

OPEN FIGHT AGAINST "CLOSED TOWN" POLICY

Brewers and Liquor Dealers Have Secret Committee Working Among Saloon Men Asking Them to Help Defeat Reform Movement.

The following letter has been received by every saloonkeeper in the city:

"At a meeting held Saturday afternoon a committee was appointed to call on you in a day or two and explain the object that we must accomplish, and which will be to your interest.

"We heartily endorse the plan and beg of you to give the matter your earnest consideration and co-operate with the committee after same has called and explained the object we have in view. Yours truly,

"Spokane Brewing & Malting Co.
"Heber Brewing & Malting Co."

"D. Holzman & Co.
"Washington Liquor Co.
"Falls City Trading Co."

The above letter means that the brewers and liquor dealers have taken up the fight against the "closed town" policy in earnest.

The committee mentioned in the letter began active work today and so far has been given assurances of hearty support from every saloonkeeper it has called upon.

The object in view is to have every saloon lend its support in defeating the aims of those who are seeking to influence the people into voting at the next municipal election in favor of a "closed town" policy.

The firms whose names are attached to the letter have decided to fight a hard battle against any attempt to bring about such a state of affairs and they have announced that nothing will be left undone to accomplish the purpose they have in view.

The committee is prosecuting its work with the utmost secrecy. The ministers, however, have been informed of the movement and it is expected that the sermons delivered next Sunday will be a sweeping arraignment of every attempt on the part of the brewers and liquor dealers to line up the voters in favor of an "open town" ticket.

FALLS INTO SHAFT AND ESCAPES UNHURT

Nevada City Young Woman Stumbles Into Abandoned Pit During Storm and Drops Twenty-five Feet.

NEVADA CITY, Feb. 19.—Miss Mabel Hecker had a thrilling experience during the heavy storm. Miss Hecker is the daughter of a dryman, and was delivering milk to a customer when the storm came on.

The young lady was accompanied by Miss Tillie Ragon, and for shelter they went to the Lecompton mine, hoping that the storm would cease.

The rain, however, continued to come down in torrents, and as it was growing late, the young girls decided to make an effort to reach home, but lost the road and wandered off into the hills.

Suddenly Miss Ragon, who was holding the hand of her companion, felt Miss Hecker fall. Miss Ragon was paralyzed with fear, but in a moment she regained her senses and realized that Miss Hecker had fallen into a deserted mining shaft.

It was impossible to tell how deep the hole was, but the fact that Miss Hecker was not dead was shown by that young woman's calls for help

from the bottom of the pit a few moments afterward.

Miss Ragon was powerless to lend her companion aid, but did not lose courage. Calling to Miss Hecker not to despair and that she would bring help, she groped her way through the intense darkness and rain and fortunately found her way to the Posey mine, telling there the predicament of Miss Hecker.

Superintendent W. H. Bray ordered lanterns and ladder ropes, and following Miss Ragon's meagre directions, at last discovered the abandoned shaft, being attracted by the faint cries of Miss Hecker, who was almost exhausted as a result of the nervous shock sustained in falling down the shaft, which proved to be over 25 feet in depth.

When the rescue party arrived on the scene a rope was lowered into the hole, the young woman fastened the cord around her waist and was soon pulled to the surface, where it was found that she was uninjured.

BAD WEATHER TIES UP TRAINS.

Storms in the east are causing nearly all trains to be delayed. Last night's No. 3 on the Northern Pacific came in at noon today. No. 6 came in at 1:45 p. m. and the North Coast Limited, westbound, is overdue.

The Great Northern No. 8, westbound, due at 6:55 a. m. will arrive some time this afternoon.

TO SUCCEED W. R. DAY

WASHINGTON, Feb. 19.—Solicitor General Richards is believed to have been selected by President Roosevelt to succeed William R. Day as circuit judge when the latter takes Justice Blinn's place on the supreme bench. The announcement is expected this week.

The nominations of William R. Day and Solicitor General Richards were later sent to the senate, also that of Henry Hoyt of Pennsylvania to be solicitor general. The latter is now assistant to Judge Richards.

WHO OWNS THE SWINE

Judge Kennan and a jury are listening today to the career of three swine, valued at \$60, which Samuel Green declares are in the unlawful possession of William Cramer and wife. The case is one appealed from the justice court.

PLEADS GUILTY AND FINED \$75 AND COSTS

J. G. Wilson was arraigned before Judge Hinkle today on a charge of assaulting Frank Howard. He pleaded guilty and was fined \$75 and costs.

