

COUNCIL WANT CHIEF'S SCALP

SEATTLE, Jan. 5.—With a request that he remove John Sullivan from the office of chief of police, six members of the city council yesterday afternoon called upon Mayor Humes.

The committee waited upon the mayor in his private office in the city hall and was in conference for more than an hour, during which time the mayor was tendered verbal evidence of malfeasance in office. This malfeasance was alleged against Sullivan by a man who represented that he himself had had dealings with the chief of police of a nature which would warrant the preferring of the charge of taking a bribe.

Mayor Humes advanced a counter statement to shield Chief Sullivan from the accusations, in which he pointed out that in his belief the charges were inspired by well known local gamblers. These he believed were anxious to secure Sullivan's removal because the latter had been making war upon certain members of the criminal element, who, the mayor said he had been informed, were demanding protection from these gamblers, they being unable to extend it on account of their strained relations with the head of the police department.

It is now known that Charlie Clancy is the man who gave the information to the councilmen.

SECRECY IS MAINTAINED

The second day of the convention of the International Association of Shingle Weavers opened this morning. The sessions are held behind closed doors and the members will say little of what their plan or work is.

This morning it is understood that the work of committees was taken up. Reports from several were heard.

Until the proposed cut in the wage scale comes up for consideration the time of the convention will be taken up with routine business.

COLD WEATHER

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 5.—The weather bureau this morning says the New England storm is showing an unexceptional cold wave. In New York this morning it was within two degrees of the coldest weather ever recorded. It was 22 degrees below at Albany and 30 below at Binghamton.

WANT SALOON MEN ARRESTED

SEATTLE, Jan. 5.—The boycott committee of the Western Central Labor Union today applied to Prosecuting Attorney Scott for warrants for the arrest of seven saloon-keepers for violating the Sunday closing law, and for the arrest of seven more for violating the 1 o'clock closing law.

The prosecuting attorney refused to issue the warrants and the committee will attempt to secure them from either the superior court or from one of the justice courts.

All of the saloons against which charges have been made are those which use Rainier beer, which has been boycotted as a result of the Butler hotel strike. They include the most fashionable resorts in the city.

STEEL TRUST VIEWED THROUGH GERMAN GLASS

WASHINGTON, Jan. 5.—A German view of the American iron and steel industry has been made public by the state department in this city. It is taken from the records of the German imperial office of the interior. The report says:

"From the swamping of the German market by American cheap-price produce one would suppose that the American metallurgical industry can produce cheaper than the German industry, which is, however, not at all true, so far as at least as iron and steel-making is concerned.

"Judging merely from the prices of ore, coal or coke, lime, cost of transportation and labor, the price of a ton of Bessemer steel at Pittsburgh, even to the United States Steel corporation, does not fall below \$12.50 to \$13; the price is about \$15 for plants less favorably situated than the United States Steel corporation with regard to coke, ore and transportation facilities. Even in Alabama the cost per ton of cast iron cannot, under existing conditions, go below \$10 or \$11. The cost of partially and totally finished steel products is higher in proportion as the amount of labor embodied in the product

increases. The larger the share of the total cost represented by labor, the less chance the American metallurgical industry has of competing with foreign products.

"Even assuming that the United States is going to enter into a period of business depression, that prices fall while the mills continue to run, and that, therefore, a part of the output will have to be disposed of abroad, the Americans producers even then will have to sell at cost. Below these prices they cannot go, since even in their own market, with prices on the down grade, they would earn hardly sufficient to pay interest on their bonds, not to speak of dividends on their stock, for it is only owing to the extraordinary high price level prevailing at present that the Steel corporation, particularly the United States Steel corporation, are able to pay interest and dividends, besides a surplus for improvements and repairs. With a decreased demand prices cannot remain at their present height. When this result will be obtained the decreased business will reduce the output to such an extent that any further sacrifice of price in favor of exportation is not likely to be thought of.

"Under present conditions, then, Germany may look forward to exports of American products merely at cost, and as long as this cost remains what it is at present, continued American exports to Germany seem hardly possible.

"In the case of pig iron, steel partially manufactured, and such manufactured products as rails, sheetiron, beams, etc., a reduction of price would be very difficult, since the share of the labor cost proper in the total cost is exceedingly small."

