

WEATHER CONDITIONS, TOMORROW—FAIR AND WARMER.

SPOKANE, WASHINGTON, FRIDAY, JUNE 29, 1906.

FOURTH YEAR, NO. 201. 25 CENTS PER MONTH

BUSINESS MEN OF SPOKANE REGISTER PROTEST AGAINST INCREASED INSURANCE

Have Figured On Decrease Promised In Consideration for New Waterworks and Admit No Justification for Additional Levy Made to Keep Up Dividends In Spite of San Francisco Loss.

A canvass of the business district of Spokane demonstrates beyond a doubt that position taken by The Press yesterday against the projected increase in insurance rates is supported by the heaviest premium payers in the city.

EAST SPRAGUE STREET BRIDGE MAY BE NEXT

The rear end of a wagon loaded with lumber went through the East Sprague street bridge Sunday and since then the street department has made a determined effort to bolster up this antiquated structure.

MRS. THAW WILL TELL ALL TO SAVE HUSBAND

KNOWLEDGE OF HER PREVIOUS TROUBLES ENOUGH TO DRIVE ANY MAN INSANE—THAW PLEADS NOT GUILTY.

NEW YORK, June 29.—Harry Thaw pleaded not guilty to the indictment for the murder of Stephen White. His attorney formally requested permission to withdraw the plea by next Tuesday in order that any motions might be made or different plea entered.

This was granted and the prisoner remanded to the Tombs. Thaw is in better physical condition now than at any time since incarceration. His wife did not appear in court.

COMMISSION ORDERS JOINT RATE TO SOUND

STATE BOARD ARRIVES AT DECISION FAVORABLE TO DEMANDS MADE ON BEHALF OF WALLA WALLA SHIPPERS.

WALLA WALLA, Wash, June 29.—Before taking final adjournment of its sessions in eastern Washington the state railroad commission yesterday rendered a decision in favor of the complainant shippers, granting joint rates from eastern Washington points to Puget Sound

BIG STICK QUIT HIM

WASHINGTON, June 29.—Senator Tillman in calling up the conference report on the rate bill today said he had refused to sign it because the conferees failed to include pipe lines, but would vote

constitutes no small factor in the arrangement of the affairs of a large business. The suggested increase would cause an overhauling of the calculations of every establishment in the city. The insurance companies requested us to enlarge our fire fighting facilities, promising to respond with a reduction. Instead, we are facing a proposed raise, when the most that could reasonably be urged is retention of existing rates.

Watson Drug company, J. A. Watson—"It certainly strikes me as absurd to say the least. We are spending a whole lot of money right now in making this city safer from fire loss, and one of the inducements to do this was the promise of a reduction in insurance rates. Now

The Wonder, F. R. Culbertson—"I, of course, join in the protest against the anticipated raise of insurance rates. The existing rates are high enough and their payment

Power company uses this bridge and it is considered unsafe in its present condition. John J. McCormick, when asked as to the safety of this bridge, refused to talk about it further than to say, "Go and look at it."

behind a negro pickpocket. It is not thought possible that his plea will be changed, Olcott merely opening the way for any possible contingencies.

ANOTHER SAFE BLOWN

GANG RIFLES AMERICAN LAUNDRY CASH BOX AND THEN LOCK DOOR SO TIGHT THAT EXPERT WILL HAVE TO OPEN IT—GET BIG HAUL.

The safe in the office of the American steam laundry, corner of Second avenue and Cedar street, was blown open last night by the gang of safe crackers which infests the city.

When the place was opened this morning the office was in a state of great disorder and smelled of powder. A back window was open. The safe in the office was warped out of shape and the combination shattered.

NOT THE WAY WE DO BUSINESS NOW

It is not generally known that the Washington Water Power company at one time had a franchise over the Post street bridge and only determined opposition on the part of ex-Mayor Byrne prevented the company from laying tracks on that bridge.

When the Water Power company wanted to lay a track here Mayor Byrne, it is said, informed Mr. Richards, president of the local monopoly, that in the event of his

attempting to build a line across the bridge he would tear up the rails and throw them into the river. He explained that the bridge was too narrow to accommodate a street car line and pointed out the danger in case of fire of cars and fire wagons meeting on the bridge.

