

DON'T LIKE THE DECISION.

COUNTY TREASURER IS WEARY OF HEARING COMPLAINTS.

Personal Property Taxpayers Think It is Wrong for the Supreme Court to Say it is Unconstitutional to Exempt Their Property.

There is one department of the county courthouse in which the decision of the state supreme court, holding that all exemptions of private property from taxation are unconstitutional, has caused particular and lasting woe. It is the treasurer's office. To Treasurer Charles F. Whittlesey come daily nearly 300 personal property taxpayers, and 75 per cent of them register a complaint more or less emphatic before finally parting with their checks.

While the receipts of money from the small taxpayers have not been large, the volume transacted has been great, and behind the counter is employed a force of clerks larger than has been necessary for the work for a long time. As a rule, the large taxpayers have not yet appeared at the treasurer's office, and it is said at the courthouse that some of them are hanging back, hoping that a suit will be brought to restrain the treasurer from collecting taxes on personal property assessed in amount less than \$500.

A disposition to get the question again in the courts has been shown by several taxpayers, and it is not improbable that a suit will be filed when the sheriff is directed by the court to seize the personal property of the delinquents. County Treasurer Whittlesey is hoping that this will be done; not that he is in a position to take sides in the matter of that he is not carrying out the letter and intent of the law. "No question of a public nature in late years has so aroused the people as the decision of the court of final resort, declaring unconstitutional all exemptions of taxation of private property," said a speaker at the courthouse yesterday. "Before another election has rolled around, it is my belief that the personal tax question will have become an issue well understood and considered by the people. You can readily realize the position in which the county treasurer is placed. Every man who is called on to pay him money, if he believes the amount demanded or the payment of any sum is unjust, blames the treasurer. After April 1, it will be the treasurer's duty to proceed against those who have failed to call and purchase their receipts for persons on whom personal property by distraint and sell the goods assessed for the amount of the tax against them. This will mean a hardship against a good many inoffensive and poor people. Naturally, they will take it out on the treasurer for the tax collector never was a popular individual."

THEY FOOLED WITH BARBEE.

He Drew His Gun and They're in Jail—An Old Offender. Officer Barbee had a little experience all to himself as he was going home yesterday between 2 and 3 o'clock yesterday morning. At the head of the Terry street steps he observed two men and asked them what they were doing. They said they were out walking but the officer was not satisfied and plied them with further questions. One of them made a movement and in an instant Barbee's gun was against his breast. The man slowly put up his hands and the bracelets were soon on him. At police headquarters they gave the names of A. J. Lind and Charles Smith. They had some carpenter tools in their possession which are thought to belong to Pike street. Officer Powers has recognized Smith as a man named Schaefer whom he set up for five years for breaking into Brown's plumbing shop on Madison street.

KEIRK TOOK THE CHECK.

When Presented at the Bank It is Pronounced Forgery. W. Stokes Keirk, a merchant of this city, reported a case of forgery to the police yesterday, but was unable to tell anything that would lead to the detection of the forger. During the day he presented a \$100.00 check signed by Frye, Bruhn & Co. to the bank for collection, and it was at once pronounced a forgery. Mr. Keirk says he does not know when he received the check, and can give no description of the party presenting it.

SAID HE WAS ROBBED.

The Michael Kelly, According to His Story, Was Thrown Out. P. H. Ballard, a night watchman of the Oregon hotel, was arrested at an early hour yesterday morning on a charge of assault and battery. The complaining witness, Michael Kelly, alleges that he was robbed of \$10 in the hotel, and when he made complaint to Ballard the latter kicked him out of the house. The case will be heard by Justice Austin at 3 o'clock this afternoon.

WILKE AND HIS MONEY.

They Have Disappeared and Foul Play is Suspected. Charles Wilke and \$500 or \$700 are missing. Wilke's friends think that he has met with foul play, as he was last seen Wednesday evening with two strangers in the drug store. The missing man is 42 years of age, five feet nine inches in height, light eyes and sandy mustache. He was dressed in a brown cheviot coat and black pants. The fingers of his left hand have been amputated.

Mrs. Lavina Clark Dead.

Mrs. Lavina Clark, aged 65 years, died at her home, 322 Jefferson street, yesterday.

