**A VOTE CAST FOR ANY CANDIDATE BUT MAYOR FAWCETT WILL DELIGHT THE INTERESTS WHICH HAVE FOUGHT THE PEOPLE OF TACOMA FOR YEARS. A SPLIT VOTE IS WHAT THE SEYMOUR FORCES DESIRE. IT WILL HELP SEYMOUR**

Mayor Fawcett in the past has been criticised by the Times. He has been a people's mayor during his term of office and is being supported by the Times. These facts go to show that despite previous criticism rendered by it, a newspaper will, if honest enough, stand up for a man following his election by the people, providing he has made good. If he has made good there is no reason for his recall.


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Mr. Seymour in a public address Thursday night declared that he did not believe Mr. Fawcett should be given too much credit for building of the Municipal dock because the Tacoma Times had also been a strong advocate of the dock before Mr. Fawcett took action. The Times received approval from the public, but as far as that is concerned a newspaper cannot actually build the dock. Mr. Seymour would take credit from Mr. Fawcett.

# SEYMOUR BLOCKED POWER PLANT BONDS

## AN INSTANCE WHERE USE OF RECALL WOULD BE DEADLY

The campaign is almost over.

It has been more than two months now since the Royal Arch started the recall for Mayor Fawcett and not yet has there been one good reason put before the people why the mayor should be thrown out of office.

The campaign being waged against him is being waged for the sins of Roys in the present commission and for alleged offenses committed by Fawcett years ago.

The absolute dishonesty of the recall campaign is shown by the nature of the charges being hurled against Fawcett.

The recall was put in the charter by the people for honest purposes, not to give dishonest factions a chance to make trouble for faithful officials.

The recall was not put in the charter to give some disgruntled faction a chance to make trouble, but solely to compel officials to ring true in their official life.

**WHAT HAS HE DONE?**

It is not honest, it is not decent, it is not patriotic, and if such action is allowed to have weight then it will be more difficult than ever to get square men to run for office.

What has Fawcett done in office?

He fought the street car company to a standstill, got five-cent fare, transfers on the Traction line, a new street up the hill in Cliff avenue, secured an ordinance enabling the people to enforce more cars.

Have the people any kick on that? Do they want to recall him for that? Of course the special interests do, but how about the people?

Then he gave the city the municipal dock.

Of course other people have talked dock. The Times really started the dock advocation that blossomed into action and scores of citizens have delivered orations on docks for years, but Fawcett acted. It remained for A. V. Fawcett to formulate a plan, to lay out the scheme, and to carry it through and make it go.

He experienced a bitter struggle over it, too. Roys in the council and the waterfront monopoly and the subsidized organs outside made a terrific campaign, but the people have the dock.

Now, do they wish to recall Fawcett for that? He put in the anti-treating ordinance. Again he had to fight Roys inside and the same old gang outside the council. And in addition he had to fight the saloon power represented by the Royal Arch. Did he quit when they threatened him? Not a bit.

Mayor Fawcett is the first mayor in the history of the city who has had the courage to come out openly and fight the Royal Arch power. Now do the people want to recall him for that?

**THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS**

The people said they wanted economy and the mayor cut the expenses in his department below what they were before and saved thousands of dollars. When the commercial bodies sent a committee asking for a reduction in the tax levy he took the lead in handling the knife and cut the figures away below what the department heads asked.

Isn't that what the people wanted? Are they going to recall him for trying to save them money?

They say he was slow in appointing the civil service board. That is true. What was the reason? Why, in reading the charter he saw the people had been buncoed. A bogus civil service had been palmed off on them. He said he was for a real civil service, but not for that, and he hesitated with the rest of them to saddle expense on the city for a board that could do no good, and that never could protect a single man in his position.

When the people demanded that the board be appointed he did vote to appoint it, but has anybody heard of a single man it has kept in his job since it started? The civil service should be amended. The Times has always fought for it, and is for it now, but it wants a civil service that will protect efficient men in their jobs. That is the object of civil service and that object is not secured in the present farce.

**UNJUST CHARGES**

And Fawcett is charged with the "open town."

The men making the charge know they are unjust. The commission plan placed the police regulation of the city on the commissioner of public safety, not the mayor. It was done for the very purpose of getting at it easily to compel action. The men charging Fawcett with this offense themselves went to Roys and demanded that he remedy matters. They recognized that Roys was the man to blame.

