

# TOO MANY INSPECTORS FOR CITY

### COUNCILMAN FUNK SAYS IT TAKES HALF A DAY TO GET A BUILDING PERMIT

A kick on the multiplicity of inspectors at the city hall in the matter of buildings was registered last night by Councilman Funk. Building Inspector Finney had previously suggested the possibility of an adjustment in which the inspection work now done severally by the city building, electrical and plumbing departments could be combined and one man made to do the work that now requires three. "It takes nearly half a day to get a building permit and go through all of the red tape necessary to begin work on an ordinary house," said Councilman Funk. "We have so much red tape and so many inspectors that it takes too much time to get around. I would like to have some plan adopted whereby we could simplify this thing and be able to dispatch business of this kind with greater haste."

**PATROLMAN STILL MISSING**

W. E. Stauffer, proprietor of the Merchants' police agency, has written to the relatives of P. O. Sautbine, the Merchants' patrolman who mysteriously disappeared on the night of March 6. Sautbine had no relatives in this part of the country, his folks all living in the state of Indiana. Not the slightest clue to the whereabouts of the missing man has been found.

## CHARGED WITH STEALING SCHOONER

(By United Press Leased Wire.) SEATTLE, March 16.—R. H. McNair, president of the Poulson Shingle company, and C. F. Lammann are in the County Jail today, under the unusual charge of stealing a schooner, the Jeanette, which has been in the shingle trade on Puget sound. The complaint was sworn out by C. A. Johnson, president of the Seattle Shingle company. It seems that Johnson held a \$1000 mortgage on the boat. To secure his claims, McNair had given a bill of sale. McNair claims, however, that the bill of sale was only a formality and that the boat was not turned over to Johnson. The schooner was taken from the Ballard dock to Poulson, where a deputy sheriff found it.

**AUSTRALIA WILL EXHIBIT AT DRY FARMING CONGRESS.**

Australia will have a government exhibit at the International Dry Farming exposition which is to be held in this city October 3 and will also send a delegation to the Fifth Dry Farming congress, which will be in session from October 3 to 6. Information to this effect has been received by Secretary John T. Burns from Senator James H. McCall, who is a member of the upper house of the Australian parliament and international vice president of the Dry Farming congress for the British empire, section of Australia.

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# ELECTION FOR PARK BONDS

### COUNCIL FURTHERS MATTER BY ORDERING AN ORDINANCE DRAWN

Voters of the city will be asked to pass upon the question of a \$1,000,000 bond issue for parks at an early date. W. J. C. Wakefield, chairman of the committee of the park board having the special bond election in hand, has arranged with the various organizations backing the bond issue to bear the expense of the election by donating their services.

After a caucus by the city council last night a motion was adopted ordering the corporation counsel to draft an ordinance ordering the bond issue. When this ordinance is submitted the date for the election will be set, as near in the future as possible, it is announced.

## "CUTE" JOB

One of the cutest robberies and yet one of the most open and daring jobs which has been pulled off in Spokane for many months, was perpetrated on the Bank of Montreal a few days ago.

The man who got the money is thought to be an Italian, though his name is not known. He appeared at the bank recently and told them his name was Peter Seitresberg and that he had lost his bank book. Seitresberg is a Russian, who lives at the Union hotel and who had about \$575 in the Montreal bank.

The clerks "fell" for the statement of the imitation Mr. Seitresberg and a new book was issued. At the same time the Italian deposited about \$30 on Seitresberg's account and had it marked in the book. A few days later he appeared again. Recognizing him as the man who deposited \$30 a few days before, the bank clerks lost no time in paying him the entire amount when he asked for it.

## SEN. DANIEL VERY ILL

(By United Press Leased Wire.) DAYTONA, Fla., March 16.—Physicians today admitted that the condition of United States Senator W. J. Daniel of Virginia, who suffered a stroke of paralysis, is serious. There is little apparent change in the senator's condition, the doctors say. His entire left side is paralyzed.

