

COLLIERS MAGAZINE JOLTS BALLINGER AGAIN

BOMB UNDER SEWER PIPE "DIRECTORS"

TIMES' EXPOSE OF MANNER IN WHICH BALKWILL'S NOMINATION WAS ENGINEERED COMES AS AWFUL SHOCK TO CLAY PIPE PEOPLE—CITY ZENS DEEPLY INTERESTED.

Joshua Peirce, secretary-treasurer Little Falls Fire Clay company—Suggests Balkwill and calls the convention. Stephen Appleby, employe of R. L. McCormick, director Little Falls Fire Clay company—Moves to organize the convention. A. J. Hayward, president Little Falls Fire Clay company—Moves Balkwill to be nominated. Henry Hewitt, director Little Falls Fire Clay company—Makes speech for Balkwill. All the directors of the Little Falls Fire Clay company—Vote for Balkwill. S. R. Balkwill, vice president Little Falls Fire Clay company—Nominated for mayor. Joshua Peirce, secretary-treasurer Little Falls Fire Clay company—Heads committee to induce Balkwill to run and gets his acceptance. S. R. Balkwill, vice president Little Falls Fire Clay company—Accepts the nomination.

The presentation of this spectacular array of sewer pipe candidates through the instrumentality of the committee of twelve and the Tacoma hotel convention as was shown by the Times last night came as an eye opener to the citizens of Tacoma, and a bomb to the sewer pipe crowd.

Today the people are bubbling over with spicy comment on the evident activity of the clay pipe makers to get control of the city government which has thousands of dollars worth of sewer work to do every year.

To the average voter the thing does not look just right. They are not taking any sides in the controversy between the cement and clay pipe men, but from the tone of the remarks on the streets today the voters are not enthusiastic over turning the city machinery over to any special interest that has an ax to grind or sewer pipe to sell.

The array of Little Falls Fire Clay company talent that was prominent in the nomination of the vice president of the company when presented by the Times caused an explosion that scattered clay pipe talk all over town and the comment today is that it takes more than a committee of twelve and a specially invited convention to give a candidate a "clay pipe cinch" on the mayoralty in Tacoma.

SEATTLE, Feb. 15.—Because he said "hello" to one of the jurors trying his suit for damages for personal injuries, Frank Moore is serving a 24-hour sentence in the county jail today. While the jury was enjoying a recess in the corridor this morning Moore greeted Juror A. Shearer of Renton. The attorney for the defendant saw him and told Judge Gay. The judge discharged the jury, reset the case and punished Moore.

Babe's 2 Hours of Life Made Father Millionaire

(By United Press Leased Wire.) TORONTO, Feb. 15.—Charles W. McLean of Brockville, Ontario, has fallen heir to \$3,000,000 as the result of peculiar circumstances attending the birth of his child and its death. Mrs. McLean, formerly Mrs. George A. Sheriff, was a daughter of the late Senator Fullford. She died a week ago and her child survived her only two hours. Mrs. McLean's estate, according to the terms of her father's will, amounted to only \$13,200, but if a child was born to inherit one-third of the whole estate. The estate is now valued at over \$9,000,000, and the infant there fore was heir to \$3,000,000 during its lifetime of two hours. The father will now inherit it.

Woman's Great Question Today: "Do I Want to Vote?"

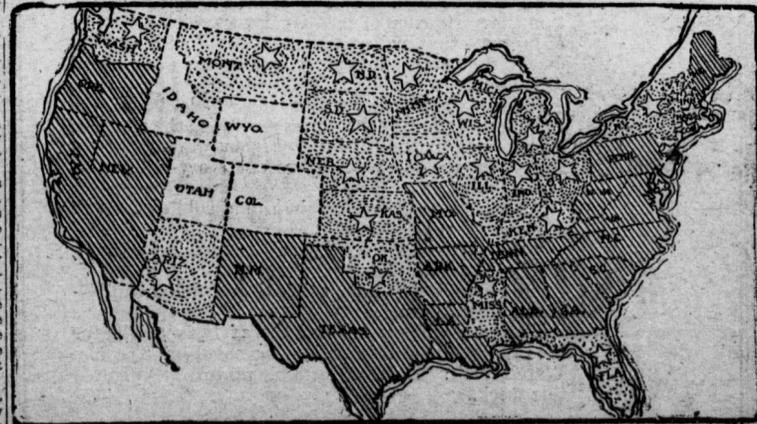
NEW YORK, Feb. 14.—When President Taft said, "I'm in favor of woman's suffrage—when a majority of American women favor it," he gave a challenge to womanhood of the country which New York women have been first to take up.

