

THE PUBLIC SQUARE

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THE LIQUOR PROBLEM.

Editor The Press—I have lived where local option prevails and heard a minister on Sunday morning accuse six of his members (Pennsylvania Baptists) of being interested in the liquor business; and others of renting buildings to be used as "speak easter" and "blind tigers." A friend of mine was in partnership with a police sergeant of Philadelphia in a "speak easy." They were caught and my friend had to skip, but the noble police stayed in Philadelphia. I would rather have the open saloon than this sort of thing.

Some people think it is the "miserable" working class that fosters the liquor traffic. Others have started saloons, Bishop Potter, for instance. Others say the saloon is the poor man's club. I deny the charge.

CAN ACTORS BE CHRISTIANS?

Mr. Edwall, in quizzing Jessie

Shirley, spoke as though actors could not be Christians. Shakespeare says the world is a stage and the human family actors. Then, according to Mr. Edwall's statement, the people might as well not even try to be good. As actors we are not Christians and can't be saved.

An actress' life is the hardest life there is—that is, when it is lived right. The conditions under which she works are not always favorable and the temptations are many and great. These temptations must be overcome, for an actress must show the public by her example and daily life as well as her drama that though not as easy it is better to be heroic than villainous.

Therefore I say that an actress with the reputation that Miss Shirley has has done more for the good of the people, and is a stronger, truer Christian than a preacher who prepares his sermon at the eleventh hour Saturday, preaches it Sunday and spends the rest of his time boosting for and advertising Jimmy Durkin.

I am a staunch friend of all who are trying to advance the welfare of the people, no matter what their occupation. I'm also a firm believer that the hard working, conscientious actors do more than their share. Miss Lillian Mordant.

NO MERCY FOR SICK WIFE

HESELY WORKED ONLY FOR BOOZE MONEY, WHILE SHE, CRIPPLED WITH RHEUMATISM, STRUGGLED TO FEED CHILDREN.

Though his wife lay sick with rheumatism and his children were destitute, ragged and hungry, Andrew Helsey had to be hauled before the police court charged with wife and family desertion before he awakened to his sense of duty as a husband and father.

Only the mercy of the court, who, through the dark clouds of guilt surrounding the man before him, realized what additional suffering incarceration of the man meant to his wife and children, saved Helsey from a term in jail. On promising Justice Mann that he would make amends for his neglect toward his family by providing for them as best he could, and he was released with his case continued for 30 days to give him a chance to do as he had promised.

It was shown in his hearing that while his wife crawled on her hands and knees about the house to do the family washing, and to prepare food for her children before the Associated Charities found them and aided them, Helsey was working as swamper in a downtown saloon for \$6 a week and spending the major portion of that for liquor.

GERTIE IS STRONGER

Gertie was stonger on news that the crosscut tunnel is only about 15 feet from where it is expected the vein will be cut. The company is reported in good financial condition with something over 300,000 shares of treasury stock still on hand and no debts. A. J. Hutton, owner of the Hutton block and one of the largest owners of the Hercules, is the controlling factor in Gertie and he has been giving his personal attention to the development of this property. Idaho Giant continued to advance, closing higher than it has at any time for a year. The mar-

ket was more or less active, with buyers and sellers very close together throughout the trading hours. Fincher Creek Coal seems to be in demand on news that the company has a large force of men developing the property and installing machinery. R. D. Miller, vice president and general manager, is arranging for the construction of the two and one half mile spur to the Canadian Pacific tracks and it is understood that the Canadian government will give the company a subsidy in the construction of this line. Several blocks of Lucky Calumet were traded in around .09 1/2 to .09 3/4.

LISTED

	Bid	Asked
Ajax	.09	.16
Alameda	.02 1/2	.02 1/2
Bullion	.04	.04 1/2
Canadian Con. Smelters	80.00	100.00
Copper King	.04 1/2	.05 1/2
Echo	.01 1/2	.01 1/2
Evolution	.02 1/2	.03
Gertie	.03 1/2	.03 1/2
Granby Smelter	95.00	110.00
Happy Day	.02 1/2	.02 1/2
Hecla	3.20	3.50
Humming Bird	.07	.07 1/2
Hypotheek	.01	.01 1/2
International Coal & Coke	.75	.75
Kendall	.75	.95
Mineral Farm	.02 1/2	.03 1/2
Missoula Copper	.03 1/2	.03 1/2
Nabob	.02 1/2	.02 1/2
Snowstorm	1.98	2.00
Sonora	.02 1/2	.03 1/2
Stewart	.65	.75
Reindeer	.06 1/2	.06 1/2

