

VIC. MURDOCK HERE TONIGHT

Congressman Murdock of Kansas, orator at tonight's progressive republican meeting at the Auditorium, will arrive in Spokane at 4:30 this afternoon and be escorted to the Spokane hotel. He will remain in the city probably until some time tomorrow afternoon.

Reemer's band will escort the speaker to the theater tonight and play on the street before the meeting opens. A. W. Doland has been chosen to preside over the gathering and one hundred of the more active members of the Pointdexter Progressive club will be honorary vice-presidents of the gathering.

Congressman Murdock was in the forefront of the fight on Joe Cannon and in all other scraps in the lower house in which the insurgents faced the standpatters. He is an interesting talker and comes with a story worth hearing.

Friends of popular government have reason to rejoice over the fact that the bulk of the candidates for legislative positions on the republican ticket in the state have taken the pledge to stand by the people's choice for United States senator. There was a well organized movement on foot six weeks ago to defeat the popular will by electing men to the legislature who were not pledged. However, the matter was given such publicity and the determination was made known to knife any man who reneged on the popular choice, until the fellows who would have liked to duck were afraid to come into the open. Of the 65 republican candidates for legislative positions in King county, all but one have taken the pledge. All of the republican candidates for the legislature in Spokane are pledged to abide by the will of the people.

The aggressive manner in which W. L. LaFollette, the Palouse farmer, and cousin of the great LaFollette of Wisconsin, is handling public questions and showing the records of his opponents has injected the first life into the congressional campaign. LaFollette has the courage of his convictions and says it is a fight of the people against the interests.

The matter of a first and second choice for United States senator in the primaries is not yet settled. The text of the primary law says that there shall be first and second choice votes for "congressional candidates," which would mean

senator, but the form of the ballot permits but one choice. The attorney general has held that there is but one choice. An Everett man has now taken the question to the supreme court and it will be known in a few days whether or not there are to be two choices for senator.

POLICE "HELP" MEN OUT OF TOWN

Members of the police force, either in plain clothes or uniform, have been standing in front of the various employment agencies, hailing the men who stood watching the bulletin boards.

Men who hesitated about signing up with the employment men were questioned by the police as to their business in town, why they stayed here when the jobs were offered on the boards, and the suggestion let fall that it might be well to accept one of the jobs and get out of town.

It is said that the purpose of this police activity is to rush more men to the harvest fields to break the force of the organization of the Industrial Workers have effected among the men in the fields.

The harvest hands are now getting better wages and shorter hours because of the united action urged by the I. W. W., and some of the large ranchers telephoned to Spokane for more men, not affiliated with the I. W. W. The police are now trying to fill the order.

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SPRAGUE JOB

who have been acting as political guides in the labor movement for some years will either walk out with the men or give up their cards in the union.

One of the steps that lead to the passage of the resolution was the action of the board of public works in compelling Boiler Inspector Vedder to resign his card in the stationary engineers' union under penalty of losing his job.

This morning the foreman at the Sprague avenue fill, E. J. Yincik, and six of his men quit work because of the action of the bridge-men's union last night in calling all city work unfair and ordering the members of the union to cease work for the city. Linck and his fellow workers, who are members of the union, accordingly laid down their tools today.

This ties up work on the Sprague avenue fill for the time being.

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SALOONS

world are caused through the demon drink, and while we want to save, and do save, scores of bar-keepers, saloon keepers and drunkards, we do not cater to their donations.

"For what do the lassies visit the saloons?" was asked.

"To sell the War Cry, our paper," said Adjutant Baldwin, as he drew forth a copy for me to look over. "We want our paper to go everywhere. We have obtained good results from the circulation in the saloons and for that reason we regret the law which has been passed. When one of our girls enters a saloon and offers a War Cry to some man who has become discouraged, trampled on and degraded, many times the mere presentation opens up a religious discussion and he is invited our hall. Eventually, he is converted."

"I don't know just what per cent of our converts come from such a source, but I know there is a good average."

"Do you feel that the influences are demoralizing to your girls?" was the next question I asked of the adjutant.

"Indeed not," was the prompt reply. "Most of the women we send around to the saloons are women of age, and women who generally are married and have families of their own and know something of the world. A great many people believe that many girls who join our ranks are girls who have a scarlet

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SAYS THIEF SET CLOTHES ON FIRE

That a thief robbed him, set the bed clothes on fire, and then locked the door on his double-victim, is the story told the police by J. J. Henry, a farmer, who has been staying for the past few days at the California hotel, 203 1-2 Riverside avenue. The smoldering clothes awakened him early this morning and his cries brought help from other roomers in the hotel, who broke in the door and turned in an alarm. No. 5 truck responded and put out the incipient blaze. Henry denies smoking in bed and alleges that the thief got away with \$30 in gold that he had concealed under his pillow.

