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The last of the men working on the Northern Pacific tunnel have left the city, the tunnel being now entirely finished and cleaned off. All is in readiness now for the city to start paving the top, a distance of four blocks. As the top of the tunnel forms the concrete base for the paving, it is believed that this work can be done in a few weeks.

Hart Killed Himself Politically.
(Colfax Commoner.)

The action of Lieutenant Governor Hart in appointing two regents for Washington State College during the temporary absence of Governor Lister is being condemned in unmeasured terms. Hart aspires to be governor, but he killed any chance he may have had for the nomination by this act.

Press Comment

Is Washington Going Dry?
(Inland Empire News.)
Not necessarily because others have done so, but because we are drawing our own conclusions from "the signs of the times," we predict that within ten more years this country will be nationally dry.

Prohibition has been making some great strides in recent years. State after state has gone dry; others are going dry ere long. There has been started a nation-wide campaign for prohibition and, unless we miss our guess, it is going to win out.

Last week the Progressive party in Indiana adopted a dry plank. That means that it is going to be made a party issue there. We think that wrong, but it only shows that the proposition is breaking into politics.

Coming down to the state of Washington, it isn't at all a rash prediction that this state will go dry next fall. There are many who say positively that the battle is already won by the Prohibitionists. It is pointed out that one petition alone has secured several times as many signatures (86,600) as is necessary to put the measure before the voters.

A gentleman residing in the country near Hillyard stated to us a few days ago that, with the exception of two individuals, every one he had heard express himself had said they were going to vote dry. Two business men in Hillyard told the editor a few days ago that they were going to vote dry, since it is a state-wide proposition.

The same kind of reports are issuing from all parts of the state. Without expressing ourselves one way or the other as to the way we are going to vote, we do want to say that it appears that the outlook ought to be somewhat discouraging to those who have a lot of money tied up in bar fixtures and wet goods in this state.

The Stop-Look-Listen League.
(Everett Labor Journal.)

In one of the local papers is appearing advertisements sponsored by the "Stop-Look-Listen League". The professed object of this league is to acquaint the voters with the purport of the several initiative bills. The only person so far who has allowed his name to appear in connection with this league is Mr. Frank Dallam Jr., of Seattle. Mr. Dallam was formerly private secretary to Governor Mead and Governor Hay. He is a trained, competent newspaper man who knows the value of publicity, how to get it and how to write readable copy. We shall await with interest his exposition of the bills. We note at the outset that the advertisements are so worded as to create doubt in the minds of the voters as to the advisability of signing initiative petitions. We would like to bet every dollar we've got that Frank Dallam hasn't invested a nickel of his own money in this league. Yet it has established headquarters in the Arcade building in Seattle, proposes to form branch leagues in every county and is investing in good newspaper space at space rates. Somebody is putting up the money. Who? We'd like to hazard a guess that the fishing and lumber interests are putting up the coin and will hold to that belief despite all frantic assurances to the contrary. These combines have learned the value of publicity but are too wise to allow the names of their members to appear in connection with this league. If that isn't the answer, we'll eat crow for the rest of our natural life. The joint legislative committee which is behind the "Seven Sisters" will gladly furnish the names and addresses of its officers to the public. We'll gamble you'll never see the names in print of the real backers of the "Stop-Look-and-Listen League." Why?

How it Looks to Another Editor.
(Friday Harbor Journal.)

What is known as the "Stop-Look-Listen-League" has been formed by a number of prominent men throughout the state of Washington, who have the welfare of the commonwealth at heart. The purpose of the league is to disseminate information in regard to a number of the initiative measures that are to be voted on by the people next fall. It is the firm opinion of the Journal that the prime aim of the initiative law is being overlooked, and that it is being unjustly taken advantage of by those who imagine they can get through a set of freak laws. That this is a fact, is illustrated in the present initiative bills before the people. As we understand the initiative and referendum, it was only to be used as an emergency, when the legislature fails to perform its obvious public duty—a course of last resort as it were. Its abuse is an extravagant privilege. It has been authoritatively stated that the approximate cost of presenting these

bills for the public's approval will be in the neighborhood of \$600,000. And still we complain of high taxes, and the worst kickers are those who demand the financial laws. The Journal assumes that the thoughtful voter of San Juan county will read and advise himself on all measures before signing the petitions. It is a duty he owes himself as well as his neighbor. As we understand the situation, the Stop-Look-Listen-League is to educate the public and lend assistance in the understanding of these questions.

**TURNER DELIVERS
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SPOKANE SENATORIAL CANDIDATE PRAISES WILSON, BRYAN AND LISTER.

Declaring President Wilson to be the greatest president since Abraham Lincoln; praising William Jennings Bryan as "the greatest exponent of Democratic principles since Jefferson," and endorsing Governor Lister's administration, former United States Senator George Turner of Spokane, candidate again for the Democratic nomination for the same office at the September primaries, made a rousing speech at a luncheon given in his honor by local Democrats last Friday noon and was heartily welcomed in return.

Arrangements had first been made by the Thurston County Democratic club, which invited Senator Turner to speak here, for a big meeting that evening, but upon the senator's arrival Friday morning the plans were changed, a luncheon was given in his honor and a promise exacted that he would come to Olympia again soon to address a public meeting.