UNLISTED

	Bid	Asked
Alhambra	.13	.16
Ambergis	.12	.15 1/2
Bell	.06 1/2	.07
Holden Gold & Copper	.10	.10 1/2
Idaho Giant	.06	.07 1/2
Idaho Smelting & Refining	.11 1/2	.13
Lucky Calumet	.08 1/2	.10
Monitor	.29 1/2	.29 1/2
Moonlight	.02 1/2	.02 1/2
Oom Paul	.04	.05
Park Copper	.01	.01 1/2
Rex	.08 1/2	.08 1/2
Rambler-Cariboo	.13	.16
Snowshoe	.07 1/2	.07 1/2
Sullivan	.07	.07
Tamarack & Chesapeake	.75	1.10
Wonder	.02 1/2	.03 1/2

EASTERN MARKETS

(Furnished by Walter J. Nicholls & Co.)

NEW YORK, Feb. 4.—The United States circuit court of appeals has decided for the government in the safety appliance act case. The decision is regarded as of great importance. Cotton very dull. Wall street moderate buyer. Finley Barrett buying wheat.

Liverpool close: Wheat, 3/4 to 1 up; corn, 1/2 to 3/4 up.

WEIR WANTS TIME TO THINK

(Special to The Press.) OLYMPIA, Feb. 4.—"Jimmy" Weir of King county has served notice in the house. The notice is to the effect that he will oppose in the future all attempts to rush matters through under a suspension of the rules.

Mr. Weir is an impassioned speaker. He cannot move to adjourn without throwing into his voice all the quivering emotion of his soul, and as a consequence all legislation passed when he made his announcement. Nevertheless, it was noticeable that the house went right along with little regard to Mr. Weir's feelings in the matter.

As a question of fact Mr. Weir's position is a safe one. As he says, members, tired and thinking only of adjournment, suspend rules and pass measures in which they have no interest and to which they have given no thought. And then some day, after the legislature has adjourned, the members wake up to the fact that something slipped through which keeps them busy with their regrets.

By the time a man is ready to wear Fame's laurel wreath his head is so big that it no longer fits.

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CHEAP APPLES AT MARKET

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Two teams are expected in tomorrow with apples and general produce.

COME AFTER McDONALD
Requisition papers, necessary for

taking D. R. McDonald, arrested here Monday by Detective Briley, back to Portland to answer to a charge of embezzlement, are being prepared by authorities of that place. The Spokane police department received a telegram this morning from Chief of Police Gritz, mayor of Portland asking that the prisoner be held till an officer with the proper credentials can arrive.

STUTES WIDENS OUT.
To afford sufficient room for new machinery being added to the Stutes Printing Concern's plant, the outfit has been moved to larger quarters, 815 Main avenue. A large Golding press is one of the new machines which Stutes has installed in his new plant.



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- Good Suits, \$15.00 Values \$8.50
- Good Suits, \$16.50 Values \$9.50
- Good Suits, \$18.00 Value \$11.50
- Good Suits, \$20 Values \$13.50
- Good Suits \$22.50 Value \$15.50

In These Lines Are About 200 Suits

Lines that have got sold down to only a few suits of a pattern or style. The quoted prices were our regular ones (you know we mark everything in plain figures), and not only that but we believe our regular prices to have been from \$2.50 to \$5.00 lower than any store other than a "strictly cash" store like Kemp & Hebert's could possibly sell at.

SOMETHING DIFFERENT!—We are practically crowding this whole layout of suits into our big clothing windows; at least every pattern, every style, every color at every price will be displayed with a clear sign telling the value, size and reduced price. You pick out the suit you want to see and we'll take it out from the show window for you to try on.



