

WEATHER CONDITIONS, TOMORROW—SHOWERS; THUNDER.

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FINANCIAL SITUATION IS GROWING BRIGHTER

WHEN THE BANKS OPEN JUNE 1 FRISCO WILL HAVE MORE MONEY THAN AT ANY TIME BEFORE—FIVE COOKING PLANTS HAVE BEEN STARTED—PEOPLE ARE BEING COMPELLED TO SUBMIT TO VACCINATION AT THE POINT OF THE BAYONET.

(Scripps News Association.) SAN FRANCISCO, May 10.—The financial situation is growing brighter each day and \$21,000,000 in cash held by the banks previous to the fire has been augmented by large additional payments, while the daily deposits exceed the withdrawals. Five million dollars is lying idle in the mint for which there is no immediate use. The discovery that papers and money in the vault of the Bank of California is intact leads to the belief that all vaults will be found in good condition.

When the banks open June 1 the city will have more money than any time in its history. The announcement of Assessor Dodge that he will reduce the assessment in the burned district to normal amount based on the revised val-

ues of land has received favor. This year's roll will probably show a decrease of 200 men.

With the completion of five cooking plants in the relief section from which warm meals may be served for 15 cents is a great saving in the cost of the relief to be accomplished. From 15,000 to 20,000 may be fed in these places. By the addition of the meal ticket system "repeaters" will be eliminated and workmen will be encouraged to buy their own meals.

Twenty-six free dispensaries have been located by the board of health at which many refugees are being treated. All refugees at the presidio are being vaccinated and inoculation will be extended if health conditions warrant. Some cases of vaccination are being performed at the point of the bayonet.

ICE COMBINE IS WEAKENING

So great is the clamor of the people over the attempt of the ice trust to charge 1 cent a pound for the gacial product during the coming summer, that the combine is already showing signs of weakening in its game of extortion. In a few days it is expected that some of the companies will cut the price.

There are two kinds of ice sold in Spokane, artificial and that cut from the nearby lakes during the winter. It is a notorious fact that artificial ice at 1 cent a pound leaves the manufacturer a tremendous profit. In Los Angeles, where every pound of ice is manufactured, it is sold at 50 cents per hundred pounds—just half what is charged in Spokane.

Where the climate permits, ice cut from lakes is a cheaper product than artificial ice. The Northern Pacific railway had no trouble last winter in getting all the ice it wanted at Cocolalla, Idaho, about 70 miles from Spokane.

DECISION TOMORROW

"Was it, or was it not skimmed" is the great question to be settled tomorrow by Judge Hinkle when he takes his seat upon the bench in police court and adjusts his specs, thus being in a better position to scan the anxious countenances of an even dozen restaurateurs.

The city has an ordinance making it compulsory upon restaurant men to post a sign notifying their patrons when they are selling them skimmed milk. Inspector Bunker was out of a job the other day, so Milk Inspector Reinwald secured his services and the two went over the town and arrested those found disobeying this law. The cases have all been heard now and the judge will render a decision tomorrow and settle the whole matter at once.

CLARK NOT GUILTY

George H. Clark was yesterday found not guilty of the charge of assault and battery preferred against him by W. C. Carrico. Carrico is suing Clark for \$20,000 damages for alleged alienation of the affections of his wife. The filing of this suit brought up the fight that was tried before Justice Stocker.

DEPARTMENT AT PRACTICE

The fire department had scaling practice on the Auditorium building this morning, and the men crawled around the walls like so many ants.

RUSSIAN DOUMA OPENED TODAY

(Scripps News Association.) ST. PETERSBURG, May 10.—Russia's new national assembly was formally opened in the winter palace. The emperor greeted the deputies and proclaimed the douma in session and read an address. The deputies repaired to the Paurida palace after the address. The populace cheered the procession of deputies. It is the first time in 15 months the czar has been in the capital.

CONDITIONS IN FRISCO

(Scripps News Association.) SAN FRANCISCO, May 10.—The result of a careful census of refugees reduces the numbers of the relief committee from 279,631 to 223,915. Today's rations consist of meat, vegetables and bread. Next week distribution will be made every other day. Employers are being urged to pay laborers part wages each day to enable them to buy food instead of accepting charity. In case that money is unobtainable employers are asked to give notes which can be used as a medium of exchange. The brotherhood of painters is undertaking to build temporary four room cottages for its members.

MAY STUDY BOTANY

Waldo G. Paine, traffic amanager for the Coeur d'Alene & Spokane Electric company, in a letter to teachers issued yesterday, points out the excellent advantages for the study of botany in the Idaho panhandle. It is proposed to run a series of excursions through the summer for such a purpose.

FLETCHER IS GUILTY

G. M. Fletcher was found guilty last night of embezzlement by a jury in Judge Huneke's court. He was tried on the charge of having made away with \$1400 while employed by the Conservative Life Insurance company. He was arrested in New York and brought back on extradition papers.

