

SPRAGUE AVE. FILL LANDS IN COURT

G. B. DENNIS, CONTRACTOR, SUES CITY TO COMPEL PAYMENT FOR COMPLETED WORK.

WILL OPEN FILL

COMPLICATIONS INCREASE IN THE MATTER OF THE ADMINISTRATION'S "WHITE ELEPHANT."

Things developed thick and fast in the Sprague avenue fill dispute this morning. G. B. Dennis, the contractor, took the matter to court in an effort to compel the city to pay him for the work completed.

The city, on its part, took the "bull by the horns" and served notice on Dennis of its intention to open one side of the fill for traffic at once, after the completion of some work yet undone. The mayor, the board of public works and Assistant Corporation Counsel Blair went over the fill this morning, and after inspecting it agreed upon the order. A legal notice was at once made out and served on Dennis.

The suit of Dennis is due to the holding up of the \$12,000 estimate allowed him a few days ago by City Engineer Ralston and the board of public works. Councilman Leonard Funk of the First ward, acting president of the city council, had reason to believe that if Dennis got this money he would drop the fill and let the city fight it out in the courts or finish the fill to suit itself.

Rather than give Dennis the best of it by this \$12,000 Funk refused to sign the warrant and the money was not paid. It is believed that the end of Dennis' work on the fill has been reached.

A writ of mandate was issued by Judge J. D. Hinkle this morning to G. B. Dennis and the Warehouse and Realty company ordering the \$18,866.52 balance due for completed work on the Sprague avenue fill or appear in court on February 10, at the Presbyterian church at 7:30 p. m. at the corner of Monroe and Amber, when special matters besides those mentioned will come up for consideration.

According to the complaint under which the writ was issued, the Warehouse and Realty company received \$35,575.75 for the work, leaving a balance of \$18,866.52 on the total of \$54,442.27 due the contractors for work thus far completed.

SAN FRANCISCO—Chief of Police Jesse B. Cook has been relieved of his commission by Mayor McCarthy. The mayor has now an entire new board of police commissioners.



YOU OUGHT TO GET A RAZOR AND SHAVE YOURSELF, JUST LIKE YOUR DAD ALWAYS DID— THAT CIGARS ARE A TERRIBLE EXTRAVAGANCE; WHY DON'T YOU SMOKE A PIPE AND DROP THE SAVINGS INTO THE BABY'S BANK? AND THAT WITH EGGS AT 5 CENTS APEICE OR THEREABOUTS YOU CERTAINLY OUGHT TO SHINE YOUR OWN SHOES. IN THE MEANWHILE, HAVE YOU OBSERVED WHETHER SHE IS DOING A LITTLE FAMILY BARBERING HERSELF— AND MOREOVER, HAVE YOU NOTICED IF THERE'S MUCH GOING ON IN THE HOME BAKING LINE?

BUILDING UP NORTH MONROE

An enthusiastic and well attended meeting of the property owners and residents of the North Monroe Hill district was held at the Presbyterian church last Thursday evening. E. J. Tamblin was elected chairman and James Newlands secretary of the temporary organization. E. J. Tamblin, M. Horn and James Newlands were elected a committee to prepare articles of constitution and bylaws and report next meeting.

USE CUSPIDORS, AND NOT SIDEWALK

Charged with spitting on the sidewalk, three men must explain themselves in the police court this afternoon. They were arrested last night by Patrolman Goodwin and gave their names as J. H. Dowell, John E. Ryan and L. E. Hall.

STAFFORD LOSES IN 2ND BRUSH WITH LAW

W. M. Stafford, indicted poor farm superintendent, lost out in his second brush with the authorities in the courts this morning. Judge H. L. Kennan overruling the demurrer to the information filed by R. M. Barnhardt, attorney for Stafford.

