

## GROGERS ADD TO DIRECTORS

A. W. Bower, president, M. A. Doyle, first vice president, C. A. Nickum, second vice president, E. N. Cory, secretary, C. Anderson, treasurer, is the list of nominations for officers in the Spokane Grocers' association, as submitted at the last meeting of the combine Monday night.

J. E. Silbaugh, E. Michael, S. A. Bishop, J. C. Argall, T. E. Westlake and S. B. Crandall have been nominated for directors of the organization. The Spokane Grocers' association is to have nine directors instead of five, as they have had in the past. This is according to an amendment to the constitution of the association, to be considered at the next regular meeting, January 18. Aside from the six directors elected to the offices, the president, vice president, secretary and treasurer are directors of the organization by virtue of their offices.

Each member of the association is at liberty to bring his wife and family to the next meeting of the association, which is to take place above the Pantages theater, and S. B. Crandall, J. E. Silbaugh, S. McNeil, T. E. Westlake and G. A. Turner, have been appointed as a committee on entertainment and refreshments to fix up something fine for that occasion.

C. Anderson, F. W. Steffer and C. A. Nickum were appointed as a committee to draft resolutions of sympathy and condolence to Mrs. F. C. Andrus, whose husband, a member of the association, died a few days ago. Resolutions were also taken pledging the support of the grocers to the Inland Empire Retail Dealers' association, in the presentation of a food show in February.

Beginning with the first Tuesday of February, the meeting nights and place of meeting is to be changed from the first and third Monday in each month to first and third Tuesdays, and all meetings will be held in the assembly rooms of the chamber of commerce, Hut-ton block.

Arrangements are nearly completed for the second of a series of dances, which is to be given at the Masonic temple January 14.

### 'Quake Buried Gold.



Millions of dollars of gold, silver and paper money were buried in the ruins of Messina, Catania, Reggio and other desolated cities. The work of digging it out has commenced under strong guards of soldiers.

### BIRTHDAY CAME 10 DAYS TOO SOON

The new police regulations hit at least one officer especially hard. S. B. Layman has served as special officer 460 shifts without missing. He was in line for regular duty, but his 36th birthday happened along December 26, making Layman 10 days too old. He lost his chance by a matter of 240 hours.

### ORGANIZE TO SAVE THE FORESTS

As the result of the meeting of northwest lumbermen in Spokane an association for the conservation of forests was formed yesterday, with the title "Forest and Conservation association." The following officers were selected: A. L. Flewelling, president, Spokane; T. J. Humbird, treasurer, Spokane; Frank H. Lamb, secretary Ho-

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quiam; D. P. Simons, vice president for Washington, Seattle; T. L. Millette, vice president for Montana.

The following recommendations were adopted: That in Washington higher salaries be paid those doing patrol duties on timber land, and that \$50,000 be appropriated for forest conservation. For Idaho that private companies cooperate with the state in the conservation of forests. For Montana, the same recommendation.

The next meeting of the association will be held in Spokane in April.

### Great Funeral Pyre.



All over the earthquake district of southern Italy and Sicily today bodies taken out of the ruins and washed up by the sea are being burned in great funeral pyres.

### SANDERS FOR MAYOR?

As regularly as a city campaign time comes around, E. D. Sanders, republican, is mentioned for mayor, orally timber, and quite naturally he is being mentioned today. It had generally been understood that Mr. Sanders would run against Councilman Baldwin of the Second ward, who wants to be returned.

However, it is said that pressure is being brought to bear on Mr. Sanders which may induce him to run for mayor in the event that Mayor Moore, who has announced change his mind and want more. Mr. Sanders is popular and strong politically.

The man who is looking for trouble meets with fewer obstacles than the man who is seeking happiness.

## PEARSON EARNS A REWARD

Fred Pearson for years one of the most popular officers of the Spokane police department, and among the best detectives of the northwest, is now to be a regular plain clothes man to fill the place in that department vacated by Billy Weir, appointed yesterday to the position of sergeant of police. Pearson's appointment was made today by Chief of Police Rice.

Pearson has become generally known throughout the northwest in the last few months by his clever work in trapping the Gouyet brothers and Henry Marinette, three of the vilest French parasites that have ever disgraced this city with their presence. A term of 20 months in the Montana state penitentiary is now being served by Pete Gouyet, and his brother Adolph has fairly begun an incarceration of 18 months in the same institution on convictions of having imported French women into the United States for immoral purposes. Detective Fred Pearson's evidence convicted both the men.

To this same sleuth, Henry Marinette, now serving a term of two years in the Idaho penitentiary, owes his ill luck. Under the direction of Mr. Pearson, who had worked in Spokane for several months on the case, Marinette was taken in custody by the United States authorities at Wallace, Idaho, for debauching Dionda Louise, a French girl whom he had betrayed. Mignon Duvont and Erma Vigno were slaves of the Gouyet brothers at the time of their arrest at Helena, Mont., on information that had been worked up during two years previous by Detective Fred Pearson. As the result of the convictions of these three parasites, 35 arrests in districts of Idaho and Montana have followed.

Another case in which the clever work of the Spokane detective has prominently figured is that of Emil Vocamp and Jennie Girard, in custody of the Moscow, Idaho, authorities at the present time, on a similar charge.

Aside from these cases, which have puzzled some of the best government secret service men, Detective Pearson personally conducted a successful campaign against a number of immoral lodging houses here in the last few months, with the result that numerous convictions have been made.

