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### MAYORALTY FIGHT A CARNIVAL

Boston, Dec. 17.—The time for filing nomination papers for the first city election under the new plan of government adopted by the citizens of Boston last November expired today, which means that the actual campaign is now on and will continue with feverish intensity until election day, which will be the second Tuesday of January. Politicians big and small are looking forward to the greatest carnival in the city's political history. The next three weeks are expected to furnish the greatest amount of political gaiety ever crowded into an equal period in this or any other city.

Of candidates there are plenty. The new charter provides that any registered voter may run for mayor or for the city council or for the school board if he will obtain 5000 signatures of registered voters. Having obtained the signatures, and the fact that they are of registered voters having been attested by the election commissioners, his name can then go on the official ballot, but without any political designation whatever, because it is the purpose of the plan to obliterate party lines in Boston elections.

The leading, or at least, the most conspicuous candidates for the mayoralty are James J. Storrow, who has been endorsed by the Citizens' Municipal league, and John F. Fitzgerald, who was mayor of Boston in 1906 and 1907. While these two are regarded as the main performers, there are a number of others who have filed their papers and will make the race. Among them are George A. Hibbard, the present mayor; Frederick J. Brand, chairman of the board of aldermen; Matthew J. Cummings, national president of the Ancient Order of Hibernians, and Nathaniel H. Taylor, a newspaper editorial writer and a brother of General Charles H. Taylor, publisher of the Boston Globe.

Mr. Storrow's entry in the race has split the Boston financial fabric in two and threatens to result in the biggest battle between Boston financiers that has ever been waged. Mr. Storrow is a member of the firm of Lee, Higginson & Co., the State street bankers. He is a man of great wealth and has been carefully laying

his plans to obtain the nomination for mayor for the last half dozen years. In his present fight he is supported not only by his own firm, but by numerous other bankers, brokers and financiers, the gas companies and the mill corporations.

Against Mr. Storrow in the fight are aligned the banking firm of Kidder, Peabody & Co., the New Haven railroad, the Boston Elevated railway, the electric companies and the great chain of banks allied with the National Shawmut bank, of which William A. Gaston, who has figured prominently in Democratic national politics, is president. It is understood that these large financial interests will throw their support to former Mayor Fitzgerald, who has waged an exceedingly active and picturesque campaign since the day the new charter was adopted.

It is expected that more than a half million dollars will be expended in the campaign during the next three or four weeks, and it is not surprising that politicians high and low are looking forward to such a carnival as they have never experienced before.

#### Chelan News Notes.

Mrs. J. S. E. McQuarie of Wilbur is visiting her son, E. D. McQuarie, east of the city.

Elmer Shafer, who left here about a year ago for Portland, returned this week and is looking after business interests here connected with his property.

A seven-pound daughter was born last Sunday to Mr. and Mrs. Ed Card. Dr. Mitchell was the attending physician.

The schools in the numerous districts are having their Christmas trees one day to one week in advance of Christmas and will have them in the afternoon so as to make it more convenient for patrons to be able to attend all the trees in the neighborhood.

Brownfield & Kinsel have purchased twenty acres of unimproved land from Thomas Henderson on Howard flat, consideration being \$2000. As evidence of the advance in price here Mr. Henderson purchased the entire quarter about three years ago for a consideration and as the new owners are in business here it was bought presumably as an investment.

#### 25 Acres for \$8,000.

Carl Christenson and S. F. Gilman have recently made a purchase at Peshastin which they believe will be worth \$20,000 to \$25,000 within the coming four years. The purchase was part of the old Stewart place, 25 acres, and it was bought from Mrs. Fannie T. Wheeler for \$8,000. This place was awarded Mrs. Wheeler in the decree of divorce given Mrs. Wheeler against her husband, C. F. Wheeler. It is all level, has 25 inches of water from Peshastin creek and the new owners expect to plant the entire tract to apples during the coming spring. Six acres is now in bearing.

