

SOME of the stores are open evenings now, but it's better for you, and for overworked clerks, to do Christmas shopping earlier in the day. Do it NOW.

A GROUCH is an awful thing to wear this time of the year, but if you can't help it, just turn to page 4 and the "Nothing Serious" column may banish the "blues."

# FARMERS OPEN WAR ON 'BIG SIX'

## THUGS HAVE HIGH TIMES IN SEATTLE

### Griffiths' Bill to Blame for 221 Robberies in 19 Days?

Chris Johnson was walking along Washington st., in the heart of the downtown district, about 9:30 Thursday night. A man approached him, and he was a "panhandler," a "bum," a "two-bit," wheedled the "Just the price of a feed." Johnson was brusque with him. "Don't do it," he said, and a brush of the man's wrist. Three dark clothes sprang from an alleyway. When Johnson came to, it was late afternoon, and he was in the city hospital. Fifty dollars that had been in his pockets was no longer there.

### Five Other Robberies

There were five other robberies Thursday night. They were: Those of \$150 diamond ring stolen from a scuffle in a Pike st. saloon; home of Mrs. L. Follet, 2002 Duane av., robbed of \$170 worth of jewelry; five-passenger Cadillac auto stolen from E. V. Evans, 1512 First st. N.; vest and \$15.16 worth of gold watch, second hand, stolen from J. B. Burdett, 2302 23rd av. S.

### Chief Danick stated today:

The epidemic of burglaries is due to the adverse criticism, I might say the bounding, of the police department, and the passage of the Griffiths bill. The men of the department are naturally hampered by the criticism. When they face the prospect of a fall sentence if they make a mistake in making an arrest of a suspicious character they naturally are pretty careful in what to do.

### Griffiths' Bill

The passage of the Griffiths bill, which will practically prevent us from rounding up these suspicious characters, and the roasting the police have received the last two months, have resulted in an influx of crooks into the city. They know the police are being hampered and they come here to make a living.

### Griffiths' Bill

Griffiths' bill, author of the ordinance, declares if any unusual condition exists, it is not the fault of his bill. He believes it is a measure absolutely necessary for the protection of the public against such abuse.

### NOTICE, LITTLE-CHIMNEY KIDS! HERE IS WHERE YOU COME IN ON THAT BIG TREE

BY FRED L. BOALT

A word to little-chimney kids: The Star wants every boy and girl who found the contents of the stockings disappointing to come to the store. It wants as its guests all the boys and girls whom Santa Claus has visited entirely. He must have a lot of territory in a night. He cannot waste time trying to get into small chimneys. This isn't charity. It's fun. Santa Claus doesn't give gifts of second-hand clothing. He gives gifts of new and useful things. It may be there are some little-chimney children who are too proud to come to the store and receive their gifts publicly at the hands of Santa. But Santa wants to reach such children. The Star has received many letters from little-chimney kids and their parents, asking to be put on the "list" of those invited to the store. It is necessary to repeat that there is no such thing as a free lunch. If you are a little-chimney kid and you know whether you are or not—you are invited. Come and join in the fun. You will find Santa Claus and his sidekick, Mike Fisher, awaiting you with broad grins of welcome.

## Sick? Crippled? Healer's Coming

He'll Cure Sick by Laying on of Hands.

"Healer" Yoakum's coming to town. The healer, Rev. F. E. Yoakum, Los Angeles, cures physical infirmities by the laying on of hands. He is just back from a tour of the East, in which he worked many apparent miracles. He does his labor "without price," as he himself expresses it.

"I never think of the financial part of it at all," he declares. "I never know where the money for the next day is coming from. I just draw checks on my bank account. The money is always there." He will hold meetings at Carpenters' hall, Fourth av., and Pine st., Sunday, Monday and Tuesday afternoon and evening. There is no admission charge. The crippled, the diseased, all are invited.

## FRESH HALIBUT GOES EAST; WE'LL EAT FROZEN FISH

For a few, brief minutes, there was some fresh halibut in Seattle Thursday. There were 14,000 pounds of halibut brought in from Vancouver island by the schooner Molokai, Capt. William Hurley. And each and every pound brought the record-smashing price of 19¢.

