

# MAYOR URGES WATER ISSUE ON COUNCIL

Mayor Pratt late this afternoon filed with the city clerk a message to the council devoted entirely to the water supply question. An increase of the supply is recognized by the mayor as the most important issue now confronting the city.

An immediate increase of pumping capacity is urged, and to accomplish this the mayor advises use of electric power to operate additional pumps, as the water power now available is not adequate. He points out that this deficiency can be partly remedied by repairing the dams, which have been allowed to become leaky, but electric power is still deemed necessary to insure sufficient distribution.

Completion of the new mains will give a distributing capacity of 50,000,000 gallons daily, while it will probably be impossible to pump 40,000,000 gallons even with the additional pumps contemplated. Two of the proposed new pumps are of 5,000,000 gallon capacity each.

The mayor bears heavily on the fact that there is now storage capacity for but 20,000,000 gallons, or 16 hours' supply in case of accident, and urges that provision be made for a downtown pumping plant on the river, as recommended by Chief Myers, to depend on in case of fire, with a gridiron main system for the business section.

In making his rounds, noticed E. M. Bergland, a clerk in the employ of the Eagle pharmacy, emptying his cuspidors and sweepings into the alley. He was cautioned about it, and ordered to clean it up, which was not done in time enough to suit the inspector, and a warrant was immediately secured for the arrest of the offender, who is now held in \$100 bail.

"This," said Inspector Combs, "is the method of procedure that should be carried out to the end, until every bit of objectionable matter is removed from the alleys or places where it can harbor disease."

# BROTHER OF COFER A BANDIT?

Banton Cofer, brother of Bert Cofer, who Fireman Hall of the Great Northern thought was one of the men who held up Great Northern train No. 3 on the night of May 15, has now been identified as the tallest one of the holdup men. He was brought here from Missoula, Mont., this morning and will be turned over to the federal authorities this afternoon.

The resemblance between the two brothers is so great that one could easily be taken for the other. Banton Cofer was caught by the sheriff at Missoula. He denies the charge.

# COMMISSIONERS DIGGING INTO JAIL BOARDING RAKEOFF

The county commissioners this afternoon have before them the question of feeding prisoners. They have found that there is a fat profit for the sheriff in feeding each prisoner two meals at 35 cents a day per head, as the county furnishes fuel, equipment and every thing except the food. Trustees do the kitchen work. Restaurants in town serve a pretty good meal for 15 cents.

The commissioners also learned that the government pays 60 cents a day for federal prisoners in the county jail, while the county furnishes all the boarding house arrangements for these prisoners.

# CROOKED SALOON GAME PINCHED

Not long after Adolph Strand, a young Swede, complained to the police that he had been fleeced out of \$25 in the Richelleu bar, S168 Howard street, the place was closed and Peter Hanson, the proprietor, and Tom Newell, his bartender, were locked up without bond. They are charged with selling liquor without a license.

Strand declares he was victimized in a crooked game of cards another man induced him to pay in the Richelleu. The Inland Brewing & Malting Co. holds the license for the place, according to the police, and the arrest of the manager is but another step toward cleaning up the low resorts in the city.

# TRACT INDEX SALE BEFORE GRAND JURY

It is understood this afternoon that the sale of the tract indexes by the old board of county commissioners was brought before the grand jury this afternoon. The indexes were sold to the Union Trust Co. for \$1,750 when it was understood that another party would have paid \$5,000 for them.

# CLEAN UP BY BIG STICK

Under direction of D. B. Combs, chief sanitary inspector of the state board of health, notifications to all the restaurants in town are being sent out that all persons in their employ must be examined by a physician.

Notifications are also being sent out to parties on whom complaints have been made that they must remove the objectionable matter within a stated number of hours, or be proceeded against according to law.

This morning Snspector Snell,

# TWO'S COMPANY; THREE'S A CROWD



DORA, PUSSY AND SILVERHEELS.

Special Correspondence to The Press SPOKANE, Cal., May 25.—There is a sound thrashing waiting for any small animal that ventures within the confines of the Redding ranch, near here.

"Silverheels" the tame deer shown in the accompanying pic-

ture, will do the thrashing. "Silverheels" is determined that he shall be the one best bet in the way of pets around the place, and he will not stand for the presence of dog, cat, con or any other animal that might in any way become a rival in the affections of his mistress, little Dora Redding. A few days ago Dora attempted to smuggle a kitten into the house. The deer caught sight of the little ball of gray fur. In an instant child, deer and kitten were in a mix-up. The family came to the rescue and Tabby, short but badly mussed up, was taken out of harm's way.

"Silverheels" was "raised on the bottle" by Dora's father, and the child and the deer have been constant playmates. The jealousy of the beautiful animal is almost human.

# HURRAH FOR A SANE AND SAFE FOURTH OF JULY!



AS THE GREAT NATIONAL HOLIDAY APPROACHES THE AGITATION AGAINST THE USE OF EXPLOSIVES HAS BEEN RENEWED IN MANY PARTS OF THE COUNTRY—NEWS ITEM.

# CLEIN TELLS TANGLED STORIES UNDER FIRE

Paul Clein, on trial for his life for the murder of John Saudawsky, his Polish friend, was subjected to a withering fire of cross examination today by Prosecuting Attorney Pugh in the presence of the largest crowd that has attended the taking of testimony in a murder trial in Spokane county during the past year.