WOMAN ALLEGES HUBBY BROKE IN VIA THE COAL CELLAR

"He did not support me and the children, but when I took in roomers to make enough to live on he became jealous of them and demanded that I have them leave," was the plaint of Mrs. A. Ballard to the prosecuting attorney this morning.

COMMITTED TO GOOD SHEPHERD

Mary Edwards and Lillian Orle, the 16 year old girls who were arrested in the Taft lodging house with W. A. Boyd and Elmer Lindblad, were committed to the House of the Good Shepherd yesterday afternoon by Judge J. D. Hinkle.

WALKS BACKWARD IN SNOW TO FOOL POLICE

COLUMBUS, Feb. 5.—Two policemen yesterday afternoon won a long snow chase through several miles of alleys and along railroads. While officers waited for the front door of his house to be opened, Richard Alexander slipped out the back way.

WILLIS DAY JAILER.

Patrolman J. W. Willis has been made day jailer at the city hall in place of T. Casey. The order was handed down by Chief Sullivan this morning. Casey will walk Willis' beat for the next two months.

THE PUBLIC SQUARE

Dedicated to free speech on everything except mere personal quarrels and family fights. Otherwise say what you think in about 300 words and sign your name.

Editor The Press—There seems to be a strong opposition on the part of the business men and some of the prominent taxpayers of this city to the proposed raise in the present wage scale of the city employees. They seem to think that a working man ought to get along nicely on \$2 or \$2.50 a day, and be able to save up a little money for a rainy day. They are always harping on the old song, that the housewife of the laboring man is too extravagant, and that the present high prices of meat are mostly due to high living on the part of the working man; when they themselves would not attempt to live on less than \$50 to \$100 a week.

One of the biggest industries of this city is the lumber industry, and also one of the most profitable businesses in this city. But still they are employing the cheapest labor, paying as low as \$1.50 a day, and the highest wages that are paid any common laborer in the lumber city is \$2.50 for 10 hours work, but there are only a few that are getting that amount. In the winter time they generally cut the hours from 10 to eight hours a day. This leaves a man, who is working for 20 cents an hour, \$1.50 a day (and a good many are only getting 17 1/2 cents an hour). On these paltry wages a working man is expected to live and maintain a family, and pay \$15 to \$20 rent a month. Then, if they dare to ask for a raise in wages, they are asked what they are going to do with the extra money, when \$12 a week would not buy meat for some of their ugly looking pet bulldogs.

JOE STRAND.

SPOKANE PAYS 71 PER CENT

Spokane city pays over 71 per cent of the taxes of Spokane county, according to figures recently compiled for the county commissioners. The total assessment of the county for 1910 is \$94,321,400. Of this sum, the city is apportioned \$67,273,270, while the county pays taxes on only \$27,048,130.

A QUARREL OVER FENCE

All is not peace and harmony in one neighborhood. Proof of the fact came to light this morning when C. E. Westerfield appeared at the police court and asked that a warrant for the arrest of Philip Burgess, an aged neighbor, who, Westerfield alleges, is the meanest, cussedest man he ever saw.

MORE TIME FOR BOSZELL

David Boszell, whose trial for murder was set for February 11, will be given more time to prepare for the fight for his life. Upon motion of Attorney Ed B. Powell, Judge H. L. Kennan vacated the date set for the trial and granted the prisoner a continuance so that funds may be secured for the expenses of the trial.

BABY BORN IN A FRISCO STREET CAR

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 5.—A guessing contest for the name of the baby girl whose advent into the world Monday night delayed traffic on the Hayes street trolley line is under way here. The child was born at Fillmore and Hayes streets, but as both those names are more fitting to young gentlemen than to young ladies, it is not likely that the baby will be called by either of them.

BUILDING PERMITS.

