

WILLIAMS MAKES AN EVASIVE ANSWER

Won't Agree to Cut Off Graft in the Sheriff's Office SEATTLE PHYSICIAN WILL BECOME A PUGILIST

QUESTION OF FEEDING PRISONERS IS IGNORED

DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATE MAKES UNSATISFACTORY ANSWER—HODGE REPEATS PLEDGE ALREADY MADE.

Mr. Williams, Democratic candidate for sheriff, refuses to declare himself on the issue of feeding prisoners in the county jail. In a letter to the secretary of the Civic Union of Seattle, Mr. Williams evades the issue by putting the matter in the hands of the county commissioners. The letter from the Civic Union asks the point-blank question if the money saved from prisoners' food will be turned back into the county treasury and Mr. Williams overlooks the question entirely. Mr. Hodge, the Republican candidate, received the same letter, and has written a frank, straightforward reply in which he answers every question put to him. Mr. Hodge states openly that he does not intend to starve the prisoners in order to make a record for himself. He does not believe that they can be properly fed for 15 cents a day, but thinks that it will cost nearer 25 cents a day, but not over that sum. The allowance now is 10 cents a day. Mr. Hodge promises to install a system of bookkeeping that will account for every cent of expenditure in a manner that will permit of no profit for any person in the sheriff's office. This is evaded in Mr. Williams' letter, by the general statement that the county commissioners have the fixing of the cost of the prisoners' board and that he will comply with whatever they rule. If there is any possibility of saving any money out of the allowance made by the county commissioners, Mr. Williams leaves the Civic Union in the dark as to what will be done with it. The following are the replies of the candidates: Hodge's Reply. "Seattle, Oct. 23, 1908. Mr. Christopher V. Hott, Secretary of the Civic Union of Seattle. "Dear Sir: Your letter of October 12, written in the interest of the Civic Union and addressed to me at Black Diamond, has just reached me, which accounts for my delay in answering the question you ask as to whether I will serve for the salary of \$2,400 per year alone, if elected sheriff. "In reply to that question I can simply repeat what I have said in a number of public speeches both before and since the primary election. If elected sheriff, I will serve for the salary attached to that office alone. "I do not know how much it costs to feed the prisoners in the county jail properly. I do not think that they can be fed on good, wholesome food for 15 cents per day, which has been estimated as the present cost to the sheriff. I do believe that they can be well fed for 25 cents per day, just five-eighths of the amount allowed the sheriff by the county for feeding the prisoners. "But whatever the cost, I pledge myself, if elected sheriff, to institute a system of bookkeeping into the office which will show it to a cent and to return to the county treasury the amount of the cost of maintaining the prisoners and the amount of the allowance for that purpose by the county commissioners. "I am willing to serve as sheriff for \$250 per month and will accept no other compensation or profit if elected. "I have answered the question fully and satisfactorily, I remain, very respectfully, "ROBERT T. HODGE, "Republican Candidate for Sheriff."

WELCOMES A STRONG FLEET

JAPAN ANXIOUS FOR U. S. TO GUARD PACIFIC.

Will Cease Her Expansion to Rely on American Protection.

BY H. LEE CLOTWORTHY. Staff Correspondent for the United Press on Board the U. S. S. Georgia. TOKIO, Oct. 23.—That Japan welcomes a strong American fleet in the Pacific ocean as a guarantee of peace, and that if the United States places more war vessels in the Pacific, Japan will cease her policy of expansion, looking to the United States to present war, was the statement made here to night by the Viscount Kaneko in a notable speech before the American Friends society. Viscount Kaneko took the position that after the demonstration of friendship between America and Japan, an American fleet in the Pacific ocean could not be considered by Japan as inimical to her interests. He avoided any mention of the "white man's Pacific" that was heard in Australia, and declared that the only necessity of an American fleet in the Pacific would be to preserve peace, and not to act against any single nation. Admiral Sperry gave farewell to Tokyo this afternoon, going to Yokohama. He was represented at the entertainment given by Viscount Kaneko by Admiral Emory. The reception was held in the rooms of the Maple club, and was the last entertainment of the celebration at Tokyo. A reception to the American fleet officers on board Admiral Togo's famous flagship Mikasa was the feature of tonight's celebration at Yokohama. Admiral Sperry was the guest of honor, and at an informal smoker that followed. In order that Japan may have her promised share of entertainment for the American fleet the ships will not sail until Sunday. Instead of leaving Saturday afternoon, as was planned. All the admirals except Admiral Emory left for Yokohama with Admiral Sperry. The last function of the fleet's visit will be a reception by Admiral Sperry on the flagship Connecticut in Yokohama bay.

