

Are you interested in having more playgrounds and parks for your children with swings and tennis courts and grass to play on? It would pay you to look into the park bond issue which will be voted on June 4. More healthy, happy children will be the present generation's best gift to the next, and as the city grows its breathing places and play places grow more limited. The children have a right to play—yes and the grown-ups, too. We should all have a place to get outdoors and maybe listen to the band and eat our lunch on the grass. It'll help Tacoma.

HOME EDITION

Who will get that 25 in prizes for the prettiest and simplest graduation gowns in the Times contest?

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CIVIL SERVICE THREATENED BY NEW COUNCIL

VITAL ISSUE BEHIND CITY HALL BATTLE

Everybody is taking a crack at it.

Tacoma's civil service is getting so full of holes that it can't last much longer, unless the people make a vigorous protest.

Now the civil service board is going into court to test whether two more positions can be taken out of civil service. One is the secretaryship to Commissioner Mills, the other the city storekeeper.

It would probably be more satisfactory to Mills to have the man in his office to be of his own selection. There doesn't seem to be any reason why the storekeeper should be exempted.

But whether this or that particular office should be taken out of civil service is beside the point. The law plainly says that only newly created department heads should be exempted. To call a storekeeper or a private secretary a department head is clearly an evasion of the law.

If the law is defective, it should be changed, then rigidly lived up to.

The Times pointed out when the civil service provisions were first drawn up that it would be a farce. It has proved so.

With some few exceptions the commissioners from the first have been willing to have civil service after they had got the men they wanted appointed outside civil service.

The people generally believe in civil service. The U. S. government has adopted it very generally. Every city in the country is seeking to extend civil service, not restrict it.

Civil service is the people's great guarantee against the "spoils system."

If civil service is abolished, as some members of the commission openly hope, we'll see a new army of city employes with each change of administration. The new men are untrained. The service for a time at least must be less efficient. Competent men will no longer seek the city service as a life work.

If civil service is abolished, it opens the way for any commissioner to build up a great political machine, composed of men whose first loyalty is to him rather than to the people.

To abolish civil service means go back to machine rule from which the people have been striving desperately to free themselves.

The matter of the two offices in dispute is unimportant comparatively. The principle itself is vital to efficient management of city affairs.

Will You Help?

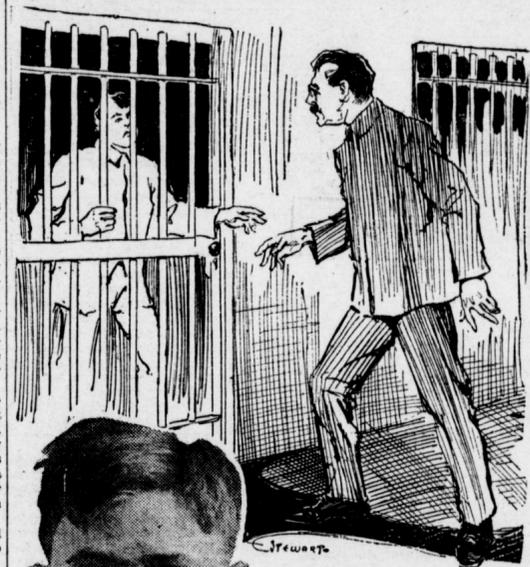
Is there an automobile owner in town who wants to see those old veterans of Gettysburg and Vicksburg walk on Decoration day?

If not, it is up to them to hurry up and offer their machines to haul the boys in blue in the parade. Only 12 machines have thus far been offered to the mayor out of 1,000 in town. It will take 75 machines.

Not Guilty, Not Tried, Yet He Lay In Jail For Months

After having lain in jail for months awaiting trial on a charge of tampering with mails, Carl E.

FATHER LIFE TERMER, SEES SON SENTENCED TO GALLOWS



JOHNNY FRITTS AND THE TRAGIC MEETING OF FATHER AND SON IN THE DEATH HOUSE.

