

PRESIDENT AT LAYING OF CORNER STONE

(Scripps News Association.) WASHINGTON, D. C., April 14.—The cornerstone of the new \$3,000,000 office building for the house of representatives, which will occupy the entire city square southeast of the capitol, was laid this afternoon in the presence of the president, the cabinet, the supreme court and the members of the house and senate, as well as representatives of foreign governments and a great concourse of citizens.

ESCALLIER IS DEAD

Joe Escallier, owner of the Oxford saloon, died this morning at 10 o'clock. His death was due to complications caused by a fall and alcoholism. Last Thursday night Escallier fell in a fit on Howard street and the police patrol took him to Sacred Heart hospital, where he remained unconscious most of the time excepting a couple of hours yesterday. For a time it was thought that he might live. His death came as a surprise to many.

NEW TIME TABLE

The new time card on the Medical Lake line of the Washington Water Power company will go into effect tomorrow as follows: Leaving Spokane at 6:25, 8:55 and 11:55 a. m. and 1:21, 3:55 and 5:55 p. m.; returning, leaving Medical Lake at 7:40, 10:10 a. m., 12:10, 2:40, 4:50 and 7:10 p. m.

JAP VAGRANTS

Three Japanese vagrants, R. Noma, L. Yashikini and N. Matoba, who have no visible means of support, were arrested last night by Detective Macdonald, and forfeited their bonds in police court this afternoon.



DOPE FEIND HIGHWAYMAN

Dr. J. B. Hendrickson was held up last night near Seventh avenue and Hillard street by a lone highwayman. It was just getting dusk. The doctor describes the criminal as a young man. He was evidently a novice, and as the doctor was a little slow about obeying the command, "Hands up," the robber, who appeared very nervous, discharged his revolver, and the doctor took to his heels and got away safely. The police think the deed was done by what in police circles is known as a "hop head"—a man who uses drugs. The deed was so bold, holding up a man just about dark and firing in so thickly inhabited a community that no highwayman would have undertaken it. These "hop heads" when they get their systems full are the most daring people on earth, and don't appear to have the least realization of danger.

THREATENS TO SUE THE CITY

J. E. Whatley, a wholesale man, today threatened to sue the city unless the health department removes the old and filthy bedding, carpets and furniture which its inspectors are throwing out of the condemned Albion block. Whatley complained some time ago to the health authorities, but he says they offered no relief. The Albion block was condemned by the department some time ago, and orders were given to clean up and as the work has progressed for the past week the old bedding, mattresses, etc., have been thrown out the back window into the court. Whatley's place of business is in the rear of the block. People rooming in the Abernathy block are moving out for the reason that they are afraid of contagion from the germ laden refuse being thrown out of the Albion.

ARE BEFORE THE HIGHEST COURT

(Scripps News Association.) WASHINGTON, D. C., April 14.—The cases of Pettibone, Moyer and Haywood, charged with the murder of ex-Governor Steunenberg of Idaho, were docketed in the supreme court today as an appeal from the circuit court of Idaho denying the writs of habeas corpus.

THREE KILLED

(Scripps News Association.) GREENVILLE, Pa., April 14.—Three persons were killed and three injured at Grand crossing on the Erie road near Atlantic today. The dead are Mrs. Maud Calvin and two infant daughters.

HAS HIS EMPLOYER ARRESTED

George Hoff, an employe of Andrew Turnbull, a contractor, caused his employer to be arrested yesterday on a charge of assault. They got into a physical argument over wages. Judge Hinkle will hear the case Tuesday.

MANY HORSES ARE BURNED

(Scripps News Association.) BALTIMORE, April 14.—Fire this morning destroyed Fox's livery in which were 200 horses. Patrolman Manning was severely burned. The loss amounts to \$75,000.

BOUGHT MUCH BREAD

Bread to the value of \$205 is involved in an action started this morning in the superior court by Joe Ira against Antonio Feligna. Ira is a baker, and last November and December he sent Antonio the bread. Antonio failed to pay the money and forced Joe to go to court about it.

LIFE - AN EASTER POEM

by Edward Everett Hale That is what we try for, hope for, and pray for: That we may think more, feel more, love more, and be more: That we may have life more abundantly, as He said. Nothing - nothing helps in this seeking, as the sight of it: The brook which is alive again, The saxifrage which is alive, The pussy willow, the crocus, The snowdrop, the violet, The bluebird, the butterfly.

