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CURRENT COMMENTS

In the Queen City of the Northwest.

SEATTLE THE MECCA

For Disables Disqualified to Earn a Living.

COUNCIL CONVENES

Beggers' Harvest—Queer Characters—Nomers Rapidly Returning—Mr. Hawkins Comes Out Early.

Most persons doing business in Seattle at present are reaping quite a financial harvest owing to the fact that the streets are crowded with customers, and, according to hotel rumors, there is not a vacant room to be found in the city. This great press of business has caused many men seeking employment to come to the city, and, for the most part, all who want work get it. It has not only attracted the laboring folk, but it has likewise atracted the beggars, the poor, the sick, the halt and the blind, all of whom can be found on our streets asking for alms from the passers-by.

On this corner you will find the blind man pulling persistently at his violin, from which he is pouring forth strains of familiar music to attract the attention of those hurrying to and fro, that they may remember that he would like alms from which he could maintain himself and his family, and he does not go home at night empty handed.

On the other corner is to be found a man with no legs, but who has placed himself on a board under which wheels have been arranged, and with his hands in the form of legs and feet he pulls himself up and down the street. In his hat he has placed a circle of pencils which he hopes to sell to the passers-by that he, too, may earn his daily bread. He travels throughout the city with perfect ease. Perhaps when the unfortunate circumstances first befell him he concluded in his mind that there was nothing left for him to do but seek some charity house maintained by the government, but as Necessity is the mother of invention, so Pluck is the mother of Success, and he has found success at this business in Seattle, as hundreds buy from him each day.

Within the past week not less than 2,000 disappointed Nome gold seekers have returned to this city, and for a while their distressed faces could be seen strolling up and down the street looking apparently for something which they had never lost. They had spent all they could get together to take them to Nome, where they thought they could gather gold by the bushels, but a sad disappointment awaited them, and they hurried back to civilization, broken in spirits as well as in finances. Seattle being the Mecca for all forms of disappointments, they could be seen in all parts of the city. They soon found work, and that discontented face gave way to bright smiles and all was well, and Seattle's population has thus been materially increased.

"Have a stick of gum?" says a young boy who wheels himself up and down the streets on a go-cart. The young fellow unfortunately lost his legs in the frozen regions of Alaska and finding that he no longer could make money to support himself in that land of ice, he came to Seattle, and putting his wits together soon devised a means by which he could honorably support himself, and so he either sells flowers or gum to Seattle population, and, it is said, that quite enough persons drop a nickel or a dime into his till each day to earn for him a good living.

On another corner you will find the chattering Indians with their baskets and wares for sale. There may not be any real value in these articles, but they are at least curios, and the American people under the present prosperous condition of the country are curiously inclined, and are ready to spend their money in any fancy that may come over their minds, and those Indian fads are always salable to persons having money to burn.

It would thus seem that no city in the West offers greater inducements for persons unable to make a living by the sweat of their brow, owing to some form of mishap, than Seattle, and this is so because her citizens are thrifty and in a prosperous condition.

A rather amusing story is being told on the streets these days of J. E. Hawkins. About a week ago there was a J. E. Hawkins hauled up into the superior court for insanity, and was sent to Steilacoom, the insane asylum, for treatment. J. E. Hawkins, the attorney, was in the mountains camping, and his familiar face for weeks was not seen about the court rooms. However, he returnerd one day this week, and while in company with a few friends walking up the street, one of his brother attorneys accosted him: "Why, hello, Ed. I am glad to see that you are out. I was quite sorry to hear of your unfortunate predicament." Mr. Hawkins looked a bit surprised at the remarks and asked for an explanation. "Why, the papers last week reported you insane and sent to the asylum, and not seeing you around I was certain it was correct." "Well," said Hawkins, "I may be off in a good many things, but I am not crazy as yet." However, it cost Mr. Hawkins quite a few dollars for drinks for the crowd before he heard the last of it.

The familiar face of J. H. Wright, the noted Fifth ward politician, is to be seen on the streets once more, having gotten all the Nome he cared for. "While I have returned from Nome, I am not one of those who believe that the country is not rich with gold. I firmly believe that in time Nome will send out equally as much gold as has Dawson City. What Nome needs is less floating population and more men wanting to work and develop the country. Another thing Nome is sadly in need of is less litigation and let men get hold of those claims which are very rich in gold who will go to work and develop them. I am glad the political fight is all over and that I was not in it."

