

SOME OF THE BOYS LIKE THE ROCK PILE

Would you believe it, there is more than one prisoner at the county jail who welcomes the six hours on the rockpile each day. "I am used to hard work," said one of them yesterday, "and enjoy handling a pick or shovel more than sitting on my bunk thinking over my troubles."

"Don't gather from this that the average prisoner falls all over himself in an effort to be the first man to reach the rockpile in the morning, and had to be driven to jail with a club at night. Don't get the idea into your head that the rockpile is a failure as a hobo buster."

It isn't the hobo who is willing to work on the rockpile—he hates work more than he does water—

It's the poor chap who found his way into jail via the saloon and drunken brawl. Without work to do he is dangerous, but with enough work to keep his body in good condition and his mind off his troubles, he is the most docile fellow in the world.

"The rockpile is a great success," declared Sheriff Pugh last night. "We are working from 25 to 32 men each day, and I am surprised at the amount of work they do. They work just as hard as the average laborer working for wages, and some of them seem to enjoy the work much more."

"Of course, I don't work them too hard. Six hours a day is about all we give them, and I find that the jail discipline is better than under the old order of things."

CHILD-WIFE TRIES IN VAIN TO RESCUE HUSBAND FROM DEATH

(By United Press.)

PITTSBURG, Dec. 24.—Eighteen year old Della Estep, child wife of Joseph Estep, a magician, is fighting for her life in a local hospital today, while the physician is working to allay her suffering from burns she received last night, in an attempt to get her husband from the burning operating room of the Nickelodeon, where he met death.

Estep, who was known on the Pacific coast as LeRoy, the magician, was operating a picture machine when a film exploded and enveloped him and the room in flames.

Through the only exit, a square hole, Mrs. Estep endeavored frantically, but in vain, to rescue him. The girl was horribly burned.

40 MINCE PIES AND NO ROCK PILE TOMORROW

Chicken, mince pie and a lay-off from the rockpile, is what Sheriff Pugh has for his charges in the way of a Christmas present. Forty mince pies were ordered yesterday, which spells just a third of a pie for each of the 120 prisoners who will sit down to the Christmas dinner.

With their fill of chicken and mince pie, the prisoners won't have such an unhappy Christmas, after all.

COLLIDED WITH A MOTORCYCLE

Colliding with Mose Oppenheimer's automobile, while riding a motorcycle at a lively rate of speed, Clarence Russell, living at 1944 First avenue, was severely injured last night. Russell is employed in the Durkin liquor store, and it is thought will be unable to work for some little time.

The accident occurred at Second avenue and Howard street. The boy was carried into the corner

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BURGLARS BORED HOLES IN ORPHEUM SALOON DOOR, BUT WERE SCARED AWAY

After boring a series of holes in the door of the Orpheum saloon, at the corner of Riverside avenue and Bernard street, in an attempt to reach the lock that barred them from their coveted treasure, burglars were frightened from their work before they had attained success last night.

Officer Berto was hot on their trail and evidently they beat a hasty retreat just before he arrived, for their trace and bit, with which they were boring the holes, was still in the door when he happened on the scene. It was about 3:30 o'clock this morning. The door to the saloon was practically ruined by the work of the would-be burglars.

STRIKE STILL UNSETTLED

(By United Press.)

MINNEAPOLIS, Dec. 24.—President Hawley, of the committee of railway switchmen, is again in conference with railroad managers today, in an effort to settle the northwest strike. Yesterday's conference at St. Paul failed to bring the dispute any nearer settlement.

NOTHING NOW IM WAY OF ESTRADA

(By United Press.)

BLUEFIELDS, Nicaragua, Dec. 24.—General Diaz of the insurgent forces today began an advance upon Managua, and it is believed before tomorrow night Estrada's entire army will be moving toward the capital. Since the sweeping defeat of the Zelayans at Ramon and Recaro, detachments of the rebel army have been pursuing the troops of the former president that avoided capture.

These remnants of the dictator's troops either have been driven to the mountainous country in the interior, or have been disposed of, and practically nothing stands in the path of Estrada. It is believed nothing can prevent the capital from falling into the hands of the rebels.

HOW'S THIS FOR NEWSIE'S DINNER

Crisp celery, young turkey, stuffed; cranberry sauce; mashed potatoes, English; plum pudding with hard sauce; hot mince pie, fruit cake, and mixed nuts.

What do you know about this for a newsboy's dinner. Ah! Don't you wish you were one of them? This is the menu which is to be served, free, to 200 little newsboys of the city tomorrow afternoon, between the hours of 2 and 4 o'clock, by Frank Fowles, proprietor of the Little Brick restaurant, 608 Main avenue. For two hours the Little Brick, which, by the way, is not so "little" after all, will be closed to the general patronage and the little fellows with lusty lungs and eyes to business will be Mr. Fowles' guests.

