

A DECLARATION of principles of this newspaper is set out in an editorial on page 4 of The Star today. You may agree with it or you may not agree. But the editorial should furnish you with deep and serious reflection and study. And The Star would like to hear from you concerning matters discussed therein.

## TRIS SPEAKER

Is undoubtedly the biggest figure in present-day baseball. Beginning Tuesday, on the sport page, The Star will print his own story of his rise to stardom.

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B-r-r! Now, what do you think of this? We'll have frost tonight, says Weatherman Salisbury. His complete dope is: "Fair tonight and frost; Tuesday, fair and warmer."

# POISONER WAITE FACES JURY

## NELMS SISTERS SAID TO BE ALIVE AND WELL

### DENTIST IS PALE AS HE ENTERS COURT

NEW YORK, May 22.—Facing trial for the murder of his father-in-law and mother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. John E. Peck of Grand Rapids, Mich., Dr. Arthur Warren Waite appeared in court today, white and wan.

His jaunty manner was gone, but he was cool and apparently unconcerned.

The Waite jury was completed early this afternoon, after the trial had been in progress 2 hours and 45 minutes. This is record-breaking speed.

Waite is being defended by Attorney Walter R. Deuel.

May Change His Plea

Waite's formal plea was "Not guilty," but he may change it today. The state will attempt to prove that the slender, nattily attired, smiling youth who sits quietly before a long table in this drab and silent court room, deliberately wooed and married Clara Peck with the preconceived intention of murdering her, her father and mother, and any other persons it might be necessary to murder in order that he might get possession of the Peck millions.

The state will introduce evidence to prove that Waite, married to Clara Peck, and having Mrs. Elizabeth Horton as his studio companion, in a big New York hotel, actually did get Mr. and Mrs. Peck to New York on a visit and murder them by poisoning them with arsenic.

Planned Wife's Murder

It will also charge that he got his wife to will her estate to him, and was planning her murder as the third of the series in his alleged scheme to get the Peck millions.

With his wife turned against him and prosecuting her suit for divorce, and Margaret Horton, his studio companion, fresh from the triumphs of a vaudeville engagement won as a result of the publicity she gained from her association with him, Waite faces his fight against the electric chair without the support either of the woman he married or the woman he squandered his money on.

The pretty Mrs. Horton, with whom Waite shared a studio in the fashionable Plaza, where she says she studied dramatic art and languages, will be an important link in the chain of evidence.

She will be asked to tell if she knows about a trip Dr. Waite is said to have made to Cornell medical school for cultures of the germs of several deadly diseases, at a time when he was not practicing his profession.

Waite has made strange statements and his counsel may seek to prove he was insane.

One of his strangest stories is that he is haunted by a mysterious and evil "little man from Egypt" who prompts him to do things against his will.

### DEFENDANT IN NEW YORK MURDER TRIAL



Dr. Arthur Warren Waite

### JUDGE BARS BABY AS TRIAL EXHIBIT

EVERETT, May 22.—The baby of Esther Alden Lyen, who is suing her banker parents-in-law for \$50,000 on a charge of alienating her husband's affection, will not be taken into the jury room as an "exhibit."

So Judge Bell ruled, and arguments of counsel began today.

The jury will not officially see the baby, they have unofficially seen it during the ten days of the trial.

While the defense has not directly challenged the parentage of the baby, J. L. Lyen, father-in-law of the girl-wife of Cecil Lewis Lyen, would not admit on the witness stand that he had ever recognized the baby as his son's.

The young Mrs. Lyen won another point in her fight when Judge Ralph C. Bell Saturday denied motion for the dismissal of the \$50,000 alienation suit. Three defendants are named in the action. Each has an attorney.

Benj. W. Sherwood asked for dismissal of the action against his client, Cecil Lewis Lyen, the young husband.

E. C. Dalley made a like request on the part of Mrs. J. L. Lyen and H. D. Cooley for Banker Lyen.

### CITY COUNCIL GETS BUSY AS BOOSTER OF PATRIOTIC PARADE

Mayor Gill will head a committee of city officials to outline plans for participation of city government departments in the preparedness parade, June 10, if the plan of Councilman Dale is adopted by the council Monday afternoon.

He drew up a resolution Monday endorsing the demonstration and outlining the appointment of a committee headed by the mayor.

It was expected the council would pass the resolution.

Because it will take 20,000 marchers five hours or more to pass in review, the time for starting the big parade has been switched from evening to some time in the afternoon.

The exact hour has not been determined.

The Northwest Business Men's Preparedness league committee, in charge of the demonstration, decided to switch back to afternoon at a meeting Saturday.

Because shopping would be curtailed by the parade, retail stores are considering closing their doors for a while in the afternoon, and opening in the evening.

Word has been received from Bremerton that the Trades Council there will urge all union men to take part in the parade.

The Commercial Club at Bremerton has appointed a committee to arrange for the Bremerton section of the preparedness parade.

Applications for places in the parade continue to pour in at parade headquarters, at 1312 Fourth ave.