VESUVIUS IS QUIET MIDST WORK OF RESCUE

(Scripps News Association.) NAPLES, April 14.—Vesuvius continues to grow quieter and the discharge from the crater is slight. Rescuers are pushing the work with vigor. At Ottajano today two families were dug up and found to have suffered little. They had taken refuge in a cave and were well supplied with food and wine.

COLE CASE MYSTERY

No new developments have been found in the "Nes" Cole case. He disappeared from his ranch a couple of weeks ago under most suspicious circumstances. Sheriff Dusk had some doubt as to the author of the note which was pinned to the door of Cole's cabin notifying people that he would not be able to show because he had to go away, so yesterday afternoon he took the note to W. D. Vincent, cashier of the Old National bank, and had it compared with Cole's writing. The handwriting expert said the note was undoubtedly written and signed by the same person, but not Cole. Other developments are that Chas. Williams, who sold the Cole team of horses at Coeur d'Alene City the other day, was not Cole himself. A picture was exhibited and does not resemble the man who styles himself Williams. The sheriff is hard at work trying to locate this Williams, who, before he left Coeur d'Alene after disposing of the team, said he was going up the river.

EIGHT HOURS ON THE PANAMA CANAL

THE REPUBLICAN CONGRESSMEN'S DEFENSE OF THEIR ACTION IN REPEALING THE LAW. WASHINGTON, D. C., April 13.—Republican members of congress are quite ready to defend their action in repealing the eight hour labor law in its application to the alien labor employed in building the Panama canal. Representative Lucius N. Littauer of New York is the official spokesman. Here's his statement: "The question as it finally came before congress was whether to repeal the law limiting the hours of daily service of laborers and mechanics employed upon the public works of the United States in so far as that law is applicable to alien labor in the canal zone. It differs from a provision previously submitted to the house in that it exempts the citizens of the United States from the application of the repeal. "All who have considered the problem at Panama have reached the positive conclusion that the great obstacle to the rapid construction of the canal is our inability to secure a sufficient force of unskilled manual laborers of fair efficiency. "We have been compelled, as the French were before us, to draw our labor from the adjacent islands of the West Indies, from Martinique,

COLUMBIA WILL OPEN MAY 1st.

Manager John F. Cordray of the new Columbia theater, which will open for its initial performance on Tuesday evening, May 1, has succeeded in gathering together a capable company of players and when "An American Citizen," in which Nat Goodwin was so successful, is presented on the opening night, Spokane theater goers should receive a real dramatic treat. The Byron Douglas Stock company is the name of the company which will hold the boards at the Columbia. Headed by Mr. Douglas, who will have the chief masculine roles and capably supported by Miss Henrietta Brown, a well known and much admired eastern stock star in the leading female parts, the company should prove one of the most welcome additions from a dramatic standpoint. The complete personnel of the company is as follows: Messrs. Byron Douglas, J. C. Robinson, Francis Yale, Donald Meek, J. H. Montgomery, Charles Nelmey, Alfred Daly, T. Nelson Montague, Howard Belmont, Francois Avon, Henri Coppe, Misses Henriette Brown, Rea Winslow, Effie Darling, Bertha Cordray, Olive Skinner and Annie Hope Claxton. The above list comprises not only the largest stock company in the northwest, but it should also prove the best, as the management of the new theater has spared neither time nor expense in securing the best talent obtainable. The same policy which has made of the Washington theater such a marked success will be carried out at the new Columbia, the stage being regarded not only as a source of amusement but also of instruction. The long and successful career of Mr. Cordray as a theatrical manager is a guarantee of the high class of productions that will be brought out at the Columbia, the new house should prove a great success from the opening date.

WAS PUT UP JOB

NEW YORK, April 14.—Maxim Gorki has wired his sympathy to Haywood and Moyer at Caldwell, Idaho. It develops that Gaylord Wilshire, a socialist, wrote the telegram which was submitted to Gorki who approved it. Wilshire now regrets his action on account of the belief that Gorki did not fully understand the matter, and it is feared the act will injure Gorki's mission here in raising funds.

WAS GOING TO KILL AMERICAN

(Scripps News Association.) ZURICH, April 14.—Police have arrested an Italian anarchist named Guettra, who boasted that he was en route to America to kill a high mna. It is stated that a secret international anarchist congress is to be held in June in America.