FORFEITS HIS BAIL. L. L. White, arrested by Special Heywood for assaulting a non-union electrician, forfeited his \$15 bond in police court this afternoon.

ROMANCE IS ENDED

John Mortenson, a wealthy farmer of Moscow, Idaho, was married last night to Miss Ida Samuelson of Bliking, Sweden, the sweetheart of his youth in the old country. Five months ago Mr. Mortenson went to Sweden to claim the girl who had waited 20 years for him. They came to Spokane yesterday and obtained a marriage license last night. They were married by Rev. Jasperson, pastor of the Broadway Swedish church.

A marriage license was issued today to Robert T. Mowry, a chairman in the employ of the city engineer's office, and Miss Julia Carter.

MORE GRAFTING IS EXPOSED

CHICAGO, May 10.—E. M. Wilhoit of Topeka, former Standard Oil agent, at the interstate commerce commission hearing today testified that the Standard Oil company ordered him to pay for information concerning competitors and that the Standard Oil maintained an espionage system throughout the country. "Water White," "Perfection" and "Headlight" are three grades of oil sold from the same tank. He said:

"I know I cheated, but so they instructed me. The Standard Oil company values a man only by the dirty work he does. Self respect compelled me to quit. I used checks to bribe railroad employes, as I told the commission. The Santa Fe and other railroads reduced tariffs as gifts to the Standard Oil company."

HE ALLEGES FRAUD

Benjamin J. Berry began suit today against the Equitable Life insurance company, Albert C. Prohl, Samuel Seidenfeld, Herman Allenberg and William M. Fleming, to stop them negotiating a note for \$2000 which he claims was obtained from him by fraud. Berry states he gave the note as a premium for a \$20,000 policy which the defendants secured fraudulently.

ARE CHASING THE ROBBERS

VANCOUVER, May 10.—There is a unique chase in the Kamloops district after the Canadian Pacific train robbers. Many blooded animals, cowboys and others are entering the race. A multitude of trails offer a chance of escape, but traces have been found and they are expected to be run down. It is not thought they will be taken alive.

SEARCHING FOR MAN'S BODY

(Scripps News Association.) SANTA CRUZ, Cal., May 10.—The body of L. E. Chapman, drowned in the San Lorenzo river yesterday, is unrecovered. The hat was found. Everything indicates he lost his life in an attempt to assist Miss McKay. Parties are still searching the river for the body.

MURDERESS' TRIAL IS POSTPONED

STOCKTON, May 10.—The trial of Emma Ledoux, alleged murderess of A. N. McVicar, trunk murder victim, was postponed today from May 22 to June 5. Many witnesses disappeared in the disaster at San Francisco.

Louis Dethridge escaped from the chain gang in Tacama yesterday. He was doing an 80 day jail sentence. Twice before within the past two weeks he has attempted to escape.

"BOYS, YOU'VE DONE NOBLE."



"AFTER MONTHS OF DELAY AND LOG ROLLING, THE RAILROAD RATE BILL IS APPARENTLY FAR FROM THE VOTING STAGE."—NEWS ITEM.

POLICE FRUSTRATE AN ATTEMPT AT ROBBERY

(Scripps News Association.) SAN FRANCISCO, May 10.—The police last night frustrated a daring attempt to rob the safe of Chung & Son, Chinese curio dealers, which contained valuables worth over \$10,000. Gus Junlan and Wm. Sherlock, two desperate safe crackers, were arrested. They were loading goods into a wagon.

NEW COUNCIL MEETS FRIDAY

The new city council will be organized tomorrow morning at 10 o'clock. Leonard Funk, councilman from the First ward, will be elected president of the new body. In the new council there will be three new members—H. G. Stimmel of the Third ward, Nick Laumer of the Fourth ward and L. C. Brown of the First ward. They will succeed Arthur Baines, Jack Snyder and George Koontz. There will be six Democrats—Funk, Brown, Laumer, Gray, Baldwin and Pratt—in the new council.

SPEAKER CANNON AND HIS GRANDDAUGHTERS



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TREASURERS SUBPONAED

CHICAGO, May 10.—Subpoenas have been issued for nine Ohio county treasurers to appear and produce documentary evidence during the oil hearing, to show the organization and operation of the oil trust in Ohio. It is charged that all taxes for Standard Oil and subsidiary companies supposed to be independent were paid by one man.

TO IMPROVE ANGEL ISLAND

WASHINGTON, May 10.—Secretary Metcalf requested congress to appropriate \$66,000 additional for the construction of an immigration station at Angel Island near San Francisco.

WOMEN HAVE AN EXCITING TIME

PORT TOWNSEND, Wash., May 10.—In one of the most exciting sessions in the history of the State Federation of Women's club the election of officers took place today. The delegates from eastern Washington were unable to land an office.