Clein became entangled as to the different versions of some phases of his life, but retained his self possession and when cornered invented a new way of wriggling out. The answers were given at times after long pauses and much prodding by Mr. Pugh. The cross examination of Clein will consume the balance of the day, in all probability.

Clein was first cross examined at length on his letters to May Randall, his sweetheart at Kaslo, B. C., who recently turned over to the state a number of letters written her by Clein. In one of these letters, dated February 3, 1909, Clein told the Randall woman that he was short, in the need of money to buy a pair of shoes and a hat and suggested the loan of \$25 or \$30. He said he would return to Kaslo and repay her by work in the mines. Clein tried to tell Prosecutor Pugh that he wrote the letter as "a joke," but admitted before he finished that he was joking in earnest.

Clein gave three different versions of how he came to change his name from Clein to Wilson, and when asked to elect which was the true had some difficulty in making a selection.

Clein denied that he had deserted from the Northwest Mounted Police at Lethbridge, B. C., and a few minutes later when confronted by the proof said that he had done so some time in 1907. It was shown that Clein's commanding officer at Lethbridge was named Wilson, and that this suggested the adoption of that name.

On being confronted with proof that Clein's real name was neither Clein nor Wilson, but Paul Krasienusky, Clein was led into deep water and finally explained that Paul Krasienusky was his brother and that his name was Paul Clein. He denied that his parents were the old couple whose photograph was found in his trunk, on the back of which was written in German that the photograph had been presented to their son by G. Krasienusky and wife. Clein denied that the children whose pictures were shown, taken from his trunk, were his. He could not give the address of the brother, Paul Krasienusky, to whom he ascribed the ownership of nearly all of the family heirlooms found in his trunk.

Clein persisted in his story that he had bought Saudawsky's graphophone from a man whom he had arrested at Alberta, but modified the first story told as to the consideration given for the graphophone, saying that he had given some cash in addition to balancing an account.

# COUNTY DIGS UP \$2,500 MORE TO RATE CAMPAIGN

An appropriation of \$2500 was made today by the county commissioners to carry on the railroad rate fight. This money will be expended in the employment and expense of H. M. Stephens as special counsel, as the county is one of the parties plaintiff to the case.

The action by the board was taken on petition of the rate committee of the chamber of commerce and merchants' association, a committee from both organizations having visited the county commissioners at their last meeting.

The money will be available as soon as the commissioners can close a contract with Stephens.

# HAMMOND JOINS WHITMAN BOARD

John Hays Hammond, who yesterday refused the United States ambassadorship to China, will become a member of the board of overseers of Whitman college at a meeting to be held at the college June 16-17. Dr. Henry S. Pritchett, chairman of the Carnegie commission for the advancement of learning, will attend the June meetings, and other noted educators are expected.

An endowment of \$50,000 has been given the college by Dr. D. K. Pearson. The college will receive the money early in July. President Penrose of Whitman has just returned from an eastern trip in the interest of the college.

# SCHOOL BOARD LETS CONTRACTS

The board of education last night let a contract for the Minnehaha Park school to J. B. Sweatt & Co. The contract price is \$39,998. The building is to contain eight rooms and is to be completed October 1. P. Hughes secured the contract for two four-room additions to the Stevens school for \$19,634, and White & Arthur got the Frances Willard addition contract for \$9,479.

Councilman Lambert's company got the plumbing contract for the Cooper school for \$3,425, and as usual with master plumbers' bidding other bids varied just enough to be over the accepted price. The same course was followed in the Willard addition plumbing contract, the Isbister company getting that for \$2,220.

C. O. Oberg was given the contract for grading the Longfellow school grounds for \$840.

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# TIME TO ACT HAS ARRIVED

There will be a meeting of prominent citizens, physicians and members of the board of health tomorrow at Davenport's to discuss means of making the city clean and ascertaining wherein the present contingency has got beyond the health department.

"This meeting," said Dr. Hall, "is nothing in an official way, but merely to get ideas."

"The meeting, it would seem, is an opportune place and time to make a loud noise about a drastic change. The meeting is called in the interest of furthering health conditions, and no amount of bolstering up the present system," said Dr. Grieve, "will do any good. What is needed is an entirely new system, such as in force in Milwaukee, St. Paul, Boston and other large cities."

"A health commissioner is needed who can devote all his time to conditions."

"Last year over \$65,000 was expended on the police department and over \$138,000 on the crematory. These two departments could and should be made to work in con-

junction with the health department."

Corporation Counsel Connor said that new ordinances were needed and were within the power of the present administration.

Here are some of the measures suggested:

Install a larger system of city carts and make a regular weekly tour over a regular tour, to remove garbage and ashes. Compel each dwelling to have its refuse ready for the city carts and instruct each police officer to make a report of each and every infraction on his beat.

This will insure a regular weekly cleaning and will do away with the system of making complaints, which are invariably left to the last minute.

Dr. Hall in discussing such a change said that it must come sooner or later. The city is growing so large that the system under which it is operating now is wholly inadequate, being the one used when the city was only 20,000 population.

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