

OUT SQUARELY UP TO GOV. MEAD

(Scripps News Association.) OLYMPIA, Jan. 26.—The state railroad commission, that is the two members left on the board, were put in a close corner yesterday by Senator Paulhamus at the legislative inquiry.

Commissioners Fairchild and Lawrence were up for investigation. Fairchild is recognized as Governor Mead's personal representative. Speaking for the senate committee Paulhamus stated that he was unable to see how McMillin, the deposed commissioner, had earned his salary, and proposed that McMillin be required to refund all the pay he had drawn from the state since June. The investigation has failed to disclose any instance wherein McMillin has rendered any real service to the state.

Paulhamus put the question of whether McMillin had earned his pay direct to Commissioner Lawrence. Lawrence took refuge behind the plea that he could not answer the question in the presence of newspaper men. The latter were sent out and then Lawrence pleaded that he be excused from answering except in McMillin's presence. On Fairchild's promise to have McMillin present Monday the committee postponed further investigation until that day.

The evident intention of Governor Mead to delay appointing a successor to McMillin until after the legislature adjourns has aroused a great deal of criticism among railroad commission advocates. Speaking for the supporters of an effective railroad commission Senators Boone and Paulhamus yesterday served notice on the governor through Fairchild that the legislature would stand for nothing but the appointment of a man they had confidence in.

Governor Mead yesterday refused to set any definite time for making the appointment. He intimated that there is no hurry and that he would select a new commissioner when he got ready.

If the governor maintains this attitude, however, it is believed the legislature will pass an act making the railroad commission elective, which will remove it from the governor's hands.

SPOKANE MAN NAMED

The official ballots for officers for the State Federation of Labor have been received by the local unions. The following are the nominees:

President, F. W. Cotterill, plumber, of Seattle; first vice president, J. E. Campbell, single weaver, of Everett; second vice president, Thomas Ivey, barber, of Spokane, and F. M. Allen, electrical worker, of Spokane; third vice president, T. V. Copeland, printer, of Tacoma; fourth vice president, Wm. Gohl,

sailor, of Aberdeen, and W. C. Lloyd, cigarmaker, of Aberdeen; fifth vice president, M. E. Cutting, carpenter, of Walla Walla, and W. Frank Moyer, carpenter, of Bellingham; secretary-treasurer, P. W. Dowler, carpenter, of Tacoma, and W. W. Morgan, electrician, of Seattle. The vote of each affiliated union must be in the hands of the state secretary-treasurer by March 15.

BLOW AT SALOONS

(Scripps News Association.) OLYMPIA, Jan. 26.—Two bills introduced into the senate this session are likely to spread alarm among the liquor interests. Already the senate list of proposed legislation bears a slight resemblance to a conference of the Anti-Saloon league, and the new bills hit from a direction from which no one anticipated attack.

Senator Cotterill presented a bill fixing the liquor license within a radius of five miles from any city of the first class at the same figure as that paid within a municipality. Were this bill to pass, the liquor licenses in Ballard, Georgetown, Youngstown, Aiki, West Seattle and the country surrounding Seattle in every direction would be shot up to \$1,500 a year. Liquor dealers in the territory immediately surrounding Tacoma and Spokane are directly interested in the bill and so are those near Everett and Bellingham.

G. N. CUTS RATES

The Great Northern railroad announces a reduction from seven cents a mile to four cents on the Kootenai Valley railroad, which it recently acquired. This line runs from Bonners Ferry, Idaho, to Creston, B. C.

