

CITY WAS BILKED BY TAX SHARK MUDGETT'S SOCIETY

Extraordinary eagerness on the part of George Mudgett's subordinates to get tax delinquencies into the maw of the Security Savings society is further seen in the developments recently in the action of the city regarding the Decarie incinerating plant site.

In the Skidmore story of yesterday the clerk in the county treasurer's office under Mr. Mudgett took no note of the fact of the change in ownership of land in Heath's Fifth addition to the city. In the city's case the clerk took no cognizance of the fact that it was a municipal corporation who owned property thus hastily plastered and rubber-stamped with Security Savings society emoluments.

The city received deed to the Decarie site on December 18, 1902. Tax certificates of delinquency for taxes of 1903 and 1904 were issued to the Security Savings society against the site. Deputy Corporation Counsel Alex. M. Winston says that the law is plain enough that such certificates should not be issued against property of a municipal corporation after deed has been passed and filed.

The game of gobble-gobble everything in sight, was played against the city in a manner alleged by a city attorney to have been illegal and at least unnecessary.

City Commissioner Omo on Thursday turned over to the Mudgett society's order an order on the city cash to the extent of \$242.76. This was done in order to stop the accruing of 15 per cent interest exacted under the law by the Sec. Sav. Soc.

S. S. S.—Those initials sound like the title of a well known patent medicine with swiftness in its title. Apparently it is a "society." Equally apparent is it that it is "saving." There is no doubt about the "security" it prefers to deal in.

Commissioner Omo has taken the position that it is best for the city to look to the county, rather than to the secured Security, for reimbursement, and action for collection of the money paid on Thursday is in preparation in the office of the corporation counsel. It has been within only a few days that the city knew that these tax certificates

were out against it.

It is apparent that the combination of Mudgett and Security is working more woe for the taxpayer.

An idea of the enormous amount of business done in behalf of the Security Savings society during the closing days of George Mudgett's incumbency in the office of county treasurer may be gained from the statement that somewhere near 3000 delinquent tax certificates were plastered on property during the month of last December and that the society obtained something like 95 per cent of such certificates. December began with No. 45,000 and something in the certificate book and closed with 48,000 and something.

The clerks under the Mudgett administration must have done some tall hustling in the way of drawing certificates of tax delinquency last December. There were not 30 working days in the month and if the number of certificates issued was about 3000 for the month, over 100 certificates must have been issued on the eve of relinquishing the office, 95 per cent of which went to the Security.

was accused of robbing a man named Otis Kickmeyer on Thursday night. Kickmeyer was walking in the Main block when he was pulled into her room, so he stated, and she went into his pocket and pulled out his money bag. When he counted his money he was \$40 short. The Fisher woman claimed she was honest and that she had found money on the floor on other occasions, but had always returned it to the owner.

MINERS RESCUED

(Scripps News Association.) FLORENCE, Col., Oct. 7.—This morning before the fire reached them the last of the miners entombed in a mine were rescued, saved through an emergency shaft.

FLASHED RAGES, WAS EJECTED, MAY GET DAMAGES

(Scripps News Association.) SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 7.—In the case of George Sanfason against the new California Jockey club for damages, Judge Hunt of the superior court ruled that a racing corporation has no right to eject a person from its grounds for signaling or flashing the results of races and that the person ejected may obtain damages.

SNEAK THIEVES GET ONE HUNDRED

Moses Freedman, who lives at room 17 Bavaria block, reported to the police this morning that between the hours of 8 and 9 o'clock last night, while he was out, some one entered his room and relieved him of \$100 in cash.

DID NOT WALK OVER CROSSING

Officer Shannon was the busiest man in police court this afternoon and \$1 and costs were meted out to a line of promiscuous who had crossed Bill's territory. Riverside and Howard, faster than a walk. Those arrested were A. F. Williams, C. W. Rodgers, E. Clark, G. Judgers, J. P. McDougall and A. F. Williams. Three of the cases were continued until the 9th and the rest were fined.

C. W. Rodgers told the judge that he had a mother and sister to support, but that made no difference.

WESTERN INDEMNITY FIGHT IS STILL ON

(Scripps News Association.) CHICAGO, Oct. 7.—The policy holders' committee of the Western Life Indemnity company today declared the statement that their accredited officers had withdrawn the petition in court and agreed to submit their differences to Judge Kohl-saat as referee.

