

ANOTHER SAMPLE OF COUNTY "BUSINESS"

BILLS 10 MONTHS OLD AND STEEL PENS AT 10 CENTS EACH CONFOUND PRESENT BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS.

As an illustration of the loose methods pursued in the past in county affairs, bills continue to come in for poor farm supplies and other county bills contracted months ago. There is no record of these various bills having been authorized beyond the recollection of the old commissioners or some of the county officers that they "believed" such supplies had been ordered.

A bill for \$197.05 has just been filed by a firm at Spangle for poor farm supplies, some of which were furnished, according to the bill, 10 months ago. Why a creditor of the county should hold off prepaying a bill for that length of time is a puzzle to the present commissioners.

who think monthly settlements of county bills is the proper thing. If the county does not have the cash on hand it will issue an interest-bearing warrant, which is better for the creditor than having his money lie idle earning nothing.

The most aggravating of these bills contracted by the old board are the items that have come in for stationery and blank books purchased from some of the leading supply houses of Spokane. The way these bills piled up lead the commissioners to believe that possibly the old board or some of the county officers had purchased enough pens, pencils, erasers, scratch pads, etc., to run them for years to come.

In one bill steel pens are charged to the county at 10 cents each. The usual price is about a penny apiece.

THE INDIGNANT MR. BELL OF PIERCE

(Special to The Press.) OLMPIA, March 4.—Representative T. J. Bell of Pierce is the indignation point of the house.

With him indignation is intense, abundant and chronic. Surrounded with his taps loosely oiled, he is equipped at all times to throw off dense and beclouding volumes of indignant protest on hair trigger provocation. He fairly revels, wallows and cavorts in indignation, high pressure anguish that makes its escape only after flinging out the apoplectic signal together with an intimidating hoarsening of the voice and a rapid circular motion of the arms.

Just let some one intimate, even in a soft millifonious whisper that perhaps sometime, somewhere or somehow, the republican party did something which was not entirely right and then strum up your courage and hold your breath. To his feet he:

"Mister Speaker!" What a word of long pent righteous indignation there is there in the basso profundo accentuation of the final syllables "Mister Speaker," the same and a little more so. Purely formal as is this salutation in it you get the felt motif of the wrath that is welling up, bubbling, sizzling with carbonated persistence in the heaving bosom of this Sir Garland of the republican party. Slowly and impressively he swings about face and confronts his equally affronted but less vociferous conferees. The look he vouchsafes of sorrow and amber mingled, gives audible protest to the outrage that has been, is about to be or is perpetrated. Once more:

"Mister Speaker and Gentle men!" And then he is off like Pundit's racing tides; deeper and deeper grows the mighty roar; faster fly the arms; harder pounds the clenching fist into the unoffending palm of the other hand, while neck veins bulge, coat seams strain and anger glows in glistening drops from every outraged pore.

Not one single member escapes the lowering glint of that indignant eye that glares incandescent above the impending spectacles. Every high-pitched note that rattles forth from his quivering larynx bears its personal accusation to whom it may concern, and bag punching, shadow fighting and footwork are thrown in. He does the figure eight spread eagle and dutch roll about his desk without dropping a syllable. He marvels, gentlemen, he does, that any person within the reach of his voice, any person within the boundaries of the great commonwealth, the state of Washington, should have the temerity to cast any reflection on the republican party. Yes, gentlemen, he is astonished, grieved and shocked beyond all measure of the few words at his command to express. He is dumbfounded, aghast, almost speechless, but gentlemen, as long as there is a breath in his body, etc., etc.

Appreciation of his peroration is only limited by the capacity of the human tympanum and not less in-

ignant is the pause that ensues just before he takes his seat with an indignant concussion.

All in all, for vibrant, sibilating tremulo indignation, with the echo stops out, Mr. T. J. Bell has all other protestants, like ninnies, giggling in girlish satisfaction.

WON'T MOVE AND WILL MEET

Should a public square be established in any other part of Spokane than in the employment office district, the Industrial Workers of the World will not confine their meetings to its borders. This is the substance of a statement made by Secretary Chinn of that organization.

