

OLD MAN BEATEN NEARLY TO DEATH; SUSPECT STRIKERS

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HUMPHREY'S PLATFORM

"All that I have or that I expect to be is interwoven with the future of Seattle. The old Seattle spirit still lives; Seattle is determined to have a United States senator."

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WEATHER

Tacoma: Partly cloudy tonight and Saturday.
Washington: Same.

FORCED TO JUMP IN RIVER

Attacked by a group of men whom he later said were striking longshoremen, Oscar Schmidt, age 61, night car repair employe of the Milwaukee railroad, was so badly beaten early Friday morning that his life is said to be in danger. Schmidt was forced to jump into the Puyallup river to escape his pursuers, and when he crawled up the river bank was met with a fusillade of rocks and sticks. His head was battered by stones, and his abdomen was frightfully bruised. A rupture was one result of the attack. Schmidt left the Milwaukee yards shortly after 6 o'clock, returning to his shack on the tide-flats. As he approached the Lincoln bridge, over the Puyallup river a group of men attacked him.

The old man was beaten with clubs. He ran from the crowd, crying for help, and leaped over the bridge rail into the river. Several of his pursuers hurried around to the river bank. Unconscious 30 Minutes As Schmidt crawled up the muddy slope missiles rained about his head and body until he lost consciousness. Other wounds upon his body indicated, according to physicians, that he had been beaten and kicked while he lay on the river's edge. Schmidt regained consciousness 30 minutes later and staggered back to the Milwaukee yard, blood flowing from a dozen wounds.

A police ambulance rushed him to the St. Joseph's hospital, where he was immediately placed on an operating table by Dr. H. G. Willard.

Pettit Visits Hospital The victim was delirious from pain after recovering from the anaesthetic. Commissioner Pettit personally visited him at the hospital, but could get no statement from the suffering man.

Later Schmidt told hospital attendants, according to the police, that longshoremen had attacked him, thinking him to be a union worker. He said that he believed he could identify the men.

Schmidt is in a weakened condition. Hospital attendants say he has a fighting chance to recover.

POINDEXTER UNABLE TO ACCEPT NOW

A telegram was received in Tacoma late Thursday afternoon from Senator Poindexter in reply to the message sent him by a large committee of Tacoma business men on Wednesday, asking that he address them here before the primary.

In his telegram he says: "I appreciate your invitation for me to address you in Tacoma before the primary election, but regret that pressing previous engagements will prevent my acceptance until later."

Today he is speaking at various towns through the wheat belt.

NORTH END FOLKS GIVE COLLEGE \$1696 Members of the North End Improvement club pledged \$1696 in cash to the Woman's college in a few minutes at a meeting at the Sherman school last night.

"ICY" FAIRBANKS COMING CHICAGO, Sept. 8.—Republican Vice Presidential Candidate Charles W. Fairbanks will open his speaking campaign at Springfield, Mo., Monday. He will probably visit the Pacific coast.

Citizens' League Springs Sensational Letter That It Says Cameron Wrote

Tacoma, Wash., April 27, 1908

Tacoma, Wash:

Dear Sir;

In conformation of our personal conversation, I desire to express to you, that I will keep the faith with you, in return for the support of yourself and friends to my candidacy for member of the lower house at Olympia, the coming session of the legislature and at the primaries to be held in September 1908.

That I will support your candidate for the United States Senate Hon Levi Ankeny, and I will oppose by my vote any local option or prohibition legislation, that this obligation is mutual for the benefit of us both and the joint assistance of our friends.

James J. Cameron

Reproduction of Citizens' League's photographic copy of letter.

Pep was injected into the fight for county offices Friday when the Citizens' league, which has taken a prominent part in local politics, exhibited a photographic copy of a letter said to have been written by James J. Cameron, candidate for re-election as county assessor, to B. D. Crocker, former political boss of the northwest.

This letter, dated 1908, when Cameron was a candidate for the

legislature, pledges the writer to support Levi Ankeny for U. S. senator, pledges support to the political ring controlled by Crocker and Ankeny, and promises that the writer would fight against all prohibition legislation.

The photographic reproduction shown here did not contain the name of Crocker, to whom the letter was supposed to be addressed, but Crocker's name had been written in by the photographer. Members of the Citizens' league

said that they could produce the original of the letter.

Over the long distance telephone from Olympia, where he is attending the convention of county assessors, Cameron Friday afternoon denied any knowledge of the letter.

"I do not remember having written any such letter," he said. "In fact, I can say positively that I did not write it. It is a malicious attempt to discredit my campaign."