The fact is, this whole recall of the mayor was conceived by the Royal Arch, born of a disgruntled spirit on the part of the special interests, nurtured by the mud of the subsidized organs and the triumvirate of greed, corruption and injustice is now trying to foist the thing on the people.

Next Thursday Tacoma will entertain the great ex-president who made his career prominent as the head of the nation by demanding a "square deal."

Tacoma is going to go out and honor this man. It is not reasonable to presume that citizens are going to go to the polls two days before he comes and repudiate every principle of a square deal by recalling a mayor who has done nothing of moment but what has been for the benefit of the people?

Fawcett has made minor mistakes, naturally. But who is there to accept the mayoralty and stand the tugging and pulling of varied interests who will not err in judgment sometimes.

But in the BIG things that mean somthing to the people, haven't the citizens felt secure that they would be protected?

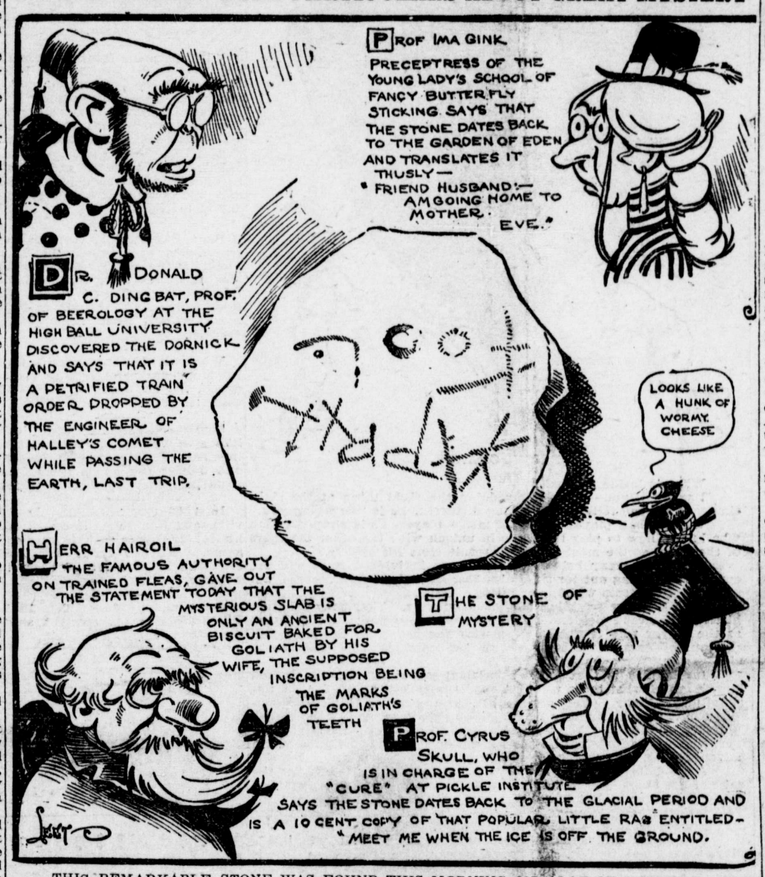
**PUBLIC SECURE**

They did not have to be running to the city hall all this last year to see that the mayor did not sell them out to some public service corporation. They have not been down there to prevent him "leasing the city's public service utilities to a private corporation." They have known that Fawcett stood for the people against the special interests.

The issue even in this campaign is not the qualifications of Mr. Seymour. Were he the personification of wisdom, justice, loyalty and honesty—which he isn't, the recall could not justifiably have been used to elect him against Mr. Fawcett if the latter has been faithful to the people. The public chose Fawcett, and will stand by him if he has stood by the public.

**Throw out Fawcett after he has stood for the people against the corporate interests, and tendency on the part of future public officials will be to pander to these very interests. Men are human, and self-preservation is the first law of nature. If public officials see that the people will not back them up when they work for the people they are going to serve the SPECIAL INTERESTS, FOR THE LATTER ALWAYS DO PROTECT THEIR KIND.**

## SPECIAL EXTRA!! FULL PARTICULARS ABOUT GREAT MYSTERY




THIS REMARKABLE STONE WAS FOUND THIS MORNING ON A LOT ON C STREET. ALL THE SCIENTISTS OF TACOMA HAVE EXAMINED IT FROM EVERY ANGLE, SIDEWISE, UPSIDE DOWN AND ALL AROUND, AND THEY HAVE GIVEN THEIR IDEAS OF THE MYSTERY. WHAT DO YOU THINK OF IT?

