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HOME EDITION

Santa Claus needs help. He has received dozens of letters from poor children of Tacoma, and he is receiving contributions galore.

Nikola Greeley Smith is rated as one of the very best newspaper women in the United States.



SOME COLD, this morning.

E. B. DRISKELL says it is much colder in some parts of Alaska.

BUT THAT DOES not make us feel any warmer.

MR. LOPEZ, the gay, giddy bandit, seems to be enjoying himself.

ONE OF HIS favorite amusements is to sneak out and spank members of the posse when they are not looking.

HE KEEPS OUT of sight, being afraid to let them see him, for fear they will drop dead of fright.

BUT IF THAT bandit ever comes out after that posse, they'll kill him.

THEY'LL RUN him to death.

HEADLINE SAID: "Cincinnati Goes Dry."

WE REFUSED to believe it until we heard that a water main had busted.

WE KNEW THERE was something wrong.

THE OTHER DAY Frank Carroll was in Auburn pacing on and hither on the railway platform. So was a fat man.

IT WAS NICE and cold, but Frank liked it, and drew in deep breaths ever and anon.

"ISN'T THAT invigorating?" he finally exclaimed.

"NO," RESPONDED the fat man, "this is Auburn."

CARLOS KNAUF is a man of rare nerve and presence of mind.

THE OTHER DAY he met a pretty maid on the street, and she smiled at him.

SO HE FOUND out where she lived and put on his Sunday best to call on her.

AND HE WENT and bought a big bunch of flowers, too.

WHEN HE RANG the bell at her house he was full of joy and gaily.

THEN A BIG HUSKY guy opened the door and scowled at him.

"DOES A CERTAIN young lady live here?" asked Carlos, and went on to describe her.

"YEH," SAID the big, husky guy, in a big husky voice. "She's my wife. Whadda yuh want?"

"I WAS JUST wondering," stammered Carlos, "if she would care to subscribe for the Ladies' Home Journal?"

IT'S A GOOD thing that big, husky guy didn't see those flowers.

THE SENATE is sending in bills for grapefruit knives and spoons of red tape.

BELIEVE US, that red tape is expensive.

JACK LEDWIGE is thinking of getting married.

HE HAS LOST his heart to Julian Eltinge, it appears.

GO THOU AND DO LIKEWISE

The richest man in the world started poor. But he started to save. That gave him a capital to work with.

You are making as much now as he was when he started. You are just as able to save. We shall be glad to show you how.

We pay 4% on Saving Accounts.

Commercial Accounts solicited.

Puget Sound State Bank

1115 Pacific Avenue, TACOMA, WASH.

WHAT THAT DEAL REALLY MEANS!

"No street railway company or any corporation or person whatsoever shall ever be permitted to locate, construct, maintain or operate any street railway track or tracks along, across, upon or over any bridge, viaduct or tunnel within the city of Tacoma which shall have been built by the city, unless or until it shall have paid into the city treasury of the city of Tacoma a sum equal to at least one-half the original cost of the construction of such bridge, viaduct or tunnel."---That is Section 236 of the City Charter.

The people of the city of Tacoma by their votes put that in the charter. They demand that it be observed by their representatives. Every commissioner took oath to uphold the charter with this provision in it. A. U. MILLS WAS HIMSELF A MEMBER OF THE CHARTER COMMISSION THAT DRAFTED THE PROVISION AND SUBMITTED IT TO THE VOTERS FOR RATIFICATION.

Are the voters now going to permit their commissioners not only to repudiate the city charter and release Stone-Webster from the payment of the \$400,000 represented by half the cost of the bridges for the trolley car line but to dig down in the city treasury and hand Stone-Webster \$11,000 a year in the bargain?

THE SUGGESTION IS THE MOST TREASONABLE PROPOSITION THAT HAS EVER BEEN BROACHED IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER.

And the only excuse offered by the city commission is that the city attorney says the charter provision may be evaded by legal technicalities.

But the city commission cannot evade the popular will by technicalities.

The people care nothing for the legal quibbles of lawyers, but they put that provision in their city charter because they meant it. It represented the results of long years of contest with Stone-Webster in which Mayor L. D. Campbell fought the company to a standstill on the bridge question and finally wrested victory for the people from the company.

