

GREAT INCREASE IN WATER CONSUMPTION

Fully 30,000 more people are being supplied with water by the water system than were being supplied at this time a year ago, according to Superintendent Young, of the department this morning.

During the last 12 months we have put in 3,000 new services to business houses, apartment houses and hotels, and there is an average of ten persons supplied on each one of these services.

The department now has approximately 30,000 services. Of these there are about 2,500 on meters, and the number of meters is being increased at the rate of 15 or 20 a day.

With this increase in the demand for water it will be necessary for the department in regard to the strictest regulations in regard to the use of it during the summer months if we are to get through the summer without a suspension of the sprinkling privilege. We shall start in the summer with the same rules we had last year, permitting sprinkling two hours a day, and hope to go through the summer on that basis.

"I have already sent out two men with a view to putting a stop to all unnecessary waste and leakage, and this will help us to economize. As soon as the sprinkling season starts I will put out inspectors to see that the regulations regarding hours and all other restrictions are observed to the letter."

Applications for meters are coming into the department more rapidly than we can install them, and I would advise persons who desire meters installed for the sprinkling season to get their applications in as early as possible.

U. S. CRUISER ARRIVES AT PORT AU PRINCE

(By United Press.)
PORT AU PRINCE, Hayti, March 18.—The United States cruiser Des Moines arrived today. The situation here appears less grave. There have been no serious demonstrations and the temper of the blacks, which seemed likely to flare up over foreign interference, has cooled perceptibly.

With American, German and English cruisers in the harbor, and a French vessel, the cruiser D'Estrees, the situation is believed to be under control.

Gen. Firmini and other revolutionary refugees still are housed at the French consulate, and President Alexis has not repeated his demand for their surrender. Instead, a plan has been presented by M. Borzo, the conservative member of Alexis' cabinet, which, if accepted by the government, will solve the problem. Decision is expected tonight.

Minister Borzo has proposed that the refugees protected by the French flag be sent aboard the cruiser D'Estrees upon her arrival, and deported. The French consul general to give his word that should any of the conspirators be caught plotting against the present government in the meantime they will be surrendered to Gen. Leconte, minister of the interior, who conducted last Sunday's executions.

NOT EVEN STAGE MONEY, ONLY GLOOM FOR IDLE THESPIANS

(Seattle Star Exclusive Service.)
NEW YORK, Feb. 18.—Today the number is about 5,000. On Dec. 1, 1907, it was roughly estimated at 120,000.

That many actors and actresses are out of work—some 5,000 included in all branches of the profession. Some reports reach Broadway from Chicago and the west, where the total of idle actors must reach another thousand or two.

This army swarms the day looking for work. They haunt the agencies, and the prominent ones, like Mrs. Packard's and the vaudeville booking headquarters, are thronged. The ante-rooms of all the managers, even the elevators and hallways in the buildings where their offices are located, overflow with actors seeking engagements.

David Frohman said that there were several reasons for the unprecedentedly had theatrical season—previously had theatrical season—previously had theatrical season—previously had theatrical season.

At the Lambs club half a dozen actors of the first class, who a year ago had been eagerly sought by various managers, last night discussed the advisability of renting a theatre now vacant and organizing a company on the co-operative basis. They found they couldn't pay the first month's rent!

This week a well known actor, whose salary has not been under \$100 a week during the last eight years, literally jumped at an offer of \$40. And he didn't make any bluff about not wanting to tour the one-night stands.

MYSTERY IN ROOF PARTIES MAY BE HELD

While planting potatoes on their farm at South Park yesterday, Angelo and Louis Maniella unearthed the skeleton of a man which had existed for five or six years.

On the skull or bones were no marks, but the unknown had been the victim of foul play, but there are mysterious circumstances surrounding the case.

Five years ago a barn structure, which had been converted into a pool and billiard hall, was burned down. Shortly after the spot where the skeleton was discovered, there had been considerable criticism on the operation of the place, and it is always been generally believed that the blaze was started by a jealous citizen.

It is the theory of the deputy coroner who made an investigation that the skeleton might be that of a man who had been burned to death in this fire, or had been made away with and buried beneath the floor of the building before it was burned.

