TAX-PAYERS MEET LEGISLATIVE SOLONS

The new legislative delegation of Spoane county met the members of the Taxpayers' league last night at the Chamber of Commerce rooms.

The principal topic discussed was the best means by which the expenses of the courts could be diminished. The meeting was informal and most of the delegates freely voiced their views on this subject.

D. C. Corbin, as president of the league, brought the matter forcibly before them in a short address, in which he expressed the well-known sentiments of that body in regard to a reduction in court expenses. He drew attention to the fact that the expenses of Multnomah county, Oregon, with twice the population of Spokane, was less than half as great. He suggested that litigants bear part of the expense of jury trials, and also advocated a reduction in the jury fees and mileage.

Several of the legislators responded and it was clearly seen that most of those present favored the proposition.

Regarding Governor McBride's railway commission, several delegates stated that they would stand by the platforms upon which they were elected. Members of the league also expressed themselves on this point, saying they would stand by the delegates in this matter.

Early in the evening the delegates met in Senator Tolman's office and perfected organization, electing Senator Stanley Hallet of Medical Lake to the chair.

N. W. Durham and Professor L. B. Alger, representing the Cheney Normal school, appeared at the meeting and told of the needs of the institution.

Two hundred and thirty-five are enrolled in the normal department of the school and 100 in the training department—50 per cent more than last year. There are only 11 instructors, who are greatly overworked. A dormitory is needed, which would require an appropriation of $40,000, or, if the legislature is against the dormitory system and it will so declare itself, people in Cheney will build expressly for the accommodation of normal students.

So far the faculty has held within the appropriation of last year only by the most rigid economy.

This year they ask for an appropriation of $77,700. Forty-five thousand of this will go for salary to the teaching force, which will be increased to 15. To complete the heating plant, finish the building and build an annex $12,500 will be required.

They invited the delegation to visit them and Thursday, the 18th, was the date set to visit Cheney Normal and the asylum at Medical Lake.

George L. Crane, J. A. Schiller and Howell W. Peel appeared on behalf of the Interstate Fair and asked the legislative body to foster this institution and work for an annual appropriation.

CITY NEWS.

Felix M. Pugh, deputy United States marshal, has just returned from Walla Walla.

The stonemasons' union is busy making the preliminary arrangements for their annual social to be held Monday evening, December 29.

Chief of Detectives McPhee this morning arrested Frank Smith on the charge of vagrancy. Smith had a quantity of cheap rings, which he was attempting to dispose of to people passing on the streets.

In an interview with Judge Marshall as to the probable successor of Deputy Marshal Ide, the judge said: "I am not in a position to say who will be appointed. There will be no secret about the matter when Mr. Hopkins returns.

Director Myers of the Y. M. C. A. left for Pullman this morning, accompanied by a picked team of basket ball players. They play at Pullman tonight with the team of the Washington Agricultural college and are confident of victory.

C. D. Bibbins, owner of the Fernwell block, has decided to remodel the entire interior, maing it an office block throughout. The three upper stories are at present used for hotel purposes. A marble entrance and hallway will also be added.

Several of the leading grocery firms have inaugurated an innovation in connection with their delivery wagons that will be hailed with joy by the householders. The penetrating qualities of kerosene are well known and to prevent its odor permeating all articles to be delivered a neat wrought iron carrier is constructed below the wagon bed. Here the noxious but convenient fluid is handled to the benefit of the edibles.

BUY RANCH.

Messrs. Jacob Harr and Albert Erhardt of Marcus, Ia., have just concluded the purchase of a 400-acre ranch two and a half miles from Cheney from Foster & Wakefield through E. F. Graves & Co. of this city. The consideration was $8500.

NEW SETTLERS.

Frank C. Lee of Armstrong, Ia., has purchased from Carl Peterson an 80-acre tract, finely improved, near Deep Creek, and will bring his family to settle there shortly. The consideration was $2100, the transaction being made through E. F. Graves & Co.

COURT NOTES.

Judge Richardson was detained in Colville and will not return until late this afternoon.

It is expected that sentence will be passed by Judge Richardson on Gus Anderson, charged with manslaughter, and Carmino Petinato, found guilty of assault on a young girl.

This is law day in Judge Kennan's court. The Newman divorce case will be continued this afternoon.

A personal injury and damage suit to recover $2000 in the case of J. L. Sheldrup against J. Jansen is attracting the attention of Judge Belt's court today. Sheldrup claims that Jansen threw him out of a saloon last May and that his arm was broken as a consequence.

Messrs. McCullum and Smith are still making a raid on the books in the county auditor's office.

Deputy Sheriff Felix K. Pugh has just celebrated his tenth anniversary in the county's employ, either or sheriff or deputy sheriff.

A deputy in the county clerk's office was blindfolded in Judge Belt's court this morning, drawing the jury for the January term of court.

A motion for demurrer to amended complaint is filed in the case of Louisa Randolph and Florence M. May.

A motion was made for demurrer in the case of James B. Storer versus B. C. McNabb.

A motion was made for a new trial in the case of F. H. Osgood against E. J. Webster.

ATTACKS THE NEW COMMERCIAL CLUB

Freemen's Labor Journal, under its new owners, Boardman & Cartano, makes, in yesterday's issue, an attack upon the newly-organized Commercial club, describing it as "an organization with a secret membership, that meets behind closed doors and has other very suspicious purposes," and further declares that "the Commercial club is organized for the purpose of crippling trades-unions."

CHILDREN ARRESTED.