BEVERLY, Mass.—Pres. Taft expresses the opinion that the Philippines will not be ready for independence in the present or even the next generation.

WOODBURY, Ga.—Two negroes shot to death here for accusing a white man of having stolen corn from them.

HAS THE ICEMAN TROUBLES? WELL, JUST LISTEN TO THEM!

How'd you like to be the iceman? What? You would. Then you don't know half the troubles that you might encounter if you had his job. Ever since the world began, the iceman has furnished material for the jokesters. Whenever the weather, the summer boarder or New Jersey mosquitoes dropped into oblivion, so far as the laugh sheets were concerned, it was to make room for the unhappy purveyor of frozen aqua pura.

But take the job yourself for a day and then see if you don't believe in the saying that he who jests at scars never got mugged up. There is a redheaded iceman in this town who grew talkative the other evening while rubbing the brass brush off the footrail while he slowly accumulated a glass of essence of hops.

They say we have an easy time, do they? Well, let one of the guys who makes a crack like that take a job on a wagon for a day and I'll slip you my pass through the pearly gates if he ain't the sorriest keep you ever spotted in your whole life.

"Just to tip you off to what a snap we've got, I'll tell what a ton of brick was spilled on me the other day. I was doing my route when I got one of those 'Ice Wanted' signs right before my eyes. It was in front of a four-story apartment house, and I knew the only one there who bought ice from me was stopping on the fourth.

"She always tells me that 50 will do her until the next time, so I up I blows with a chunk as near to 50 as we ever come, for you know it's nix on full weight when we pulled a stunt in the roosts. It was some hot day, but I was game 'cause I knew that a two-bit tip was waitin' for me when I landed.

"Up I went with the ice on the end of my hooks. I managed to do the top at last and tapped on the door. She come, and gives me an awful look. 'Nothin' doin' today,' she says. It was a stiff one right in the wind, but I grinned and waded in.

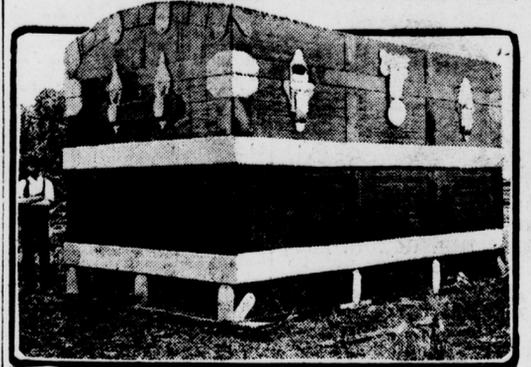
"OH GEE, I FORGOT. "Say, I chirps, 'how about that sign down below?' 'Oh gee,' she says, 'I forgot to take it in yesterday. I'm awful sorry I bothered you.' And it was up to me to do the downward march before my hunk had peeled to a shadow. And, say, while you're listening, maybe you think it's sport to wrangle with some old dame who's dead stuck on seem' that she gets four bits worth of ice for two nickels and a dime, mostly in pennies. She'll chew the fat for a week, steady, if you'd let her, and then call up the boss that you were tryin' to stall a rake-off out of her.

"Those are the swell dames that a guy learns to slip one over on in time, and gee, we get their trick. "The other day a 200-pounder slipped off my wagon out where the big dames live and hit the pavement. That pavement was slipper than any I ever met before. The whole gang for blocks around was there to see me do the joy chase. I got the ha-ha right.

"Nix on it for me after the sunshine chirps farewell. I'd rather herd a streetcar any day."

And the bartender set 'em up to keep the iceman from weeping.

"YOU CAN PACK YOUR CLOTHES IN MY TRUNK," SAYS JOHN MONSON



BIGGEST TRUNK IN THE WORLD AND ITS MAKER.

FARGO, N. D., Aug. 20.—John Monson cares not how many "Merry Widows" hats his wife wants to pack in his trunk. There is plenty of room. Mr. Monson has just completed the largest trunk in the world.

It is 18 feet long, 10 1/2 feet high and 16 feet wide. The slight of it is enough to give the average depot "baggage smasher" nervous prostration.

Mr. Monson has accordingly taken pity on the railroads by making the trunk so it can be taken apart and packed in sections. Even then it weighs several tons.

In its making there were consumed 1620 feet of canvas, 500 bolts, 87 yards of canvas, 10 gallons of paint and paste, 54 pounds of nails, 90 yards of lining and 920 pounds of iron framework.