But the fish was all loaded into fast express cars and shipped off to the East. It was bought by the fish trust, which operates the fishing steamboats on which a general strike has now been on for nearly two months. Fishermen are demanding an increase from 1 cent per pound to 1½ cents.

## 238 ARE KILLED TRYING TO FLY

By United Press Leased Wire. LONDON, Dec. 20.—Aviation statisticians figured today that 238 men and women have lost their lives since men began to fly, including the deaths of Aviator Horace Kearny and his passenger, Chester Lawrence, near Los Angeles.

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**WEATHER FORECAST**  
 \* Occasional rain tonight and \*  
 \* Saturday, moderate southeast \*  
 \* ealy winds. Temperature at \*  
 \* noon, 42.  
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## WON FIGHT ON DAY OF DEATH

By United Press Leased Wire. NORTH YAKIMA, Dec. 20.—After traveling 20 years in cultivating 150 acres of land near Rowan, Klit-due county, Andrew Jackson Davis, 88, is dead.

On the day of his death the land office received word from Washington that Davis had won the fight he had waged against the Northern Pacific railroad for years, and that his land entry would now be recorded.

## WOMEN TO BATTLE FOR CHEAPEGGS

### Federation Plans Campaign to Reduce Prices on Seattle Markets.

The price of eggs may suffer a downfall at the hands of Seattle women similar to the complete come-down brought about by the recent crusade of the Housewives' League of Philadelphia and other large Eastern cities.

Mrs. Geo. N. McLaughlin, president of the Seattle Federation of Women's Clubs, announced today that women of this city will not take a back seat for their sisters in the East. "Though the price of eggs in Seattle is less than in former years," said Mrs. McLaughlin, "the women think 50 cents a dozen is still much too high. After Christmas time we may be able to take some action in the matter. The women have been talking of it a good deal."

## MAN LEAPS OFF TRESTLE WHERE TRAIN HIT WIFE

"My wife is dead. She's dead. Let me go back. Let me die. Let me drown."

Having over the accidental death Thursday of his wife, killed by a Great Northern engine while she was fishing on the trestle at Thomas st. and Railroad av., Harry Rogers, 25, of 114 Elliott av., was today arrested and locked up at the city jail, after two attempts to commit suicide.

## BLAMES SHOOTING TO HIRED GUNMEN

Hired gunmen were responsible for the shooting of Wong Song, the Chinese, murdered Wednesday night, declares M. B. Sing, criminal investigator for the Hop Sing tong. Sing said Thursday that three days before the killing members of the Hop Sing society knew plans for the murder had been made by the Chinese.

## HALL OF OREGON GETS HIS PARDON

By United Press Leased Wire. WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.—John H. Hall, former district attorney of Oregon, who was sentenced in 1909 to serve 60 days in the county jail at Portland and to pay a fine of \$50,000 as a result of Francis J. Healy's charges, implicating him in a conspiracy in connection with fencing government lands, was pardoned today by President Taft.

## SANE ANSWERS TO FOOLISH QUESTIONS

Where should a negligee shirt be starched?—G. M. In the laundry. (How can we help it that people ask such foolish questions—yes?) I made some currant jelly last summer and saved the seeds. If I plant the seeds, will I get an illuminating plant?—A. Saving Lady. See answer to the first question in this column. How can I prevent a coffee pot from leaking at the bottom?—C. P. S. Turn it upside down. Should a man remove his hat when talking to a lady over the telephone?—P. E. A gentleman would do so without hesitation. Failure to do so would be evidence of unforgivable boorishness. How do you care for a chafing dish?—Mrs. W. W. We never care for one. They're a pest.

## ALL HAIL SERGEANT CARR, MUSICAL COP!

HE'S A REAL BAND LEADER, THE SERGEANT, AND COMPOSER ALSO



CARR HAS COMPOSED HIS MARCH AT ODD HOURS — SLOW-FOOTING IT ALONG THIRD AVE — JOHNNY KILL THAT BEAR THAT BEAR — PILE OUT OF THE WAGON AND BEGIN BEATING HEADS — CRESCENDO

BY FRED L. BOALT  
 If you should happen to see Sergeant Clarence G. Carr "slow-footing it" anywhere along Third av. these days, you would, perhaps, be struck by his air of abstraction. You would wonder what nefarious plot of the underworld he was trying to unravel.

