

NO STRIKE; MEN WILL MEDIATE

ONE CENT

A California town that wants quiet has voted to kill all its dogs. If any California town really and truly wants quiet the way to get it is to kill the real estate agents.

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WEATHER
Tacoma: Fair tonight and Thursday.
Washington: Same.

COOKS ATTACK MRS. JOHNSTON

COMPLAIN OF FILTHY KITCHENS

Charging that the kitchens of many Tacoma restaurants are filthy, and that Pure Food Inspector Grace P. Johnston is making no effort to improve sanitary conditions there, a committee from the cooks and waiters' union appeared before the city council today and asked for relief.

Mrs. Johnston devotes her inspection to the dining rooms and front part of the restaurant, demanding that they be spick and span, the committee declared, but has done nothing to improve the quality of food served from the kitchen or to enable the cooks and waiters to have better working conditions.

Those who represented the restaurant workers were Thomas A. Bishop, secretary of the union; George P. Humphrey, a waiter, and Charles Keith, a cook.

Ruling Brings Kick.
The cooks and waiters gave as their reason for appearing before the council, a recent ruling of the health board demanding certificates of health from all persons handling food.

They insisted that the health officer should provide the certificate, instead of permitting any physician to sign it, representing that unscrupulous persons might obtain certificates without being entitled to them.

"But our greatest complaint is the fact that the cooks and waiters must furnish a clean bill of health, yet are forced to work in filthy, unhealthy kitchens," said Secretary Bishop.

"We are glad to provide the certificate, in the interest of public health. But if we are forced to work in these unclean kitchens it will not be many years before we become ill with tuberculosis and are thrown out, to be dependents upon the public.

Describe Filthy Kitchens.
"The present pure food inspector is a farce. Instead of working with the cooks and waiters in an effort to clean up the kitchens, she antagonizes us. I can show you kitchens where grease and filth is piled under the floor to a depth of over 12 inches.

"In some restaurants the bones from steaks and chops are used to make brown gravy, when they should be thrown out. Many of the kitchens are so dirty that they would turn the stomachs of the person who is eating in the dining-room outside, yet we have to work under such conditions.

"If Mrs. Johnston would attend some of our meetings, instead of devoting her time to the North End Improvement club and the women's clubs, she would learn something about the work that she is trying to do."

Call Special Meeting.
Bishop charged that Mrs. Johnston had on one occasion recommended that he buy crackers from a certain manufacturer, "because they were more fresh."

"If Mrs. Johnston is not doing her duty, or if she is antagonizing you, I certainly want to know it," said Mayor Fawcett.

A special meeting of the council will be held Thursday morning, to probe today's charges.

TODAY'S CLEARINGS
Clearings \$ 371,371.24
Balances 114,832.32
Transactions 906,331.71

A Shark-Infested Locality



From THE RECORD, PHILADELPHIA

By De Mez.

Woman Accuses So. Tacoma Man of Fearful Brutality

Applying to Deputy Prosecutor Selden for a warrant for the arrest of Andrew Nelson, South Tacoma hardware man, on charges of assault, Mrs. Helen Wharton, 5605 South Birmingham st., told a story of brutality Wednesday that compares with the rack tortures of medieval ages.

Mrs. Wharton declared that her both hands were clamped between the rollers of a wringer, used for wringing clothes, and while she was pinioned in this manner she was beaten about the head and shoulders, and kicked.

The alleged assault occurred last Friday. Mrs. Wharton declared that she had been confined to her bed ever since.

Nelson was arrested Wednesday on Mrs. Wharton's warrant, and released under \$50 bail. The case will be tried next Wednesday in police court. Nelson denied the charge.

According to the story told by Mrs. Wharton to Prosecutor Selden at police court today, she recently purchased a wringer, wash boiler, wash board and electric iron from a man who came to her door with them.

Last Friday the hardware dealer, Nelson, came to her house and declared that the articles were his. He arrived at the house just as Mrs. Wharton was doing her week's washing.