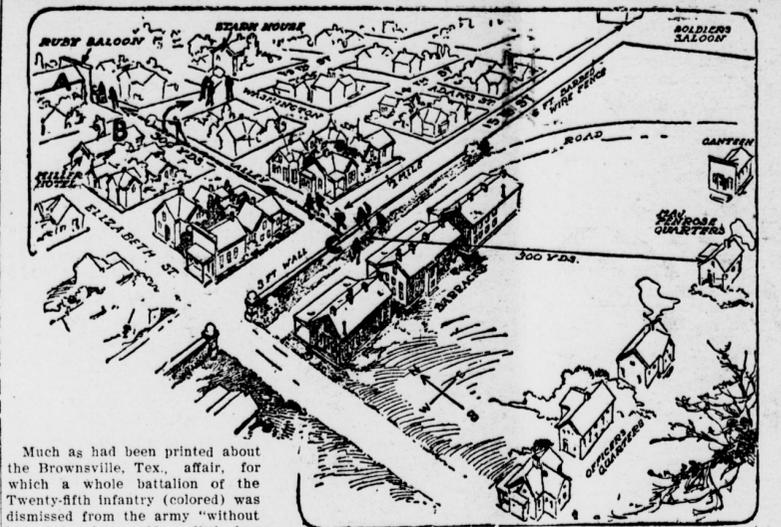
COURT LECTURES BOYS.

The seven small bandits who faced Judge Pointexter yesterday afternoon on a charge of robbing the Northern Pacific railroad of bits of coal, were let off with a lecture. Truant Officer Covington, whose skill as a Sherlock resulted in the boys' arrest, has announced that he is about to proceed against grown persons who bought the coal from the youngsters.

MOTHER AND HER DAUGHTER VICTIMS

(Scripps News Association.) SEATTLE, Jan. 26.—Mrs. Mary C. Palmer, aged 74 years, and Mrs. Emma Nancarrow, her daughter, died within 11 hours of each other from pneumonia contracted as a result of the coal famine. The aged woman, who had deprived herself of enough fuel to keep herself warm so that her daughter might be comparatively comfortable, bore up as long as she could, but finally she was unable to arise from her bed and past away. Shortly before 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon the daughter, who was 32 years of age, died, within a few feet of the place where, less than 11 hours before, her mother had breathed her last. The two deaths are directly

HOW NEGRO TROOPERS SHOT UP BROWNSVILLE TEX.



Much as had been printed about the Brownsville, Tex., affair, for which a whole battalion of the Twenty-fifth infantry (colored) was dismissed from the army "without honor" by the president, little has been said about the specific injury done the citizens of Brownsville in the rioting. In his message replying to criticism of his action, President Roosevelt names Frank Natus, bartender, shot and killed; Mr. and Mrs. Odin, shot at as they stood in a window of the Miller hotel; a lieutenant of police shot from his horse, losing an arm; two policemen with him, shot at, one getting a bullet through his hat; a lighted lamp shot out on the dining room table in the Cowen house, tenanted by a woman and five children, and the Starck residence shot into, bullets going into a mosquito bar over a bed in which children were sleeping. Two hotels and nine or 10 other houses were shot into.

It is stated that the troops did not go more than 300 yards from the barracks, having plenty of time to return to their quarters before the commandant could get there from his quarters, which was about 300 yards inside the grounds. They had only a low wall to scale in going in and out.

The president says the facts did not only warrant the action he took but that his action under the circumstances was imperative.

YOUNG WOMAN IS WITCH

SPENCER, Jan. 26.—Witchcraft has broken out in Boyd county. The people believe that a young woman in the community is the witch and the spells that they claim she has cast over neighbors surpass anything ever charged to the victims of the Salem, Mass., fanatics of two centuries ago.

Jacob Jarbens, a farmer, is one of the complainants. He visited Butte several days ago and made a formal complaint, charging that his son was the victim of the witch. He was accompanied by his daughter, aged 20, who verified his statements.

Jarbens alleges that his son went to a dance. While waiting with the belle of the ball he found suddenly that he was unable to put one of his feet on the floor. He was led to a seat and became hysterical, laughing and crying by turns. He insisted that the girl with whom he danced had bewitched him.

He went into the open air and after a time the spell wore off. Later, unable to resist her fascinations, he danced with the witch again.

THESE GIRLS BATHE IN AN ICY OCEAN



WINTHROP, Mass., Jan. 26.—Two Boston young women take daily plunges in the ocean, whether the temperature be zero or 90 above. They are Miss C. J. Alexander, M. D., and Miss Mary Doley, who have a nice summer home on Myrtle av. They say that they enjoy it, and both are in excellent health.