RAISED PRICE FOR HOMESTEADS

(Scripps News Association.) PORTLAND, Ore., Oct. 7.—In the Jones land fraud trial today it developed that R. B. Montague, deputy clerk of Linn county, learning of the Jones scheme to secure land through old soldiers gave defendants the double-cross by offering the veterans \$200 more for their homesteads than contracted for with Jones. Nine agreed to sell five patents issued. The land is now in the name of Faber & Nels, Albany brewers, who furnished money for the scheme. Louis Paquet and George J. West, old soldiers, testified that they had taken land at the instance of defendants.

FOOT BALL

Football scores in the east today are as follows:

Ithaca—First half, Cornell 0, Bucknell 0.
New Haven—First half, Yale 5, Syracuse 0.
Boston—First half, Harvard 16, Maine 0.
Princeton—First half, Princeton 17, Georgetown 0.
West Point—First half, West Point 18, Colgate 0.
Boston—Final score, Harvard 22, Maine 0.
New Haven—Final score, Yale 16, Syracuse 0.
West Point—Final score, West Point 18, Colgate 6.
Princeton—Final score, Princeton 34, Georgetown 0.

TRIPLE MURDER

(Scripps News Association.) MIDDLETOWN, N. Y., Oct. 7.—A triple murder was revealed today when the bodies of Willie and Fred Olney were found in the woods a half mile from their home, in which last night was found the body of Alice Ingerick. Another victim, Mrs. Georgia Ingerick, mother of Alice, was found unconscious in the Olney barn with three fractures of the skull. She is expected to die any moment.

Willie was 62, Fred 58. Both had been robbed, their pockets being turned and money and watches gone. The evidence indicates the men were shot near home and taken in a wagon to the edge of the woods and dragged a quarter of a mile through the brush.

BOUND OVER FOR STABBING

Charles Miner was fined \$100, Madie McDowell was bound over to the superior court on a \$500 bond, and Frank Black's case will come up for trial on October 11 was the ruling of Judge Hinkle this afternoon in the case of the state of Washington vs. Charles Miner and Madie Black for assault with a deadly weapon.

The case grew out of a fight a few days ago in the tailor shop of Way Ting, when Black was stabbed three times in the back with a pair of scissors.

The judge gave out the sentence and stated that he was going to take it upon himself to change the charge against Miner and fine him.

MISSOURI COMMISSIONERS AFTER McCALL

(Scripps News Association.) JEFFERSON CITY, Mo., Oct. 7.—State Insurance Superintendent Vandiver today sent a communication to McCall demanding that \$148,702.50, campaign fund contributions, be replaced in the treasury of his company under penalty of revocation of their license. He also insists on a new president and vice president of the financial committee.

DECIDE TAGGART CASE OCT. 13

(Scripps News Association.) WOOSTER, Oct. 7.—Judge Easton announces he will render the Taggart decision, Friday, October 13.

MOTHER SICK, GRIM WANT STARES CHILDREN IN FACE

A case of destitution that will certainly appeal to charitable Spokane was revealed to The Press today by Special Officer F. L. Bunker of the health department.

Mrs. Buddie, alone in the world with her three children, the oldest of whom is 12, through the desertion of the husband and father, has been living with her little family at 21½ East Short street. It was a humble little place, but one of the happiest little homes in the city. The mother worked hard daily and was able to pay the \$12 rent, clothe

neatly the three tots and keep the wolf from the door.

But a week or two ago fortune's face changed from smiles to frowns. The mother, overworked, took sick. The doctors said an operation was necessary. She was taken to the Sacred Heart hospital, and now, they say, she will never be able to work again. When the mother was taken away a beautiful little miss of 12 became the head of the household and she has done her best for the younger children.

But soon there was no food in the house, and the county came forward with \$2.50 a week. But

this sum barely feeds three hungry mouths. Winter is coming on, there must be fuel, there must be clothing. The children have nothing but summer wear. The rent must be paid, for the tots want to keep the home together in the hope that mother will soon come home to them. And all these things three of the sweetest children the city possesses are praying for every night when they ask for the restoration and return of mother.

These things will be theirs, too, for Spokane is good and generous. Go to 21½ East Short street and see whether these facts are correct.

RAMSAY DEMANDS PROTECTION

(Scripps News Association.) TOLEDO, O., Oct. 7.—An application to the court by President Ramsey of the Wabash railroad this morning asking for the removal of the election inspectors for the Wabash appointed at the last annual election, declaring them not qualified by education and experience to serve. He declares in a portion of the application he is still president of the Wabash despite the action of the directors in removing him. He alleges certain stockholders are preparing to vote illegally fraudulent proxies and asks for inspectors qualified to prevent it.