Mr. Monson will use the trunk as a "summer cottage." It has a door and several windows, with plenty of room within for several cots, chairs and other furniture.

LATE NEWS BULLETINS

TAFT ON YACHT AGAIN. BEVERLY, Mass., Aug. 20.—President Taft, Miss Helen, Charles and Robert Taft went aboard the yacht Sylph today to attend the Sonder races at Marblehead.

General Leonard Wood will be here Monday for a conference with the president.

AGED COUPLE CLUBBED TO DEATH. WILMINGTON, Del., Aug. 20.—Robert Casey, 70, and his wife, were found dead at their home in Claymont, today. The aged couple had been clubbed to death and their little store robbed during the night.

MARK TWAIN WOULD BE GRANDFATHER. REDDING, Conn., Aug. 20.—Ospir Gabrilowitsch, who, before her marriage was Clara Clements, daughter of Mark Twain, are today receiving the congratulations of hosts of friends on the birth of a daughter.

ATLANT HAS 154,839. WASHINGTON, Aug. 20.—The population of Atlanta, Ga., is 154,839 according to the census bureau today. This is an increase of 72 per cent.

"NICK" ARRIVES. OYSTER BAY, N. Y., Aug. 20.—Congressman Nicholas Longworth arrived today from Beverly for a conference with his father in law, Colonel Roosevelt. It is believed that Longworth represents Taft and will try to bring about an understanding with his predecessor and prevent an open breach.

FIRE BELT 18 MILES LONG. KLAMATH FALLS, Ore., Aug. 20.—The fires in the Mount Pitt region are reported dying down, owing to the falling of a high wind which has been blowing for several days. Rangers say they have hopes of smothering the fire soon. The belt of the fire there is reported as 18 miles long and six miles wide.

TOTAL ASSESSMENT IS \$100,000'000

At the close of the three weeks' sessions of the county board of equalization today it was found that the total assessment of real and personal property in Spokane county had grown to \$100,000,000, or nearly \$20,000,000 more than the assessment of two years ago.

The assessments of the railways and other public service corporations are yet to be added to this and a nice increase is expected in this line. The railroads will add about \$20,000,000 more to the grand total and will show a nice increase over two years ago, because of the building of the S. P. & S., North Coast and other lines.

The bulk of this added valuation of real and personal property is within the city limits and should aid the city council and school board in lowering the tax levies.

"I'VE HAD ENOUGH OF MARRIAGE"—MRS. PROSSER

Facing the world free once more, Mrs. Vera Prosser, yesterday acquitted in Libby, Mont., of the charge of murdering her husband, last night spent half an hour in Spokane, en route to Seattle, where she will rest a few days and then decide what she will do with the next few years of her life.

The pretty little woman has three alternatives forced upon her—she may marry, for she has received a stack of proposals a foot high, she admits; she may go on the stage, for the offers in this line have totalled half a dozen; or she may settle down and live a quiet, retired life with some of her friends.

"What are you going to do now?" The Press reporter asked Mrs. Prosser after she had given him a friendly greeting. By the way, as soon as you see Mrs. Prosser you might just as well narrow down the choices and chances to two, for the third becomes at once an impossibility. She's not meant for the quiet, peaceful life.

"Well, I think I've had enough of marriage for a while, and I may accept one of the stage offers. I have a fairly good voice, and it has been trained. But I'm going to rest in Seattle for a while, first."

"But, oh, I'm so glad to be free and out in the wide, wide world, with such a lot of fresh air and sunshine again. I knew all the time that I would be acquitted, but I longed for the decision. I was smiling and happy yesterday morning when they summoned me from my cell to hear the verdict, for they

RUPTURED WATER MAIN

A contractor carelessly blasting near the corner of Fifth and Arthur yesterday afternoon did more damage than he counted upon, for he ruptured a six-inch water main and soon had a regular geyser in action, which continued so long and poured forth with such recklessness that the car tracks were almost washed away. The water department answered a hurry-up call on the case, and this morning the break was reported as fixed.

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QUINN WIRES FOR ANNIS

Eddie Quinn, the Tiger manager, wired this afternoon to Tacoma, telling Annis, the litigator, to report in Spokane tomorrow morning. Eddie intends to use Annis in one of the games tomorrow afternoon, provided the flinger's arm is all right. He says he will probably use Hall in the other.

ASSAULTED BY MASKED ROBBERS

Claiming that he had been robbed of \$10 and brutally assaulted by two masked robbers shortly after 1 o'clock this morning near the corner of Division and Front, Mike Matthews, a laborer living at Hill-yard, lies at the Emergency hospital and is endeavoring to spur the police to action against his assailants. Matthews has a deep gash in the head which he said is a memento given him by one of the thugs.