Two great plans are under way in this city and state to prove that a majority of New York women want to vote. Under Mrs. Carrie Chapman Catt, the woman's suffrage party has been organized, with an organization like any other party.

In 1100 election districts in this city, captains have been elected. Each captain has two leaders as her aids. These 3300 women are now making a house-to-house canvass, asking each woman whether she wants to vote. This vast census will be done by April 30. Society women are covering the fashionable districts, while the strikers during the strike are visiting the women of the East Side.

State Senator Edward Brackett, inspired by the activity of New York women, has introduced a bill in the state legislature, asking that an appropriation be made from the state treasury to defray

Thousands of Women Are Taking Census of Suffrage Opinion Among Their Sisters in New York and Bill Is Before Legislature for State-Wide Referendum of Women at Polls Next November.



American women possess suffrage upon equal terms with men in four states—the WHITE states on the map; in 25 additional states, MARKED WITH STARS, school suffrage for women prevails; in 17 states and the territory of New Mexico, SHADDED upon the map, women have no vote at all.

PRINTS HIS LETTERS TO "FRIENDS"

THEY PROVE THAT TAFT'S SECRETARY WAS BUSY IN HIS EFFORTS TO HASTEN PATENTS TO COAL LAND CLAIMANTS.

Was Secretary Ballinger on the job to help Alaskan claimants? Indeed he was.

Collier's, in its issue of Feb. 19, will publish a series of letters which shows that the secretary of the interior was absolutely responsive to the pleas of claimants to the Alaska land-fraudulent claimants, at that.

"Did Ballinger have personal knowledge of what was being done to promote the interests of fraudulent claims against the interest of the government?" asks Collier's, introducing the heretofore secret letters.

It is well to keep in mind the dates of the letters, as they show how quickly Ballinger responded to the appeal of a claimant.

March 23, 1909, Glavis put in his report, asking that further steps be taken toward canceling the Cunningham patents, as they appeared fraudulent.

April 9, 1909, ex-Gov. Moore, from Walla Walla, Wash., sent this cry for aid to Ballinger:

"Although quite anxious to secure patent, I have refrained from writing you until you should have time to become established in your new position. As commissioner of the general land office, you were afforded an opportunity to familiarize yourself with everything pertaining to these entries and to discover irregularities, if any existed. It will, therefore, not be necessary to rehearse the six years of strenuous effort and of hardships endured by our agent to perfect the title to these lands. So far as my knowledge extends, every step has been taken under the direction of competent counsel, supplemented by careful and intelligent effort to comply with the law in letter and in spirit. While believing that the administration was actuated by what it conceived to be the best policy for the whole people, I cannot help feeling it has imposed a hardship, not to say an injustice, on the enterprising people who were lured to Alaska by promises contained in the federal statutes.

This refers, of course, to the former administration, which I think failed to carry out the provisions of the statutes relating to Alaska coal lands in refusing patents in entries made prior to the order of withdrawal. It is hoped and confidently expected that the present one will be distinguished for a fairer interpretation and a higher respect for law. Kindly give me

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EGG FRAUD COST HIM \$25

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Feb. 15.—Because John McClintock, a grocery man, advertised eggs as fresh, when in fact they had been in storage several months, C. L. Parry, the man who sold the eggs, pleaded guilty to a violation of the pure food law, and as a result is out just \$25 today, the sum which went to make up his fine. The conviction of Parry is the first made since the recent meeting of the state board of health here, when the board filed a ruling that eggs held in storage or treated with preservatives were not to be considered fresh.

A number of storemen are under arrest for selling ancient eggs in the place of fresh ones.

TOOK IN \$10,017 AT CITY HALL

All records were broken for light and water collections yesterday at the city treasurer's office. From early in the day until the windows closed a long string of people that often reached clear out into the street was lined up to pay bills before the penalty is added. There had been two weeks before when the bills might have been paid but many had neglected it so they had to stand and crush and wait in line for their turn.

ROOSEVELT WON'T COME THIS WAY

NEW YORK, Feb. 15.—Mrs. Theodore Roosevelt and her daughter, Miss Ethel, sailed from here for Khartoum, where they will meet Colonel Roosevelt and Kermif. Incidentally Mrs. Roosevelt said before leaving, that the report that the party would return to the United States via San Francisco, was absurd.

All Nice and White and Then---



"I'M IN THE RACE TO STAY AND TO WIN" SAYS POINDEXTER

FAKE STORY THAT HE WOULD WITHDRAW WAS MADE OUT OF "WHOLE CLOTH" BY THE SPECIAL INTEREST ORGANS TO FOOL PEOPLE.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 15.—Representative Poindexter of Washington declared today that the story that he had withdrawn from the senatorial race in Washington was "made out of whole cloth." "I shall not withdraw under any circumstances," he said to the United Press. "I am in the race to stay and I expect to win. The situation is getting better and better every day. The circulation of the story that I have withdrawn is a favorable sign, because it shows that they know my strength. "It was made out of whole cloth but it was sprung too early in the fight to have any effect."

