

WHAT THE WEEK SUGGESTED TO THOMAS, PRESS STAFF CARTOONIST



NORTH BANK ROAD TO SPEND \$1,500,000

JACK WEBSTER'S LITTLE GRAFT

Our old friend Jack Webster of tract index fame! We had overlooked Jack, or rather Jack had overlooked us, causing us to wonder where he was "operating" in these latter days.

But you can't lose Jack. Where there is any easy money to be had, there you will find Jack. Jack wisely chose the city engineer's office as having the softest pickings around the city hall and found in City Engineer Ralston a man to his liking.

You know Ralston is such a prince of road fellows. He reminds you so much of the boys we used to meet at the courthouse in the palm days of old Bill Dean and George H. Collin. When the smoothness of Ralston is combined with the boldness of the our democratic warhorse H. D. Merritt, there is a combination that is hard to beat, alongside of which George H. Collin and Bill Dean must stand aside and say, "We bow to our masters."

THINK PRAYERS STOP VOMITING HILLS

(By United Press Leased Wire) CATANIA, Sicily, March 26.—The internal fires of Mount Aetna subsided slightly today, the violence of the eruption from 12 craters decreased in intensity and the flow of lava from the rifts in the mountain began to slacken in their progress southward.

Occasionally the lava touched a tree or the shrubbery of some deserted vineyard or garden and the wood and brush sprang into flames. The flames of the torches carried by detachments of soldiers added to the beauty of the scene.

Many persons were rescued by soldiers after they had been overcome by sulphurous fumes or partly suffocated by the vapors. Women tourists were particularly reckless, and the soldiers had to use force to prevent them from crossing the danger zone after a struggle with the sentries.

HERE'S ONE ON RALSTON

C. M. Fassett & Co. drew from the city treasury for cement tests on the Monroe street bridge during February, \$182. In all there were 28 tests made at \$6.50 per throw. While the testing end of the bridge construction worked steadily, there seems to have been but little progress made in the actual laying of the cement, as not a bucketful of cement was placed in the bridge structure during the month.

Ralston may expend enough to buy out the whole Fassett & Co.'s plant before the bridge is completed. Five dozen brooms in one month, and still the city hall is not clean—physically or morally.

ANOTHER REAL FINE WASTE OF CASH

Gas sells to the private consumer over the city at \$1.50 per thousand cubic feet where the bills are paid by the 10th of the month following the reading of the meter.

library of \$52.35, billed at the full rate of \$1.75 per 1000. The other 25 cents is added as a penalty because the city was 15 days late in paying the bill. Bill days at the city hall follow the last council meeting of the month, at which all claims against the city are allowed. The gas company's bill was due the 10th, to secure the \$1.50 rate, but because the official red tape delays

HOT TIP OUT ON THE REDS THIS SPRING, AND "WATCH BROOKLYN" SAY CRITICS



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THE IRISH HAVE NOW CONQUERED ENGLAND

(By United Press Leased Wire) LONDON, March 26.—With the Irish party casting the deciding votes in the new British parliament, the Irish home rule cannot but become a most important issue. Except for the Lloyd George budget, which Ireland dislikes on account of the liquor tax clause, the nationalists do not particularly care, one way or the other, about the liberal program.

make terms until they knew exactly how much they must give. Finally an agreement has been reached and it means home rule for Ireland to a practical certainty—probably not at the coming session of parliament.

HARSH WORDS AROUSE IRE OF COUNCILMEN

(By Washington, March 26.—) The settlement of the tariff negotiations between Canada and the United States in a manner favorable to both nations is assured. Secretary of State Knox today gave out an official statement declaring that the matter would be settled and that a friendly understanding had been reached.

Denunciation of the position of the city council in the railway franchise controversy is having a bad effect on the members of the city council from the standpoint of admitting the new roads. The councilmen feel inclined to approach the matter of the franchises with a determination to settle the dispute, if possible, but the continued lambasting in certain quarters has worked up a feeling of resentment among the city fathers.

BIG IMPROVEMENTS ARE PLANNED

(By United Press Leased Wire) PORTLAND, Ore., March 26.—George B. French, president of the Spokane, Portland & Seattle railroad, has just returned from St. Paul with the information that \$1,500,000 will be expended in improvements on the line between Portland and Spokane during the present year.

SOMEBODY GOT OFF ON WRONG FOOT

(By United Press Leased Wire) SAN FRANCISCO, March 26.—Apparently somebody got off on the wrong foot with regard to the alleged Ketchel-Langford match, despite Sid Hester's assertion that he had signed the fighters to do battle at Point Richmond in May of September.

LATE EASTERN MARKETS

CHICAGO, March 26.—Wheat closed 1-2 to 1-3-8 lower. Weather reports ruled the wheat trade entirely. Dispatches told of a little rain in Kansas over the holiday.

TEDDY IS HAVING A BULLY GOOD TIME

(By a Staff Correspondent of the United Press) CAIRO, Egypt, March 26.—Colonel Theodore Roosevelt had a "bully" time today, and was "de-lighted" more often than he has been in a single day since he was President Roosevelt. It was all because of the reception given him in this quaint city, thousands of miles from home, yet more like the old white house days than any reception since he left Washington.

STANFORD WINS TRACK MEET

(By United Press Leased Wire) STANFORD UNIVERSITY, Cal., March 26.—Stanford university won from the University of Southern California today in the dual track meet, scoring 93 points to the southerners' 29. A murky sky and high wind prevented the fracturing of any records.

TARIFF FIGHT IS ALL OFF

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