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## The Star's Fight Against Colored Thieves Succeeds

ORDERS ISSUED TO POLICE WILL EITHER PUT A STOP TO THE WHOLESALE THIEVING IN NOTORIOUS NEGRO RESORTS, OR PLACE THE OFFENDERS BEHIND THE BARS.

The Star's fight against the thieving of these colored women is most commendable and is sincerely supported by the police department. It is our hope to see this evil that the whole sale robberies will cease and the offenders be driven out of town.

CAPTAIN WILLARD, Acting Chief of Police.

The Star's determined stand against the brazen thievings committed by the colored prostitutes in the Old and New Paris houses in the restricted district has at last borne fruit.

The negroes must either stop the practice or be run out of town. This has been determined upon by Acting Chief Willard, and an unwritten order to this effect has been issued to the force.

The edict is the result of much deliberation by the police heads with reference to a cure for the thievings in the tendarlin. Conviction of the negroes seems impossible, as they are clever in disguises and subterfuges in which they are aided by a coterie of "shyster" lawyers whose principal occupation is in "squaring" cases for the ebony-hued prostitutes.

Hereafter any of the clique of lower-town pickpockets who have been under arrest charged with robbery or who will be, will not be allowed to pay their fines and remain in the tendarlin. Being prohibited from paying the regular fine allotted to women of their ilk, the "rollers" will then come into the vagrancy class and be easy picking for the police who will land them in jail as "vags" or ship them out of town.

This very sensible solution of the problem will result in one of two things—the robberies will stop or

every colored prostitute in the city will be in jail or heading for another clime.

The Star has fought this crusade single-handed and is given every credit by the members of the police department.

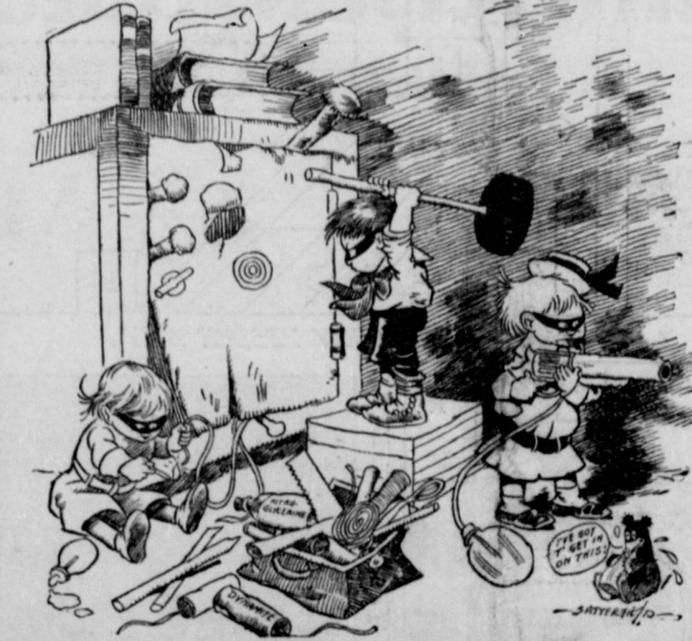
It is a crushing blow to the high-handed robberies that have kept the police busy during the year and to the "shyster" lawyers who frequent the police court willing to defend the lowest of the tendarlin's women for a few dirty dollars.

It will mean the "Diamond Flossie," proprietor of the Old Paris house, and the notorious Lizette Smith will have to confine their attention to conducting their houses of ill repute for the purposes granted them by the police and not as nests for gangs of the worst types of thieves.

"Diamond Flossie" is said to be well known to the police of Chicago where she once resided, and her reputation is anything but savory.

Lizette Smith, of the New Paris house, is equally notorious, and the two women have done more to occupy the attention of the local police, through their hirelings, than have any other offenders in the city.

## Truly, This Is the Children's Age



"JAS. CREHAN, 8, AND MIKE ROCKAGE, 7, ROBBED A PITTSBURG HOME OF \$200 WORTH OF SILVERWARE. RECENTLY TWO NILES, O., INFANTS ROBBED A BANK OF \$4000."—News Item.

## All Aboard for Corn Special

LOUISVILLE, Ky., Sept. 25.—The "Kentucky Alfalfa and Corn Special," a special train, which may be called an itinerant school for farmers, started from here this morning on a tour through this state, for the purpose of instructing the farmers of this state in the best and most scientific methods of raising alfalfa and corn. The train, which was furnished by the Louisville, Henderson & St. Louis railroad, consists of president Attila Con's private car, a day coach, baggage car and engine, and was decorated with streamers bearing the inscription "Kentucky Alfalfa and Corn Special."