Howard has already been bound over to the superior court on a charge of shooting Wilson in the lobby of the Pacific hotel. Two different stories of the first shooting have been told thus far, witnesses testifying to

THREATENED STRIKE ON SOUTHERN PACIFIC

Discharge of Two Men After Twenty Years Continuous Service, Liable to Cause Serious Trouble.

PORTLAND, Ore., Feb. 19.—Involving every line and division of the Southern Pacific is a strike threatened by the United Brotherhood of Railway Employees.

Less pretentious, but equally ominous for the peace and comfort of this great corporation, is a movement launched two days ago by the United Order of Railway Trainmen, looking to a concession from their employers of a 20 per cent increase over the present scale of wages.

The plant of the United Brotherhood of Railway Employees is simple in the extreme, yet it involves one of the fundamental principles of the order, and consequently will be insisted upon to the very end. It may be briefly summed up in the following statement:

With the resignation of F. A. Bancroft as local agent of the Southern

Pacific, to accept the postmastership of Portland, came a new agent, Mr. Merriman, formerly station agent at Salem. Within a week he announced a policy totally at variance with the old order of things. The old men were to go and younger blood introduced into the clerical and agency forces. Immediately following this new program came the dismissal of Hoff and Tyrell, for more than 20 years in the service of the company. Other changes are announced, and Mr. Merriman is only waiting for the right kind of new blood to displace them.

This is the situation and unless Hoff and Tyrell are reinstated, a strike will be ordered by the local union, in which more than 1000 men will be involved, with the imminent probability of all the Harriman lines becoming directly concerned. This, of course, means a complete tie-up.

seeing three men near the billboards of the Spokane theater about an hour before the second shooting, and Howard and Wilson testifying that the first shooting took place in the room occupied by the two in the Pacific hotel.

The men stoutly deny there was any woman in the case and assert that the first shooting was entirely accidental, being brought about by Wilson's trying to wrest the pistol

from the grasp of Howard, fearing the latter would do himself harm.

The incidents which led up to the affair are interesting. A Chambers, J. G. Wilson and Frank Howard, traveling men, took in the town Sunday, February 8, and after drinking considerable champagne began to quarrel. About 8:30 p. m. the first shooting is said to have occurred. At 10 o'clock Wilson sought out Howard in the Pacific hotel, where the fight was resumed, the latter firing three shots into the former with a 22-caliber American bulldog revolver.

Two women, who notified Dr. J. B. Mann immediately after the first shooting, are presumed to have been the original cause of the affair.

The county commissioners will meet tomorrow morning. Bids will be opened for supplying the poor farm with 200 cords of wood.

SLASHES WOMAN WITH A RAZOR.

French Habitude of Nome Alley Wounded by Belgian.

ATTEMPTS TO ROB HER

"Big Jennie" Lamoise Drives Louis Desre from Her Room and Is Dangerously Hurt.

A bloody cutting affray took place in Nome alley this afternoon and as a result "Big Jennie" Lamoise may die. At 1 o'clock Louis Desre, a Belgian, entered crib No. 24 and attempted to rob the French occupant of her money. She drove him from the place and just at the threshold he turned on her and, drawing a large razor from his coat pocket, threw it open and made a savage lunge at the woman's throat.

He missed his mark but the point of the blade entered her neck just back of the right ear and barely missed the jugular vein, making a cut four inches long. The force of the blow broke the point of the razor. The man seemed dazed for a moment and then, collecting his scattered wits, made a wild dash through the alley, followed by habitues and bystanders, who, when the blade flashed, made a rush for the murderer's Belgian.

He was in a fair way to make his escape when Detectives Alex McDonald and Harry Adams captured him. At the police station he gave his name as Louis Desre, aged 55, and his occupation as that of a railroad man. In his pocket was found a purse containing \$47.

It was some time before a doctor could be summoned to assist the injured woman and a morbid crowd thronged the alley.

The occupants of the alley were hysterical. Several fainted when the bleeding French woman cried for help and rushed about in a frenzy of fear with the blood streaming from her wounded neck.

When Dr. Gray arrived it was found that the wound was decidedly dangerous. About 10 stitches were required before the flow of blood could be checked.

YOUNG VICTIMS OF A COLLISION

Eight School Children are Killed and Fifteen Seriously Injured in Wrecking of a Trolley Car.

Newark, N. J., Feb. 19.—A Delaware & Lackawanna train struck a trolley car on a crossing at 8:50 o'clock this morning. The car was loaded with children en route to school.

