

Shop Early, Start Today, Look Over Bargains Offered In The Times

UNSETTLED tonight and Wednesday. Probably light rain or snow. Not so cold. Such is the wide choice the W. M. gives you for perusal today. Not a bad bunch of guesses, eh?

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THE editorial page of The Times contains exclusive comic features that will make you smile after the day's toil. Get acquainted with the members of The Times funny family.

WOMAN IS ATTACKED

TALK O' THE TIMES

A WORD FROM JOSH WISE:
A man's education ain't complete if he ain't paid a householder's bill for a year or so.

AND YET AGAIN, CLAUDIUS
There is a lady in our street Who tries her husband greatly; And therefore he stays out at night A trifle too much lately.

Oh, ladies, if you'd keep the love Of husbands fickle, tricky, You really ought to try to be Not quite so hicky-wicky. (Look it up in the dictionary. We had to.)

YES INDEED, FOLKS
Little beams of moonshine, Little hugs and kisses, Makes a little maiden Change her name to Mrs.

Maybe that fellow who was sending out reports of universal Russian victories ran out of vodka.

London cablegram says "Nobel committee resolves not to meet this year to award a peace prize." What ails 'em? Can't they find the peace?

HOUSEHOLD HINTS
This is the season for collecting syrupy table cloths which should be carefully laid away for use as tablecloth next summer. To avoid the daily task of dish washing, quit eating.

Cynthia Grey declares that "few stenographers would marry their employers if they were the only men on earth." Very likely. And if some men were the only men on earth, they wouldn't marry their stenographers, or anybody else. Horse and horse!

FEM. STUFF
Some people call a waist a waste and others who refuse To let a chance to air their French go by, call it a "blouse." To others it's a simple blouse To rhyme with mouse and yet a "blouse!" It's dubbed by some and on the Strand A bodice, so I understand, Is what the English choose. Yet waist, blouse, "blouse" or any name Its sure to cost you just the same.

AND—
Speaking of waists and blouses and such it just reminds us that Xmas is only 10 days off and we suppose this is as good a time as any to remind our relatives and Jim Dege that we still wear shirts. And socks. And neckties. Etc.

BUT—
We don't mean to say we wear Etc. Uh-uh. Just the same a case or so would come in kinder handy, think we.

SELAH.

Thief Takes 400 Bricks
Some energetic thief drove up to the home of C. H. Boss, 1520 South 41st street, in a light delivery wagon this morning, loaded 400 bricks on his wagon that Boss had intended to use in building a sidewalk, and drove off. Boss asked the police to search for the thief.

ONLY 8 SHOPPING DAYS UNTIL CHRISTMAS!
TO THE STORES!
Read the Ads!



Charles Drury

BUSINESS MANAGER,
TACOMA TIMES, Tacoma Wash.

Dear Sir: During our present December sale, we have placed our ads exclusively in The Tacoma Times, and the results which have been splendid, **MUST ALL BE CREDITED TO YOUR NEWSPAPER.**

It is my opinion that no business man can make a complete success of any advertising campaign without using the columns of The Times, owing to the exclusive circulation it possesses.

Yours very truly,
DRURY THE TAILOR,
114 South Twelfth Street. By Charles S. Drury.

DRURY, THE TAILOR USES THE TIMES ALONE AND HIS FALL SALE IS SPLENDID SUCCESS

TACOMA, Wash., Dec. 14, 1914.

Indiana's Officials Tremble

BY J. BRADLEY SMOLLEN.
INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Dec. 15.—Indictments powerful enough to send some of the best known politicians in the United States to prison are promised by the federal officials of Indianapolis as the revelation of election fraud made known by one editor, with one newspaper, in one city. "I've got the gang and I've got them right," asserts Frank Dalley, United States district attorney. The energetic young democrat, whom United States Judge A. B. Anderson, a republican, describes as "the best district attorney I ever had," is out to break up the democratic machine that has been the disgrace of Indiana. He has given himself a pretty big job, but the Terre Haute ring, which showed its hand when it had Editor Charles Clogston of the Post thrown into jail by one of the gang judges, has furnished him with a fertile field for indictments. "I know that Donn Roberts, mayor of Terre Haute, and several other gang leaders of the state have made hurried trips to the department of justice at Washington to have this investigation stopped," declared Dalley, "and you may consider it significant that these persons were sufficiently interested to worry enough to make the trip."

