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Had a cut-rate haircut yet?

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WEATHER: For Tacoma: Fair tonight and Saturday.
Washington: Same.

SLAYDEN USES FIRST ASSAULTS TACOMA ATTORNEY

FOUR BOYS GONE

Following the most remarkable series of child crimes which Tacoma ever has seen—which has caused the police, they say, to arrest more juveniles in the past week than in any other six month period, four children were reported missing to the police today.

Some of the parents were plainly worried lest their sons might have had their imaginations fired by the daring deeds, recently, of Tacoma boy bandits and burglars.

Mrs. Maitland of Midland reported that her boy, Wallace, 17, had run away and that she was unable to get any trace of him. Worried until her nerves were ready to give way, she asked that Tacoma detectives be placed on the case.

Mrs. Jacobson, 1108 South E street, reported that her 11-year-old grandson had run away for some unknown cause, and could not be found.

Two boys, Cecil and Earl McLeod, were reported as having run away from the industrial school at Oakland. They are 12 and 13 years old, respectively.

DIDN'T HIRE MEN TO KILL, SAYS WOMAN

PROVIDENCE, R. I., Sept. 3.—Mrs. Elizabeth Mohr, accused by three negroes of having plotted the murder of her husband, attended the funeral of Dr. C. Franklin Mohr here today with the utmost calm.

Mrs. Mohr has displayed the utmost composure since the shooting.

Three negroes arrested told the police Mrs. Mohr was to pay them \$5,000 for killing the physician and the young woman.

PROVIDENCE, R. I., Sept. 3.—Mrs. Elizabeth Mohr, charged with hiring three negroes to kill her husband, partly to get his \$75,000 estate and partly for jealousy of Miss Emily G. Burger, who was in Dr. Mohr's car when he was killed, today made a complete denial of the crime.

Confronted by one of the negroes who had confessed he shot Dr. Mohr, she steadily denied that she had paid him \$5,000 to get the deed done, as he had alleged.

She hinted that the negro might have killed Dr. Mohr because of a small bill for labor due him.

Miss Burger, who was wounded when Dr. Mohr was killed, is improving in a hospital.

A letter was made public today by the police, in which Mrs. Mohr is apparently shown to have written the brother-in-law of Miss Burger, warning him if the relations between the doctor and the young woman were not stopped at once, the latter stood in danger of her life.

TO BUILD JETTY

KELSO, Sept. 3.—Government engineers have awarded contract for the pile driving work in the construction of a 400-foot jetty at the lower end of Kelso. The completed cost of the jetty will be about \$2000.

MUST STAND TRIAL

SEATTLE, Sept. 3.—Lewis Johnson, wanted in Vancouver, B. C., for the alleged larceny of \$1800, must return to British Columbia to stand trial. Judge Jeremiah Neterer, in the federal court, denied Johnson's petition for a writ of habeas corpus.

Ah! The Pantalette!
They Are Wearing 'Em, Too' and the Fad Is Becoming Extremely Popular Among the Women.



Don't be shocked, girls. They're pantallettes, and perfectly proper, too, we assure you.

Dame Fashion has gone and done it again, meaning that she has found another fad for Fem-

ATKINS TAKES CRACK AT NEW LIGHT RATING

Commissioner Atkins today issued a statement condemning the proposed new ordinance of Commissioner Drake and Light Superintendent Collins, which proposes a new schedule of residence rates.

In the new ordinance, it is proposed to fix different rates for houses of 500 feet floor-space, 1,000 feet floor-space, 1,500 feet floor-space, etc. The larger houses then would have to pay a heavier rate than the smaller ones.

For instance, the same amount of electricity which will cost a man \$25 if he lives in the 500-foot house would cost him \$2.45 if he lived in a 1,000-foot house. There are a lot of other schedules, tariffs, conditions, etc., all of which give Atkins a headache.

"I believe in treating every man the same," he said today. "The cost of power or light should be the same to every resident, so long as the cost of giving the service is the same.

"We're getting into schedules that look like Chinese puzzles." The new ordinance is planned primarily as a sop to residences,

Cheap Light Rates? Where Do You Get That Stuff?

