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SPOKANE'S DEAD RAT INVESTMENT.

The board of health wants the city council to appropriate \$600 to be paid out in bounties on dead rats. Demise of the rat is desired as a precautionary measure against possible spread of the bubonic plague, of which much was heard in coast cities a few months ago.

Nothing more is said about it in those exposed localities and there has never been a symptom of the disease reported in this city.

On the other hand there are more uses for public money than can be readily enumerated.

As far as passive interest goes any rat would better be dead than alive. He need not necessarily be afflicted with bubonic-bearing flees to merit whatever of immortality a rat may hope to inherit.

But the expenditure of any considerable amount of public funds at this time to that end is a matter of doubtful wisdom.

There are hundreds of people in this city who cannot have water in their houses or yards because the city council thinks it hasn't the money to spend for mains.

Every month would show a splendid total of human suffering averted and humane relief supplied could the city maintain its emergency hospital at the police station.

There are scores of idle citizens whose families look to them for bread who could be happily relieved of the grinding care such conditions impose if the city would proceed with public work that should be performed at this time to excellent advantage.

Yet a portion of Spokane's city money is demanded for the slaughter of rats.

The theory that the rat is responsible for bubonic is very scientific and ingenious. Quite a number of learned gentlemen, untroubled by the immediate necessity of hustling food for women and children with growing appetites, spent no little time and money in figuring it out.

But that fact, impressive as it may be, does not justify the expenditure of public funds to an appreciable extent in a city where there is no pressing possibility of bubonic nor a super-abundance of rats, and at a time when the people who furnish these funds have financial problems to face daily that surmount fear of anything in the nature of plague.

The board of health has offered to furnish poison without cost and to place it where it will do rats most harm if the citizen will display enough interest in the enterprise to notify the board when rat symptoms prevail.

A little more individual energy in the way of launching bricks, setting traps or giving the terrier and cat a chance for enjoyment will aid greatly in a cheap and thorough decrease of the rat.

No need of an appropriation of any consequence from city funds to accomplish what the persons most benefitted can accomplish without more than ordinary trouble is apparent.

But need for city money is one of the things always apparent about the city hall. It gets back to the public in the shape of increasing taxes and interest on bond issues.

There are plenty of cheaper weapons, entirely fatal to the the rat, than silver dollars.

Blind Senator One of the Busiest



WASHINGTON SNAPSHOT OF SEN. THOMAS P. GORE

Special Correspondence to The Press WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 17.—Sen. Thomas P. Gore, of Oklahoma, is one of the most hard working

men in the senate. When he is not engaged in the sessions of the upper body he is visiting the various government departments, meeting the officials and learning the routine of the government's business. His blindness does not interfere a whit with his investigations. He is attended constantly by a guide familiar with every nook of the capital. "What I want first of all," he says, "is to see how the business of Uncle Sam is done."

HUGE CHORUS FOR THE FAIR

It is not unlikely that an effort will be made to organize a big chorus for the Interstate fair. The chorus would be organized along the lines adopted successfully by the Minneapolis exposition years ago. It is believed that a chorus of over 300 voices could be got together, which would be a great attraction and would create general interest in good music throughout the city generally.

It could be arranged to give members of the chorus who attended the required number of rehearsals a season pass to the fair. This would serve to stimulate interest other than that felt by every music lover. The chorus would be of great benefit as an educational measure, it would give local vocalists the opportunity to sing some choruses such as the "Hallelujah chorus" and other classic creations, as well as pieces of

"MUST PUT THE FEAR OF GOD IN HEARTS OF LAWLESS RICH"

---Dist. Atty. Langdon

NOTED GRAFT PROSECUTOR GIVES EXCLUSIVE STATEMENT OF BATTLE NOW ON IN SAN FRANCISCO FOR CLEAN GOVERNMENT.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 17.—The trial of Abe Ruef, arch municipal grafter, now in progress in this city, offers a strange crisis in San Francisco's struggle to free herself from the group of the allied thieves of business and politics.

Had Ruef, after his famous confession, kept faith with the prosecutors, he would still enjoy the hope of speedy release under the terms of an immunity contract.

The inordinate vanity of the curly boss led him to believe that he could play a double game. Detective Burns learned that Ruef was attempting to cover the tracks of his rich graft partners and still retain the promise of immunity.

