

"Guggy Gone Again," is a Times headline. And from the stunts he pulled off in Seattle he has doubtless gone to the asylum.

After all Mrs. Totten, the Wenatchee woman, did kill her neighbor, for the jury found it out after seventeen hours' deliberation.

Corbett says, "Jack Johnson can't feint," which is a good failing in a prize fight, but he can and does make the other fellow faint, and that's the mik in the cocoa nut.

If the Times is satisfied that Seattle is being financially injured by adverse publicity, then why in the duce does not the Times desist from doing it. Make a noise like quitting yourself, Colonel, and the big end of it will be cut out.

After all the only sure remedy to cure the drink habit is to keep the stuff out of your mouth, and that any one can do if he or she only has the will to do so.

Senator Bourne says, "Oregon is the best country in the world," and he must be correct as hundreds and hundreds of persons have been able to steal themselves rich in Oregon from Uncle Sam and there are still golden opportunities in the state for the man whose heart and hand are not in the right place.

Dr. Crippen was hanged last Wednesday morning and thus ends one of the most sensational murder cases that has ever stirred the social equilibrium of England and America. Miss Leneve, who was arrested as an accessory, was acquitted and is now on the high seas headed for the United States where she will try to forget it.

Mexico is almost in a state of revolution and if things continue as they now are within the next ten days the whole country will be involved in a civil war. Evidently the revolutionists hoped to get the United States mixed up in a scrap with Mexico when they would have been able to have carried out their plans more successively than it now looks they will be.

Appeal to Reason, a Socialist paper published at Gerard, Kansas, will have to appeal to the cell for copy, as the editor thereof has been found guilty and sentenced to six months in the federal prison at Fort Leavenworth for sending scurrilous letters through the mails. The editor of the Patriarch of Seattle tried a trick along similar lines some years ago, and had it not been for the leniency of the presiding judge, he, too, would have had to done time in a federal prison, but he was only fined and admonished to be more careful in the future, and he has been.

WAS THE EDITOR CRAZY

Judge Miles Poindexter made a magnificent fight before the September primary. He was the choice of the people by the largest majority ever accorded a choice by the people for senator. And now the late election may defeat the wish of the people. The voters at the November election were not consistent. In one case the people voted for Mr. Poindexter as their choice for United States Senator, and then deliberately elect a Democratic legislature which lessens Mr. Poindexter's chance of being the next senator. This action of the voters will probably land Mr. Cotterill of Seattle, the Democratic nominee, in the senate.

In this county the Democratic nominee for the legislature was elected over the Republican, on a county division platform, while the Republican was pledged against division and to support Judge Poindexter. The Democratic nominee was not pledged to anything. This must certainly be a very bright outlook for the real Poindexter adherent.—Brewster Herald in issue of November 19, 1910.

The above is reproduced that you may be able to see what is some times palmed off on the unsuspecting public as a weekly newspaper. Barnum, the circus king had among his curios an animal for which no one had a name and he labeled it, "Barnum's What Is It?" After reading the above it occurs to us that perhaps "Mr. What Is It" had gotten loose and gone into the newspaper business. Contradictory comment would be as much out of place as the article in question. What strange things we see when we happen to not have our guns.

PERSONS IN THE PUBLIC EYE

S. A. Calvert, a former member of the legislature of the state of Washington from Whatcom county, subsequently for four years state land commissioner and since retiring from office more or less active in the political arena, died in Tacoma last week after a protracted illness.

State Senator A. S. Ruth of Thurston county, president of the senate two years ago and quite a factor in the politics of the late election through the columns of his paper, the Saturday Review, as well as on the stump, is reported in very poor health and has gone to California to recuperate in order to be in a condition to go through the legislative grind beginning January next. That he might have no responsibilities he has sold the Review to Eugene Lorton, who for a brief time was a member of the state board of control, and he will move the plant to Seattle, from which place the paper will be issued. Mr. Lorton has an idea that Seattle is in need of a good strong, healthy weekly paper and he proposes to supply a long felt want.

Henry F. Jackson, a former councilman of Seattle, is of the opinion that the municipal lighting plant has done some good in an indirect way, but it has not justified or warranted the amount of money expended upon it. While the advent of the plant in the lighting and power arena may have caused the Seattle Electric Company and likewise the Snoqualmie to cut their lighting rates in twain, which saved the taxpayers many dollars personally, yet the city could have forced those companies to have furnished her juice and she in turn furnished it to the consumers for less than the maintaining of the same will ever cost them. The interest on the bonds that have been voted for the municipal lighting plant would have bought from the Snoqualmie all the power the city is furnishing at the present time to the consumers. That is a beautiful theory, but it would not work in practice.

Once there was a merchant named Berry. He sent in his bill before it was due, and the person who received it wrote in reply:

"Berry you have sent in your bill before it was due-Berry. Upon my feelings you are a rasp-Berry. Your father, the elder-Berry, would not have been such a goose-Berry. But you needn't look so blue-Berry, for I don't care a straw-Berry, and if you write again before June-Berry, I'll maul you until you are black-Berry."

He was a lawyer and his wife was a great Sunday school worker. He was going away on a trip and his wife wanted him to get a Christmas banner for the Sunday school, but forgot to tell him what she wanted on the banner and how large she wanted it. After he had departed his wife hastened to the telegraph office and supposing that he would know that it was about the banner, merely wired:

"Unto us a child is born, eight feet long and two feet wide. Your wife."