"I went north to look after the interests of the Post-Intelligencer and also for my annual outing," said Mr. A. P. Sawyer one day this week. "Nome is, I admit, greatly overdone, and the government or somebody else with money will have to aid a great many of the persons now at Nome away from there, but that is nothing against the country. Those persons whom the government will have to help away from there are persons who rushed north with nothing in view save to go out on the beach and gather up a sack of gold and then return home wealthy men. They were disappointed, and having spent their all to get there, have nothing on which to return. Next year I believe Nome will send to the assay office in this city many million dollars of gold dust. Substantial business houses will do well if they do not get discouraged over a few reverses."

After a most unprecedented fight among the three factions of the union convention, the following ticket was named:

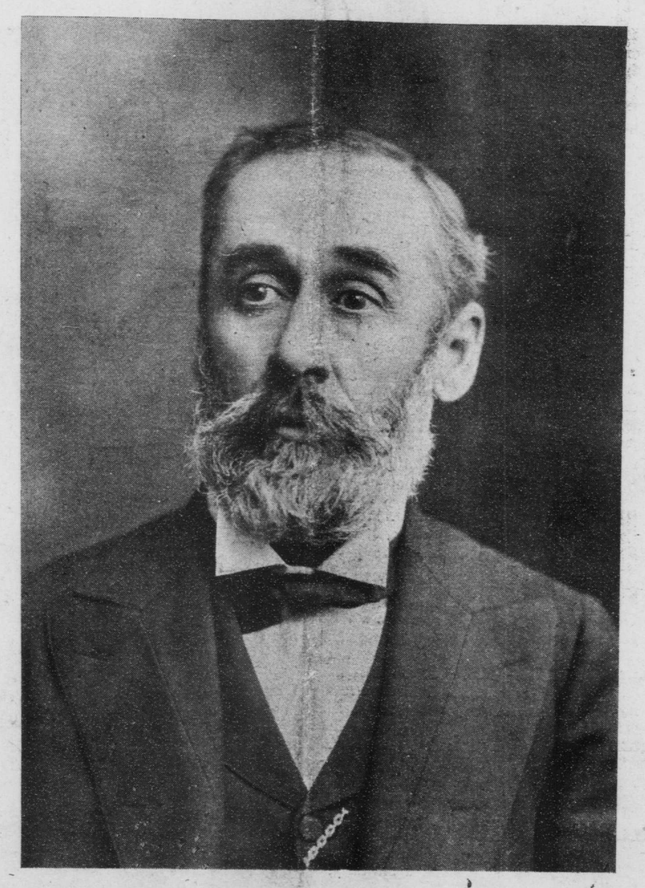
Governor, John R. Rogers.
Congressmen, J. T. Ronald and F. C. Robertson.
Lieutenant Governor, W. E. McCroskey.
Supreme Court Judges, E. C. Million and Richard Winsor.
Secretary of State, James Brady.
State Auditor, W. J. Silverthorn.
State Treasurer, W. E. Runner.
Attorney General, T. M. Vance.
Land Commissioner, O. R. Holcomb.
Superintendent of Public Instruction, Frank J. Browne.
Presidential Electors, George Cotterill, N. G. Blalock, Fred Reeves and J. G. Heim.

Judge Richard Winsor was the only Populist receiving a nomination on the ticket. Governor Rogers' friends fought the Pops to the last ditch, but finally consented to relax to the extent of allowing Judge Winsor to be named for supreme judge. Turner ruled first, it appears, with a golden hand, and then with an iron hand.

NEGRO DEMOCRATIC PAPER.

Washington Exponent is the name of a bran new weekly paper just issued in Seattle, which is being published in the interests of the Democratic party, with the sole purpose of convertnig Negroes to Democracy and Bryanism. John H. Ryan is the editor thereof, and he paints a brilliant picture in his initial number for the future of the Negro in this country if William Jennings Bryan is only elected to the presidency, a statement that a great many persons most seriously doubt. With a Republican president and a Republican congress still the Democrats constantly disfranchising the Negro voters, pray, what could the Negroes expect with a Democratic president? If any Negro in the Northwest or on this side of Mason and Dixon line doubt for a single minute that the Democrats do not love them with all their hearts, then let such Negro betake himself to North Carolina or any other Southern state and offer his ballot to some judge of election and he will soon discover that the Democrats love him so dearly that they will not even permit him to live any longer in this vale of tears, but will send him immediately, if not sooner, to his Father's home to slip and slide on the golden streets of the New Jerusalem.