District Attorney Langdon then declared the immunity contract off. Ruef says he thinks this is a

meet the charges against them before Ruef meets those against him. Of course they do.

And we know why they do. Before the trial of Ruef is completed we are going to show, so that every schoolboy on the street will see why these "higher-ups," these millionaire law breakers, want to be tried before Ruef.

Such frantic endeavors of these men to turn the tide of public sentiment have been in a measure successful. There are many men—too many—who honestly believe and honestly declare that the graft prosecution in San Francisco should be stopped right where it is. Why? Because, they say, it is hurting business.

I want to say this, and I wish that every grizzled city in the country could hear me:

There is not a hatter in San Francisco today who is selling one less hat because the district attorney's office is attempting to punish Patrick Calhoun or anybody else, for crimes we know have been com-



DISTRICT ATTORNEY LANGDON AT WORK

mitted. Further than this: No community can prosper commercially when rottenness in its very foundations is allowed to go unexposed and unpunished.

Finally, if every business man in San Francisco should fall as a result of our endeavors, we should proceed in our sworn duty of trying to punish crime where we find it.

One great purpose of the prosecution has already been accomplished. San Francisco has been cleansed.

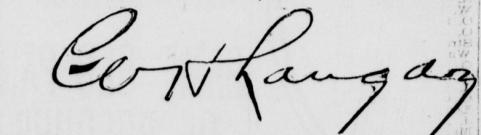
I have a far greater and a far broader task before us. We know that crimes have been committed. We know who committed those crimes. We want to punish the offenders, not because of feelings of animosity, but because of the deterrent effect it will have on the criminally inclined all over the country.

You can't stop the crimes of the rich law breaker by exposing them. You've got to put the fear of God in the heart of the millionaire criminal, by punishment. You've got to send him to jail.

I firmly believe that one of the chief causes of our social unrest is that feeling, down deep in the heart of the average citizen, that there is one law for the poor and another law for the rich.

Every day in our police courts, some poor fellow is sent to a cell for half a year because he has stolen some article that could be replaced for a couple of dollars. Yet when a rich man has stolen a million dollars from a stricken city, his rich friends rally to his side and the cry goes up, "Let him alone!"

It is this condition which exists throughout the nation that we are fighting to overcome in San Francisco today. We want to show to every man, woman and child in this country that no man is above the law. In spite of new obstacles, our outlook is brighter than it ever was.



SEEKS LOST BROTHER

Thomas Radford of Lincoln, Neb., in a letter to Police Chief Rice, asks for information which will lead to the discovery of his brother's whereabouts. His name is Harry R. Radford and his occupation mason. He was last heard from in Seattle the summer of 1905. He is described as five feet seven inches tall, 180 pounds weight, black hair, dark complexion and age 41. A mark of positive identification would be a scar under the right side of his jaw.

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THIEF GOT HIS JEWELRY

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DAILY SHORT STORY

A PROFESSIONAL DISCLOSURE

Coffee and cigars had been reached when the host, a man whose name commanded attention where men of medicine gathered, took up the thread of conversation, broken when dinner was served.

"This story," he began, "deals with twin boys, born about 40 years ago, when I was launching into my practice. Their mother was one of the finest women I ever knew. Her husband was a handsome young fellow, but in his ancestry good and bad were blended.

"Alike as two peas, the twins were beautiful babies, but as they grew Jack developed a nature warped and wisted, while Roy was a gentle, affectionate child, devoted to his parents. Despite their different dispositions, there was a sympathetic bond between them.

"After trying in vain to make an honorable man out of Jack, the father gave up and at 21 the boy was forced to flee from New York, with the police close upon his heels.

"Roy, the solace of a broken family, eventually became the head of a great banking house which his father had founded. Jack was never heard from by the family.

"As the family physician, I knew the skeleton in the closet. I was present at a great banquet at which Roy, then a man of middle age, was to respond to a toast. He arose, but before he could utter the opening words he sank back into his chair, unconscious.

"I had noted that it was just 11:10 o'clock. A brief examination showed that he was suffering from an attack of heart trouble, but was living. The attack struck me as queer, for but a week previous I had examined him for life insurance and he was sound as a dollar. I stayed with him that night, but he gave absolutely no response to my ministrations.