At the end of the second year, old man Fritts' son again asked for freedom. He had been good for two years, but they turned him down. Old man Fritts' son.

There was no use being good, when it didn't bring one anything. He rebelled and was punished. They placed him in a little cage, high enough to stand in, but too narrow to sit in, and made him stand up in it for eight hours at a stretch.

Each punishment made him more defiant, and each defiance of authority brought more punishment. He saw boys paroled who had been sent there for crimes more serious than his. He saw friends appear in their behalf. He was friendly. He was old man Fritts' son.

"They turned me down twice," he said in his death cell. "I had to do something. I couldn't kick. And so I picked up—"

And so he picked up an ax and killed a guard, the symbol of authority.

A death warrant was the diploma of his criminal education received under the auspices of the state of Indiana.

Nobody seemed to care a rap about Nelson Fritts' family after he was sent to the penitentiary. His wife went out to work. Johnny Fritts grew up wild like a weed around the quarries. Nobody cared. He as old man Fritts' son.

The neighbors wouldn't let their children play with him. The teachers at school scolded him. Johnny smoked and chewed and drank. Nobody cared. He was old man Fritts' son.

He robbed a jewelry store for \$5 to get whisky and tobacco. The state took notice. And he was sent to the penitentiary.

Johnny had been in the reformatory one year when he asked for a parole. He presented a perfect record. But they turned him down. He was old man Fritts' son.

Wallace was released this morning, the case against him having been dismissed by the district attorney.

Wallace really never did any wrong. A letter addressed to another man of the same name was delivered to him. He opened and found a check for \$350, which he cashed. He wondered at his good fortune, and the next day learned who the money was intended for and turned it over.

His only mistake lay in not returning the letter to the postoffice, although the right man received the letter and the money.

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It took 38 days to reach Vancouver, coming from San Francisco by boat, with the fare \$46 to Portland and \$3 over to Vancouver. Boat travel was high then with one ship a year to Seattle and it cost \$14 to go from Olympia to Victoria.

ASSASSIN TRIES TO MURDER PREMIER

(By United Press Leased Wire.)

PEKING, May 23.—An attempt to assassinate Premier Tang Shao Yi at dinner in the presence of President Yuan Shi Kai, was made here today by Chang Ping Lin, a disappointed office-seeker.

Chang Ping Lin entered the dining room unannounced. Without a word of warning he drew a gun and fired two shots at the premier. Both went wild, and Chang was overpowered and put in jail. He blamed Tang Shao Yi for his failure to get a government position.

During the shooting President Yuan remained seated at the table.

Employment Man Arrested For Assault

John Newsome, manager of the Newsome Employment agency, 1511 Pacific av., is under arrest and at liberty on \$25 bail on complaint of Valentine Calze, who says he was victimized by Newsome.

Calze says he paid for a job inside the city and upon presenting his slip to the foreman was told there was no work for him. Calze tried to get his money back from Newsome, and claims Newsome knocked him down.

Newsome has been in trouble before and a movement may be started to revoke his license.

RED TAPE BARS AID

The "Day Nursery" will receive no aid from the county commissioners as a body, but the members of the commission will contribute to the fund.

J. H. Watkins, charity commissioner, reported to the county commissioners and recommended that \$100 a year be given the institution. Deputy Prosecutor Berman, however, advised the commissioners they had no legal right to appropriate funds for the nursery and would be liable for any amounts so appropriated.

WELL KNOWN TACOMA MEN, THEIR WORK AND THEIR HOBBIES

ARTICLE NO. 12—FATHER HYLEBOS.

Napoleon made and upset empires, but when Wellington threatened him at Waterloo he helped to make important Tacoma history.

On the battlefield, left for dead was Captain Peter Steward, a young British officer. Belgian farmers gathering up the dead after the battle thought they detected life in the Englishman. They took him home, nursed him a year and he recovered. He liked those Belgians, so he settled there, married a Belgian girl, and became the grandfather of Father Peter Francis Hylebos.

