituted which might be short, which might be practical, and which might be exhaustive, into the cause of the decline of British trade and the alarming increase of our foreign rivals. We shall, I believe, find this as the summary: Ever since the conquest by Germany of Austria she has silently and quietly fitted herself for two great wars. One of them she has accomplished. The war she has accomplished was the great war for the consolidation of Germany. The war which she is accomplishing, and which, in my opinion, is the only meritorious war in which any nation can engage, except under pressure of necessity, is an industrial war. (Cheers.) And in that I think and fear, though with the heartiest wishes for her welfare, that unless we take precautions in time she is not unlikely to succeed also."

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