The lawyer suddenly departed for parts unknown, and who could blame him.

SUGGESTIONS FOR NEW CHARTER

The following communication from one who has given municipal governments a great deal of thought has been addressed to the members of the charter revision commission and they have the same under consideration:

First, and probably the most important, is the legislative department of our city government, which in my humble judgment should consist of not more than nine commissioners or councilmen at large. If the commission form of government is to be adopted, of course, that would do away with the Board of Public Works, which I want to refer to later in this letter. Should the plan of having nine councilmen at large be decided upon by your committee, then I wish to suggest the idea of having the city divided into three districts and three of said councilmen nominated from each district, but elected by the people at large.

The second matter I wish to suggest is, that if we are to have a board of public works at all the said board should not consist of the heads of the different departments, which we now have in the city, our superintendent and engineer should be under some board of public works or directly under the legislative department of the city or under some executive board consisting of members other than the heads of the different departments.

The third matter that I wish to suggest to you is the authority that the people have or lack in the matter of granting franchises and licenses for saloons and perhaps for other matters. The people do not have enough authority in this matter and whatever we incorporate in the new charter will have to be ratified by some succeeding legislator and I do not believe that this matter can be finally adjusted with entire safety to the city until there is a charter amendment to the state constitution allowing cities of the first-class full authority, without any hindrance on the part of the legislature of the state, to grant franchises and licenses as the people deem wise.

Again for the purpose of reducing the cost of improvement in this city, I believe that the mayor of the city or some other official should have the authority to bid upon all contracts to be awarded by the city for the local improvement. This will at least fix the maximum cost of said local improvement.

I enclose herewith, a weights and measure bill under which the city of Chicago is operating and which is proving very satisfactory; something very much needed in this city and with a hope of having such an ordinance passed in this city, a little over two years ago, I was instrumental in having our charter amended with regard to this matter. I suggest that this be reincorporated and if you deem wise, more fully set forth the purposes and the method of operation.

I believe that the secretary of the Retail Dealers' Association, will bear me out in the statement that there are altogether too many short weights and measures perpetrated by jobbers and wholesalers to the great loss of the consumer, but my purpose in this whole matter was to put some check upon dealers in coal and other commodities in bulk.

I also enclose a part of the City Bulletin from the city of Chicago and I want to suggest that a more satisfactory way of notifying the people of the business transacted by the city would be by the daily or weekly Bulletin and I believe that we would save money by this means and could place the Bulletin into the hands of each tax payer who would file his name with the mailing department of the city.

Another matter perhaps of minor importance that I wish to suggest is, that consumers of water should be credited for the money assessed against their property for the laying of water mains. As you are aware we charged abutting property owners \$1.25 a foot for water mains and then charged them for the water. Our water department is on a paying basis, and a good deal of the money is now and then, at least, temporarily diverted to other uses. I believe that we could in the near future at least credit these consumers with the cost of pipe or a certain percentage of the cost on their water bills.

Finally, I wish to suggest, whether or not it would be a good idea to separate the office of city clerk from city comptroller. This latter suggestion has been brought to me by some of the persons in the city hall. I do not know much about it personally, but like the rat hole in a lawyer's office, concerning whom Abraham Lincoln wrote, "it is worth looking into."

HI GILL ON WRONG TRACK

Hi Gill is trying to create an issue, so that the attention of the public may be diverted from a certain investigation which is now in progress in the Queen City. The Seattle P.-I. has been making it tolerable uncomfortable for Hiram and to get away from a trying ordeal he has taken the initiative by calling a conference as he claims of the executives of the 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th class cities. Just what he intends to do is not quite clear, but whatever it is, he will fail. The citizenship of this state will have nothing to do with Mr. Gill, until he cleans house at Seattle and clears his own skirts. With the chief of police at Spokane suspended, with two of his detectives dismissed for receiving bribes, with both Gill and Wappenstein on trial, with talk of a recall of Roys in this city, it begins to look like the cities are incapable of governing themselves, and instead of passing laws giving cities more power the reverse should happen. The state should exercise more power. The recall should be in vogue and should apply to every officer from governor to the constable.—The (Tacoma) Forum.

It is evident that neither work nor worry break down or wreck the health of those human beings who are properly constituted or who take care of themselves. Last Monday Hetty Green, the well known Wall street female operator, celebrated her seventy-fifth birthday and is reported in good health and will perhaps live to see at least twenty-five more summers roll around. While Mrs. Green has not done a great deal of worrying over financial matters, yet being the richest woman in the United States, the most of which she herself made by her own ingenuity, she must have had her share of worry, when the bulls and the bears were rushing each other out and in the pit. However, Mrs. Green was not so much a Wall street speculator as she was a Wall street scavenger, that is to say, to sit on the fence and watch the bulls or the bears rush each other and inflict dangerous financial wounds, when she would go to the injured ones and offer salve for the wounds providing they paid her a tremendous price for the same. The most of her millions it is said were made by her furnishing money to some fellow almost down and out and taking as high as a ten to one security. Her life has been one for which no one will shed a tear of regret when she passes in her checks.