Nelson charged that he had sold the washing outfit to a man in South Tacoma, whom he had later learned had resold them to Mrs. Wharton and had left the city.

The man paid only one installment of the purchase price to Nelson.

Mrs. Wharton told Selden that she refused to permit Nelson to

Mrs. Wharton asserted that she had been a physical wreck since the alleged assault, and for this reason had been unable to report the affair sooner.

PRESIDENT MAY TALK IN STADIUM

Authorized to make arrangements for President Wilson to speak in the Stadium, in case he should decide to come west this fall, David J. Williams, collector of internal revenue, left Tuesday for the east. Tacoma democrats also expect Secretary of the Interior Franklin J. Lane to visit this city.

Talk o' the Times

Greetings, have you a candidate in your home?

New York supreme court justice says the lawyer of today does not command the respect he should.

We dissent. We think he commands just the amount of respect that is due him, which is— Oh, well, you know.

"Every girl can become a Venus," says some "modern Venus," writing in "The Times." Go ahead, Jane, and tell us how Marie Dressler can become one.

NO POINT OF ORDER IS IN ORDER WHEN A WOMAN HAS THE FLOOR.

Some people put on a million airs who are far from being millionaires.

If Henry Ford runs for governor of Michigan will it be as the machine candidate?

How those Centralia editors love each other!

We find the Chronicle saying: "A newsboy on Tower avenue Friday night shouted, 'Daily Hub; One Cent; Big Holdup.' And some passers-by laughed."

We print this photo of a section of the late lamented grand jury, not so much because of its news value, but as an artistic study. Read their final report, and will understand what we mean.

The price of Bibles has practically doubled in the last year.

Sign in the window of a South-side residence: "Wanted—Girl to attend a baby about 15 years old."

WATCH YOUR POCKETBOOK

(Public officials are making many statements regarding the taxation crisis faced by the county and city. Much of their talk is perplexing to the average citizen. I asked Mr. Wheeler, of The Times staff, to set forth just what the conditions are. His article, which follows, ought to be of much interest at this time.—Editor.)

By Edgar C. Wheeler

Everybody wants low taxes. Some persons will "holler their heads off" to get them.

Most everybody wants to see Tacoma and the country surrounding Tacoma improved and made attractive and safe to live in and do business in. Many—automobilists for example—will raise a big noise to get speedy improvements, forgetting momentarily the pain.

Every city or county officer wants every voter to vote for him, and so he wants to please every voter who wants improvements and also every other who wants low taxes.

How to harmonize these wants and leave everybody in good humor is the problem over which city and county members of the board of equalization are knocking their heads together.

A board of equalization is a peace conference where taxpayers enter their kicks because the property assessments aren't dealt out according to their idea of the proper size and ratio.

But the particular peace conference which is now meeting in the county assessor's office shows signs of developing some of the symptoms of the Ford peace ship.

It seems that County Assessor Cameron, after examining recent transfer of property in Tacoma and the county, has discovered that it has been kept at boom values, for the purposes of taxation.

He has found, he says, that the assessed valuation of Tacoma property has been held up nearly \$9,000,000 higher in the aggregate than its actual value. So he has chopped that nine millions off.

Because the taxes which you and I have to pay are based on the assessed valuation of our property, Cameron claims he is cutting our taxes. Is he?

That's the question which is being raised by the city members of the board, who, of course, want to please the voters of Tacoma.

Various theories of taxation seem to be in evidence. One is that the valuation of property on which the amount of taxes is based doesn't make much difference, so long as it is distributed proportionately among property owners. Also, that when prices drop, assessed valuations must be kept up in order to keep the tax rate down and at the same

time meet the necessary expenses of government. This is the view which stands in awe of an increase in tax levy.

A second view is that when values decline and business is dull, it is right and proper to reduce the assessed valuation, but you'll have to raise the tax levy to meet the demand for improvements. This is a view held by few office seekers.