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### IGNORS CHARGES

nor to the council last evening," said Mr. Blair, "but will do so tomorrow. His action in writing such a letter to the council at such a time is eminently characteristic. The charges it contains are wholly untrue."

Connor charges that Blair threw down the city in the Engekling case for \$40,000 damages, in which the city was held for \$10,000, and in the King case for \$5000 damages, in which the city gained a victory. He alleges a conspiracy to disrupt the office and hamper the city's legal business, in which, says Blair, he was aided by Ernest Sargent, a former employe in the office, and because of which Connor resigned.

Connor is backed up in his statement by Bruce Blake, an assistant in the office, who resigned yesterday and went out of the office with Connor. Blake is a young attorney of good standing, whose word is unquestioned.

The reading of these charges was one of the most dramatic incidents that has occurred in the city council in a long time. It stunned the city council, it might be said, so plain and vigorous was the accusation.

The council has appointed an investigating committee of five consisting of G. W. Shafer, G. W. Mohr, Jacob Schiller, Peter Nelson and Leonard Funk.

# SLAVE TO LIQUOR; DISRUPTED FAMILY

Fred M. Thompson is an unlucky man.

No sooner had Fred been released from the county jail after serving a 90 days' sentence for threatening to kill his wife than a warrant was issued for his arrest on the same charge.

The trials and tribulations of the Thompsons have been numerous. Married in Michigan, divorced within a few months because Fred could not leave the fiery liquid alone, then re-united because he reformed, then a relapse, threats for wife and jail for hubby, a second divorce while Fred is in jail, then the climax of today. Rather strenuous, eh?

Shortly after the second marriage Thompson took to the glass even more assiduously than before, their marital troubles culminating when he threatened to kill his wife. He was sentenced to 90 days in the county jail for the offense and while he was working on the rockpile the courts ground out a decree for the wife.

But this did not keep Thompson away from his wife. He visited her yesterday while under the influence of his favorite beverage and renewed his threats. Within a few hours thereafter a second warrant server was tracking him about town.

# BALLINGER ON THE PUBLIC DOMAIN

### (By United Press Leased Wire) ST. PAUL, March 16.—In an address today before the Minnesota conservation convention, Secretary of the Interior Ballinger gave his interpretation of the national obligation regarding the public domain and its disposition. The speech, according to reports from Washington, had the personal O. K. of President Taft.

The greater portion of the burden of conserving the natural resources of the country was laid by Secretary Ballinger at the doors of the states.

"There has been and is," he said, "a grossly exaggerated notion among some people as to what the general government can do in conserving the natural resources that lie in the deposits of minerals that are contained in the soils and streams. For the most part, they have passed into private ownership and are under the municipal jurisdiction of the states. Any national conservation policy must be predicated on the policy affecting the public domain, since for the most part the states are sovereign within their own spheres of jurisdiction. Therefore, I believe a greater obligation rests upon the state than upon the national government to inaugurate laws to prevent waste in the utilization of natural resources.

"Congress is now struggling with the problems relating to water power and other measures designed to retain in the government the power of control and supervision." Discussing Alaskan matters, he continued:

"These Alaskan coal lands and claims, at their market value, are withdrawn from entry, awaiting classification, and all the unentered or unlocated coal lands of Alaska are standing under an absolute withdrawal act of 1906 and not a patent has ever been issued to an acre of coal land in Alaska. In fact, nearly all the coal lands that have been patented have been obtained, not as coal lands, but under the guise of some other form of entry, as agricultural, timber or stone, etc. No man, or set of men, can comply with the present laws and finance a mine on the public domain of 640 acres of land except under extremely favorable conditions. The absurdity of the law has, in itself, invited fraud and indirect methods of evading its provisions.

"It is likewise impracticable to secure oil or gas lands or phosphate lands under the general mineral laws, and in all these cases there is no power of control or ability in the department to prevent monopoly in the sale of the deposits when the title is once secured thereto. Awaiting remedial legislation from congress, all known areas of public lands containing these deposits are under temporary withdrawals from private entry, and it is hoped congress will furnish the interior department the necessary machinery to safely and properly guard the public interests in their ultimate disposition."