We Take It That Dahlia Is Considerably Like Woman

By Mabel Abbott

The Tacoma Dahlia Society will hold its sixth annual dahlia show in the garden on the 6th floor of Rhodes Bros. store, Friday and Saturday.

The show will be thrown open to the public at 2:30 Friday afternoon. A number of entirely new varieties of dahlias will be shown.

The officers of the Tacoma society are William J. Love, president; Mrs. E. L. Hockaday, 1st vice president; Mrs. A. L. Jackson, 2nd vice president; George M. Lee, treasurer; R. W. Drew, secretary.

You can't tell beforehand whether a baby will be like its mother or its father, or like some aunt or uncle, or one of its four grandparents, or its eight great grandparents, or whether it will have a mixture of the characteristics of several relatives, or whether it will be the "queer" one of the family.

And you can't tell, when you plant a dahlia seed whether the seedling will have a blossom like a button or like a feather duster; like a little ball of quills or like a plate of cold slaw; or whether it will be entirely new—a flower such as never bloomed in the world before.

It is a 100,000 to 1 chance that it will be like some one of the 100,000 known varieties; and even if you win, there is the still greater chance that it will not prove permanent—that is, that its tubers will not produce flowers exactly like itself.

Most people never plant dahlia seed. They plant tubers—and then they know what they will get.

But some prefer the gambler's chance, with failure or fame as the stake. One of these gamblers is Richard M. Buttle, of Seattle, president of the national and state dahlia societies. He has been raising dahlias from seed for 15 years, and for the last four years he has carried on a

series of systematic experiments in fixing the characteristics of new seedlings. He has originated a number of new dahlias, which have proved permanent.

Happening to be in Seattle last Sunday, I asked Mr. Buttle to tell me about the mystery of the dahlia.

"I don't know a thing about it," I said, and if I try to write a story about dahlias I am likely to make some funny mistakes.

"Well," observed Mr. Buttle philosophically, "there won't be many people who will know the difference if you do."

"No two dahlia experts agree. I sent to the agricultural department at Washington a few years ago and got all they had on the subject; and even that contradicted itself so that I made up my mind nobody knew anything about it and I would have to find out for myself."

"But I don't know, after the bees have been busy all summer hybridizing the varieties in my garden, what kind of dahlias I will get if I plant seed from any of them. And when I have found out I don't know what the tubers from that seed will produce next year."

"For instance, I got a new seedling not long ago. There is no cactus variety of that color registered, I sent it to Oregon, and there it produced a fluffy 'art peony' dahlia that was not new at all."

LONDON, Sept. 8.—The Ellerman liner Tagus is announced to have been sunk.

The British steamer Hazelwood also is sunk off Yarmouth. The steamer Strathay is reported to have been sunk.

Thirty-four survivors were landed in the first boat from the scene of the disaster and others have arrived since.

"Whenever I get a new variety I send one to Rhode Island, one to New Jersey and one to California and have them planted in each of the three places. If they all get the same flower next year I know it is permanent. Some people have planted as many as 5000 seedlings without getting a single thing that could be registered. The dahlia is the trickiest flower in the world."

And therein probably lies the hold it has on its admirers.

For does not every woman know that the instant a man feels sure what she is going to do next, she loses his interest?

FLASHES

WASHINGTON, D. C.—The president, at the conclusion of the congressional session, issued a statement warmly praising its work and declaring his expectation that further railway legislation will be enacted next session.

LOS ANGELES, Cal.—Grand jury begins rigid probe of charge that majority was offered for sale; whole city in tumult.

NEW YORK.—A woman, not a man, shot and killed Dwight Dilworth as he sat in his automobile in "Lovers' Lane" in Van Cortlandt park, in the opinion of police, Friday.

NEW YORK.—Four shots were fired into a Ninth avenue elevated train Friday as it stopped at Fifth street.

WASHINGTON, D. C.—A published story that Charles Edward Russell, the socialist writer, of New York, had been refused permission to go to the French front at the instance of the American embassy at Paris because he had criticized President Wilson, was inserted in the Congressional Record by Representative Bennett.

SEATTLE DROPS WILL HUMPHREY

Those Tacomans who turn out tonight to see and hear Will E. Humphrey, the Seattle candidate for U. S. senator, will behold a man who this day was formally repudiated by the business men of his home town. He long ago was repudiated by the working men and by the larger part of the women's vote.

In a remarkable full-page advertisement published in this morning's Post-Intelligencer 50 representative Seattle business men, announce themselves as favoring the re-election of Senator Poindexter, whom Humphrey seeks to succeed.

The list of signers, to anyone acquainted in Seattle, is a roll call of the best leadership in Seattle business circles.