For a city commission to even suggest the undoing of the work of all these years of struggle by the people is repudiation of the oath of office.

But for it to propose to pay Stone-Webster for going over the city bridge in violation of the city charter is repudiation of the people in such form that it should demand the immediate resignation of any man who has the nerve to countenance it.

It is not merely a question of street railway service at stake now. It is not merely a question of municipal ownership. THE PEOPLE OF TACOMA ARE FACING THE BIG QUESTION OF WHETHER OR NOT THEY ARE GOING TO PERMIT A TREASONABLE MAJORITY IN THE CITY COUNCIL TO GET BEHIND CLOSED DOORS AND FRAME UP A DEAL TO BARGAIN AWAY THE PEOPLE'S RIGHTS AGAINST THEIR EXPRESSED WILL.

CRAIG FREE OF MURDER CHARGE

SELBYVILLE, Ind., Dec. 9.—At Judge Blair's order the jury in the case of Dr. Craig, accused of murdering Dr. Knabe of Indianapolis returned a verdict of acquittal today. The defense moved yesterday for an instructed verdict, maintaining that the prosecution utterly failed to prove anything against Craig. The judge held the same view.

MAY SELECT JURY TODAY

A jury will probably be selected today for the trial of Savario Verone, the aged Italian held in the county jail for the death of his son-in-law, Augustino Trovati. Twelve tentative jurors were selected by noon today, but the prosecution and defense began weeding out the list by using their challenges.

UP TO OLD TRICKS

Stone-Webster are up to their usual tricks in Puyallup, Sumner and other towns to prevent municipal ownership getting a hold. With Tacoma offering Puyallup electric current for 1 cent a kilowatt so she may start a municipal plant Stone-Webster have suddenly seen a great light and they announce a reduction in light rates to all the valley towns from 10 cents a kilowatt to 8 cents. This is expected to mollify the Puyallup citizen who "is being

gouged by high prices and mulcted for \$1 minimum charge per month so he will not vote for municipal ownership.

MEETING POSTPONED.

The meeting of the First M. E. Church Brotherhood, announced for Wednesday evening, has been postponed until the regular meeting night in January.

PENNANT COUPON NO. 103

This coupon clipped from The Times, when presented at The Times office, the "Want Ad" Corner, Ninth and Commerce, with 15 cents, will entitle you to a beautiful 50-cent present. Hereafter presents by mail will cost 50 cents additional to cover postage. Bring or mail to The Tacoma Times, Ninth and Commerce.

BILL DALTON WHO WEARS \$1500 GOWNS ON THE STAGE, FIGHTS, CHEWS TOBACCO WHEN OFF; HE'S ANYTHING BUT LADYLIKE



CITY IS TO GIVE MEN JOBS

The hungry are to be fed in Tacoma. No man who will work need suffer for something to eat hereafter.

This morning the city council in a second conference with Captain Fred Anderson of the Salvation Army took steps to allow every man a chance to earn his bed and board.

Commissioner Woods was ordered to stock up with wheelbarrows and shovels and take them down on Jefferson avenue. The shoveling is drawing to a close under the Tacoma avenue bridge now, and it is the intention to allow all the hungry to haul dirt from the bluff on the north side of Jefferson avenue and dump it under the bridge.

The city will allow 12 1/2 cents an hour for this work simply to prevent it being called street charity.

George Horn, superintendent of the free employment bureau will be placed in charge of the work. Tickets will be given the men showing the time they worked. Cash will be paid married men so they can buy provision for their families. Single men will be given tickets for meals and beds.

LEVI B. STRAYER PASSES AWAY

Levi B. Strayer, assistant engineer at the city hall, and well known Civil War veteran, died today at his home, Regents Park, following a brief illness. He was 71 years of age. Besides his widow, Strayer leaves a son, Chester, four sisters, four brothers. He had lived in Tacoma 25 years. Funeral services will be held Thursday, 2 p. m., from the C. C. Mellinger company's residence, Rev. W. A. Moore officiating. Custer post and Odd Fellows will have charge.

and had to shave every day, and somebody, by word, look or gesture, called you an effeminate sissy, you'd probably be as sore as Eltinge is. As a matter of fact, "Julian Eltinge" is his stage name. HIS REAL NAME IS BILL DALTON. Bill—we'll call him Bill hereafter.