The result was that the present bridge said to be the only safe one in the city, was erected by the local monopoly at a cost of about \$40,000.

with increased protection assured we have a proposition of decreased risks and increased cost of insurance." The Crescent, R. B. Paterson—"We are inclined to doubt the statement that the insurance board is seriously considering the matter of increasing rates in Spokane as it is quite generally agreed that Spokane rates are already high in view of the early completion of the reservoir. We have been anticipating a reduction in rates and as we view the situation we do not think there is anything in the Spokane situation to justify higher rates." Spokane Stamp Works, Sam Bernard—"I do not believe in collecting tribute from Spokane in order to recoup for losses incurred hundreds of miles away."

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BLAME IT ON M'CORMICK

TREND OF TESTIMONY SHOWS THAT CITY FOREMAN HAS BEEN ELECTED SCAPEGOAT FOR THE HOWARD STREET BRIDGE.

Before the investigating committee yesterday F. P. Weymouth, chairman of the board of public works, said that at the time the Washington Water Power company was allowed to commence the reconstruction of the Howard street bridge, a part of which fell last Sunday evening, he was aware that the bridge had served its time and that it had gone beyond the years when experts on bridges say it is safe.

Probing into the question of who is responsible for the collapse of the structure was continued today, the individual members of the commission working quietly and industriously on their own responsibility.

There seems to be a disposition on the part of Weymouth and City Engineer McIntyre to make a scapegoat out of John J. McCormick, foreman of the bridge crews of the city, who recently resigned when Weymouth took him to task for "talking too much."

They say that in the capacity of foreman McCormick should have reported on the condition of city bridges.

McCormick admits that he made reports on bridges, not in the line of his duties, but as cautions, in order to save the city from accident.

Another point disclosed at the session yesterday was that Engineer Bihler of the Washington Water Power company turned in no report of the extent of his plans in the reconstruction of the bridge.

This matter particularly will be investigated, to see what actual reconstruction was done and whether it was sufficient to clear the Washington Water Power company from blame.

What action Corporation Counsel Geraghty will take to prosecute guilty parties is not known. He will not talk on the subject.

City Engineer McIntyre testified that the Howard street bridge was built in 1901. The life of such a bridge, he said, is 10 years.

George E. Miller, of the committee, state that a further examination would show more than one timber in the bridge wreck would prove to be rotten.

The engineer's office has not made an inspection since 1903. McIntyre says this duty was left to McCormick.

The committee sessions were continued this afternoon. At the meeting this afternoon of the bridge investigating committee, Secretary Bleeker of the Washington Water Power company said that the Howard street bridge plans had been submitted by the city engineering department and the company had sent these to Bihler at Tacoma for his approval.

Mr. Bleeker supposed the reconstruction followed these plans.

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THREE'S A CROWD!



HUNTING SCALPS

(Scripps News Association.) SAN ANTONIO, Tex., June 29.—Officers from across the border say mineral development in Sonora is at a standstill, on account of the Yaqui Indians who are still on the warpath.

WAITER WILL APPEAL

T. Robinson, a colored waiter, charged with stealing various articles of little value from the Hotel Spokane, was fined \$100 and costs by Justice Hinkle this morning. He filed a notice of appeal from the decision.

WILL NOT ARBITRATE

(Scripps News Association.) SAN FRANCISCO, June 29.—Shipowners whose vessels are affected by the sailors' trouble are standing pat today on a decision not to arbitrate. They claim they can get all the men they want here.

FUNERAL OF MRS. SKINNER.

The funeral of Mrs. Frances Skinner, mother of Miss Olive Skinner of the Byron Douglas Stock company, was held at 9:30 o'clock this morning from the Buchanan undertaking parlors, Rev. A. O. Worthington officiating. Members of the Colaba-ba theater company and a host of friends were present and the coffin was decked with a mass of beautiful flowers.

LONDON FLOODED.

LONDON, June 29.—The rain this morning was the greatest, except twice, in the history of London. The Thames rose and flooded many buildings. During the storm 100,679,040 tons of tons of water fell.