And there is the connection between Waterloo and Tacoma. Father Peter Francis Hylebos had a twin brother, Francis Peter Hylebos, and they were the eldest of 12 children born to a merchant of Grammont, nestling by the battlefield of Waterloo.

Studied Engineering. At seven Father Hylebos started to school. From that moment it seemed predestined he was to be a minister. His boyish fancy led him to missionary fields. He wanted to see the lands unexplored, so his father told him to study engineering.

At 14 he had passed his engineering examinations. As a student at the University of Louvain he met the late Bishop Spaulding from America, also a student, also the later Archbishop Reardon of Erieo. They told him of the great America.

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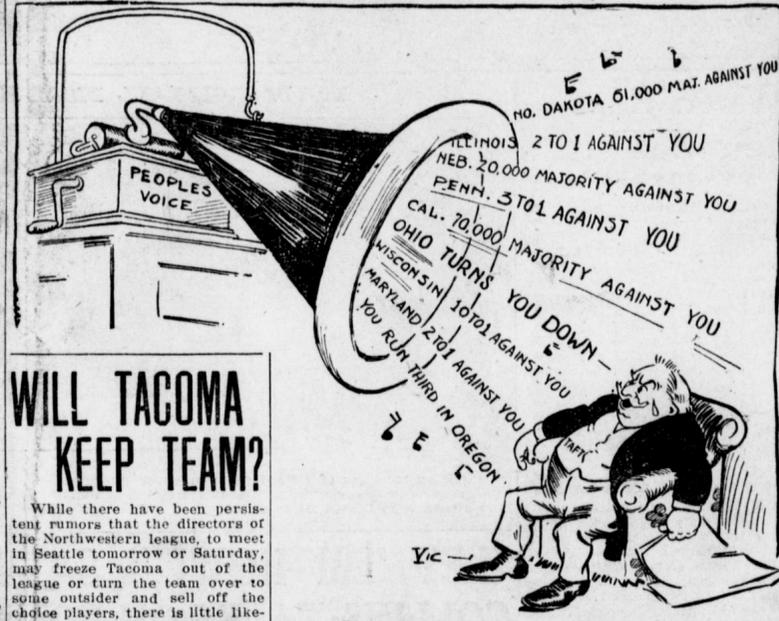
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The youthful missionary became secretary to the bishop at Vancouver and soon was up in Couviltz county preaching to the natives.

As the country developed he broadened his work, taking in Olympia, Stellacoom, Tacoma, Aberdeen and the whole South-west.

There is not a river from the Puyallup to the Columbia I have not swam on horseback scores of times," says Father Hylebos. He retired from active pas-

Everybody's Doing It to Him



WILL TACOMA KEEP TEAM?

While there have been persistent rumors that the directors of the Northwestern league, to meet in Seattle tomorrow or Saturday, may freeze Tacoma out of the league or turn the team over to some outsider and sell off the choice players, there is little likelihood either action will be taken.

Just who will get the team or how it will be financed is still unsettled, but that the Rotary club probably will raise enough by subscription to keep the team here is practically certain.

Ed Watkins is still trying to get through his deal to take the team over for \$3,000, but will not pay old debts.

In the meantime George Shreeder is hurrying home. It is persistently rumored that he has wired Rothermel to sit tight until he gets here.

Hung Head Down Half An Hour

(United Press Leased Wire.) SALEM, Ore., May 23.—Harry Cunningham, 12, today is seriously ill because of the tortures inflicted on him by his playmates.

His companions tied his hands behind his back, placed a gag in his mouth and hung him, head downward, in a dark cellar for 30 minutes because he would not join them in disturbing a church meeting, or promise not to give their plans away.

ROOSEVELT GETS 31, TAFT 11 DELEGATES

(By United Press Leased Wire.)

COLUMBUS, O., May 23.—Practically complete returns from Tuesday's primary make it certain that Roosevelt has elected 31 district delegates and Taft 11. Harmon's plurality over Woodrow Wilson is about 10,000. The Harmon people admitted today that they were not certain of controlling the state convention. Supporters of Taft still declare

they will control the state convention and elect six delegates at large pledged to the president.

