

WINTRY MANTLE COVERS CITY

Old winter shook his great shaggy bulk last night, snorted gleefully, and scowling for a little while the cold parallel which belts his stamping grounds in the north, snatched in a hurrying gallop upon Seattle. Not in years has there been such a snow storm, and when the city awoke this morning it rested beneath a white mantle three and one-half inches deep.

Occasional flurries through the day presaged the coming of the old Arctic mischief-maker, and the wisecracks of the South city grew reminiscent of other years, while those from the east were reminded of their former habitats beyond the Mississippi.

Snow began falling steadily at 9 o'clock and youngsters, whom a presentiment that something was going to happen had kept awake, crept to the window and told themselves that a strange mysterious magic had descended upon the world. Grumbly old men, who had seen and save visions of Pasadena and Los Angeles make a sudden raid upon their wallets, whereas the new arrivals from "back East" came suddenly out of their lethargic grieving over a few thousand miles that patted up between them

and their whilom companions.

On the street car lines it was another story. Cables balked and caused no end of trouble. To make matters worse, youths of mischievous propensities began to excite their stalwart rights and sent hard-packed snow-spheres stinging at the bell-ringers' heads.

Pedestrians Bombaraded.

On the down town streets there was no quarter, nor was the public servant on the end of the street car the only victim of attack. Oaths, good-natured protest and fleeing for cover alike availed nothing. Snow falls flew like bullets through the air, stippling the night.

At Third and Pike at a squad of hoodlums trained their missiles upon an old man and knocked the false teeth from his mouth and smashed his plate into bits, and then sent up a howl of delight when they saw the damage they had done.

At Second and Union snow balling with soft, harmless handfulls soon became wearing, and a bunch of youths began packing the white into veritable ice balls, and bombarded the passers mercilessly. A score of women were hit, and a number of them hurt.

JAPAN HAS BIG STREET RAILROAD FIGHT ON

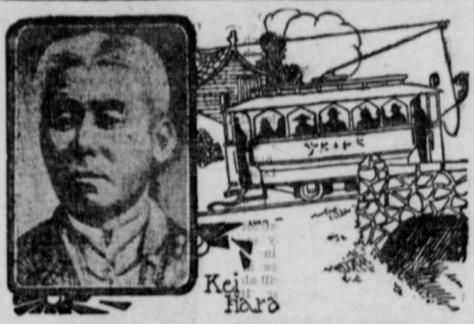
QUESTION IS WHETHER CITY OF OSAKA SHALL BUILD AND OWN ITS OWN TROLLEY OR WHETHER A BIG MONEYED CORPORATION SHALL OCCUPY THE STREETS—SUGGESTION OF GRAFT IN THE FIGHT.

HENRY GEORGE, JR.

A point of similarity between Japan and the United States in the debate the municipalities of both countries over the question of whether the street railways shall be publicly or privately owned and operated.

There are as yet, built and building, less than 250 miles of street railway in Japan, but these have proved of such obvious benefit that a rapid extension of their use is certain.

The laws against stock watering are so vigorously enforced and the reports of earnings are so explicitly exacted that the actual profits on the capital invested are a matter of public information, being published in the financial reports. These profits are, in this infant stage of the undertaking, so large that the public franchise hunter is keen for street railway charters, while those who are concerned about the public revenues see in this a new and growing source of revenue.



KEI HARA, MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS.
Who Held Up Financing Plan for a Municipal Street Railway System.

On these lines had to be suspended for lack of funds. What with the demand for money in many other directions and the danger of increasing the already heavy burden of taxes arising out of the war, the question of how to proceed has become serious.

The American Way.

The American would sell a mortgage bond on the part of the road already constructed, and with the money in that way obtained build a further section. Then mortgage that and build a further section, which, in turn mortgaged, would provide for still further building.

But it is likely to lead and has in a large proportion of cases led to stock watering and loose management of enterprises. The Japanese leading men tried seriously to avoid this danger by refusing to allow the mortgaging of a railroad enterprise in their general railroad laws the only kind of bonds permitted were debentures, which mortgaged the profits. Yet if the profits should amount to little or nothing this must be a poor kind of bond.