WILL OIL ROADS

Jay P. Graves will try an experiment on the county road between Spokane and his Walkiki farm and will oil the road with asphaltum oil. Most all of the county roads in California have been oiled and better roads do not exist. It takes several months for the oil to settle and be assimilated by the earth. After it is once given a foundation, the oiling process may proceed like sprinkling with water without trouble. For the first couple of seasons there is usually much walling owing to the fact that the oil and earth do not seem to agree. The oil splashes onto the teams and is generally disagreeable at first.

UNIONS WILL ADMIT PASTOR

FRESNO, Cal., April 14.—Ex-Treasurer Amer of Madera county, who was convicted of embezzlement of public funds, moved for a new trial today and the matter was taken under advisement. The Federated Trades of Fresno has passed the Nova resolution inviting the Ministerial union to seat delegates in the labor body.

THEY SAVED THE INDIAN

Louie Bettin is, as near as the police court clerk could make out, a drunken Indian's name, and Louie was fined \$5 and costs by Police Judge Hinkle this afternoon. Louie had a jag on and imagined he was the big chief and got to raising Cain with some white hoboes on lower Howard street. The hoboes started to do things to him when an officer appeared.

DEMOCRATIC BANQUET IN HONOR OF JEFFERSON

TWO HUNDRED AND MORE LOYAL DEMOCRATS AND THEIR FRIENDS ENJOY A FEAST, INTERSPERSED WITH SPEECH-MAKING. One common impulse pervaded the gathering of the democrats at the banquet tables in the Spokane hotel last night. To do honor to the memory of the man, Thomas Jefferson, and bring closer together the faithful adherents of the party who live within the confines of the Inland Empire. There were citizens from all parties present and they came from all corners of the Inland Empire. Those that were unable to be present sent messages of regret and encouragement. The best speech of the evening was delivered by Editor William Goodyear of the Colfax Commoner, who endorsed William Jennings Bryan, attacked the republican administration and in a final effort advocated public ownership of public utilities. His words were well chosen and every sentence teemed with sincerity. Hon. George Turner spoke of the future of the democratic party and advised all voters to stand by the colors of Bryan. He was received with cheers and his remarks were listened to with marked attention. Toastmaster Frank Graves was introduced by Chairman Maloney, and the manner in which he reigned over the festivities reflects credit upon himself and the committee in charge. Mayor Daggett was the first speaker of the evening and his welcome to the assembled guests was hearty. He spoke of the growth of the party in the nation and state and the election of democratic officials in various cities of Washington as an indication that the people are ready to give the party's best men an opportunity. A. W. Jefferson made an excellent talk upon "Jefferson, the Worker," and J. H. Roche urged party loyalty in a most convincing manner. William Blackman, former state labor commissioner, read an article upon "Democracy and the Plain People." The Elks' quartet, consisting of Chas. Elston, Chas. Clark, Jake Hill and George Chant, sang a number of selections in a most pleasing manner, and Madam Walther was in excellent voice. The banquet menu was splendid and was heartily enjoyed by all.

COWBOY SCHOOLS

A lone ex-cowpuncher succeeded in leaving the occupants of the Wallace bar in a state of fright yesterday about 4 o'clock by displaying his marksmanship. The saloon was sold yesterday and when the new proprietors took charge they decided to have a little impromptu celebration. They started in and things were waxing warm, when an elongated stranger came in and commenced partaking of the generosity of the new owners. Finally the liquor overcame his judgment and he commenced to talk bad. He went up to the bar and said: "Shay, bartender, 'm feeling mean, gish summat t' drinks." He was accommodated many times. Then he went to the rear of the saloon, pulled out something that looked like a cannon, and walking to the front of the saloon he proceeded to "smoke 'em up." He fired two shots, one went through the floor and the other entered the wall and penetrated the Sems drug store next door. Officer Lee Downey and Martin Burns, claim agent of the city, were called in, but the stranger had discreetly made himself scarce.

DOWIE WILL NOT COMPROMISE

(Scripps News Association.) CHICAGO, April 14.—Dowie's attorneys today issued a formal statement denying the report that Dowie has surrendered to the Voliva forces as reported by waiving his temporal claim for a consideration of 5 per cent of Zion's assets. They say: "The question will never be settled upon a dollar and cent basis and any suggestion that Dowie will accept a settlement which contemplates his return to Mexico without an appearance at Zion and an opportunity to see and talk to those he has worked for is without foundation." Voliva threatens a disclosure of the alleged methods of bribery by Dowie to a number of deacons.