The fake report that Poindexter would withdraw from the senatorial race was first printed by the Seattle Times, a "special interest" paper. "Newspaper men generally knew it was a faked story but other papers either owned or controlled by the "stand pat" candidates eagerly "picked up" the article in an effort to discredit the only representative from this state who has stood firmly for the people against the Cannon-Aldrich gang.

Bone Transplanted from Sheep To Leg of 18-Months-Old Child

SPOKANE, Feb. 15.—A section of bone from the leg of a young sheep has just been substituted in the place of three inches of the femur, the bone between the knee and the hip, of the 18-months-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Bentley of Clarks Fork. The operation, which became necessary on account of the femur of the child being diseased as a result of walking at too early an age, was performed at the City hospital here.

The animal was killed after the operation commenced and the bone taken out as soon as death occurred and placed in the child's leg. The bone was then packed in whipped blood taken from the sheep, so that all nourishment possible could be given for the building up of the transplanted bone. The child is said to be doing nicely.

SEATTLE, Feb. 15.—The corner is searching today for a possible motive for the strange suicide of John Morris, a restaurant man, who sold his interest in a cafe, bought a revolver with part of the money, left a call at a hotel for 6 o'clock, and was found dead, a bullet hole through his head.

THROW SOME BRICKS AT 'SLATE'

TWELFTH STREET CLUB WILL HAVE NOTHING TO DO WITH THE FRAMED UP TICKET—ALL CANDIDATES INVITED TO APPEAR AT THEIR "OWN RISK"

The Twelfth Street Improvement club will give no recognition at all to the ticket of the Committee of Twelve and the Tacoma hotel convention or the "Joshua Peirce convention," as one speaker at the club last night called it.

The club will invite all candidates to come out and show themselves, "at their own risk," and the committee candidates can go with the rest, if they like.

"I don't think it is up to us to pay any attention to this ticket framed up," said George Snyder at the club meeting last night. "We have nothing to do with it. It is all right if that committee wanted to get together and fix up a ticket—that was their privilege—and any twelve men or any committee can get together and endorse any ticket, but that will cut no figure. The people will probably do their own thinking, and if they like any man on the ticket they will support him, and if not, they will not."

W. W. Wingard went a little farther than Snyder. He said the club should not consider the Committee of Twelve at all, and he intimated that the way it had done its work precluded consideration at the hands of any reputable club.

Refers to "Those Directors." "I think the men on the committee probably wanted to do the best they could, but I have learned a lot of things about it that indicates to me that there was the most outrageous bulldozing, browbeating and scheming done to gain certain ends there, and I think we should have nothing to do with it. The interests that have been working things to get what they wanted in this ticket have certainly been busy, and a paper this evening shows about how things were lined up for a purpose," continued Wingard, referring to the Times' exposition of the part played in the nomination of Balkwill by the Little Falls Fire Clay company.

"Joshua Peirce Convention." B. A. Crowl reported the action of the Central League in laying the ticket of the Committee of Twelve on the table and refusing to give it any consideration. He also referred to the action of the "Joshua Peirce convention," as he

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PEOPLE COMMEND FREELAND FOR INDEPENDENT ACTION

Letters, telephone messages and personal calls have been swamping City Treasurer Ray Freeland since Saturday evening when he announced in the Times that he desired to be an independent candidate for councilman, not tied to the committee of twelve slate or embarrassed by any combine.

The move of Mr. Freeland seems to have been popular with the people. It is an indication of the growing respect in the public mind for the man who is not in ring politics. While not giving offense to anyone and making it plain that he desired the support of all who desire good government, Freeland expressed a desire to run independently and alone, standing by himself outside of all combinations and committees.

This is a hopeful sign. If the new charter shall accomplish the purpose of abolishing rings and cliques and letting every citizen stand alone on his merits in coming campaigns for office in Tacoma it will be a consummation fraught with tremendous possibilities for good.

One of the reasons for bad government in the past has been not so much that bad men got in but that they were dominated by some ring or clique or boss that had to be consulted and satisfied before the people's rights were considered.

Freeland deserves the commendation he is getting, and whether or not he is elected he has done a good thing by bringing to the attention of the voters in a clear and positive manner the great opportunity under the present charter of compelling men to stand alone and go into office unhampered by obligations to the interests that have made good government impossible in the past.