A third view is that when prices are low, the assessed valuation must be cut accordingly, but nobody has any business raising the tax rate. It is the view that says: "When business is poor and prices are down it is up to city and county to chop expenses, no matter how much people holler for improvements."

This is Cameron's view. He says it's the only real business method.

THE ONLY TROUBLE IS IT MEANS THE CITY FATHERS WILL HAVE JUST \$105,000 LESS TO SPEND.

There's no way out of that. The city can't raise its tax rate, because that levy is already up to its limit of 15 mills.

Commissioner Atkins has been the chief mourner so far.

It has been argued by at least one member of the city commission that Cameron's cut in assessed valuations won't cut taxes.

On the face of it this argument won't hold water IN THE CITY. The city tax rate can't be raised. It's as high as it can go. Taxes will have to drop with the assessed valuations.

But what of the county, where the levy has not reached its limit? The county levy can be raised.

It is estimated that if the county levy remains as it is now and Cameron's cut in valuations is allowed to stand, \$8,000 will have to be cut out of the road and bridge fund, that flexible, uncertain, vote-getting, spending money, the first name of which is patronage.

The total cut in available county funds, it is estimated, will be between \$80,000 and \$85,000, unless the levy is increased.

Rather than lose this spending money, will the county attempt to shove on a higher tax rate? Or will the commissioners take their medicine and keep the taxes down?

THAT'S THE THING THAT WILL BE WORTH WATCHING.

Cameron claims his reduction in assessed valuation, if allowed to stand, will mean not only a cut in city and county taxes, but a reduction of more than \$50,000 in Pierce county's share of state taxes, if the state levy of 6.467 mills remains the same.

Decision Comes As Surprise

NEW YORK, Aug. 9.—Railroad Brotherhood representatives announced today they would accept federal mediation provided action is taken immediately.

The acceptance came as a big surprise.

This morning the Brotherhood representatives flatly refused mediation; but

changed their minds after an executive session.

The national conference of railroad managers today rejected the men's demands and proposed that they be mediated by the federal tribunal.

The Brotherhood refusing to join in an appeal to the tribunal, the railroads made an individual appeal.

The federal board which is in session here, then offered its services to the brotherhoods and were at noon awaiting their reply.

MORE PARALYSIS

NEW YORK.—Fifty-seven deaths and 123 new cases of infantile paralysis are the toll for the past 24 hours announced here Wednesday.

Appoints Lane and Brandeis

WASHINGTON, D. C., Aug. 9.—President Wilson has selected Associated Justice Louis D. Brandeis to head the American commission which will confer with that appointed by General Carranza to settle Mexican border questions, it was authoritatively stated today.

Secretary of the Interior Lane has been asked to serve also and

Lindsey Out For Wilson

DENVER, Aug. 9.—Judge Ben Lindsey, leading progressive, today telegraphed President Wilson assurances of his "cordial support" during the campaign.

WHEAT UP'S CENTS

CHICAGO—Reports of crop damage, confirmed by the government, caused wheat to jump 5 cents at the very beginning of Wednesday's trading.

DADS, A TIP! DON'T TRY TO BE A WATER HERO TO YOUR SMALL SONS

By Fred L. Boalt.
PORTLAND, Aug. 9.—I am a father idol.

fathers in Portland who are fallen idols, it is very sad. We really ought not to have accepted our sons' invitation to their splash party in the Y. M. C. A. tank.

You see, these sons of ours are members of the "prep" swimming class. In age they range from 10 to 12.

Fifteen of these boys were hosts and a similar number of fathers were guests at the splash party.

It was only the other day, while I was mowing the lawn, that I heard my son quarreling with a neighbor's son.

I happen to know that this particular neighbor is fat and pudgy from over-eating and insufficient exercise, whereas I and excelling in all the manly sports.

My father," said my son, "can lick your father."

There is tragedy in the naked body of a man who has passed his physical prime. There are little pads of fat where as he should be, and little hollows that were not there when the man was 21.

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