

CAN YOU HELP ME? SAYS LITTLE GIRL

"Can you help me a little, lady, please? We have scarcely nothing to eat out home any more, and we five children and papa and mama are getting hungry. Papa has been sick for a long time. He is a little better now, but can't do any work, and now mama is sick and work can't take in washing any longer. We have had just a little to eat for three or four days."

Sad eyed little Harriett Ellison, aged 12 years, the eldest child of five, was speaking in pleading tones to a strange lady whom she met at the city hall today. The kind woman helped her, but it was only enough for a while, and she needs more.

Here is Harriett's story as she told it to a reporter of The Press: "Papa was pinched between two

cars at Division street and Sprague avenue several months ago while trying to get through to his work. He got blood poisoning from it and has been sick ever since. We never have got along very well since then, for mama, who then started to take in washing, was our only support. Then, too, my little sister, just two years younger than myself, died and her doctor bill took nearly all we had. Now mama is sick and we can't get anything to eat or burn. We don't even have our own home. We are living in a little rented house out at E1220 Pacific avenue. I don't know what we will do when the rent has to be paid next time. I am the oldest child. Our baby is about two years old."

Can you help them?

SAYS ORDINANCE IS AGAINST STATE LAW

Holding that the state legislature never intended that the conspiracy laws to be applied to city ordinances, that ordinance No. 3890, the first street speaking ordinance, is unconstitutional, and that ordinance No. 4391, the one now in force, is also unconstitutional. Attorney Fred H. Moore declared this morning before Judge J. Stanley Webster to sustain his demurrer that the complaint charging C. J. Filigno, an I. W. W. leader, is illegal, and asking that it be dismissed.

Attorney Moore declared that city ordinances are not public laws, that they are only corporate ordinances, and as such cannot be construed against.

Conspiracy was defined to be the agreement of two or more persons to a criminal or unlawful purpose

or to accomplish a purpose not unlawful in itself, in a criminal or unlawful way.

Attorney Moore also held that conspiracy can only be charged where an offense is indictable and that the violation of a city ordinance is not an indictable offense.

The fact that the city ordinance prescribes a penalty not exceeding a fine of \$100 and 30 days in jail, and the state law governing conspiracies which calls for a maximum penalty of \$1000 fine and one year in jail, was commented upon to show wherein a minor offense might be construed into a much greater one.

The arguments will probably conclude this afternoon, with Prosecutor Fred C. Pugh and Assistant Corporation Counsel Blair for the state.

TAFT'S MESSAGE A TAME PAPER, SAYS WM. BRYAN

(By United Press.) LINCOLN, Neb., Dec. 17.—In the Commoner today William Jennings Bryan asserts as his frank opinion that President Taft's recent message was one of the tamest documents that ever came out of the White House. He says: "No honest tariff revisionists among the people can find a note

of comfort in the president's reference to this important subject."

Bryan declares it is plain that the coming special messages do not suggest anything unacceptable to the "special interests."

"The president says the Sherman anti-trust law needs amendment," says Bryan. "He is mistaken; it needs enforcement."

175 BOYS NOW AT CHEHALIS SCHOOL

Superintendent C. C. Aspinwall of the Chehalis training school is in town for a few days to confer with parents of boys who are in the state institution.

Mr. Aspinwall was accompanied by Lawrence Murphy and Willie Neil, two youths who were sent to the reformatory from this city. The Murphy boy will be put to work, while Willie Neil is to be returned to his parents. Both are

only on parole and will be required to report to the local probation officers as well as communicate with Superintendent Aspinwall each month.

There are 175 boys in the Chehalis school at the present time, and 55 girls. Twenty of the boys are from this county. Mr. Aspinwall reports Spokane county is no worse than the average, the 29 incorrigibles representing a fair percentage according to population.

MORE TROUBLE FOR DR. COOK

(By United Press.) COPENHAGEN, Dec. 17.—Danger from another quarter threatens the reputation of Dr. Frederick A. Cook, according to a member of the committee now investigating data sent from New York by the explorer. A scientist calls attention to the fact that frost storms in the polar region renders impossible the absolute accuracy in scientific data, and says Cook's figures will arouse more suspicion in the mind of investigators if they are absolutely correct, than if inaccuracies exist. The committee began its work today and expects to reach a decision within a fortnight.