Mayor Baker of Cleveland and State Chairman Hanley of the Wilson forces will oppose any attempt at the state democratic convention to impose the unit rule on Ohio's delegation to Baltimore. Governor Harmon lost his home county, Hamilton, to Wilson.

HOUSE VOTES FOR FREE TOLL

(By United Press Leased Wire.)

WASHINGTON, D. C., May 23.—American ships in the coast-wise trade will be given free use of the Panama canal.

This was determined by the house today when Rep. Doremus' free toll bill passed by a final vote of 147 to 126.

As the bill stands American ships engaged in the coastal trade are to be relieved of all canal charges, while all foreign owned ships will pay tolls.

The canal bill proper passed the house 206 to 63. It carries drastic provisions prohibiting railroads from owning or controlling directly or indirectly steamships which would compete against their land lines.

No Contest Over Col. Astor's Will

(By United Press Leased Wire.)

NEW YORK, May 23.—There will be no contest of the will of Col. John Jacob Astor.

Mrs. Madeline Force Astor has accepted the terms of the will in a written statement signed jointly with Vincent and Muriel Astor.

It was reported that the Force family objected because Astor's will placed restrictions on the remarriage of his young wife, who was left \$5,000,000 only on condition that she remain single.

BOND SEYMOUR TWICE

Mayor Seymour has to have a \$10,000 bond. But he does not need two of them so when two appeared at the controller's office yesterday one was crossed off.

To Name Judges

The Times is now picking the judges in the Montanara prize letter contest, and they will be announced in a few days. More letters are pouring in in competition for the Times prize of \$25 in gold for the best article on the Festo and Tacoma in general, and the judges will have a hard job picking the best ones.

Let's "Cash In" the Attic and the Basement--

How long since you gave your attic an invoicing, madam?

How long since you rummaged through that junk pile in the basement?

There's a load of things in those places in good condition and which might come handy to someone.

You might as well cash in on that attic and on that basement!

Why don't you make up a list and tell others of what you have to sell, in a Times Want Ad?

Just one cent a word. So go ahead and phone the ad to the Times Want Ad Department, Main 12.

Most Everybody Reads the Times.

DEATH CALLING TO WILBUR WRIGHT

(By United Press Leased Wire.)

DAYTON, O., May 23.—The death of Wilbur Wright, the noted aviator, from typhoid fever, is expected momentarily at his home here. Early today, Orville Wright, his brother, said:

"There is just a fighting chance that Wilbur will survive the day. The doctors offer one chance in a thousand only for his recovery."

With aeroplanes nearly as common as automobiles, with every city of any size having its one to a dozen amateur flyers, with scarce a day passing without its chronicle of death in the air, it is hard to realize that less than nine years ago two bicycle repair men of Dayton, Ohio, were the joke of the town as they tinkered away at a "flying machine."

Started in 1908. It was in 1903 at Kitty Hawk, Va., that newspaper correspondents heard rumors of two men who had actually invented something that would fly and trilled over the ocean sand dunes like Indian scouts for hours trying to catch a glimpse of the first "gliders."

It was the Wrights—Wilbur and Orville. They were trying to see if a pair of planes without a machine would actually float in air. It did.

In 1905 the first real heavier-

than-air machine-driven flying machines were exhibited by the Wrights. It was an international sensation. The despised bicycle repair men became world-famous. They flew in Europe, in America, were decorated by kings and presidents.

Having demonstrated their theory, the Wrights retired from the exhibition field and left that to the dare-devil bird men who sprang up everywhere. Since then they have been making aeroplanes at Dayton and training aviators.

Neither Brother Married. Neither brother allowed his head to be turned by the applause. They were still modest, unobtrusive. Neither was ever married. Wilbur is 45, Orville 41. Their father, Bishop Milton Wright, is still active in church work.

Wilbur Wright.

Orville Wright.