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PEOPLE DEMAND COMPETITION.

Because the Barber Asphalt company had a monopoly in the laying of pavement last year is no reason why the Warren Construction company should be given a monopoly this year. The people have learned something by experience and they know that competitive bidding is cheaper and better for property owners. Either paving company will take all it can get, but the city council should see that the people are given a square deal.

Property owners along North Fourth and Elm streets have the same right to open competition in bidding that was insisted upon by property owners along East Alder street. For a majority of the council to assume superior wisdom and inform owners of property on North Fourth and Elm streets that they must take Warren's bitulithic pavement whether they like it or not, is an exhibition of arrogance that will not be long tolerated in a free country. That councilman should manifest such zeal in behalf of one company naturally makes the public look upon them with misgivings and suspicion.

ENGINEER THOMSON'S REPORT.

Engineer Thomson of Seattle has submitted his report on the proposed gravity water system to the city council and it is printed in full in today's issue of the Statesman. It is a clear, comprehensive statement of the result of Mr. Thomson's investigations and it is worthy of acceptance by the council and the people as the conclusions of an expert hydraulic engineer. The report agrees substantially with the findings and recommendations of Engineer Welle of Spokane. The hope of developing an underground supply on the Harbert ranch or elsewhere is abandoned as impracticable, and upper Mill creek is shown to be the only available source of an adequate and suitable water supply for the needs of this rapidly growing city.

Because of Engineer Thomson's well established reputation as one of the most competent and reliable hydraulic engineers on the Pacific coast, his employment by the council to investigate the sources of water supply was recommended by the Commercial club with confidence that his recommendations would be accepted by the public as final.

The Statesman believes that the report will be received by the public in that spirit and that the council will be supported in taking immediate steps to carry out Engineer Thomson's plans.

Thomson, Welle or some other competent and reliable engineer should be employed to superintend the work of construction of the water system, provided, of course, the people vote for the bond issue required. No cheap engineer will do. Work of such magnitude will demand careful supervision and the city will save money in the long run by employing the right kind of superintendent.

A SHOULDER GATLING GUN.

W. T. Hornaday, the celebrated naturalist, has written an article for Shield's Magazine, in which he protests vigorously against the new automatic shotgun. This is a sporting piece which carries six cartridges, which can be discharged in quick suc-

cession by six pulls on the trigger, and without taking the weapon from the shoulder. Mr. Hornaday describes it as "a shoulder Gatling gun."

His protest is against the use of such an instrument of slaughter amongst the wild game, and he contends that no decent sportsman would carry such a murderous weapon.

It appears, however, that this gun has already found its way into the Pacific northwest. We hear of its use in various places, and while we cannot expect to curb the ambition of the sportsman entirely, it would seem as if the sentiment of true sportsmanship would be strong enough to make it so unpleasant for any man to carry a gun of this kind while hunting game birds so unsportsmanlike, that no one would be willing to do so.

Mr. Hornaday thinks that the matter is of sufficient importance to command the attention of legislatures, and Shield's Magazine says a bill will be introduced in all legislatures in session in the United States next winter to prohibit the use of the automatic gun for the hunting of birds. In all probability such a bill would pass the Washington legislature and probably the legislature of Oregon as well.

THE RUSSIAN CONCESSION.

President Roosevelt is entitled to send in a hurry call for the police to protect him against his friends. Since his remarkable feat in holding the peace conference together, he has been annoyed by three kinds of gawks who want to show him how much they appreciate him.

The first was a crowd of misguided Jenkinases in Washington who asked his permission to get up a grand triumphal entry for him on his return to the capital. On these the president sat heartily and effectively. The second class is made of a procession of people who want to subscribe to a heroic statue of the president as a peacemaker, to be erected on the grounds of The Hague tribunal. To these the president has applied the doctrine that they are only mildly insane, and will recover if given time and careful treatment.

The third is the great American boomer who demands "Teddy" for another term. Their work was revealed to the president while he was busy constructing a critique of a bunch of rural poems and made him so tired he nearly roasted the poet.

Meanwhile the president has received information of one result of the peace conference which is of value to the people of this country. The czar has graciously reduced his tariff on certain American manufactures.