Mr. Gilman, one of the owners, is now in California, but expects to be back shortly after the first of the year and it is his intention to go onto the place during the planting season in the spring.

#### Railroad Contractor in Town.

A. L. Riley, contractor for the Oroville-Pateros branch of the Great Northern, is in the city today, coming down on the boat this morning.

Don't forget the sidewalk dinner to be given for the benefit of the reading room, Saturday, at the Methodist church, from 11 to 1:30 o'clock.

Pine Xmas candles at Palmetto.

Armstrong sells the Waterman Ideal, the Parker and Conklin self-filler fountain pens. Nufsed.

## OPEN COLUMBIA THE BIG QUESTION

O. M. THOMASON SAYS THAT AN OPEN RIVER MEANS MORE TO THE COLUMBIA RIVER BASIN THAN MANY RAILWAYS.

Editor Daily World: My enthusiasm for an open river has not yet abated. Indeed the more I think of it the more important I am convinced that it is. It is well enough to rave over the coming of railroads, but I am going to assert that an open river, especially if it be still water, will be of greater value to the Columbia river basin than two or three railroads, from the standpoint of cheap transportation. No amount of competition between railroads will reduce rates as low as water competition, besides there is always the danger of a merger of railroads, which is more likely that boat lines and railroads. We have abundance of wind-jamming over rate regulation by legislation, when the most expeditious, surest and the most economical way to get it would be to open the Columbia river. The question of unfair rates to the Inland Empire would solve itself if the river was opened. That would bring the railroads to their knees quicker than all the legislation a whole host of legislators can enact.

It is regrettable that more local enthusiasm is not in evidence on this subject. Can it be that we are all too bloomin' bent on chasing dollars to generate any interest in the general welfare, and which would in the long run be a great means of financial gain? Twenty years from now, at the rate we are going, we will still be luke warm desiring an open river. The commercial clubs are not doing enough in that direction. The Northwest Development league is not even passing good strong resolutions on the subject. Other questions, such as good roads, railroads, and land projects are of the utmost importance, but the open river proposition stands above them all. In five years this country will be producing more fruit than two or three railroads can handle promptly, and what they will charge in excess of a reasonable rate would give us still water to the mouth of the Columbia.

There are a lot of politicians doing obeisance to we people in this section now and asking us to send them to congress, and one or two demanding our support for the United States senate. But what can we expect in return from our support, if we are to depend upon the half-hearted promises that have been made? I am strongly in favor of supporting a man who will pledge himself to the insurgent cause, but just at this present time the man who will not pledge himself to get at least the value of half a dozen dreadnoughts appropriated to make a great public highway of this Columbia river should not be entitled to our support.

The opening of the Panama canal will cause a great revival in water transportation and much of the freight that is now carried across the country will come around the water route and an open Columbia will put we people of the great inland northwest in a position to reap some of the good to be derived from the great ditch.

The clubs and leagues, or better, an open river league should centralize on this matter and hammer away until they get results. Data and figures could soon be gathered up by which it could be shown the cost of opening the river and of making it still water haul. There is no question but what it would more than pay for itself in a few years. It is important that a country produce much, but of what value will that abundance be without adequate and cheap transportation? Water transportation will be the very greatest inducement for the investment of capital in this country. At the present time it requires enough to build an ordinary mill or plant just to ship the machinery in here.

I suggest that we get ourselves long enough to generate a little interest in this matter. Let us put it squarely up to our politicians to do things and "do it now," not after we have paid out enough in excessive rates to build a half dozen railroads.

O. M. THOMASON.

Jabots the Thing on Mission Street. Ever since the big fire the little Novelty Shop has been alone on Mission street, doing some business too, and expecting more with the eventual resumption of traffic on the city's second great thoroughfare. The delightful little shop is in striking contrast to the unpretentious exterior and the proprietors, Mrs. Kinner and Mrs. Robinson, have an astonishing display of Christmas things that one

would not expect to find in the farthest store from the business district. The reporter is not familiar with jabots, hardangers, sequin work, straight fronts, ultra lace work, etc., and there were some things in the Novelty Shop that the ladies couldn't name, either, but the display is classy anyway, and ladies will do well to see it before spending all their Christmas money elsewhere.