## PENITENTIARY TERM FOR HILLMAN

(By United Press Leased Wire.)

SEATTLE, April 1.—C. D. Hillman, millionaire real estate and builder of boom towns, was sentenced to two years and six months in the federal penitentiary and to pay a fine of $5,200 by United States District Judge Donworth today.

Donworth refused this morning to grant a new trial to the real estate man convicted of using the mails to defraud. Then he refused the stay of sentence asked for. After that he pronounced sentence. He scored the prisoner severely as he sentenced him.

Judge Donworth sentenced Hillman to two years and six months on each of the thirteen counts on which he was found guilty. However he provided that he might serve all the sentences at the same time so that the real estate man need serve only two years and a half altogether.

## INDICTED BOSS DISAPPEARS

(By United Press Leased Wire.)

CINCINNATI, O., April 1.—George B. Cox, "boss" of Cincinnati, reindicted yesterday afternoon for perjury, has disappeared and efforts to find him have failed. Cox disappeared from his office soon after the indictment had been returned. Detective Ryan was given the papers to serve on him but has not been able to locate him. Cox's lawyers have refused to say where he is. Their secrecy is believed to indicate they are planning another coup.

## Brother of Girl Trails Man Who Lured Her Away

(By United Press Leased Wire.)

WALLA WALLA, April 1. — Ross Morrison and Jack O'Keefe were grabbed by officials here yesterday on advice from Jasper Hobbs of Salt Lake who has tracked Morrison for three weeks to land him for luring away his sister, Irene Hobbs. The girl with Flo Chandler, who was infatuated with O'Keefe, were both arrested at Baker City.

## MINE MERGER

(By United Press Leased Wire.)

WEAVERVILLE, Cal., April 1. —Negotiations were completed here today for the merger with the Guggenheim interests of mine properties valued at over $25,000,000

**MRS. HENRY TO KEEP ON FIGHTING**

(By United Press Leased Wire.)

SEATTLE, April 1.—The attorney for Iva May Henry will contest further in the divorce action settled by the court this week and will make an attempt to get a modification of the decree so she can get the children.

**WEATHER FORECAST.**

Fair tonight and Sunday. Light westerly winds.

**NEWS ITEMS FROM THE HICKTOWN BEE**

Bert Burns and Will Bittercat have bought their yellow shoes for the season. You can't keep your eyes offen 'em.

Miss Ivy Lee has got herself a nice new ring. It looks like the band offen a General Lee cigar.

There is a fine display of sponges in the Yeller Front drug store window today. We also have a similar exhibition on our subscription books.

Eben Tupper is thinking some of shaving off his whiskers this spring, but he is so sot agin wearing a necktie he may change his mind.

Humble beginnings make swell endings. Lafe Watertower says, but every man who starts life peddling popcorn don't end up as a railroad president. We have only 66 roads in the U. S.

## Brother On Wall Street Aided In Deal

**Stone-Webster Trust Not Only Factor in Effort to Smash Sale of Nisqually Bonds.**

W. W. Seymour, candidate for mayor against Mr. Fawcett, publicly announced that he was in favor of private handling of public utilities. His campaign managers regret sincerely that Mr. Seymour ever made the statement, just as they regretted that he ever told of the circumstances regarding his sale of the gas plant.

It now develops that Mr. Seymour endeavored to block sale of the power plant bonds. And yet Mr. Seymour says he would make a good mayor for a municipal ownership city. Mr. Seymour's brother is a bond broker on Wall street, New York City.

W. W. Seymour wrote to New York to block sale of the power plant bonds.

Business men have been aroused over admission of Seymour, candidate for mayor against Fawcett, that he would favor leasing out the public utilities owned by the city, excepting water plant, for private companies to make a profit on.

W. W. Seymour wrote to New York when negotiations were on for the power plant bonds and advised against their purchase, thereby blocking the sale and giving a black eye to the whole power plant proposition.

The public knows that those power plant bonds are as good as gold

Tacomans realize that the most desperate fight ever known in this city has been waged from the very inception of the project by the Stone - Webster power trust against every step toward the city's getting this plant. They know too that these efforts of the power trust have been backed by surreptitious efforts on the part of certain local corporation friends, the subsidized press and financiers who had axes to grind.