Advertisements on banners, auto trucks or floats will not be permitted in the parade.

Descriptions of the design of all floats must be filed at the parade headquarters for censorship before they will be permitted to take part.

The executive committee will meet again at 5 p. m. Monday.

An American flag, 60x35 feet, which was made in 1876 for the American revolution centennial celebration in Portland, will be carried by 20 men in the parade. It is the property of John Mountain, grandson of one of the members of the Admiral Wilkes exploration and survey party that was lost off the Columbia river in the early days.

Ex-navy men will meet at the Arcade building assembly Friday night at 8 p. m. to organize for the parade.

### SISTERS LONG THOUGHT MURDERED; NOW BELIEVED ALIVE AND WELL IN ALASKA



Mrs. Eloise Nelms Dennis

### SNOHOMISH CLUE MAY CLEAR UP CASE

SNOHOMISH, Wash., May 22.—While Victor E. Innes and his wife were taken from their home in Eugene, Ore., to stand trial for the murder of Mrs. Eloise Nelms Dennis and Miss Beatrice Nelms at San Antonio, Tex., the two women were alive and well in Snohomish, according to the newest developments in the famous mystery case.

They are today believed to be living in Seward, Alaska.

The disappearance of the two sisters two years ago under mysterious circumstances, followed by the discovery of human bones near San Antonio, led to the belief that they had been murdered.

Marshall Nelms, a brother of the women, swore to the complaint charging his brother-in-law, Innes, and his wife, with the murder.

They were tried, but not convicted.

Attorney Investigates

The mystery continued as deep as ever until today, when Former City Attorney M. J. McGuinness of Snohomish concluded a preliminary investigation begun at the request of a man named Britt Craig, of Atlanta.

According to Craig, the Nelms sisters were close acquaintances of a man named Paul Buckley in the South, and he left about the same time they disappeared.

Buckley has been traced to Snohomish by Craig.

Left for Alaska

On Saturday, Craig wired McGuinness to see Buckley and ask him if he knew the whereabouts of the Nelms sisters.

The Buckley referred to came here about two years ago with a Mrs. Buckley and her sister.

They left for Alaska about a year ago, after Buckley had been in the saloon business in Snohomish for eight months.

Called Her "Beatrice"

McGuinness was Buckley's attorney.

He knew Mrs. Buckley and also had heard her sister referred to as "Beatrice."

Buckley is described as a well-built, fine-looking man, weighing about 200. He was about 40. His height was about five feet 11 inches.

Mrs. Buckley, believed to be Mrs. Nelms Dennis, is described as a woman of about 35, well built, vigorous vitality, dark complexioned.

Buckley Heard From

McGuinness is not sure whether the younger sister went to Alaska also or not.

A wire from Seward received by the attorney last July from Buckley said he was going prospecting.

No reason is given for the inexplicable silence of Miss Nelms and her sister, if they are alive, when their brother-in-law and his wife were accused of murder.

### POLITICIAN KILLED

NEWARK, N. J., May 22.—Alfred Dalrymple, republican leader in New Jersey, is dead today as the result of an automobile accident.



Beatrice Nelms

### HOW G.O.P. REFUSE TO IS MAKING TAKE OATH PLATFORM IN MILITIA

(This is the first of four articles in which this noted political writer tells what the party platforms will be like in the coming election.)

BY CHAS. EDWARD RUSSELL.

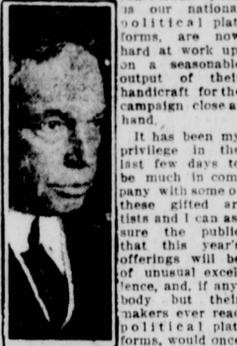
Those crisp and pithy humorists, the gentlemen that every four years frame up for us our national political platforms, are now hard at work upon a seasonable output of their handiwork for the campaign close at hand.

It has been my privilege in the last few days to be much in company with some of these gifted artists and I can assure the public that this year's offerings will be of unusual excellence, and, if anybody but their makers ever read political platforms, would once more prove our country's supremacy in comic literature.

This is true and without discrimination as to all of the parties.

Begin with the republican platform, for instance.

How reasonable this is will be seen from the following outline of the points now practically agreed upon.



C. E. Russell

### OUR OLD FRIEND DRAKE STILL SPEAKS ENGLISH

SAN FRANCISCO, May 22.—When the liner San Juan was off the Costa Rican coast recently, a strange looking craft circled it three times, then a man appeared in the little ship, and yelled: "Hello, there."

"What do you want?" shouted a steward.

"I just wanted to see if I could still speak English," came the reply.

The speaker was Capt. Louis Drake, who claims relationship to Sir Francis Drake, Emulating the example of his illustrious ancestor, he started from Seattle a year ago en route to the Ladrones islands to hunt treasure. He sailed alone.

The story was brought here when the San Juan docked.

