

# BOOZING KING CONFESSES!

## YACOLT

The happy chronicle of Yacolt, Wash., is continued this week in its faithful diary, the Yacolt News.

The Yacolt High School Literary club has had a meeting, of which the piece de resistance was a debate, "Resolved, a piano is more necessary to the home than a Ford." — Affirmative, Lois McMunn and Edith Cole; negative, Sam Rotschy and Ray Roper.

The girls won. The bustle of affairs in Yacolt is echoed in the columns of the News. "S. Hillstrom of Vancouver was here seeking to business relating to telephone affairs Wednesday."

The only cloud on Yacolt's content seems to be that "Owing to bad roads between here and Vancouver the Sunday papers will not be brought out on Sunday during the winter months, but they will be sent out Monday by express."

The city council has been up and doing.

"In the matter of Mr. Cole placing cord wood on the right of way, it was the sense of the council that there would be no objection so far as the town of Yacolt was concerned."

"In the matter of exchanging wood for water rent, motion was made by McDermott, seconded by Pearce, that the town accept 4 ricks of good wood from John Conn in exchange for water rent."

"Business is good in the neighboring town of Chelatchie, also. Witness the Chelatchie notes: "M. S. Allen took his cream and cream for Milo Allen, Otto Huffman and Chas. Lyons to Yacolt Tuesday, to ship to Seattle."

"Mrs. Bell Jones brought a singer bird of Mrs. M. S. Allen Saturday. Mrs. Allen has birds for sale."

claims, Postels, Gillots and Windies were in Amboy and Yacolt."

And, speaking of Amboy, life does not stagnate there, either. From Amboy the Yacolt News hears that—

"Mr. Hanson saved wood for H. Ball last week."

"Guy Frost came home Tuesday and all were glad to see him back again."

"Mr. McClure moved on the Tremam Jones place Saturday."

"Chas. West butchered a fine hog Monday."

"But,—ouch! Yacolt lauds a jolt in Tacoma's solar plexus in a ringing editorial to the effect that—

"The Tacoma Times seems to bemoan the fact that Tacoma men have to come to Yacolt to get spars for ship-building purposes. That is all right, but we wonder what they will have to say when Clarke county gets the Brigade post which Tacoma is making such an effort to be placed in that part of the state."

## The Great American Home!



## BILLINGSLEY IMPLICATES SEATTLEITES

(United Press Leased Wire.) SEATTLE, Dec. 28.—Logan Billingsley, the "brains" of the gigantic bootleggers' ring in Seattle, today completed his confession, begun yesterday afternoon, to U. S. District Attorney Clay Allen, which, according to the prosecutor, not only involves himself, his brothers, a San Francisco company, but also a number of officials here.

"Billingsley talked freely and of his own volition," Allen said today.

"To what extent he has involved others, I cannot disclose at this time."

Billingsley, who is under several federal indictments for violations of the interstate act against liquor shipments in dry territory, was clobbered with Allen for three hours.

He was then returned to the Pierce county jail, Tacoma, being still unable to furnish the bond of \$13,500 required of him.

At 11 o'clock this morning he was brought back to Seattle by Deputy Marshal Fleetwood and immediately was taken to Allen's office.

It was reported that he may have decided to induce his brothers Fred and Ora, jointly indicted with him, but who have thus far evaded arrest, to surrender themselves.

While the books and records of a San Francisco company show that Billingsley has bought approximately \$40,000 worth of liquor, which "stretched" with water and other ingredients ran up the total to \$200,000, when Billingsley sold it, he is today almost a bankrupt. His bank account shows he has but \$2,700.

Billingsley is about 35 years of age, an educated and gentlemanly appearing man.

He is usually suave and cheerful. Today he looked haggard and pale.

It is believed he wants to make a "clean breast" of the whole booze ring and the graft that went with it "because the men whom he had 'greased' failed to come through with ball money" for him.

## HELPS LOANS DESTROY OIL FIELD WORTH 150 MILLIONS

(United Press Leased Wire.) LONDON, Dec. 28.—Russian war loan subscriptions have increased considerably since publication of peace notes, Petrograd dispatches via the Wireless Press announced today.

All co-operative societies have subscribed 25 per cent of their capital.

NEW DON'T YOU AGREE THAT DOC. HAS KICK COMING? J. H. Parsons, dentist, who was run over recently by an automobile, thinks he has a kick coming on the newspapers.

One of them, in recording the accident, remarked that because of his age (the doctor confesses to being 59) "the shock will be the greater."

But when Chaplain Stubbs, age 92, was run over shortly after the paper said, "Because of his great vitality it is thought he will recover."

