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HOME EDITION

WEATHER
 Twilight and Friday, fair; moderate southeasterly winds.
 Temperature Last 24 Hours
 Maximum, 68. Minimum, 52.
 Today noon, 64.

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TWO CENTS IN SEATTLE

MANIAC IS CAPTURED

Home Brew

Now, folks! That we may not be thought entirely lacking in hospitality to the distinguished authors in our midst, we hereby invite Wallace Irwin, George Campbell and Heywood Brown to contribute to this column.

Charles Hanson Towne is barred. The Lord knows we're not particular, but we've got to draw the line at poets.

We hope Frederick O'Brien, author of "White Shadows of the South Seas" doesn't have to fight off any old women here like he did in Poly-

MUSICAL NOTE
 The saxophone was invented 50 years ago today. But the first 100 years weren't the hardest.

The man who said, "It takes all kinds of men to make a world," for that matter the women.

The American Medical association, holding its convention in Pittsburgh, is fighting for pure whiskey.

His being assisted by several million here or less law-abiding citizens.

IVORY IDA SAYS:
 There's many a smart hat on ivory head.

My years started—and gosh, my neighbors dread it.

Understatement says: "You can't get a saxophone for an hour without getting tired." Without who's getting tired?

OVERLOOKING THE CHOR?
 We wish to thank our neighbors especially the workmen on the corner for their kindness in looking out for the loss of our THOMAS BINK AND WIFE.

When always blesses and comes the fond mother who worries after her hour for fear her scrawny offspring will make the football team at the university and get married for life.

LAL GEE GEE, TH' OFFICE VAMP SEZ:
 A man don't git very high up unless he's family tree.

Pat, France's famous style boss, he will give no more interviews this country because the newsboys quoted him as saying the women women did not have the right to dress.

When I drag my B. V. D.'s out to fight the torrid breeze, the breeze promptly shifts, and then I nearly freeze.

FACTS FROM THE NEWS
 When men cheered at a golf course at Brookline, Mass., the other day, a messenger train on a Western railroad arrived at its destination a minute ahead of time.

President Harding has sent a telegram to Senator La Follette commending him on his victory.

A Washington coal dealer has been doing coal for the past three weeks at a price as much as it is worth.

A Seattle burglar held up a man and took all his money and jewelry, and returned everything to him the next day.

"Let's have a week of mirth" in the Hart has ordered. Sure, Louie, I'll think about you being governor.

Telephone company asks for a 15 per cent increase in rates. Shows the new rates go into effect during joy week.

HELAS!
 I need to say: "Good morning, Judge, I only had one drink."

How we see plead: "Some hoodlum put my tail light on the Mink."

INCOME TAX UNIT RULED BY COMBINE

Report to Elmer Dover Charges Special Interest Clique Controls

By C. C. Lyon

WASHINGTON, Sept. 21.—An official report filed with Elmer Dover, of Tacoma, then assistant secretary of the treasury, makes allegations of a startling nature relative to conditions in the internal revenue bureau, of which the income tax unit is a part.

The report charges the existence of a "combine" inside the bureau "to promote personal advancement, and conspiracy between heads of divisions, sections and attorneys and tax experts, who were former employees of the bureau, now practicing before the bureau."

Certain heads of divisions and sections, it is charged, owe their positions to powerful attorneys or representatives of special interests that are looking for favors from the bureau in income tax matters.

Reporting on one employe, the report says: "The special agent has examined into certain cases and as a result made a report involving this employe in shielding certain taxpayers who made fraudulent returns, resulting in a heavy loss to the government."

TERRIFIC AIR SPEED RECORD

VERSAILLES, Sept. 21.—Flying at the terrific rate of 213.75 miles an hour, Sadi Lecoq, French aviator, beat the world's airplane speed record here today.

Lecoq immediately announced he will try to better his record this evening.

GLIDER PILOT HURT IN FALL

FRANKFURT-ON-MAIN, Sept. 21.—Edmund W. Allen, well known American motorless airplane glider, was seriously injured here today when he crashed to earth during a flight. The plane was completely demolished.

ST. MICHAEL, Alaska.—Fire destroyed power house and laundry operated by Alaska Yukon Navigation company. Threatens postoffice and other buildings but is put out.

Pleads With Douglas to Be a Prosecutor!

Pleading with Prosecutor Malcolm Douglas to do his duty as a prosecutor and misapplication of both the law and the facts or an apparent premeditated plan to weaken the case. Why does your office look so in courage and ability in pushing indictments against indicted county commissioners and former bankers?

