

# HAVE MADE NO REPORT

No report has yet been made to Mayor Campbell by the city building inspector and fire chief of their investigation of the local playhouses. The two officials making the investigation will say nothing regarding their report until after it has been submitted to their superior, beyond a statement that all building ordinances were not lived up to by the managers.

It is not thought that any of the theaters will be closed, as it is thought that alterations can be made to comply with the requirements. Mayor Campbell has stated, however, that if it is reported to him that the theaters are not arranged in compliance with the ordinances they will be closed unless the proper alterations are made.

# LOST SAILOR

Inquiries are being made for Charles Greenfield, a sailor from the schooner Halcyon. He left the ship several days ago at Aberdeen, intending to return. He failed to do so and the schooner sailed without him. The Sailors' union has taken the case in hand and is using every available means to find him.

# RURAL CARRIER MAKES REPORT

Rural mail route No. 1, extending to Fort Steilacoom and American lake, has proven a success. Charles P. Fenton, the carrier, in his annual report to Postmaster Cromwell, announces that he serves 60 families, an increase during the year of 29. He handled, in 1903, 44,006 pieces of mail, while in 1902 he handled 24,758. The money order applications increased during 1903, 133 per cent over the previous year.

# MOVING

The Griffin Transfer company, formerly located on the City dock, is moving to make room for the new city market. The stables belonging to the company are being loaded on a scow on one high tide and on the next taken through the drawbridge and landed on the north side of the railroad bridge.

# MARINE GLIMPSSES

The tug Falcon docked the schooner Transit at the St. Paul mill this morning.

The collier Edith, loading at the electric bunkers, will not get away for San Francisco before tonight or tomorrow morning.

The steamship Ching Wo, Captain Parkinson, is due to get to sea Tuesday for Hongkong.

# DIVORCE

Blanche Fair was today granted a divorce from A. H. Fair by Superior Judge Snell.

# HOPES FOR FREEDOM

Jacky Smokalem, who is accused of brutally murdering his wife, Annie Smokalem, at their home on the Puyallup reservation December 26, has recovered from his second attempt to transport himself to the happy hunting grounds by means of a strip torn from a blanket, and is now able to eat and sleep as well as ever. A constant watch is still kept over him, however, to keep him from doing injury to himself. Deputy Sheriff Lane stated this morning that Smokalem said that he still owned five acres of land and that he was going to secure his freedom at his trial. The date of his hearing has not been set.

# CHIMNEY FIRE

An alarm of fire last night called hose wagon No. 5 to the corner of Nineteenth and C street, where a chimney was burning out. The fire was extinguished without damage to the building.

# HIS FRIEND LOST IN THE IROQUOIS FIRE

Among those in Tacoma who are mourning the death of friends who lost their lives in the Iroquois theater fire in Chicago is Deputy Master Thompson of the Northern Pacific.

Mr. Thompson was a personal friend of Miss Edna Torney, over whose body an inquest is being held, among others, today in Chicago.

"Miss Torney was a beautiful as well as an accomplished girl," said Mr. Thompson, "and had many friends among the musical people of Chicago. At the time I visited there she was the organist of one of the largest churches in the city and her services were always in demand."

# DESERTED HIM

Judge Snell this morning granted John C. Bridges a divorce from Maude E. Bridges on the ground of desertion. They were married April 17, 1893, in Tacoma. The complaint charges that early in 1894 the wife abandoned the husband without cause.

# TACOMA POULTRY RECEIVES AWARDS

Charles B. Staples, Mrs. C. A. Pratt, Ed Hayul and the Sears poultry farm of this

Saturday eve., Jan. 9th, Kilgore's Orchestra will give a social dance at Germania hall, Gentlemen 50c. Ladies free.

city are the proud owners of Tacoma poultry awarded prizes at the show now being held in Seattle. Mr. Staples was awarded first on cockerel, 92½; first on hen, 92½, and third on hen, 92.

Mrs. C. A. Pratt was awarded fifth on cock, 90½, and fifth on hen, 91½.

The Sears poultry farm was awarded fourth on pullet, 93; third on hen, 94; fourth on hen, 93½; third on cockerel, 93½; first on cock, 92½.

Ed Hayul was awarded fifth on pullet, 92½.