Eight were killed and 15 seriously injured. The car was demolished. The train was running at full speed. The motorman saw it approaching, but stayed at his post. The car slid on the icy rails until the front platform was across the track.

It was the special school car filled with high school scholars.

All those killed were from 14 to 17 years of age.

In addition to the eight killed outright, 15 were seriously injured, six of whom will probably die.

The motorman's skull was crushed and he will die. The engineer of the train could not bring it to a stop inside of two blocks.

It was a distressing scene as fragments of the bodies were scattered over the entire distance. A portion of the body of a young girl was on the pilot of the engine when it was stopped.

One girl's head was found 20 feet distant from the body as cleanly decapitated as though performed with a knife. Not a spot of blood marred the beauty of the face or discolored the long braid of hair.

Most of those killed outright were standing on the front platform when the car was struck.

Another victim of the accident is dead, making the list of fatalities. The engineer of the express train may not survive.

MAYOR BYRNE GIVES OUT LAST INTERVIEW

Mayor Byrne today stated that he has given his last interview to the papers as mayor of Spokane.

"The papers have not been fair with me," said the mayor. "They have distorted my utterances to make me appear ridiculous. I am through and will not hereafter be quoted."

"I am not a candidate for re-election, and don't care what the papers say. I shall make no change in my policy, but stand upon the platform upon which I was elected and pursue the course that I have followed hitherto."

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SUDDEN JUMP IN MINING STOCK

The unusual activity in Humming Bird stock the last week is due to remarkable strikes in the property, according to the witnesses.

Those in close touch with the property deny any developments there, but at the same time they are feverishly buying stock. Last week Humming Bird stock was dead at 6 1/2 to 7 cents. Now 12 1/2 cents is being bid for it and very little is being sold at the latter figure.

Jumbo stock has also soared skyward. A few days ago trading was dull in it at 10 cents. Now brokers are taking all they can get for 20 cents.

DECREE TO HUSBAND.

Judge Kennan today dissolved the bonds of matrimony that bound Guy E. Roadruck and Ida Roadruck. They were married May 12, 1902, and on June 14 of the same year the husband accused his wife of infidelity, naming A. B. Marshman as the correspondent.

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE.

In the superior court of the state of Washington in and for the county of Spokane.

In the matter of the estate of Jane M. Pratt, deceased, No. 2201.

This cause coming on at this time to be heard on the application of the administrator for the fixing of a date for the hearing of his final account, and upon his petition for the final distribution of the estate; and it appearing to the court that there was this day filed in the clerk's office of this court a final account of the administrator, showing that the estate is ready to be closed, and that the estate is ready to be distributed, and it further appearing to the court that it is proper that a time and place for the hearing of the same should be fixed, and the court being fully advised in the premises,

It is considered, adjudged and ordered that Friday, the 20th day of March, 1903, at the hour of 9:30 o'clock a. m. of said day, be, and the same is hereby fixed as the time, and the courtroom of the superior court of the state of Washington in and for the county of Spokane (in the equity department thereof) at the courthouse of Spokane county, in the city of Spokane, state of Washington, as the place for the hearing and for the settlement of such final account.

It is further ordered that all persons interested in the said estate of said deceased appear before said court at the aforesaid time and place and show cause, if any there be, why an order should not be made distributing the estate of said deceased in accordance with the prayer of said petition, now on file in the clerk's office of this court.

It is further ordered that notice of such hearing and settlement of such final account and of such petition for final distribution shall be given by posting copies of this order in three of the most public places in the county and by publishing the same once a week for four consecutive weeks in The Spokane Press, a newspaper published in the city of Spokane.

Done in open court this 19th day of February, 1903.

HENRY L. KENNAN, Judge.

State of Washington, county of Spokane, ss.

I, E. K. Erwin, clerk of the superior court of the state of Washington, for the county of Spokane, do hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a true and correct copy of the order to show cause in the above entitled estate as the same now appears on file and of record in my office.

In testimony whereof I hereunto set my seal and affix the seal of said court, this 19th day of February, A. D. 1903.

(Seal.) E. K. ERWIN, Clerk.

By R. A. KOONTZ, Deputy.

DEFFENBACH TO RESIGN POSITION

Assistant Postmaster Byron Deffenbach will shortly resign his position to engage in business for himself. Mr. Deffenbach is at present out of the city, so it is not known when he will tender his resignation to Postmaster Hartson.

Mr. Deffenbach has been assistant postmaster for three years. He was appointed by Mr. Hartson. Prior to his appointment he was employed in the railway mail service and for a number of years was a teacher and superintendent in one of the Montana Indian reservations. He has been in the employ of the government since he was 18 years old.