Indeed, Japanese enterprises were so new that neither domestic nor foreign capital was to be as easily tempted to invest in Japanese debenture bonds as in bonds elsewhere.

Plead for Mortgages.

Complaint was made to the imperial government that railroad development was hampered by this restriction, and in March of last year the diet granted permission to mortgage, but only with the consent of the minister of home affairs.

The Osaka people in favor of proceeding with the construction of the municipal tramway got up a petition

B. Stewart, of Colorado Springs, the position of commissioner general of the land office, to be made vacant March 4 by the retirement of Commissioner Richards.

Briand Law Promulgated.

PARIS, Jan. 5.—The new law, known as the Briand law, amending the church and state separation law of 1905, was signed by the president and promulgated yesterday.

G. N. Puts Up Fight.

ST. PAUL, Jan. 5.—The Great Northern has begun to contest the right of the state of Minnesota to prevent the road from making an issue of \$60,000,000 of stock.

New Ellensburg Council.

ELLENSBURG, Jan. 5.—The new city council met last evening and outlined its future policy, which means a close town on Sundays and all gambling will shut down after January 15.

Col. L. D. H. Currie.

LONDON, Jan. 5.—Col. Leonard Douglas Hay Currie died here yesterday. He served in the Crimean war and was colonel of the Twenty-third Infantry during the civil war in the United States.

Got Only Nine Votes.

TACOMA, Jan. 5.—Another effort to pass the \$1,000 saloon license ordinance last night by the city council over the mayor's veto failed. The friends of the measure had nine votes. It required eleven.

Polish Articles Filed.

BRESLAU, Jan. 5.—The articles of association of the Polish National league were published here yesterday. They describe the aim of the league to be "to unite all of the national resources for the restoration of the independence of Poland."

Copper Mines Strike.

CALUMET, Mich., Jan. 5.—Nearly 500 copper miners struck for higher wages yesterday, causing operations at the property of the Massachusetts Consolidated Mining company in Ontonagon county to be suspended.

Over a Million Immigrants.

NEW YORK, Jan. 5.—During 1906 exactly 1,128,434 persons arrived at New York from foreign

ports, according to a statement made public yesterday at Ellis island, by the department of commerce and labor.

Recommend Disbarment.

BELLINGHAM, Jan. 5.—At a called meeting of the Whatcom County Bar association held last night a resolution was adopted recommending that disbarment proceedings be commenced against one of its members, E. J. Grover, for alleged unprofessional conduct.

Ernest H. Crosby.

NEW YORK, Jan. 5.—Ernest H. Crosby died at Baltimore yesterday, aged 50 years. He was judge of the court of first instance at Alexandria, Egypt, in 1889, and was president of the New York Anti-Imperialist league for five years. He was the author of "Capt. Jinks," "Nero" and other books.

Snowfall at Ellensburg.

ELLENSBURG, Jan. 5.—Practically twenty-four inches of snow has fallen since 7 o'clock last evening, and it is still snowing at the rate of two or three inches per hour.

Banquet to Bryan.

TACOMA, Jan. 5.—Democrats are talking of giving a reception and dinner in honor of William Jennings Bryan in connection with his lecture here January 21.

War Veterans to Gather.

OLYMPIA, Jan. 5.—A gathering of the Indian war veterans of the state is planned to take place in this city during the first week of the coming legislative session.

To Discuss Regulations.

OLYMPIA, Jan. 5.—The committee appointed by Gov. Meade to investigate the advisability of state cooperation in the enforcement of marine regulations on the waters of the state, will meet in Tacoma, in the Chamber of Commerce rooms Monday, Jan. 9, at 10 o'clock in the morning.

Snowplow Buried.

TACOMA, Jan. 5.—An avalanche of snow buried a rotary snowplow near the Stimpede tunnel on the Northern Pacific yesterday. It took a crew of snowshovelers several hours to dig the machine out.

To Relieve Car Shortage.

