

# WHOESALERS TO GO EAST TO ASK FOR HIGHER RATES

## Hardware Jobbers Will Fight to Keep Eastern Dealers From Western Trade.

## Delegation of Local Merchants Will Confer with the Agents for the Northern Railroads—They Will Leave To-Night for St. Paul.

THE fight that has been a-brewing for three weeks past between the big hardware wholesalers of California, Oregon and Washington and the big jobbers of St. Louis, St. Paul and Chicago for Western trade and the retail trade of intermediate points is on in dead earnest, and San Francisco is well to the front on the firing line.

From the defensive the home merchants have switched to the aggressive in the past week, and to-night a delegation of the heavy-weight dealers of this city will leave for St. Paul to carry the battle into the heart of the enemy's camp. The wits of the biggest dealers of the West, backed by the Ogden and southern railroad lines, are arrayed against the money, the brains and the influence of the immense firms of the East, in combination with the Great Northern and Northern Pacific railroads; the fight is to be of no mean proportions.

Since it was first announced in The Call three weeks ago that the Northern Pacific and Great Northern had secretly made a deal on Western freight to less than carload lots for the benefit of the dealers of the Middle East, the merchants of this city have been holding almost daily meetings to devise ways and means to combat the powerful influence so quietly working against them.

That the two northern roads had broken faith and had been false to the compact entered into by them last May with the other transcontinental lines was at first mere rumor and the agents of the local firms had the greatest difficulty in verifying it. The wholesalers of Portland, Tacoma, Seattle and Spokane were communicated with, and they entered into hearty co-operation with their California brethren, with the result that copies of the new tariff sheets were secured and the duplicity of the northern lines proved. Numerous plans were suggested and dropped. No satisfaction was to be gained by letters or telegrams sent to the managers of the two lines, and Eastern hardware and groceries began to pour into the northern markets on equal terms with the home merchants. The Seattle and Tacoma dealers were still high desperate and they kept the wires to San Francisco hot with advice.

A week ago the plan at present being consummated was broached and it found immediate favor. The traffic committee of the Metal and Hardware Association took it up and elaborated upon it, and as a result four of the most prominent members of the association will leave to-night for St. Paul, where a meeting has been arranged with the traffic managers of the two back-lining roads.

San Francisco will be represented by W. R. Wheeler, manager for Holbrook, Merrill & Co., and J. E. Smith, of the Metal and Hardware Association; Charles E. Fay of the George H. Jay Company; H. D. Loveland of the California Wholesale Grocery Dealers' Association; and Mr. Carrigan of the firm of Dunham-Carrigan Co.

The Californians will not go to fight alone by any means. Portland is sending a delegation of ten of her biggest business men, Seattle is sending six, Spokane two and Tacoma a list of a half dozen or more. They will rendezvous at St. Paul, where they will hold a preliminary case and arguments in an effort to have the old rate restored.

"Confidential information as it affects the dealers of the West, Mr. Wheeler said last night: "We are not going to St. Paul to make a fight against the two roads, but simply to state our position and, upon presentation I think it will win. If we do not, I cannot say what the result will be."

### ADVERTISEMENTS.

When we read of a railroad wreck in which a hundred people are killed, we are filled with pity and horror. There are other dangers in this life a thousand times greater than that of the railroad wreck, only we do not have them brought so forcibly to our attention. Consumption does not kill a hundred people at once in one train. It does kill tens of thousands for every one that is killed by accident.

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I have taken Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery ever since the big relay race last Sunday early Monday morning by J. E. Flynn and E. F. Friez. He now lies dying in the City and County Hospital. Flynn and Friez were arrested at the time, but were released on their own recognizance by Judge Groezinger. They were rearrested last night and will be held pending the result of Gillick's injuries. His skull is fractured and minor wounds were inflicted upon him. The doctors believe he cannot recover.

Every one is guaranteed a seat on the excursion to Ukiah Sunday, May 21. Only \$2. Leave Tiburon ferry 8:30 a. m.

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Mrs. A. C. Block, housewife, San Francisco. Liabilities, \$284.00; assets, none.

Ladies' tailor-made suits, fur capes, cloaks. Credit. M. Rothschild, 211 Sutter, rooms 6-7.

Both truthful and artistic.  
**BATTLE OF MANILA BAY.**  
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# CHICKEN BLOOD WASHED AWAY ALL THEIR SIN

## Accused Chinese Are Purged of Evil.

### TROUBLE IN THE LOTTERY

#### A PRIZE TICKET THAT DID NOT GET THE CASH.

#### The Mongolian Cemetery Wherein the Gods Are Called Upon to Take Part.

There is trouble in the office of the Lee Yuen Chung Lottery at 735 Commercial street—the kind of trouble that calls for gore, not human blood, but that of a more innocuous biped—the chicken.