Tacoma's light department, after giving out statements that it costs .33 to manufacture each kilowatt of power in the municipal plant at La Grande, and after forcing through a new ordinance giving light and power to big business at 1 cent, has thrown sop to the angry residents by announcing a cut in residence rates from 5½ to 5 cents.

In the same breath, the light department declares that Tacoma is getting the lowest light rate in the country. And it would have us believe that we should be tickled to death over this petty cut of one-half cent.

The Times sent to Cleveland, where a municipal plant has been in operation only a year, for information about rates there. Here's the article that we received in reply. It shows quite plainly whether we have anything to be tickled about, in the high rates now charged by our Tacoma plant.

CLEVELAND, O., Sept. 3.—Three-cent electric lights! That's what the Cleveland municipal electric light plant is giving Clevelanders. But that isn't all. The plant, though only a year old, is earning \$5,000 a month over and above all operation, interest and sinking fund charges. It furnishes residence service at three cents a kilowatt, and power service from three cents down.

A year ago the plant was started with 6,700 customers. Today it has 14,000 customers and more coming in right along.

Experts have figured that when every family in Cleveland uses municipal light, there will be a profit of at least \$50,000 made every month. Or the profit may be used to cut the price below three cents.

The man who is largely responsible for the success of the munny light here is Frederick W. Ballard, Cleveland's light commissioner. Having made the Cleveland plant an assured success, Ballard proposes to step out and into a national municipal light bureau.

He will contract with any city or group of towns to design, build and put on an operating basis municipal light plants of any size or type.

He'll guarantee in his contract that before he leaves a plant it will be paying for operation, maintenance, interest and sinking fund charges out of actual earnings. And—

He'll expressly stipulate that the plant will be able to undersell private lighting corporations, both for lighting and power service!

Right now New Orleans is figuring on having Ballard build a munny light plant. The city has



Frederick W. Ballard, the municipal three-cent light expert.

already contracted for an estimate of the plant cost.

Kalamazoo, Mich., has signed Ballard to build a munny plant in the event a hot campaign, launched by private light men against a bond issue for the plant, is defeated.

In St. Louis and Milwaukee at present agitation for munny light plants is in the air. Ballard has been called to both cities to discuss the outlook with officials.

Ballard strongly approves the idea under way in Wellington, Kas., to build a central municipal plant to supply not only Wellington, but several surrounding towns.

"Towns within a 10 or 15 mile radius can effect great saving in light cost by banding together to patronize a central municipal plant," says Ballard. "The bigger the plant, the lower the cost of production will be."

FIFTEEN COPS MUST GO, SAYS MILLS; BUDGETS SHOW CUTS

Completely bearing out The Times' report yesterday, Commissioner Mills announced today that a dozen or 15 policemen on Tacoma's force were due for the pruning knife Jan. 1, 1916.

The announcement came when Mills' budget went before the commission.

It showed that the salary roll for next year will be smaller by a little over \$13,000 than this year's. Mills said that all this saving would be in salaries.

But when he was asked what men were due for the ax, he refused to answer.

Other cuts in Mills' department reduce the cost of fire protection from \$175,185 to \$163,323. Part of this will come from Mills' determination to purchase no new equipment, and part from the dropping of several men from the force.

The total cut in Mills' department for next year over this year is \$28,560. Of this, all but \$3,317 is in the police and fire department.

Next year's police department will cost \$110,130, as against \$123,535 for this year.

Commissioner Woods' budget, also made public today, shows that \$272,196.25 will be required as against \$237,045 this year. This apparent boost, however, is caused by the recent decision of state inspectors that the city street department must pay the light department for street lighting. Aside from this item, which was forced on his department for the first time this year, Woods' estimates are lower this year than last.

But in addition to his regular budget, Woods filed a supplemental statement of a number of public improvements, which, he said, ought to be made, but which he would not include in his budget.

