

NEW LAW PUTS RAILROADS OUT OF COAL BUSINESS RAILROADS PUT DEALERS OUT OF SHIPPING BUSINESS

There will be no relief for the shortage of coal production in this state as far as the immense holdings of the Northern Pacific is concerned unless that company elects to dispose of some of its coal lands to others.

company's constant claim that it had plenty of cars to handle traffic. The claim is further substantiated by the fact that hundreds of empty cars have been kept idle in the yards of this city and at other points along the line.

Three members of the interstate commerce commission, who begin sittings here on January 14, may take up the coal situation as a subject of investigation.

If the railroads are prevented from delivering and selling their own coal nobody else shall deliver cars over the lines.

COAL SCARCE BUT THERE IS PLENTY OF WOOD

Most of the fuel companies are out of coal today, but the wood supply is reported satisfactory. Several large coal dealers are dubious about the future unless the Spokane & International line proves able to keep this city and the other railroads supplied.

when they can expect coal. Each of these roads, unable to meet coal traffic demands, is grabbing what it can for its own use.

COMPELS N. P. TO GIVE UP ANOTHER CARLOAD

The isolation hospital and city hall are nearly out of fuel today and this morning Purchasing Agent O'Brien went to Superintendent Beamer, of the Northern Pacific railroad, and demanded another one of those 40 carloads of coal which are sidetracked at Yardley. He was

at first refused, but finally told to go to the Northwestern Fuel Co., where the railroad would deliver a car for the city's use.

NO LIGHT NOR FUEL

VENTURA, Cal., Jan. 11.—The recent flood in the Ventura river has completely destroyed the water supply system of the Ventura County Power Co. Apprehension is felt as there is but a limited supply of water for gas and electric plants.

this city which will be incorporated and ready for business soon. Mr. Kippen was for years engaged in the real estate and mining business in Butte, while Mr. Blume was engaged in the retail hardware business.

TEN CARS WRECKED

ELLENSBURG, Wash., Jan. 11.—In a head-on collision between a Northern Pacific freight train and switch engine hauling four cars, including a load of horses, ten cars were wrecked and traffic blocked for more than 18 hours.

MINING STOCKS

Heavy selling of Snowstorm this morning pounded that stock down from \$2.94 to \$2.79 3/4. Sixteen hundred shares were sold. Twenty-five thousand three hundred shares changed hands this morning.

SPOKANE BEATS BUTTE

H. J. Blume and W. F. Kippen, both of Butte, are organizing a mining and real estate company in

QUAKE IN ARKANSAS

ARKANSAS CITY, Kas., Jan. 11.—A slight earthquake was felt here at 1:45 this morning.

JAPS MAY BE DROWNED

SANTA CRUZ, Mexico, Jan. 11.—A ship bearing 922 Japanese, due to arrive here Jan. 9, has not yet been sighted. Storms at sea are reported and it is believed she is lost with all on board.

SHIP TRUST SINKING

LONDON, Jan. 10.—Manchester dispatches say the move of the White Star line to Southampton forebodes the collapse of the shipping trust.

100 MINERS ENTOMBED

MONTGOMERY, Ala., Jan. 11.—A hundred miners entombed by a cave-in at the Schloss mines, Calhoun county, according to a telephone message just received here. One rescue party has entered the mine and another is organizing.

LET PEOPLE RULE PARKS

Let all the people name the members of the park board and make that board as non-partisan as possible. This is the prevailing Spokane sentiment on the city park question.

REBATERS ARRESTED

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Jan. 11.—John S. Schirm, president of the Grand Canyon Lime & Cement Co., is under arrest, charged with receiving concessions from the Santa Fe railroad. This is the first arrest growing out of the grand jury investigation of the rebate evil here.

BRIDGE EXPERTS IN SESSION

F. R. Coates, of the Wallace-Coates Engineering Co., and J. B. Strauss, of the Strauss Bascule & Concrete Bridge Co., of Chicago, summoned here at the request of the city council, arrived last night and this afternoon are in session with the board of public works explaining their plans for the concrete bridge on Howard st. and the two steel bridges, one for Havermale and the other for Washington st.

NO COAL IN NORTH DAKOTA

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 11.—Hansbrough today turned over to the interstate commerce commission a number of dispatches complaining of coal shortage in the Northwest. One from North Dakota says not a pound of coal is for sale and only one freight train has been run this month.

The Latest Photo of Grover Cleveland



The ex-President is falling in health.

DIRECT PRIMARY DOOMED

Senator Ankeny is believed to be exerting every influence he controls to defeat the direct primary law. He is reported as being actively seconded by those politicians in Olympia who owe their present political ascendancy to the existing system of primaries.

In spite of the fact that there is a practically unanimous sentiment throughout the state in favor of a direct primary law, no such law or at least none that will radically change the present system will be passed by the coming session of the legislature.

CHAMBER ELECTION

At a meeting of the trustees of the chamber of commerce this afternoon Thomas H. Brewer, of the Fidelity National bank, was elected treasurer to fill the vacancy made by the resignation of W. E. Goodspeed, who has served in that capacity for five years.