### SHERIFF'S RAID IS TIPPED IN ADVANCE

When deputies led by Under-Sheriff John Stringer swept down upon the little town of North Bend late Saturday night with warrants to raid four alleged blind pigs, the men whose places were unsuccessfully searched informed the raiders they had been expecting the visit all day.

"There is no doubt the proprietors of these places had been tipped off that we were coming," said Stringer, Monday.

### BLAMES BIRRELL

LONDON, May 22.—Testifying before the royal commission investigating the Irish revolt, Viscount Middleton, former war secretary, announced today that Augustine Birrell had been lax in dealing with the rebels while he was chief secretary for Ireland.

"I notified the Irish government that the Sinn Feiners were becoming very active and that the government program was inadequate to deal with them," declared the viscount.

"I urged the disarming of the volunteers. Birrell said the whole movement was laughable and not being taken seriously."

### BANDITS FOLLOW RETIRING TROOPS

COLUMBUS, N. M., May 22.—Four bands of bandits are following the withdrawing American troops today, leading.

One of these bands attacked a section of the Seventh cavalry, which fought a skirmish action in which one soldier was wounded.

Gen. Pershing is rushing a column back to engage the outlaws.

Scouts report each band is 70 horsemen strong.

Inhabitants of Mexican villages are fleeing north in the wake of the Americans, circulating stories that Francisco Villa has recovered and is organizing a new army, and that the U. S. army is retreating because it fears him.

### HAWAII SHAKEN

HONOLULU (By Wire) to San Francisco, May 22.—Following four slight earthquakes, the volcano of Kilauea appeared more active today.

There were no further indications of an eruption of the Mokuawewe crater, all being quiet in that region.

The sky is clear.

### OLD MAN HIT BY AUTO

Arthur Victor, 60, 317 Westlake ave. N., was hit by an auto truck driven by Ted Newhouse, 855 65th ave. N. W., Monday morning. The accident occurred at Westlake and Harrison st. Victor was removed to the city hospital. He sustained minor injuries.

THREE MEN hiring auto from Seattle went to Tacoma and robbed McLean Bros. grocery Saturday night, getting \$135.

### PICK GIRL IN RED AND EARN \$50!

She'll Be at Arena Food Fair on Saturday Night UNMASKED ON STREET EVERY DAY

Somebody's going to get \$50 for identifying The Star's "girl-in-the-red-mask" at the Arena Saturday night, when she takes off her mask and mingles with the rest of the folks at the Northwest Food Fair and Housefurnishing exposition!

Of course she won't be wearing the red duds then.

Neither will she be telling folks who she is.

Whoever gets the fifty will have to do a little nosing around.

There will be plenty of time to size her up before then, because she is going to be at the show every night this week, dressed in her red dress and masked.

And every day, from 11:30 a. m. until 1:30 p. m. she is going to ride thru the downtown district, like she did Saturday, and give away thousands of envelopes containing tickets good for all kinds of prizes, and also admissions to the show now on at the Arena.

She Blocks Traffic

Did you see her Saturday noon? Well, about 50,000 other people did.

"We blocked traffic seven times," she confessed to the hand-cop at Second and Union, who almost lost his poise chasing after an envelope—and a close-up look.

"Why, I never saw so many hands," she exclaimed. "The men seemed more anxious than the women to get something for nothing. That was a new lesson for me. I had an idea, from bargain counter experience, that the female of the species were the original grab fighters."

She isn't Married, Boys

"We went up and down Second ave. from Yesler way to Pine st. Now all of those men couldn't have known that I'm not married."

She declared that 90 per cent of folks who held out hands for envelopes wouldn't look her in the eye.

"They all seemed to say, judging from their looks, 'I want to give this woman the once-over, but I'm afraid.' Then they would risk one eye," she related.

Today The Star's "girl-in-red" is going out again.

She is going to give away 3,000 more envelopes.

Two thousand of them will contain tickets that are good for prizes at the food and housefurnishing show.

The rest of the envelopes will contain admission tickets into the Arena.

### LYNCH WAS OFFICER

LONDON, May 22.—Jeremiah Lynch, American rebel sentenced to 10 years for participating in the Irish revolt, was seen in Liberty hall, rebellion headquarters, during the fighting, wearing an officers' uniform, Gen. Sir John Maxwell reported today to Premier Asquith.

Lynch was first sentenced to death. Later this was commuted.

### GIVES QUEEN MEDAL

PARIS, May 22.—President Poincaré presented Queen Elizabeth of Belgium with a French war cross upon a recent visit to the front, it was announced today.

### DR. EDGAR LEE and Dr. A. G. Martin appointed as members of King county medical staff.

## "You Cannot!"

Bob Bennett's chums—three of them—got him in a corner. They said: "You cannot."

He said: "I'll bet I can."

They took him up. That's how the wager came about.

Still that doesn't tell you much, does it?

Well, never mind, you can learn more about it on page 4 of The Star today by reading the first installment of "Nothing But the Truth," the novel-week written by Frederick S. Isham. The whole novel will be presented to you in six installments, one a day.

Today's the day to begin.

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