These improvements, which the council will make if it has funds enough, include:

Paving Pacific avenue, 64th to city limits; extension of McKinley avenue; South L st.; water front road; South 40th st. fill. Drainage Gallagher's gulch; Lincoln park sewer; River st. sewer; Cedar st. sewer. Sanitary sewers on Monroe, Pearl, 21st and intersecting streets. Dredging city waterway.

Sanitarium Patient Boosts Woman Supt.

Dr. Christen Quévil has been very attentive, oftentimes making four or five visits a week.

About all there is left for Dr. Carey to do is to remove his hat and take charge. In my opinion this is just about the best piece of the taxpayers' money that has ever been spent in the state.

JAMES HARPER.

PAID MONEY TO HERSELF

Harriet Young, a feeble old woman, 85 years of age, testified in Judge Clifford's court today that she paid money out of her own pockets to herself upon the persuasion of Ralph W. Barron whom she is suing to recover property.

Mrs. Young said that Barron was to pay her \$400 in advance for her property near Puyallup. He brought it in bright shiny \$20 gold pieces, dangling them before the aged woman's eyes. He counted it and there was \$20 only. He asked her to pay it herself, which she did.

COURT HOUSE SEES BITTER FIST FIGHT

Chairman Slayden of the board of Pierce county commissioners, broke all precedents at the court house today by attempting to beat A. H. Denman, a prominent Tacoma lawyer, with his fists, during an argument over official business.

As a commissioner, Slayden proved to bystanders that he is a perfectly good rough-and-tumble fighter. He swung his fist at Denman with terrific force, striking the lawyer a staggering blow on the forehead. Denman, in self defense, swung back at the commissioner, but his blow went wild.

Bystanders rushed between the two men in time to prevent further bruising. Slayden was panting for breath and hurrying bitter imprecations against Denman. The lawyer was almost stunned by the terrific force of Slayden's blow, and leaned weakly against a desk until his strength returned.

The battle occurred in Slayden's office. Denman, who is noted as an amateur photographer, having made many beautiful photographs and stereopticon views of scenes at Mt. Tacoma, had gone to the commissioners' office to protest over a new road running through his property, at Eatonville.

Arguments grew heated, and culminated when Slayden made some statement that Denman believed to be an untruth.

The lawyer, known to his friends as a most mild-mannered person, shouted, "You're a liar."

Hardly had he gotten the words out of his mouth when Slayden delivered his sledge-hammer blow.

Slayden's right fist puffed up badly as a result of its impact against Denman's skull. A large blue-green bruise developed on the lawyer's head.

As soon as Denman had recovered himself sufficiently, he left the commissioners' office, accompanied by friends. It was intimated that he would cause a warrant to be issued for the arrest of Slayden.

Denman could not be located later. So far as could be learned at the local justice courts, no warrant was issued this afternoon.

OVER 1,800 SOLDIERS DROWNED

BERLIN, Sept. 3.—A British transport with 1,800 men aboard hit a mine at the entrance of the Dardanelles and was sunk today, according to a Sofia dispatch. The entire crew and 1,250 soldiers were drowned. Nearly 600 bodies have been recovered.

WORLD PEACE SOON?

WASHINGTON, D. C., Sept. 3.—Peace is in the air. Pessimists are little heeded.

It is conceded that the terms under which Germany will accept peace, outlined yesterday by a man close to von Bernstorff, must be limited and perhaps modified before the allies will accept them, but nevertheless, the developments are regarded as strongly tending toward peace.

Movie Operator Stood With Soldiers on the German Firing Line

Moving pictures actually taken on the battle front, showing both the Germans and their opponents in action, are included in the German War pictures, which come to the Tacoma theater for four days beginning next Wednesday.

The moving picture operator who went into battle like the other soldiers of the Kaiser's army, stood right on the firing line and took his own chance in a million against being shot. The films he brought back give the best evidence yet brought to America of just what the war is in reality. To view them is to see

Von Hindenburg Lead the Troops

BERLIN, Sept. 3.—Von Hindenburg's forces captured the fortress of Goendo and occupied the city, an official dispatch announced today. After taking the fortress the Teutons crossed the Niemen river and engaged the Russians in a terrific street battle.