Sale of Women's Tailored Suits Continues. \$20 to \$35 Suits \$9.63 or \$13.89

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- Prices considerably less, though, at the Kemp & Hebert store, always. Get the "third floor" habit for cotton and linen goods.
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 - Amoskeag Gingham, apron checks in all varieties, yard.....7 1/2c
 - "Red Seal" Dress Gingham, here only at, yard.....12 1/2c
 - "Toile du Nord" Dress Gingham, at this store, only.....12 1/2c
 - Fancy Shirting Chevrons, a new line, at.....12 1/2 and 15c
 - New Spring Percales, yard wide, all varieties, at.....10c to 15c
 - Fancy Cotton Challies, pretty patterns, new line, at.....5c
 - 25c Linen Finish Suiting, yard wide, fancy or plain.....18c

\$1.50 New Kid Gloves \$1.29

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Women's \$3 and \$3.50 Shoes \$1.97

Vici kid laced or blucher shoes in neat styles, with patent tips, also good calfskin shoes in up to date styles. These are all unboxed—you can see them on a big table in the basement. Pick out the sort and size you want from this \$3.00 and \$3.50 lot of new shoes at the sale price of.....\$1.97

- Women's \$3.50 and \$4.00 Shoes, fine kid, calf and patent coltskin; hand sewed soles; all are stylish new lasts, pair.....\$2.47
- Old Ladies' Comfort Shoes, wide toes, high or low tops; soft, flexible soles; worth up to \$2.00 a pair, sale price.....97c
- Felt Slippers for women, Julietts in colored or black felt, with hand turned leather soles and fur trimming; \$1.75 value, for.....98c
- Felt Shoes for women, \$2.00 and \$2.50 values. In assorted felt and leather styles; sale price.....\$1.19

OUTBURSTS OF EVERETT TRUE



WATCHDOG FOR CORPORATIONS

PALMER OF KING WOULD BE A VALUABLE MAN TO STATE IF HE WERE IN LEGISLATURE TO SERVE PEOPLE.

(Special to The Press.) OLYMPIA, Feb. 4.—Representative E. B. Palmer of King county is a conscientive and consistent member of the house committee on judiciary.

And it is noticeable that every time a bill is reported favorably by this committee which might have an adverse effect on any corporation, Mr. Palmer comes to the fore with a minority report.

And, incidentally, the house generally stands with the majority of the committee and leaves Mr. Palmer with the single satisfaction of having perhaps done the best he could.

Mr. Palmer was a strenuous opponent of the eight hour law for women. He opposed the woman suffrage bill; he opposed the bill granting dependent fathers, mothers and minor brothers and sisters the right to sue for the death of their provider; he opposed the change in laws which will permit the granting of a new trial in dam-

CRAZED MAN SLAYS WIFE

SIX SCREAMING CHILDREN WITNESS FEARFUL DEED OF DEMENTED FARMER AT COCOLALLA, IDAHO.

SANDPOINT, Idaho, Feb. 4.—Murderously insane, Joseph Vigue beat out his wife's brains with a rifle on his ranch at Cocolalla. His six children, the oldest 10 years and the youngest five months, were witnesses of the awful deed. Their shrieks and screams were of no avail to save the mother from their father's demontiac fury.

Vigue's brother Fred, who came to the house in response to a message carried by the boy, found the murderer calm and the woman's body in the cellar, where he had thrown it. He said he had killed her and that it would teach the people a lesson. Later when arrested without resistance he told the constable that he didn't know why he had killed his wife, that they had had no trouble, and that he was ready to die. From his talk Vigue has evidently become demented over religion. The family came from Michigan. Vigue said he was not legally married to the woman he killed, but this is not believed.

CELEBRATE DAY OF BIG FIRE

TWENTIETH ANNIVERSARY OF SPOKANE'S BAPTISM OF FLAME FALLS THIS SUMMER AND SHOULD BE COMMEMORATED.

Twenty years ago this coming summer occurred the big fire in Spokane that marked the turning point in the history of the city. With the fire Spokane passed from a straggling western town into a substantial city, rivaling in its business buildings many eastern towns of four times its population.

J. J. White, an expert accountant who is conducting an examination of the books at the courthouse, was then city clerk and the city hall stood where the Empire State building now stands. White had been in Seattle for a few days and returned to Spokane on the day of the fire. With the aid of a horse and buggy he carried the books and records of the city to a place of safety and then donned his uniform as a member of the state militia. For four days and nights he, with the rest, never had a chance to remove clothing, taking an occasional wink of sleep when the opportunity offered, as the city was then under martial law.

Mr. White believes the twentieth anniversary of the big fire should not be permitted to pass without some suitable exercises in commemoration of that trying and all important event in the history of Spokane.

The ladies' auxiliary of the B. of L. F. and E. will give a party Friday afternoon at the new Armory hall. Refreshments will be served.

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