SOUTHERN GIRL WILL MAKE HER DEBUT



Mary Wheeler Vest

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 15.—Miss Mary Wheeler Vest, granddaughter of the late Senator Vest of Mississippi, is to be one of the debutantes of the holiday season. Miss Vest, who is a southerner, will be presented to society by her aunt, Mrs. W. T. Harrison, at a reception to be given late in December.

VICTIM OF MYSTERIOUS CRIME PLOT

Mrs. Erna M. McCord, 4307 South D street, was attacked, knocked to the ground and gagged last evening by a strange man, as she was hurrying from her kitchen door to the woodshed after a handful of kindling.

Last Saturday evening two strange men attempted to force their way into the McCord home, while Mrs. McCord was alone, and were forced out after the woman had pointed a revolver at them and threatened to shoot.

At frequent intervals during the past year anonymous letters have been slipped under the front door of the McCord home, threatening the life of Mrs. McCord.

Police officers, under direction of Captain Smith, today confessed their inability to fathom the mystery or to understand the cause of the frequent attacks. On each occasion Frank McCord, the husband, who conducts a music store at 311 11th street, has been away from home.

Last night's attack was the most brutal since the persecution of Mrs. McCord began. The stranger evidently was hiding behind a clump of bushes in the McCord back yard. He leaped upon Mrs. McCord from behind, threw her to the ground, and forced a handkerchief into her mouth.

Boy Scores Thug.
Mrs. McCord struggled with her assailant and finally managed to arise to her feet. At that moment a young boy came through the alley behind the McCord house, whistling loudly. The thug fled. Policemen say the bandanna handkerchief had a pungent odor of chloroform.

Following last night's mysterious attack, Captain Smith made public the attack of Saturday night.

Two strange men forced open the front door of the McCord home while Mrs. McCord was alone. The young woman, forewarned by anonymous threatening letters, went to the front hall with a loaded revolver in her hand. She ordered the men out, and they backed sullenly away.

Shoots In Air.
When they were in the front yard, one of the men drew a revolver and fired it in the air. "See, we're armed, as well as you," he said.

The men then went away. Police officers have watched the McCord home at frequent intervals during the past two years, hoping to intercept the anonymous correspondent who made a regular practice of slipping threatening letters under the front door of the McCord home.

Mrs. McCord is 25 years of age and a strikingly pretty woman.

COLD SPELL HAS PASSED

Tacoma's brief cold spell has disappeared. After five days of freezing weather, the sun burst out again this morning, melted the snow and ice and gave as near an imitation to spring as a winter sun could be expected to give.

Weather Observer Cover today predicted that the weather would remain warm, with possible rain, for a week.

Father on Trial Family Suffering

While W. E. Johnston, alleged embezzling bookkeeper formerly employed at the Carstens Packing company's plant here, is being confined in the county jail, his wife and two little children are suffering from dire want, it was learned today at the prosecuting attorney's office.

Saturday the woman, with her children, appeared before Prosecutor Dow and begged that either her husband be released that he might provide support for the family, or that she and the babies be given aid.

Dow told her to report to the charity commissioner. Johnston's trial began today in Judge Clifford's court.

Free Popcorn at City Hall

A. H. Wilson, manufacturer of pop-corn "crisplets," who was recently granted a city permit for making pop-corn balls for charity, today presented all the city commissioners with big armfuls of his product.

Wilson will give the pop-corn balls to needy persons at cost, and they will be given free permission to peddle the dainties about the city.