CHICAGO, Jan. 5.—Railroad president yesterday made a personal appeal to the Chicago Commercial Association to aid in a friendly effort to improve existing transportation conditions and relieve the present car shortage.

LARGE TIMBER DEALS.

D. Carmody has obtained a 40-day option on a half interest in a 27,000-acre tract of timber land on Vancouver island. The deal is being handled by the American Savings Bank & Trust company. Merrill Bros. have sold their mill in Shugart county, together with 2,800 acres of timber land, to Judge C. C. Chittenden for \$325,000. The deal was handled by the Mutual Realty company.

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THE THEATERS

"The Strollers" at the Grand.

Frank W. Healy will present the three-act musical comedy "The Strollers" at the Grand all next week beginning tomorrow night. This musical production has been only added to the present attraction. There are many well known comic opera people in the cast, among them being Teddy Webb, George Kunkel, Fred Bertram, Aida Hermit and many musical numbers in the score of the whistling sort and several solos and duets which require ability. The chorus is said to be one of the best.

"The Old Clothes Man."

"The Belle of Japan" closes a good week's business at the Seattle theater tonight.

"The Old Clothes Man," a comedy drama, with a Hebrew character of the New York East side type, opens at the Seattle theater tomorrow afternoon. James Kyrle MacCurdy is the author of the play, and he is the actor who impersonates the old Hebrew.

In this play MacCurdy is, to the present generation, what Ed Harrigan in "Old Lavender" was to the past.

There is a prize fight scene in the performance which is a clever addition to the production.

"By Right of Sword."

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"By Right of Sword," was written when Russia and Japan were at war and the story is replete with intrigue, adventure and contains a rich vein of comedy.

Miss May is cast for Countess Olga Petrovitch and Mr. Dowlan will play the American hero. Other members will be agreeably cast. Special scenery and costumes have been arranged. There will be matinees throughout the week excepting Thursday and Friday.

Following "By Right of Sword," "Northern Lights" will be given.

"The Bohemian Girl."

Early the best bill of the engagement of the Amieson Opera company at Taylor's Castle garden, will be the offering for the week commencing at the matinee tomorrow afternoon, "The Bohemian Girl," an opera that never will grow old because it contains a wealth of melodious music and a budget of operatic comedy that is seldom excelled. Claude Amieson and Hazel Davenport will be seen in their best parts, "Derflesch" and "Arlene," Mr. and Mrs. Bowman Ralston, and Beale Fairbairn, late of the Stewart Opera company, have joined the Amiesons and that company's list of principals is now as strong as any popular priced comic opera company traveling.

The final performance of "The Governor's Wife," the popular bill of this week, will be given tonight.

Star Theater, New Vaudeville.

There will be two performances at the Star theater tonight and a matinee show tomorrow from 2 to 11, and these will afford the first opportunities for seeing this week's vaudeville acts.

Monday afternoon the Star will put forward an entirely fresh bill of specialties. The list will contain two comedy sketches, one by Lizzie Evans and Jefferson Lloyd, entitled "The Old Love," and another by Dean Edsall and Arthur Forbes, called "The Two Rubes." The Messenger Boy Trio are singers and comedians. Wills & Barron are a duo using a fake life insurance company as the foundation of their skit. Chas. H. Duncan is an experienced vocal comedian. Harry Loraine will sing the ballad and

there will be new moving pictures.

New Bill at Wonderland.

Starting Monday afternoon Wonderland exhibit will offer for its week attraction in the touring car a familiar trip over the O. R. & N. railroad from Portland to The Dalles, as a main feature with the addition of two other interesting railroad trips. The final trip through France, Switzerland and California that have been running all this week, will be given tonight, tomorrow afternoon and tomorrow night.

Schumann-Heink Concert.

Milama Schumann-Heink will give her concert tonight at the Grand under the auspices of the Ladies' Musical Club. Every seat has been sold and the concert program arranged is one of the best in the well-known singer's repertoire.

Dreamland Skating Rink.

Large crowds are daily attending the Dreamland skating rink. A new machine has been obtained from the New York East side type, opens at the Seattle theater tomorrow afternoon. James Kyrle MacCurdy is the author of the play, and he is the actor who impersonates the old Hebrew.

