

MAYOR'S COMMITTEE SUSTAINS PRESS

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police. Why, therefore, were they not enough to decide Chief Sullivan to act long ago, when privately presented? The committee has now stated that the officers have impaired their usefulness. And yet the chief of police has refused all along to have them removed, and has actually sustained them.

Is this the kind of police chief Spokane wants? If there is anyone who still thinks so, other facts to be presented by The Press may finally convince them.

As far as Gilder and Hood are concerned, the matter of their removal should be taken up immediately, as intimated by the committee.

It is ridiculous to suppose for a moment that anyone outside of the city hall ring would be opposed to the appointment of the three jail matrons, but the committee's recommendation is good, just the same. There is a bare possibility now that the council may appoint the matrons.

The committee has done as well as could be expected. The result was, of course, known beforehand, when the mayor decided to make the appointment himself.

The thing to do now is to secure a real people's committee, and make an unbiased investigation. This matter is not going to be given up until the police department has been thoroughly renovated. It's spring-cleaning time, you know.

MURDERER READY TO DIE IF HE COULD SEE CHILDREN AGAIN

(By United Press Leased Wire) TACOMA, April 27.—By order of Judge Chapman the two little Wezler children were brought from Seattle this morning and taken to the court house, where their father, Charles J. Wezler, accused of murdering their grandmother, was permitted to talk with them ten minutes. Wezler, who has confessed to the murder, told Judge Chapman yesterday that he would be ready to die if he could only see his babies. Thereupon the court ordered the sheriff to bring the children to the court house today.

Wezler wept when he saw his babies and scarcely let them leave his arms during the whole ten minutes.

MRS. PLUMMER RIPS POLICE

In Justice Hyde's court yesterday afternoon Mrs. Agnes Plummer was acquitted by a jury after a few minutes deliberation of the charge of running a disorderly house at her home on Twenty-sixth avenue, in Manito Park.

In connection with the arrest and prosecution, Mrs. Plummer makes serious charges against the police. She says that the police were used as tools of certain citizens of Spokane high up in the good graces of the city administration to cause her trouble; that she was urged to forfeit her bond and not to appear for trial, with the assurance that she would be convicted; that one of the women arrested at her house was intimidated into leaving town and the other into forfeiting her bond by the assurance by city detectives that they would be convicted and had no show.

Mrs. Plummer has retained counsel and will bring a suit against the city and the police department for false arrest, malicious prosecution and persecution.

CELLULOID RINGS WORTH \$42; STOLEN

Forty two dollars worth of celluloid rings were stolen from a fancy harness in Jack Kearns' barn, \$3100 Lacey street, the other night after the lock had been pried from the door. Kearns has placed a description of the expensive trimmings in the hands of the police and a search is being kept up among the second hand stores for them.

MET IN MATRIMONIAL AGENCY; WED; DISAGREE IN THIRTEEN DAYS

Joseph Michel, who sought a divorce from Margaret Michel, with whom he had lived 13 days after they were married, was denied a decree in Judge Hinkle's department of the superior court yesterday afternoon.

The marriage was brought about through a matrimonial agency and it did not take long to find out that their tastes were dissimilar. Michel testified that he was worth \$40,000 and the court ordered him to pay \$40 a month for the support of his wife and \$35 a month for the support of an infant daughter.

SUES UNKNOWN HEIRS.

To quiet title to the southeast quarter of section 24, township 26, range 43, suit has been instituted against the unknown heirs of plaintiffs and in all 20 legal documents were filed with the clerk of the court today.

TACOMA WANTS FRANK ORR.

(By United Press Leased Wire) SALEM, Ore., April 27.—Governor Benson is today hearing arguments on requisition papers for the extradition of Frank Orr, an electrical contractor of Portland, claimed by the Washington state authorities to be the convict who escaped from a train near Pasco, while being conveyed to the state penitentiary at Walla Walla, from Tacoma in 1908. Orr denies that he is the man wanted and says he never was in Tacoma, where the burglary with which he is charged, was committed.

LORD ROSEBERRY'S HORSE WINS

(By United Press Leased Wire) NEWMARKET, Eng., April 27.—Lord Roseberry's Nell Gow, a favorite in the Derby, won by a scant head over the 2000 gained in the race. The race was the first of the classic for three year olds.

HARMON IS UNDER FIRE

Another head of a department at the city hall is under fire. A resolution introduced by Councilman Lambert was adopted by the city council last night commending that the board of public works investigate the reason why D. C. Harmon, head of the crematory department, had sent to his home a number of sacks of oats bought for the use of the city. It is charged that Harmon has been hauling oats and other feed bought by the city to his barn in Union park.

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Mayor Pratt, Rev. W. J. Hindley, George A. Sonnemann, Professor Libby and all other friends of the movement will be present and give information in regard to plans of the park commission and the reasons why the bond issue should carry. All interested in this question from all sections of the city are urged to be present at 8 p. m. Ladies are especially invited.

WHAT D'YOU THINK OF THESE TWO PEACE DOVES?

(By United Press Leased Wire) LOS ANGELES, Cal., April 27.—"Emperor William of Germany and Theodore Roosevelt are the two most potent personal factors for the advancement of the peace of the world." This declaration was made by President Benjamin Ide Wheeler of the University of California, who today is on his way to Berkeley, after attending the annual convention of the state schools of the State Superintendents' association at Riverside.

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CITIZENS WANT FAIR

the president of the city council. Here is the statement of Clark:

"In the case of J. H. Elliott a great wrong has been done an old soldier and his family, without any justification therefor," said Mr. Clark in discussing the case. It is beyond the power of the relief committee of Reno post to offer redress for this wrong, but we demand that justice be done in this case. The only way that justice can be had is through an appeal to the public conscience and the integrity and honesty of the loyal people of Spokane.

"Sufficient has come to light through the emasculated investigation of the partisan committee appointed by Mayor Pratt to show the need of a complete and thorough investigation of the facts in the case. I am informed that sworn charges have been filed against the police department, which are to be heard by the board of police commissioners. As this matter has twice been before the heads of the police department, I hereby, in the name of the Grand Army of the Republic, demand that a fair and unbiased committee be now appointed by different civic bodies and the Grand Army to go to the bottom of this matter, and the same time inquire into all other charges that may be made against the police.

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"I made a thorough investigation of the charges against Gilder when they were first made and I laid the findings from that investigation before Police Commissioner Tuerke, but, because of Rose Elliott's denial of any immorality having existed between herself and the officers under fire, we both concluded that the charges were not sufficiently sustained to warrant the officers' dismissal from the department," Sullivan said this morning.

"I had Rose Elliott before me within 20 minutes after the first report of alleged bad conduct between herself and Gilder was made to me, but all manner of examination failed to bring a confession of the charges from her. I called

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