The Russian empire has been for years collecting an extra tax upon American manufactures because of the clause in the Dingley law, which put a special duty upon bounty-fed sugar. This clause was in the Wilson law, but in a different form. The Wilson bill put a definite tax on bounty-aided sugar. This hit both Russia and Germany, but they got around it by increasing the bounties to equal the discriminating tax. The wisecracks who got up the Dingley bill put in a clause which made it incumbent upon the tax-gatherers to collect a tariff equal to the bounty. This hurt the Russian beet-sugar industry, and the empire retaliated upon our manufactures savagely. So for six years the American manufacturer has been losing trade in order that sugar might be overprotected.

But still we do not need any revision of the tariff.

THE BENNETT WILL IS SETTLED.

The Bennett will case in which Mr. W. J. Bryan figured considerably has been finally settled and Mr. Bryan has made a statement of it in the Commoner, of which he should have the benefit, since he came in for a good deal of unfavorable criticism while the contest was pending.

Mr. Bryan relates that in the spring of 1900 Mr. Philo Bennett, residing at New Haven, Conn., called on him to draw certain paragraphs of his will. These paragraphs provided for three funds of \$10,000 each to be distributed among colleges, \$10,000 for prize funds to encourage excellence in the study of the principles of civil government, \$10,000 to assist poor boys to pursue a college course, and \$10,000 to assist girls in the same manner. Another paragraph directed Mrs. Bennett to hold in trust \$50,000 to be distributed in accordance with a sealed letter to be deposited with the will.

At Mr. Bennett's death the widow contested the paragraphs mentioned. The courts rejected the \$50,000 trust

fund and the sealed letter, but upheld the three \$10,000 bequests. These bequests have now been distributed by Mr. and Mrs. Bryan, and are in full and continuing force in colleges covering each state in the union.

It was the sealed letter trust which caused the comment, it being said that Mr. Bryan had used undue influence with Mr. Bennett to obtain its insertion in the will. The charge of undue influence was withdrawn and it appeared that Mr. Bryan had only a remote interest in the trust since he was to retain the money for himself only with the widow's consent, otherwise he was to distribute it among colleges.

Mr. Bryan states that the will contest which he felt he could not in conscience abandon cost him upwards of \$1500 in attorneys' fees and traveling expenses, to say nothing of loss of time. The upholding of the \$30,000 of bequests to colleges is the result, and notwithstanding considerable annoyance and some misrepresentation, Mr. Bryan feels amply rewarded for it all in having the privilege of placing the funds left by Mr. Bennett, in such a way as, he believes, will help the rising generations for all time to come in this country.

The top story of New York's proposed forty-story hotel, should be well above the fly line and good residence property for bald-headed men.

AMUSEMENTS

STAR THEATER.

A good sized audience witnessed the last production of "The Mountain Girl," and tonight the bill will again be changed, "The Senator's Daughter" being the attraction. This beautiful story of the south is one of the strongest in the repertoire and will certainly be enjoyed by the many patrons of the Star.

Tonight there will also be another drawing for a round trip ticket to Portland, and much interest is centered in these popular contests.

"The Senator's Daughter" will be offered for tonight and Saturday matinee and night, giving way Sunday evening to one of the best of the melo-dramas Mr. Redmond has yet offered.

STIRRING TIMES IN WALLA WALLA THESE DAYS

THE OPENING OF THE KEYLOR GRAND--WITH THE RACES ON FULL BLAST

And The Interest Created by Eilers Great Piano Sale Has Quickened the Pulse and Awakened Our Populace Into a Greater Activity Than Has Been Noted For Many Months

The very atmosphere is teemed with songs of praise this morning for the beautiful play house, "The Keylor Grand," that was so auspiciously opened to the public last night. "The Girl From Kay's" was on the boards and in the hands of a capable company who delightfully entertained the large and fashionable audience who turned out en masse at the inaugural of Walla Walla's new theater.

The races: Who does not love a fine horse and enjoy a good race? If the attendance at the opening day of the Walla Walla County Fair associations' track yesterday is any criterion, there are many lovers of fast horses in Walla Walla. The day was perfect and a good program was on taps. Everybody was in high glee from "start to finish." This meet promises to be a great success. Strangers from all over the country are in attendance.

But the greatest interest manifested by our citizens in any of these events is Eilers great piano sale, with our large store rooms filled with the finest selections of pianos ever shipped to Walla Walla (embracing twenty different makes), including the old reliable Chickering, Weber, Kimball, Steck, Haddorf, Hobart M. Cable, etc., etc., who cannot be pleased in a piano, piano buying is made so easy, too? We can leave you without excuse.

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