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# The Spokane Press.

Uncle Henry Says



I bet them there kids can make more words than that man Webster ever knew.

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## MERGER IS AN UNLAWFUL TRUST

### Supreme Court Says Jim Hill Combine Is a Good Thing for Stockholders but not for the Public—Lands a Knockout Blow.

(Scripps News Association.)  
WASHINGTON, March 14.—(Bulletin.)—The supreme court this morning rendered a decision upholding the contention of the government against the Northern Pacific and Great Northern. The merger is declared to be a violation of the antitrust act. Justice McKeen read the opinion of the court.

This is the culmination of a long course of court procedure which has been fought tooth and nail by the Hill interests.

It has taken a couple of years to bring about the defeat of the measure, which was first undertaken by Governor Van Sant of Minnesota and carried out by Governor Rogers of Washington.

The case was finally taken before the United States circuit court at St. Louis, where the states attorney of Minnesota appeared for the government. At that time the circuit court decided against the merger and declared it illegal. It was then passed up to the supreme court.

"In our opinion," said Justice Harlan in rendering the decision, "the evidence fully sustains the charge that the defendants are monopolizing or attempting to monopolize trade between states. The Northern Securities company was organized as a holding corporation or custodian of more than nine-tenths of the stock of the Northern Pacific railway company and three-quarters of the stock of the Great Northern railway. Both roads are held as if by one ownership, or holding company, and are dominated for the exclusive benefit of the stockholders. It became one powerful corporation, so that competition between the two constituent companies might cease and the profits were to be distributed as on one basis of stock held by the Northern Securities company.

"The combination is one in the shape of a trust. No scheme or device could more thoroughly be a combination in the form of a trust in the restraint of trade."

Concurring, Justice Harlan reviewed the contents of the defendants' plea at length. He quoted the various opinions involving the trust question, saying that all contracts in restraint of trade, reasonable or unreasonable, are prohibited by the Sherman antitrust law, and that congress is empowered to lay down such regulations as are made in that law.

### OKLAHOMA DEMOCRATS IN SESSION

ENID, Okla., March 14.—The territorial democratic committee is in session here today, pursuant to a call of Chairman Moses Anderson, for the purpose of fixing the time and place for holding the territorial convention to select delegates to the national convention and to nominate a candidate for congress. The convention to select delegates will probably be held in May and the congressional convention in July. There are almost a score of aspirants for the democratic congressional nomination and the contest promises to be a lively one.

### WESTLAKE WEDDING SERENADE

T. E. Westlake of the Cold Storage market was married by Dr. Lambert yesterday afternoon to Miss Alice Barnes, a very charming young lady. Following the wedding during the evening there was something doing quite out of the ordinary.

Carl had instructed Gum Sick to secure the ugliest drinks in the city, and the best musicians. He gathered together a full string band of five pieces. These were hustled into a cab and driven to the Lindelle block where they were unloaded and ushered into the kitchen back of where the happy couple and the guests were assembled. At a word the band struck up an air from Confucius. A nightmare is but a mere memory to what this music was.

Was Plenty of Cigars. It was almost midnight before the serenaders broke up and betook themselves to Chinatown and hop dreams. Westlake still wears a scared look. He says next time Carl Trunk will not act as best man. He has plenty of cigars.

### FOOLISH WOMEN IN LOVE WITH MEN IN SPOKANE COUNTY BASTILE

"When a woman gets stuck on a prisoner our troubles begin," said one of the jailors of the county.

"A Spokane woman is the most sympathetic creature on earth when she sees a fellow under lock and key. She can be persuaded to do almost anything for him. She'll bring him a gun, saws, files, any old thing, if he tells her to do it. She knows that it is wrong, but she does it. She seems to lose all sense of right and wrong when one of the crooks in here gets his hold on her."

"You remember that sheriff's wife back in Pennsylvania? It was the same thing with her. She fell in love with one of those crooks and not only let him out of jail, but ran off with him. Some Spokane women would do as much. That only goes to show how crazy they can get when they fall in love with a fellow, especially with a fellow in jail."

Can Not Reach Prisoner. "We have things arranged here so that the visitors do not get very near to the prisoners. With the fellows who are in here with a jail sentence we do not have to use the precaution that is necessary with those who are in for a term in the pen. When we think that some woman is smitten on one of these fellows we put her in the visitors' cage and let her talk at the prisoner in his cage four or five feet away. If we didn't do this, we

### EXPLOSION

POWDER WORKS AT OAKLAND BLOWN UP—FOUR KILLED AND SEVERAL INJURED.

(Scripps News Association.)  
OAKLAND, Cal., March 14.—An explosion occurred this afternoon at the Sobrante powder works. Four are reported killed. Several others were injured.