Bill, I say, was a member of the First corps of Boston cadets when, ten years ago, they gave amateur theatricals. Bill took the part of a woman.

Bill's pretty. He can't help it. He was born pretty. He was such a hit in that first show that he took women's parts in subsequent performances. And by and by he got a professional offer at more money than he could hope to earn any other way.

He traveled around vaudeville circuits in this country and abroad, and finally took out his

early theater from Olympia. The girl's parents, angry at her disappearance in the small hours of the morning, learned that they had started for Tacoma and pursued them in an automobile.

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enter, when the voices of the elder Greenleafs were heard in the corridor. Constable Shaw was prevailed upon, and, in his private office, holding a dusty lawbook in his hand, the constable repeated loudly as much of the marriage ritual as he could remember. The girl's parents tried to force their way into the room and pounded loudly, but to no avail.

Then the door was opened and the young couple rushed out, declaring that they had really been married. Constable Shaw said later that the girl's parents appeared to relent, for they all left the office happily together. An hour later Constable Shaw met the young couple alone on the street. Their faces were radiant. They had slipped away from their elder companions for a few moments, they said, and had gone to a minister's home, where the ceremony was repeated—this time by a really authorized "person."

A hasty elopement, pursuit by irate parents, a "fake wedding" in Tacoma and a real wedding to culminate the series of events formed the plot of an amusing comedy-drama in which a young couple from Lacey, Wash., figured in today, assisted by Constable Fred Shaw of Tacoma.

Miss Nellie Greenleaf and Harry Wharton of Lacey, the latter a well known young rancher living near the Olympia suburb, eloped early today and started for Tacoma. They had already secured a marriage license, and boarded an early steamer from Olympia. The girl's parents, angry at her disappearance in the small hours of the morning, learned that they had started for Tacoma and pursued them in an automobile.

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COLLISION MAY BE FATAL ONE

Struck by a motor truck of the Sunset Telephone company on the Tacoma-Puyallup boulevard yesterday afternoon, A. A. Warner, Pierce county speed officer, suffered a complex fracture of his leg, and may die. He was injured internally, and if he recovers will probably lose his leg by amputation.

LOPEZ IS STILL ALIVE

BINGHAM, Utah, Dec. 9.—That "Dead Shot" Lopez, the slayer of six persons who took refuge in the Apex tunnel, is still alive is the information given the sheriff's posse today by Pete Karos, who returned from the mine today. Karos said he met the bandit in a tunnel and at the

SUES AUDITOR FOR \$3.00

W. F. Halfpenny, bailiff in Judge Clifford's department of the superior court, filed suit against County Auditor Wadsworth today to recover \$3, said to be due him as salary during

his recent vacation. Halfpenny was given a month's vacation, and was entitled to \$87, he claims, but the county only paid him \$84 for the time he was off to duty.

DOW TO DEBATE WITH TITLOW ON BONDS

At the Central Improvement league club meeting tonight Lorenz Dow and A. R. Titlow will debate the proposition of municipal ownership of the trolley car line. Titlow was for the municipal line until he failed to get the council to agree to increase the bonds and extend it to his place on the Narrows.

STARTS SUIT AGAINST CO.

John B. Stevens is fighting in federal court to compel the Frankfort Marine Insurance company to come through and pay \$6,100 which Stevens was compelled to pay in superior court for personal injuries to an employe I. B. Merrill.

LONDON, Eng., Dec. 9.—Mrs. Fankhurst left today for Paris. She announced that she was going to visit her daughter, Christiana, who has been an exile in France for some time.

TODAY'S CLEARINGS. Clearings \$ 482,789.89 Balances 58,713.63 Transactions 1,161,852.34

Advertisement for Andrew's jewelry store, 1130 Pacific Ave. Text: YOUR XMAS SHOPPING will not be complete without a visit to this establishment. Here you will find a very large and carefully selected stock of precious gems and fine jewelry. And you'll find a wealth of articles—all of the best quality—which we offer at very moderate prices. Your patronage is valued whether your expenditure be great or small.