Trying to Block Power Plant

With the city ready to receive bids next Monday on the first work for the big Nisqually power plant, the Stone-Webster power trust is getting desperate.

For several weeks there has been a studied attempt made to discredit the city's efforts to build a great power plant that will control the local situation and be in position to fix the price of power.

Certain newspapers that could be called upon to do its bidding have been insidiously casting suspicion on the city's securities. Questions have been raised about the ability of the city to make good by certain financiers here who stand by the special interests, and everything has been done to discourage the city and head off the power plant.

This week a final effort is being made, and the power trust is coming out in the open.

Agents of the company are busy. Manager Ramsdell was over Saturday looking for city councilmen to sound them on the proposition of holding off. The trust is launching great stories about tremendous development at Lake Tapps and Snoqualmie falls. The conspiracy is boldly being planned to head off any bidders for the city's work next week and then to spring into the breach with a new proposition to tie up the city to a long-time contract for juice to the power trust.

Councilmen have been approached by agents of the company this week to see how they felt about waiting for the city plant and entering a ten-year contract with the trust. This would mean that the trust would control the price for commercial power for the next ten years and the encouragement to manufacturing interests here would not come.

It is the most critical period this week in the history of the fight of this city against the power trust. The corporation interests need watching now.

FIVE CASES OF SMALLPOX ON CRUISER

PORT TOWNSEND, Feb. 15.—The cruiser Washington will reach Diamond Point quarantine station tonight with five cases of small-pox in the crew. Assistant Surgeon Carter, in charge of this quarantine district, received a wireless message from the Washington last night saying she was steaming full speed ahead. Dr. Carter is at the quarantine station this morning arranging for the landing and isolation of the men. The Washington is on her way from Honolulu to the Bremerton drydock.

WOMAN GIVES NEW CLUE

PORTLAND WOMAN THINKS SKELETON THAT OF HER SISTER WHO WAS KIDNAPED FROM HOP FIELD.

(By United Press Leased Wire.) PORTLAND, Ore., Feb. 15.—Mrs. William Smith, of 829 Vaughn avenue, this city, thinks that the skeleton recently found on Mount Tamalpais, Cal., is that of her sister, Mary Grimes, a Portland girl, who was kidnaped from a hop yard at Brooks, Ore., three years ago. Mrs. Smith bases her conviction upon the press accounts relative to the stature of the skeleton, the hair and the effects found beside it. She will probably leave for San Rafael today to make a possible identification of the bleached bones found on the mountain side now resting in the San Rafael morgue.

Mary Grimes, at the time of the kidnaping, little over three years ago, was 16 years of age. Her disappearance was noted shortly after she had been engaged by Fred Shores, a middle aged man, to pick hops in a hop yard rented by him near Brooks, Ore. Later a warrant was sworn out charging Shores with kidnaping and it was subsequently learned that the girl had gone to California. Shores was never arrested, nor has his whereabouts been known since.

At the time of her disappearance Mary Grimes possessed a mass of brown hair, similar to that found beside the skeleton, and she was an exceptionally well built girl. The watch, bracelet and shoes described tally with those worn by her when she disappeared.

200 DROWN

(By United Press Leased Wire.) ST. PETERSBURG, Feb. 15.—The Russ today prints a dispatch from Teheran, Persia, saying that more than two hundred passengers and the members of the crews of two unnamed steamers had been drowned when the vessels foundered in a storm on the Persian gulf. The dispatch stated that a merchant steamer also went down. The vessels were bound from Bushire to Bandarrig.

BANK CLEARINGS Clearings \$1,124,112.61 Balances 86,031.25 COLD Fair tonight and Wednesday. Continued cold.

TEDDY STARTS DOWN THE NILE

WILL REACH FAMOUS RIVER TOMORROW AND START JOURNEY IN STEAM LAUNCH (By Staff Correspondent of the United Press.)

GONDOKO, Soudan, Feb. 15.—The advance guard of the Roosevelt party is here today and the rest of the expedition will arrive tomorrow. All the members are in excellent condition and after a two days' rest will journey down the Nile to Khartoum.

UNDER THE NEW CHARTER

A SERIES OF LITTLE STORIES EXPLAINING THE CITY'S NEW CHARTER, WHICH GOES INTO EFFECT NEXT APRIL. The commissioner of public safety will be a mighty man under the new charter. He will have supervision over the police department, fire department, license inspector, free employment bureau and building inspector. A new feature of the police department will be an officer who shall devote his attention to public morals. If the right kind of a man is put in this place he will be able to make a lot of music in some quarters. The employment bureau is also broadened out. The superintendent will have jurisdiction over all employment offices in town to supervise them.