# DONOVAN IS AFTER STAFFORD

W. C. Donovan, special prosecutor in the embezzlement case against W. M. Stafford, poor farm superintendent, laid the foundation this morning for his charges that the official appropriated \$29,755 of the county's money to his own use in 1906.

Charles R. Howard, deputy auditor and secretary of the board of county commissioners, C. L. Atkinson, county clerk and former warrant clerk, were placed on the stand to testify as to the sums paid Stafford each month, the telephone bills being one of the items included in the monthly bills.

Donovan will finish the state's case this afternoon, trying to prove that Stafford allowed the telephone bill to accumulate for six months, although he received monthly remittances from the county to satisfy the claim, and then had Howe, a Spangle grocer, pay the bill and charge the county with "underwear."

It is understood that the defense, represented by Attorneys Nuzum & Nuzum, Graves, Kizer & Graves and P. C. Sullivan, will attempt to show that Stafford and the county were acting together as debtor and creditor, rather than principal and agent, which would materially affect the aspect of the case.

The following were the jurors sworn in yesterday afternoon: G. H. Brownlee, Elmer R. Oliver, H. A. Bowman, Thomas Meagher, J. W. G. Hanford, T. J. Gehres, Lewis Wilker, James Bergman, L. J. Binder, W. R. Concie, T. B. Gilmore and T. J. Flower.

## GALLANT, REGARDLESS OF WIFE'S PRESENCE

"He bid a calico necktie up to \$2 in order to save the privilege of taking the owner to lunch, while his wife was in the room," testified a colored witness this morning in the divorce trial of Leona E. Daniels against Charles C. Daniels, held before Judge Huneke.

Cruelty and non-support, as well as paying too much attention to other women, were charged in the complaint. The above incident happened at a "necktie" party given in the colored colony, at which the women folks make calico ties to match their dresses, and the ties are auctioned off to the highest bidder.

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**ALL HOG PRICES ARE ECLIPSED**

(United Press Leased Wire)  
**PORTLAND, Ore., March 16.**  
 —All American records for the price of hogs were broken at Stockdale today, when 18 head sold at \$11.25 per hundred weight. The hogs averaged 331 pounds each.

# NEW HANGMAN CREEK BRIDGE

### W. W. P. OFFERS TO BEAR A SHARE OF THE COST—PLANS ORDERED DRAWN

A decided impetus was given last night to the move for replacing the high bridge over Hangman creek at Sixth avenue with a big earth fill and concrete arch by the agreement of the Washington Water Power company to pay interest on one third of the cost up to \$100,000, to advance immediately, if desired, \$5,000 cash to start the work and to give all aid possible in carrying it on.

The strings to the offer are that the company be given a new franchise of 25 years over the bridge, which is at present crossed by the Fort Wright and the Garden Springs city lines and the Medical Lake and Cheney interurban line. The company also objects to lighting the bridge, and asks that if any other company be given permission to cross the bridge that they be made to bear a proportionate share of the contribution that is exacted of the W. W. P.

The plan was made by D. L. Huntington, president of the W. W. P., in response to a visit of a committee from the West End Improvement club and Councilman E. V. Lambert. The offer will be considered later.

A motion was adopted ordering the board of public works to prepare plans for the fill, with two large arches in the center.

## TO CARE FOR FLOOD WATER

A special committee of five, consisting of Cartwright, Gray, Dalke, Schiller and Ostrander, has been appointed to devise ways and means for caring for the flood water of Union Park. It is proposed that the plan be provided whereby the expense will be borne by the general treasury, the same as the Sprague avenue fill.

**SWELL PARTY ON TOUR.**  
 SEATTLE, March 16.—A. J. Farling, president of the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul, Percy A. Rockefeller, nephew of John D., and a large party are in Seattle today on an inspection trip. P. W. Allen of the Simmons Hardware company of St. Louis, and Stanley Field, nephew of the late Marshall Field of Chicago, are also members of the party.

