

Ever "Scratch"?

Did you ever scratch your party ticket to vote for somebody better on some other ticket? Sure, you did. Almost every red-blooded American has done it. Why not nonpartisanhip, then?

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In Chicago the voters put a wet blanket on Mayor Thompson's presidential boomlet in the election yesterday, but today George Salisbury, our Seattle weather shark, says: "Fair tonight; probably fair Thursday."

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COUNTY BUYS COWS AT \$450 A PIECE

CONGRESS PLANS TO HAVE RICH FOOT PREPAREDNESS BILL

Pershing in Midst of Fights

Reports Indicate Aged General Is Mixing With Villistas

LEADS MEN IN PERSON

COLUMBUS, N. M., April 5.—In a series of desperate, headlong forced marches, American cavalrymen are clearing Villistas from the district between Namiquipa and Guerrero today. Their operations are even driving bandits from regions south of that area. This was the belief expressed here today by Maj. Sample. He declared Brig. Gen. Pershing's men had probably engaged in running fights almost daily. Pershing himself has gone into the thick of the fight. He was at Guerrero yesterday. Sample believes the advance guards are sparing neither man nor beast in their chase after Villa and his scattered bands. A strong cavalry guard, with a mule wagon train, entered Mexico south of here today. They expected to reinforce the main forces. Two hundred American cavalrymen under Col. W. C. Brown, of the Tenth cavalry, defeated an army of Villistas at Aguas Calientes, 30 miles north of Guerrero, on April 1. Mexican ranchmen told Gen. Pershing yesterday, according to reports received here by wireless. They said the Mexican forces had 20 men and 40 horses, while the Americans suffered no casualties. Villa was not with the band, according to the ranchmen.

BELIEVE VILLA IS HEADED TOWARD PARRAL

SAN ANTONIO, April 5.—Admitting that Villa had escaped to the South, Gen. Funston declared today the bandit leader was probably headed toward Parral. Only a few American companies are available for the pursuit in that direction. Funston explained it would be impossible to send a considerable force farther south because of the necessity of protecting communications.

POSITIVELY REPORTS VILLA WOUNDED

EL PASO, April 5.—Gen. Gutierrez has wired Consul Garcia a report that Villa is positively known to be wounded.

108 AUTO TRUCKS ORDERED FOR MEXICO

WASHINGTON, April 5.—In order to cope with a serious shortage of transportation facilities, Secretary of War Baker today ordered 108 additional motor trucks and ten tank trucks for gasoline. The order was made at Maj. Gen. P. J. Ryan's request.

U. S. TROOPS DIG TRENCHES FOR PROTECTION

COLUMBUS, N. M., April 5.—Trenches have been dug at some points where it may be necessary to fight for prospects of the American lines of communication, according to army motor truck drivers who arrived here today. They declared the presence of the small bandit bands lurking in the foothills along the routes, convinced the officers that precautionary measures were necessary.

DISCOVER PLOT TO SEIZE CITY OF JUAREZ

EL PASO, April 5.—Twenty or thirty additional arrests were expected today in connection with the alleged plot of Mexican rebels to capture Juarez. Followers of Villa and Felix Diaz and men who supported Pascual Orozco are declared to have been involved in the conspiracy. Consul Garcia stated that three of the 50 suspects arrested in Juarez had confessed they intended to seize the city on Sunday while the garrison was listening to the band concert.

Public Execution of Several Conspirators Scheduled for Today

was canceled because Consul Garcia protested against what he termed the barbarism of such a proceeding. Mayor Prieto of Juarez stated the execution of plotters would take place today in spite of Consul Garcia's protest.

TRY TO AVERT STRIKE

All Seattle commercial bodies are urged by the Chamber of Commerce to join in resolutions urging arbitration of the threatened national strike of the Brotherhood of Railway Engineers which would affect 300,000 men.

DRUG STORES

SINCE the first of the year, 65 new drug stores have sprung up in King county, according to county officials. A good many of these have been established in the city. ALL these new drug stores cannot be supported legitimately. No man can conscientiously or in reason believe that all of them are on the square.