"A public square in any other part of the city than that occupied by the employment agencies would do the I. W. W.'s no good whatever," stated Chinn. "We cater only to the wage-earners, and, in order to get them we must hold our meetings in the streets most frequented by them. We are going to bust up every employment office in the city in a few months, perhaps by the middle of the summer. After that, if the city does not establish a free employment office where all the laboring people can have access to it, the I. W. W. will establish one of its own. We expect to do so any day in the long run."

The I. W. W.'s have not yet conferred with other street meeting organizations on opposing enforcement of the ordinance against speaking within the fire limits. Officers of the local post of the Salvation Army have written to headquarters regarding the ordinance and nothing will be done till they are advised from that source.

The I. W. W.'s intend holding more street meetings within the next few nights, according to a statement made yesterday by Secretary Chinn, but they refuse to tell just when.

TO BUILD BRICK BLOCK.

Another apartment house is to be erected on the North Side. I. C. Major took out a permit with the board of public works yesterday for a three-story brick apartment block to be erected near the southwest corner of Mission avenue and Mill street. The estimated cost of the new block will be \$18,000.

COSTS \$1 TO STAY AWAY.

The most important meeting of the allied crafts in months will be held tonight in the bartenders' hall. Every member of the Cooks and Kitchen Helpers, waiters, waitresses and bartenders' unions are requested to be present. A fine of \$1 will be imposed on each member absent without a good excuse.

A country will have to get pretty mad to go to war with Taft.

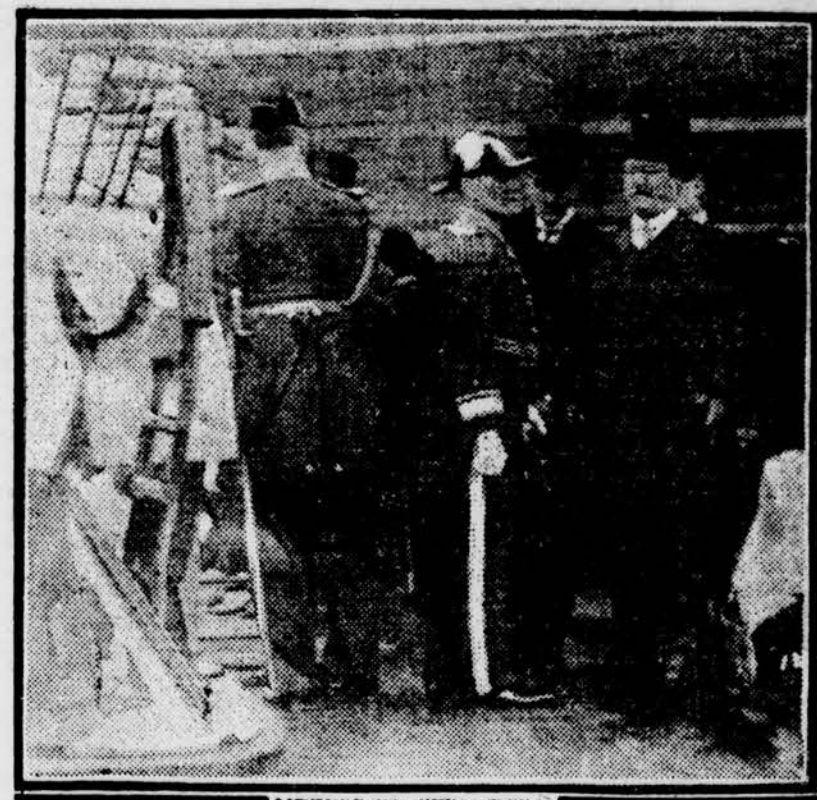
The country will gain considerable in losing several senators.

THE UNITED DAMES OF HOAKUM.



He (desperately)—Can I do nothing to make you marry me?
She (brightening)—Do you ooo k?