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Receipts for the Year Ending March 31, 1897, Were Over \$52,000—For the Eleven Months Ending Feb. 28, 1898, About \$100,000.

Marvelous changes have been made in the Seattle postoffice since Assistant Postmaster W. J. Collett first began working there as a clerk for a monthly stipend of \$7. The advance has been steady from day morning. Deceased was the wife of James L. Clark and mother of Capt. W. Clark, of the Seattle fire department. She was a native Philadelphian, and has resided on Puget sound for the last thirty years.

Sunday "P.-I." Thirty Pages.

From Among a Large Quantity of Exceedingly Interesting Articles the Following May Be Selected as Examples of the Variety and Scope of Seattle's Sunday Magazine.

- SAVED BY AN EARTHQUAKE; a story by Sandeman. ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND SOLDIERS EAGER AND READY FOR WAR. QUEEN VICTORIA'S KEYS; an ancient custom of the sovereigns. DIPLOMATIC PRIVILEGES; Sir Julian Pauncefote's dignity. FORTIFICATIONS OF PUGET SOUND; the work at Port Townsend. ON THE WAY SOUTH; Carpenter begins his trip. OLD SOLDIERS' HOME AT ORTING. ELKS OF THE OLYMPIC MOUNTAINS; a new species. PARISIAN NOVELTIES IN UMBRELLA HANDLES. FRUIT FOR THE FASHIONABLE DAUGHTERS OF EVE. A PLAN TO REACH THE POLE OFFERED BY CAPT. BERNIER. CLARA BARTON'S EXPERIENCES WITH THE WOUNDED OF THE MAINE. ERICSSON'S MONITOR; the secrets of her building. ONE THOUSAND MEN WORKING NIGHT AND DAY ON BIG GUNS. THIRTY PAGES.

The United States, and the president appoints a permanent commission to take charge of the same. "However, you may rest assured that I shall take pleasure in keeping you advised of any developments that may be of interest to you and will forward application blanks as soon as they are ready for distribution. I will also forward you in a few days a copy of the special commissioner's report in regard to the exposition. It is hoped that congress will soon take some action in the matter. Yours truly, JOHN H. MCGIBBONS, "Assistant Special Commissioner."

HON. CHARLES A. TOWNE.

Prominent Silver Republican Leader to Visit Seattle. An event of more than ordinary interest especially to advocates of the free coinage of silver will be the visit to Seattle of Hon. Charles A. Towne, member of congress from Minnesota, who is to deliver an address next Tuesday evening at Armory hall, his subject being "Bi-metallicism."

Although a Republican, Mr. Towne has occupied a prominent place among the free silver leaders, and was the first chairman of the Silver Republican national committee. Mr. Towne represents the Sixth District of Minnesota in the house of representatives. He is a native of Michigan, where he was born just forty years ago. He graduated from the University of Michigan in 1851, and now lives in Duluth. When the Silver Republicans bolted from the St. Louis national convention, the result was the formation of a new party, of which an address issued on February 22, 1887. Mr. Towne was one of the prominent signers, his associates being Teller, Dubois Cannon, Pettigrew, Mantle, Jones, Hartman, Shaforth and Allen. When the convention met at Chicago June 8, 1888, Mr. Towne was elected chairman, and he signed the resolutions which took the place of the usual party platform.

Building Permits. Among recent building permits issued is one to E. W. Herald and C. H. Herald for a two-story frame building at the corner of Madison street and Sixth avenue, to cost \$2,000. Also one to S. G. Macklin for a one-story frame dwelling at 1447 Twenty-first avenue, to cost \$1,000.

Replanking Contract Let.

The board of public works yesterday awarded the contract for replanking and otherwise improving Main street, between Fifth avenue south and Eighth avenue south, to M. Dow & Co., the only bidders, at \$1,275. No bids were received for the improvement of Westlake avenue.

DERISION AND SCORN

For Those Who Speak Against Popular Habits. One hundred years ago ministers and laymen alike were accustomed to use some spirits as well as tobacco, and the one who spoke disparagingly of either of the sure to bring down on himself derision and scorn, but the hard, cold facts move along in a most uncompromising way, and those who persist in placing themselves in the road are ground up with a more or less degree of promptitude.

