

# ALL BALLOTS AGAINST METERS

Are you for or against the compulsory use of meters? State your preference here:

For meters.....

Against meters.....

Reasons therefor.....

Name.....

Address.....

Cut out and mail to The Spokane Press.

The wave of protest against the compulsory installation of meters, continues to swell. This morning there were nine Press ballots on the water question received at this office, and every one of the nine was cast against the compulsory meters.

Here is what the balloters have to say as to their reasons for opposing the compulsory meters:

"I have one,"—Thos. D. Gamble, 115 Sixth avenue.

"It will not benefit poor people,"—John Russell, E2407 Fifth avenue.

"Strongly against. Haven't got the money to pay,"—Peter George, 623 N. Napa.

"It costs enough now; with meters would cost more,"—Martha W. Smith, E1528 Third avenue.

"Most certainly against. Give us more water and less graft,"—W. H. Lee, W427 Garland avenue.

"Against meters. Unnecessary expense,"—Minnie Compton, 627 Spofford avenue.

"Against meters because of the expense therefore, and the cost of putting them in,"—Albert O. Smith, E1528 Third avenue.

"Too expensive,"—William Compton, W119 Nora avenue.

"I object to paying for 8000 gallons of water when I do not use 2000 gallons. If the 'minimum' was cut out I should not object very strenuously, although it would make it necessary to employ a small army of inspectors and thus add to the burden of the taxpayer,"—G. W. Smith, 1613 Shannon avenue.

## SCHNITZEL SENT NO BIRTHDAY GIFT TO THE LAIRD O' SKIBO

"What did ye send Androo Carnegy for his birthday?" inquired Eben Tupper.

"Does Andy have birthdays, too?" replied Schnitzel Smith.

"Sure; he was 75 the other day," said Eben.

"Well, sir, I didn't send him anything," said Schnitzel Smith, "and what's more, I would not send him a pleasant look if dollars for it."

"You know I can trace a lot of my troubles to this Carnegy person."

"Whenever Mrs. Schnitzel wants to know how to make croquettes out of the turkey that's been left over from some joyous holiday feast, she begs me to run down to the library and look in Mrs. Bunkum's Prize Cook Book and copy out the recipe."

"What's that got to do with Carnegy?" said Eben Tupper.

"Carnegy gave that doggone library to the city. That's exactly what he did. And when I ride down town to work I have to pay a nickel car fare instead of two cents, as it really should be. Don't see the connection, eh? Well, sir, if Carnegy didn't charge Jim Hill so much for the steel rails, we could have the two-cent fare and Jim would still be making plenty o' money."

"Who told ye that?" asked Eben.

"Jim."

"Well, it must be true, then," said Eben.

"And have ye forgotten the simplified spelling?" asked Schnitzel.

"I invented it," said Eben.

"Maybe you did, but Carnegy forced it onto us. And he invented hero medals to give to cops who save young girls from drowning and burning buildings. I'm against cops on general principles."

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## WHO HAS

The work on which he was employed shut down, and now John is out of a job.

Out of a job and the wife and the children sick and dependent upon his earnings for the food and the medicines which they must have if they are to recover.

That's why John is looking for a job today. That's why he doesn't care what kind of a job it is so long as it will pay some kind of wages.

And that's why The Press asks today, "Has anyone got a job for John?"

## PRESIDENTIAL BEE BUZZING AMONG 25 GOVERNORS

(By United Press Leased Wire) FRANKFORT, Ky., Nov. 29.—While 25 governors of states met here today ostensibly to discuss uniform divorce laws, conservation, a short ballot and other weighty topics, it soon became apparent that the principal question of the conference was the presidential chances of the democratic party in 1912.

The intimation that the next democratic nominee is in attendance on the conference lent increased interest to the gathering, and incidentally the men attracting the most attention were Governor Judson P. Harmon of Ohio and Thomas R. Marshall of Indiana, and Governor-elect Woodrow Wilson of New Jersey, all of whom have been mentioned as presidential candidates.

## MADERO ON HIS WAY TO WASHINGTON

(By United Press Leased Wire) ST. LOUIS, Nov. 29.—Francisco Madero, leader of the Mexican revolutionists, is en route to Washington to confer with his brother, Gustavo Madero, over the prospects for official recognition of the Madero provisional government in Mexico by Washington, is a report current here this afternoon. It is said that Gustavo Madero recently visited the state department on a similar mission, but was received with coldness. It is said that a revolutionary headquarters is to be established in Washington.

## WAGNER WAS INNOCENT

Hasty and inefficient work by the police of Pasadena, Cal., caused no end of trouble for the chief of that city, and also for local station men and Charles J. Wagner, who was arrested in this city on suspicion charged with burglaries in the California town. Finding Wagner's suit case full of letters in a room in Pasadena that the burglars had vacated the police thought that Wagner was connected with the robberies and ordered his arrest in this city. Wagner held responsible positions in Indianapolis and had a perfect record and his friends succeeded in establishing his innocence. Yesterday a message came from Chief Wood, who is now in Olympia, to the Chief Doud of this city, saying that Wagner was not the man and ordering his release. Wagner claims the suit case was stolen from him in North Yakima, and this was confirmed by a friend.

