

SPECIAL INTEREST ORGANS IN A SAD PLIGHT

"Whom the gods would destroy they first make mad."

And it looks as if the organs of vice and special interest gangs that control them are a little warm under the collar, does it not?

Of course anybody with an insane desire to be political dictator of the city, county and even state, when he sees control of things slipping further from him, is apt to become excited when he sees the graft of old days gone forever; likely to grow frantic and fussy and get himself into a condition ready for that destruction alluded to in the old maxim.

The double-column, large-type fulmination against the Times by the evening organ last night was the hopeless spasm of a defeated ambition.

The discerning public is onto the game.

But the screed was so rampant as to border on

insanity.

"Did anybody ever hear of the Times getting behind any optimistic, positive and constructive policy in favor of Tacoma?" shouts the paper at the height of frenzy.

Somewhat Amusing.

Coming, too, just on the heels of the battle in which the Times helped the people whip the everlasting daylight out of these organs and the Royal Arch; coming, too, just after the Times "got behind" and pushed for constructive enterprise of a municipal dock while the subsidized organs and their clique of special interests were lying and trying to defeat the proposition; coming, too, after the Times has fought for years with the people against the opposition press for "constructive and optimistic" proposition of a power plant, a gravity water system and

other similar propositions.

Sounds like a bunco artist caught in his game and exposed. This railing and swearing and pawing the earth without rhyme or reason on the part of the organ is largely because the Times has exposed the game by which they sought to bounce Mayor Fawcett, save Roys, put big interests in control of the commission; have a nice time with the town and possibly arrive at the old days when the vice preserves paid tribute not only to the city but to political dictators outside as well.

The "serious" charge against the Times is that it is trying to "array class against class."

Guilty.

The Times wants a division of the sheep from the goats. The 95 per cent of patriotic, lawabiding, working, producing citizens against the five per cent

of smoothbore special interest exploiters who farm labor for profit, who use politics for graft, who want to bind the masses hand and foot and live on the neck of productive enterprise in idleness and profligacy.

The reason the people have been buncoed in the past is that the 95 per cent class has been betrayed by the five per cent class, owning and controlling the special interests and politics.

But the people are coming into their own. The 95 per cent are going to control. They are cutting loose from the 5 per cent class of exploiters.

And that is what is hurting the subsidized organs.

They see the handwriting on the wall. This spasm is a wail of despair. 'Tis for the public to laugh.

ONE GENT If You Have a Kick-- Tell it to the Times. The Times stands for the people's rights, and isn't afraid to fight for them.

The Tacoma Times

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LABOR UNIONS; NOT SEYMOUR

That smooth political game by which it was expected to split the union labor vote seems to be petering out.

When the special interests were casting about with the Royal Arch searching for somebody to "skin Fawcett" they framed a plan to have union labor "bring out" Seymour. Seymour was being "brought out" anyway, but some of the labor leaders were made to think they were doing it. The rank and file from the first did not take well to the idea.

When the leaders discovered that Seymour was the special interest candidate, that he was vouchered for by the subsidized organs whose building was erected by non-union labor on a ten-hour day basis, the trap was seen and they began to pull out. The fears of labor union rank and file were found justified.

But the schemers do not quit with one defeat. Union labor has deserted Seymour bodily but the game is still to divide the labor vote. When Fawcett went down the line for the municipal dock it was labor that stood by and put it through. When he advanced the anti-treat ordinance it was labor that rallied like a man and carried the day. When Fawcett stood for the people against the street car company it was labor that he was benefiting and it was labor that stood behind him.

Driven Desperate.

The special interest crowd know that only by dividing and splitting up the working vote can Fawcett be beaten and the special interests given a chance to win.

Of course if they cannot split it with Seymour they will try to split it with Barth. They do not care how it is split, so it splits. With the works broken up then the Royal Arch and the special interests will stand a chance to get back into the political saddle.

Union labor has been bumped so often by this game that it has become riled.

The special interests have no use for Fawcett nor for Barth. Now that union labor has officially refused to endorse Seymour the only thing left for the Seymour crowd is to try to divide the labor vote between Barth and Fawcett.

As Fawcett is the dangerous man to Seymour the natural thing for Seymour schemers is to try to make a stampede of Fawcett's natural and to divide the labor vote.

It would be interesting to sit and watch the shrewd schemes and manipulations of the crooked political game right now if it were not so serious.

Tacomaans know what it means to have the special interests in control of the municipality.

And there are indications that they are not going to be fooled.