DEAD BOY'S MOTHER SUES FOR DAMAGES

Winie Carroll, mother of Philip C. Carroll, a 15-year-old boy who was killed, when the city officials investigated the steamship Saratoga on December 8, 1907, today brought suit in the superior court against the city and the Northwestern Steamship Co., owners of the vessel, asking \$1,397.50 damages.

The boy was an employee of the steamship and was aboard during the collision, or went aboard immediately after the collision process.

When the health authorities had completed their investigation the body of the boy was found in one of the rooms.

DEATH INTERFERES WITH A TRIAL

When the case of the State vs. C. A. O'Brien was called in Judge Carroll's court today, the judge was informed that the case had been transferred to a higher court, and the defendant was beyond all earthly jurisdiction.

O'Brien, who was charged with larceny by embezzlement of \$194.50, died on March 8, at the Pacific hospital, and was buried at Des Moines, Iowa.

Complaint was made by Mrs. Rebecca A. Prince, who stated that on Nov. 7, 1907, O'Brien sold her rooming house for \$512, but told her that he had only obtained \$225 and pocketed the difference.

WRECKED STEAMER'S PASSENGERS SAFE.

(By United Press.)
PORT CROSS, Cal., March 18.—The 34 passengers of the steamer Pomona, which was wrecked last night, are all safe, and were taken to Pico this morning. With calm weather and a favorable sea the steamer may be saved.

Her nose is high on the reef upon which she struck. The small and the valuable portion of her cargo has been taken ashore. The passengers speak in the highest terms of the bravery and coolness of Capt. Swanson and his crew.

FLOODS RECEDE

Reports from all of the points affected by the recent floods in the Duwamish river and south valley districts today indicate that the high water is rapidly subsiding and it is generally considered that danger from further floods this spring no longer exists.

Comparatively little damage has resulted from the recent high water, further than the inundation of several thousands of acres of land, which will gradually drain off as the waters subside in the river.

The only damage reported is in the district to the southeast of Orilla and in the lowlands further north along the valley.

Houses which were partially inundated were not materially damaged and in those places where the occupants were compelled to move on account of the rising waters, all of the valuables and household furniture were moved to a higher point, where the water did not reach them.

The jams resulting from blockades against the bridge at South Park and at the bridge across the Cedar river above Renton, have been removed and those structures are not considered to be in any further danger.

At all points along the Cedar, White, Duwamish and Black rivers the floods were said to have appreciably decreased at a late hour today. There is said to be comparatively little snow left in the mountains, and if this is the case, the residents in the affected zone will have no further fear of floods this year.

KOZMAKOFF DENIES KIDNAPING CHARGE

Claiming that he was entirely innocent of any wrongdoing, John Kozmakoff, of Sitka, Alaska, today made a reply to the charge of kidnaping filed against him by Mrs. Alex Stitt, his sister. The Arctic Brotherhood yesterday wired Kozmakoff that they would render him any assistance needed.

Kozmakoff claims that Francis Meyer, the boy whom he was charged with kidnaping, is really a ward of Mrs. L. M. Mills of Sitka, who took the Stitt children in charge five years ago in Sitka, according to the man's story, and has since provided for their care.

"I was merely authorized by Mrs. Mills as guardian to return the boy to Sitka from San Francisco where he had been placed in school," said Kozmakoff, "and have no interest in the matter further than in seeing that justice is done."

WANT REPORT FROM EVANS

(By United Press.)
WASHINGTON, March 8.—Secretary of the Navy Victor Metcalf today announced that, in order to test the efficiency of the armor belt on American battleships, he proposed to ask Admiral Evans for a detailed report as to the position of the water line belts of the battleships during the target practice now going on.

The information will be submitted to the senate naval committee. In addition Metcalf says he will personally inspect each ship following the review at San Francisco, and that afterwards he may have something to say on the matter.

HELD TEN DAYS IN CITY JAIL

Complaining that, although innocent, he had been a prisoner on bread and water for ten days, James Morrison, a mulatto, was ordered released from custody yesterday by Judge Gordon.

He was arrested by Detectives Peterson and McClurg nearly two weeks ago on suspicion of having taken a ring from the kitchen of the Houston hotel, on Third av., the suspicion being based on the fact that he was in the building before the ring was taken.

The charge, being weak, was withdrawn, and that of disorderly conduct pending against him.