Licenses to wed were today issued to Gaylord D. Lee and Winnifred Weekes; Jacob Meland and Inga Hanson.

SENTIMENT ALL IN FAVOR OF MORE RAILROADS FOR TACOMA

Much satisfaction is being expressed in regard to the prospects of the coming to this city of the Union Pacific railway. The feeling is gaining ground that this road is assured, and the general sentiment is that it can do more for Tacoma than any other, although any transcontinental line would be given the same encouragement.

"This town can never make proper progress," said W. E. Bliven, cashier of the Lumbermen's National bank, "until we have more railroads. The Northern Pacific is a splendid road and has done a great deal for Tacoma, but the city is greatly handicapped by being a one-railroad town. We must have at least one more road by all means, and that road should be the Union Pacific.

"The way to hasten the arrival of that road is for every man, woman and child in Tacoma to work for it and talk for it all the time."

General Manager John T. Bibb of the Tacoma Grain company expresses himself on the railroad proposition as follows:

"We want more railroads and want them badly. We will never have the right kind of a town until we get them. People looking for a business location don't want to go to a town where one railroad has a wire fence around it.

"It would mean a great deal to Tacoma to get the Union Pacific here. It would

open up all the Union Pacific country with its wheat fields and towns, and bring a part of its business to Tacoma. As the situation is now we have no access to that territory whatever."

CLOSE THEATRES

ST. LOUIS, Mo., Jan. 5.—All theatres not conforming with the law are being closed today.

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Jan. 5.—Building Inspector Kraus says that no theater in this city complies with the law. He will close all in which the building law is not obeyed.

BAILLIE RETURNS

Alexander Baillie, resident manager for Balfour, Guthrie & Co., returned this morning from a business trip to San Francisco. Mr. Baillie reports the outlook for the grain business very promising. A healthy activity pervades the markets and gives evidence of a lively season.

A BLAST

of low prices has exploded the idea that hardware charges are always high—in our store anyway, however, it may be with others. We have a very large stock which we would like to exchange for cash in a hurry.



The Only Way

We know how to do this honestly is to cut chunks off the prices of our goods and your good trading judgment will do the rest. Everything in the store has been included. (Tinware, Tools, Stoves). All must go.

H. W. Myers & Co.

DEALERS IN HARDWARE AND FURNITURE.
Phone James 2576 Corner 11th and K

with which a treasure lake is supposed to be paved. This is the famous sacred lake of Colombia, and it is formed in the crater of an extinct South American volcano.

Close by are the celebrated emerald mines, which brought enormous wealth to the Spaniards and their predecessors, over a period of centuries during which they were worked. The emeralds, which are deposited at the bottom of the lake, are said to be worth billions. After a storm, the Indians continue to find the precious stones, as well as gold, upon the edge of the waters.

It is about a hundred years ago since efforts to drain the "treasure lake" were made, but the apparatus used was not equal to the task. The present syndicate is going to attack the problem in quite a new manner; the lake is to be reached from the bottom of the basin by means of a tunnel cut in the side of the mountain.

A shaft is to be made to tap the lake, and screens will arrest the precious stones dislodged in this manner, while mercury will catch all the gold. In this way the secrets of centuries will be disclosed.

The Italian government has granted permission for the searching of the bed of the river Tiber. It is well known that for many hundreds of years the ancient Romans cast their most precious possessions into the Tiber as sacrificial offerings to the river god. These offerings included articles of gold and precious stones of all kinds.

In addition to this way in which the river was enriched, there have been innumerable battles fought on its banks and on its bridges, not to mention the innumerable valuable articles thrown into it at the times of sack and massacre. The deep slime of the river holds captive an inestimable wealth.



THOSE NEW YEAR RESOLUTIONS.

POLICE NOTES

Frank Ward, one of the suspects arrested last night, is being held at the police station to answer to the charge of carrying concealed weapons. The other three, Fred McCormick, Harry Freeman and Rob Darrah, are charged with vagrancy.

MORTALITY RECORD

F. Harold Talbot, aged 21 years, died yesterday afternoon at the family home, 1212 North Sixth street, of pulmonary tuberculosis. Funeral services will be held at Hoska's chapel tomorrow evening at 7:30. Burial will take place Thursday morning.