WASHINGTON'S NEXT GOVERNOR



HON. J. M. FRINK.

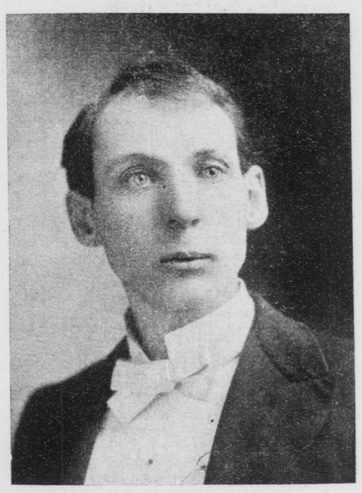
IN PRESENTING the portrait of Hon, J. M. Frink, Republican Candidate for Governor, to the thousands of readers of THE SEATTLE REPUBLICAN, the face and features of a man as pure, as patriotic and as perfect as could be found in all the wide world. His record as a public man, his record as a business man, his record as a moral man and his record as a citizen of this great "land of the free and the home of the brave," are all as spotlessly clean as purity itself. If elected governor of the Evergreen State, without eqivocations, frills or frocks, he will be the governor in fact. He is as independent and self-willed as he is broad-minded, and as broad-minded as he is just. Tied to the strings of no ring, faction or click, he stands as the emblem of purity in politics and for an upright, honest and economical state administration. The working man's friend because he gives him work and pays him more for it than any one else in the same kind of business. He is the man that all men in the proud young state of Washington can support and not feel ashamed of the fact that they did support him. J. M. Frink will be Washington's next governor.

HON. FRANCIS W. CUSHMAN has proven himself a most excellent colleague of Mr. Jones, and during his short labors as congressman has greatly popularized himself with the voters throughout the state. In the present campaign Cushman will be a star campaigner, and will win for his party many thousand votes.

HON. WESSLEY L. JONES, who was elected to the lower house of Congress from this state two years ago by 6000 majority, has already made a record at the national capital that the Evergreen State can point with pride to and he will be re-elected by not less than 14,000 majority.

OUR CONGRESSIONAL ROSTER

HON. WESLEY L. JONES.



HON. FRANCIS C. CUSHMAN

PERSONAL.

Master Norris Bennett was among the visitors to the City of Destiny this week.

Mr. E. H. Holmes, of Spokane, was among the visitors to the Queen City this week, he being a delegate to the Democratic state convention.

Mr. John H. Ryan is again a resident of Seattle. He is now editing a weekly paper in this city in the interests of the Democratic party.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Hawkins have returned from their mountain outing and are looking the picture of health from their stay in the hills.

Mrs. Edsen and Mrs. Miller, of Tacoma, and Mrs. Anderson, of Spokane, spent a few days in the city this week visiting with friends.

If you have any social news and desire the same published send them to this office and they will be published free of charge.

Mr. Will Turner, deputy county assessor of Pierce county, visited in the city this week on his annual vacation.

A picnic at Point Defiance, Tacoma, last Thursday attracted quite a few Seattle folks to the City of Destiny.

Dr. J. J. Smith, of Franklin, came down last Monday to attend the three-ringed circus, and had a peck of fun at the expense of the Demo-Pops.

Master Benjamin H. Moore has been given employment at the Republican state central committee rooms as messenger during the campaign and will begin work today.

For some unaccountable reason the Bee's sting was not felt last week. Can it be possible that the Bee's stinger has lost its stinging qualifications?

According to reports from Nome James Green and John N. Conna have left that place and sailed for Dawson City, where they hope to get work during the winter season.

Madame Rumor has it that no less than half a dozen Afro-American couples in this city will double up for life before January rolls over their heads.

Rev. G. A. Bailey, who is now pastor in charge of the A. M. E. church in Tacoma, was in the city last Tuesday on his way to Spokane to hold his first quarterly conference.

It is rather a difficult matter to mix preaching with politics, and the Newcastle divine will find that out before the present campaign closes; that is, if he contnues in his present political maneuvers.

Mr. and Mrs. John E. Oliver have sold their Juanita Hotel property for $2,000 and they will move within a few days to their ranch near Sunnydale. They have been very successful in the hotel business and they hope to do equally well on their ranch.

