

JUST PLAIN SCULDUGGERY!

OUR POOR, WEAK CITY COUNCIL IS BILKED AGAIN!

Friend City Commissioners:
 Unless you want to be laughed at and branded everlastingly as pettifoggers, blockheads, know-nothings, and crooks, ditch that T. R. & P. power contract!

The oily trail which the slippery Stone & Webster higher-up followed when he came here from Boston to the aid of Louis Bean smells to heaven.

Of course, he knew what he came after—he didn't come 3000 miles to hand a northwest city any Christmas presents.

Poor Louis Bean's original proposal to benefit the city was too raw. Anybody could see that. And we made hash meat out of it.

So our slick visitor from the east set about to spread the dust.

First he slashed out the apparent rawness. He removed the features which were highway robbery on the face of them. And then—

"It looks as if the T. R. & P. has backed down on every objectionable point," we laymen said when we first read through the revised contract deal on the day it was filed with the city commissioners. "They're licked. We caught the robbers in the act and put the straight jacket on them."

We said that; so did the mayor—until we began to

analyze closely the network of words and phrases which make up the 18 typewritten pages of the contract.

Sure thing, that astute Stone & Webster magnate knew what he was after.

Instead of the raw stuff now, the good people of Tacoma are being fed the saive—sweet sounding legal terms all done up in 18 typewritten pages of technicalities, and labelled "concessions" to the city of Tacoma.

To those city officials, those officers of the light department and the attorney's office who are expected to know about such things and who gave us the strong assurances that the revised proposal was on the level with the city, we give the consideration of being at least befuddled in the upper story or of being inoculated with the catching disease of "paving between the wheels."

If they want any further consideration let them burn that power contract and franchise in the crematory.

Take another look at it!

It specifically names the city's power plant "of 32,000 horse power," but where in all the 18 pages of typewritten technicalities does it mention where or what the T. R. & P. power plants are which are to supply us with so much juice? Perhaps we're just expected to take it for granted the T. R. & P. has its own power plant somewhere, capable of supplying any amount of power at any time.

As a matter of fact the T. R. & P. has just one small steam plant, at 14th and A street. The Stone & Webster hydro-electric plants are very cleverly incorporated separately.

Listen to this:

"Whereas, the city of Tacoma owns and operates an electric generating plant of 32,000 horsepower which is located on the Nisqually river, and

"Whereas, the city and grantee are, and each of them is, likely at times, from various causes, to require more electric current than their respective plants will generate, for their mutual profit and convenience the city and the grantee undertake and agree as follows:

"First, that whenever by reason of any accident or disability of the generating plants of either party they shall be unable to produce and furnish the quantity of electric current necessary to supply its patrons with the current they require, the other party will, upon demand, etc., furnish—the current demanded.

Observe the swarm of Senegambians! At low water, as has been pointed out repeatedly to the public, the city's plant has a capacity of far less than 10,000 horsepower. In fact, that is the reason and the only possible reason why the city now is even considering buying extra current.

Yet in this lying ordinance the city is put down in black and white as operating a 32,000 horse power plant. What will happen when the city wants its auxiliary power? Why, it will simply have to show where it needs more than the city plant's capacity of 32,000 horse power before the T. R. & P. can be compelled to furnish any power.

"By reason of accident and disability,"—there's one smooth joker for you. Where, in the name of everything mutual does the city get off at low water? Low water may be a "disability" for the Nisqually river, if rivers have such things, but attorneys and engineers both unite in assuring us that the mere fact a river is low could not be construed by the wildest imagination as being a disability to a plant which happens to be situated on its banks.

It is specified further that if the T. R. & P. fails to deliver current when the city demands it, a series of penalties shall attach. At the first glance and to

the layman they sound heavy. They might reach an aggregate of as much as \$10,000 a year.