San Remo, Italy, in 1908. The information is said to have been given in order for the protection of her marital rights.

KING LEOPOLD WAS MARRIED TO BARONESS VAUGHN

(By United Press.) LONDON, Dec. 17.—A dispatch from the Central News' Rome correspondent today says that the pope notified the Brussels papal representative that King Leopold, who died early today, was regularly married to Baroness Vaughn at

PHILADELPHIA, O., Dec. 17.—Three men were blown to pieces when a boiler exploded at the plant of the Royal Clay Works early today.

MEETING OF COUNTY ENGINEERS

A special meeting of the State Association of County Engineers convened this morning in the county courthouse. Twelve members of the state organization are in attendance, with President J. P. Morrison of King county, presiding.

The object of the special meeting is to discuss matters in connection with the good roads movement, and particularly state aid roads. Several other matters of importance are to come before the meeting, which will be in session this afternoon and tomorrow.

HOLD UP CPWD (By United Press.) GERONIMO, Okla., Dec. 17.—While three bandits held a crowd of citizens at bay, two others looted the Citizens' bank this morning of \$1650 and escaped.

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EFFORT TO COMBINE CHILDREN'S HOMES

The children refused to contribute to their support on the board plan while the home. We took these children in and without compensation or hope of reward of any kind have ministered to them, in the desire to follow out the words of the master, 'Suffer the little children to come unto me, for of such is the kingdom of heaven.' He never placed a price in these words."

Mrs. Dey seems to think that those backing the Children's home and Rev. M. A. Covington, proprietor of the Washington Home Finding association, are responsible for the new fight being made on her institution. An overture was made to Mrs. Dey, she says, a few days ago to combine her institution with the Children's home, on the assurance that she would be retained by the latter institution as one of the managers. Rev. Covington, it is declared, has directed his attack from the pulpits of the smaller churches over the country which he or his solicitors visit.

Through all of this opposition, Mrs. Dey continues to still care for her little band of homeless, unaided by any city or county subsidies worth mentioning and solely through the kindness and generosity of the public.

**Grand Matinee
Saturday
Princess Rink
Learn to Skate**

HEY KIDS, SEE THE NEW PUNCHING BAG

◆ Say, kids, do you know
◆ about the news boys' gym in
◆ the new Spokane Press building?
◆ If you don't, just drop
◆ around and take a look at it,
◆ and take a few passes at the
◆ big punching bag.
◆ A fine punching bag was in-
◆ stalled today in the special
◆ room for the newsboys in the
◆ new quarters of The Press, at
◆ Riverside and Division. It is
◆ for the use of all the carriers
◆ and street newsboys. Other
◆ athletic equipment, like a hor-
◆ zontal bar, exercisers, etc.,
◆ will be installed.

LIQUID QUART VERSUS SOLID QUART

Inspector of Weights and Measures Schultz is trying to educate the merchants of the city as to the difference between a liquid quart and a solid quart, even if it becomes necessary to arrest and prosecute some one to accomplish this result.

Inspector Schultz has issued an order that cranberries, nuts and other solids that are sold by the quart at this season of the year must be measured out by means of the solid quart, which contains 15 per cent more than the liquid quart.

Inspector Schultz found the difference between the two measures when he went out yesterday and purchased two quarts of cranberries as a test order. The cranberries were sold by the liquid quart, which fell away short of the solid quart. He had some other purchases made over the city and found that a great many stores were using the liquid quart in doling out solids, hence the order.

JIMMIE MAY HAVE TO PUT ON GLOVES AGAIN

Since Jimmie Durkin's sanguinary battle on paper—with the "big bug of the restaurant trust," the restaurant men who announced that they proposed to put the eating houses in the saloons out of business have remained very quiet. It is understood that just before Jimmie put on the literary gloves with the Goliath of the restaurant trust the Restaurant Keepers' Protective association had a petition in readiness and an ordinance drawn to be submitted to the city council.