It all comes about through a certain ticket on a drawing which took place eleven days ago, and which purported to net the winner somewhere in the neighborhood of \$200. A subject of the Celestial Kingdom claims that he bought the ticket from a regular agent of the company, and when the proper characters appeared in the published account of the drawing he found that he was enriched by an unexpected sum. But when he presented the ticket for the cash, the trouble began, for he was informed that no such ticket had been sold.

As the purchaser was known as a reputable Chinaman, it looked bad for the company, and immediately the revenue of the association began to dwindle—not through the interference of the police but because the other Chinamen looked with suspicion upon the drawings. Things were growing dark for the financial end of the company, and it became necessary to do something to restore confidence.

At the same time, there were whispers of corruption within the inner circles of the company, and it was hinted that some member was doing a little "grafting" on his own account and selling tickets without making proper returns. This was a serious condition, and there was but one method known to the Oriental mind by which it could be conclusively proven. It was decided to make each member of the company take an oath, and last Sunday the five principals in the company went to the Chinese Cemetery and, with many genuflections before the altar, each individual swore by all that is sacred to a Chinese that he had done nothing wrong. At the conclusion of his oath each member of the company was given a ticket as it happened to the fowl should it happen to him if he swore falsely; in other words, if he lied he would get it in the neck.

This ceremony fully satisfied the members, but that nothing was wrong in the company, but they still retained the suspicion against it, and it was decided to make a general ceremony, including the five members of the company, their ten employees and the complainant. According to Chinese etiquette the company must tender him a benefit at the Olympic track a week from Sunday.

In Goeller of the Olympic Wheelmen has been appointed chairman of the local organization committee of the Associated Clubs by President Nippert, vice Robert Neal, resigned. Mr. Goeller is prominent in the sport, and the membership should thrive under his direction.

Walter Goldert of the Olympics has returned from a prolonged Eastern trip and will hereafter make his home on this coast.

Fritz Lacey, one of the leading racing men of the South, is the president of a

**WOULD RATHER DIE THAN GO TO WORK**

**WHY LOUIS SAURET ATTEMPTED TO KILL HIMSELF.**

Had Not Worked Since He Was Married and His Wife Refused to Support Him Any Longer.

Louis Sauret was found lying unconscious on the floor of his home, 139 Second street, at about 5 o'clock last night. There was a jagged wound in his throat extending back to the neck bone. From the peculiar circumstances surrounding the case it was first thought that murder had been committed, and Detective Ryan was put on the case. He made a thorough investigation, and is now satisfied that Sauret was despondent and attempted to end his life.

The body was found by Mrs. Sauret, the two months' bride of the injured man. She, with her sister, went to the bank yesterday afternoon. When they returned they found the door of the single room occupied by the family standing wide open and Sauret apparently dead in a pool of blood. Blood was spattered over everything, and there were several pools on the floor. Mrs. Sauret, without making an investigation, at once notified Policeman James Cook, who was patrolling the district. Cook, who had killed himself, accompanied by Policeman Sullivan, visited the premises, and when a nasty examination they notified the coroner's office.

Detective Ryan arrived a short time before the Morgue wagon, and in turning over the body to see how many wounds had been inflicted he discovered that the man was still alive. He was dressed in a suit and was drinking. Sauret was married in Portland two months ago to the divorced wife of John Sauret. Since that time he has refused to work, living off the savings of his wife and the scanty income she received by kind of a job. Mrs. Sauret says she is sure that if he would not go to work, and he in turn threatened suicide. Yesterday morning he told her that in the future he could have but 20 cents a day to live on, and he said he guessed she did not love him any more and that he might as well die.

The wife of Sauret visited police headquarters last evening and she was closely questioned by the detectives. She declared she was satisfied that her husband had inflicted the fatal wound, as he had threatened to commit suicide. A short time before he was discovered, Mrs. Sauret says, she told him that unless he stopped drinking she would have to leave him. Sauret replied that if she left him he would kill her. She believed that after she left the house Sauret, evidently touched by her words and fearing that she threatened to separate from him, cut his own throat. Mrs. Sauret says the wife of the despondent man committed suicide in Paris about thirteen years ago by hanging himself.

**A young woman dentist who was called in by the Sultan of Turkey to look after the teeth of his favorites relates her experiences in the harem, in next Sunday's Call.**

**Patrick Tierney's Death.**

The Public Administrator has made investigations in view of taking charge of the effects of Patrick Tierney, the old miser who died on Monday and was found to have left an estate. The Empire lodging house, 633 Clay street, in which the miserable old man died, is being sold. It is a well conducted establishment, as is also a similar one at 715 Howard street, under the same management. The prices in the first are 25 cents upward, and not from 10 cents as stated.