DEAD IN MOUNTAINS? POSSE STILL SEARCHING IN GREEN RIVER HILLS FOR MISSING MEN, WITH SMALL HOPE OF FINDING THEM ALIVE.

ROGER READY TO ENTER PRIZE RING

"OLD ROMAN" FALLS AS HUNTER'S PREY SEATTLE WRESTLER IS BACK FROM HAWAII.

A Famous Polar Bear of Gigantic Size Is Killed.

"Old Roman" is no more. His hide is now peacefully reposing in the office of C. T. Wernecke, in the rear of "Ye Olde Curiosity Shop," on the waterfront, while his body is by this time meat for the winter use of natives on Point Barrow. "Old Roman" is, or rather, was a polar bear, and measurements of his skin prove the assertions that have been made for years by seal hunters that he was the largest of his kind in existence. For years he has terrorized the natives of Point Barrow, who have regarded his enormous strength and prowess of amazing sagacity with a superstitious awe that forbade them to kill him. No such feelings prevented his slaughter by men from various sealing boats, who time after time organized expeditions and went in search of him. Wise in the ways of men and fearful of the smell of powder, Old Roman led them a merry chase for years, only to fall a prey to the spear of a native, who came upon him gorged with fish and fast asleep in the shelter of an ice-wooden hut, and who realized that, after all, he was merely a bear. His huge pelt, said to be the largest in the world, will be exhibited among the Alaska wonders at the A. Y. P. E., beside that of the smallest known hide of a polar bear, no larger than that of a cat, which now hangs on the wall of "Ye Olde Curiosity Shop." The pelt of Old Roman is 11 feet 6 inches long and 19 feet 4 inches wide.

Will Take Course with Bob Fitzsimmons in New York City.



COURT ENJOINS BOARD TO EQUALIZE ASSESSMENT

Judge Issues Mandamus Writ in the Canal Controversy.

A writ of mandamus was issued by Judge Morris in the superior court this morning directing the county commission, consisting of R. A. Abrams, C. L. Beckingham and A. L. Rutherford, to proceed forthwith to convene and sit as a board of equalization for the purpose of equalizing the assessment roll for the construction of the Lake Washington canal, and to appear and answer the question thoroughly, declaring the act of the legislature authorizing the special assessments, why they have not complied with the order. The writ was granted upon application of Thomas Burke and Frank T. Hunter, who allege in their petition that the county commissioners have been in error in holding the act authorizing the assessments for the construction of the canal unconstitutional, and in refusing to obey its injunctions. It is alleged in the petition that the United States government intends to construct a canal from deep water in Puget sound through Lake Union to deep water in Lake Washington, and that an emergency exists which is sufficient basis for the act of the legislature authorizing the special assessments. When Roller reached Seattle last night there was a letter awaiting him here from Mrs. Fitzsimmons to the effect that "Bob" was afraid he would not be able to meet Roller in New York because of a theatrical engagement in London. Roller believes, however, that it will be a month or more before Fitz will leave New York, and this morning wired him offering to leave Seattle at once. The nature of the reply will determine what Roller will do. In the event that Fitzsimmons will be unable to wait, some other successful pugilist of the Fitzsimmons type will be engaged and Roller will go to work immediately. Following his course of training he will at once make it known that he is prepared to meet any man in the world, Tommy Burns, Jack Johnson, or any of the rest of them. "There is no man in the ring today whom I will not meet if given the opportunity," said Roller. "I have determined to get into the game at once, and, if possible, make my way to the top just as rapidly as possible. I have every confidence in myself, and don't believe there is a man in the ring today who can make me back up. I am in better condition right now than I have ever been in my life. I will not go back to the practice of medicine until I have demonstrated what I can do as a pugilist. About His Friends. "Some of my friends may be shocked at my determination to enter the ring, but I can't help that. I know I will retain the respect of those who know me, and that is all I care for. Roller is looking better than he has at any time since coming to Seattle. The yellowishness of complexion has entirely disappeared, and in its place is the healthiest sort of tan. He weighs 215 pounds stripped and is as hard as a piece of metal. While in Honolulu he lived out of doors day and night, worked all of the time and at regular intervals took a plunge in the salt water. "I never had a better time in my life," said Roller this morning. "and I come home feeling better than I ever have before."