### RIOT

(Scripps News Association.)  
STOCKTON, Cal., March 14.—Another riot of the striking miners occurred in Jamestown yesterday, in which Spio Torch, the night foreman of the Rawhide mine, was hurled through the glass front of a store and dangerously cut by the broken glass. He swore out warrants for assault against Albert Seraroni and McNaughton, members of the Jamestown union.

The haste with which Perry Heath's resignation was presented has never been equaled but once. That was when it was accepted.

Hamilton county farmers are having trouble getting enough water for their stock. Not so with that accomplished agriculturist, J. P. Morgan.

### WILL SPOKANE HAVE ARMORY?

Adjutant General James A. Drain of the state militia arrived in Spokane last night and today is a guest at the

### HE IS BUSY

The contest editor has already become gray headed and he hasn't half begun on the answers to The Press' contest turned in by the boys and girls who read The Press.

### SOLDIER BOYS

The chamber of commerce is soon to extend an invitation to the cadets of the Washington Agricultural college at Pullman, asking them to hold their annual encampment in this city.

About 200 cadets attend the encampment in May, and in case the invitation is accepted the chamber of commerce will see to it that every accommodation and comfort is provided.

### LEADING MUSICIANS

The testimonial concert to Dr. A. R. Lambert and family will be given this evening in the First Methodist church by the choir of the church assisted by some of the best local talent in Spokane. The program includes a pipe organ solo by Professor Franz Mueller, a violin solo by Clarence Mueller and vocal selections by W. T. Stiff, W. P. King, Mrs. W. A. Lathrop, Mrs. Lee White Adams, Miss Laura Mueller and the Heritage lady quartet.

### ASKS NEW TRIAL

The O. R. & N. company has applied for a new trial in its case in which Jos. T. Krebs obtained judgment for \$7500 against it. The new trial is asked for on the grounds that the accident could not have been guarded against; that there was insufficient evidence to justify the verdict, and on account of errors occurring at the trial.

Hotel Assemblies. His coming has suggested to business men that they again take up and push the subject of an armory and public hall, which was talked of some time ago and which was turned down by the county commissioners.

The last state legislature appropriated \$70,000 for armory purposes—\$20,000 for Spokane, \$20,000 for Tacoma and \$30,000 for Seattle. These appropriations must be taken up before the last of April, 1905.

Following this the Spokane chamber of commerce presented a petition with numerous signers to the county commissioners asking that they issue bonds to the amount of \$40,000, which, added to the state appropriation, would make a sum sufficiently large to build an armory that would be a credit to the city. The commissioners at that time turned the matter down, giving for a reason that the county was not then in shape to issue any more bonds. Levi G. Monroe, secretary of the chamber of commerce, said today:

"It is to be hoped that the commissioners will again take up and consider this important matter. Of course an armory can be put up for the \$20,000 appropriated by the state for that purpose, but it would be nothing more than a shack, comparatively speaking."

### DEMOCRATS

The call for the state democratic convention has been issued. It will be held in Olympia, May 5. Spokane county will have 37 delegates. The apportionment is one for every 100 votes or major fraction for Judge Revis at the last state election, and three at large. This gives the following apportionment:

### VOLUNTEERS ARE SEVEN YEARS OLD

The seventh anniversary of the Volunteers of America will be celebrated all over the United States this week. The Volunteers of America is the offshoot of the Salvation Army under the leadership of Ballington Booth and his wife.

The event will be celebrated in Spokane by the corps under Captain W. D. Bryant. The organization in Spokane is not large enough for extensive preparations but something will be done in the way of dinners and special services to commemorate the event.

In the circular sent out by the organization this year, it shows that 400 women and 470 children have been cared for by the organization. One hundred and eighty thousand five hundred and fifty-five persons found refuge in the homes for destitute persons. Much work has also been done among the prisoners in the penitentiary by the organization. Over 28,000 men within prison walls were reached by the Volunteers of America.

### CROSSING SIGNALS

DRESDEN, Germany, March 14.—Street car men are experimenting with a new crossing signal. A box two feet long and one foot wide is suspended from the wires at the center of the crossing, and at a certain distance from the approaching car automatically turns on the electricity and from the opposite sides of the box is shown in red letters the word "halt," to warn the car coming at right angles as well as the teamsters and pedestrians. When the car reaches the center of the crossing the light is extinguished. Watchmen are placed at all crossings in this city where cars meet, but this device is being tested with a view of avoiding the expense.

### MERRIAM'S ESTATE

LONDON, March 14.—"Henry Seton Merriam," the novelist—in private life Hugh Stowell Scott, of Long Spring, Melton, Suffolk—has left an estate valued at \$266,010.

He bequeathed \$25,000 to Evelyn Beatrice Hall, in token of his gratitude for her assistance and advice. "Without which," he wrote in a codicil, "I should have never been able to have made a living by my pen."