# BREWERY COMES BACK AT UNIONS

SEATTLE, Jan. 8.—The fight of the boycotting unions against the Seattle Brewing & Malting company was featured yesterday by a shrewd move on the part of the brewery company. A receiver has been asked by the brewing company for the labor temple property on Pike street. It is alleged that the brewing company subscribed \$500 to a fund to build a labor temple. The temple has never been built and it is now rumored that the temple site is to be sold and the money put to other use. The brewing company contends that the money was subscribed to build the temple and for no other use. The next play is being watched for with interest. It is the unions' move.

# BUILDING PERMITS

Building permits have been issued to J. A. Pratt to build a 1½-story dwelling on South Fifty-eighth and M streets, to cost \$500; to S. E. Judson, to build a dwelling on Fifty-sixth and J streets, which will cost \$150, and to T. Talford, to build a small house on lot 1, block 7, Wapato park, to cost \$25.

# PAY DAY

This is the city payday and a large crowd assembled before the cashier's office early this morning. The December payroll was the smallest for the last half year. The total amount disbursed was \$18,832.92, divided as follows: Salary fund, \$12,820.49; water and light, \$4,993.19; park, \$625; library, \$435; bicycle road, \$48.10.

# WORKING FOR MORE RAILROADS

"Tacoma needs more railroads, and I believe we are going to have them," said Henry T. Moir, hardware dealer and a prominent business man of Tacoma, in an interview this morning. Mr. Moir has been intimately connected with the Chamber of Commerce and the Shippers' association and has probably given more attention to the question of securing more railroads than any other man in the city.

"When the Shippers' association was organized," he continued, "we took up the matter very thoroughly and decided that the only means of inducing other railroads to come here would be to divert from the roads having no trackage here every pound of freight that we could and give it to the Northern Pacific, until such time as the other roads would build into the city. We are working along that line and I myself have had the routing of a number of cars changed so as to keep them away from the roads having no trackage here. I am not against the Northern Pacific railroad or any other. The Northern Pacific has done much for Tacoma, but the time has come when we need more than that road can give us. It is impossible for a town to grow or hold first rank when it has only one railroad.

"Shippers are realizing this now as they never did before, and they stand ready to guarantee a part of their business to any road that will come here.

"I appreciate as keenly as any one else the work involved in this proposition, but we ought to be willing to sacrifice our personal interests and make an extra effort in a matter where there is

so much of vital interest to the community. Three or four years ago people here were discouraged and business was dull. All that is changed now. Our business interests are increasing and we have in the Chamber of Commerce as strong an organization as there is in the country, and it is doing a great deal for Tacoma. The efforts of this organization, with the clean city administration we have had for the past four years, is going a great deal to establish confidence in Tacoma as a substantial business town. I know this to be a fact, for I am intimately acquainted with Eastern capitalists who are interested here and they concur heartily in that opinion."

# GASP! YE MINIONS OF UNCLE SAM

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 8.—At the cabinet meeting this morning it was decided that an order should be issued in every department of the government making the hours of employees from 9 a. m. to 4:30 p. m., adding an hour to the time now in vogue. The order applies to federal employes throughout the country. The house today by unanimous vote appropriated \$250,000 to stamp out cotton weevil.

# NEW SECRETARY

George S. Botsford has returned to this city and has taken the position of secretary of religious work in the Tacoma Y. M. C. A. Mr. Botsford has received, during his two years' absence, training in Chicago and Denver, which will make him a valuable aid to the association.

# WILL FIGHT OUT

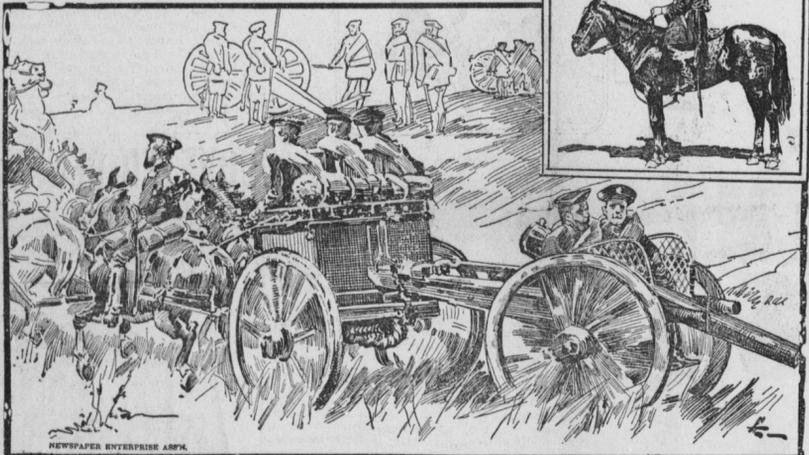
The International Shingle Weavers' association has formally adjourned and Seattle will be the place of the next meeting, in January, 1905. Everett was honored by the election of C. R. Pickens of that city as president, and as the se-

cretary-treasurer is not elected until next year Mr. W. H. Clock of Everett still retains that position. The association took a firm stand on the wage question yesterday, when it was decided to support the Bellingham union in a fight against the 10 per cent cut in wages.