RUNS A DOPE FIEND SCHOOL

SEATTLE, Jan. 11.—C. Conley was arrested today on the charge of conducting a school for teaching youthful messenger boys the use of cocaine, opium and other drugs. Several packages of drugs were found. Arrest of druggists will probably follow. Investigation discloses fearful depravity among messengers that Conley came in contact with.

CALLS THEM GRAFTERS

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 11.—Grand Juror Livingston, who helped to indict Ruef and Schmitz, created a sensation this morning when asked by Ruef's counsel what he thought of Schmitz and Ruef by replying: "They are grafters. I mean by graft, doing things illegally and morally wrong. I admit that I have told many people that I thought both the mayor and Ruef were grafters."

26 WORKMEN BURN TO DEATH

BERLIN, Jan. 11.—Twenty-six workmen were burned to death today in a fire at Geiselsheim Alsace.

TO FIGHT THE YELLOW PERIL

The Cooks and Kitchen Helpers' union will continue its fight against any invasion of Japanese in this city. Over \$50 per week is being expended in an effort to prevent the extension of the "yellow peril" to local restaurants.

IDAHO AGAINST JAPS

BOISE CITY, Idaho, Jan. 11.—In the senate today the Well-McClair election contest case from Kootenai county came up. The ballot boxes were opened and the matter referred to the committee on privileges and elections. This committee favors McClair, democrat. Final action will be taken Monday.

HUNDREDS DROWNED

THE HAGUE, Jan. 11.—Three hundred were drowned by a tidal wave on the island of Tana, Dutch East Indies. Forty were drowned on the island of Simalu. Loss of life is great on other islands of the group.

DEBASED AND FRAUDULENT



This is the Cotton exchange in New York, where it is charged in a complaint made to Postmaster General Cortelyou, the business done is "debased and fraudulent."

ADAMS HERE TOMORROW

Attorney Brook Adams, of Boston, who with H. M. Stephens will represent the city and county at the rate hearing Jan. 14, is expected to arrive tomorrow morning. No further information has been received as to when the commissioners will reach here, but rumors have been served in participation of their arrival Sunday.

SAYS DOCTOR LET MAN DIE

Ed Valaninham, age 40, committed suicide last evening at the Salvation Army barracks on Front av. by taking a dose of laudanum. He was found in a dying condition at 5:30 o'clock but did not pass away until 1 o'clock this morning, after being removed to Sacred Heart hospital.

laudatum. The ensign called the police and then the physician, stating that the man was dying. He says Dr. Gray responded by telling him to call the coroner. The ensign explained the man was not dead yet. It was two hours before the doctor arrived.

FORGER GETS TEN YEARS

Judge Huneke this morning sentenced Edwin E. Boyd to the penitentiary for 10 years for forgery. Boyd pleaded guilty yesterday.

Bergey, A. Plisch, H. Enfield, E. S. Bradley, Spokane; A. Ambros, R. F. D. Spokane; Chris Bliesner Jr., Fairfield; D. E. Klawon, Peeney; Thomas Burgess, East Spokane; F. S. Riggen, Fairfield; J. D. Pettus, Manilla; E. C. Baird, Spangle.

MURDER TRIAL BEGINS TODAY

J. R. Tormey, a farmer living on the Little Spokane river below Nine Mile bridge, was the first witness called this morning in the Philpott case. The prosecution brought out the fact that Charles Philpott spent Monday night before the murder of Nes Cole at Tormey's house.

Mrs. Philpott and her son, Otto, were required to leave the courtroom during the trial, as their evidence will be introduced by the defense.

\$1,000,000 LOSS

LANCASTER, Pa., Jan. 11.—The warehouse of the S. R. Moss Tobacco Co. was destroyed by fire this morning with the cigar factory adjoining. Loss \$1,000,000.

MYSTERIOUS DEATH

CHICAGO, Jan. 11.—Walter S. Bogle, son of Walter Bogle, president of the Crescent Coal Mining Co., is dead at the home of his parents with a bullet wound in the right side of his head.

PREACHER GOVERNOR WILL LET HIM HANG

DENVER, Jan. 11.—John McGarvey, age 22, will be hanged before midnight at Canon City for the murder of a jailer at Grand Junction while trying to escape. Governor Ruchtel says he disbelieves in capital punishment, but won't interfere because this sentiment is not above the law.

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DENVER, Jan. 11.—Phillip Stewart today telegraphs a declination of the commissioners of the general land office.

COUNTY INTERVENTION LEFT TO COMMISSION

The question of whether or not the county can intervene and become a party to the rate fight to the extent of spending \$5,000 of county funds will not be decided until Jan. 14, when the members of the interstate commerce commission begin their session at the court house, according to a statement made this morning by Prosecuting Attorney Barnhart.

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county for intervention will be filed with the commissioners the first thing. Mr. Barnhart says that if it is turned down that will dispose of the \$5,000 appropriation, payment of which has been stopped by notice from Attorney E. C. McDonald on behalf of the bonding company furnishing security for the county auditor on the ground that the appropriation is illegal.