**Seymour's Finger.**

**AND W. W. SEYMOUR IS ONE OF THE FINANCIERS WHO HAD A FINGER IN THE PIE.**

When Wright and Sweeney took the contract for the tunnel for the power plant, the city thought that everything was well. But the fine hand of Stone-Webster influence was at work. Whenever Wright & Sweeney got ready to close a deal for the bonds Stone-Webster blocked the deal.

Wright & Sweeney were not able to carry $656,000 of bonds themselves and the time came when they were up against defeat. They simply could not go on.

Then Savage & Nichols organized the Nisqually Contracting company in Bonnell, Cornell Brothers and other prominent local contractors and took the contract off the hands of Wright & Sweeney at the request of the latter.

They did it because they knew that the price was ample for a good profit and because they are all heavily interested in Tacoma and know that Tacoma must complete that plant or simply be up against the worst grab by the power trust ever perpetrated on any city.

These men were able to carry the load for a time but they could not shoulder the burden of those bonds themselves. They had to sell them. And they went into the market to do it. The big bond buyers for this kind of securities in this country are Spencer Trask & Co., New York. Mr. Seymour has had some dealings with them but their general Northwestern agent is Mr. Shore of Portland. The latter took up the negotiations. He was progressing as fast as a deal of this character generally goes when Seymour entered. If those bonds were to be sold he wanted a hand in it. But Shore kept on.

**Stone-Webster Ally.**

And then Seymour wrote to his brother in New York criticising the bonds as securities and the "knock" went to Spencer Trask & Co. and the deal was all off.

The Stone-Webster power trust had a new ally in defeating the power plant in W. W. Seymour of Tacoma.

Mr. Savage charged Seymour with writing the letter and he finally admitted he had written his brother in New York, who is a broker there. Seymour said the engineering on the plant was bad, and that was the fault he found with the securities.

Mr. Savage asked him if he had not approved the Green River gravity water bonds and he said he had. He asked him if he did not think the engineering on the power plant was better than the engineering on the Green river plant and he admitted it was.

Yet he had written to New York to protest sale of the power plant bonds, the ultimate result of which must be that the power plant project would fail if the securities could not be marketed.

Of course Mr. Seymour had a "right" to write that letter and "knock" the power plant bonds if he wanted to. He is in the bond jobbing business and he was trying to make a few dollars for himself, but, what about the interests of the 100,000 people who live in Tacoma and who will be at the mercy of the power trust if this plant fails to be built?

**Bond Sale Blocked.**

Mr. Seymour admitted he had written that letter to New York in the presence of three witnesses. It had its effect and the bonds were not sold.

Not for weeks afterward when Mr. Savage finally went to New York himself to straighten things out and correct the false impression left by Seymour did a situation develop that made it possible to sell these bonds. A Philadelphia firm finally took them then.

But the failure to market these bonds to Spencer Trask & Co. at the time was a black eye to the plant. No one knows how much it cost the city, for when the final and big contract was let there was but one bidder and he put his figures up to the estimate. He was not going to take chances on a low bid with the bond buyers prejudiced against the securities by the assistance of W. W. Seymour, the leading bond broker in Tacoma, the home of the plant.

**And yet W. W. Seymour asks support of the friends of municipal ownership in Tacoma, backed as he is by the special interests and having attempted with his own hand to defeat the sale of the power plant bonds which meant defeat to the whole plant!**

## YOUELL EXONERATED

George Youell, president of the Pacific Fruit & Produce company, was exonerated from all blame in connection with the death of August Carlson, the aged man whom he ran over with his new automobile last Monday. The inquest was held at Lynn's undertaking parlors yesterday afternoon. The funeral of Mr. Carlson was held this afternoon from the chapel.

## SHOULD POSTOFFICE BE CLOSED SUNDAY?

The Times ballots are coming in fast and indications are that the people are overwhelmingly in favor of giving the postmen a rest on Sunday. Postmaster Stocking wanted to find out what the sentiment of the people was on this subject so the Times offered to print the ballots in order that the people could express themselves in that way.

That the postmen work hard enough during the week and deserve a thorough rest once a week seems to be the general sentiment. The ballot is printed again today and will appear for a week. Mark your ballot with an X and send it to the Times. They can be pasted on the back of a post card.