### MORE INJURIOUS THAN PRIZE FIGHT

Spokane, Dec. 17.—Judge Edward Whitson of the United States district court of eastern Washington, who presided at a banquet of representative business and professional men interested in the welfare of Spokane college, started something when he declared in the course of an address that football is more injurious than prize fighting and more disreputable, adding:

"He who attends a prize fight stands in the shadow of the law and is liable to arrest and punishment. We read of deaths and injuries on the football field, but none in the prize ring. I am in favor of physical development, but not physical excesses that rob the homes of the land of their youth and strength. Football either should be reformed to remove all dangerous elements or abolished."

Graduates of eastern universities and colleges in Spokane take exception to Judge Whitson's remark in terming football more disreputable than prize fighting, declaring that, while a lively game can not be called a pink tea, college football in clean and the term he used, as generally understood, can not be attached to it.

A full line of cigars suitable for Xmas gifts at the Palmetto. C. E. Buttles has gone to Seattle, to be gone several days, and while on the coast will purchase fixtures for the bank building store which will be occupied by the Palmetto.

Cut rates on photos for Xmas presents at Bixler's Studio. Come early and avoid the rush.

There will be a meeting of Riverside lodge No. 112, F. & A. M., to-night at 8 o'clock, in Masonic hall. Election of officers will be held.

Home made candies at Palmetto.

#### TOO LATE TO CLASSIFY FOR SALE.

10 ACRES of good level land, deep rich soil, under high line ditch, all set to Winesap apples with peach fillers. One mile from station. Price \$4,000. Terms, \$2,000 cash, easy terms on balance. Albert M. Scheble Realty Co., room 8, Halbert Bldg. Phone 2316. 12-21

#### FOR SALE OR TRADE.

TEN ACRES for sale or trade for city property. 8 acres set to one year apples, choice varieties, with 2 year peach fillers. Address P. O. box 312. 12-20

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SCOTCH COLLIE PUPS for sale. Get the children one for Christmas. Collies make the best companions and playmates for the little ones. Phone 1768. C. F. Keiser.

#### MAN WANTED.

WANTED—Man to butcher hogs. Also dressed hogs for sale. E. Wagner, 306 Wenatchee Avenue North. 12-20

### HomeMade Sweetness for Christmas

The Fern Candy Kitchen's home made candy needs no introduction to the people of Wenatchee and vicinity. Every man and woman, every boy and girl who has a sweet tooth are well acquainted with our goods. The only thing that we wish to announce is that our stock, which is always fresh and pure, is larger than ever; that we are putting up some especially fine boxes for Xmas gifts which we are sure will please you. So before you decide on your Xmas candy let us show you ours.

Below is only a small list of our goods:

- Old Time Mixed 10c per lb.
- Fern Mixed Candy, lb 20c
- Full Cream Mixed 20c
- Chocolate Cream Gophers 20c
- Fancy Crimp Candy 25c
- Crystal Mixed 15c
- Choice Mixed Nuts 15c
- Candy Canes and Baskets, all prices.

A choice line of Fancy Boxes, up-to-date.

Glazed Fruit, all kinds, lb. 60c

Fern Candy Kitchen

C. F. Eggiman, Proprietor

AMUSEMENTS.  
WENATCHEE THEATRE.  
Vaudeville tonight at the Wenatchee theatre.  
Roxie and Wayne will appear in a sketch, "A Cowboy From Texas." Motion pictures will be better than usual.

GEM THEATRE.  
Program for Tonight.  
Fools of Fate.  
The Strikers.  
Building Barrels.  
Illustrated song by Claude Tubbs.