BOYS ON TRIAL

The trial of Albert Casper and Lou Strain, two boys of the Green Lake district, charged with a statutory offense, was commenced before Judge Frater in the superior court this morning.

ATROCIOUS MURDER IS REVEALED

(By United Press.)
SILVER LAKE CITY, Ore., March 18.—An anonymous letter from Portland, thumb-stained and torn, told the story that led to the discovery of one of the most atrocious murders that ever shocked the isolated Lake county and sent a thrill of horror through the 600 inhabitants of Silver Lake City.

Last December Julius Wallende disappeared from his home. It was believed he was murdered. But the fact that the man or men who did the deed remained in Portland for weeks after the crime, and then anxiously sent a letter to the Lake county authorities, telling them where the body could be found, only came to light today, when it was announced that Wallende's body had been located in the spot named in the note.

The corpse was found under a bridge which crosses Silver creek. It was badly mutilated, the trunk and lower limbs being in the water. The skull was crushed, and the rifled clothing showed robbery had been the motive. Wallende always carried money on his person. He was not well known here. He was suave, well educated and said he came from a wealthy Ohio family.

"Roused by the atrocity and the boldness of the criminal, the county officers declared that a reward of \$250 would be given for the arrest and conviction of the murderer. A Guy Chamberlain has been appointed for an increase of the amount.

LABOR CONGRESS BEING HELD

(By United Press.)
WASHINGTON, March 18.—An independent political party standing upon a platform, drawn to meet the needs of the laboring man, is strongly urged by delegates to the great labor congress called together today by President Samuel Gompers of the American Federation of Labor.

While the session is strictly secret, enough has been learned of the temper and determination of the leaders assembled to make it certain that the meeting will play a big part in the coming presidential elections.

Two hundred and fifty delegates are present. They represent every organization in the International Union and a large number of unaffiliated railway organizations.

The sessions are being held in the assembly hall of the federation headquarters.

One woman, Miss Anna Patterson, of the Labor league, is present as a delegate, and included in the assembly are a number of representatives of the recently organized Farmers Union Society of Equity.

During the morning session the chief topic of discussion was the recent attitude of the United States supreme court toward organized labor, and the best possible means of remedying the trouble.

After a general discussion of the subject a committee was appointed to draw up bills which may be presented to congress as relief measures. Another committee was appointed to draw up an appeal to all laboring men to stand loyally by the action of the present congress during the coming campaign.

SUE FOR PEACE

(By United Press.)
CASA BLANCA, Morocco, March 18.—Gen. d'Amade, commanding the French forces of Morocco, has replied to the peace overtures from Mulid Hafid, pretender to the throne, that he is able to promise the latter good treatment as a prisoner, but that all bargaining for terms must be preceded by unconditional surrender.

Mulid was practically driven into a corner a fortnight ago, and Gen. d'Amade has been cutting his followers to pieces ever since.

His plea for peace is considered as marking the beginning of the end of hostilities in Morocco, if Mulid surrenders he will probably be sent to France to guard against fresh outbreaks under his leadership.

REFUGEE WANTS HIS BONDS REDUCED

(By United Press.)
SAN FRANCISCO, March 18.—The district court of appeals will convene next Friday morning, when the writ of habeas corpus granted Abe Ruef is returnable. Attorneys Ach and Murphy, representing Ruef, will try to have their client's bond of \$1,117,000 reduced.

Ruef is to sue.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 18.—Henry Ach, chief counsel for Abe Ruef, is out with the bold announcement today that he intends to bring contempt proceedings against Judge Dunne and Chief of Police Wm. J. Bikey because of their failure to make depositions in Ruef's action to recover money he expended while in custody of Bikey, who was then acting as editor. Ruef avers he expended \$4,000 of his money for board, etc., and that the city should refund.

PARIS COMMUNE CELEBRATION

(By United Press.)
PARIS, March 18.—A great demonstration marked the celebration of the Paris Commune by the socialists of France today. Thousands of women and men, carrying banners reading "Long Live the Commune," and exhorting the memory of Marquis LeGallifet, the "Butcher of Paris," marched through the streets, led by bands playing "Marseillaise" and other revolutionary anthems.

TOO LATE TO FACIFY

\$147 Cash for a nearly new 1908 Piano For Sale by Kohler & Chase (1211 Second).

