

Shortly before he left office Ex-Governor Mead poked some fun at Senator Hutchinson of Spokane over the latter's investigation of the Medical Lake asylum buildings. As the governor was finally responsible for whatever conditions prevailed at the state buildings managed by his board of control, the governor's remarks were directed toward discrediting Hutchinson's allegations. No marked gubernatorial endeavor to press an investigation was displayed.

Senator Hutchinson naturally replies and naturally the fashion of reply is nothing evasive. Here is his answer, addressed to Mead: Your statement that I have in my possession flashlight photographs showing defects in the new ward building at the eastern Washington hospital for insane at Medical Lake, a statement signed by six prominent architects of Spokane declaring the building unsafe, etc., and that I condemn the board of control for mismanagement because the building which cost \$55,000 was not put in use until 30 months after its completion; that I state the basement is a mudhole drained by a ditch; that the foundations are defective and the cement floors sagging, is correct.

My dear governor, I made those charges in the newspapers in December, 1908, and if you did not learn it until you saw it in the Oregonian of January 24 your henchmen must have been unloyal to you, as those charges were talked over by some of them in the Mitchell hotel on January 7, 1909. You are correct—those are grave and serious charges, and they are true. You say the board of control were appointees of yours and that if there was incompetency or wrong you must share in the responsibility. If you have personally inspected that building you should certainly share in the censure.

I have no attack to make on Mr. Dow, the architect, or on any member of the board of control. It is their work, the Medical Lake building, I criticize, and if they are connected with that monument of either "incompetency" or "graft," or "both," that is their misfortune. What would any reader of these lines say if his agent borrowed \$55,000 and erected a building (the last payment on which was made to the contractors July, 1906) and then did not occupy it until December, 1908 (and then only part of one floor)? Would you not say your agent was either a knave or a fool? That is the exact situation of the Medical Lake building. I got the figures from the books.

Your statement, governor, that the state has no better or more permanent building only shows that you are ignorant of what you are writing. I do not think you aim to misrepresent. You say during a civilized and more or less human era it would not be advisable to take unfortunate insane patients from warm and comfortable quarters and house them in a bare, unfurnished concrete building—"a noble sentiment," but the contractors got their last payment on the building in July. It is not uncomfortably cold in eastern Washington during that, or several following months. How did you arrive at your statement that the concrete would give them cold feet? Did not the all-wise board of control give that subject any thought before letting the contract for the building? Now fess up, governor, was not the wooden floors an afterthought to hide the incompetency or graft so glaringly shown in the concrete floors?

Why was there no mention made of wooden floors to the legislature of 1907? It gave the board of control all it asked for the "Medical Lake asylum. Why was it not furnished? Why delay two years in putting in wooden floors if they were not an afterthought to hide imperfections?

Here is the report of the six contractors from Spokane:

"We, the undersigned, have this day inspected the newly erected building west of the main building of the Medical Lake sanitarium. We found the unfinished basement floor in a muddy condition, and ditches dug to drain the water towards the foundation walls.

"We also found places in the foundation wall very defective so that it was possible to push an inch rod into the joints about 18 inches.

"The foundation walls are laid in lime mortar instead of cement mortar. The excavation below the day room of first floor is only five feet in the clear. One of the basement piers is reinforced by an additional brick pier laid in cement mortar.

"There should be an area way to the outside kitchen entrance, but there is only an embankment three feet six inches above the

stick. "The finished floor in the entrance to the basement is broken, and the concrete can easily be removed with the fingers.

"The east and basement walls are left in an unfinished condition, and open where the steam supply pipe enters the building. This allows surface water to enter the basement.

"All first floors are cracked along the girders and walls, and have sunk in center of spans from 1/4 inch to 1 1/4 inches. The cracks are running the entire length of the girders and are partly patched up.

"The same conditions we found on the second floor. The slabs (floor slabs) have sunk from 1/2 inch to 1 1/2 inches.

"In the west wing of the same floor we found a new patch 17 feet by 23 feet which was also badly cracked. The same conditions we found on the third floor.

"The floor slabs are badly cracked from three to four inches deep, and have sunk from 3/4 inch to three inches. In the day room of said floor is placed a patch two feet wide and 10 feet long; a wide crack runs through the center.