But here is another nigger! The T. R. & P. could afford to enter into the contract and always refuse to live up to its terms, being penalized the extreme limit for its refusal, and still be far, far ahead! For it would have its franchise, that half million dollar privilege it covets, and the free use of the city's \$105,000 Tacoma avenue fill to boot. It could tell the city councils of after years to go to h—l—and it doubtless would do that very thing.

We could keep on citing paragraphs—a putrid one giving special light rate privileges to T. R. & P. patrons and another binding the city for 15 years to purchase current from the T. R. & P. only, for example.

City Attorney Stiles was asked if he thought the contract would hold water before the supreme court. He said he thought it would. You bet it would! And the city would find itself riding one of Louis Bean's rails, and Louis would have back that power franchise, once forfeited because of his rotten methods.

Get off while the going's good, Atkins and the rest of you. Dust out the cobwebs, then bury the remains in the city dump heap.

The T. R. & P. wants that franchise and wants it badly. Then let it come through with an agreement, simple and straight to the point—one that would be clear to the bemuddled wits of even Drake and Atkins and the rest of them. One giving the city the right to demand power at any time of day, any day in the year, for any cause, breakdown, low water or otherwise, at the flat rate of two-thirds of a cent a kilowatt hour.

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SHAKEUP HELP TO WHITMAN

Shakeups in athletic teams to revive latent prowess is not a practice held exclusively by college and high school teams. This fact was demonstrated this week at the Whitman grammar school.

The soccer team of that school, under the guidance of Coach Brown, passed through the training season and the early pennant race without a defeat. The team won 10 or more games straight. The boys got the dread disease "overconfidence," according to Coach Brown, and thought they could not be beaten.

The bump came. A tie game with a mediocre team and a defeat by another school brought the players to their senses.

The team was shaken from top to bottom, and as a result the McKinley Red Caps, the leaders of the soccer league, were played to a standstill the early part of this week. Whitman showed more team work than at any other time this year, and the game ended 0 to 0. The lineup:

Whitman—Perry, Robinson, Gaylord, Brooks, Voss, Walgraf, A. Bull, Sharman, Hixon, E. Bull and Millerson.

Red Caps—Shotts, Olson, Ward, Eyrn, Johnson, Gillman, Fisher, Anderson, Sather.

McDonald refereed, and said the game was the fastest and clearest he had seen this year.

SCHOOL WILL SELL XMAS ART GOODS

A sale of Christmas cards and calendars by members of the Lincoln high school art class will be held next Monday at the high school, and will continue until Dec. 23.

Orders will be taken up until the last day of school before the holidays.

Orders from outsiders for cards may be telephoned or mailed to the high school and will be promptly filled.

Miss Powell of the art department, had all her students submit to her a series of designs for a Christmas card. This design is one of the best and students of the South Side school at their had several hundredsale beginning Monday.

The design and text is the original work of Beth Cooley, '18, Lincoln Park high school, designs. She then for a Christmas card. This design is one of the best and students of the South Side school at their had several hundredsale beginning Monday.

Ralph Whitney, Gladys Jensen, Mabel Watson, Theresa Reid and Beth Cooley.

The proceeds of the sale will be spent in buying art objects for drawing no furnished by the school board, such as vases, pitchers and bric-a-brac.



TACOMA SCHOOLS

Will Put Manual Training to Work For Good of Homes

The boys of the Sheridan school have organized a Manual Arts society, with a membership of 50. Nearly all of the boys in the 6th, 7th and 8th grades have enlisted for service in this organization.

The purpose of the society is to extend the work of the manual training department more into the home life of the boys by encouraging and stimulating them into helpful co-operation among themselves toward putting to a practical use the knowledge of the shop toward repair work at home and bettering of little conveniences around the house.

Contest Next Month.

A long list of things the average grade boy can do at home, things perhaps which have never occurred to him, will be posted in the shop, and next month a contest will begin with prizes attached as an incentive in this direction.

Meetings will be held every month on the same evening as the meeting of the P. T. A. if this can be arranged.