Attorney Thomas M. Vance acted as toastmaster, introducing Senator Turner, who devoted his talk to the three eras of the Democratic party—its beginning under Thomas Jefferson and the 60 years while it was in control, then the long period of defeats after the Civil war and now the "new freedom"—and closed with these stirring words:

Party Has Renewed Its Youth.
"The Democratic party has renewed its youth; it is re-incarnated; it has drunk deeply again at the fountain of American liberty. Though there have been dissensions and some varying opinions in the party, as there are in all parties—and any party without them would be a dead one—the true test of the Democrat is whether he is filled with Democratic ideals. With the binding up of the wounds, the carrying out of the ideals, the power of Democracy, now returned to power, will go on and on, with increasing glory, as under the leadership of the great father of Democracy, the revered and immortal Jefferson."

After discussing the first two eras of the party, he said:
"The third great era began with the great fight made by that man, who is the greatest moral and political force, the greatest exponent of Democratic principles since the time of Jefferson, William Jennings Bryan. After that great fight, it is enough to know that the flag of triumphant Democracy floats over the federal government."

He highly praised the administration, believing President Wilson to be the greatest man in the nation's executive chair since the time of Abraham Lincoln. "In one year, the government has been restored and the burden of special privilege has been lifted." He spoke of Governor Lister of this state, in highest terms, stating that his administration was a fitting supplement to the national administration.

Success Universally Acclaimed.
"The success of President Wilson and the Democratic congress has so met the hopes and the aspirations of the people that it has been universally acclaimed. True essentials of government require more than mere form," he said. "A Democratic government must be administered on a true basis of equality and not inequality."

"Though eclipsed after the Civil war for a long time, the Democratic party has always been strong politically. She has lived for 125 years through the vicissitudes of victory and defeat, and she has now come back, still rooted against special privileges, and in the hearts of the people as in the days of her early growth."

Speaking of the Panama canal tolls question, Senator Turner said that he believed President Wilson was right in his attitude for the repeal act, "right, the same as he has been on every economic policy."

Of the condition in Washington, he said that all over the state he found interest, fervor and enthusiasm in the Democratic ranks, and "we will enter into the campaign of next fall with more strength than ever before."

**FARMER DISCUSSES
MARKET PROBLEM**

(Continued from Page 1.)

They should be raised and pay the high taxes that come due annually and must be paid or a lien immediately is placed on the farm.

Farmers Get Only 35 Per Cent.

"Remember, the farmer receives only about 35 per cent of the price the consumer pays for his produce. Who gets the balance? Eggs are worth 17½ cents in some small towns, in Seattle 20 and 22 cents, and if there is no competition, such as farmers' organizations or some individual buyers, the farmer must take trade for his eggs. The merchant makes 20 per cent on goods exchanged for eggs and 10 per cent on eggs and gets it in cash. Where is the farmer getting off at?"

"The prices on feeds have steadily increased since fall and are higher now than any time during the year. Why? Because the farmer is sold out and the merchant control the price and will until the coming harvest. I know of an incident that happened in one of the small towns of the Sound only last week. The merchants of that town had been paying 17½ cents in trade for eggs. A new concern started and offered 17½ cents cash. The proprietor soon had most of the eggs because farmers need cash the same as other business men. The merchants combined and raised the price to 20 cents in trade, declaring they would put this concern out of business. The new dealer then raised to 19 cents cash, no more than we ought to receive for a fresh egg."

Buying Away From Home.

"I notice our merchant from Snohomish lays considerable stress on the farmer sending away for his goods. I bought my clover seed this year at less than 13 cents delivered. It was tested at the statehouse, 99.22 pure. Merchants charged 19 and 20 cents for same quality seed. Can you blame me for saving about 50 per cent on my purchases if I am a business farmer?"

"I know of an incident I would like to relate in favor of my argument. A certain farmer in one of our small cities brought in a few boxes of apples to the merchant with whom he was trading. All he could get offered was 50 cents per box. This he refused and shipped them away. In a few days he happened in at the same store and asked the merchant the price of a certain box of apples he had just opened.

"\$1.75," was the reply. "You know these are Yakima apples and they always demand a better price than our home apples."

"Yakima," declared the farmer. "That seems strange Mr. Merchant, don't you see my name on that box? Those are the same apples I tried to sell you last week."

"Those apples had been shipped to Seattle, polished, wrapped in papers and properly graded and returned where they had been raised and branded as Yakima fruit."

Asks Merchants a Question.

"I would like very much to see an answer from the merchants' standpoint on the following question: Why is it when the farmers of a locality try to organize and provide a way to dispose of their products from the farm, that immediately the merchants organize to destroy it and even go so far as to boycott it, or any company that undertakes to do business with it?"

"If the farmer is so dishonest in selling his products and works such a hardship on the merchant through his dishonest packing, his small potatoes, his dirty and stale eggs, his old butter, his uncleaned grain, and many other products too numerous to mention, it does seem reasonable to me that it would be better to let him establish a place of business where all these things can be eliminated and charged back to the farmer responsible for the unfair act, thus compelling our farmers to be honest and our merchants to receive a square deal."

"Our merchants claim they have to extend credit to so many farmers and cannot sell as cheap as they could for cash. This is true. However, they are willing to admit that the farmer is a less risk than any other class of people. My advice to the farmer would be, if you must ask for credit, borrow the money, which you can do if you are a good risk, and pay cash for your merchandise. You will save money."

Farmers Should Organize.

"In conclusion, I do not wish to be considered a knocker. I am only trying to describe a few facts that actually exist from the farmers' side of this great question. To the farmers I would say: We must thoroughly organize—the merchants did this years ago.

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