I repeat that the case was not tried. I therefore ask as to the remaining indictments, that the defendant, J. E. Chibberg, be placed on trial and the cases be prosecuted with at least "some" vigor and ability.

COURT FLAYS DOUGLAS FOR "LYING DOWN"

Effort to Dismiss Bank Case Draws Wrath of Judge Griffiths

Taking direct issue with Prosecuting Attorney Malcolm Douglas over the latter's motion for dismissal of the felony indictment against J. E. Lane, former cashier of the Scandinavian American bank of Seattle, Presiding Superior Judge Austin E. Griffiths declared Thursday that such an action would be permissible only in furtherance of the interests of justice.

"And I am unable to see," he added, "where justice would be furthered by granting the motion to dismiss in the present instance. The motion is denied."

Judge Griffiths then assigned the case to department No. 3 for trial. There Superior Judge M. L. Clifford, of Tacoma, dismissed the indictment on motion of Lane's own attorneys.

Judge Griffiths and Douglas first clashed Wednesday afternoon, when the prosecutor, shortly before court

DOUGLAS SEEKS TO MAKE HIGH COURT SLAP AT GRIFFITHS

Prosecuting Attorney Malcolm Douglas sent Deputy Prosecutor Bert G. Ross to Olympia Thursday afternoon in an effort to secure from the state supreme court a writ of mandamus to compel Presiding Superior Judge Griffiths to assign to some other court a hearing in a habeas corpus proceeding in which Douglas filed an affidavit of prejudice against the judge.

The petition is that of J. W. Pizdonka, who claims he is unlawfully held in the county jail. Judge Griffiths strenuously denied Douglas's charge that he is prejudiced and continued the case until Friday.

The state can always get a fair hearing before me," Judge Griffiths said. "In denying the prosecutor's motions I am only doing my duty as I see it."

Douglas said he would prepare affidavits of prejudice in each of the cases on the divorce calendar scheduled to be heard by Judge Griffiths Thursday afternoon.

adjourned, presented a written motion for dismissal of the charges on the ground that the state had no evidence upon which to convict Lane.

"In order to convict Lane," Douglas said, "it would be necessary for the state to prove beyond a reasonable doubt that the transaction identical with that involved in the case against J. E. Chibberg, former president of the Scandinavian American bank of Seattle, was a borrowing that Chibberg borrowed the sum in question, and that Lane knowingly permitted him to borrow it. The state is not now in possession of evidence to prove these things."

Grand jury indictments returned against Chibberg and Lane charged that they participated in an illegal transaction, by which Chibberg borrowed \$747.13 from the bank of which he was president, without having received the written consent of the board of directors.

Chibberg was acquitted of this charge by a jury in superior court this week.

Judge Griffiths stated that he would prefer that the case go to the supreme court.

Who Is Mr. Gassman, Mayor's Appointee? Here's His Own Explanation of Himself



Carl S. Gassman—Photo by Price & Carter, Star Staff Photographers

At Walla Walla

Four Punishments Used in Penitentiary. Fear Rules Many Lives. Prisoners Sometimes 20 Days in Dungeon. "Solitary" Drives Men Insane.

The following article on present conditions in the state penitentiary at Walla Walla was written for The Star by C. E. Payne, who has just completed serving there 10 months and 25 days.

Payne was convicted under the criminal syndicalism act and sentenced to a one-year term. The charge in his case arose out of a sawmill strike at Newport. A house belonging to him was used by strikers during his absence from the community, and the mill officials alleged that he thereby aided and abetted criminal acts supposed to have been committed by the strikers. Payne pleaded not guilty.

He says that during his stay in prison he was accorded treatment as good as that given any prisoner. He says his condemnation of various phases of prison management is based solely on broad human grounds and not on a grudge against any official. His article appears to me to be worthy of the careful reading of every citizen interested in a saner, more humane and constructive treatment of law violators.—Editor.

By C. E. Payne

It is very doubtful if the citizens of Washington have even the faintest suspicion of the supreme villainy being constantly practiced in their name in the state penitentiary at Walla Walla.

It is inconceivable that they, as taxpayers and people of ordinary instincts of humanity, would allow the continuance of that villainy if they knew of it.

With the hope that some action in the name of common decency may be taken to remedy the vile conditions there, I wish to state the facts concerning some of them.