P. R. Barrington, story and a half frame and concrete house, lot 13, block 15, Cliff Park, \$4000. J. H. Vandye, story and a half frame, lot 15, block 59, Lidgerwood Park, \$1500. Arnett & Sheldon, one story frame, lot 3, block 10, Northwest Boulevard addition, \$1500. A. H. Wagner, one story frame residence, lot 13, block 51, Lidgerwood Park, \$2000. Mary R. Welch, one story frame residence, lot 13, block 5, Muzzy's addition, \$3400. M. W. Kimm, one story frame residence, lot 4, block 31, Second Sinto addition, \$3000. Charles J. Kapps, one story frame residence, lot 3, block 5, Manito Park, \$800. W. W. Parker, frame, lot 4, block 8, North Audubon Park, \$250. George Archer, two story brick dwelling, lots 7 and 8, block 4, Cannon's addition, \$3000. J. J. Rhodes, story and a half frame, lots 15 and 16, block 11, Bellevue addition, \$1500. J. Davenport, one story frame, lots 5 and 6, block 5, Slater & Walker's Park, \$1200. Dr. M. R. Setters, story and a half frame, lot 1, block 6, Corbin Park, \$3650.

DEATHS.

Word has been received here of the death of Mrs. W. S. Mood of Palouse, Wash. Mrs. Mood has been visiting at Oregon with Mrs. Ernest Mass, and it was at her home that she died suddenly of heart trouble Thursday afternoon.

ST. PAUL'S M. E. CHURCH, REV. E. M. HILL, PASTOR.

Rev. E. M. Hill, pastor, Rev. A. H. Ranton will preach at the 11 o'clock service tomorrow morning on "Apostolic Optimism," and in the evening at 7:30 his theme will be, "On the Down Grade in Spokane." Monday evening at 7:45, Rev. Ranton will deliver one of his greatest temperance lectures from the subject, "From the Barroom to the Pulpit."

MARRIAGES.

Milton Hirsch, Spokane, 26. Annetta Benningson, Odessa, 19. Wm. E. Ross, Spokane, legal. Minnie M. Minke, Spokane, legal. L. A. Mills, Sprague, legal. Blanche Cameron, Sprague, legal. Clark D. Gramman, Spokane, 23. Mabel R. Hanson, Spokane, 28. Fred Mindeman, Spokane, 27. Margaret Bastian, Spokane, 29. J. A. Schneiderholm, Spokane, 42. Betty A. Ross, Spokane, 21. Joe Duranto, Spokane, 22. Ethel J. Burnhill, Spokane, 21. John Gebrecht, Spokane, legal. Lea Dering, Spokane, legal. W. H. Ferris, Lewiston, Ida., legal. H. May Roberts, Spokane, legal.

BIRTHS.

Emery N. and Louise A. Sarber, E112 Bridgeport avenue, February 2, a girl. James E. and Alynra Shields, 1508 Providence street, Feb. 3, a girl. Paul and Jean Priest, 901 Montgomery, January 29, a boy. John and Clara Lanza, 1612 Indiana, February 1, a girl. Laurence B. and Louise C. Rankin, S1224 Post street, January 30, a girl. Leonard R. and Sigrid Johnson, E2228 Mallon avenue, January 24, a girl. Herman and Annie Kramer, 25 D street, January 24, a girl. F. W. and Mary Smith, E953 Pacific avenue, February 1, a boy.

ALBERTA FUEL CO. GETS \$11,661.64 JUDGMENT

The Alberta Fuel company was awarded judgment for \$11,661.64 this morning against Clarence Marsh, doing business under the name of the Lundreck Coal company, by B. B. Adams, referee appointed by Judge J. D. Hinkle. Judge Hinkle ordered Irving E. Slater, receiver for the company, to sell the Marsh property and turn the proceeds over to the Alberta Fuel company to satisfy the judgment.

THE FOURTH WARD IMPROVEMENTS

The Fourth Ward Commercial club, at its meeting last night at the courthouse, considered a proposition from a concern that is willing to locate a large paint factory in that section of the city. No action was taken.