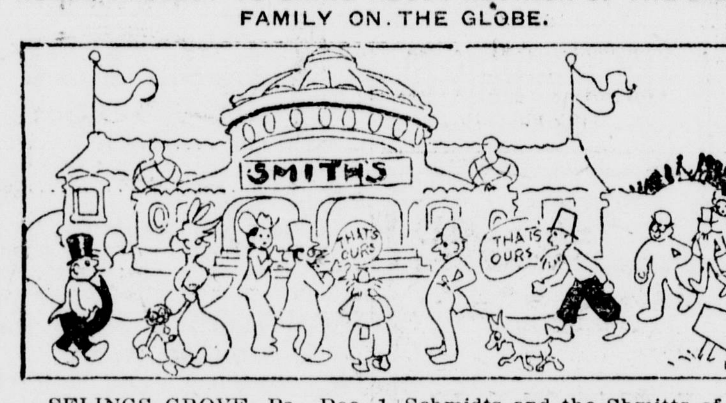
The police made one arrest last night under the curfew law, the first in some time. Three children, Harry and Jessie Lewis, aged 10 and 13 years respectively, and Lawrence Arthur, aged 12. The two Lewis children secured cigarettes and gave some of them to the Arthur boy, who was found smoking them. The cases have not yet been disposed of.

BRIDGE REPAIRS.

The only city improvement in progress is the work of repairing the Monroe st. bridge. The work at present is confined to the north end of the bridge, but as soon as the arrangements can be completed and bids opened for remodeling the south end and extending Main ave. to the bridge. City Engineer Gill has his plans for the work well under way and bids will be called for as soon as they are ready for inspection.

BUILDING FOR SMITHS AT ST. LOUIS EXPOSITION.

NOVEL PROJECT TO BRING ABOUT REUNION OF THE BIGGEST FAMILY ON THE GLOBE.



SELINGS GROVE, Pa., Dec. 13.—Lynn Smith of this city is making arrangements in which other Smiths are co-operating to secure space at the St. Louis exposition for a building to be dedicated to the exclusive use of the large and growing tribe of Smith.

Lynn Smith estimates that there are about 10,000,000 Smiths in the English-speaking world. He has not yet decided whether the Schmidts and the Shmitts of the German branch of the tribe shall be admitted or not.

Lynn Smith says that a very small contribution from each of the American members of the family will permit of the construction of a magnificent building in which the Smiths of the republic will be able to welcome the Smiths of many lands who will attend the fair.

SPORTING NEWS.

THE BIG GO.

Monday night at the Spokane theater will occur the big fistic event of the northwest. The S. A. A. C. has prepared quite an extensive program. In addition to the appearance of Jeffries and Fitzsimmons in a three-round bout, big Charles Elsey and Joe Fitzgerald, both fast with the gloves, will box six rounds. Billy Armstrong, who recently conquered Parker at Denver, will go on with "Dude" Lewis. These two are very evenly matched and the bout will last four rounds. Lewis is now in training for his match with "Kid" Frederick at Wardner, Idaho, which will be pulled off the latter part of next week. A. Zazelle is also on the program for a Spanish ring stunt which is said to be very good. Al Moorman will go three rounds with "Kid" Harris, and Tom Downey will go on with V. Powell.

The Spokane High school eleven lines up with Waitsburg this afternoon.

Benny Yanger, the undefeated Italian of Chicago, and Dave Sullivan of Boston will fight six rounds on December 22, the winner to take $1750 and the loser $250 of the $2000 purse.

Owing to the prospects of peace between the American and the National league the offices of president, secretary and treasurer of the national were combined and tendered to Harry Pulliam.

With the expiration of the present contracts in the big eastern leagues the salaries of the players, which have recently reached enormous figures, will be cut materially. This is one of the outcomes of the peace agreement.

The second straight game of football with Walla Walla yesterday was taken by the Spokane eleven at Walla Walla in a score of 6 to 0. The weight of the Spokane boys and the strength of their line brought about the result.

No more will the fighting game interest the sports of Baltimore. The fight between Tommy Felz and Jimmy Devine, who will go 20 rounds before the Eureka Athletic club, will be the last, as the mayor and police commissioner have issued orders to that effect.

Manager Jay Andrews of Spokane has made the best of Manager Henry Harris' absence from San Francisco and has picked up some of the best Frisco players. President Lucas states that Seattle can't be touched by Harris, but Chief Reddy, just returned, says it would be to Dugdale's financial advantage to join the California league.

In Canadian athletic circles much interest is manifested in the annual meeting of the Canadian Amateur Hockey league in session today at Montreal. The principal features of business for discussion are the Stanley cup challenge and the admission of the Cornwall hockey club into the league. The challenge of the Winnipeg Victoria's club to play the Montreal team for possession of the coveted trophy is expected to cause a prolonged argument, and the outcome is doubtful.

The Cornell Athletic council meets this evening at Ithaca, N. Y., to discuss a plan to send a Cornell eight to Henley next summer. It is probable, however, that action in the matter will be deferred until it is learned what action the Henley stewards take at their meeting in London today in regard to the proposed rule aiming to exclude from participation in the contests crews which have been coached by professionals within a month of the opening of the regatta. The new rule, if adopted, would have the effect of practically excluding foreign crews from the annual regattas. From private advices received from the other side it is gathered that the rowing men of England as a class are opposed to the policy of excluding foreign crews at Henley and that the indications are that the new proposal will be defeated.

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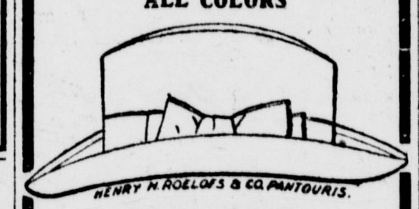

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