REDUCTION OF WAGES BY STEEL TRUST

Begins at the Homestead Plant and Will Extend All Along the Line.

Chicago, Oct. 2.—A rumor is current in local financial circles that on January 1st the wages of all employes of the Homestead Steel Mills will be reduced 15 per cent. This reduction, it is stated, is the forerunner of a similar reduction in all plants of the steel trust.

IMPORTED THOROUGHBRED SALE

New York, Oct. 2.—Prominent horsemen from many parts of the country attended the opening of the great sale of imported thoroughbred stock at the American Horse Exchange today. The thoroughbreds to be disposed of at the sale form one of the largest collections of imported blood ever brought to this country. Among the lot are 22 brood mares from the studs of King Edward VII., the late Colonel Harry McCalmont and R. C. Viner, also 20 yearlings, 10 weanlings and two stallions, one of which is the Virginian, a son of the Derby winner, Ayrshire.

PROVIDENCE AWAITS ANCIENTS.

Providence, R. I., Oct. 2.—Elaborate preparations have been made in military circles here in anticipation of the visit tomorrow of the Honorable Artillery company of London, and the name-sake organization of Boston. Both companies will be the guests of the First Light Infantry of this city. A squad from the Marino Artillery will fire a salute of 21 guns as a welcome to the British visitors and the line of march through the city will be lavishly decorated in their honor. State and city officials will review the paraders from the city hall. The chief feature of the day, aside from the parade, will be a Rhode Island shore dinner at Cresent Park.

Herbert's Body Goes to England.

Davos, Platz, Oct. 2.—The family of Ambassador Herbert left here for London this morning. The body will be sent to England tomorrow to be buried at Wilton near that of Lord Salisbury.

SUMMON THE WHOLE STAFF.

Indiana Newspaper Folk Are Subpoenaed by Grand Jury.

Columbus, Ind.—The Columbus Evening Republican has recently contained editorials reflecting on the administration of the laws in Brown county, and yesterday the entire working force of the paper, including the printers, was summoned to appear before the Brown county grand jury at Nashville.

Columbus is in another county, and this will cause the paper to miss one issue at least, and perhaps more, depending on the length of time the staff is held by the grand juhy as witnesses. Eleven persons altogether have been sent for, including Judge Marshall Hacker, the editor, and the woman who gets the society news.

Chaffee Relieves Corbin.

Washington, Oct. 2.—General Chaffee was today relieved of the command of the department of the East and assigned to duty as first assistant on the general staff, relieving Corbin who at his own request was placed in command of the department of the East.

This afternoon General Young gave out a statement relative to the transfer of officers in which he said he wanted General Chaffee to have an opportunity to acquire a knowledge of the duties of chief of staff, and the president therefore directed that he be made assistant to the chief. The assignment of Corbin to the command of the department of the East is in accordance with his own wishes and in recognition of his eminent services rendered as adjutant general during the war with Spain and the subsequent operations in China.

Superior Company in Bad Way.

Philadelphia, Pa., Oct. 2.—Receiver Carruth of the Consolidated Lake Superior company this afternoon issued a statement to the stockholders stating that a quarter of a million dollars is required for immediae and pressing indebtedness. He submits a plan of reorganization.

Quiet at the Soo.

Sault Ste Marie, Oct. 2.—Advices from the Soo this afternoon state that it is quiet there.

Turkish Atrocities Unchecked.

Sofia, Oct. 2.—The Macedonian revolutionary headquarters assert that the whole Christian population of the town of Mehomia (Razalog) province of Seres were massacred September 28 with the exception of ten men who escaped with the news. Mehomia is an important town and the seat of a local government. The poppulation was about equally divided between Turks and Bulgarians. The latter numbered about 3200 persons.

LOCAL ITEMS.

A marriage license was issued this afternoon to Lonnie L. Hescock and Lillie M. Beck, both of Walla Walla county.

Rev. Dr. Whitfield, late of Seattle, has been assigned to the pastorate of the First Methodist church of Walla Walla and arrived this morning to assume the charge. Rev. Whitfield's family will arrive in the city within a week.

"Are the mosquitoes very bad around here?" "Bad!" echoed the native, derisively. "Mister, did you ever hear of a mosquita being converted?"

Read the ads in the Statesman.

ONLY THREE LEFT

Whitman Handicapped for Veteran Debaters.

BROWN TEMPORARILY IN CHARGE

Both Inland Empire Debates Will Be Held in Walla Walla This Year—News Around the College.

Whitman is as badly handicapped for want of veterans in the debating line this year as she is in football. She will have three debates to win again this year with the University of Oregon, the University of Idaho and the Washington Agricultural college. Of the old men who have fought her battles on the rostrum the past two years there will be missed this year Marquis, Chittenden, Ringer, Campbell, Price, Cox and Guy Galloway. Of the eight men who handled these three debates last year only Brown, Palmer and Baldwin are back. Brown is a host in himself, however. For five years he has won victories for the blue and the gold and is in shape to go into two of the three contests this year. He has never lost a debate and is probably one of the very best college debaters to be found west of the Mississippi river. Palmer who was in the contest against the University of Idaho three years ago and again last year, is a ready and eloquent speaker. Baldwin was in the Pullman team last year and a member of the Idaho team two years ago.

"Hez" Brown has been given temporary charge of the arrangements for the year's debates by the executive committee and at a meeting of the old men which he called last night a provisional schedule of try-outs was arranged.

It was decided that the try-out for the Oregon team which will debate with the University in Eugene on the 16th of January next, should be held under the brief system about the 1st of December. Any member of a literary society is allowed to compete under the constitution of the Associated Students. The three getting the most points on the brief submitted and the ten minute speech made from it will constitute the Oregon team and will also probably handle one of the Inland Empire contests. The judges of this contest will be the coaches of Whitman's teams who will probably be Rev. Austin Rice, Professor Hendrick and Professor Lyman.