"The condition of the concrete floors is such that it is dangerous to place even a small load on same, and therefore we believe that the building is unsafe for occupancy.

"This report is respectfully submitted by J. W. White, T. Strauser, W. E. Smith, Charles White, G. A. E. Bergholtz, A. Schmidt, all of Spokane, Wash."

They are all men who have erected many of the best buildings in that city of fine buildings. They have no interest in this controversy. They went and inspected the new ward building at my request.

As a member of the house I was through the basement and lower floors of that building in November, 1906, and noticed the mud in the basement then. I passed through, taking no particular notice, but when I went back in December, 1908, and found the building practically unoccupied I knew there was something wrong. Several days later I returned in company with a reporter and gave the building a complete inspection. I realized why the building was not occupied and knowing that my word would be disputed (as will the word of any man who attempts to protect the state at the cost of any officeholder) I requested Contractor White to get several other builders and flashlight apparatus and accompany me in an inspection of that building, and their report is the result.

"I invited a number of the Spokane delegation to accompany the contractors on the trip of inspection and Hon. A. M. Stevens, representative from the Fourth district, did accompany them and saw the measurements made. R. A. Hutchinson.

Councilman B. R. Ostrander has his lightning rod up and is waiting for something to strike it. When asked the direct question today as to whether he was or was not a candidate for the mayoralty, he replied:

"That is a pretty hard question to answer at this time," he said. "I am not pushing myself forward as an aspirant, but if there should be a demand for it, I would have to submit."

This is Mr. Ostrander's position and if enough of his friends will come forward and make the demand, he will be seen in the race. In other words, he is not adverse to holding down the mayor's chair but he hesitates about jumping in to the fight until he can get some idea as to what the republicans intend to do.

ANNUAL GAME LAW WAR IS DECLARED

OLYMPIA, Feb. 2.—Three game laws have been fired into the legislative hopper by Representative Palmer, and the annual game law war is on.

Palmer's most rigid measure would prohibit shooting partridges, grouse, Chinese pheasants, quail and jacksnipes until September 1, 1915.

The second bill prohibits hunting birds with dogs and the third would require all persons fishing in fresh waters of the waters of the state with hook and line to take out an annual license of \$1.00.

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BIG BROTHER JOHN FORGETS TO PUT HIS BOXING GLOVES AWAY

WORK GOING AHEAD

Work has been resumed on the Idora. This property is reported looking better than ever and the management is pushing development work under the direction of J. E. Logan. The strike on the H. E. M. property has stimulated activity in that part of the Coeur d'Alenes. The shaft in the Anchor is down about 150 feet and will be continued to a further depth of about 200 feet. Some of the rich-

est silver ore found in the Coeur d'Alenes appears in small quantities in this property. The 750 foot crosscut tunnel being driven on the Wonder is nearing completion and the management seems confident of striking the vein in place. The showing on the surface is good and two well defined veins cross the property. The ground owned consists of about 10 claims, all under process of being patented.

LISTED

	Bid	Asked
Ajax	.08 1/2	.13 1/2
Alameda	.02	.02 1/2
Bullion	.04	.06
Canadian Con. Smelters	85.00	100.00
Copper King	.04 1/2	.05 1/2
Echo	.01 1/2	.01 1/2
Evolution	.02 1/2	.03
Gertie	.02 1/2	.03 1/2
Granby Smelter	98.00	100.00
Happy Day	.02 1/2	.02 1/2
Hecla	3.20	3.65
Humming Bird	.06 1/2	...
Hypotheek	.01 1/2	.01 1/2
International Coal & Coke	.74 1/2	.76 1/2
Kendall	.75	1.00
Mineral Farm	.02 1/2	.03 1/2
Missoula Copper	.03 1/2	.04 1/2
Nabob	.02 1/2	.02 1/2
Snowstorm	1.99	2.00
Sonora	.02 1/2	...
Stewart	.69	.73
Reindeer	.06	.06 1/2

UNLISTED

	Bid	Asked
Alhambra	.12	.18
Ambergis	.12 1/2	.15 1/2
Bell
Holden Gold & Copper	.10	.15
Idaho Giant	.04	...
Idaho Smelting & Refining	.10	.12
Lucky Calumet	.09 1/2	.10
Monitor	.28 1/2	.30 1/2
Moonlight	.02	...
Oom Paul	.03 1/2	.05 1/2
Park Copper	.01 1/2	.02
Rex	.08	.09
Rambler-Cariboo	.14 1/2	.16 1/2
Snowshoe	.07 1/2	.07 1/2
Sullivan
Tamarack & Chesapeake	.80	1.10
Wonder	.03	.03 1/2

DOING AS WELL AS COULD BE EXPECTED.