FIND NO TRACES OF LOST HUNTERS

That Fred Kloeber and Julius Klumme are dead somewhere in the mountains near Green River Hot Springs is the rapidly growing opinion of the friends of the missing men who have been keeping watch of the search being made for them. Every yard of ground within a radius of ten miles has been covered by the searchers without result, and reluctantly even the relatives are beginning to believe that the men who left the Hot Springs hotel Monday morning will never be found alive. Dr. J. S. Kloeber, who, with Charles Hertz, of North Yakima, was at the head of one of the searching parties that was out yesterday, returned to the hotel this morning, almost exhausted from his sleepless, anxious labors, and completely discouraged over the failure to find any trace of the missing men. Gets More Searchers. The doctor had no intention, however of abandoning the hunt. He left the searching party in Mr. Hertz's charge, and came back to organize another one. He said that since his brother and Klumme disappeared fully two feet of snow has fallen, completely obliterating every track. The only hope of finding the men is by thoroughly beating the country. Over 40 men are now engaged in the search. They are divided into parties of half a dozen each. Henry Rief, game warden of King county, and an experienced woodsman, joined in the search yesterday afternoon and is heading one of the divisions of searchers. The men who are engaged in the hunt are woodsmen of long experience—hunters, trappers and cruisers; every one of them familiar with every inch of ground from Hot Springs back to and beyond the summit. The searching parties have headed east from May creek and have gone back as far as the summit. All gathered together last evening about 5 o'clock at May creek, but only to report failure and to plan for today's work. Hoping Against Hope. A member of the searching party who returned to the hotel this morning said: "We are still hoping against hope, but the outlook is discouraging. It does not seem possible that two men as familiar with the woods here as Kloeber and Klumme could lose their way in a short trip such as they planned. They left the hotel about 11 o'clock in the morning, expecting to be back in time for dinner in the evening. Rain was falling here and snow in the mountains at the time they left. They had no provisions whatever. That they would get 15 miles away seems the height of improbability, yet we have been over the country for a radius of almost that distance without result. The canyons, the creeks, every place where they might have been concealed has been gone into. We thought at first that one of them had met with some sort of an injury and the other was taking care of him, but they have been missing too long now for any such a contingency. Just One Possibility. "There is of course still the possibility that they might have gone over the summit, intending to work their way around to Seattle. But it does not seem reasonable that two sane men would set out on their death march to make a trip that would take them several days. "We are going to continue the search, but many of us are beginning to believe that they will never be found alive and that the manner of their death will never be told till the snows of the winter melt away from their bodies. "To the friends of the missing men it seems inexplicable that they are merely lost. The reluctant conviction is that both men, overcome by exhaustion, sank into the endless slumber which precedes death by freezing. Both Kloeber and Klumme were so thoroughly acquainted with the region about Hot Springs that it seems impossible that they should have lost their bearings. If the missing men are buried beneath the heavy snowfall of last night there are two possibilities which account for their death. Probable Scene of Death. A six-mile bed of shale—a plain of loose rock which flows down the mountain sides like water when disturbed—may have swept the men to their death. Mountain goats can climb across this shale with little difficulty, but a human being is helpless. The only thing a person can do when caught by the shale shift is to keep on the surface and to move down the mountain sides as fast as the rocky mass shifts. If Kloeber and Klumme started after mountain goats across this shale bed and were carried down the mountain it is probable that both were buried beneath the mass of shale. Another possible explanation of their death is that both fell down a brush-covered crevice. Late this afternoon T. H. McDermott, of Spokane, arrived in Seattle with his two famous Cuban bloodhounds, "Sam" and "Brady," who have a state-wide reputation for trailing missing persons. These hounds were used by the late "Wild Man" Miner, who held up the Canadian Pacific train a few years ago. The dogs may be worthless in the present instance because of the heavy fall of snow which has obliterated the trail of the missing men.

MAY BURN NEGRO AT STAKE

(By United Press.) ATLANTA, Ga., Oct. 23.—A mob surrounded the jail at Lithonia today and is threatening to burn at the stake Charles Mitchell, a negro who killed Deputy Sheriff Argo last Sunday. The negro was captured after a foot fight in which he received severe wounds. It is believed the negro will be covered from his wounds unless the mob carries out its threat. Messages from Lithonia say excitement runs high this afternoon. DIED NATURAL DEATH. Coroner F. M. Carroll last night held an autopsy over the body of John Oates, the Portland butcher who was found dead at Thirteenth av. S. and Massachusetts st. early yesterday morning, and ascertained that the man came to his death because of heart failure. Because of several bruises on his face, caused by a fall, it was rumored that Oates met death by violence. Steamer Mexican sailed from San Francisco for Honolulu this morning. Schooner Italia is the latest addition to the overland list, being 128 days out of Peru for Antwerp.