BECAME EXILE FOR LOVE OF A WOMAN

SEATTLE, Jan. 26.—Revelations that have followed the death of Edward Fehre, who committed suicide by drinking poison, show a life filled with as many remarkable situations as ever beset a character in fiction.

Heir to a Russian baronetcy by birth, his career was mapped out for him along religious lines by strict parents. While striving to fit himself for the priesthood, Fehre fell in love with a woman of the people. Her broad heart and the ways of her class appealed to Fehre and he resolved to take up the cause of socialism—earning for himself, instead, the sobriquet of Nihilist by the jealous government spies.

Excommunication followed, and Fehre, married to the woman of his choice, left her to expiate the follies of his belief in Siberia. There, disowned by his parents, the clink of fetters bit into his heart a hatred for his country, a longing for the land of the free America.

himself, having secreted about his person \$2,000 during the time that he was under the Russian government's persecution. He won his way to the head of a large manufacturing establishment and became wealthy.

Becoming despondent in his 86th year he drank rat poison. Fehre spoke six languages. His death was mourned by a single friend, a well-known Seattle lawyer, who had befriended him at various times and who revealed his remarkable life story.

TIGHT LID FOR MONTANA

(Scripps News Association.) HELENA, Mont., Jan. 26.—Senator McLean has introduced an anti-gambling bill. Colonel Marshall gave notice in the house of the introduction of a bill having for its object the prevention of pool selling except at regularly organized race tracks conducted by fair associations, after a license had been secured from the state auditor.

Both measures are severer in their terms, and the sporting element of the state has been given something to talk about. McLean's bill is aimed at all known gambling games, including slot machines. Owners of property in which games are run are made equally liable, the punishment being a fine of from \$100 to \$1,000 for the first offense and a minimum fine of \$500 for the second offense, the convicted person to remain in jail until the fine is paid.

Running a "brace" game constitutes a felony. It is made the duty of public officers to confiscate gambling paraphernalia, to be held as evidence and later to be destroyed. Owners of gambling establishments are liable for civil actions for money lost by patrons. Failure on the part of the sheriff, county attorney, mayor, chief of police or town officer to enforce the law constitutes a misdemeanor and upon conviction the delinquent official cannot only be fined, but removed from office. Conviction of any officer for accepting money from gamblers constitutes a felony.

RUDOLPH CAN'T MAKE A RAISE

Rudolph Miller filed affidavits in the superior court this morning to avoid Judge Kennan's order that he must pay \$50 to Mrs. Jennie Miller so she might hire an attorney and secure a divorce. Rudolph is official tailor for Uncle Sam at Fort Wright, and according to his filings this morning, he is sick of the job because the best he can make out of it is \$50 a month. His living expenses are high. He has \$9 on deposit with the Traders bank. He has tried in 20 different places to borrow that \$50, but each person who was once friendly has met his advances with the stony stare. He says, however, that if Jennie will allow him, he will "soak" household goods enough to raise the \$50.

DECLARE FOR OPEN SHOP.

TACOMA, Jan. 26.—The Builders' exchange declares for the open shop policy so far as unions affiliated with the Building Trades assembly are concerned. Each member has posted in his shop and on his work a notice that all employees who are members of unions affiliated with the Tacoma Trades assembly are notified that all work in their lines performed is on the open shop policy.

It is an open declaration of such of the contractors as have joined the Builders' exchange for the open shop in the building trades.

HARRIMAN HAS TERMINALS.

EVERETT, Jan. 26.—President Earling of the Milwaukee, has admitted that the Harriman roads have secured terminals in both Everett and Bellingham. In a recent interview the Milwaukee president said his road would be built to Seattle by the time of the opening of the Alaska-Yukon fair.

EVERETT WIDE OPEN

EVERETT, Jan. 26.—Everett has wide open gambling under the new administration. Arrests were made recently of gamblers for swindling.

SHOCK IN WEST VIRGINIA

BLUEFIELD, W. Va., Jan. 26.—A heavy earthquake was felt here at 1 o'clock this morning and lasted nearly a minute. No serious damage resulted.