The case was adjourned until Monday. Ramsey was ordered to show control of a per cent of the stock necessary to make the application for new inspectors. Ramsey's counsel said he would show control of stock.

NEW YORK, Oct. 7.—It is reported Ramsey has secured proxies on several blocks of stock held abroad.

WHO KNOWS MISSING GIRL

Does anyone know of the whereabouts of one Frances Erz, also known as Frances Bartlett, also as Madge Cohn, or does anyone know anyone by either of these names? Such is the substance of a letter received this morning from a brother, George Erz, of Lynden, Wash. If this article should be seen by anyone who can throw any light on the whereabouts of the girl, they will confer a favor if they will advise Mr. Erz. The finding of his sister is of great importance and to her interest. When last heard of she was in Spokane.

CONTINUE IN NEVADA

(Scripps News Association.) NEW YORK, Oct. 7.—The New York Life gave out a statement today to the effect that it would continue in business in Nevada.

It is stated the San Francisco agents of the company appeared before the Nevada board and explained matters and were told to continue business.

DOUGHERTY'S BANK CLOSES ITS DOORS

(Scripps News Association.) PEORIA, Ill., Oct. 7.—The Peoria National bank, of which Dougherty was president, failed to open this morning.

The run on the Dime Savings bank, in which Dougherty was interested, started again. It has taken advantage of the 30-day rule.

SULLIVAN WILL ASSIST STEVENS

(Scripps News Association.) WASHINGTON, Oct. 7.—Chief Engineer Stevens cables from Panama canal headquarters that he has appointed John G. Sullivan, assistant chief. Sullivan was chief engineer of construction of the Canadian Pacific.

ATTORNEY NETHERCUTT WANTS \$1,000 FROM COLLINS

A complaint was filed this morning in which Attorney George M. Nethercutt is plaintiff and "George H. Collins" and wife are defendants. The spelling of the name of the defendant is a mistake, as the man referred to is George H. Collins, chairman of the board of county commissioners and "purchasing agent" of the county. Mr. Nethercutt sues for \$1000, alleged to be due him from the defendants for legal services during the period from January 1 and September 9, both of 1905.

"During this time," says the complaint, "there came into possession of plaintiff large sums of money, all of which have been paid out and expended under the direction of the defendant, George H. Collins."

Further along in the complaint is read the following: "There is now in possession of plaintiff a large amount in notes, which notes are secured by stocks belonging to defendants, and which the plaintiff is willing and ready to deliver upon payment of plaintiff's legal fees and charges."

WARRANT FOR LAWSON

(Scripps News Association.) BOSTON, Oct. 7.—C. W. Barron of the Boston News Bureau applied for a warrant for Thomas W. Lawson this afternoon, charging him with criminal libel. The judge put the request over until the 10th.

PARKER AND KERNS TO BE AT THE COMIQUE

"Kid" Parker and Jack Kerns, who fought at Elks' temple last night, have made arrangements to box 10 rounds at the Comique theater every evening next week.

Kerns stated today that the fight last night with Parker was to have been a clean break go. The referee did not enforce this agreement and Kerns stated he suffered in the clinches. He stated McInroe never refereed a fight before and was unable to protect him.

SPEEDED HIS AUTO

The case of A. F. Williams, arrested for speeding his auto, was continued until October 11 until the corporation counsel could prepare an ordinance for the running of automobiles faster than four miles per hour. Williams was arrested by "Bill" Shannon.

GOVERNMENT DREDGE SUNK

(Scripps News Association.) PORTLAND, Ore., Oct. 7.—It is reported the government dredge Columbia was sunk in a collision with the lighthouse tender Mangagita last night in the Columbia near Westport. No details.

QUICK WAS DRUNK

Thomas Ryan and J. W. Quick were fined \$1 and costs today by Judge Hinkle for being drunk. Jennie Kano and Nellie Smith forfeited their bond of \$7 on the same charge.

FATAL WRECK

(Scripps News Association.) ROSTOFF, Oct. 7.—On the Don t mail train bound for Vladivostok was derailed today. Twenty-seven were killed and 35 injured.