### MUST NEVER SELL LIQUOR TO MINORS

No more will minors be allowed to buy beer or "rush the can" on an order from someone desiring a drink. Captain Coverly said this morning that the bartenders and saloon keepers would be warned and if they persisted in the practice of selling beer to minors that their licenses would be taken away.

The captain said he was following out the ordinance providing against the selling of liquor to minors and that "the only way a minor could procure liquor was on an order from the parent or guardian. A fine from \$25 to \$100 is provided for in the ordinance."

### ABROGATED

(Scripps News Association.)  
WASHINGTON, March 14.—The treaty between the United States and the sultan of Sulu whereby that official and datus under him enjoyed certain annuities from the United States government and were allowed to continue the practice of polygamy was abrogated according to a cablegram sent to Governor Wright today. The failure of the sultan and datus to discharge their duties and fulfill conditions imposed on them are the reasons given. The Philippine commission is directed to pass suitable legislation.

### TO DISCUSS ASSESSMENTS

The board of county commissioners of Columbia county proposes a state meeting of county commissioners to discuss the assessment on railroad

## RUSSIANS LOST ONE HUNDRED MEN

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### MANY LIVES LOST

PROPERTY. This board is willing to raise the assessment on trackage to \$8000 or \$10,000 a mile and the assessment on rolling stock to \$1200 a mile.

### PASSENGER STEAMER WRECKED AND IT IS FEARED THAT 100 OF THOSE ABOARD HAVE BEEN DROWNED.

(Scripps News Association.)  
BRISBANE, N. Z., March 14.—It is feared 100 passengers on the steamer Aramoy, out from Brisbane for Cavines, which was wrecked off the spit near here Sunday, were lost. When the steamer struck she began to break up. Six small boats put to sea. Of these, two, containing 68 passengers, are safe. Several steamers are searching for the other four, but have yet obtained no news of them. Bad weather prevails and heavy seas are running.

### NOT FOR COVERLY

According to councilmen and city officials who have been in conversation with Acting Chief Coverly there is no probability that the captain will accept the position of chief of police. Captain Coverly is reticent on the subject and refuses to make a statement one way or the other.

It is claimed by city officials that there would be a hitch if the proposed ordinance, providing for an officer to take his old grade, passed the council. Under a new administration if the chief was relegated to his old position every officer who had received promotion would be compelled to step back a notch, thus causing jealousy in the department. The last officer appointed might be compelled to retire from the force.

### WEDDING BELLS

The following marriage licenses were issued today and late Saturday:

Peter H. Sundin of Rosalia and Rachel C. Oswald of St. John; T. E. Westlake and Alice Barnes, both of Spokane; O. W. Watson and Eleta G. Emerson, both of Spokane.

### NEW PLUMBING FIRM

The Weston-Sargison Plumbing & Heating company filed articles of incorporation with the recorder this morning. The company is capitalized at \$1600.

### McBRIDE

The Roosevelt-McBride club came into existence Saturday evening according to schedule. The courtroom of the city hall was crowded and 588 names were placed on the charter roll.

### Sensational and Unreliable Reports of the Evacuation of Port Arthur Are Denied.

### CABINET PLACE FOR TURNER

Senator Turner's friends, according to the Seattle Post-Intelligencer, do not expect to nominate him for vice president but hope by the play to give him enough prominence to secure him a cabinet position in case the democrats win. Senator said a few days ago in a Washington interview that he thought the democratic nomination for vice president should go to the middle west.

### BOTKIN TRIAL HAS BEGUN

(Scripps News Association.)  
SAN FRANCISCO, March 14.—After two postponements, the second trial of Mrs. Botkin, charged with murder, began this morning. The task of securing a jury is expected to consume four or five days. The Delaware witnesses will arrive Wednesday.

### HIS TRIAL POSTPONED

CHICAGO, March 14.—The trial of Emil Roeske, the fourth of the car barn murderers, was called this morning but was passed on account of the exhaustion of the state's lawyers as a result of the previous trial.

### POOLROOM OWNER IS FINED

Clark Sharp, who was convicted before a jury last week of allowing a minor under the age of 18 years to play pool in his pool room, was sentenced by Judge Richardson today to pay a fine of \$10 and the costs of the prosecution.

### ENLARGE GROCERY BUSINESS

Articles of incorporation were filed by the Clifford-Wilson company today. The company is capitalized at \$15,000 and will do a grocery business in Spokane. J. R. Clifford and Harry C. Wilson are named as the trustees. It is said the company will enlarge their business.

### REPORT UTRUAE

(Scripps News Association.)  
PORT ARTHUR, via Tientsin, March 14.—Reports of the evacuation of Port Arthur are untrue.

### BORN

To Mr. and Mrs. John E. Cook, a daughter, at the Deaconess home, March 9. To Mr. and Mrs. Harvey M. Rhodes, a son, at 2433 Astor street, March 13.

### FIND THE CHIEF SUFFERER.