According to the program the train will stop for 30 minutes at a time at various points along the line. At each place where the train stops, lectures will be delivered on the culture and growing of alfalfa and corn, and booklets specially prepared on the subject will be distributed among the farmers attending the lectures.

## Chose an Irish Name

DIRK HOEGENDAM, a Holland-er, appeared to Judge Frater on Monday for permission to change his name.

"It's too Dutch," was his complaint. He chose the name of Dick Hogan, and Judge Frater let it go at that.

## Claims They Robbed Him

W. R. PRAYER, who lives at the Parker house on Western avenue, filed a complaint with Prosecuting Attorney Mackintosh on Monday, charging J. A. Engels and John Gay with robbing him of \$27.50.

Prayer says the men got him drunk and then on pretense of helping him to his room, escorted him about until he became helplessly intoxicated. Then, Prayer alleges, they took him to his room and stole his money.

## CLEER SWINDLE

The police are looking for one, L. H. Babcock, who is charged with having cleverly swindled a number of Southeast Seattle people.

Babcock's alleged game was to purchase, on credit, building material in Seattle, and sell the same, for cash, to his victims. The Seattle Home-owners company was swindled out of \$400. It is said that Babcock realized about \$500 through his pecculations.

## GERMAN MAKE IS THE BEST

BERLIN, Sept. 25.—Gen. Grozier, chief of ordinance of the United States army, who just left Germany after placing orders for Howitzers for American use. Grozier says the war department finds that no Howitzers can compare with the German make.



THE SNAPPY SEATTLE HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL TEAM AT PRACTICE.

## A BIG ONE

COMP TROLLER JNO. RIPLINGER OPENS THE LARGEST ASSESSMENT ROLL IN THE CITY'S HISTORY

City Comptroller Riplinger has opened the largest assessment roll ever levied for a street improvement. The assessment is against the property abutting on that part of Eighteenth avenue which is to be paved. The assessment roll totals \$410,000, and the property owners will have until October 23 to pay their individual assessments, without interest.

## WOMAN HOLDS UP THIEVES

SANTA ROSA, Cal., Sept. 25.—Pretty Mrs. G. A. Dahlmier is the heroine of the hour in the City of Roses. Thursday afternoon she held up two dastardly dressed women thieves in her drawing room at the point of a big .30's revolver and made one of them drop from the inner folds of a dainty silk waist up two dastardly dressed women other trifles which she had left on the piano.

## 1 KILLED; FOUR HURT

BROOKLYN, Sept. 25.—Later—One boy was killed and four persons injured in the explosion.

## BALLARD MAN WRECK VICTIM

MISSOULA, Mont., Sept. 25.—Three men were killed in a wreck on the Northern Pacific near Arlee, Mont., Sunday night. They were identified as J. W. Salow, Ballard, Wash.; Charles E. Fetters, Dayton, Ohio, and Joe Harrington, Spokane.

## WILL BANQUET S.O.H. IN PORTLAND

About 25 of the delegates to the Sons of Hermann convention, recently held in this city, left Monday morning at 11:15 for Portland, where they will attend a banquet given in their honor Monday night. They will leave Portland Tuesday and go to San Francisco and from there to their homes.

## MATTIE IS FREE ONCE AGAIN

Mattie Brown, handsome and attractively gowned, secured a divorce Monday, from Gustavus Brown on the charge of desertion. "Gustavus has gone to Valdez, your honor," said Mrs. Brown. "One day he entered a restaurant while I was sitting and brandished a revolver in my face. When I was taken ill and went to a hospital he raised a fuss there, too, and I nearly died of nervous prostration."

## HEWITT LEARNS OF HIS SISTER'S FATE

JUNEAU, Alaska, Sept. 25.—Frank Hewitt, the famous musician and cornet player, who has spent the summer in search of the body of his sister who starved to death in the interior during the rush of six years ago, has arrived here with news of the woman's fate.

## Fought in Dive Over Slot Machine

As a result of a discussion over a slot machine Charley and H. A. Brooks engaged in a fight in the Belmont saloon, in the heart of the tendarlin, last night. Barnes and Brooks, who was accompanied by his brother J. M. Brooks, were arrested by Officers Crandall, Burkan and Sergeant Mike Powers.