CONDUCTOR IS ARRESTED FOR OVERLOADING

C. J. Hapwood, a street car conductor, is on trial in police court today charged with overcrowding a car running from Fern Hill at 7:30 Wednesday morning. He was arrested by Detectives Brady and Milone yesterday afternoon on a warrant sworn to by R. C. Nisonger, and released on \$50 bail.

Minneapolis Will Make 'Em Keep Kitchens Clean

(By United Press Leased Wire.)

MINNEAPOLIS, March 31.—After tomorrow the patrons of Minneapolis hotels, restaurants and boarding houses may be reasonably certain that sanitary conditions prevail in kitchens. A new ordinance providing for a rigid inspection of places where food is offered to the public becomes effective on April 1 and the city health authorities are preparing to enforce it to the letter.

WOULD SEND HAREM WEARERS TO JAIL

TRIDENT, N. J., March 31.—Any woman found wearing a harem skirt shall be adjudged guilty of a high misdemeanor and sentenced to imprisonment for no less term than her natural life.

This is the gist of a bill pending in the state legislature today and which will likely pass.

While assemblyman Donnelly, author of the measure, was introducing the bill, women in the gallery hissed and several wearing "near harems" beat a hasty retreat.

CANNON'S REASON.

(United Press Leased Wire.)

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 31.—On the ground that he believed that a man should step down after having served four terms as speaker of the house of representatives, Joseph G. Cannon of Illinois today announced that he would not be a candidate for that position again. He stated, however, that he would support the nominee of the republican caucus. It was believed that Congressman Mann of Illinois would be the republican candidate.

SHOULD POSTOFFICE BE CLOSED SUNDAY?

Herewith is printed a ballot which you are to mail or bring to the Times office after marking your vote with an X. This ballot will be printed for a week and the Times will announce the result of the vote.

Don't send your ballot to the postmaster. Send it to the Times office.

Closed on Sunday

Open on Sunday

SEYMOUR IN SOUTH END

Mr. Seymour received a pleasant reception in Odd Fellows' hall last night. He addressed the audience much along the lines followed at other meetings. He refused, however, to submit to questioning. He declared that Mayor Fawcett should not be given all credit for the municipal dock as the Tacoma Times and the believed other papers, had advocated the dock.

E. D. Hodge, president of the Welfare league, who is fighting Mr. Fawcett, became somewhat mixed in his statements and only by fast apology did he escape more open criticism than he received. Mr. Hodge referred to certain municipal bonds as not drawing sufficient interest. His figures were criticized by persons present and Mr. Hodge admitted his mistake.

Mr. Hodge then started to talk of the discharge of Engineer Kelsey and the employment of Hamilton F. Gronen. Mr. Hodge's explanation immediately drew Mr. Gronen to his feet with the result that Hodge because of inaccuracy, made continued apologies. The meeting shortly after adjourned.

GIVES UP WEALTH TO WED MOTORMAN

(By United Press Leased Wire.)

LOS ANGELES, March 31.—Choosing a motorman for a husband and love rather than riches, Mrs. John T. Hugo, 16, formerly Miss Hazel Parker, daughter of a wealthy resident of this city, says today that she is happy. They were secretly married last week and when they announced the fact there was a scene. Parker made her husband choose between her husband and her inheritance. She chose the husband.

AS IT IS



FAWCETT CRITICISM

As has been pointed out since opening of the present mayoralty campaign the Tacoma Times in the past criticized certain actions of Mr. Fawcett.

It may in the future criticize him again, provided that should be retained in office occasion arises meriting such criticism. But the present recall situation centers about what Mr. Fawcett has done during his present term. Despite criticism of him before the last election Mr. Fawcett was chosen by the people of Tacoma as their mayor. The question now arises, "Has he been true to public trust?"

Not a man or woman in Tacoma but realizes that the recall is intended for public use against officials who have been untrue to the people.

WOMEN TAKE EXCEPTION

At a regular meeting of the Fern Hill Improvement club held Thursday evening a committee was appointed to draft and publish the following resolution:

"Whereas a delegation of women sent out by the Seymour political organization waited on the women of Fern Hill at their homes on Tuesday with the intention of instructing them how to vote; be it,

"Resolved, by the club, that it considers their action an insult to the women of Fern Hill, and that the club wishes to inform the said women that the Fern Hill women as a whole are an intelligent class of women, capable of forming their own opinions and do not need the instruction of the Second and Third ward in casting their votes.

COMMITTEE."