The petition has never been filed and the matter seems to be resting quietly. One or two restaurant men seen today say that the move has not received a knockout blow, as intimated by Durkin, but that it will appear on the scene in due time, bated and armed for the fray.

GOODALL DENIES THE REPORTS

SAYS NEW YORK EXHIBIT IS
AT HIS OWN EX-
PENSE.

Concerning a report originating at Wenatchee, to the effect that President Goodall of the Chamber of Commerce, was exhibiting a private display of apples in New York, and that the costs of the exhibit were being defrayed by the chamber, the following telegrams explain the matter:

Monroe to Goodall: "Wenatchee papers announce the purchase of carload of apples and rental \$2000, room Broadway, N. Y., by the association for ad. purposes. Statements undoubtedly false. Our people object strongly to this impression. Please correct from your end of line."
L. C. MONROE, New York, Dec. 14.

"L. C. Monroe, Sec. Chamber of Commerce, Spokane, Wash."
"Arrived today. Absolutely and positively no authority to anyone to connect Spokane Chamber of Commerce with exhibit and no one need feel uneasy. I am personally responsible and will make exhibit of great value to the entire Spokane country and harm no one."
"F. E. GOODALL."

◆ PRESIDENT HAYES' BIRTH-
◆ PLACE TO BE SITE OF
◆ CANDY FACTORY.

◆ COLUMBUS, O., Dec. 17.—
◆ The house in which President
◆ Rutherford B. Hayes was
◆ born, in Delaware, O., has just
◆ been bought by W. C. Diven,
◆ who will erect on the site a
◆ large candy factory. The
◆ house was built in 1807.

JAP SENTENCED FOR KILLING

Frank Ishiguro, the Japanese who shot and killed K. Nakimura on November 13, was sentenced to from 10 to 20 years in Walla Walla by Judge J. Stanley Webster this morning, after pleading guilty to second degree murder.

After taking into consideration

the fact that it would be hard to secure a death penalty, the cost to the county of a trial, and the standing of the murdered man, it was decided to accept a plea of guilt in the second degree.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 17.—Brigadier General Clarence R. Edwards, chief of the insular bureau, may be appointed chief of staff of the army upon the expiration of the term of Major General J. Franklin Bell. General Edwards won his fame in the Philippines and became a great friend of William H. Taft.

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Rooms 301, 302, 303 Granite Block.
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A Very Attractive List of Christmas Gifts
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We would like it very much if you will arrange to look over our stock of Christmas goods while you are doing your holiday shopping. We are sure that we can please you; anyhow, we will do our very best to do so. We have made a very special effort this year to get the very best quality of goods to sell at the smallest possible price consistent with good merchandise. Come in and let us show you what we have.

Some Fine Neckwear Would Please Him
And we're having a special sale on it, too. Our finest 50c neckwear is selling at **35¢**, or 3 for **\$1.00**. 75c neckwear selling at **50¢**. These are specials for Christmas shoppers, and we will pack them neatly in holly boxes all ready for giving.

Nothing More Acceptable Than a Silk Umbrella
And we have them in both ladies' and gentlemen's—a complete assortment—any sort or style of handle desired, in pearl, gold plated and the finest of wood handles, in an immense variety to choose from. The prices will suit the purse of all—**\$3.50 to \$14.00**.

A Box of Fine Hose
"Interwoven" is the best hose we know of—that's why we sell it. They have linen toe and heel and come in a variety of colors and patterns. Neatly packed in holly box—
4 Pairs for \$1.00

Silk Handkerchiefs
are always acceptable as gifts. A complete assortment, all sorts, colors, etc., at **35¢, 50¢ and 75¢**.

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Nothing will please him more than a nice smoking jacket. We have a fine assortment, and the prices we are asking will please you—**\$5.00, \$6.00, \$7.50, \$8.00**. And last but by no means least, we call your attention to our special lines of suits and overcoats which we are selling at **\$15 and \$20**. They would make a gift that would please any man. See them tomorrow.

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