This prominent restaurateur is a great friend of the boys and on cards of greeting he is giving out to each of them he has had printed, "Merry Christmas to you all. Life is what we make it. The world admits little gentlemen as well as great men."

Now the mixed nuts will come last on the bill of fare. Each boy will be given a bulging bag of them from a Christmas tree that beautifies the front of the place where good things are served.

LIVES LOST IN ANOTHER MINE

(By United Press.)

HERRIN, Ill., Dec. 24.—Although a searching party worked all night under the direction of State Mine Inspector Little, the bodies of no victims of the explosion at mine A of the Chicago Carterville Coal Co. were found in addition to the eight already recovered. Investigation into the cause of the disaster is being made today.

UNDERWOOD PEOPLE HAVE CHRISTMAS GALA TIME

H. O. Harvey, manager of the Underwood Typewriter Co., expressed the Christmas feeling by entertaining his sales and office force by a banquet at the Silver Grill last evening. Mr. Harvey made a graceful talk to those present along the line of salesmanship, and what had

WHEN DREAMS COME TRUE! NANCE O'NEIL HAILED GREAT ACTRESS

(By United Press.)

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—Nance O'Neil, for years a great favorite on the Pacific coast stage, but without recognition here, has won New York laurels at last, and today is heralded as one of the foremost emotional actresses of the age. Following her great success in "The Lily," which opened last night at the Stuyvesant, under the direction of David Belasco, her position is established above question. After the third act of the play the curtain had to be run up 27 times, in answer to insistent applause. The audience gave Miss O'Neil the sort of demonstration that is the dream of aspirants to dramatic success. All the New York papers today agree in paying her high compliments, and proclaim her one of the best actresses in the world of her type.

RESCUED FROM DEATH BY BRAVE FIREMEN

Rescued by firemen from fire stations Nos. 2, 5 and 10, when apparently on the brink of death from suffocation, in his chicken coop, which was enveloped in flames, Clifford F. Jacobs, 504 Euclid avenue, was rescued from the extent of \$10, to show his appreciation for the fire laddies' heroism. Jacobs, residing at 504 Euclid avenue, was roused from his slumbers Wednesday night by the scent of smoke and cracking of burning boards on his hen coop, wherein roosted many of his pet birds.

Evidently the fire was started by a match dropped inside the building by thieves apparently in quest of fowl for their Christmas dinner menu. Jacobs rushed, half clad, inside the building to save his chickens.

The door closed tight, and he was unable to escape from the choking smoke, until rescued by the firemen. His donation has been placed into the regular fund, held in reserve for the benefit of sick and disabled firemen.

BOOM IN COTTON

(By United Press.)

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—Thirteen million dollars was estimated today to be the aggregate profits from the present bull campaign in the cotton market by the "Big Four" operators, as they are called, Colonel W. P. Brown and Frank B. Hayne of New Orleans, and E. J. Seales and James A. Patten of Chicago.

Yesterday, for the first time in five years, cotton reached 15 cents in the New York exchange. May option brought 16.01. While it was the only cotton on the list to reach that figure, there was an appreciable advance all along the line, the commodity selling at a higher figure than at any time since the Sully boom in 1904. The bulls predict cotton will reach 17 cents before next January.

VITAL RECORD

BIRTHS.

William E. and Mary A. Thompson, December 19, a girl.

Axel and Elizabeth Anderson, 1607 Crestline street, December 23, a boy.

Charles W. and Ethel Prigge, 5127 Fourteenth avenue, December 22, a girl.

Jacob Alexander and Madge Howles, 1601 Pacific avenue, December 20, a boy.

Everell A. and Agnes Morrison, 81211 Augusta avenue, December 22, a boy.

BUILDING PERMITS.

Davidson Bros. & Lund, one-story frame iron covered building, Sprague and Perry, \$600.

Hannah Swanson, East Side Syndicate addition, one-story frame \$500.

DEATHS.

Jeppha Erwin, aged 43 years, died last night at the Sacred Heart hospital from injuries sustained a few days ago in a fall on a slippery sidewalk. He was taken to the emergency hospital and from there to the Sacred Heart. A wife in Ohio is being communicated with regarding the funeral.

Bertha Myer, aged 59 years, died last night at his home, 1613 South avenue. He leaves three sons and one daughter. Funeral arrangements have not yet been made.

John Sinner, aged 71 years, a pioneer of Spokane, died last night at the Sacred Heart hospital. He is survived by a wife and six children. The funeral will probably be held Monday morning.

TREAT FOR 20 YOUNGSTERS.

The twenty youngsters at the Parental school on Hanagan's creek are going to have the Christmas of their lives. Beginning this afternoon at 2:30 with Christmas exercises, to which they have issued invitations to their friends, the youngsters are going to celebrate as never before. Superintendent William Baker will have a big Christmas dinner for his charges tomorrow, with an afternoon and evening frolic to wind up the festivities of the day.