Postmaster Hartson said this morning that he has not yet decided upon a successor to Mr. Deffenbach.

SOLDIERS DIE IN AN EXPLOSION

NEW YORK, Feb. 19.—A powder magazine exploded at Fort Lafayette this afternoon. Three soldiers were killed and seven injured. The roof of the fort was blown to fragments. New York bay is scattered with the debris. Doctors have been summoned from the city.

CHARGE OF BIGAMY.

Olen Smith was arrested this afternoon, charged with bigamy, on information received from Sheriff Cudahy of Seattle.

FIN PREVENTED.

Special Officer Shaud of the police station this afternoon noticed the roof of the Pacific Transfer stables on fire and by prompt action with the assistance of a bucket brigade succeeded in extinguishing the flames before much damage was done.

APPEAL BILL PASSES.

OLYMPIA, Wash., Feb. 19.—House No. 76, known in the senate as the Spokane taxpayers' appeal from the assessors, passed the house this afternoon.

HEROIC GIRL IS BURNED TO DEATH

FORT WORTH, Tex., Feb. 19.—S. Robertson's farmhouse was destroyed by fire early this morning. His daughter and two sons were burned to death. The girl was trying to rescue her brothers.

AMES MUST GO TO MINNEAPOLIS

CONCORD, N. H., Feb. 19.—Governor Hatchelder this afternoon decided that ex-Mayor Ames of Minneapolis should be extradited. The warrant will be issued March 5.

SAILORS INDULGE IN USUAL FIGHT.

BRUSSELS, Feb. 19.—Sailors from an American ship met some German sailors in a saloon this afternoon. In the fight that followed two Germans and one American were seriously injured. Five Americans were arrested.

GRANTED A DIVORCE.

Judge Kennan today granted a divorce to Isabella Cederberg from her husband, John Cederberg. The complaint alleged desertion and inhuman treatment.

WILL GO TO CARACAS.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 19.—Herr von Protius, the newly appointed German minister to Venezuela, has been ordered to proceed to Caracas immediately.

GIVES SOCIAL TONIGHT.

St. Margaret's chapter will give a social tonight in the parish house of All Saints' cathedral. Refreshments will be served. The program is as follows: Piano duet, Misses Stowell; baritone solo, Will Clark; select reading, Blanche Carr; soprano solo, Mrs. G. W. Manning; piano duet, Mabel Ulley and Olive Ogie; tenor solo, Charles Eaton; duet, Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Pease; reading, Miss Palmer; concert solo with violin obligato by Miss F. Gilbert. Mrs. Clapp's duet, violin and piano, Miss Dilworth and Miss Ogie.

MARRIAGE LICENSES.

Marriage licenses were granted today to: Clarence Teasdale, 32, and Mattie C. Rosborough, 21, both of Spokane; Richard McCarthy of Bossburg, 25, and Tom McKinnon of Port Huron, Mich., 22; Marvin Williams of Burns, Ore., 36, and Mrs. Ada Brockman of Spokane, 35; W. W. Vomannon of Priest River, Idaho, 25, and Portia Grace of Laclede, Idaho, 14.

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Potatoes (white), per lb.	1c
Potatoes (red), per lb.	1c
Onions, per lb.	1c
Onions, per sack.	60c
Potatoes (sweet), 6 lbs. for.	25c
Rome grown celery per bunch.	12 1/2c
5c to	12 1/2c
SWEET NAVAL ORANGES.	
Per dozen.	80c
Per box.	\$2.75
Chestnuts (Ohio), per lb.	80c
Grapes (Malaga), per lb.	85c
Grape fruit, per dozen.	75c
Apples, per box, 60c to	\$1.00
Shoulder mutton, per lb.	11c
Mutton stew, per lb.	6c
Leg of mutton, per lb.	15c
Pot roast beef, per lb.	10c
Boiling beef, per lb.	8c
Prime rib roast beef, per lb.	15c
Boiled prime rib beef, per lb.	80c
Choice corned beef, per lb.	8c
Shoulder corned beef, per lb.	10c
Shoulder mutton chops, per lb.	12 1/2c
Eam, S. F. Co., per lb.	15c
Sacon, S. F. Co., per lb.	16c
Fresh smoked pork, per lb.	10c
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Lard, 10-lb. pack.	\$1.25
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BROKE INTO FREIGHT CAR.
George F. Barnes is on trial in the criminal court today on a charge of burglary. He is charged with having broken into a Great Northern freight car.

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