WILL SOON BE AT IT

SAN FRANCISCO, June 29.—War is to be declared by Salvador against Guatemala. Already, acting upon instructions from ex-President Regalado, Salvadoran troops have left to aid Guatemalan insurgents.

WILL ENFORCE BICYCLE LAW

August Cedercraus, a Swedish tailor, was arrested yesterday by Officer Kelly of the bicycle commission on a charge of not having a bell on his bike or a license. That the threat of F. G. Trowbridge, of Trowbridge Bros., truckmen, to fight the bicycle ordinance has not dismayed the commission is certain, for a crusade has been started for the arrest of all people found without a license or otherwise acting contrary to the ordinance.

HOUSE CONCURS

WASHINGTON, June 29.—The house today adopted the conference report on the naturalization bill and concurred in the senate amendment to the public building bill. This measure was sent to conference.

HOW NICK LONGWORTH LOOKED TOGGED OUT LAST NIGHE

LONDON, June 29.—Mrs. and Mrs. Longworth were presented at King Edward's court yesterday afternoon. They were then invited to join the king and queen at supper. Mrs. Longworth wore her wedding gown with a diamond brooch.

Mebbe Nick Longworth wasn't a bird when he and Alice presented arms before King Edward at the rigamajig they call "court" in Buckingham palace yesterday evening. Alice's raiment, we understand, did pretty nearly put the lily out of business, but Nick was the limit—for a man from Cincinnati.

It cost son-in-law \$200 for the suit of clothes he wore last night. The really noticeable feature of this suit is the pants, cute things with the stems cut off at the knees. When you hop into a pair of pants like these you first nail a couple of your wife's stockings and, finding the cavern for your toes, you carefully pull 'em away, 'way up, to provide against indecent exposure of calf and speckled knee knuckles later on.

Then Nick also had to have a sword. Alice may trade the funny suit some day for useful products of the tin trust, but Nick will always find the cutlass handy to slay weeds in the back yard.

But listen to the full list in Nick's court trousers:

- Coat.—Black silk velvet, standing collar, single breasted. Plain, round gaulter cuffs; pocket flaps with three points on the waist seam. Six buttons on the right forepart, and six dummy holes on the left, two buttons at the waist behind and two at the bottom of the coat tails. White silk lining throughout. Waistcoat.—Made entirely of white satin, fastened by four small buttons. Breeches.—Black silk velvet, bound at the knee with steel buckles. Tie.—White linen in bow. Gloves.—White kid. Hosiery.—Black silk. Shoes.—Black patent leather pumps, with steel buckles. Hat.—Black silk cocked, with steel loop on a black cockade. Sword.—Steel hilt with black scabbard and steel mountings. Sword belt.—Black silk web waistbelt, worn under the waistcoat with black velvet frog for the sword. Buttons.—Shining cut steel.

VESEL SINKING

PORTLAND, Ore., June 29.—The steamer Northland is sinking in the harbor here. A hole was bored through the bottom of the vessel. Company officials suspect union sympathizers.

The engineers found four feet of water in the hold this morning. Pumps may keep the vessel afloat. The leak is not located.

MUST OBEY OR SUFFER

Nineteen property owners in the neighborhood of Mallon, Boone, Broadway and Gardner avenues, have been ordered to appear before the board of health July 3 and show cause why they have not connected their residences with the sewer system.

In the event of these people not being able to give a satisfactory excuse to the board, their houses will be declared unsanitary and occupants ordered to move.

ASKED KISS FINED \$10

Sam Plastino, an Italian "masher," asked a woman for a kiss yesterday and in police court this afternoon Justice Hinkle fined him \$10 and costs and threatened to sentence him to serve the city on the rock pile if he repeated the offense.

Many complaints have reached Chief of Police Waller of late regarding a lot of hoodlums on the main streets accosting women, and the chief appointed Hogan especially for the purpose of arresting any one caught doing this.

STEVENS IS IT

(Scripps News Association.) PORTLAND, Ore., June 29.—The recount of ballots cast for sheriff was finished this noon. Robert Stevens, Republican, is elected by 25 plurality.

LEAVES FOR CALIFORNIA.

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