MONTANA'S FIRE SITUATION DESPERATE

(By United Press Leased Wire) MISSOULA, Mont., Aug. 20.—The forest fire situation in Montana is desperate. If the present hot weather prevails much longer it is practically certain that the conflagrations will become so comprehensive that no human agency will be able to hold the progress of the fires in check.

The local forestry office has appeals to the war department for ten companies of soldiers, but only two companies are available.

Brigadier General Howe at Camp Spauld, today, offered the Montana forestry officials by wire that he will send those two companies to Montana immediately.

Half the troops will be sent to Coram and the remainder will go to Kallispell. A company of colored troops from Fort George Wright probably will reach Borax this afternoon.

YOUTH CONFESSES. COLFAX, Wash., Aug. 20.—In the presence of the prosecuting attorney and the sheriff, Jim Roberts, aged 18, is said to have confessed to having killed Del McConnell in the Newcastle saloon here on July 4. Roberts was arrested yesterday and is alleged to have admitted that he killed McConnell today.

\$100 REWARD

for the conviction of the party or parties claiming to be agents or solicitors of the Parisian Dyeing & Cleaning Works, 605 First avenue. E. A. Lehmann, prop.

Tearfully pleading with the mayor to help her to secure a dollar which had been unjustly withheld from her since last June by the Reliable Employment Agency, 917 1-2 Sprague avenue, Mrs. Randall, a woman of about 45 years, was granted her request and told that it was the policy of the city to guard against encroachments of various employment offices in this city.

Mrs. Randall, with her baby boy, talked to the mayor for a while, and she was told that she was entitled to the dollar. She said that she had gone to Mrs. Keating, manager of the Reliable Agency, last June, paid a dollar and been given a ticket to go to a house on Lee street, where she expected to get a position as a housekeeper. She went there at once, but found the

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Open Tonight Till 9:30 Odds and Ends

The store will remain open until 9:30 this evening as on every Saturday evening. We devote 6:30 to 9:30 to the closing out of the odds and ends of the week's selling. On coming to the store you will find scores of bargains. Look for the price cards that indicate them. We will continue until closing time, of course, the prices published in last night's papers. Here are some of them:

- Up to \$1.69 Imported Dutch Collars for 75c.
- Genuine Irish Collars, worth up to \$1.50, for 75c.
- Imported Tabs, worth 75c, to sell at 50c.
- Imported Tabs, worth 50c, to sell at 30c.
- Imported Tabs, worth 25c, to sell at 15c.
- Rough Straw Sailors, including Gages, worth \$3.50, for 50c.
- New White Felt Hats, fall styles, \$7.95.
- Up to \$2.50 White Lawn Sacques, \$1.49.
- Up to \$2 Kimonos, 98c.
- Wash Petticoats cut to 49c.
- 150 Boys' Suits to sell for \$5.
- Men's Long-Fur English Hats, \$1.80.
- Men's Shirts, a wide variety, \$1.
- \$1.50 Lingerie Waists at 69c.
- Hand Embroidered Lingerie Waists, less than Half.
- Wash Dresses you buy at \$3.45. Handsomer Wash Dresses at \$4.15.
- Wash Suits, worth six times as much as this price, \$2.45.
- Women's \$3.50 Pumps and Oxfords, tan and oxblood, your choice \$1.65.
- Up to \$15 Silk Petticoats, \$7.45.
- Your choice of all our Men's \$3.50 Oxfords, \$2.35.
- Finest Gunmetal Pumps selling at \$2.60.
- All Boys' \$3 Oxfords, your choice, \$1.95.
- Women's 40c Vests, 29c.
- And 40c Pants, 23c.
- Women's Cotton Hose, worth 50c a pair, 3 pairs, \$1.
- \$1.50 Silk Hose, \$1.23.
- The latest music hits, choice 10c.
- Up to \$1 French Linens, at 59c.
- 18c Bleached Cambric, yard 12 1/2c.
- Sterling Front Beauty Pins, 8c.
- Collar Supporters, regularly 25c, for 17c.
- 25c Talcum Powder for 7c.
- Antiseptic Violet Talcum Powder, 10c.
- 25c Antiseptic Tooth Powder for 10c.
- 50c Hay's Hair Health, 39c.
- Armour's Auditorium Soap, regularly 10c, for 7c.
- 50c Doris Face and Massage Cream, 35c.
- English Elder Flower Soap, the big 10c cakes at 7c.

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