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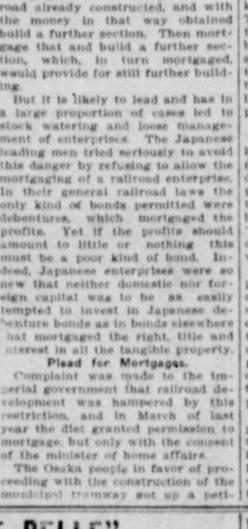
SAYS WARREN IS GRAFTER

(Scripps Telegraph Service.)

WASHINGTON, Jan. 5.—The secretary of the interior is investigating the case of Senator Warren, of Wyoming, the chairman of the committee on military affairs, who has charged him with being a land grafter. It is alleged that Warren fenced and appropriated to his own use public lands in Wyoming. The charges, which were made formally, were accompanied by data, maps, etc. The names of the persons who filed the charge have not been disclosed.

It is understood that the president and secretary do not believe the charges, but desire to give the senator the benefit of a searching inquiry. Fifty thousand acres near Cheyenne are said to be involved. Warren is incensed over the charges which, he says, are false.

THE "HELOTROPE BELLE" SWIFT ON THE MARRY



MRS. JAMES G. BLAINE, JR., MARTHA HICHBORN, WHO WAS AND WHO SOON WILL BE MRS. PAUL S. PEARSALL.

Mrs. James G. Blaine, Jr., was given a rapid action divorce last night at Yakton, S. D., after living in the state just six months. She began her story of Jim's weird doings at 8 p. m., the judge had signed the decree at 8, and at 9 her train was speeding toward Washington, where she was to spend Christmas day with her parents, Rear Admiral and Mrs. Hichborn.

Mrs. Blaine was once Martha Hichborn, a famous Washington beauty, who was known as the "helotrope belle." She married Blaine in the early '90s, after his first divorce.

Christmas day Mrs. Blaine announced that she intended to marry again, this time to Paul S. Pearsall, who was a lieutenant in the Rough Riders.

SCHOOLS OUT OF COAL

A dearth of coal may keep the Seattle public schools from reopening Monday morning after the Christmas holidays. Twenty-five teams are to deliver coal to the schools tomorrow, the majority of the schools being out of nearly out of fuel, and should these teamsters be unable to secure the needed coal there will be no school on Monday. Secretary Reuben Jones, of the school board, declared this morning that he could not tell what prospect there was of the coal company doing as it had promised.

Stock-Pruning Sale

Is practically over at the Century Furniture Co., and many homes have been made happy and comfortable where they took advantage of the big cut in prices. There are still a few good articles left on the floor which, together with two carloads of furniture from the world famous Nelson-Matter factory, of Grand Rapids, Mich., will be put on sale next week, MONDAY and TUESDAY only. This new shipment contains center tables, toilet tables, dressers, men's chiffoniers, beds, chairs of all kinds, and ladies' chiffoniers made in mahogany, oak and maple in beautiful patterns. All these goods will be sold at exactly half price Monday and Tuesday only.

BRIEFS BY WIRE

Carpenters Boycott Japanese.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 5.—The local Carpenters' Union declared a boycott against the Japanese.

Alma to Change Its Name.

RIVERBIDE, Jan. 5.—At a mass meeting held in Alma, it was unanimously voted to change the name to Okanogan.

Annual Poultry Show.

SOUTH BEND, Jan. 5.—The Pacific County Poultry Association is holding its annual poultry show in this city.

Henry E. Leighton.

HONOLULU, Jan. 5.—Henry E. Leighton, a well known attorney, formerly of San Francisco, died here Thursday night.

Commercial Club Election.

HOQUIAM, Jan. 5.—At a meeting of the Commercial Club held last night trustees were elected for the ensuing year.

James H. Blair.

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 5.—James H. Blair, an attorney prominent in New York, Nebraska and in the northwest, is dead in this city.