The same conditions today surround the drug we know as coffee. The self-respecting individual dislikes to hear his tastes, ails and miseries of tens of thousands of good people come from the little suspected coffee pot. Ten days to a month trial without coffee and the use of Postum Food Coffee in its place will prove the facts, and good bounding health is well worth the experiment. Postum well brewed is delicious, and gives one the exact kind of food needed to rebuild the body in a most perfect manner.

Government's Final Action in the Army Post Matter. As already told in the Post-Intelligencer, the United States government has waived the demand for a ten-inch water main to the military post at Magnolia Bluff, and has acceded to the city's proposition to lay a six-inch main. It has also acceded to the rate proposed by the city for water furnished the post, viz. 8 cents per 1,000 gallons. The final documents setting forth this agreement were yesterday placed on file in the office of the city comptroller. Quartermaster General M. I. Ludington's office was notified by the secretary of war, under date of February 21, as follows: "In view of the statement of Mr. Clise in his letter to the secretary of war in- cluded herewith, that the head of water from the city main at the highest point of the building site on Magnolia Bluff will be 18 feet, which is thirty feet more than has been indicated by information pre-

CITY RETURNS UNANIMOUSLY.

OFFICIAL COUNT GIVES MAYOR HUMES A MAJORITY OF 737.

City Comptroller Parry Comes Next With a Majority Over Wallace of 618—Then Follows Judge Foote With a Majority Over Lyon of 305.

The city council last night canvassed the returns of the city election held last Tuesday, and the figures are identical with those already published by the Post-Intelligencer. The totals are as follows: Mayor—Vote Maj. T. J. Humes 3,364-737 S. C. Calderhead 2,627 Corporation Counsel—Vote Maj. W. E. Humphrey 2,932-61 Fred R. Rowell 2,882 Comptroller—Vote Maj. Will Wallace 2,222-618 John Wallace 2,604 Treasurer—Vote Maj. J. M. Lyon 2,053-305 A. H. Foote 1,748

Councilmen at Large—Vote Maj. F. M. Muldoon 2,811-54 W. C. Chapman 2,757 H. H. Kirtz 2,679 Councilman First Ward—Vote Maj. T. H. Clancy 242 Councilman Second Ward—Vote Maj. P. L. Allen 274 H. C. Hill 260 Councilman Third Ward—Vote Maj. H. C. Gill 245-104 J. E. Austin 241 Councilman Fourth Ward—Vote Maj. R. J. Dodds 511-324 N. Lewis 277 Councilman Fifth Ward—Vote Maj. W. T. Willis 413 L. Diller 419-6 Councilman Sixth Ward—Vote Maj. W. V. Rinehart 338-18 H. B. Drees 321 Councilman Seventh Ward—Vote Maj. John Taylor 338-25 W. C. Kiltz 314 Councilman Eighth Ward—Vote Maj. J. A. Smith 204-106 W. Good 198 Councilman Ninth Ward—Vote Maj. C. Reynolds 183 W. Crawford 220-27 Amendments to Charter—For. Against. No. 1 1,337 1,233 No. 2 1,156 1,274 No. 3 718 714 No. 4 2,007 1,011 No. 5 384 323 No. 6 84 70 No. 7 81 84 No. 8 573 853 No. 9 373 373

Authorizing the board of public works to enter into a contract with the General Fire Alarm Telegraph Company for installing a storage battery equipment and six signal automatic non-interference repeaters; option to rent or purchase at a cost not to exceed \$3,000; finally passed. The finance committee recommended that the ordinance authorizing repairs to sewers belonging to the water department at Lake Washington, be laid on the table. It was so ordered.

LARGEST OF THE WEEK.

Evangelist Potter Preaches to a Congregation Which Packs the First M. E. Church. The largest congregation of the week gathered in the First Methodist Episcopal church last night to listen to Evangelist Potter's sermon on the duty of Christ. He called upon heaven, earth, nature and hell as witnesses and produced a strong sermon. The jury occupied seats between the altar rail and the pulpit platform. At the close of the sermon Mr. Miller sang a few lines of his solo: "Eternity." The altar was crowded with penitents. Tomorrow at 11 o'clock Rev. E. M. Randall will preach at the First Methodist Episcopal church, and Evangelist Miller will preach at Madison street church. At 2:30 o'clock Mr. Potter will hold service for women only. Thousands of tickets have been distributed and a large congregation is expected. Mr. Potter will preach at night. The meetings will continue throughout next week.