There is no use beating about the bush. Great quantities of liquor are being sold—and some of the old drug stores as well as some of the new ones are making a farce of the prohibition law.

Drunkenness in Seattle is becoming almost as common as it was before the state went dry. The people of this state voted for the prohibition law. It is not the square thing to wink at this open violation of the law. It is un-American and unprincipled. It is detrimental to public peace and to private business. It serves to keep up an agitation over the "booze" question that should be, by this time, definitely and forevermore settled. Seattle and the state have more important and larger affairs to deal with. They can not afford to be eternally bothered with a saloon question.

OUR PUBLIC OFFICIALS HAVE WORK TO DO.

REPORTER IS GIVEN ADVICE BY FELLOW CONVICTS IN PRISON

Following is the sixth article on prison life at the Walla Walla penitentiary, as viewed from the inside by E. A. Peters, reporter on the Tacoma Times. Peters "broke into" prison on March 23 by telling Warden Brown he had been convicted of forgery, and was permitted to go to the pen without a guard. When his commitment papers failed to arrive Brown became suspicious. Sunday Peters' real identity was learned. Peters had, by that time, had three days of actual experience as a prisoner. His articles are published in Seattle exclusively in The Star.

By E. A. PETERS



E. A. Peters

As soon as the other prisoners in my wing had returned from the dining room, the sweeper began making his 15-minute trips down the deck with his oil lamp and his invitation to "light 'em up."

"Say, kid, do you smoke?" the old man asked me. "Yes, but they look my pipe away from me when I come in, and I haven't had a smoke all day."

I realized for the first time a craving for a whiff of tobacco. "Give me a pipe," I said. "I sure would like a smoke," I exclaimed. He shuffled away. A moment later he was outside my cell door again. He shoved an old briar pipe and a tobacco can thru the small hole.

"Here's a pipe that I keep for the fish," he explained. "I don't smoke myself, but I keep it for the fellows who do. That tobacco is greenleaf, raised here at the prison. It's pretty strong, but it may help a little."

Enjoys His First Prison Smoke. The old convict's sympathy and thoughtfulness touched me. I thanked him. I did not spurn this pipe that had been smoked by numberless convicts.

To Peter Wilson, convict of only one day, it was a godsend. I cleaned the stem by washing it in my untasted tea and by wiping it on the little towel in my cell. Ten minutes later the sweeper came back with his oil lamp, and I got the old duceen lighted up. That smoke was the sweetest I ever tasted.

Has Visitors in His Cell. Many of the inmates at Walla Walla, because they have been tried out by the honor system and proved honest, are allowed unusual liberties.

One of their special privileges is that they are not forced to go into their cells, to be locked up for the

night, until 8 p. m.

All other prisoners are locked in immediately after supper. That is how it happened that more than 20 men came to my cell that first evening to talk with me and cheer me up.

One of my visitors was a pale, refined man of about 32. His eyes, luminous, sentimental, burned deep in their dark sockets.

"Say, Mr. Wilson," he said to me, after we had exchanged greetings, "I understand you once played on the piano. (He repeated, word for word, my statements made to a trusty earlier in the day. Thus I had an insight into the speed and accuracy of the prison "underground wireless.")

Has Chance at Orchestra. "I am the leader of the prison orchestra and band. I'm playing the piano now because I can't find a good pianist in the whole prison, but I want to return to the violin. I'd like awfully well to have you play."

I told him that I would give him my answer in a few days. I asked the musician-convict if he believed my imprisonment for a year would improve me or leave me hardened against society.

Analyses Penal System. "It's all up to you," he replied. "If you look at everything right, and realize that things are just as you make them, you'll go out of here, probably, with an intention to be a better man."

"The great trouble with this form of punishment is that the crimes men commit do not justify the long terms that the courts hand them."

"Nearly all men are emotional. A majority of crimes are committed during some sudden stress of emotion. The deed occurs before the man comes back to his senses and realizes what he has done."

"But the law and the courts make the man come here for a period of years in payment for crimes which are really the same as a child's, considerably magnified, that all children commit in the emotion of youth."

