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There's Not Much Time Left Now

The election will soon be held, but you'll be interested in some of the letters which readers of The Star have written on the mayoralty candidates. They're on page 4 today.

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GUNMEN KILL MAN ON STREET IN A LOCAL GAMBLING WAR

Woman Masquerades as Man; Arrested for 'Lazy Husband'

GRIFFITHS IS THE MAN!

SEATTLE approaches the municipal primary next Monday with three rather average candidates seeking the position of mayor. The choice lies among Austin E. Griffiths, Hi Gill and Oliver T. Erickson.

Seattle has met these men as candidates many times. Seattle knows each of them like a book. Seattle has fought over some bloody political battlefields with these candidates. But the issues of those battles are practically all settled so far as the present campaign is concerned.

True, these candidates—or some of them, at least—have tried, by resurrecting these old issues, to get the people into a sham battle, but the voters haven't responded to the call.

Frankly, *The Star* can see no excuse whatever for the candidacy of either Gill or Erickson AT THIS TIME. Erickson, as president of the city council, is in a position fully as responsible and important as that of mayor. He gives no good reason why his municipal job should be changed.

Gill has absolutely no issues to offer that are worth considering. He ran two years ago for vindication and got it. He announced then that he would not run again. He has been just as good a mayor as *The Star* expected he would be when this paper supported him two years ago.

Austin E. Griffiths, alone of the three candidates, offers a logical reason why he should be elected mayor. These reasons are worthy of the voters' attention.

As *The Star* sees it, none of the old issues over which Seattle has fought are at stake in this campaign. There should be just one issue in Seattle at this time, and that issue should be the matter of putting our municipal government on an efficient, economical and sound basis.

THE MUNICIPALITY OF SEATTLE IS WASTING A MILLION DOLLARS A YEAR.

If Seattle were a private corporation its business could be, and would be, managed for a million a year less than our public officials spend.

During the past few years every successful business institution has been compelled to adapt itself to new conditions. Any Seattle business institution that has not geared itself in a more efficient manner than heretofore has gone bankrupt.

Our city government alone has had none of this natural pressure of competition forced upon it. It has gone gleefully along, following the same old slipshod, hap-hazard, money-to-burn policy.

The *Star* does not believe Austin E. Griffiths can save Seattle a million dollars a year. It doesn't believe he can save a half million, nor a quarter of a million. But *The Star* does believe that his election will tend to bury bunk "issues," and will tend to start the city definitely and deliberately toward the point where a dollar of public money will bring a dollar's worth of public service.

For these reasons, *The Star* urges the nomination of Austin E. Griffiths in the primary next Monday.

Voters will have little difficulty in picking three good men for the council from among these six: Thomson, Moore, Case, Marble, Fitzgerald and Paysee.

For corporation counsel, Thomas F. Murphine should be nominated.

DATE SET FOR RATE HEARING IT'S ALL A SHOCK TO 'HIS' WIFE

Federal Examiner to Hear Testimony Here; March 13

LAY PLANS FOR FIGHT

Otto Case, secretary of the Seattle Commercial Club, received a registered letter from the interstate commerce commission Friday, notifying him that the Northwest tourist rate case will be heard at the federal building here, March 13. Special Examiner Watkins will represent the commission and will take testimony from persons representing every line of business in the Northwest.

Meanwhile, Chairman Reynolds, of the public service commission, and the citizens' committee will endeavor to have the interstate commerce act amended so as to place the commission in unquestioned power to adjust discriminatory tourist rates by fixing a minimum rate.

Committee Meets Reynolds At a meeting of the committee with Reynolds Thursday afternoon, it was agreed to send letters to every representative in congress of the states of Washington, Idaho and Oregon, asking their support in passing the proposed amendment.

Following another meeting of the public service commission with the transportation bureau of the Chamber of Commerce, the bureau decided to place the proposition of backing the fight before the entire chamber Tuesday.

Representatives Line Up Letters have been received by Chairman Reynolds from Senator Pollock and Representative Humphrey, stating that they are in harmony with the attitude of Northwest business men in the fight to equalize the tourist rates to the Coast.

"I feel that the discrimination in rates," says Pollock's letter, "is unjust and extremely injurious to our section, and if it should appear that the interstate commerce commission has no jurisdiction under the present law to remedy such a rank injustice to our people, I will be glad to introduce and promote the passage of the necessary act of congress. I am inquiring of the interstate commerce commission the present status of the matter."

Humphrey's letter follows: "I am in receipt of your letter in regard to having eliminated the preferential against tourist traffic in the Northwest. From your telegram I didn't exactly understand the situation. I am with you in this fight to the limit. I have noted for many years this injustice and discrimination. I shall certainly do what I can to help."

Central American Globe Trotters Meet and Are Wedded in New Orleans



NEW ORLEANS, Feb. 18.—A globe-trotting romance of Latin America has resulted here in the wedding of Miss Eliza Marcal, 18-year-old beauty of Guatemala, to Virgilio R. Beteta, distinguished Guatemala attorney, trade delegate and editor.

At the Pan-American financial congress Beteta was chosen a member of the international high commission, and at the San Francisco exposition he was elected president of the International Press congress.

His bride is the daughter of a wealthy cotton planter. They were engaged to wed six months from now, but when Beteta, in New York, learned he was to represent his country at the foreign trade conference in New Orleans, he sent a cable to Miss Marcal.

While he came here on a train, she traveled in the steamer. They arrived the same day and the wedding was one of the features of the important trade conference.