That I do not state others just as bad and just as true is because of the difficulty of substantiating statements about them. Lack of space does not permit a detailed description of the routine life of the penitentiary, so I shall refer to only the more salient facts.

I have no desire to make it ap-

GRUDGE CAUSED MURDER

Prisoner Confesses He Killed Youth Because Father "Owed Me \$10 for Some Work I Did Long Time Ago"

EPHRATA, Wash., Sept. 21.—The alleged maniac who murdered August Bojorni, 19, and attacked other members of the family in a raid on the Bojorni ranch, near Wilson Creek, Tuesday evening, has been captured and lodged in the Lincoln county jail at Davenport.

Threats of mob violence in Grant county was given as the reason.

The man, who gave his name as Paul Starin, 40, is said to have confessed to the killing, declaring that he made the attack because the elder Bojorni owed him ten dollars.

Starin, according to officers, said he "did some work for Bojorni a long time ago" and wanted his money. He said he went to the ranch prepared to "beat up" Bojorni.

"When I saw the boy, I decided to shoot him," said the prisoner. "When the others came up I shot them, too."

Starin denied that he was the man being sought in southeast Washington for the attack committed on the O'Hara family, at Schneider's Prairie.

The man was captured early today by the crew of a Great Northern freight train near Irby, Wash., and turned over to the authorities.

The train crew noticed the man wandering about in the brush and enticed him aboard the train. They signalled the train ahead and persuaded the man to enter the caboose and turned him over to the deputies in Hartington. The man was then taken to Davenport and kept in the Lincoln county jail. The capture occurred about 2 o'clock this morning.

The identification of the maniac has not been made positive. Mrs. Bojorni, who witnessed the shooting and was herself a target for his bullets, and her 14-year-old son, Alfred, are coming here to identify him.

The deputies, however, feel certain they have the right man, because he has a crippled, clubbed right foot and the man who attacked the Bojorni family was similarly deformed.

When arrested he had no gun. The attack on the Bojorni family is said to have been unprovoked and without warning.

According to neighbors, Joe Bojorni, the uncle, and his nephew, August, had just returned from Wilson Creek, seven miles south, and were doing their chores. The maniac approached the father as he was feeding the pigs and accosted him with, "What do you think you are doing here?"

August, had just returned from Wilson Creek, seven miles south, and were doing their chores. The maniac shot him three times, twice thru the face and once thru the arm.

At the sound of the shooting, August ran out of the little blacksmith shop, a few feet away, and saw the stranger standing with smoking revolver pointed at his uncle. The maniac turned his attention to the boy.

"Don't kill me," pleaded the boy, taking refuge behind a pile of farming implements. But the maniac followed him and shot him twice thru the head, killing him instantly.

Meanwhile, the two Bojorni girls, Margaret and Elida, 13 and 15, rushed into the house with their mother and brother, Alfred, 14. The man followed them and fired one shot thru the window of the door, the bullet whizzing by Mrs. Bojorni's head.

The maniac then attempted to enter the house and seize the two girls, but the mother grabbed a heavy club and dashed at him. The man then took to his heels.

Neighbors were called at once and Sheriff Deyouss was notified here. Posses were organized. Lincoln county also took up the hunt. Every train crew was notified, and all trains were watched. Soon more than 300 men were hunting for the fiend.

The man's tracks, as he left the Bojorni farm, were followed to the railroad track, where they disappeared. He made peculiar prints with his right foot and appeared to

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PHONE RAISE HIT BY MAYOR
 Says Request Camouflage; Company Defends Self

"Cheap politics—an open-and-shut case for the public demand for reduction of high rates by 'beating them to it' by asking for an increase."

This is Mayor Brown's comment on the 31 per cent increase in telephone rates asked by the Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Co. of Spokane in tariffs filed with the state department of public works Thursday morning.

The consensus of public opinion on the question at the city hall paralleled that of the mayor.

"Already the wealth of the Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Co. exceeds several times over its capitalization. It has fattened off the public. The idea of a rate increase at this time is ridiculous. A decrease would be more in order," Mayor Brown said. "I don't think they expect to get their increase—they are trying to shove off the demand for a needed decrease."

The mayor said he would take concrete action on the proposed increase with the department of public utility as soon as George Russell, head of the department, returns from a short trip.

In reply to criticisms to their request for an increase of 31 per cent in telephone rates, in tariffs filed with the state department of public works, the Pacific Telephone and Telegraph company Thursday

PLACE YOUR "WANT ADS" IN THE STAR WANT AD SECTION THE COST A TRIFLE