Loosing Liberty What Galls. "You wouldn't think of locking up a child for a year because he stole a jar of jam from his mother's pantry. Yet men are sent here for two and three years for crimes which are of the same comparative importance—things which they do on the same impulse that causes the child to take the jam."

This man was keen—yes, brilliant—in his conversation. He had already served two years in the prison. He was a forger.

Old Banker Talks to Him. Another man who came to cheer me that evening was a large, portly gentleman, with thinning gray hair and a pleasant, grandfatherly face.

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You can get a lot of good leads bargains in Star Want Ads.

\$16,655 Is Paid Out for Stock

Commissioners Hamilton and Knudsen Develop Esthetic Tastes

FOR THE COUNTY FARM

Overcome by the esthetic, artistic and eugenic tastes which surge within their breasts, County Commissioners Hamilton and Knudsen Tuesday afternoon voted \$16,655 to buy fancy "blooded" stock of Augustine & Kyer, and another \$6,078.09 for tools and implements, all to be used on the county farm. The total outlay was \$22,733.09.

The cows averaged in cost from \$200 to \$450 each. One Guernsey bull was bought for \$700. A Holstein bull cost the county \$300.

In all, 138 cows and heifers were bought, three bulls, 75 hogs and some poultry.

When Mike Carrigan, uninspired by the call of the artistic, made the lowbrow suggestion that milk cows ordinarily are obtainable at \$100 each or less, his fellow members of the board gave him withering looks.

It shocked their sense of the beautiful to hear any one talk of plain cows when there was the glorious opportunity of buying "pedigreed, blue-blooded, blue-ribbon cows."

Augustine & Kyer formerly leased the farm which the county bought from C. D. Stinson, and the purchase of their cattle and tools was recommended by the county agricultural expert, Floyd W. Rade, and J. E. Rok, an appraiser.

Rader said the cattle came a little higher than would be ordinarily necessary, but it was much better stock than usual.

Kyer also spoke for the purchase. "It was up to us to move the cattle or else sell out at a low price," he said, "and so we thought we'd give the county a bargain."

"And the county got it, too," said Carrigan Wednesday, winking his left eye; "the county sure got it."

Mike didn't explain what he meant.

BUSINESS MAN MAY HAVE HELD UP TRAIN

CHEYENNE, Wyo., April 5.—A young business man here was suspected today of being the bandit who robbed passengers on a Union Pacific train at Corlett junction last night and who was guilty of holding up Union Pacific trains at Rock Springs, Wyo., and Roy, Utah, recently.

The same description has been given of the bandit in each case. Posses hunting the Corlett robber have a theory that he returned home last night before the alarm spread.

NEGRO KILLED BY MOB IN MISSOURI

ST. CHARLES, Mo., April 5.—Trapped in a burning barn by a mob of 500 men and boys, La Fayette Chandler, 25, negro, was shot to death at noon today.

Last night he shot and probably wounded Sheriff John Dieker. The barn was set on fire. When the barn was in flames, Chandler appeared in a doorway waving both hands above his head in token of surrender. A hundred shots rang out. The negro toppled backward into the blaze.

WHITE GIRL, RAISED BY INDIAN CHIEF, DISCLAIMS HER RACE

"MY FACE is white," she said, "but my blood is red." It was Alagwa Telfair who spoke. Alagwa is "The Ward of Tecumseh," which is also the title of the new novel-a-week, beginning next Monday in The Star. But Alagwa did not reckon with a greater power than either heredity or environment—the dominant, conquering force of LOVE.

During the war of 1812, she offered to aid her guardian, Tecumseh, the great Indian general, who played such an important part in American history. She planned the role of a spy on the Americans, for Tecumseh had allied himself with the British. Circumstances threw her into the company of Jack Telfair, her cousin. She loves the white man, but feels it her duty to remain loyal to the Indian. Chittenden Marriott, who wrote the book, spins a mighty interesting romance. It will appear in The Star complete in six installments. The first will be published Monday, the last Saturday.