STENOGRAPHER WANTED TO purchase piano offered at Kohler & Chase. Stenographer earning a nominal salary can easily pay for this piano. It is a large mahogany instrument, standard make, (sold for \$200), now offered at only \$125.

DECKER BROS' Piano cheap—A beautiful case. Sold originally for \$450, now only \$125. Every one knows the old reliable Decker Bros. There have been several imitations of this piano, but none so good as the original. Now this is an opportunity to get a snap. Hurry if you want one. Kohler & Chase, 1211 2nd ave. (opposite Arcade Bk.).

STUDIO AND OFFICE for Rent—Inquire Kohler & Chase, Temple of Music Building, 1211 2nd ave.

FISHER PIANO slightly used—Rebuilt \$100. This piano is exactly as good as new. You would not know it from a new one. \$125 right here. Do not fail to see it. Easy terms, if necessary. Kohler & Chase, 1211 2nd ave. (opposite Bk.).

STARTS DIVORCE SUIT.

Cecilia W. Tate today started suit in the superior court against Archibald Tate for divorce, charging abandonment. The couple were married in San Francisco in 1899, and the complainant recites that the husband left her in 1906, failing to return.

CANNON IS INDORSED.

(By United Press.)
LITCHFIELD, Ill., March 18.—Republicans for the Twenty-first congressional district met in convention here today and endorsed Joseph G. Cannon for the presidency. The state convention will be held a week from tomorrow.

VARSITY BOAT RACES OFF

The prospects for a race between the University of Washington eight and any of the southern institutions are very slim. Manager Rasmussen is in receipt of a letter from the University of California, which finally settles the possibility of the varsity eight going south. Furthermore, California is unwilling to share half of the expenses of bringing its eight here, so there will probably be no race between the two institutions this year.

At Stanford the financial situation is so bad that the hope of securing a race with the Palo Alto school has long been given up. There is also little chance of a contest with the Imperial School of Japan, since the shells used by the little brown men differ from American shells in that the seats are not sliding. This, it is thought, gives them an advantage which the Washington men would not be able to overcome.

On the whole, the situation is a deplorable one in view of the fact that the varsity crew this year is probably the best ever turned out at the state institution.

NEW YORK STOCK MARKET

(By United Press.)
NEW YORK, March 18.—Stocks opened strong and made a stout fractional advance. An early skirmish against Union Pacific influenced caution that security to retreat 2 1/2 points. The rest of the list followed automatically with lesser declines.

There was little outside inquiry, and it seems likely the public will refuse to change its hostile attitude toward stock speculation for some time.

Trading was limited to professionals.

During the final hour, under heavy profit-taking and short pressure, prices hit the toboggan with a merry clip, resulting in the demoralization of the bulls.

At the close New York Central and Union Pacific showed a net loss of 4 1/2 points, Reading and Northern Pacific 4 and St. Paul 3 points.

COLLEGE HOUR INAUGURATED

The attention of the Northwest colleges is riveted upon the University of Washington just now to note the success of the "college hour" which was inaugurated at the state institution for the first time this morning.

This is something new in this section of the country and the other colleges are watching eagerly the measure of success it obtains here at Washington, before they adopt or reject it themselves.

The college hour at Washington will occur during the assembly period on Wednesday once every month for the entire student body, and on every Wednesday evening for the men students only.

Student affairs, university interests and kindred subjects are discussed in an informal way, the college band plays and "grads" talk.

The "college hour" is expected to bring about a closer bond between the students and a keener interest in university affairs.

An Informal Dance

Dance all evening and nothing to pay for music, no one to thank, no one to tire.

The music is just as loud and clear and fine as an orchestra or band. One dollar a week places you in your home at once. Don't wait any longer.

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The Millinery Opening Continues Tomorrow

At no other time during the season are assortments so broad, varied and beautiful. At no other time are opportunities for Easter selection so advantageous as during these "opening days." Our millinery leadership is more than emphasized in our present showing. Surely 'tis a great Easter assembly. Come tomorrow. Welcome to Seattle's most popular millinery shop.

TWO EXTRAORDINARY DRESS-GOODS OFFERINGS.

Tomorrow at All-Wool 39c Albatross 39c Tomorrow at Splendid 50c Value 75c

Made by the Botany Worsted Mills, the largest in the world—famous for their use of finest yarn obtainable in their weaves. Nothing of inferior grade comes from these mills. In tomorrow's selling are all colorings for street and evening. Beautiful new fabrics; drapes splendidly; very suggestive for all manner of women's and children's dresses and suits. An unmatched 50c quality tomorrow at 39c yard.