It is not plots that trouble the waking hours of Sergeant Clarence. It is motifs. Observe him closely, and you will note that his gloved right hand is half-lifted and is beating time to scotchless music. His lips move.

"One-two-three! One-two-three! Tee-tum-tum, tee-tum, tee-tum-tum-tum!" Sergeant Clarence is putting the finishing touches on his Seattle working hours Carr is sergeant of No. 2 squad, and needs must keep an argus eye on his men as they "pound the sidewalk." But when the relief comes in, Carr ceases to be a sergeant and becomes herder of the police herd.

## TWAS A PRETTY PUNK BAND AT FIRST

Carr, who tootles adeptly the bass horn, organized the band, which now has 50 pieces, about four months ago. It must be admitted that at first it was a punk band. Half the members of the band didn't know which end of a horn to blow.

But it's a fine band now. It has given three public concerts in the assembly room at headquarters and is making public appearances elsewhere in the city. Carr has composed his march especially for the band. This is the "motif," as explained by a member: "Tennant is putting a dip through the third degree for taking a leather off a poor zob from Kitsap county. The dip is sobbing—OBLIGATO. Charley, not having the goods on the gink, tells him to beat it. His molli-buzz is waiting for him outside. 'They pussy-foot away, and come to a couple of harness bulls lallygagging on a corner while there's a fight going on in an alley—ALLEGRETTO. 'The bulls see the fight and start to make a pinch, when a bull comes along, tips it off that the fighters are friends of his, and to slow up on the pinch—ANDANTE. 'Just then the dick turns and runs into the dip and wonders where he's seen that mug before. He is thinking mebbly he'd better take the gink to call on the chief when a riot call sounds. BIG CLIMAX COMES WITH BEATING OF HEADS. 'The wagon goes past on the slow gear on account of the

traffic. But when it gets clear, the driver turns on the gas, and the wagon, loaded with bulls, goes faster and faster—FOR-TISSIMO. 'By and by they come to where the trouble is—though what it's about I'm not quite sure. Strike, mebbly, and the pickets mixing with the black-legs. 'Anyhow, the bulls pile out of the wagon, pull their tools, and begin beating heads—CRESCENDO. When the crescendo part comes everybody toots for all he's worth. Joking aside, Sergeant Carr has taken good, willing raw material and made a regular band of it. Carr himself is a finished performer on the bass horn and cornet, though he has never had the advantage of an orthodox musical education. The powers regard the band with favor, as it has done a lot to cement the esprit de corps within the department. Every man on the force is proud of the band and the progress it has made. Carr, in addition to being a musician and an able police officer, is an athlete and a fine figure of a man. Years ago he was a big leaguer back East—in the days when they caught the ball with bare hands.

## LAUGHS in the NEWS

VENICE, CAL.—MR. MAYOR, PLEASE DON'T LOWER THE price of eggs. I have some hens and get four eggs a day. Yours for justice—J. J. M. Mayor Holbrook, after receiving this communication, has promised personally not to interfere.

RIVERSIDE, CAL.—BECAUSE A GANG OF SMALL BOYS RAIDED clothes lines and donned articles of nether apparel peculiar to infants, they paraded the streets, the mothers of Garvanza are up in arms. Reprials are threatened.

SAN FRANCISCO.—"MY CLIENT IS IMPRISONED," SAID Lawyer Halpin when he appeared for Mrs. Ellen Frisch, who told him to get her a divorce. "We're too happy to bother," said she when officers rushed to the rescue. "We've made up."

PORTLAND, ORE.—The FLUE of Thomas Saxton's kitchen stove was choked with soot. A kindly-disposed friend told him he could clean it out if he put a little black powder in the lighted stove. He did. Pulse normal, respiration fair, absolute quiet necessary.

SALT LAKE, UTAH.—GEORGE ARNOLD bought a few sticks of lumber from a man owning a lumber pile in the street. The owner later arrested him for stealing the lumber. Arnold explained, and the owner was fined for the costs of the hearing and \$20 beside.