Today's Best Joke

LITTLE HARRY AND THE DOG
Little Harry wanted a dog. He had many arguments with his mother on the subject. He was sent to a neighbor by grocery. He was gone so long that his mother became anxious. Stepping to a window she saw Harry down the street manfully pulling on a rope, the other end of which was tied around the neck of a small dog. The pup was resisting every step. Braced on all fours, it was pulling back with every ounce of its small might and barking as loudly as possible. Presently Harry triumphantly entered the room. "Mother," he called, "won't you let me keep this little dog. It followed me home."

Lunch Vendor Has the Hat

John Peltro, a laboring man, ate a hearty supper last night at a lunch stand on C street, conducted by a colored man, and then announced that he had no money with which to pay. The colored man grabbed Peltro's hat and kept it for security. Patrolman Bryan later found Peltro wandering about C street, his head uncovered, and took him to jail.

Brick Plant Is Ransacked

F. H. Goss, president of the Goss Brick company at Ruston, notified the Tacoma police today that thieves had ransacked the brick plant last night and stripped it of about \$300 worth of machinery.

Stabbed Girl; Goes to Jail

Charles Buttignoni today began serving a six-months' sentence imposed by Judge Clifford for third degree assault. He was charged with stabbing his sweetheart.

A HAPPY HOME

Is one undisturbed by want or any fear of want.

A savings account is one of the best foundations for a happy home. A stepping stone to success.

There is no fear of want in the family that has the savings account habit.

We make it convenient and easy for you to open an account with us—do it today.

PUGET SOUND STATE BANK
1115 Pacific Ave.

ADELBERT FORGOT; LIGHTS SHUT OFF

"The laws of the land are severe; we be unto he who forgets to pay his light bill."

Commissioner of Public Safety Adelbert U. Mills learned yesterday afternoon that he may be a mighty important dignitary in the community.

But he can't have the benefits of Nisqually electricity unless he pays over his monthly bill to the city treasury of Tacoma.

Let Adelbert Do It.
Mrs. Mills designated last month that Adelbert should pay the light bill, since "A. U." is down at the city hall most of the time. But Mills forgot all about last month's bill.

AUSTRIANS ASK FOR PEACE

BERNE, Switzerland, Dec. 15.—That Austria recently made tentative peace proposals to Russia is asserted by Swiss newspapers. It is stated that when the czar named terms for abandonment of hostilities on Austria's part that the discussion ended without accomplishing definite results. The Slav conditions are said to have been extremely severe. All demands are said to have been turned down by the Austrian government.

The conditions are said to have included the surrender of Galicia to the new kingdom to consist of Russian and Austrian Poland, established under Russian sovereignty, the cession of the provinces of Bosnia and Herzegovina to Serbia and Montenegro, withdrawal from the Austro-German alliance, granting to Austria-Hungary a new constitution dividing the empire into federal states, and granting autonomy for Bohemia.

Sand Machine Working Fine

Commissioner Woods' new automatic sand spreader was turned loose on the downtown streets today, and proved remarkably effective. Four horses draw the machine, and it carries enough sand to cover one side of a street half-mile in length. The sand is being spread on all hills to prevent slipping of horses or automobiles.

Gas Is Fatal

Having apparently left the gas flowing from an illuminating jet by accident last night, C. H. Leonard, 69, was asphyxiated during the night, in his apartment at 1395 1/2 G street. Coroner Ashland investigated the case today. There is no suspicion of suicide. Mr. Leonard had lived in Tacoma 30 years and is survived by three daughters and a son. He had suffered with heart disease recently.

Camera Stolen

A folding camera on display in a showcase at the Melbourne motion picture theater, 916 Pacific avenue, was stolen last night. The showcase lock was forced off.

PUYALLUP, Dec. 15.—The Merchants' association chose C. F. Baker as president for 1915 at an election held in the Commercial club rooms last night. Plans for a banquet in January were discussed.

WHEN A MAN'S MARRIED