Some Think Harem Skirt Allright and Then Again Some Others Don't

From the east comes the word that school girls of New York have threatened to take up the harem skirt—or trouserettes.

What if our high school girls here in Tacoma should step out in such an attire?

Men prominent in local educational work expressed themselves like this when questioned by a Times reporter this morning:

Principal Knouff of Tacoma High school: Ha, ha, ha! Do you really think we have come to that? My! My! Well, I guess I can trust the dress question to my girls and their mothers. I never have had to interfere in that matter, and I do not think that I ever shall.

Dr. Zellar of Puget Sound university: (Gasping) This is a very important subject, and I do not wish to be misquoted, so I guess I won't say anything. I have only seen the garb in pictures and it looked monstrous. But it will be time enough to give my opinion if the girls take it up.

Prof. Hunt, vice president of Tacoma High school: Why not? What's the matter with 'em? People act in dress just like they do in politics; some are radical and some are conservative. The radicals want to pick up with every fashion that comes along, and if the conservatives had their way we would still be wearing the garb of our ancestors. Between both classes we manage to strike a medium. This skirt looks all right



GETS NEW TRIAL

(By United Press Leased Wire.)

VICTORIA, B. C., March 31.—Gunner Allen, who was to be hanged March 4th but was granted a reprieve until April 4, for the murder of Captain Ellison at Works Harbors last August, has been granted a new trial by the supreme court of Canada.

BLAAUW WILL PROSECUTE C.T. BLOM

The story published in a Tacoma evening paper some time ago seeking to connect Dirk Blaauw, Norwegian consul, with the death of Captain Trovold Blom, had one result yesterday, and is liable to have another in the next few days.

Carl T. Blom was arrested in Ellensburg late last night, charged with furnishing libelous information and it is said that Mr. Blaauw will bring a heavy damage suit against the publisher of the paper which printed the story. He intimated this course today, saying: "One thing at a time."

The alleged libelous article dealt with a dying statement Blom claimed that his brother had made, implicating Blaauw, but as Blom denied knowledge of any information at the coroner's inquest, Prosecuting Attorney McMurray says he will be confronted with a perjury charge, if he still sticks to the dying statement yarn. Practically to deny perjury is to admit libel, and vice versa, according to the prosecuting attorney.

Cyclone Wipes Up Whole Town

(By United Press Leased Wire.)

MOBILE, Ala., March 31.—Six persons are dead and 40 seriously injured today as the result of a cyclone which destroyed Gainesville, Monroe county, last night.

More than 100 farm houses were entirely demolished and trees and crops throughout the entire district about the town were leveled to the earth.

Three Men Are Freed

Dick Cole, Eugene Cole and Mike Kelley, whom the coroner's jury charged with responsibility for the death of Mrs. Mary Holland during a debate in Cole's drug store, have been released by order of the prosecuting attorney, who holds there is no evidence to warrant prosecution.

GRAFT PROBE SHOWS ITEM OF \$500 FOR ICE CREAM

(By United Press Leased Wire.)

VALLEJO, Cal., March 31.—The charges which brought the naval investigation board about the arrest of Yeoman Heilgelving into the affairs of Paymaster Arthur M. Pippins of Mare Island, were astounded today at order of the prosecuting attorney, who complained that about two-thirds of the clothing due cream and cake. It is said that at least two court-martials will result from the disclosure.

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THIS IS WHY THE "MORAL CRUSADE" WAS RAISED AGAINST MR. FAWCETT

The Why of It?

From a good natured standpoint mightn't it be possible that the flurry which has arisen may have been caused largely from the fact that about 2,500 or more people have become readers of the Times since the new year opened? Generally when one paper opens "war" on another a very selfish reason enters into the belligerency. If so many people decided to read the Times within three months it may be that SOMEBODY else lost a good portion of these readers, or it may be that the people of Tacoma thought that it would be well to read the Times along with other papers. The amusing features characteristic of those who endeavor to open a newspaper "war" often lie beneath the surface.

Effort Is Strong to Hide the Fact That Safety Commissioner Is Responsible.

There are two purposes back of this heating of tom-toms by the special interest and their organs over "moral conditions in Tacoma" in the majority campaign—to eliminate Fawcett and protect Roys. To protect Roys is the real motive.

Suggestion to the women's meeting Tuesday, by Rev. W. A. Moore that they should not forget that this whole moral agitation sprang from a statement of Commissioner Roys to a committee which demanded moral reform, that he would not enforce the law, put the Roys supporters in a bad hole.