TRIES TO KILL SELF WITH A SAFETY PIN NEW YORK, Feb. 18.—Frank Gati, 38, tried to kill himself in the erysipelas ward of Bellevue hospital by sticking a safety pin thru his heart. He was prevented from carrying out his intention by a nurse.

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INQUIRY SHOWS CRIME 'RING'

A tong war over gambling privileges in Seattle is responsible for the murder of Y. U. Park, said to have been spying on the powerful Hop Sing tong at Seventh ave. and King st., Thursday night, according to private detectives who have been working on the case for outside parties.

John W. Roberts, former deputy sheriff and now private detective, intimates that in connection with the shooting, he has uncovered a ring of gambling and smuggling, which, he says, is operating in Seattle on a greater scale than ever before.

Powerful allies, he says, are connected with the far-reaching system that has made Seattle its head.

A general exodus from the Chinatown quarter started immediately after the Park murder.

Chinatown Seething Chinatown is seething in the grip of the tong war today, following the outbreak Thursday night. Police in every Pacific Coast city are on the watch for rapid developments.

Detectives are searching thru the Chinese district and making arrests for carrying concealed weapons.

A member of the Hop Sing tong lies dying in a Portland hospital, with five bullets in his body, shot by Louie Quon, a Boe Leong, who is in jail there.

Lived Next to Tong Office The Seattle police are working on the clue that the Korean shot here was a spy living in a room at 707 1/2 King st., next to the private offices of the Hop Sing tong.

The mystery surrounding the killing of Park has not been solved. Four men are believed to have had a part in the shooting. Of the five shots fired, four took effect.

T. Ikeda, a Japanese, was arrested by the police. The key to his room in the Rex hotel, 556 King st., and a pair of his suspenders were found on a coat street near the spot of the shooting.

Says He Dropped Key He says he ran there when he heard the shots, and probably dropped the key. He doesn't know how his suspenders got there.

Following the murder the runner was found on a coat street near Jackson st. No further trace of them has been found.

It is said the news of the Portland shooting was communicated to the Chinese quarter by telephone two hours before it came to the Seattle papers by telegraph.

HOUSTON MAY GET WAR POST



DAVID HOUSTON

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ILLEGAL REGISTRATION CHARGED BY PROSECUTOR

Reports of illegal registration in the First ward were substantiated Friday by Prosecutor Lundin, who discovered that 15 men had registered from two King st. hotels, where none of them were known to the proprietors or hotel employees.

"One hotel had the names of 28 men on the registration books," said Lundin. "Ten of these were unknown to the proprietor, who said they had never even signed his register."

The other hotel was given as the residence of five 'unknowns,' Lundin declared he intended following up his investigations right up until the day of election, March 9, and said he would prosecute any illegally registered person who attempted to vote.

It was reported that a few days before the registration books closed, a big number of cafe women were unlawfully hustled to the registration office by certain ward politicians.

FATALLY HURT IN AUTO SMASH One man is dead and another is injured as a result of a collision at 8:30 Friday morning between an auto and a Mt. Baker car, at 21st ave. S. and Dearborn st.

Thomas H. Edwards, manager of the Western Printing Co., who lived at 4703 26th ave. S., died at the Seattle General hospital, with a fractured skull, a broken arm and a fractured leg.

CANDIDATES QUIZZED AT MEETING OF UNION LABOR

Should men, who are willing to work but can get no employment during times of depression, be prosecuted as "vagabonds" and thrown into jail? This question, put to the five candidates for corporation counsel at the Labor Council quiz in the Labor Temple Thursday night, caused quite a sensation.

After H. M. Caldwell gave colorless answers, and J. E. Bradford, the present corporation counsel, shifted responsibility to one of his assistants, Thomas F. Murphine made the charge that there are now scores of "white slaves, living off the earnings of fallen women," who are unemployed, while the city attorney has been vigorously prosecuting men whose only "crime" consisted of having no money or a job, tho willing to work.

No Attempt to Prosecute There have been hundreds of willing workers sent to jail because times have been hard and they could get no jobs," said Murphine, "and at the same time white slaves, who are real vagabonds, have filled questionable hotels, cafes, and other resorts with no attempt being made to prosecute them."

"I promise you this. If I am elected corporation counsel, men who are willing to work if they can get the work will never be prosecuted by any city attorney I shall appoint, but I will bend every energy to bring to prosecution every white slave."

WATER SHUT-OFF NOTICE Water will be shut off on Ferdinand st., between 44th ave. S. and Lake Washington, on 49th ave. S. and Lake ave., between Ferdinand st. and Hudson st., and on 54th ave. S., between Alaska st. and Ferdinand st., on Saturday, February 19, from 9 a. m. to 5 p. m.

GERMANY BUILDS 100 NEW 'SUBS' LONDON, Feb. 18.—Having built 100 new submarines, Germany is preparing to renew her submarine warfare aggressively, said the Journal de Geneva, at Geneva, today.

TWINS PASS 93-YEAR MARK; NEAR RECORD SCRANTON, Pa., Feb. 18.—John and Stephen Tunstall are out for the longevity record of twins. They have just celebrated their 93rd birthday anniversary. This is said to be just one year short of the record.

A meeting will be held Friday night by supporters of Austin E. Griffiths, candidate for mayor, at his office, 743 New York block. All interested in his election have been urged to attend.

Fair tonight and Saturday; increasing cloudiness, followed by rain.