During the time that he was able to work deceased held a position in the United States engineer's department.

He leaves a widowed mother and one brother.

COURT NOTES

Christian Holz has been appointed guardian of Henry Herbert Holz, a minor. Judge Chapman made the order on the petition of Emily D. Holz, mother of the child.

The case of W. H. Fehse against Gustave Lange was dismissed in the superior court this morning.

Odin lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows held its installation of officers for the ensuing year at the Odd Fellows' temple last night. Rainier lodge No. 11 will install officers tonight.

Grand Secretary Louis F. Hart said this morning that he received two petitions from Whatcom county for charters for Rebekah lodges, also that he instituted lodge No. 289 at Green Lake Saturday afternoon.

A man has but himself to thank if he has money in the bank. And likewise he himself must blame if no deposit is in his name.

College hazing is due not so much to class spirit as to class spirit.

K. O. T. NOTICE.
All members of Tents Nos. 8, 9, 12 and 88 are requested to attend joint installation of officers of the four tents tonight at the Macebees' hall, 910 Pacific Ave.
H. W. LUEDERS,
Chairman of Committee.

SOME FREAK COMPANIES WHICH HAVE BEEN RECENTLY ORGANIZED

Freak corporations are becoming more popular every day and hardly a day passes that the list is not increased.

One of the latest companies which has been formed is to exploit the moon as a screen on which to project advertisements. The home of this advertisement company is San Francisco, and the promoters are confident that they will be able to do every thing to make this scheme effective.

The company has stated that by a combination of X-ray and wireless telegraphy it will be quite easy to project advertisements upon the moon. It has been calculated that they will be able to clear at least \$40,000 for every full moon.

Another company has been promoted to convert the multitudes of sharks in Central American waters into walking sticks and other useful commercial products. This company will turn the shark's fins into jelly and tinned soap, which will come as a blessing to all true connoisseurs.

Fine machinery oil is to be made from the sharks' livers, while handsome leather quite superior to alligator skin will be made from the sharks' skins. Innumerable articles will be made from the jawbones and teeth. Really handsome walking sticks will be made from the backbones.

Another company has been promoted in order to bring before the public a new method of destroying mosquitoes. Late-ly it has been discovered that a certain number of musical vibrations will cause complete paralysis of mosquitoes. Certain music notes have an immediate effect in destroying mosquitoes.

It seems that not only do these notes arrest the flight of the insects, but also they will hurt them from the ceiling or the wall onto the floor. It appears that this is due to the strange construction of the mosquito's auditory system, which causes the insect to immediately plunge to the spot whence the music starts.

A company has been formed for the purpose of seeking out Noah's ark. It is stated that on top of Mt. Ararat Noah's ark still remains preserved by eternal snow. The promoters think they will make a large amount of money, as they will be able to turn the ark into a paying property at the world's fairs and great exhibitions.

Soda lakes are found in the foothills near Ashcroft, British Columbia, and

VERY SMALL BUG AND LOT OF TROUBLE

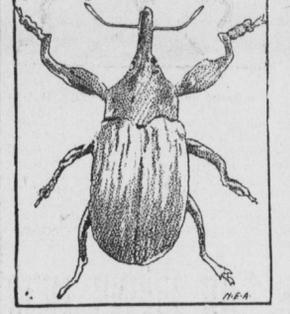
WASHINGTON, Jan. 5.—This is the cotton boll weevil. It is a chocolate colored emigrant from Mexico. It landed on Texas soil in 1894. Friendless, homeless, but with an undaunted spirit, it hiked to the cotton fields. Industrious as the ant, it worked from dawn to sunset. It multiplied some, too. Last year it destroyed \$10,000,000 worth of cotton in Texas alone. Growers and scientists fear that it will spread to other parts of the

country and cut down by one-half the production of cotton. The annual value of this crop is \$500,000,000.

There seems to be a lot of color about the beast. First it is white. As it gets older the body becomes chocolate in color. The wings at first turn a clear wine color and then become darker. Some adults are black instead of a dull chocolate and some are light brown.