OPERATORS TO MEET MINERS

CHICAGO, May 10.—Bituminous coal operators have agreed to meet the miners in a joint conference.

AGREEMENT ON STATEHOOD BILL

WASHINGTON, May 10.—Practically a complete agreement was reached today on the statehood bill and the report will be submitted Saturday or Monday. The agreement provides along the lines of the Foraker amendment.

Miss Alice May Newton, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank B. Newton of Coeur d'Alene, was last night married to H. Freedlander at the home of Mr. and Mrs. D. B. Fotheringham, 2128 Second avenue.

EDWARD O'SHEA TO BE NAMED COMMISSIONER

When New Council Convenes First Business Will Be Consideration of O'Shea, Who is Alleged to Be Enemy of Union Labor.

The union men of Spokane are aroused over the possibility of Edward O'Shea, the wealthy real estate man and part owner of the Granite building, becoming city commissioner to succeed F. E. Weymouth. Mr. O'Shea has always been regarded as a strong anti-union man.

He is the agent for the Granite building and during the past four years has refused to employ a union engineer. About four years ago, while a candidate for county commissioner, Mr. O'Shea employed a union engineer for a short while.

Inquiry of the officers of the International Union of Steam Engineers today developed the fact that a union engineer was not employed at the Granite building and that Mr. O'Shea has refused to employ one.

According to present plans it is the intention of Mayor Daggett to send the name of Mr. O'Shea to the new city council immediately after its organization tomorrow morning.

Councilman Leonard Funk and Nick Laumer are prominent union men and it is not considered probable that they will vote for a man with the labor record of Mr. O'Shea. Besides these two there are other councilmen who, it is understood, will stoutly oppose O'Shea's confirmation.

PLUMBERS TRYING TO RE-OPEN OLD FIGHT

The report that the plumbers are out on strike is absolutely without foundation. While it is true there have been rumors of an impending strike and two or three men have quit in one shop, it has been caused by the plumbers making an effort to regain ground lost during the strike two years ago. The men claim that while the wages of plumbers have been raised the "open shop" is at present maintained and the present movement has started for the purpose of inaugurating the "closed shop." A committee representing

the journeymen plumbers are today visiting all plumbing institutions and requesting that the working boss be dispensed with. This practically means that unless the master plumbers agree to dispense with the working boss and have all the work done by union men, a strike will be declared. By the terms of the late strike, which was to all appearances lost by the plumbers, a working boss is given the assistance of a helper, or apprentice. By dispensing with these there will be more work for the journeymen and such is the object of the present negotiations.

DOLLAR IS LOST AGAIN

The Wandering Dollar of the Spokane press is lost. For three days a search has been made for the piece of currency. Tonight the famous bloodhounds of Harry Draper will be put on the trail.

Just where the dollar is a mystery. Someone might have spent it with the ice combine for 100 pounds of frapped water. Some penurious soul may have gotten hold of it and buried it in a stocking.

The bloodhounds of Harry Draper are expected to trace it out of its lair tonight.

BARUTH TRIAL COMMENCES

The trial of Mrs. Josephine Baruth, charged with murder in the second degree for killing her husband, C. L. Baruth, at Medical Lake, on March 20, was begun this morning before Judge Huneke. The greater portion of the day was spent in selecting a jury and it was not until late in the afternoon that the opening statement for the prosecution was made by Deputy Attorney Fred C. Pugh.

The case is being conducted for the state by Prosecuting Attorney Barnhart and Deputy Prosecuting Attorney Fred Pugh, Swanson and Ripley are defending Mrs. Baruth. The state will attempt to prove that jealousy prompted the woman to shoot.

EXAMINATION OF TEACHERS

One hundred country school maams are taking the regular quarterly examination in the quarters of County Superintendent Watson at the courthouse. The examination will be in progress tomorrow.

LATE PICTURE OF SENATOR DEPEW



John P. Hicks died yesterday at the Mayo hospital at Rochester, Minn., as the result of an operation. He was formerly connected with the postoffice here.

PEASANTS GATHER

(Scripps News Association.) ST. PETERSBURG, May 10.—Te deums were sung in all churches at 11 to 12:30 o'clock, when members of the douma bureaucracy arrived at the winter palace. The deputies gathered in Czar Nicholas' room. The peasant deputies were unawed by a viewing of the palace rooms.

OLD FOUNDRY BADLY BURNED

(Scripps News Association.) WILKESBARRE, May 10.—Seventy per cent of the miners responded when the miners resumed operations today. There was no discrimination, the old employes being rehired.

GERMAN STRIKE BEGINS MONDAY

(Scripps News Association.) BERLIN, May 10.—Three hundred thousand men will be affected in a strike of the metal industries in Germany beginning Friday.