SANG, PRAYED AND PREACHED.

Evangelist Munhall and Birch Put in a Busy Evening. Prof. and Mrs. Birch sang last night to the delight and help of all. "The Harvest is Past and We Are Not Saved." The cornet solo, "Calvary," was beautifully rendered. Dr. Munhall preached a strong sermon from the text: "What is man, that thou art mindful of him?"

At the young men's meeting on Sabbath at 2 p. m. Dr. Munhall will give a "confidential" talk to young men between the ages of 17 and 30 years. Twenty-five thousand men have been reached by this sermon. Prof. Birch will give as a cornet solo, "Sullivan's Lost Chord." Sabbath evening will be the last meeting of the series in which the Methodist churches will unite. Dr. Munhall will deliver one of his most instructive and important sermons. A choir of sixty voices will lead the music, at which service Prof. and Mrs. Birch will render a duet. A great gathering is expected.

LAST PAPERS FILED.

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very possessed by this office, that there are insuperable legal obstacles in the way of the laying by the city of Seattle at the present time of a larger pipe, and believing that the land committee, of which Mr. Clise is chairman, has worked earnestly and in entire good faith to meet the conditions imposed by the war department, it is recommended that the proposition to lay a six-inch main to the reservation as indicated in the ordinance enclosed, be accepted and the city comptroller of Seattle be informed that the United States agrees to pay 8 cents per 1,000 gallons or fraction thereof for all water received from the city."

AMUSEMENTS.

Bull's Concert Tonight. As Alexander Salvini was the son of, and himself, a great actor, so Alexander Bull is not only the son of, but is himself, a great violinist, who deserves to be greeted by a full house tonight at the Pile Street theater. The Musical Courier, New York, says of him: "His manner of singing a melody is peculiarly delightful, and Ole Bull himself never played with more sympathetic expression."

"Prisoner of Algiers." "The Prisoner of Algiers" will close its engagement at the Third Avenue theatre tonight. There will be a matinee this afternoon at 2:15 o'clock.

Every college or high school student and every young man or woman of culture should read "Black House" and then see Miss Jane Coombs in her wonderful creations of Lady Deadlock and Hortense.

Bella Union Theater.

There will be an entire change of programme at this theater tonight. The old stock company has returned after a trip on the road. They will open with the new comedy of four acts entitled "Him, She and Her." The principal character will be taken by Mr. J. D. Brownell, who has played this part two seasons on the road. A strong company of vaudeville performers will be added to make this a first-class show, all for 10 cents.

"What Happened to Jones." For four nights, starting tomorrow (Sunday), the Seattle theater offers a laughing treat in the appearance of Harry Corson Clarke in George H. Broadhurst's comedy, "What Happened to Jones." Mr. Clarke will be seen in the title role, that of Jones, the traveler for a hymn book house, who sells playing cards as a side line. The supporting company is an excellent one and will produce the play under the personal supervision of the author.

MILLINERY opening at Graham's today.

CASTORIA.

Castoria is in every drug store.

Kinney Is Released.

F. S. Kinney was yesterday released on depositing \$1,000 cash ball with the clerk of the superior court. It is understood that his brother-in-law, Patrick Gibbon, of Renton, was largely instrumental in securing the necessary bail.

MILLINERY opening at Graham's today.

Charles Norrigger Indicted.

The grand jury yesterday returned a bill indicting Charles Norrigger, of West Seattle, with selling liquor without a license. He was arrested late last night by Capt. R. J. Atwell and taken to the county jail.

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For today these very low prices— Malachite Tea Spoons, 24c per dozen. Malachite Table Spoons, 48c per dozen. 9x12 Japanned Cake Boxes, 33c. 10x13 Japanned Cake Boxes, 42c. 10 1-2x15 1-2 Japanned Cake Boxes, 50c.

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