Why the discrimination? asks Dr. Parsons.

"LOST" LINER SAFE BOSTON, Dec. 28.—Coast guard officials received word just before noon today that the "lost" Clyde line steamer Ozella, Portland, Me., to New York, is safe in Block Island harbor.

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## UNIONS OPPOSE BONDS

At the regular meeting of the labor council held last night, it went on record as opposed to the bond issue for an army post, after a general debate on the matter lasting until nearly midnight.

It was asserted by the delegates opposing the bond issue that with 15,000 enlisted men, whose term of service is three years, that there would be 5,000 discharges a year or about 415 a month, and a large percentage of them would be thrown on the labor market of this city and vicinity.

Another objection raised was that such a large bond issue might cripple other necessary work of the county.

These, coupled with the natural antagonism to anything pertaining to "militarism" in its present form, were the principal objections.

## COLLEGE BOY CAN'T SMOKE

(United Press Leased Wire.) M'INNIVILLE, Ore., Dec. 28.—The days of the college boy who was wont to roam the campus extending great puffs of smoke from an overgrown calabash pipe have passed, if President Riley of Mc-Minnville college insists upon obedience to an order issued putting the ban on tobacco in all forms.

Riley has given the boys until the first of the year to wean themselves from the weed made famous by Sir Walter Raleigh.

## Needing Assistance

This company gives particular attention to the business of those who, through lack of experience, need advice or assistance in the management of their investments.

Puget Sound Bank & Trust Company

## WIFE OF JUDGE TO ACT IN MOVIE PLAY



Mrs. Lindsey, wife of Judge Ben Lindsey of Denver, Colo., will appear in photo plays written by the judge, based on juvenile court work, in which the judge is interested.

## WILSON AT 60 FEELING FINE

(United Press Leased Wire.) WASHINGTON, Dec. 28.—President Wilson is 60 years old today. From a "close-up" view he looks at least 10 years younger.

According to Dr. Cary T. Grayson, the president's private physician, President Wilson never was in better health. Plenty of outdoor exercise is what has kept him fit, Dr. Grayson says.

A deluge of rain prevented his usual game of golf with Mrs. Wilson, and he spent the forenoon quietly with hope of an automobile ride this afternoon.

Three years ago, the president was reported from time to time as being in a bad physical condition. He continually suffered from colds, which held on tenaciously. Walking and golfing have driven away his weakness for colds and his added weight gives him the appearance of perfect health.

JAPANESE ACTIVE (United Press Leased Wire.) SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 28.—New stories of Japanese military activity on American soil were injected today into the trial of German Consul Franz Bopp and associates on charge of neutrality violation.

## MEANS HIGHER WAGES

Mayor Fawcett Thursday issued a statement to the workmen of Tacoma, pointing out specific reasons why the American Lake army post will benefit them and urging them to "get busy and put this army post over" in the bond election.

The statement follows: "You want to hold your job; you'd like a better one; you want more pay. That's right. But has it occurred to you the army post will give you the best chance you ever had of getting them?"

Everyone a Consumer "Ordinarily if 15,000 new men came to Tacoma, they would be bidders for your job. But these soldiers have a job they cannot get away from. Every soldier is a consumer. He will make work here but not do any. That means more demand for your labor. Your employer will need you more than ever and your chances for increased pay will be better."

"These soldiers will get about \$16 a month. That means at least \$240,000 a month to be spent here. If the business men here get that money they must give service for it and service means more work for labor. Besides, there will be the foodstuffs, clothing, building and other things Uncle Sam will supply for the men. They all mean more work here. There will be no lay-offs or four-days-a-week working for railroaders then. Teamsters, draymen, longshoremen, railroaders, machinists, builders, cigar makers, bookkeepers, clerks, and all kinds of laboring men will find more work to do and that means greater security in the job and more pay."

Bring in New Money "Besides this new money in circulation will put new life in business. If you want to buy a home you will have more money to do it with. If you have a place to sell other workers will have more money with which to buy."

"In the final analysis the laboring man is the only producer and the advent of 15,000 or 25,000 new consumers in this section cannot help but be a big boost for these producers."

"The working man should realize he is the biggest booster for the army post bonds of any Tacoman. Will Increase Wages. "The reason Henry Ford can pay his workmen all \$5 a day or more is because there is a big demand for the thing they produce. When the demand for the things Tacoma labor produces is increased here by a new army of consumers coming in it will have the same tendency to boost the price of labor here."

"Get busy Mr. Workingman and put this army post over. It will be your financial salvation."