GEORGE ADE'S MOTHER DEAD.

KENTLAND, Ind., Jan. 26.—Mrs. John Ade, mother of George Ade, died of heart failure this morning. Six children survive her.

JAP BRINGS BERI BERI.

CHEYENNE, Jan. 26.—A Japanese section hand is confined at the Union Pacific hospital here with beri beri, the dreaded oriental disease.

HARRIMAN SHUT THEM OUT

(Scripps News Association.) PORTLAND, Jan. 26.—The most important testimony taken in the interstate commerce hearing yesterday was given by George H. Kelly, of the Booth-Kelly Lumber Co. He testified that after the consolidation of the Southern Pacific and Union Pacific under Harriman the distribution of the Booth-Kelly Co.'s entire output changed from the intermountain and southwest territory to Eastern states. It was plainly shown that by closing the so-called Ogden gateway in 1901 Oregon lumber mills lost a large and profitable business, carried on with the Denver & Rio Grande and Colorado Midland railways for materials. Oregon mills have not

since been able to sell in this territory. The hearing closed with the testimony of R. B. Miller, general freight agent of the Harriman lines at Portland. Attorney Severance, appearing for the government, declared that Miller's admissions established all he wanted to prove and no more witnesses were necessary.

Miller admitted that the traffic arrangements for the Union, the Southern Pacific and O. R. & N. were in the same hands, but he claimed there is still competition. He could point out the competition in any particular instance.

Commissioner Lane will continue the investigation in San Francisco.

THE ONLY WAY.

A young woman recently sent 15 cents to Chicago advertisers for a recipe to whiten and keep the hands soft, and received in reply: "Soak Colorado Midland railways for materials. Oregon mills have not water while your mother rests."

In the Name of Sense, that good common sense of which all of us have a share, how can you continue to buy ordinary soda crackers, stale and dusty as they must be, when for 5¢ you can get Uneeda Biscuit fresh from the oven, protected from dirt by a package the very beauty of which makes you hungry. NATIONAL BISCUIT COMPANY

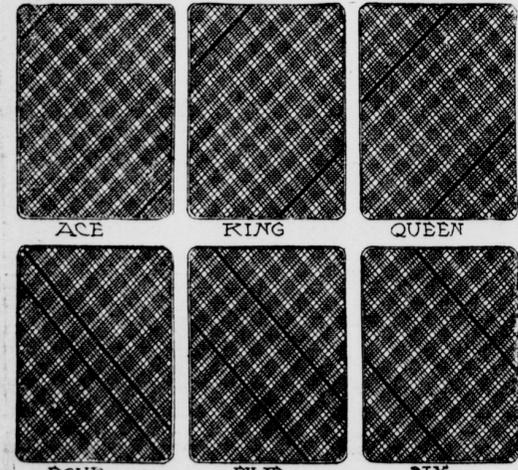
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NEW CROOKED CARD TRICK



Lambs all over the country have been fleeced in poker games by a new system. A reformed card sharp has enabled this paper to expose the trick for the first time. The trick is in the form of readers—cards that are carefully made from dies and afterwards put in acids to shade and block them to suit the eye of the player working the trick. It is a very delicate work, just as delicate as a forged check or a counterfeit bill. These cards have been introduced in gambling houses, steamship lines and in every city in the country. A Western man made a fortune by selling the idea to one or two men in each city. Gamblers all know of the mechanical arm, the creasing of the cards with the finger nail and the small mirror in the palm of the hand, but this shrewd trick is the best yet for bringing the money home. The cards illustrated are of the coarsest design and the easiest to play, but the undetectable cards are the ones with the star, flower or bicycle backs. The block and shade work is so clever and the cards of so many designs that it is impossible for one gambler to read the system of another. Consequently a gambler that knows one kind of a system can sit in a game where some other system is in play and will be totally ignorant that he is being roped in. Professional gamblers make their own readers, but there are several firms in the United States that manufacture them. They do not supply the consumer directly, their output being sold to middlemen, who furnish the goods to saloons and gambling houses.