Kills Her Father to End Pain

"You Meant It for the Best," Old Man, Dying, Tells Girl

BELIEVE SHE'S INSANE

LOUISVILLE, Ky., April 5.—Satisfied that she had done right in killing her aged father to put him out of his misery, Miss Anna Stitzell talked calmly to physicians today, exhibiting no signs of insanity, although they believe she is mentally deranged.

Her father, Wm. Stitzell, a civil war veteran, suffered constantly from rheumatism, as a result of wounds received at the battle of Lookout Mountain. As he sat in his arm chair in a bedroom behind his little shop, the daughter calmly took a revolver from a bureau drawer and shot him.

Then she rushed out, crying: "My God, I have shot pop. His sufferings are over. I had no money to take care of him. My bullet will prove a blessing."

Stitzell, however, was not dead. Morally wounded, he was taken to a hospital, where the girl wept at his bedside while his strength ebbed.

With his dying breath he comforted her, saying: "There, now; don't cry. I know you did what you thought best." Doctors said the woman undoubtedly was insane.

She recently was operated on for tumor of the breast, and has been melancholy ever since.

DISMISS 'BADGER' CHARGES

Crying softly, Mrs. Isabel Clayburg, Lillian Peterson and Dottie Coots sat with heads bowed while their attorney, John Murphy, told in Judge Gordon's court Wednesday of their "burden of humiliation" and requested the state to move for a dismissal of its charge, conspiracy to blackmail, against them.

Deputy Prosecutor Patterson told the court the state was not equipped with evidence to press the prosecution, and moved for dismissal.

Louis P. Schler, charged with conspiring to blackmail Samuel Silverman, asked for a postponement. His case was to come before Judge Gordon Wednesday afternoon.

Patterson first suggested that the defense ask for a dismissal. Murphy, counsel for the women, refused, then made his plea. "We want the state to ask for dismissal in these innocent women in some measure be cleared from the humiliating notoriety and pitiless innuendoes given them thru publicity," Murphy said. "The insinuation has been left that guilt still remains. It is unjustified and false."

He said that any pictures the state might have had never been seen by his clients and that they had had no part in their taking.

LAWYERS ORGANIZE

PORTLAND, April 5.—Formal organization of a naval militia company consisting exclusively of lawyers may be perfected tonight at a meeting of the old cruiser Boston, in Portland harbor.

Fair Co-ed Going to Alaska With Seattle Uncle After Bears



Miss Anita Allen

PALO ALTO, Cal., April 4.—Touching at Eskimo towns on the north coast of Alaska where natives have never seen a white woman, Miss Anita Allen, a Stanford university junior, will spend the summer on a hunting and fur trading expedition in the polar sea.

Starting from Nome, Alaska, early in July, the boat will cross the Arctic circle.

It will go as far north as Banksland, an island lying off the north coast of Canada.

The captain of the vessel is Louis D. Lane, of Seattle, Miss Allen's uncle.

Miss Allen will write impressions of her trip for various magazines. A motion picture operator will accompany the expedition.

FATALLY HURT, BOY CRIES FOR MOTHER

When Johnnie Mathieson, age 10, tried to swing on to a Seattle, Renton & Southern work train Tuesday afternoon, his fingers slipped and he fell between the cars.

Two of the iron wheels passed over his hips. He died a little later.

Conscious after the accident, he pleaded for some one to kill him and cried for his mother. The lad was taken to his home at 7332 Wilson ave.

GET THE LAUGHING HABIT

Following Mutt and Jeff's adventures is a habit. It is a pleasant habit. Mutt and Jeff are, without doubt, the funniest folk appearing in any newspaper today. Bud Fisher, their creator, gets a salary of \$75,000 a year for drawing pictures of them. The Star is the only Seattle newspaper in which you can see them. Mutt and Jeff put on a one-reel comedy on page 7 of The Star every day.

WATER SHUT OFF

Water will be shut off on Holgate st., between 21st ave. S. and Lake Washington, in the Mt. Baker park district, and on Brandon place and 28th ave. between Massachusetts and Holgate st., Thursday and Friday from 9 a. m. until 5 p. m.

