

The bite of the Poisonous Mug-wamp has been fatal to many a political boss.

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Tacoma and vicinity: Probably fair tonight and Friday.
Washington: Same.

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OLYMPIA SLAYER IS JUST A "FAMILY MAN;" METHODICAL IN WAY HE KILLED CHATTEN

OLYMPIA, May 6.—A. L. Miller, sales manager for the Union Lumber Co., in jail at Olympia, accused of murder in the first degree for shooting William Chatten, wealthy president of the company, Sunday night, as he was leaving the Miller home, is a type of what is commonly known as a "family man."

He is far from the "gunman" type. He had a good position, a pretty wife, three young children, and a comfortable home—and with these he was content. Before Sunday no one who knew him would have associated him with tragedy.

Miller's friends say he went about the business of killing Chatten as methodically and matter-of-factly as he would have put through a business deal.

He had been sent to Tacoma on company business, which would keep him from home two or three days. He caught the train, but left it at the next station and walked back.

He entered his house by the back way, listened, heard a scuffle, according to his story, and fired five shots at a man leaving by the front door. The man was his employer, Chatten.

Miller turned over his revolver to the foreman of the mill. He re-entered the house and donned house jacket and easy slippers. The habits of years are strong, and it was, his friends say, as if he had performed a disagreeable task with as little fuss as possible.

In jail, he immediately fitted into the routine of prison as easily as for years he had fitted into the routine of office and home.

To him in his cell his wife came Tuesday. He took the sobbing woman in his arms and said: "There, there, dearie. Don't worry. Everything will come out all right."

He said it without heroics. The reporters came to his cell, asking for an interview.

Miller, the family man, after years of hard-earned existence, finding himself the central figure in a tragedy not lacking in the melodramatic elements, was apologetic. His attorney had advised him not to discuss the case. The reporters would excuse him? Later, perhaps. He softened his refusal by saying to the reporters as they departed: "I don't want to be rude."



Mrs. A. L. Miller, whose husband shot and killed his employer, whom he surprised in their home.

JITNEY LAW IS BETTER

Completely ignoring the recommendations of City Attorney Stiles, who wanted a drastic ordinance covering every phase of the operation of motor busses in Tacoma, the city council today cut out practically all features of the jitney bus law that yesterday were declared objectionable.

The council decided to enforce that section of the ordinance demanding that jitneys be lighted at night, because, as Commissioner Atkins remarked, there was continual danger of young girls and boys kissing each other while taking a ride.

On Mayor Fawcett's request, the \$2 monthly license for jitneys was reduced to \$1, making a \$13 annual city license instead of the former \$25 fee.

On Par With T. R. & P. Commissioner Atkins demanded that the jitneys be allowed to overcrowd if they wished, saying that the passengers were taking their own risk, and it was decided to permit crowding.

"The street cars make their dividends on the strap-hangers," said Atkins. "I think the jitneys have the same privilege."

Mayor Fawcett complained about the "fixed route" feature of the ordinance, and it was voted to demand that jitneys file with the city the terminal streets of their route, but use any streets for travel that they choose.

Eliminate Clause. The ordinance was also amended so that a driver could transfer his license to another machine immediately, in case of accident or breakdown, instead of waiting three days, as Stiles had demanded.

The council also eliminated that clause commanding jitneys to discharge passengers 75 feet away from street crossings, but left in the section preventing them from passing street cars that were loading or unloading.

A feature ordering busses to stop no longer than one minute on any street except terminals, was eliminated, and the council voted to allow jitneys to charge any fare they chose, instead of limiting them to 10 cents. It was ordered, however, that the fare be posted on the jitney in a conspicuous place.

Shea Satisfied. Manager M. P. Shea, of the Jitney Bus association, not learning of today's action by the council, circulated a petition among business men demanding that the council give fair play to the jitneys. He also issued a bulletin asking all friends of the jitneys to appear in the council chamber next Wednesday and demand that the council give the busses a square deal.

When advised at noon concerning the council's action, however, Shea declared that he believed the jitney men would be satisfied with the ordinance as now amended.

THE FIRST SPIKE



This picture and another shown on Page 7 were taken by E. O. Sawyer, jr., correspondent for The Times in Alaska, now stationed in Seward. This one shows Miss Martha White driving the first spike in the Alaska government railroad at Woodrow (Ship) Creek. It was an event that will hold a place for all time in American history.

