

FOR CITY ENGINEER

One of the important matters that will come before the city council within the next few weeks is the appointment of a city engineer. This occurs on the first meeting in January.

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No other firm is more widely known in the Palouse country than Hiestand, Warner & Co. In reality there are two firms, as the Hiestand and Warner Warehouse Company was organized last spring to handle the constantly increasing grain business of the old firm.

TO PRODUCE BEET SUGAR

WAVERLY, Wash., Dec. 9.—Wednesday marked the beginning of a new epoch in the industrial development of the Inland Empire, when the wheels of the Washington Beet Sugar Company were set in motion, and the interesting process of transforming the raw material into the finished product began.

GIRL QUEEN FOR GERMAN EMPRESS

THE HAGUE, Dec. 9.—It is asserted that when the Kaiser visited Queen Wilhelmina at Flushing he extracted a promise from her that she would marry his son, Crown Prince Frederick William.

A STRANGE DREAM

"What is the matter, Ida?" sleepily inquired Dory Dayne, as her sister suddenly sat up in bed. "Only a strange dream," answered Ida, pressing her hand over her beating heart and speaking in frightened tones.

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steps in the room, followed by the closing and locking of the door. "A burglar," she thought, utterly incapable of the slightest movement. She saw her father's great arm-chair drawn in front of the desk, and the jingling of keys, with the sharp click of the lock. Then followed the opening and closing of drawers, and the rattling of paper and parchment.

"Papa!" she whispered, in amazement, "only papa."

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GOLF SKIRTS ARE BARRED

Kansas City School Teachers Must Discard Them.

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PRESENTED WITH A CANE

Dr. E. H. Harding, the capitalist from Glendive, Mont., whose wife, eloped to Alaska with Alonzo Chappelle, a Klondiker, has traced his wife to Skagway. She refused to return. While at Skagway Dr. Harding and Chappelle came together in an encounter and the former, it is said, used a cane to good effect.

APPLICANTS CANNOT SPELL

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 9.—Director W. R. Merriam, of the Census Bureau, is amazed at the percentage of failures among the applicants for place under him. He says: "They cannot spell and they cannot do ordinary arithmetic. Fifty per cent fail, and they fail because they cannot divide 100,000 by 4028; that is they cannot get a correct result. It is simply marvelous, the lack of education in these rudimentary branches."

STATE NEWS

The houses of Walla Walla are to be numbered. The first snow of the season fell at Walla Walla Monday.

The Snohomish County Poultry & Pet association will hold a fair at Everett, December 23-30.

Colonel Jake Lewis of Wallula, has made the discovery near there of a lot of immense bones belonging to some prehistoric animal. The bones were found 25 feet under the ground.

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The superintendent of the Spokane public schools has recommended that pupils of the high schools be supplied with a warm lunch, as they have only half an hour for noon intermission. The recommendation has been referred to a committee.

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