# WEATHER REPORT

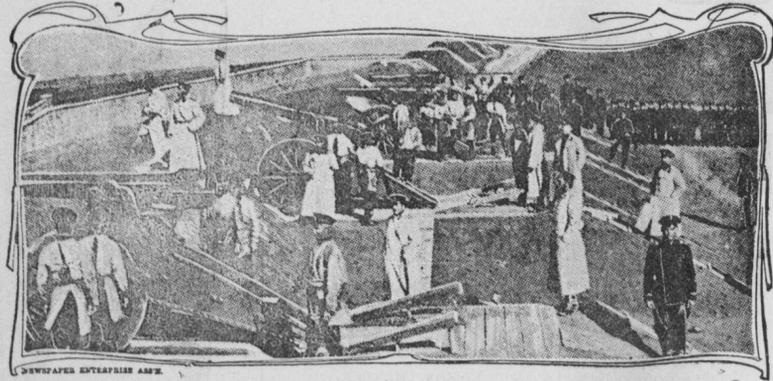
According to Weatherman Cover Tacoma is to have a visit from Occasional Rain. The periods between the showers are not promised to be of very long duration for tonight and tomorrow, if there are any periods when Old Sol will be visible at all.

The storm that is sweeping over Western Washington will not affect Tacoma very much, although the wind will be felt in the harbor to some extent. Tacoma's geographical position prevents any wind that will be a detriment to shipping.



RUSSIAN FIELD BATTERY.

A COSSACK.



READY FOR WAR.

Interior of Russian Fort at Port Arthur.

# FREE SHAVES

Twenty-one knights of the razor appeared before the state barbers' board here yesterday to demonstrate their ability to amputate the stiffest set of whiskers "absolutely without pain." The meeting was held in the squad room of the city hall and all who were brave enough to take the risk were shaved free. The examination was completed last night and in a few days the board will announce the names of the applicants to whom licenses will be granted. Today the board is meeting in Seattle.

# CONTEST IS CLOSE

The membership contest between the Blues and the Reds of the Y. M. C. A. is getting interesting and the indicator today shows that the Blues are one point in the lead. A. J. Carroll, the champion boxer and wrestler of the association, is the captain and the Blues and Coy Mere-

dith expects to lead the Reds to victory. The Blues have the brawn and muscle on their side, but the Reds claim the brains of the contest.

The present membership is 415 and before the close of the contest 500 members are expected.

# Y. M. C. A. AUXILIARY

On Saturday afternoon a meeting will be held in the Y. M. C. A. parlors for all the women of this city who are interested in organizing an auxiliary to the Y. M. C. A. Mrs. H. J. Dutton, recently secretary of the Minnesota State Y. W. C. A., will be present to assist in the movement.

# NATIONAL UNION

A large attendance of members was present at the annual installation of officers of Tacoma council No. 43, National Union, at Elks' hall last evening. After the installation exercises music was rendered and refreshments served.

# PRICKLY POINTS

A WORD FROM JOSH WISE.



Peace at any price may be all right, but there's times you ought t' make th' other feller pay for it.

Gen. Weyler, who failed to conquer Cuba, has written a book in which there is one chapter entitled "My Project for Handling Troops in United States Territory." That ought to be interesting, but Weyler has foolishly added a chapter entitled "Reasons Why I was Obligated to Abandon the Project."

# THE GOOD BOY AND THE BAD BOY.

(By Weicher Streich.)

Henry and William went from the same country town to the same city and began work in the same store on the same day. Henry worked hard all day. He paid strict attention to business and when night came went to bed instead of wasting his

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# HOTEL BUILDING SOLD

The Massasoit hotel was sold yesterday by Ralph D. Lacey to George M. Hellar, of Hellar, Lyon & Co., of Tacoma, for \$24,000.

The hotel is a four-story frame and brick structure at the corner of Seventh and C streets.