## STRIKES BLOW AT SANTA CLAUS

(By United Press Leased Wire) MONTPELIER, Vt., Nov. 29.—A conservation measure that strikes a blow at Santa Claus is expected to come before the Vermont legislature. The present tax of 5 cents on every Christmas tree shipped from the state will, if the measure is adopted, be raised to 25 cents. It is believed this will stop the exportation of pine trees to the larger cities of the east at Christmas time.

## FUNNY STUNT

A tangle has arisen over the proposed widening of Madison street from Fourteenth to Nineteenth avenue. The specifications for the work call for only a 30-foot street, but when the work was done Contractor Thomas Maloney, acting so he says, upon the instructions of Assistant City Engineer Butler, graded the street to a width of 45 feet. The council will investigate the matter and fix the blame for the unauthorized widening of the street.

## DAY IN STOCK MARKET.

(By United Press Leased Wire) NEW YORK, Nov. 29.—There was not much change from last night's closing levels when the stock market opened today. Western Electric declined 3/4, Southern Railway American Smelting 1 and Southern Pacific L. & M. and Utah Copper advanced as much. American Sugar rose 1/4, and General Electric 2/4. The market closed strong. Bonds were easy.

## MEXICAN DIES AT 122 YEARS.

SAN DIEGO, Cal., Nov. 29.—Juan Bureel, a Mexican, who it is said, was 122 years old, died here today.

## NOW THAT PRICES OF MEAT HAVE BEEN SO GREATLY "REDUCED"



THIS MAN HAS NOT ORDERED ANYTHING BUT DEANS AND MACARONI SINCE THE YEAR OF THE BIG WIND

EXTRACT FROM A LETTER TO A SLENDER BOY IN THE CITY

IT IS GETTING SO A MAN CAN TAKE A SOUP BONE HOME ONCE OR TWICE A MONTH AND NOT BE POINTED OUT AS A DEFAULTER OR A SECOND-STORY MAN

SOUP BONE

HONEY I'VE THOUGHT ABOUT IT FOR A MONTH AND I'VE DECIDED TO GIVE YOU A PORK CHOP FOR CHRISTMAS

OH YOU MUST NOT BE SO EXTRAVAGANT—JUST SLIP ME A FRANKFURTER OR A LITTLE SHAG OF SOUP MEAT

BEF STEAK IS SO COMMON THAT AN EXHIBITION HARDLY ATTRACTS A CROWD

—MOORE—

## AND NOW IT'S BACK TO 3

Mayor and Board Find It Convenient to Adjust Sewer Contract.

Sometimes a little publicity works wonders. Last Saturday The Press called the attention of the people of Spokane to the fact that notwithstanding the city ordinance requiring that all city work be done on the basis of the eight-hour day and a \$3 minimum wage scale, notwithstanding that the Fifth street sewer estimates had been figured on the \$3 wage scale basis, notwithstanding the bids had been submitted with the understanding that the legal city wage was to be paid, the city had signed up a contract with the board of works for the sewer work, this contract requiring them to pay only \$2.75 per day for laborers on the work.

The Press asked for an explanation of this contract and requested information as to what was to become of the 25 cents per day which was to be clipped off each workman's wages.

No information on the subject was forthcoming from either the mayor, the board of works or the contractors, but today cognizance of the request for information was taken, when at a meeting of the board of works the contract with the city company was reconsidered and the \$3 wage scale was inserted in place of the provision for a minimum wage of \$2.75.

The contract has been changed but the question still remains: "What would have become of that 25 cents per day had The Press not asked... embarrassing questions?"

## W. S. C. DAY AT THE CHAMBER

It was W. S. C. day at the Chamber of Commerce today. At the regular weekly luncheon of the club President Bryan of the W. S. C. gave an entire history of the college from its conception to its present state of efficiency and greatness. It was an exceedingly interesting talk, bristling with facts of the marvelous growth of the institution and of the country itself. In 1882 the number of students was 135 and one single brick building furnished shelter for the students. This year there are something over 1400 students and the grounds and buildings and equipment are valued at above \$1,100,000. At the close of the talk an alumni group gave the old W. S. C. yell with all the enthusiasm of their college days.

A tribute to the late Judge Whitson was paid by the members of the chamber. The loss to Spokane and to the nation, as well as to his fellow members of the chamber, was dwelt upon in a resolution written by Judge Turner and read to the assembly.

## KILLED TWO IN SELF DEFENSE

(By United Press Leased Wire) PITTSBURG, Pa., Nov. 29.—Thomas Jordan, who for three years, was a fugitive from justice, is today a free man because the jury has decided that he shot and killed two men in self defense.

Jordan, who since the shooting has been hiding in California, voluntarily gave himself up to the Pittsburg authorities a short time ago, saying he was ready to stand trial.