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HE'S AFTER GOTCH

Special Correspondence to The Press CHICAGO, Feb. 2.—It is probable that the match for the heavy-



YUSSIF MAHMOUD.

weight catch-as-catch-can championship of the world between Frank Gotch, title holder, and Yussif Mahmoud, latest of the "Terrible Turks," will take place in this city within the next 60 days. Mahmoud has won from all the good heavyweights in this country, and Gotch, having failed to get a match with Hackenschmidt, is to return to the United States and meet the Turk.

BIG PAYROLL MONTH

With five specials and Major Gwydir, to be paid from the police appropriation, the pay roll of the police department for the month of January totaled \$5,609.60.

Specials Waterbury, Berto, Long and Layman were employed practically the entire month and Special Officer Childs draw pay for six days, making the pay roll for specials alone amount to \$354.75.

Including captains and sergeants the regular police force now includes 54 men. Ed Edwardson, one of the last regulars chosen, has not yet drawn any pay from the city.

BILL TO LEGALIZE GAME BIRD INDUSTRY

(Special to The Press.) OLYMPIA, Feb. 2.—If a bill introduced by Representative Morse of Island county becomes a law the business of raising Chinese, Mongolian or English pheasants for the market will become a profitable one, and incidentally the man

Dig Big Gains in Bedding and Towels

10c Towels for 7 1-2c Bleached Turkish Towels; 25 dozen in the lot; each one with red border; not very large size, but excellent value at 10c; on sale at7 1/2c	121-2c Huck Towels for 10c 20 dozen cotton huck Towels; size 18x36; red borders; excellent for hotel use; regular 12 1/2c values on sale Wednesday at each 10c	50c Bed Sheets for 37 1-2c 20 dozen Bed Sheets on sale Wednesday; size is 72x90 inches; made of good quality muslin; felled seam; as good as any 50c sheet offered; on sale at 37 1/2c	\$1.75 Bedspreads for \$1.19 Just 40 hemmed Bedspreads; crochet cotton make; full double bed size; Marseilles pattern; free from filling; regular \$1.75 value; on sale at \$1.19
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Sensational Bargain Offering in Dress Goods for Wednesday

Beautiful, lustrous, shower-proof Well Messalines, the newest and most up to date fabric for spring dresses; has a permanent satin finish, no nap to rough up or gather the dust; shown in all the newest shades and comes 44 inches wide. This is a strictly \$2.00 quality that we will place on sale Wednesday only at, a yard,

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Pure Castile Soap, the kind we sell all the time at 25c a pound will be sold here on Wednesday at 19c

who has the price but is lacking in skill may dine on these toothsome birds at any season of the year.

Mr. Morse's bill provides that anybody who raises the birds is exempt from the game law provisions, to the extent that he may kill them, sell or give them away and ship them wherever he desires.

These birds are particularly

thick in Island county, in fact they are almost a nuisance, but the farmers decline to allow huntsmen to shoot on their farms. They now see how by a little trouble the nuisance may be abated and made profitable. This is one of the two score hunting bills that are now before the legislature.

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WET FEET BRING ON RHEUMATISM

This is the time when you have to be doubly careful of your health, as a slight cold may bring on rheumatic pains and cause, you no amount of pain. If you should happen to get your feet wet run in and take a Turkish bath; it will do you a world of good. Bath and bed for night \$1.00. Turkish Bath Parlors, First and Stevens. H. Nichols, prop. Main 1341.

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Mix two ounces of Glycerine with a half ounce of Virgin Oil of Pine compound pure and a half pint of straight Whisky. Shake well and take in doses of a teaspoonful every four hours. This mixture possesses the healing, healthful properties of the pines and will break a cold in 24 hours and cure any cough that is curable. In having this formula put up be sure that your druggist uses the genuine Virgin Oil of Pine compound pure, prepared and guaranteed only by the Leach Chemical Co., Cincinnati, O.

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