"Botany Mills" Dress Fabrics Values to \$1.25—Special Tomorrow, Yard 75c

In great assortment of plain and solid colorings; also rich shadow stripes and herringbone effects. Early comers can get the best of this splendid bargain gathering. Come early.

One Per Cent of Our Gross Receipts From Now Until Easter to Be Divided Among Seattle Charities.—One Vote With Every Purchase of Ten Cents' Worth.—Vote for Your Favorite Charity. "EVERYBODY HELP."

\$7.50 Rustle Taffeta Silk Petticoats—\$4.85 Tomorrow... \$4.85

Regular 25c Newest Dotted Swisses—19c Latest arrivals for spring and summer dresses; in dotted, striped, figured and floral designs. Best 25c kind, tomorrow, 19c yard.

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PUBLIC MARKET

Business on the public market was brisk and steady today. A large number of specials were on sale. Oranges were quoted at 10c to 15c per dozen. Fancy select cranberries are on sale at 11c per pound. Stuffed olives are quoted at 25c per pint. Chicken salad, made at the market every day, is sold at 35c per pound.

Winter salmon, baking size, was on sale at 12 1/2c per pound, while pink pickled salmon was selling at 8c per pound. Beef pot roast was quoted at 7c to 8c per pound. Local fresh eggs are quoted at 25c per dozen. Celery is on sale at 5c per bunch. Three pounds of sage are sold at 25c.

Rhubarb at the market at three pounds for 25c. Potato salad will be quoted tomorrow at 2 pounds for 15c. Soles will be on sale at the fish stalls at 5c per pound tomorrow. Mexican beans will be on sale at 6c per pound. Sliced breakfast bacon will be quoted tomorrow at 18c per pound.

Touay's quotations are: Ranch eggs, 25c doz. Washington creamery butter, 35c; Iowa creamery, 2 lbs., 55c. Potatoes, 16 to 18 lbs. for 25c; \$1.10 to \$1.25 per 100 lbs.

Fancy Swiss cheese, 25c; Wisconsin full cream brick, 20c lb., smier cheese, 15c. Chickens, 18 to 20c lb. Mutton chops, 12 1/2c @ 13 1/2c lb.; rib steaks, 15c lb.; porterhouse, 15c lb.; sirloin, 12 1/2c lb.; round steak, 11c lb.; shoulder steak, 3 lbs. for 25c; hearts, 15c each; tongues, 45c to 50c each; liver, 5c lb.; roasts, 8c to 9c lb. Corn, 5c bunch; boiling onions, 12 lbs for 25c. Carrots, 3 bunches for 5c. New nuts—Filberts, 15c lb.; black walnuts, 15c lb.; Eng.

High walnuts, 10c-20c lb.; almonds, 25c lb.; pecans, 20c lb.; Brazil nuts, 15c lb.; mixed nuts, 18c lb.; coconuts, 10c to 12c each; Brazil pds., 15c each. Radishes, 5 bunches for 5c. Parsley, 3 bunches for 10c. Turnips, 3 bunches for 5c. Artichokes, 4 for 25c.

BREAK GROUND FOR OREGON BUILDING

With simple ceremonies ground was broken this afternoon at 3 o'clock for the first state building of the A-Y-P. exhibition—the Oregon building.

W. H. Wehrung, of Portland, Or., president of the Oregon commission of the fair, and Architect D. C. Lewis of the Oregon commission arrived in town this morning to take part in the breaking of the ground for their state building. Local officials of the fair were also present.

Work on the building will be started at once and it is expected that the building will be completed September 1. The building will be erected at a cost of \$33,399.

OFFICIALS ON "CARPET"

(By United Press.)
SAN FRANCISCO, March 18.—Having secured admissions in this city that the Southern Pacific railroad is guilty of rate discriminations, the state railroad commission has shifted its investigation of rebates to Los Angeles, where officials of the Santa Fe railroad will, on April 20, be called on the "carpet" to answer to similar charges.

PORT ORCHARD ROUTE.
Boats leave ten times daily from pier 2 for the U. S. navy yard. ***

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