WELCOME TO THE FLEET



ADMIRAL SPERRY (ON THE LEFT) WELCOMES PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT AND PARTY ABOARD THE FLAGSHIP CONNECTICUT.



PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT (IN THE CENTER) AND ADMIRAL SPERRY ABOARD THE MAYFLOWER IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE FLEET DROPPED ANCHOR IN HAMPTON ROADS.

TRAUGHBER HAS TO ANSWER

CHIEF MYERS SAYS CAPTAIN WILL SUFFER IF RULE AGAINST HAVING LIQUOR IN STATION WAS VIOLATED.

Fire Chief Myers has made a plain assertion as to what his action will be should it be shown by the investigation of affairs at No. 9 fire station tomorrow that liquor was brought into the station. Chief Myers holds Captain Traughber responsible for any dereliction of duty and stated that he was too old a man on the department not to understand the full meaning of such an action and if this was known by him he could not remain at the head of the station.

The chief considers the charge that the men drank liquor of less importance than that liquor was taken into the station in violation of the most stringent rules of the department.

FLAMES CAUSE 1,000 DEATHS IN CHINA

VICTORIA, B. C., March 4.—More than 1,000 lives were lost at Hong Kong, China, according to steamer advices here. The disaster resulted from the overturning of a kerosene lamp in a flower boat anchored in a big fleet of merry-making craft. The boat burned and the fire spread to others, people leaping into the river by scores.

If 'Twere As It Sounds:



"ON HEARING THAT WE DID NOT DRINK, HE CONCEALED A SMILE."

RECEIVER DREAMS OF PROSPERITY

An effort is being made by the receiver, J. J. White, to place the affairs of the Dreamland theater on a permanent footing so that it will pay its way while the disputing stockholders fight out their financial difference in court. White was never a theatrical manager but he has employed new talent and proposes to put life into the affairs of the stranded dreamland.

Meanwhile a three-cornered fight for possession of the property is being waged. The board of five directors is divided into two hostile camps, while some of the dissatisfied stockholders are moving in the matter independent of either. In all there are at least four different sets of attorneys employed.

FIRST STEAMER WILL START BOOSTERS

LEWISTON, Idaho, March 4.—An elaborate program will accompany the arrival of the first Open River association steamer at this city from Celilo March 15. All commercial organizations of northern Idaho will be present to organize the North Idaho League of Commercial clubs.

CITY NUMBERS AND BUTTONS FIREMEN

Spokane firemen have been numbered and each man bears a badge with his number on it. These badges are the property of the city as well as the brass buttons. The chief's buttons have five crossed trumpets, the assistant chief three crossed trumpets, captains two and foremen have two trumpets in vertical position. In this manner it will be possible to identify the rank of the men without difficulty. George Sanders wears badge No. 1.

CAN'T PRODUCE THE JOB.

Miss Josephine A. Wilson, hearing that there was to be a vacancy in the position of matron of the juvenile detention rooms at the courthouse, filed an application with the county commissioners for the place. The commissioners had no knowledge of vacancy and filed the application for future reference.

THIEF MADE \$60 SCORE.

The police are looking for a coat and \$60 stolen from Walter Evans, 701 Fifth avenue, while Evans was playing a game of ten pins at the Coeur d'Alene bowling alleys last night. The case was investigated by Detectives Thompson and Briley.

About Spring Hats

They vary. Not all are small. Dress hats will be large. Summer hats will be large. The midseason hat is medium. Some of them show very high crowns. Full, broad crowns swamp their supporting brims. Soft satin and silk crowns figure with straw brims.

LONDON, March 4.—George Westinghouse, Jr., and Miss Violet Brockelbank, daughter of Sir Thomas Brockelbank, were married quietly today at Irton, the Cumberland county home of the Brockelbanks.

The Press, 25 cents a month.