Barnes was held as a witness, but was later released on his own recognizance. He had been playing the slot machine in the Belmont saloon when he and the bartender, a new man, began squabbling.

Brooks, after the conversation

## Many Plans Are in For the New Jail

The plans and estimates for the new municipal jail and hospital building to be erected at the intersection of Fifth, Yesler and Terrace, were opened for inspection by the board of public works Monday morning.

Nine plans, including drawings of the buildings, were submitted to the board. Chairman Thompson, of the board of works, announced this morning that it would be fully a week before the board could determine which of the nine plans would be selected. Some of the plans are rather elaborate and the board does not think the appropriation in hand will cover the cost of a number of those sent in.

Chairman Thompson believes that in order to save time it would be better to go over the entire list with the idea of weeding out those exceeding the appropriations and only send time on the plans which can be handled.

The board calculates to expend about \$125,000 out of the total fund of \$175,000, for the erection of the building. It points out that the remaining sum will have to be held in reserve for furnishings and other incidentals in connection with the buildings after they are erected.

"There is no doubt but what a few of the buildings, the plans of which I am inclined to doubt the board will be able to accept, would be a credit to the city," said Chairman Thompson, in discussing the matter Monday morning. What we have to consider is the plans which call for a building giving the best satisfaction, presenting the best appearance and at the same time coming within the sum allowed the board for its construction."

The plans as handed in this morning include many styles of architecture, some bearing on the Roman and English, while others are fashioned after the newer architectural designs of the present period.

One of the most elaborate designs for the building is that which bears the key mark "X-AM." This is a style of building generally adopted by the federal authorities throughout the country. Another is strictly on the order of the "Queen Ann," while a third is designed after the old Roman coliseum, the top of the building being finished off with battlements characteristic of the ancient Roman architecture. All of the buildings are to be constructed of stone and pressed brick.

## Big Street Improvements

Two petitions for public street improvements, entailing a cost of \$33,320, will be presented at the meeting of the city council on Monday night.

One of the petitions calls for the improvement, by paving, of Fifteenth and Sixteenth avenues from Prospect to East Galer. This petition also provides that Prospect shall be paved from Fifteenth to Seventeenth, and Highland drive from the Fifteenth to Seventeenth. The total cost of this improvement is estimated at \$30,500, of which \$2,800 is to be taken from the general fund of the city. The assessed valuation of the abutting property along the streets affected is \$43,725.

The other petition calls for the improvement of Harvard north from Brooks to Lynn, by grading and constructing concrete sidewalks. This work also includes the construction of new curbs, gutters and crosswalks. The improvement will cost \$2,820, of which \$70 will be paid out of the general fund. The property has an assessed valuation of \$4,750.

## WEATHER FORECAST.

Rain tonight and Tuesday; strong southeast, becoming southwest, winds.

## BUTTE IS VISITED BY MILLION DOLLAR FIRE

BUTTE, Mont., Sept. 25.—A \$1,000,000 fire, which only narrowly missed being a \$5,000,000 one, yesterday wiped out the entire block between Butte block and Renshaw alley on the south side of West Park street.

The fire started at 8:40 a. m. in Synon's big department store, which was burned to ashes. The flames leaped from the building to the new Clark building, an eight-story office and apartment structure owned by Senator Clark. From this point it leaped across to the \$15,000 public library, which contained \$100,000 worth of books, and practically completely gutted it. The Argyle hotel and the Butte Miner, a four-story building, were also licked up by the flames before they were fully under control at 1 p. m.

The fire departments and apparatus from half a dozen of the big copper mines on the hill side were ordered out by the mine owners to help save the town, and a special train, on which was the Anaconda fire department, made the 25-mile run from Anaconda in 33 minutes, over one of the crookedest roads in the state.

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From 8 a. m. to 1 p. m. the people of the city were in consternation, and Mayor MacGinnis' proclamation that the fire was under control at 1 o'clock averted a wild panic.