HELP FIND ARCHIE

Mrs. J. R. McDonald of Allsa Craig, Ont., has asked the local police to help her locate her son, Archie, who is thought to be in Spokane. The boy's father died about a month ago and his signature is needed to a claim for life insurance.

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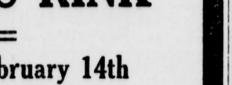
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Store open till 10 o'clock tonight.



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BROWNE FAVORS STATE CONTROL

At a meeting of the Western Conservation league of this city, held last night at the chamber of commerce, a letter from J. J. Browne, who is in Washington City, was read, in which he took issue with President Taft on the royalty plan of conservation. Mr. Browne endorsed the plan of the league for the state to take control of the natural resources within its border or deriving the benefit thereof if the resources continue under government control.

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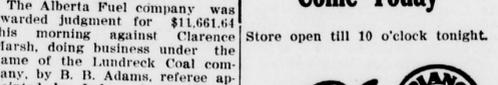
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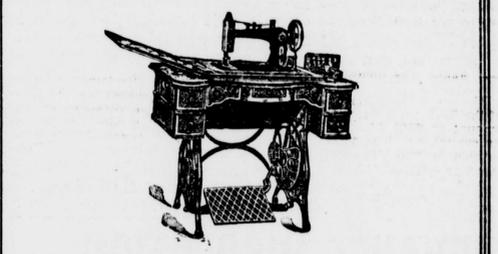
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THE CRESCENT SPOKANE'S GREATEST STORE



Crescent Sewing Machine Club Number Three Starts on Monday

Sixty Machines to be Sold on the Easiest of Club Terms.

\$2.00 Down and \$1.00 a Week

Prices will as usual be about half those quoted by old-time agencies for machines emphatically no better, possibly not as good.

The Machine Illustrated Above Sells Here at Only

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With a full set of the latest style attachments and a strong guarantee of ten years' satisfactory service.

Six other styles are also offered at various prices from \$33.00 to \$50.00. All on the same terms.

When the Sixty Machines Are Sold the Club Closes

Advertising Talks

No. 8

From the Cradle to the Grave

Here is another view of present day advertising, given by a member of the Advertisers' League of St. Louis: "From the cradle to the grave man finds advertising his never failing ally provided. Advertising recognizes Shakespeare's Seven Ages, and provides for each with lavish hand. The infant has his birth recorded in an advertising birth book, rattle, an advertising rattle, and cuts his teeth on an advertising medal. The child plays with advertising toys and is read to out of an advertising book. The boy flies an advertising kite and spins an advertising top; the girl dresses an advertising doll and rolls an advertising hoop. The youth whittles with an advertising knife and does his sums with an advertising pencil on an advertising tablet. The young man wears an advertising watch with an advertising fob; the young lady fastens her flowers with an advertising pin and sends her sweetheart an advertising post card. The father keeps his accounts with an advertising book and carries his bills in an advertising wallet; the mother sews with an advertising thimble and measures with an advertising tape. The grandfather smokes an advertising pipe and when he is laid away it will not be without precedent if an advertising headstone marks his grave, for history records the epitaph in an English churchyard: Here lies the body of Jephthah Sill. For many years he ran the Mill. Turn to the left, go down the hill, His widow is running the business still.

"Advertising is the world's best patron of art, as millions of advertising pictures demonstrate. Advertising is the world's best patron of literature, as the advertising pages of our magazines prove. Advertising is the world's best patron of sport, as hundreds of miles of advertising baseball fences testify. Advertising is the workman's friend, providing him with an advertising cap, an advertising apron and advertising tools. Advertising fills the home with advertising pictures and advertising knickknacks. Advertising makes us sick with sample foods and cures us with sample medicines." And in all the different lines of advertising, newspaper advertising stands out head and shoulders above the rest.

One Paper in the Homes of Spokane Is Worth 10 Papers Outside of Spokane.

THE PRESS IS THE HOME PAPER OF SPOKANE