"It was a day or two after this, when I noticed in a paper the shooting of Jack, a noted desperado, who had tried to hold up a train in southern California. Instantly I felt that the wounded man was the twin brother of my friend and patient.

"The article, which bore the date of my friend's collapse, stated the bandit had been shot about 7:55.

"I started a quiet investigation, and within a few days heard from the physician who was attending the wounded man. He said the bullet had penetrated the left side, grazing the coronary artery and producing partial paralysis of the heart. The outlaw, he said, was recovering slowly, in all.

"Now, gentlemen, strange as it may appear, the condition of my patient when I was trying to hold him to consciousness was that of a man who had been wounded as the outlaw had been.

"After receiving the letter, I worked upon the theory that in some manner the bullet which laid low his twin brother had struck down my friend, 3,000 miles from the scene of the shooting.

"My ministrations resulted in the quick recovery of my patient, and, as if in corroboration of my theory, a letter from California stating Jack was able to take exercise, was received, bearing the date upon which I had permitted my patient to take his first carriage ride.

"I kept the information of Jack away from Roy, knowing he would rush to his assistance once he learned the truth.

"But I counted not upon the fateful tie between the two. Three months after his arrest Jack was placed on trial and the jury disagreed. That night a mob broke into the jail and strung up the outlaw.

"The hanging occurred, as nearly as I can ascertain, at 11:15 at night. At 2:30 the next morning, which, calculating the difference in time between New York and San Francisco, was at the same hour, Roy, rising from his bed, stumbled over a footstool and broke his neck."

OUTBURSTS OF EVERETT TRUE



WHEN YOU GET THROUGH BURNING, YOU JUST LEAVE THE BOWL FULL OF DILGE WATER, AND THE SOAP PLASTERED OVER WITH DIRTY SUDS, DON'T YOU? I WANT TO SAY TO YOU THAT I FOR ONE DON'T LIKE IT, AND I'LL MAKE YOU BELIEVE IT, TOO!



THE WONDER advertisement with large stylized text.

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German Napkins—Fringed, colored borders; \$1.00 and \$1.25 grades; you can buy them for, a dozen.....69c
15c 36-inch Muslins—Good quality, on sale, at, a yard.....9 1-2c
15c and 18c Arnold Flannelettes—On sale at, a yard.....10 1-2c
Fleeced Kimono Flannels—Single width; good value at 12 1-2c and 15c a yard. We are anxious to close out this line, and you can buy all you want of it, at, a yard.....7 1-2c

The Grand Opening of the New Linen and Domestic Departments Takes Place on Thursday. See Wednesday Papers for Particulars.

- Some Good Values in Black and Colored Silks
Colored Taffetas—27 inches wide; one of our best selling numbers; comes in these shades: Golden brown, navy blue, light brown, tan, cardinal, cream, light blue and black; great value at, a yard.....\$1.25
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36 inch White China Silk, and White Habutai Silk—A good seller at 85c; on sale at, a yard.....69c
27 inch Rough Pongees—An always popular silk; the new spring colors are very choice; here are a few of them: Reseda green, light blue, golden brown, tan, garnet, cream, Copenhagen blue, leather, natural and black; the Wonder price.....85c
34 inch Black Chiffon Taffeta—A silk with a soft, rich, lustrous finish, and that gives lots of wear; we will sell our regular \$1.25 grade tomorrow, at, a yard.....95c
Moneybags Taffetas—As popular as ever; we are now showing a complete line of colors and black; 33 and 36 inches wide; at, a yard.....\$1.75

ROBBER SENTENCED TO KEELEY CURE

PORTLAND, Feb. 17.—U. S. Judge Wolverton has sentenced the last of the Sellwood postoffice robbers to take the Keeley cure. The sentence was passed on Claude Eggleston, who, standing shaking like an aspen leaf before the jurist, acknowledged he was an inebriate and was willing to enter a "gold cure" institute, and in event of failing to overcome his desire for intoxicants to serve five years at hard labor on McNeil's island, the alternative set by Judge Wolverton. Eggleston was turned over to the United States marshal and began his novel sentence at once.

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