The famous old JESSE MOORE WHISKY is recommended by physicians for family and medicinal use because it is pure.

**Dying From an Assault.**

George Gillick was assaulted on Fourth street early Monday morning by J. E. Flynn and E. F. Friez. He now lies dying in the City and County Hospital. Flynn and Friez were arrested at the time, but were released on their own recognizance by Judge Groezinger. They were rearrested last night and will be held pending the result of Gillick's injuries. His skull is fractured and minor wounds were inflicted upon him. The doctors believe he cannot recover.

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# Hale's MUSLIN UNDERWEAR.



## Ladies' Nightgown, 29c Each.

Empire style, exactly like cut; fair quality muslin, embroidery and cambric ruffled front; cambric ruffle on collar and cuffs. A good gown at 45c. Hale's price, 29c Each.

**LADIES' WHITE UMBRELLA SKIRTS,** made of good, heavy muslin; deep cambric founce, with a 1/2 inch lace ruffle on bottom; 69c 3/4 yards wide; 120 in this lot. Each at Hale's price, 75c.

**A DOLLAR GOWN** for 75c—Heavy, soft finished muslin; high neck; deep cambric ruffle; embroidery ruffled neck and cuffs; a really little affair. 75c Each.

## CURTAINS.

Interesting curtain selling all week. Nearly one thousand pairs left. Picking as good to-day as Monday. Two items for summer cottages to-day.

**COTTAGE CURTAINS—Fishnet design** with 4-inch lace ruffled edge; neat as can be; pretty for summer cottages; bedroom, etc. 250 yards long; white only; \$1.50, \$1.75, \$2 and 4. **\$2.50** Pair.

**COTTAGE CURTAINS—Colored lamp** with 5-inch white ruffled lawn edge; 3/4 yards long. **\$1.50** Pair.

**3000 YARDS OF LACE—From 2 1/2 to 8 inches wide;** a miscellaneous lot for the tables to-day; clean as a whistle; net top of Venice, guipure edge Orientals, ivory embroidered Valenciennes, Normandise Valenciennes, point de Venise; your pick from the entire lot. **15 Cents Yard.**

**Struck With a Club.**  
Eugene McCarthy, a lodger in the Oakland House on Howard street, near Third, created a disturbance in his room last evening, and when George Hart, the clerk, attempted to eject him he drew a

**CHINESE SLAVE OWNERS BID FOR MORE MURDER**

A Price on the Heads of Informers.

**A BIG CORRUPTION FUND**

THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS WILL BE SPENT FOR DEFENSE.

Three Members of the Educational Society Have Been Placed Under the Ban of the Law-Breakers.

The Bow Wah Tong, or, in English, the Chinese Slave Dealers' Association, has called upon a Boon How Doy Tong, or, as it is better known, a highlander association, to rid the Chinese community of three men who are especially obnoxious to the evil-doers of the Chinese quarter.

A price has been set on the heads of three members of the Chinese Society for English Education because it is believed that they are responsible for the organization of the Vigilant Society among the white people, who wish to put a stop to the iniquities of Chinatown.

On the head of Ong Foon is set \$1000, that of Chiu Jim is rated at \$500 and Chiu Sui is also a low-priced man, with \$500 as his value.

The Slave Dealers' Association is composed of something like a hundred Chinese, who represent an ownership of more than 150 slave dens and about 1400 human chattels. Three meetings of the association have been held this week at the headquarters of the association, 10 Brenham place, and the result was that the names of the three men who are believed to be responsible for the trouble that has been brought upon the mints were announced, and it was decided to be sent to American dollars.

An assessment was levied on every slave girl in Chinatown of \$2 a week and a fund organized to fight the vigilantes and English Education because it is believed that they are responsible for the organization of the Vigilant Society among the white people, who wish to put a stop to the iniquities of Chinatown.

Some time to-day the Vigilant Society will forward to Mayor Phelan a list of the names of the slave owner and number of inmates in each place. It will then remain for the Mayor to carry out the provisions of the law providing for the suppression of such houses, in doing which he must notify the owners of the houses, and warn them to cease from law-breaking. After that, should the offense continue, it will remain with the Chief of Police to make arrests under the law. In that event the Vigilant Society will immediately proceed to form district clubs on the same lines as the central body, subject always to its control.