Leslie Soutz was elected president and responded with a speech of acceptance. Principal Stanley spoke to the boys in encouragement of the work. James T. Mitchell, grade supervisor of manual training, addressed them on "Organization," giving in detail what an organization of this kind could do toward accomplishing an end.

Will Organize Sections.

Later different sections will be organized, such as the potato section, garden section, pig section, rabbit section, poultry section, where each boy according to his interest will find a place and encouragement.

Lectures by men interested in these different lines will speak before the society, and advise them. Already boys of the Whitman pre-vocational school, who attracted the attention of the city last year in some of the above lines, are preparing to come before this society to speak.

OPERA COMING TO PANTAGES



LAURA WINSTON.

Of the features that will make up the new vaudeville bill at the Pantages theater beginning Monday matinee, probably the Doree Grand Opera Co. will be the most popular. It is an organization of noted singers and entire scenes from operas, elaborately staged and costumed, will be given.

The very English comedienne, Laurie Ordway, will return to Tacoma in a new list of songs and characterizations.

Other attractions will be the Big Four quartet. Laura Winston and her company in a stirring dramatic playlet, "The Boy of the Regiment." Alice Teddy, skating and wrestling bear.

ASKS PUPILS' HELP IN TUBERCULOSIS WAR

That the school children can do much to stamp out tuberculosis is the belief of Supervisor Kelly of the Tacoma schools. Now that the pupils' interests are being centered on the prevention of the disease through the sale of Christmas stamps, a series of lessons have been prepared by the supervisor to be given between now and Christmas.

"There are three powerful preventives and cures for tuberculosis," explains Supervisor Kelly. "They are pure air, wholesome food and sunshine. For the child who is still strong and well, a fourth preventive is physical activity in reasonable amount. If the disease is already established, a fourth cure is rest."

"A child should play out of doors as much as possible, except in the stormiest of weather. The school grounds should be sought rather than the school basement. This should be taught the girls as well as the boys."

"Outdoor sleeping is another big factor in keeping the body well. If a sleeping porch is not available, it should be seen that the windows are kept open at night. Good health comes in through the open window at night to visit you. A draft will not bring a cold if the sleeper is properly covered."

"Breathe deeply. This practice is especially good in the morning. Ten good, deep breaths when a pupil first steps out in the morning is a very good habit to cultivate."

"Next to breathing, wholesome food is a good preventive to the dread disease. Plenty of good bread and butter, accompanied

"SYLVIA" IS BIG HIT AT STADIUM

"Sylvia" played to a packed house last night in the Stadium auditorium and scored one of the biggest hits ever put over in the North End institution by a student cast.

Anita Wheeler, as Betty, was the hit of the evening. Her sweet voice and neat portrayal of her part won encore after encore from the audience.

The complete role of Sylvia was produced under the direction of Supervisor Ball. The scores were played by a 25-piece orchestra.

"Sylvia" will be given again tonight, and a still larger house is expected. The story of the play is something like this:

Sylvia, wandering in the country, hears Betty bemoaning her fate and wishing she were engaged to a nobleman. Sylvia and Betty exchange lovers, much to the disgust of the men concerned. The end happily finds the reversal of events again, and the curtain goes down, each girl satisfied with her lot.

The cast: Sir Betram de Lacy, Larry Lenby; Prince Tobyum, Victor Morgan; William, Joe Crumb; Robin, Nathaniel Bender; Sylvia, Rhoda Johnson; Betty, Anita Wheeler; Arabella, Marie Day; Araminta, Hilma Johnson.

Lincoln Park Pupils to Direct Joyfest

To stimulate interest among the Lincoln Park high school girls in the dressing of the 115 dolls gathered for the immense Christmas tree celebration to be held in the school Dec. 23, the boys of the institution raised several dollars yesterday for a prize for the girl making the best doll dress.

More interest is being taken by the students in the coming "joyfest" for the children of the district than any other affair given by them this year. The tree

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