## BUSINESS SECTION OF MONTANA METROPOLIS SWEEP BY A DISASTROUS CONFLAGRATION—THE MODERN BUILDINGS CRUMBLE BEFORE FIERCE FLAMES—A PANIC NARROWLY AVERTED

Blocks totally destroyed: Maule, York, Barry Woodward and Ogden. The following is the estimated loss and insurance given by the parties affected by the fire: Symons' store, Maule and York blocks, owned by the New York Realty company; loss, \$600,000; insurance, about \$350,000. \$150,000 of which is on the buildings. Library building, \$70,000; insurance, \$75,000. Baltimore block, \$200; insured, Washington block, \$200; insured. Barrett block, owned by A. H. Barrett; total loss; insurance amounting to 60 per cent. George Woodworth block, owned by Rose & Pearson; total loss; partly covered by insurance. Walker shoe company; loss, \$16,000; insurance, \$9,000. Clark block; damage, \$2,500; fully insured. Goldberg block; damage, \$1,000; fully insured. Ogden block; loss, \$500; no insurance. Ogden block, total loss; owned by Hayes Cannon and James Davis. Atlantic saloon; loss, \$11,000; fully insured. V. Strassberger, cigar store; \$300; total loss; partly insured. Emery Saville, Eureka Meat Market; total loss, \$500; partly insured. Casino saloon, in Renshaw block, \$200. W. P. Hayes, grocery; damage by water.

Ljubibratic & Co., damage by water, small loss. Fred Kuhn, Ogden block, cigar factory; small loss. Rigle, Barnum & Raab, barber shop, Ogden block; loss, \$500; no insurance. Albert Boettcher, shoe shop, Ogden block; loss, \$50; no insurance. Butte Clothing company; loss by smoke, \$500; covered by insurance. A. Boy, \$1,000; covered by insurance. Rosentien-Clark block, \$300; insurance. Crown Tailoring company, \$200; fully insured. Reckless Bros., bakery; loss, \$1,000;

partly covered by insurance. Ben Anderson, saloon, Ogden block; loss on stock, \$200; no insurance. H. R. Bartlett, confectionery store; loss, \$2,000; insured. Black's confectionery store; loss \$5,500; insurance, \$5,500. Brownfield-Canty Carpet company; loss, \$1,000; covered by insurance. Paumee block, damaged by heat; no insurance. Rocky Mountain Bell Telephone company; instruments and equipment, \$1,000; insured. Shodair block; loss \$1,500; insured. Shodair block; loss \$1,500; insured.

PERSONAL INJURIES. Seven persons were injured. They are: John Neill, slightly burned and head cut. Frank Harrington and Robert Simmons, bruised, by fall from roof of Barrett block. Mel Pearl, colored, scalp wound. Jack Curley, head cut. W. D. Tracey, arteries cut in left wrist and right hand badly cut. Frank Robertson, volunteer fireman, hand burned. Chief of Police Mulholland, right leg cut by flying glass.

BUTTE, Mont., Sept. 25.—The revised estimates of the fire loss yesterday places the figures between \$500,000 and a million. Late this afternoon the blocks of debris still gave out volumes of smoke, and the firemen are still working. Twelve business houses were destroyed and numerous others seriously damaged. The fires started in many buildings blocks from the scene of the fire, but the prompt work of the firemen averted the spread of the flames. The origin of the fire remains a mystery, but it is believed it was due to an explosion of coal gas in boilers. Eight persons were more or less hurt by falling walls.

## Goodbye Lovely Brown Dress!

Women who intend to wear brown dresses and big black hats with big black plumes stuck in them had better get rid of their pride and hang "duds" of the above description in the darkest corner of their homes.

For the police are looking for women who have brown dress goods, big black hats with big black plumes in their possession. Miss L. Kelly, who lives at room 40, Sterling hotel, intended to wear a brown dress, a big black hat, a black plume, a black trunk. She will not do so, unless she buys more dress goods, another hat and a new plume. Last night Miss Kelly left her trunk in the hall of the Sterling. A thief saw it and a thief opened the trunk and a thief removed 22 yards of brown silk, a black hat and a big black plume from the trunk. The police were notified this morning.

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Hewitt, after months of search that "Russian Bill," a trapper, had found his sister's body and had buried it, but could give no further news of her travels because he could not read the diary which he found on the body, and which he left behind.

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The woman was known as Dr. Chambers in the Goodpastor district in the interior of Alaska. She started out prospecting alone from Circle to Fairbanks, and got lost. She wandered day after day, and wrote messages on trees in the hope that some parties might find them and bring her relief. Her last messages told that she was slowly starving to death, and that she lived on roots the last few days of her life. She finally died of exhaustion.

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