CARPENTERS WANT RAISE

Because of the gradual increase in the cost of living, the carpenters' union, representing approximately 1200 men, will vote tonight on raising their scale of wages from \$4.50 per day to \$5 per eight hour day. Not only is the increased cost of living figured in this movement, but the fact that practically all the other building tradesmen are securing \$5 or more per day is influential in it.

YULETIDE BROKE THE DEADLOCK

(By United Press.)

BUTLER, Mo., Dec. 24.—The deadlock in which 675 ballots were taken was broken today, when C. C. Dickinson of Clinton, Mo., was nominated to succeed the late congressman De Armond by the democratic congressional convention. The deadlock began Tuesday and probably would have continued into next week had it not been the great desire of the delegates to spend Christmas at home. Representative De Armond recently burned to death with his grandson, at his home.

NO CHANCE NOW FOR DR. COOK

(By United Press.)

FOREST GROVE, Ore., Dec. 24.—Dr. Cook has not only been turned down by the scientific men of Denmark, but Forest Grove also has passed unfavorably upon him. Members of the Christian church here had made elaborate preparations for a Christmas entertainment for the Sunday school children, wherein Cook, Peary, the north pole and Santa Claus were to play prominent parts. But now that Cook has been "Copenhagened," Peary will be the only explorer present at the festivities.

A. O. U. W. VERY ACTIVE.

Spokane lodge No. 16, A. O. U. W., is beginning an active campaign for new members. Grand Organizer J. F. Fogarty of Seattle has been sent here by the grand lodge to take charge of the work. The local lodge will give a smoker and entertainment on its next regular meeting, December 30, and on January 20, 1910, a class of 50 will journey over the burning sand and be instructed in the mysteries of the order.

PARITIES FOR THE POOR

Following the dinner yesterday to the children of the homes visited during the past year by Miss Marie Hornburg of the Associated Charities, a number of society girls have taken up the idea of giving parties for children of the deserving poor during the holidays. A number of the girls have consulted with Miss Hornburg today on the subject.

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WHAT IS A KISS?

Two eyes of brown, two eyes of blue; Two lovers hid from mortal view, Two hearts that beat in perfect time, Two souls in harmony divine, Two lips that meet, two lips in bliss— And what's a kiss.

—Lucien M. Lewis.

When two thoughts meet as one, E. S. "A kiss is a contact of lips by which two souls are set on fire." J. W. M.

A kiss is an outward manifestation of an affection of the heart, sometimes causing pain to the lookers on. L. M. Hall.

A kiss is that part of the artillery of love that comes into action immediately after the call to arms. Mrs. G. F. Charles.

A kiss is the meeting of a pair of lips and is a long drawnout sensation of indescribable joy, with a forgetfulness of all the sorrow akin to old mother earth. Mrs. E. N. Sims.

My definition of a kiss is both vivid and equals reality to both. Miss E. Roberta Black.

Everybody will "ball" New Years eve. It is on that night that the International Association of Machinists will clap down the lid on the world, so fine of they are concerned, loose to 1910, in a grand ball in the Elks temple. Nolan's orchestra has been secured to render music for the occasion.

SELLING OUT THREE BIG PIANO STORES IN WASHINGTON

Seattle, Tacoma and Spokane

All three stores of the world's largest exclusive piano dealers in the state of Washington will be discontinued before January 1. They are anxious to dispose of their entire stock this week, as they need a few days to pack up the remaining odds and ends which are left at the end of the sale, as every piano not sold within a few days of December 31st will be shipped to Los Angeles. Boxing and shipping is expensive, so they have decided to cut every piano to the lowest possible notch, then deduct the amount of the manufacturer's credit, which leaves an unpaid balance of a very small amount, even less than the cost to manufacture the instrument. Terms can be arranged of two to three years on almost any piano in their great stock. A complete stock of over 1500 pianos in the three stores were put on sale a few days ago. This number has been reduced to almost one-half, and the remaining part of the week they expect to close out the other half, at the rate they are being sold, for prices were never equaled and terms never before heard of. New \$250 pianos now marked \$125, because they have discounted every possible discount and have even given you the advantage of the allowance they get for advertising from the manufacturers; \$425 pianos now \$200; all others equally low. Player pianos are now being sold for less than the same instrument would sell for in the regular way, without the interior player. Grand pianos are being sold for less than the ordinary upright. Their great reduction of prices means that you save more than you would pay in one to two years. Any person can pay for a piano now, one or two years sooner than they would pay for it if buying at the regular price.

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2000 TURKEYS TO EMPLOYEES OF W. W. P. CO.

Two thousand turkeys were presented to its employees today by the Washington Water Power Co. in its annual holiday distribution. The birds were received by express from Nebraska and average from 12 to 36 pounds. Every employe of the company, from the fellow at the bottom to the big men at the top were remembered. Many of the turkeys were sent out of town to employees of the company at other points.

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