Alleged German Spy Brought to the U. S. to Aid in Investigation of War Plotters



At left, Capt. Von Der Goltz, alleged German secret agent, and Detective Sgt. Burst, of Scotland Yard, photographed on deck of the Finland when Von Der Goltz was brought to the United States for investigation in connection with attempts that were made to hamper the workings of the Canadian government, including an attempt to dynamite the Welland canal. After leaving the United States, Von Der Goltz is said to have been arrested in England and compelled to choose between death in the Tower of London as a spy or voyaging to the United States for investigation.

MUNITIONS AND INCOME TAX TO FURNISH FUNDS

By Gilson Gardner

WASHINGTON, April 5.—"Let the rich pay for it!" This was the answer of Rep. Claude Kitchin of North Carolina, majority leader of the house of representatives, when I asked him how congress proposes to raise the money to pay for the preparedness program.

Mr. Kitchin went on. "About one hundred million dollars a year can be easily added to the income-tax receipts without lowering the exemption limit. Perhaps we can work out an inheritance tax, too."

"We are working on that now. I am in favor of that. Then we have got a bill to tax war munitions profits. I think that these three will pretty nearly furnish all the money that may be needed. In fact, I think we can then take off some of these puttering stamp taxes that we are now fussing around with; the more objectionable ones that are just a nuisance and don't bring much money in."

Revenue Bills May Come Up This Month

"Why," I asked, "has congress been so slow in preparing its revenue bills?"

"Waiting for these army and navy bills," replied Kitchin. "No need to hurry about the budget until we find out how much money we are going to need. When the committee get thru figuring out how much the big navy and big army are going to cost, then we can intelligently begin to find out where the money is to come from. I think we will have our income-tax bill ready this month and possibly the inheritance tax and the other bills."

"What is your idea as to how to get more from the income tax?" I asked.

"By sharp increases of the rates on the higher incomes," Mr. Kitchin replied promptly. "Besides, some of the brackets can be brought closer together—the jumps between the sizes of the big incomes are too big; we can grade them up a little between twenty, twenty-five, thirty, forty and fifty thousand dollars a year, and so on, increasing the rate on each classification."

Lists Taxable Munitions of War

"Of course, the biggest ones must pay the highest rate. In some respects no doubt the administrative features of the law can be corrected, if there are any ways in which its administration can be made more perfect; and we will hear what the secretary of the treasury has to say on that subject."

"What," I asked, "will your legislation include as munitions to be taxed?"

"Just the well-known, obvious things that are known as munitions—explosives, guns, rifles, powder, bullets, shrapnel." "You would not include Missouri mules?"

"By no means," answered Mr. Kitchin. "Nor cartridge clips made by a can company?"

"I don't know," he answered. "Perhaps things like that would come in. That would have to be worked out by our experts in studying this kind of legislation. They are studying and working on it now."

"Will you have the support of the majority of the house on these propositions?"

"I don't see how they can be fought," replied Mr. Kitchin. "I expect to see them pass."

HAY AND CHAMBERLAIN BILLS DUE FOR TEST VOTE IN SENATE

WASHINGTON, April 5.—Whether the Hay or Chamberlain army bill will triumph in the senate was expected to be determined by test votes this afternoon.

The propositions to be balloted on are Lee's motion to eliminate the federal reserve clause, and Chamberlain's attempt to get reconsideration of the vote by which the senate placed five militia officers on the regular army general staff.

If Hay's idea wins, preparedness republicans of the Lodge and Borah type, it is expected, will vote against the whole of Chamberlain's measure.

GENSS HURT BY AUTO

H. Geness, formerly rabbi of a local congregation, was bruised about the face and knees Wednesday morning, when he was struck by a Ford roadster, as he was crossing the street at Second ave., near James st. E. C. Kelley, 1301 Smith building, drove the car. The injuries were minor.

G. O. P. LOSES IN OHIO

CHICAGO, April 5.—But 13 wards were carried by the republicans in yesterday's sideman election. The winning 21 by the democrats. Mayor Thompson's faction was badly beaten.