The Inland Empire debates will both be held at Walla Walla this year some time in the spring.

The team to handle the remaining debate will be gotten from the speakers in the annual inter-society debate between the Athenaeum and Phrenakosmian literary societies to take place sometime near the first of February.

Work in the literary societies is very active and much of splendid new material is being developed. It is expected that Whitman will give her usual good account of herself on the rostrum this year, notwithstanding the discouraging outlook at the first of the year.

The oratorical contest this year will take place in Moscow. F. Nelson Cole of the senior class is Whitman's representative. A large number of the new students are joining the literary societies. The Athenaeum received twelve applications for admission at their last meeting and the Phrenakosmian, two. The Libethrean and Philolithian societies have also organized and elected officers for the year.

Iron Workers Still Talking.

Kansas City, Mo., Oct. 2.—The Iron Workers this forenoon devoted their arguments to the proposed constitutional amendments.

Corns and ingrowing nails cured. Ring up Dr. Bogle.

Special sale of a lovely line of street hats Wednesday to Saturday inclusive. Mrs. M. A. Wolfe. In Blackman Bros.' store.

Alder Street Meat Market, Quick service. Tel. Main 36.

Horse timers and split seconds for the races at Martin's Jewelry store.

TOO LATE TO CLASSIFY.

LOST—GARNET PIN ON MAIN street. Finder kindly return to Statesman office.

GARDEN AND ORCHARD LAND for rent or sale. Partially furnished house for rent. Wheat hay for sale. Telephone Main 468.

WEDDING TONIGHT

Blushing Groom Seeks Auditor's Office Today.

PAID FOR AND GOT HIS LICENSE

Children's Day Today and Hundreds Attended the Fair This Afternoon.

Unless Providence wills it otherwise, there will be no hitch in the wedding at the fruit fair tonight. The groom-to-be, Carlos Colby, a flaxen-hiared, handsome youth, employed by the John Stack company, sought the auditor's office early this morning with a friend and obtained his license. The young lady named in the license, who will become Mrs. Colby, is Miss Ida M. Phanes.

Despite the happy little smile that played over the groom's features as the request for a license was made to Deputy Auditor Hart, there was a suggestion of determination apparent in the square chin that bespoke little fear in facing the curious crowds at the fair this evening to wed the girl of his choice.

Probably the sly glances of admiration cast his way by the lady-copyists employed in the auditor's office while the necessary documents were being prepared were a trifle disconcerting, as Deputy Hart took especial care in making out the important papers.

Mr. Colby passed over a couple of excellent cigars to the male members of the force and received a hearty "good luck to you" as he and his friend sought the open air.

The ceremony will take place on the band stand and will be performed by Justice J. J. Huffman. The bridal couple will leave the handsome booth of the Davis-Kaser company in the northern part of the building and march through the crowd to the band stand. Immediately following the ceremony an informal reception will be held in the reception room.

Use Peacock Patent flour. Every sack guaranteed.

LOCAL ITEMS.

Undertaker J. W. Cookerly returned this morning from a short business trip to Portland.

General Superintendent Williams and Field Agent Davis of the Home Finding association of Spokane are in the city today.

Miss Hallaber, a graduate nurse of the Walla Walla hospital, has returned to Walla Walla after an extended stay at The Dalles, Or.

Rev. M. H. Marvin left for Salem, Or., last night to attend the Oregon conference of the Methodist Episcopal church.

About 6000 cords of wood is now on the dump at Kamela and Meacham ready for shipmeint to this city and Walla Walla as fast as cars can be secured.

Vernon Bartlett and family arrived this morning from Portland, where they have been residing for the yast year. Mr. Bartlett is of the opinion that he has yet to find a place to compare with Walla Walla.

Hugh, infant son of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Bentley, died late last night, aged 16 days. The funeral took place from the family residence in South Second street at 3 o'clock this afternoon. Interment was in the Catholic cemetery.

Mrs. Monroe Sayres, a pioneer resident of Waitsburg, died in that city last night of typhoid fever. Her daughter, Mrs. Frank Mills, is seriously ill at the Walla Walla hospital. Funeral arrangements have not been announced.

The price paid for cutting wood is now $1.15 per cord. The price paid to the woodmen is $3.25 per cord. The wheat rush is using the cars just at present, which prevents the shipment of wood and causes a temporary scarcity in the market.

R. C. Holmes is in the city from Coos Bay, where he went a few days ago looking for a new location. Mr. Holmes is well pleased with Coos Bay, and will go into business there. He says that part of Oregon is an ideal place to reside.

The dance given by the Walla Walla band at the Armory last night was largely attended and very much enjoyed by the large crowd present. The music was especially fine as many of the members of Ellery's fine band were affiliated with the boys in the fine program of dance music furnished. The boys will repeat the dance Saturday night.

COMPANY GETS RIGHT OF WAY.

Oregon and Washington Power Company Secure Valuable Rights on the Little Walla Walla River.

Papers were filed in the office of the county recorder this morning transferring to the Oregon & Washington Power company the right of way for a ditch, flume and pipe line on the little Walla Walla river. There are several papers in the transfer, but the gist of the matter is that the owners of the right on the river have sold to the company the right to operate a power plant on the river, and use the water for the same. The land and water right was first transferred from T. J. Kirk et al to C. A. Barrett for the sum of $10,000, and was afterward turned over to the company by him for $10 and other valuable considerations.

This is the first step in the definite location of the new plant that is to furnish the power for the lighting of Pendleton, Walla Walla and the intervening towns.