Since then efforts to saddle the moral situation on Fawcett has been redoubled.

The vice syndicate and special interests want Roys back. They don't want Fawcett. But a moral awakening has been caused by Roys' pandering to vice and immorality and the special interests, their subsidized organs and the Royal Arch have combined in a great crusade for "morality" and are industriously hammering Fawcett for the sins of Roys.

This if it would be a double victory. But it is necessary to save Roys. If the demand of the good people of Tacoma for better moral conditions can be directed against Fawcett the friends of Roys figure that while the public may be hammering Fawcett they will not be hammering Roys. And furthermore the absolute antagonism between Fawcett and Roys is such that if Fawcett is ousted and discredited the effect will be a practical vindication of Roys. And who could endeavor to justifiably vindicate Roys?

It is a shrewd game the political crooks and mountebanks are working.

The Smooth Game.

No vice syndicate could ever come out boldly before the people and say "we are for vice, immorality and indecency; elect us to office." No, they creep under the cloak of some genteel citizen and by false pretense deceive the voter.

No victory for vice and indecency was ever won by a straight, open fight for it.

So now when the public finds the Royal Arch and the organs that always stood with Pete Sandberg and vice, and shared in the profits of vice in bygone days howling about "morals" and trying to saddle something on Mayor Fawcett that belongs to Roys, they are apt to look below the surface and ask "WHAT IS UP?"

Of course broadly the whole commission is responsible for moral conditions in Tacoma. But the commission has only one way to get results and that is through the COMMISSIONER OF PUBLIC SAFETY. And anyone who knows anything about the present official knows that he at the start gave notice he would RUN THE DEPARTMENT AND HE DID NOT WANT ANY INTERFERENCE.

But Mayor Fawcett did try to remove him. He asked the other commissioners to vote Roys out but never could get them all to agree. It takes a full vote of the other commissioners to oust Roys and the mayor could not secure more than three votes, including his own.

The same people who are howling the loudest now against Fawcett on the moral issue are some of them who went to the city hall and demanded that the law be enforced.

Where did they go, to Fawcett? No, they did not. They recognized that the responsible man was Roys. They went to him. They demanded that he enforce the law.

And he told them he would not do it. He said he would maintain the restricted district "with the help of God."

But now that Roys is in danger and the fate of the whole vice system and the special interest representative as well is in the balance, a great campaign is being made and a dust kicked up in an endeavor to befog the people and make them believe the mayor is responsible.

As a matter of fact the mayor, Fawcett, Lawson and Woods are all in a way responsible for all conditions but the commission plan of government was adopted and responsibility put on individual men for specific things for the very purpose of getting at them.

This attempt to make it appear that the mayor is the responsible head of the police department is going against the whole theory of the commission plan and is

Inquest Over Carlson's Body

The inquest over the remains of August Carlson, who was run down by George Youell's big automobile on Dock street early this week was begun at Lynn's undertaking parlors this afternoon.

Carlson was a native of Sweden, 68 years of age, and had lived in Tacoma for a number of years. He leaves a widow, two daughters and a son.

Fine Position For Creel

(By United Press Leased Wire.)

MEXICO CITY, March 31.—Probably that Enrique Creel, who resigned recently from President Diaz' cabinet is definitely out of politics, is indicated here today in the announcement that Creel has been elected managing director of the Central Bank of Mexico, an institution with resources exceeding \$15,000,000. Creel will assume his new duties immediately.

FACULTY TRYING TO LOCATE CULPRITS

(By United Press Leased Wire.)

PULLMAN, Wash., March 31.—A committee of the Chamber of Commerce has met with the faculty discipline committee of the Washington State college and offered the co-operation of the chamber in practically the same punishment of the boys who raided the girls' dormitory on Monday night and rolled several cots from their beds at an early hour.

This committee was met by the faculty committee and was assured that the faculty is making every effort to run down the culprits and that they will be summarily expelled if caught.

COX RE-INDICTED

(By United Press Leased Wire.)

CINCINNATI, Ohio, March 31.—George B. Cox, boss of Cincinnati, was re-indicted here today on a charge of perjury which was based on practically the same grounds as his recent indictment.

Prosecutor Hunt filed affidavits with the indictment asking for a change of venue.

HEROLD'S HELPERS ARE RELEASED

(By United Press Leased Wire.)

Sydney V. Marks and James H. Herold, witnesses against H. G. Herold in the Herold kidnap case, have been released from the county jail.