DENVER, COLO.—SOMEWHERE HERE is a burglar who believes that "the female of the species is dearer than the male," particularly brides. He tried to rob the home of Mrs. A. Shaveland, newly wed, and was badly beaten with a frying pan.

LOS ANGELES.—GEORGIOS P. PAPAGERGHOPOLOS, yesterday a son of Greece, today is plain George Pappas, citizen of the U. S. A. The change was made by the naturalizing judge, Willis, who believed G. P. was giving him when he pronounced it.

## DOCTORS AGAINST TAKING OF LIFE

Seattle physicians are overwhelmingly lined up against capital punishment. "Physicians are called upon to give and maintain life," said Dr. J. S. Thomas, "and I am decidedly against any agency which takes it away." "An abstract proposition," said Dr. Grant Calhoun, "I don't think the state, any more than the individual, has the right to take life. I have not given it any consideration from the criminological standpoint." Dr. J. C. Moore, vice president of the King County Medical association, however, is not ready to do away with capital punishment. "Under present conditions, it is probably necessary to invoke the death penalty, and will be until some other substitute as effective can be found to strike terror to criminals."

RIGHT REV. F. W. KEATOR, D. D., bishop of Olympia, will ordain three deacons at special service in Trinity church tomorrow morning.

## WILL ASK LAW TO AID THEIR FIGHT FOR FAIR MARKET

Producers, in Mass Meeting, Also Will Discuss Permanent Selling Exchange of Their Own

First—that commission agents be required to furnish the shipper a list of the merchants to whom the produce is sold. Second—that before any produce is dumped, the shipper be notified.

These are the provisions which the farmers in Sumner, Puyallup, Auburn, White River valley, and other places on Puget sound want enacted into law.

Plans are now being formulated for a monster mass-meeting of farmers within the next week or two. At that time, the proposed law will be discussed. A tentative plan for a farmers' association to take care of the distribution of the products in the cities, will also be put forward.

## PAPER SIGNED IN BED NO GOOD; GETS DAMAGES

Evidently holding that a relinquishment of a damage claim obtained from a woman sick in bed should not be held against her, the jury in Judge Smith's court today returned a verdict of \$7,900 in favor of Mrs. Jennie I. Pierce against the Puget Sound Traction, Light & Power Co.

Mrs. Pierce is suffering with tuberculosis of the spine as the result of injuries from a fall from a trolley car two years ago. An agent of the traction company obtained a release from her for \$500, which Mrs. Pierce repudiated, claiming she did not know what she signed.

## BARRICADED WITH GIRL FOLLOWERS

By United Press Leased Wire. CHICAGO, Dec. 20.—Elynn Arthur See, founder of the "absolute temple" cult, is today barricaded in his "temple" here with four women and girl followers, determined to continue his mystic teachings, which were interrupted when he was arrested several months ago for the abduction of Mildred Bridges, a 17-year-old "priestess." See was released on bail.

## GIRL AVIATOR TO QUIT FLYING

By United Press Leased Wire. SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 20.—Heeding the pleas of her relatives, Miss Matilda Moisant, sister of the late John Moisant, and herself a daring aviatrix, has forsaken aviation, according to word brought here today by the steamer San Jose from Panama. Miss Moisant was a passenger from Panama to Acapulco aboard the San Jose, and is at present visiting her brothers in Salvador.

## CONGRESS ADJOURNS; TAFT TO CANAL

By United Press Leased Wire. WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.—Congress has adjourned for the Christmas holidays, to meet again Jan. 2. President Taft left last night for the Panama canal. He will spend Christmas there, and be back here Dec. 31.

## OLD ESTABLISHED CLOTHING HOUSE SELLS STOCK

The Pacific Coast Clothing Co., located for many years at the corner of First and Marion, has sold its entire stock to the Bankrupt Sales Co., located at First and University. The stock is now on sale at the latter location and full details will be found in the large ad on page 2 in today's Star.

The next time you have use for a vest ad, don't fail to call The Star. With its vast army of readers, you are almost certain to get quick, satisfactory returns. Call Main 9400 or Elliott 44, or if more convenient, drop in at the downtown office, 229 Union St., with the Souvenir and Curio Shop.

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