Mr. Mathew Brown, of Newcastle, has decided to move his household effects to Seattle, where he will reside for some time. Mrs. Brown has employment as maid with a dental firm and he hopes to be equally successful in finding something to do during the winter season.

A NEGRO HERO.

Joe Fortes, a West India Negro, who lives in Vancouver, B. C., has saved thirteen different persons' lives by swimming into the bay and rescuing them as they were sinking to rise no more within the past twelve months. He has been made swimming instructor of the beach by the city council of Vancouver. He is pronounced a hero of the bravest stripe by all who know him, and he is well known all over the city.

WAS A CUTE TRICK.

There is no longer any doubt but that the recent demonstration against a Negro prisoner in Akron, Ohio, which resulted in the loss of two lives and the wounding of many other persons, all white, and the destruction of so much property, was engineered by the emissaries of the Democratic party to draw public attention from the Southern outrages against the colored citizens. If a similar outrage against a Negro in Ohio, the home of McKinley, as in North Carolina, they reasoned to themselves, could only be made to happen, it would to some extent justify the South, but, thank God, the men who went South and gave up their lives that the Negro might be a man and a citizen left sons in Ohio who stood like stone walls a few days ago, and said the Negro should be protected the same as any other man though he be guilty of crime. The same law and the same punishment should stand for the white man and the black man one and alike. Another Democratic boom has thus been prematurely exploded.

AFRO-AMERICANISM

Throughout the United States of America.

MANY RACE RIOTS

Causing (Much) Bloodshed and (Grave) Misapprehensions.

BRIEF AND BREEZY

In Indianapolis With a Most Representative Body of Negroes In Attendance—No Politics;

Those colored men who have got the idea into their heads that the Tammany Tiger in Greater New York is the Negro's best friend and which has been bending every effort to catch the black men's votes, might read with much satisfaction the following article:

NEW YORK, Monday, Aug. 27.—Rev. W. Brooks, the colored pastor of St. Mark's M. E. church, preached a sermon before a large congregation last night on "The Story of the New York Riot." During the sermon the feelings of the congregation were at fever heat, and, despite the pastor's frequent admonitions to be calm, his hearers twice interrupted the sermon with vigorous applause. He said:

"I have been visiting the riot victims and making an investigation. I have a book of facts. What I say here tonight may send me before the courts, possibly to jail. In making the following charges against the police, I invite investigation.

"Innocent men were cruelly assaulted.

"The clubbing in nearly every case was done by the police.

"We have not found a single tough character among the victims maltreated, but honest, hard-working people.

"Respectable and helpless women who appealed to the police for protection were cursed and threatened for their petition.

"Men and women prisoners were beaten by the police while getting in and out of the patrol wagon and while on the way to the police station.

"Men were beaten in the station house.

"Men and women were taken from their beds in a nude condition by the police."

Now the entire city government of Greater New York is under the control of the Democratic party and the Tammany Tiger, those very dear friends of the Negro. Wherever the Democratic party has any power you can always put it down that it is strictly in for killing every Negro that it can, if it can be done and escape the legal punishment. This is true, whether such Democrats in authority be in the North, South, East or West. All of those colored men who are so anxious to vote the Democratic ticket in the North ought to do so by all means, and if they cannot vote it enough in the North, why go right down to North Carolina and there vote it to their hearts' content.

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HEAVY DAMAGE SUITS.

More recent reports declare that the state of New York and the city of New York are confronted with another trouble arising out of the recent riots, and it is that the Negroes all over the country are raising a fund to employ the best legal talent in the country to aid those Negroes who were so shamefully abused by the police and their "foreign devil" henchmen to enter suits in the courts for damages. This same later report declares that Tammany's henchmen are responsible for the trouble, and that the Negroes, who have heretofore been strong allies to that Democratic organization, strong enough in many instances to change the entire complexion of the political situation in Greater New York, have threatened to desert the Tammany Tiger to a man unless some satisfactory arrangement and explanation is made by Tammany. From a Democratic standpoint the situation is a serious one.

E. H. Holmes, the colored Democrat from Spokane, who some years ago left Vicksburg, Mississippi, because he and his relatives could not vote as they desired, in fact could not vote at all, owing to Democratic shotguns being in the way, must have had queer feelings come over him while participating in a Democratic meeting in this state. What would his Vicksburg frends think of him if they should hear of this episode?

So far no American has attempted to Edward Atkinsonize the cause of the Boxers.