WREATHS FOR THE LIVING

E. C. Macy, of the postoffice, was the only new arrival with any number of votes in The Star's "Wreaths for the Living" contest this morning, although there were a couple of hundred votes received for various new contestants, but none of them received more than one vote. John L. Wilson took the lead away from John Ott, and Jacob Furth has dropped back to third place, but the leaders are all bunched and are likely to change places any day. There is still plenty of room to get inside the twelve, Mr. Macy breaking into the twelfth this morning with 28 votes. "Honest" John Ripplinger appeared in the mail with three votes. Accompanying one vote was the following letter: "In casting back over the citizens of Seattle who are in need of a kindly word before they quit this for a better, or at least more permanent, abode, I can conceive of no one more entitled to that than our old tried and trusted friend, Honest John Ripplinger. I was among those whom the title 'Honest' allured to the polls on my fateful election day and, with a stubby pencil, marked my 'X' in front of his name. And when the returns came in, none mourned the crushing to earth of truth more than I. Then things came to pass and I, with thousands of others, uncorked the vials of my wrath and poured forth my rage in corroding language. Since then I have broadened in philosophy, and perhaps have grown wiser, but whatever the reason, I would earnestly suggest that you put one of your most valiant reporters to work seeking the good deeds of Mr. Ripplinger, and further I would suggest that you send him a marked copy of the same. "L. B. MATTHEWSON."

SULPHUR IS ANNOYING TAFT

(By United Press.) CRAWFORDSVILLE, Ind., Oct. 23.—William H. Taft began the second day of his campaign in Indiana at Brazil today. The candidate's throat is still sore and he has difficulty in making himself heard by the crowds. The principal annoyance to the candidate comes from the sulphur fumes of torches and colored fire used in the night meetings. Dr. Richardson has requested the various arrangements committees where night stays are made to discontinue the illuminations. In many places, however, the request has been disregarded. Taft told the workmen here that restoration of confidence was necessary to insure future prosperity, and that he viewed with distrust the possible result of the election of Bryan. At Green Castle, Taft said that the recent financial depression was the result of overconfidence. A placard with the words, "There's nothing small about him," was displayed above the speaker. Crushed to Death. An unidentified laborer was killed near Kanaskat while stealing a ride on a freight train. He fell between two box cars and was crushed to a shapeless mass. The body was brought to Seattle by Deputy Sheriff Matt Starwich.

SEATTLE'S OPPORTUNITY, SAYS BARRETT

Urges Establishing of Fast Steamship Line to South America.

The coast line of the Latin-American republics on the Pacific is just as accessible in steaming radius as is the greater portion of the Pacific coast of Asia. "The most essential things to the development of this trade with the Pacific coast of South America are lines of fast mail, passenger and express steamers. Otherwise the people of South America will not come here to trade, and we will not go there. We must establish these rapid mail lines or we will be beaten both by Europe and Asia." Mr. Barrett strongly urged the Chamber of Commerce this afternoon. Mr. Barrett spoke in his official capacity and as a citizen of the Pacific Northwest. "Unless Seattle awakens to this fact, San Francisco will beat her. In just proportion to the taxes on other property in the state. What will be the result of this new system? Communities that have big mileage of railroad property will see it exempted from local taxes while the cost of policing that property must be borne by those communities. Counties with little or no railroad mileage will share in the benefits with no burdens attached. "The passage of the amendment would lead to a condition of extravagance on the part of state officials." The members of the chamber listened to both arguments without interrupting the speakers, and at the close took no action. BANK CLEARINGS. Seattle. Clearings today...\$1,495,577.40 * Balances... 219,408.10 * Tacoma. Clearings today...\$ 677,679.00 * Balances... 30,639.00 * Portland. Clearings today...\$1,040,421.00 * Balances... 232,955.00 * Overcome By Gas. Mrs. K. Kawand was found overcome by gas in her apartments at the Hobart house, 1509 1/2 First av. last night. The woman was taken to Pacific hospital, where she soon recovered.

MAY SECURE RUNABOUTS FOR DEPARTMENT HEADS

Finance Committee Says Touring Cars Are Too Fast.

BLIZZARD IS RAGING

Worst of Snow Storms Prevailing in the Middle West.

(By United Press.) WINNIPEG, Man., Oct. 23.—One of the worst snow storms ever known in this section of Canada at this time of the year is raging here today. Transportation is completely demoralized, and there is no sign of the violence of the storm diminishing soon. The Vancouver express is stalled here, and probably will not be able to start west until tomorrow, and it is doubtful if it will be able to make much progress then. No trains arrived here from the east today, and though the railroads are busy with snow plows, they are able to make little headway. Ten and twelve inches of snow has fallen in some places, and at many points the drifts are ten feet deep.

I desire to suggest

subject of an ante-mortem obituary in The Star. (Signed)