Free, \$3.50 cut glass dish, \$1.50 fern bowl, boy's \$1.50 bank at Mor-ton's.

Card of Thanks.  
We take this method of thanking the friends and neighbors who so kindly assisted us during the sickness and burial of Mrs. Tetherow.  
W. O. TETHEROW.

### SPECIAL BY WIRELESS

Santa Claus will arrive at "The Grotto" at 4:15 p. m., Monday, December 20. He wants to see every boy and girl living in and around Wenatchee. Pockets will be stuffed with good things.

SANTA CLAUS.  
I'll bet a fig you didn't know Armstrong sells \$1.50 copyrights at \$1.25.

Malaga Items.  
J. C. Corcoran loaded his household effects and farming tools and stock the first of the week and headed them for Gridley, Cal., in charge of Joshua Hall. Mr. Corcoran and family will follow in a few days.

E. T. Balch came down from Wenatchee Tuesday to see how the ranch looked before leaving on his Colorado-California trip.

James Overman moved his family down from Laurel hill to give the boys a chance for school again this winter. They are occupying the old

James Conarty house. Hays Deill and family have moved down from Laurel hill into the Wm. Lewis house to give their children a better chance for schooling.

Wm. Reid and family have moved onto the Woods ranch, formerly occupied by J. C. Corcoran.

T. M. Widney and a gentleman from Alaska were looking over land in the vicinity of Malaga Tuesday.

There have been several cases of brutal treatment of horses in this vicinity on the public highway. One was a case of couldn't pull the load the roads were so muddy. The way that party abused the team could be heard for nearly a mile and pieces of board were strung along the road that he had broken up on the team.

Another case of about a week ago was a balky horse. Of course a balky horse is very aggravating, but that does not make the crime of abusing a dumb beast any lighter. There are several other cases in the vicinity of Malaga equally as bad and these few lines are a slight hint that there is an officer who is on the lookout for any more such cases.

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Choice pieces from \$1.50 to \$22.00

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from the well known Stauffer's studio, Chicago, at \$1.00 to \$34.00

**Silver Ware**  
Rogers Silverware and Sterling Silver in odd pieces or sets from \$50c to \$18.00

**Toilet Set**  
and odd pieces in Sterling Silver, Silver Plated and Ebony, etc., from \$50c to \$24

**Jewelry**  
Solid Gold and Gold Filled  
Scarf Pins from 35c to \$10.00  
Cuff Links 50c to \$24.00  
Vest Chains \$1.00 to \$18.00  
Lockets 60c to \$10.00  
Watch Fobs \$1.25 to \$17.00  
Rings \$1.00 to \$28.00

**Watches**  
We are agents for the Waltham, Elgin, E. Howard and Hamilton Watches.  
17 jewel Hamilton \$12.25  
7 jewel movement in 20 year case \$12.00

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We have a nice line of choice blue white diamonds. When buying a diamond get the best. Get a stone that everybody can see is a diamond and not an imitation. We have them loose and mounted from \$8.00 to \$150.00.

Don't let some inexperienced jeweler spoil your valuable gifts by scratching them, but have them engraved by a first class engraver. Mr. Nelson is graduated from the well known Jewelers' School of Engraving, Chicago, whose chief instructor is Mr. Richard A. Kandler, the famous German artist.

# SHOP EARLY!

Only six more store days to Christmas and we ask you all to visit our store as early as possible in the mornings in order to avoid the well known crush of the after-noons.

The great advantage of shopping at our big store is the convenience of seeing so many complete lines (each the largest in our city) all under one roof and being able to make a comprehensive decision on the best.

We Suggest a Few Gifts Out of Hundreds

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FANCY WORK HAND MADE	DRESS GLOVES
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DRAWN WORK	ARM BANDS
PICTURES	CUFF BUTTONS
BASKETS	SILK MUFFLER
FANCY BOXES	PHOENIX MUFFLER
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