# UNION CLUB DINNERS

The three dinners to be given by the Union club have been announced. The first will occur Saturday at 7 o'clock and W. E. Hacker has been selected to act as caterer.

Dinners will be given January 23 and February 6.

# MUSICAL BENEFIT

Local musicians are soon to give a benefit as a testimonial to W. B. Gibbons, formerly of Tacoma, but now a resident of Victoria, B. C. The concert will be a notable musical event.

# CHURCH ELECTION

The East Tacoma Congregational church is in a financial condition very satisfactory to the pastor and members. At the annual meeting Wednesday night Rev. John Reid presided and the membership was well represented. The financial statement showed that a larger amount than usual had been spent during the past year for improvements and there was a cash balance in the treasury. There are 60 members in the church and the Sunday school has a membership of 165. All the church societies are in a flourishing condition.

The following trustees and officers were elected: Trustees, Messrs. Baker, Haller and McDougall; treasurer G. W. Holt; organist, Mrs. John Reid; assistant organist, Charles Drowley; deacons, Messrs. Bede, Guthrie, Taylor and Timbs; deaconesses, Mrs. Bede, Mrs. Moore, Mrs. Timbs and Miss Elsie Kent; ushers, Messrs. Thompson and Playle; Sunday school superintendent, S. L. Guthrie; Sunday school secretary-treasurer, Mr. Taylor.

# SOCIALISTS ACTIVE DOWN IN ARKANSAS

LITTLE ROCK, Ark., Jan. 8.—The Socialists of Arkansas intend to take an active part in the coming state campaign and preliminary plans with this object in view were discussed at a state convention begun here today. A state political organization is to be perfected and candidates named for all the state offices to be filled at the election next fall.

# GEN. YOUNG RETIRES

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 8.—Lieutenant General Young, who has been chief of staff of the United States army since the retirement of General Miles last August, today paid farewell visits to the several bureaus of the war department preparatory to his own retirement from active service. Major General Adna R. Chaffee will tomorrow succeed Lieutenant General Young as chief of staff, and at the same time will be elevated to the grade of lieutenant general.

# CITY SCHOOLS ARE CROWDED

City Superintendent of Schools Warner, reporting to the board of education, states the necessity of more room in the various school buildings. He says that it seems as if that half-day sessions will have to be held in another room at the Horace Mann school, in one room each at the Whitman, Longfellow, Irving and Grant, and possibly in one at the Lincoln and Washington. He asks the board to consider the provision of additional rooms at the Edison, five rooms in the Horace Mann-Whitman district, five rooms in the Longfellow-Logan-Lincoln district, four rooms in the Lowell-Grant-Bryant district, one room in the Willard district, and also additional room at the High school.

He says that if something is not done in regard to the High school it is almost certain that at the beginning of the next semester two rooms at the Emerson will have to be put into use to provide for the overflow from the High school.

# LINES DOWN

All but one telephone line and several telegraph lines between here and Seattle were blown down this afternoon during the gale that swept over the Sound.

# MORTALITY RECORD

Mrs. Mary Nelson, aged 37 years, wife of Chris Nelson, died last night at the family residence, 3211 South L street. Besides her husband she leaves two boys, aged 5 and 7 years. The funeral services will be held Sunday afternoon at 1:30 o'clock at Roberts & Son's chapel on C street.

The body of the late Mrs. Truckwell arrived from Seattle this morning. The body is now at Hosok's chapel on St. Helens avenue. Funeral services will be held tomorrow morning at 9 o'clock from St. Patrick's Catholic church in Old Town. Burial will be in Tacoma cemetery.

# FARMERS ARE HOLDING GRAIN

The grain receipts at Tacoma, Seattle and Spokane, as shown by the records of the state grain inspector for December, were 1,701 cars, as compared with 1,814 in November. In anticipation of a government demand for oats, the Puget Sound exporters have been stocking up with the horse feed, which accounts for a decrease in the receipts during December compared with the previous month.

The receipts of the three large cities of the state during the month were as follows:

Tacoma—Wheat, 662; oats, 58; barley, 100; corn, 13; total, 883.

Seattle—Wheat, 323; oats, 111; barley, 20; total, 655.

Spokane—Wheat, 154; oats, 131; barley, 16; corn, 2; total, 303.

Less wheat is being moved than ever before in the state of Washington. The probability of war between Japan and Russia is causing the farmers and shippers to hold the grain in anticipation of a big jump in the price.

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