President Entertains Speaker.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 5.—President and Mrs. Roosevelt entertained at dinner last night in honor of Speaker and Miss Cannon.

Snow Falling at Hoquiam.

HOQUIAM, Jan. 5.—Snow has been falling here all day, but owing to warm temperatures melted as soon as it struck the ground.

Honolulu Reports Earthquake.

HONOLULU, Jan. 5.—The seismograph at Pago Pago, Samoa, recorded a heavy earthquake shock.

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Dec. 25, according to advices received here yesterday.

John L. Leitch.

BERKELEY, Jan. 5.—John L. Leitch, senior member and manager of the Bryden & Leitch Lumber company, died suddenly at his home at 9:30 Thursday evening.

Japanese Paper Confiscated.

TOKIO, Jan. 5.—The official gazette states that copies of the Japanese Socialist organ, "Kakumei," issued at Berkeley, Cal., have been confiscated and that its circulation in Japan is prohibited.

Dream of Egypt Stopped.

PARIS, Jan. 5.—The chief of police in Yarkima, Jan. 5.—The reclamation service yesterday sent a force of men to the Tieton river to arrange for the construction of a large electrical power plant, to be used in connection with the building of the Tieton canal.

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Large Crowd Expected

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"Kate Meredith, Financier"

A Great Novel by the Author of "Captain Kettle," Begins in the

Sunday Post-Intelligencer

Tomorrow and will be published exclusively in the Sunday P.-I. as a serial before being issued in book form.

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There are passages in it so daring in their treatment and so astounding in their action that the reader feels himself wandering through a field of literature of whose existence he never before dreamed.

The hero is the red headed Carter. He goes to West Africa, which has slain so many thousand brave men. He grips its perils boldly by the throat and from them wrestles name and fame. But the description of his feats in accomplishing this is something never to be forgotten. From adventure to adventure the reader follows Carter, breathless and spellbound. Then, when at last the daring lad clashes with an equally determined and unusual character of the opposite sex—then begins the story's deeper, vital interest.

Other Sunday P.-I. Magazine Features

The recent conference at Algiciras brought the "Dark Continent" into the world's eye in an unusual way and served to remind us that there are big things in Africa, and plenty of them, besides big game. A special correspondent of the Post-Intelligencer, Mr. Frank G. Carpenter, has gone to Africa for the purpose of telling us what these big things are, and how they look in 1907, in a series of illustrated articles. He will make a journey of 25,000 miles by steamboat and rail and on foot, horseback and camelback. He will find out what the French are doing in the Sudan; what the English, Portuguese and Germans are doing in their respective zones of influence; he will ride over the new railway from the Cape to Cairo, visit the great African lakes, and describe the mighty dam at Assouan that has added to Egypt a fertile valley twice the size of Connecticut. Mr. Carpenter's first letter from Africa will appear in tomorrow's Post-Intelligencer Magazine. It contains an extremely interesting account of the wild and turbulent land of Morocco and of the astonishing conditions that exist there.

Half a dozen places made historic by American poets will soon be known no more. An illustrated article in the magazine describes these "inspiration spots"—among which are James Whitcomb Riley's "Old Swimming Hole," the Minnehaha falls, and Tom Sawyer's famous Hannibal cave—and tells the interesting story associated with each one.

"Wasting America's Sustenance" is the title of a timely illustrated article on the subject of prosperity and success achieved by the useless extravagance of nature's gifts.

The new queen of grand opera, Cavallieri, is also the most beautiful of singers. She began life by selling programs in a theater in Rome. Today she receives \$1,200 every time she sings in opera. The interesting story of her career, with numerous illustrations, is told in the magazine tomorrow. Nature and art have combined to beautify the Jamestown, Va., exposition. Every building has been individualized and given its own attractive setting. The results thus achieved, together with the elaborate landscape gardening effects are described in an illustrated article in the magazine.

Other features of the magazine are "Rare First Editions of Poe," "Early American Silver Pieces and Their Marks," "Facts, Fads and Fallacies of Personal Magnetism," "How the King-Taught School," and "Things Queer, Quaint and Curious in the World Today."

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