TODAY'S CLEARINGS Clearings ..... \$ 288,599.17 Balances ..... 56,670.91 Transactions ..... 1,233,934.99

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## Sen. Poindexter Likes "Million Dollar" Idea

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18, 1916.

Editor The Times: I certainly congratulate you and The Times for the successful fight you have made for equality in tourist fares between Northwest cities and California. I think it is a victory which means more than any one can possibly estimate at this time.

Your plan to advertise Puget Sound temperature in Eastern papers (the "million dollar" idea) strikes me as well worth while. If carried out on the lines you suggest, it ought to prove a most beneficial method of publicity for Tacoma. I wish you the greatest measure of success in carrying it out.

MILES POINDEXTER.

## It Looks From This as If Tacoma Wasn't Much on Classical

By Mabel Abbott  
What is your favorite phonograph selection?

Ten to one it's Hawaiian. If so, then five to one it's "Yaaka Hula Hickey Dula;" or four to one it's the "Hilo March."

If it isn't Hawaiian, then ten to one it's "Pretty Baby," or five to one it's "A Perfect Day."

These odds may not be exactly figured out, but they're conservative, according to revelations made by the leading Tacoma agencies for the principal makes of phonograph records.

L. C. S.'s in Majority A clever reader of The Times, who signed himself "L. C. S.," sent a warm letter to the editor the other day on the subject of "low-brow" vs. "highbrow" music. L. C. S. declared himself a "low-brow," and asserted that he and his kind should "organize in defense of our class," as there is "great and imminent peril that the songs that mean something to us will be excluded altogether from concert programs."

A reading of the lists of new records put out by the big record companies—Edison, Victor and Columbia—ought to be comforting to L. C. S.; and a list of the actual "best-sellers" of these companies in Tacoma within the last month, proves that the L. C. S.'s are in the majority among the owners of music machines.

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At the Shaw Sunbly Co., the three Edison records that go the quickest are Hawaiians. "On the Beach," "I Let Her on the Beach at Honolulu," and "She Sang Aloha to Me;" and the three favorite Columbia records are "She Sang Aloha to Me," "Pretty Baby" and "She's the Sunshine of Virginia."

Classical Music Nowhere At Sherman-Clay's, the winning record is "Yaaka Hula Hickey Dula," with "A Perfect Day" a close second, and the "Hilo March" third but rapidly gaining.

"Classical music is nowhere, if you go by number of sales," reported the manager of the record department in one of the stores.

"There are people, of course, who want it; but they are comparatively few. "Artists have found this out; and they are singing popular or patriotic music for the records. Farrar's 'Star Spangled Banner' record sells 20 to 1 as compared with any operatic record of hers that we carry. Gluck, Evan Williams, and all the other big ones are singing what people want."

Not True Everywhere "Take the 'Hilo March,' a Victor record. If it keeps up at its present rate, it will catch up with 'Tipperary,' which was the biggest seller ever put out."

## DID IT TO AID FRIEND

"We went to several cities in west and Tex promoted a couple of fights and we went broke."

"We had money enough to get to St. Paul, and he tried to get a fight there and couldn't, and we were broke in good earnest."

"We hadn't a dime. We were up against it. And then I wired Dolly for money and she sent us \$200."

"Later, when we were in Aberdeen, the man Dolly had gone to California with came to see us, and showed us some letters from Dolly."

Reciprocity. "She said she wanted to come back to Aberdeen; that she was broke and wanted to come back, and that she was going to live decent now. The man said he was going to get a divorce and marry her."

"So I thought it no more than right I should help Dolly, because she had helped me."

This was the explanation given by Mrs. "Tex Vernon," in federal court Thursday morning, for having sent money to Dolly Howard in California to come to the rooming house which the prize fighter and his wife conducted in Aberdeen.

Case Near an End. Vernon, whose real name is Myron D. Kilgore, and his wife, are accused under the Mann act. They are both young. She is only 23.

Dolly Howard looks still younger. The plain language of the prize-ring, the half-world and the under side of things falls, with strange effect from their lips.

They allege that Dolly Howard was brought to Aberdeen to work as a chambermaid in their rooming house, and that the money sent her was in payment of a debt, which is not yet entirely paid.

The case will probably go to the jury early this afternoon.

## Endorse Post

The Arlington Park Improvement club notified Mayor Fawcett Thursday that it had unanimously endorsed the American lake army post.

It is not in all cities, however. I have worked in towns where classical records sold almost or quite as well as popular ones.

"I'm not knocking Tacoma, I'm just telling you the fact."

## Talk o' the Times

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