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### MEAL CHARGES

longing to the park board and have been fitted up with light and heat and made as comfortable as possible under the circumstances. The health department faced a serious emergency during the winter and the close proximity of these buildings to the hospital saved the day.

So much for the general appearance of things. Dr. Grieve and the health board are apparently doing everything they can for the comfort and relief of those so unfortunate as to be detained in the institution. The taxpayers are footing the bills cheerfully, the only question remains—the patients getting what is coming to them in the way of food from the superintendent, V. B. Harris, and has Harris profited more than he should in return for the services given the taxpayers for the large amounts of money he has drawn, for board, salary and transportation of patients.

The records show that Harris has drawn over \$18,000 in the last 22 months from the city for boarding and hauling patients to the hospital. He is on the payroll as superintendent at \$1000 per year and his wife is on the payroll as a nurse at \$2.50 per day. All of the help around the hospital except the cook and a dishwasher is paid for by the city. Harris charges board for the patients, billing the meals to the city at 25 cents each. He pays no rent, no water charges, no light bill. Harris owns a large ranch said to contain 320 acres, near Cheney, from which he draws his supply of milk and possibly his vegetables. In this way some of the necessities for the patients are secured direct from the native source of production, which is all to the advantage of the patients even though it may be good business for Harris. During the first two weeks patients receive only a diet of milk or soup, which is billed to the city the same as solid food. When the question as to how they were treated was put to the various patients the answer usually received was "all right." The reporter asked three boys in the scarlet fever ward as to how were the meals. The boys exchanged smiles and then remarked, "Oh, I guess it's all right. We have managed to live on it." But they would make no statement in detail.

Harris showed the reporter the larder in which he kept his meats. There was half a quarter of beef in the box and also three immense soup bones that had once been boiled, but were set aside, evidently for further use. The fresh meat had the appearance of being of excellent quality.

## CITY HAD FORGOTTEN TO COLLECT

In a conference with the county commissioners this week Councilman Lambert discovered that there is due the city \$13,000 from the county, being two annual installments of \$6500 each for the county's share of the \$20,000 voted in aid in building the Olive avenue bridge. Council last night ordered the city officials to call and get the money.

## THREE ROOMS BURGLARIZED

Three rooms were entered by burglars and robbed last night. A 17 jeweled watch was taken from 915½ Riverside. The owner is Andrew Read. Room 115 in the Union hotel was entered and \$15 in cash belonging to Fred Harris was taken. A black suit belonging to John Crape was taken from his room at 216½ Stevens. All three burglaries have been reported to the police.

## HOME IS ENTERED.

The home of A. A. Brewster, 1636 Euclid avenue, was entered Monday night and numerous articles of value were stolen. Among the missing articles are a ladies' gold watch, a S. & W. revolver, a set of gold shirt studs, a meerschaum pipe and a gold ring.

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## POWER OF MIND OVER MATTER

WASHINGTON, March 16.—Senator Benjamin R. Tillman, who has been critically ill, gave a demonstration of mind over matter today when he started for his home in South Carolina.

The doctors stated that it was sheer will power that the senator was able to make the trip.

His illness had weakened him and the paralysis from which he suffered had left him in a condition that would make most men almost helpless the rest of their lives, the doctors said.

Senator Tillman expressed a desire to go home several days ago and the doctors opposed it. He was so insistent and his assertion of his ability to make the trip finally won their consent.

## JUST HOGS

CHICAGO, March 16.—Hogs, 21,000; hogs opened 5c lower. Left over yesterday, 3500. Receipts a year ago 30,000. Mixed, \$10.45@10.95; good, \$10.80@11; rough, \$10.45@10.70; light, \$10.45@10.80.

Cattle receipts, 13,000; market strong. Sheep, 12,000; market strong.

OMAHA, Neb., March 16.—Hogs, 11,000; cattle, 6200; sheep, 7500.

KANSAS CITY, March 16.—Receipts—Hogs, 9000; cattle 13,000; sheep, 12,000.

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