It is a knock-out blow for the senatorial aspirations of the narrow Humphrey. Here is what Seattle business men say:

We favor the re-election of Miles Poindexter to the United States Senate.

BECAUSE—

He has been and is a senator for all the people and for every part of the state.

He has faithfully and at all times represented the best sentiments and highest ideals of his constituents.

He has gained a position of commanding influence in the senate and in governmental affairs.

He is recognized as a national figure of the highest type.

He labored earnestly and voted for a protective tariff on lumber and shingles. His position on the tariff with respect to every product and industry of his state has been absolutely true to the state's best interest. He stands firmly for the principle of protection and for the declarations of the republican national platform upon that great issue.

To his efforts and influence are due the passage of the Puget Sound Navy Yard Bill, creating the government shipbuilding plant and fixing the position of the Pacific Coast naval base at Bremerton for all time.

To him, more than to any other representative in either house of congress, is due the credit for the enactment of the Alaska Railroad Bill and of other legislation of vital benefit to that territory and of no less direct importance to every resident of Puget Sound and the State of Washington.

He stands for adequate preparedness for national defense—the best assurance of peace.

He has been unfailingly and effectively responsive to every fair request, every legitimate demand affecting the commerce, the industry, the labor of his state. And he has been thus responsive without regard to personal or partisan considerations—a true representative and servant of all the people.

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| ROBERT B. HESKETH | FRED R. BURCH |
| WILLIAM F. ECKART | ALBERT DAUB |

Rejected at home in spite of his fawning, all that I have or I expect to be plea to narrow, selfish community prejudice, why should Humphrey now come to Tacoma expecting either sympathy or votes?

ANOTHER POLICE SHAKEUP COMING

Another shakeup in the Tacoma police department was promised Friday.

Continuing his crusade of reorganization, which he started shortly after taking office and which was interrupted by the longshoremen's strike, Commissioner F. H. Pettit announced that he was planning to release several officers and replace them with younger and more efficient men.

The commissioner intends to eliminate all "dead timber" from the department. At present there are five vacancies on the police force, caused by discharge and resignation of policemen. There are six

eligible on the civil service lists, men who have taken examinations for the police service and have passed.

Pettit plans to put these men on. As soon as possible thereafter he will again reduce the number of officers by releasing several of the men whom he considers incompetent.

The six men on the civil service lists, who are expected to be appointed to the police department soon, are James C. Shaffer, Paul H. Jeffrey, Harry B. Miller, Joseph S. Fugère, George A. Wohlmaier and J. R. Teal. No intimation has yet been given as to the identity of the men to be discharged.

MONAHAN SACRIFICED

As a third sacrifice on the part of employees in the light and water department, to save Commissioner James C. Drake from impeachment, J. J. Monahan, general foreman of the water department, tendered his resignation Thursday evening.

Action by the council on the question of impeaching Drake will be taken next Wednesday. Monahan's resignation was sought by Drake after he had been

advised by his attorneys, Christian & Sullivan, that the release of the water foreman might tend to placate the wrath of the department's critics.

A. J. Holmes, superintendent at La Grande, and B. W. Collins, electrical superintendent, have both resigned during the past month.

Monahan's appointment two years ago was never ratified by the council, members of the commission positively refusing to confirm the new official.

Talk o' the Times

Greetings, have you dug out your heavies yet?

The advertisements say that "Hon. W. E. Humphrey will be at his best" tonight. Which, we should judge, is most fortunate. Will E. at his worst wouldn't be very edifying.

Is your biggest dahlia entered?

Ralphie Clarke, the Wheeler-Osgood magnate who sent out a "news story" to the N. Y. Sun

disloyalty to his home town has been found out and that he has had time to think the matter over.

Just what does the avenue restaurant man mean by advertising, "Wanted—Waitress, lady preferred?"

SOME PEOPLE SEEM TO THINK THAT OTHERS EXPECT TOO MUCH OF THEM.

NO MATTER HOW GREAT A PHILOSOPHER A MAN MAY BE, HE CAN'T FIGURE OUT HOW HE HAPPENED TO GET MARRIED.

2ND WASHINGTON IN REVISED LIST

WASHINGTON, Sept. 8.—The war department has issued a revised list of the troops to be mustered out, which includes the 3rd, 14th and 71st New York, brigade headquarters, 1st and 4th New Jersey, 4th Maryland, 1st and 2nd Illinois, 1st and 3rd Missouri, 5th California, 3rd Oregon, 2nd Washington and 1st Louisiana.



to the effect that if Wilson is elected all Tacoma property will drop 20 per cent, probably feels pretty cheap himself now that his

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