## SUN AND MOON HELP TO CRACK THE EARTH

BY PROF. FRANK A. PERRET, SEISMIC EXPERT.  
When the sun and the moon are in certain positions, the astronomical influences have a tendency to change the earth's spherical shape into that of an ellipse. Of course the earth does not really become an ellipse, but if it were a liquid body it would take an elliptical form.

As it is the tendency to change from a sphere to an ellipse manifests itself in a condition of stress. This condition of stress in the earth's surface brings about a widening and contracting of the fissures in the crust of the earth. This contracting of the fissures results in volcanic activity.

In other words, when the sun and the moon are relatively so placed to each other that astronomical conditions are favorable, then the earth tends to become an elliptical body, the fissures contract and the eruption of some great volcano takes place.

We can tell to a day the date when such an eruption is to occur, provided the local conditions are in accordance with the astronomical influences.

## PRESIDENT ASKS POWER

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 6.—Roosevelt today sent congress a special message recommending legislation giving the interstate commission power to compel witnesses to answer questions. This action recalls a case in which Harri-man refused to answer at the hearing in New York, and the recent decision of the supreme court holding the commission had no power to force him to answer.

### 85 DEATHS IN MONTH

The monthly health report, which is being prepared under direction of Health Officer Grieve, shows that during December there were 85 deaths, 37 females and 48 males. Of this number six died from diphtheria, nine from pneumonia, three from typhoid and one from smallpox. There were 159 births, 92 males and 67 females.

### CHILDREN LEAVE TOGETHER

Fay McDonald, the child evangelist, when she left the county juvenile detention room to join her father at Hoquiam this afternoon, was accompanied by her brother, six years old, who has been in the care of friends here. The father, Judge William E. McDonald sent funds to pay the fares of both of the children to Ho-

quiam, and Probation Officer Peters sent them together this afternoon.

### 40 BELOW IN OLD MISSOURI

ST. LOUIS, Jan. 6.—A fierce blizzard raged last night and today. The entire southwestern part of the state is in the grip of the storm. In some parts the thermometer dropped 30 and 40 below.

### SUES THE COMPANY.

The Western Empire Fire Insurance Co. has refused to pay a policy on household goods belonging to A. M. Ward, which were destroyed in a fire at 01529 Standard street September 29 last. Ward claims his loss is \$696.25, and has brought suit against the company for the amount.

### OPIE READ ESCAPES.

SPRINGFIELD, Mo., Jan. 6.—Opie Read was among the guests of the Colonial hotel who escaped from fire today. Six firemen were slightly hurt.

### TALKS IT OVER WITH TAFT

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 6.—Senator Knox, next secretary of state, today started for Augusta, Ga., to confer with Taft regarding completion of the cabinet.

To follow only the light of your own desires is to find yourself in the darkness of self disgust.

## GUESSED AT WEIGHT

"For the last five of the seven years that I have been employed by the Rock Springs Coal Co., I have been guessing the weight of loads of coal going out of their yards, and a great many of the loads have never been weighed."

This assertion was made in police court this afternoon by E. C. Earlonson. Earlonson, with George Sly, an expressman, was being tried for the theft of coal from the above named company, the former having gotten the latter to deliver a load of coal to the Crystal bar on New Year's day without the knowledge of Manager Martin. Sly was found not guilty and Earlonson's case was continued till tomorrow that further evidence can be secured.

### SEATTLE FIRM LOW BIDDER.

Bids for erecting the Spokane building for the A-Y-P exposition were opened by the committee at noon today. The Pacific Contracting Co.'s bid of \$9,042 was the lowest. A contract will be awarded at the next meeting of the committee.

### SCHOOL PRINCIPAL MISSING.

ROSEBURG, Ore., Jan. 6.—George Sawyers, principal of the

Oakland public schools, is mysteriously missing. He went to Red Bluff, Cal., shortly after Christmas duck hunting, and failed to return to reopen schools Monday. Friends and his wife fear he was accidentally killed.

### VICE CONSUL HAS ESCAPED

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 6.—Ambassador Griscom cabled the state department today confirming the fact that Vice Consul Lupton survived the Messina disaster. The bodies of Mr. and Mrs. Cheney are buried under tons of debris at the consulate. Cheney was consul at Messina.

### CHICAGO SWEEP BY A FREEZER

CHICAGO, Jan. 6.—A blizzard is causing suffering here. It was 10 below this morning. Traffic is tied up and wires down between cities of the middle west. At Fond du Lac, Wis., the mercury dropped 62 degrees in 30 hours.

### COMPANY DEMANDS BOOKS

The members of Company H, Washington national guard, have collectively instituted an action against Goble, Pratt & Robbins for the recovery of a library of 300 volumes and 12 sections of a sectional bookcase, which they claim is their property and is now being illegally detained by the defendant.

**That Made Some Difference**

Kindly Old Gentleman—Ah, children, you don't enjoy sledding half as much as I used to when I was a boy.  
One of the Aids—Huh, I guess that was because no old duffer butted in on you.

### PIONEER DROPS DEAD

ELLENBURG, Wash., Jan. 6.—Martin Mehan, age 72, who came to the Kittitas valley in the seventies, and was one of the oldest settlers, dropped dead of heart disease this morning.

The gunner who goes after birds with a flask in his pocket is generally satisfied with swallows.

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