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## Think Postmen Should Rest

At a meeting of Tacoma Aerie No. 3, F. O. E., attended by over 500 members last night, the question of closing the post office on Sundays was discussed. By a unanimous vote of all present it was decided to write to Postmaster Stocking urging the adoption of the suggestion of the department that post offices be closed on Sundays. The members feel that the employes of Uncle Sam are entitled to their day of rest and recreation.

## Can You Figure This Puzzle?

If one Seymour meeting results in three mix ups how many misstatements have been made in the entire Seymour campaign?

Mr. Seymour Thursday night at Odd Fellows' hall in South Tacoma admitted that a letter he was reading from a charter builder asserting that no statement had been issued by the commission was not true. Orator Hodge was forced to correct his statement that certain bonds were now drawing sufficient interest. Several people present readily made it known that they were better informed. Mr. Hodge concluded the evening with profuse apologies to Hamilton Cronen as a result of becoming mixed on the discharge of Mr. Kelsey.

Many South End people were present and they were given just a touch of what is going on at other Seymour meetings.

## RAILROAD TO RETRENCH

(By United Press Leased Wire.)

NEW YORK, April 1.—The New York, New Haven & Hartford railroad today began policy of retrenchment. Announcement was made that the curtailment was caused by loss of revenue due to the failure of the interstate commerce commission to endorse the road's schedule of advanced freight rates.

## A Poser For Seymour

**Civil service for the goose does not seem to be civil service for the gander.**

**W. W. Seymour wants it for the city, but he repudiated it for the park board.**

**Seymour went to the Oakland addition to hold a meeting last night. He got off his usual denunciation about the city commission which he seems to assume is Mayor Fawcett, and complained bitterly of the slaughter of civil service by the city commission.**

**But right there Seymour struck a snag.**

**There is civil service in the park board as well as the city law.**

**And Seymour has absolutely ignored it in the park board.**

**The audience knew it and began asking pointed questions.**

**"If you are for civil service why did you not enforce it in the park board?" asked a citizen.**

**Seymour grinned a broad, expansive smile. That was a poser. He had not been up against that before. He finally concluded it was not "practical" in the park board.**

**But it is in the park law. It was put there to be enforced.**

**And Seymour ignored it.**

**He discharged Superintendent Hadkinson and refused to even give him a hearing.**

**Hadkinson demanded a hearing and he was refused. The improvement clubs demanded a hearing and that civil service be recognized, and still Seymour refused. He simply ignored civil service. He did it throughout his career on the park board.**

**There were 80 voters in the meeting last night, and when they got through with Seymour there were just about 80 voters for Fawcett.**

**They took no stock in the ranting against Fawcett for tardiness in saddling expense on the city for a farce of a civil service, made by a man who when in office refused to recognize and enforce the law for a real civil service.**

**It did not look good to the people present.**

## WILL RELEASE BLOM ON BAIL

The preliminary hearing of Carl Blom, charged with criminal libel, will not be held for several days, and it is probable that Blom will be released on $2,000 this afternoon.

Blom was brought back from Ellensburg late last night by Detective Brady, and was transferred to the county jail this morning. He claims he asked Blaauw to furnish him $500 but says this was a part of his plan to entrap Blaauw.

## TROUT SEASON IS OPEN

The trout fishing season opened today and hundreds of city men left early for mountain streams in the Cascades and other streams around Tacoma.

Salmon eggs may be used as formerly, the proposed bill prohibiting their use having been amended. As the eggs are the principal bait used by Tacoma fishermen this action of the legislature was happily received. Tomorrow it is expected that the streams near the city will be lined with city men.

## WIFE CONFESSES SHE HELPED PLAN MURDER

(By United Press Leased Wire.)

SAN FRANCISCO, April 1.—Mrs. Blanche Powell today confessed to Captain of Detectives Wall that she is the accomplice of Louis Clark Chisholm in the murder of her husband, John D. Powell.

John W. Powell was found murdered in a tent in Coleman's gulch near Fort Ross early in March. Two bullet wounds in the head was responsible for his death. A revolver was found near the body but an inquest showed that either bullet would have caused death, making it impossible for Powell to have committed suicide.

Miss Venice, a trained nurse, was responsible for Chisholm's arrest. She told the police that Chisholm tried to gain her consent to assist him in collecting an old insurance policy. When she refused to enter into the arrangement she stated that Chisholm replied that he would get "Blanche" to assist him.

Robert Sargent, bartender of the Tourist hotel, was arrested by Detectives Recob and Brown yesterday on a warrant charging violation of the anti-treating law.