The weevil is largely snout. At the end of this apparatus are small claw-like jaws. With these the weevil eats a hole into the cotton boll. Most folks think it bores the holes. It doesn't seem to be a very important point, though. The result is the same.

The weevil varies from three-sixteenths to three-eighths of an inch in length. Small, of course, a mere bugatelle, and yet big enough to have been mentioned in the president's message and the annual report of the secretary of agriculture. Big enough to make congress contemplate a war fund of hundreds of thousands; even millions, if necessary. Big enough to cause legislatures to vote money and engage in heated discussions, to get the cot-



THE COTTON BOLL WEEVIL.

ton growers together in conventions and to cause consternation to cotton interests in every part of the world. So big that a man could discover a remedy for the pest they would set up for him, in the middle of Texas, a monument so high it could be seen all over the country.

Government experts have camped in the weevil country for years without finding a remedy. Secretary Wilson, who made a personal investigation, says it's a job like trying to abolish the house fly. Spraying the plants would not bother this Mexican in the least. The eggs are deposited in holes in the cotton bolls. It takes about fifteen minutes to dig a hole. When the egg has been deposited the opening is covered with glue. That protects the egg from ants, dew or the deadly poison that some scientific party might be intent on applying thereto. The full grown weevil feeds with its snout buried deep in the plant, safe from any contaminating liquid.

The weevils have wings, but do not fly much. They do not crawl. A scientific investigator says they "go about from plant to plant by slow, sluggish flights." This method yields a good living and the weevil is content. It is not curious as to what is going on in the world at large.

The part of Texas now overrun by the weevil includes twenty-eight per cent. of the cotton acreage in the United States.

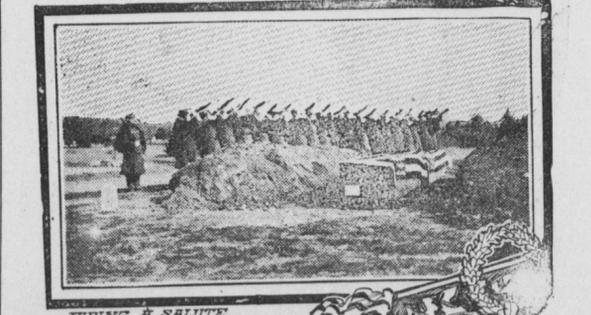
The state of Louisiana is considering the question of preventing invasion by having a strip of land ten miles in width, along the Texas boundary, either converted into a barren waste or devoted to crops that will afford no food for the pest.

The department of agriculture recommends early planting of cotton and thorough cultivation as a means for restricting loss. No scheme to give permanent relief has been discovered. An expert who has traveled over Texas says:

"It is wholly beyond possibility that the pest is ever to be exterminated. It is constantly spreading and will eventually be distributed all over the cotton belt. There are no influences that can stop it short of the limit of its food plant in this country. It seems safe to predict that in from fifteen to eighteen years the pest will be a serious drawback to cotton culture everywhere throughout the South, as it is in Texas now."

WANTED—List your houses, lots, ranches and lodging houses, and, in fact, everything in the real estate line, and we will find buyers for them. We will also furnish you with first-class help on shortest notice such as waiters, cooks, dishwashers, etc. Puget Sound Employment & Real Estate Agency, 1409 1/2 Pacific Ave. Phone Main 736.

PAYING LAST HONORS TO HERO DEAD



FIRING A SALUTE FOR THE DEAD AT ARLINGTON.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 5.—Since the war with Spain military funerals have been frequent at Arlington, the beautiful national cemetery, on the Virginia side of the Potomac opposite this city.

This has been especially true during the last two years, when an organized effort has been made to bring to this country the remains of soldiers buried in Cuba and the Philippines. Hundreds have been laid

to rest at Arlington beside the heroes of other wars. A few days ago the remains of 42 weavers of the khaki, who had been brought home from the Philippines, were buried at one time. On all such occasions the dead are given full military honors. Flags drape their caskets, there are religious ceremonies by an army chaplain, a salute fired by a line of soldiers and taps sounded.



Put in a ton of Raven Nut Coal. That will be enough to enable you to make any tests and convince you that the quality is all right.

Tacoma Trading Company
Phone 21. 1715 Dock Street.