**YOUNG DEMOCRATS ORGANIZE.**

An effort to encourage young Democrats of the city to display more interest in municipal affairs resulted last night in the formation of the Young Men's Democratic League. The meeting at which the organization was perfected was held at 223 Powell street, the offices of Dr. E. R. Berges, which will be the temporary headquarters of the club. The following officers were elected: Dr. E. R. Berges, president; Matthew Brady, first vice president; Ira E. Hayes, second vice president; Edward A. Douthitt, secretary; Charles Brignardello, treasurer; George Ryan, sergeant-at-arms.

An executive committee was appointed as follows: D. W. Douthitt, chairman; G. Widder, W. L. Russell, S. B. Newhall, Sidney V. Robinson, A. N. Brandt, I. Neuberger, W. R. H. White, James McCarthy and Walter T. Sachs. This committee will immediately proceed to form district clubs on the same lines as the central body, subject always to its control.

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purge itself within fifteen days after the drawing or its business will go to the dogs. As eleven days have now passed it is necessary to have something definite done within the next four days, consequently there will be a procession of sixteen men and a priest to the cemetery where the birds will be killed. The dinners in sixteen Mongolian families, provided all sixteen are honest in their statements.

If any member of the lottery company or any employee refuses to take the oath, then the company must pay the full amount called for by the tickets. If the claimant refuses, then the company is absolved. Should all parties take the oath and shed the blood of the chicken, then it will be understood that there has been a misunderstanding and the matter will be compromised and the company will be reinstated into the good graces of Chinese lottery lovers and the game will go merrily on, as it has done in the past, the police to the contrary notwithstanding.

"Pezanoid" gold, latest, best, perfect paint; sample bottle 5c. Pezanoid, 63 Chronicle bldg.

**NOTES OF THE CYCLERS.**

**Bay Citys Will Not Challenge the Olympics.**

A rumor has been current in wheeling circles ever since the big relay race last Sunday that the Bay City team would challenge the victorious Olympians. President E. F. Fahrbach of the former club is authority for the statement that they have no idea of so doing; that the club in no way begrudges the Olympics their victory, and has no desire to in any way wrest the honor from them, at least not until the next relay.

The Olympic Club will banquet their team at a downtown roisterer Saturday evening.

Charley Wells, the popular Bay City professional, has gone East to try another season on the circuit.

Ralph Robison and Joe Lewis are touring in Amador County.

Louis Gillick's professional six-day rider, who was drugged during the recent tournament at the Mechanics' Pavilion and has been in the hospital ever since, is just out. A proposition is on foot to



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knives and threatened to make him a subject for the coroner. Hart armed himself with a club and struck McCarthy on the head, inflicting an ugly scalp wound. The clerk was arrested and charged with battery.

**THE GREAT DALY LENDS HIM TO US**

THE Alcazar Theater has secured the services of a new leading man to succeed Ernest Hastings, the darling of the matinee girls. The new actor is no less a personage than White Whittlesey, at present a member of the Empire City company. The autocratic manager of the Empire City has arranged to "lend" us Whittlesey only for the summer season. The Daly man will open with Morrison in "The Chevalier," appearing as the Chevalier de Mauraup. Whittlesey is especially adapted for romantic roles, both in temperament and physique. His greatest successes have been achieved in "Ibomeo" and "Faust."

**Have Buried the Hatchet.**  
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**THE 35c SHIRT WAIST—**A neat little waist and an excellent fit; thoroughly well made in pretty summer shades; pink, blue, black and white effects, sizes 32 to 42 (see cut). Each. **35c**

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**CRASH SKIRTS, 49c—**Ever hear of such a price! It is dozen of the prettiest little garments you could imagine; just got them yesterday; full width; thorough; 49c Each.

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**A Toothbrushing Outfit for 15c.**

One bottle of "Saponaceous Tooth Powder" and a good, white bristle brush; cleans the teeth, hardens gums and imparts a delightful perfume to the breath. Specially prepared for Hale's. **15c Set.**

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**BLACK SATIN DUCHESSE—**Guaranteed pure silk, 23 inch, best dye, good finish; we recommend this quality; we know it's a good . . . . Yard **85c**

**LININGS—**36-inch taffeta skirting; good quality at 30c. . . . Yard **61c**

**LINING CANVAS—**Two lots, a 15c and a 20c line at a saving to-day; all linen; gray or brown. Aisle one. . . . Yard **10c**

**Gloves and Neckwear.**

**3-BUTTON LENGTH MOUSQUETAIR (CHAMOIS) GLOVES—**Natural or white; 300 pairs that ought to be here will be here for you to-day at . . . . Yard **59c**

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A delicious relish. Stimulates appetite, aids digestion. Regular price, 40c.

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