JAPAN READY TO HIT

PEKIN, China, May 6.—The greatest concern in official circles today is that Japan will strike without warning. While the ultimatum, which the Japanese cabinet is declared to have decided to serve upon China is awaited, there is a growing fear that once military action is regarded in Tokyo as the only means of forcing acceptance by the Japanese demands, an attack will be ordered without further communication with Peking.

President Yuan was in conference with officials of the foreign office today but no indication of a change in the Chinese position is likely. At least, not until it is evident that only acceptance of the Japanese terms will prevent war.

Japan United. TOKIO, May 6.—All differences existing between the cabinet and older statesmen as to the position to be taken as a result of China's refusal to accede to demands of Japan were adjusted during an extended meeting presided over by Premier Okuma today.

A united front is now presented in pressing upon the Peking government the acceptance of the mikado's demands either peaceably or by force.

It is expected that both England and the United States will offer to mediate.

It is reported that Japan has no intention of turning from its present course in dealing with China, even though the Peking government appeals to the powers.

Only an 11th hour acceptance of Japan's demand will prevent aggressive action by the Tokio government.

HICKS NOT TOLD

LOS ANGELES, May 6.—Although recovering consciousness last night, Gwin Hicks, Washington's commissioner to the Panama-California exposition at San Diego, who was seriously injured in an automobile accident Tuesday, when his wife and babies were killed, is still in a precarious condition.

His condition is so serious that he has not been told of the death of Mrs. Hicks and the babies, for fear the shock would kill him. Hicks is suffering intense pain, according to his physicians.

MAY PUT GYM QUESTION TO VOTE

The new gym at Stadium High is a necessity.—Students.

The new gym at Stadium High is a luxury.—J. T. S. Lyle.

The new gym will be a serious burden to taxpayers.—Lyle.

It will scarcely be felt by the ordinary taxpayer.—Students.

There you have two sides of this question. The high school boys and girls are up in force, and they will conduct a vigorous campaign to get added quarters for exercise. The Taxpayers' league, through Attorney J. T. S. Lyle, will keep up its fight to put off the improvement until times are better.

Incidentally, it is likely that the final decision will be up to the people themselves. Lyle claims that if the school board wishes to put up the gym, it must borrow money, and that to create this indebtedness must get the affirmative assent of the taxpayers. The school-kids say that they're not afraid at all to leave the issue to the community.

\$57,000—which would add about a mill to taxation if it all came out of one year's funds, as Lyle says it must. On a \$3,000 that would be about \$1.50.

AN EXPLANATION

A certain advertisement from Strain & Conant, dealers in men's furnishings, through a regrettable mistake, appeared in last night's Times.

The copy had been prepared early in the day and sent to this office. Later that particular advertisement was ordered "killed." Through a mistake of a Times employe, the advertisement nevertheless found its way into print.

Its appearance placed the firm in an embarrassing position, much to the regret of The Times, and The Times takes this opportunity of rectifying, as best it can, its own mistake.

Vacation Time

Have you provided funds for your vacation? A savings account is a fine way to provide for such things—besides it gets you into a good habit—saving your money.

PUGET SOUND STATE BANK

Pull For College Of P. S.

Presenting a united front, the churches of Tacoma, regardless of creeds, are joining in a movement to array every interest in the city for the support of the College of Puget Sound.

Joining with the Rev. Frank Iyer, pastor of the First Congregational church, and E. H. Todd, president of the college, business men of Tacoma have signed an invitation to the people to attend a mass meeting at the First Congregational church at 5 o'clock next Sunday afternoon in the interest of the college.

The meeting is primarily for the purpose of informing the public of the work the college is doing and its possibilities. No

collection will be taken. A program, including addresses by Tacoma business men, music and readings, is being prepared. The College of Puget Sound is said to be worth nearly \$200,000 in cash to Tacoma every year. What outsiders think of the institution is indicated by James J. Hill's offer to give one-fifth of the \$250,000 endowment now being raised.

WHEN A MAN'S MARRIED



SAY DUFF WHAT DO YOU SAY IF WE TAKE THE LADIES OUT FOR DINNER TONIGHT?
YOU'RE ON—I THINK IT'S A GOOD IDEA

WELL, I WAS STUCK AS USUAL WANNY ABOUT IT
YOU ACTED SILLY ABOUT IT

NO, NOW LISTEN RUMGARDNER, BUT WE HAVE THAT CHECK—THAT AIN'T FAIR

NO! NO! ON THE SQUARE NOW DUFF, LET ME HAVE THAT—I MEAN IT

NOPE—NEXT TIME—SIT DOWN—HERE WATER

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