Jordan and his brother shot John and Pasquale Rizzio, brothers, in a fight here, in September, 1907. Jordan fled, but his brother was arrested and went to trial. After a hard fight he was acquitted.

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## AFTER 40 YEARS.

STAMFORD, Conn., Nov. 29.—After being separated from her son for 40 years, Mrs. William Bowle has found him living here. She has been in Europe since mysteriously disappearing from her home in Scranton, Pa., in 1870.

## THE BARRIER WELL PLAYED

The Baker Stock company is scoring another triumph this week in "The Barrier," that thrilling story of the great northland, by Rex Beach, in which the noted author tells one of the greatest stories of real life tragedy ever presented on the stage.

Franklyn Underwood and Francis Slosson are winning new laurels in the leading roles, while the balance of the company are maintaining the high standard which has been set for the Baker productions.

"The Barrier" is one of the best drawn cards which the Baker-olans have yet presented, and this week's attendance bids fair to break the Spokane theater record.

## 5,000 BABIES ARE STARVING

(By United Press Leased Wire) CHICAGO, Nov. 29.—A special milk fund for babies who are starving as a result of the labor war in Chicago was started today at a meeting in Hull house. Members of a committee appointed to investigate conditions in the strikers' homes reported that 5000 babies are in actual need of food, and that unless it is supplied at once they will die. Agents will be appointed to administer the funds.

## WATCHMAN SLAIN; WIDOW ARRESTED

PIKEVILLE, Ky., Nov. 29.—R. F. Blankenship, a night watchman, was assassinated as he lay in bed asleep at his home. His widow, Mrs. Jane Blankenship, and H. Collins, an alleged friend of hers, were arrested and charged with murder.

## QUICK WITTED CONDUCTOR CAPTURES DAN RUPERTT

Through the alertness and quick wit of Conductor Harry Peck of the Northern Pacific freight train on which Dan Rubertt, alleged slayer of Ell Basta, left town immediately after the shooting Sunday night, Rubertt was captured yesterday at Thompson Falls, Mont., and will be back in the city again this afternoon, having agreed to come back with extradition papers being made out.

Peck noticed Rubertt riding on his train, and having read in the morning papers of the murder, suspected that his passenger was the man wanted by the police. He telegraphed back to Spokane from Thompson Falls, where the train was met by Sheriff Baker, who placed Rubertt and Mike Natovitch, a companion, who was in the room at the time of the killing, under arrest.

Nick Zelle, John Marcovitch and Steve Dragovitch, who were among the players in the card game which ended in the murder, were arrested last night as witnesses.

It is reported that Rubertt has confessed to the murder, and has given as his reason that Basta had stolen the affections of an Austrian girl whom Rubertt had brought from Austria with the intention of marrying her.

## WICKED ELEPHANT COMES TO BAD END

NEW YORK, Nov. 29.—It took 500 grains of cyanide of potassium, the most deadly poison, to kill Gypsy Queen, a trick elephant, executed for the murder of her keeper, Robert Schiel, on October 20.

Less than one grain is sufficient to kill any man and the first convulsive symptoms supervene almost before the victim can set down the glass from which he swallows.

It was 44 minutes before the palls of bran mash in which had been sprinkled 100 capsules, each of five grains of cyanide. Her knees weakened, her trunk grew rigid, she rolled her eyes and finally fell.

## TERRIBLE TRAGEDY

(By United Press Leased Wire) BURNS, Ore., Nov. 29.—A terrible tragedy was enacted here today, in which Arthur Fisher, an escaped convict from Boise penitentiary, was killed and Dan W. Ackley, guard from Boise, was dangerously wounded. Fisher, who escaped from Boise prison four years ago, was picked up by Sheriff Richardson in Burns last Friday. Guard Ackley arrived last night, identified Fisher as the escaped convict, and was preparing at 5:30 this morning to take the stage for Vale. Ackley and Sheriff Richardson were placing the Oregon boot on the prisoner. Both of them were stooped over, with Fisher standing up between them, when Fisher reached over quietly and slipped Ackley's gun out of his pocket and fired at Sheriff Richardson's head, but missed. Then Ackley grappled with the desperado, who shot him through the abdomen, but Ackley fought desperately. Soon Richardson got an opening and shot Fisher six times, killing him instantly. Guard Ackley is seriously wounded and is under a physician's care at a local hotel. Fisher was 29 years of age.

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## OH, YES, THEY STILL DO SOME HAZING AT HARVARD



News photographs showing Harvard college freshmen undergoing public initiation into a students' fraternity on the streets of Cambridge, Mass. The pair on the left were compelled to wear comical dress. The two on the other side represent a Spanish troubadour and his wife.

Yes, There Will Be a Grand Jury Investigation--- BUT---

FIRST OF ALL, THE PRESS WANTS BOYS IN ALL PARTS OF THE CITY TO HANDLE OUR FAST INCREASING ROUTES. NONE BUT LIVE, ENERGETIC AND HUSTLING BOYS BETWEEN THE AGES OF 11 AND 16, ATTENDING SCHOOL, NEED APPLY.

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