PHYSICIAN IS ACCUSED OF KILLING CHILD

(Scripps News Association.) CHICAGO, Oct. 7.—Dr. Oliver B. Hart was formally charged in a warrant this morning with the murder of Irene Klokow, 10 years of age.

GAYNOR AND GREENE ARE BROUGHT BACK

(Scripps News Association.) MONTREAL, Oct. 7.—Secret service men left this morning with Gaynor and Greene for the United States.

BIG HAT IS CAUSE OF BIG DRUNK

CHICAGO, Oct. 7.—"You were drunk four days, were you?" asked Magistrate Mayer of Joseph Kantrell today. "Yes," replied Kantrell. "My wife's hat did it. Your honor, I leave it to you. Look at it! Ain't it the limit now. Wouldn't your honor yourself feel like seeking the balm of the bowl? Don't you feel like a drink?" Mrs. Kantrell stiffened herself from the waist line and divided an austere look between the magistrate and her husband. In turning she displayed to the justice a full birdseye view of a gray millinery plateau picturesque diversified with mountains and valleys, the whole clothed with a luxuriant growth of tropic and subtropic verdure, inhabited by several species of birds.

AFTER THIRTY FIVE YEARS WEDDED LIFE COUPLE FIGHT DUEL

(Scripps News Association.) NEW YORK, Oct. 7.—After 35 years of married life Denton H. Hopkins and wife, Jessie, 53, fought a duel with pistols this morning in the latter's home in Brooklyn. The woman was killed and Hopkins was shot in the left hand. He is a prisoner in a Brooklyn hospital.

The shooting was witnessed by

Hopkins' sisters, Mrs. Jennie Bruin of Walden, N. Y.

The couple separated three months ago after a quarrel about the disposition of property held in common, amounting to about \$50,000. The husband appeared in the house this morning and a quarrel followed. Hopkins is 53 and a steel engraver. Hopkins had hardly appeared when his wife drew a small

revolver from her bosom and fired over Mrs. Bruin's shoulder. Before she could fire again Hopkins pushed his sister aside, grasped his wife's revolver with his bleeding hand, drew a large revolver and fired three times, the first two taking effect and inflicting fatal wounds, the third passing over her head as she sank to the floor. The couple have a son, Henry L., a business man.

HILL MEN ARE NOW AT WORK IN WALLULA GAP

From Wallula comes the information that a big grading outfit with about 100 men is at work on the north bank of the Columbia at Wallula. It is believed that the men are working in the interests of the Hill systems and are trying to get a track laid through the Wallula gap before the Harriman system can get a right of way through the same territory.

The work there is shrouded in mystery and the laborers will not talk.

It is announced by General Man-

ager McCabe of the Washington & Columbia River railroad that a construction crew would be put to work Monday morning at Ainsworth. The crew is under Sims & Shields, who have the contract to build the entire new railway down the north bank of the Columbia for the Hill interests.

Teams and supplies are being taken to the new camp and the actual construction will be under way by next week. The headquarters of the contractors are to be at this camp, and the work will be directed from that point.

BREWERY BURNED

(Scripps News Association.) EUREKA, Cal., Oct. 7.—A fire which started in the steam beer destruction at 4 o'clock this morning destroyed the plant of the Humboldt Brewing company, Broadway and Harris streets. Loss, \$150,000. The brewery was recently built by Los Angeles capital. H. Max Kuehnrich was president.

SULLIVAN IS AFTER GARDNER

(Scripps News Association.) SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 7.—Fresh from a victory over Joe Gans of Baltimore, Mike "Twin" Sullivan arrived in San Francisco today prepared to battle with any lightweight or welterweight champion. This morning he posted \$500 to guarantee good faith to meet Jimmy Gardner any time before any club at any weight.

BICYCLE IS MISSING

J. G. Davis & Son reported to the police this morning that someone entered their store, on Riverside avenue, last night, and stole a bicycle from the back room.

FISHER WOMAN CLAIMED SHE WAS HONEST

Annie Fisher, a large colored woman who is well known to the police, was put under a bond of \$300 today for her good behavior for the next three months. She

captain and agents of the underworld here of a Law Library association similar to that existing in the older cities of the east. Spokane has no law library, but her lawyers say that she needs one. A proposition is being entertained to obtain rooms in the Lindelle block, which is shortly to be remodeled into an office building.

LAWYERS WANT A LAW LIBRARY

A meeting of the lawyers of the city is being held this afternoon at the offices of Cullen & Dudley in