IMPORTED BEER

From Germany on Draught 10c Glass

DURKIN

121 Howard St Sprague and Mil

LAW GOES AFTER PHONE EAVESDROPPER
CLEVELAND, O., March 4.—Did you ever listen in at the phone? That is, when two people were talking about stocks, styles, acquaintances, or the trouble of keeping cooks, or even driving, "Oh, say, kiddo, ain't you the fresh one?" Did you ever keep hold of your receiver? If you haven't, don't. If you have, quit. It's now to be against the law, according to a statute just enacted by the Ohio state senate. The bill calls it eavesdropping and a misdemeanor punishable by a maximum fine of \$100.



SHIPMENT OF **Lester Pianos** PHILADELPHIA'S PRIDE.

Lesters make friends for the dealer; they are admired by all who hear them. The shipment just received contains the new styles 32 and 34—just the finest kind of an instrument for the home of moderate means. The tone will satisfy the most exacting, the design is artistic and beautiful and every Lester Piano is built to stay in tune and last a lifetime.

You should see some of the strong testimonials we have from users of the Lester Piano—we are proud of them.

Investigate our easy payment plan. The payments are very easy and before you know it you will own a high-grade piano. The payments are soon over, but the pleasure goes on for a lifetime.

Sold exclusively in the Pacific northwest by the House of Highest Quality.

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G. A. HEIDINGER, Manager.

THE SPOKANE PRESS, 25C A MONTH.

MEET TO HONOR ROBERT EMMET

Tribute will be paid the memory tonight of Robert Burns, the Irish patriot and orator, who gave up his life for his country in the uprising of 1798, at a banquet to be held in the Moorish room of the Spokane hotel by the Robert Emmet Social club. W. C. Donovan will be the toastmaster and addresses will be made by Rev. J. T. Corbett on "The Day We Celebrate," by George Turner on "The Irish in Politics," R. L. Williams, "Men of '98," F. C.

Robertson, "The Irish in Law;" P. B. Keane, "Our Adopted Country;" Del Carey Smith, "The Ladies."

NOT GUILTY OF FRAUD.

Wilbur S. Hill, W. H. Koenigs and Stephen Knutson, charged with conspiracy with intent to defraud, were discharged after a hearing before Judge Mann yesterday. The men were caught while operating an endless chain scheme, but the evidence showed that they had bitten on the same sort of bait and were simply going on with the scheme as it had been presented to them.

The Vogue

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\$3.00, \$5.00 AND \$7.00 OSTRICH PLUMES ON SALE AT \$1.00.

We have a little lot of ostrich feathers, in different colors; they have been shown in the window and handled in the usual way of business, consequently they are all a little soiled. We don't want to sell them as new goods—we could not do that—and rather than place them in stock with the new stock, we will practically give them away. Original selling prices were \$3.00 to \$7.00, Friday and Saturday sale price, each.....\$1.00

ROSES, RIVALING IN BEAUTY THE REAL THING, ON SALE AT 25c.

Roses of every kind—red roses, yellow roses, pink roses, white roses, big full blown flowers—the flowers that will be most worn during the coming season; hundreds of them; enough to satisfy an enormous demand. You get your choice of an unlimited assortment on Friday and Saturday at, each.....25c

UNTRIMMED MILLINERY STRONGLY FEATURED.

The Vogue is the untrimmed millinery headquarters of Spokane—every kind of hat can be bought here; the shapes that will be fashionable, the colors that will be wanted; we have them all, and you will find selection easy from our magnificent stocks. Prices range from.....75c

Materials and findings of all descriptions can be shown you and we will sell those to you at the lowest possible prices.

Off for the Final Spurt

Last Two Days of the Suit and Overcoat Sale

ONCE more we crave your attention. We want you to know that the great sale of fall and winter weight suits and overcoats comes to an end on Saturday night. The stock will be closed out finally; if we sell as many suits as we did on last Friday and Saturday, we won't have a single suit left by closing time on Saturday night. We should not have one; we don't want to have one, and if you have any appreciation of a bargain you will certainly not let slip the opportunity to get a suit at less than the price of manufacture.

ALL FALL AND WINTER SUITS AND OVERCOATS, WORTH FROM \$20.00 TO \$35.00, WILL BE CLOSED OUT AT

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