The Weather—Occasional rain tonight and Wednesday.

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# DETWILER CANNOT BE LOCATED

## Mystery of His Whereabouts Causes Heney and Burns to Worry. No Word From Egypt

**Wife of Indicted Telephone Magnate States That Husband is Enroute to San Francisco to Face Accusers but He Fails to Appear.**

(Journal Special Service.)

San Francisco, March 26.—The increasing mystery surrounding the whereabouts of A. K. Detwiler, the missing capitalist and promoter of the Home Telephone company, is beginning to cause Heney and Burns much anxiety. Conflicting reports from Toledo are the principal cause of the feeling which is added to by the failure to receive replies to messages sent to Egypt, where, according to authoritative information the Ohioan is located.

A dispatch from Toledo quotes Mrs. Detwiler as saying:

"Mr. Detwiler and myself arrived in Toledo last Friday night and Detwiler left at once for San Francisco. I am not acquainted with his business connections and cannot throw any light on the matter for you.

"We received no reports of any indictments except through the newspapers. I can state that neither Mr. Detwiler nor myself were in Belgium or Cuba during our trip. We were in Egypt and Mr. Detwiler returned with me."

**Heney's Promise Made Good.**

Heney's promise is fulfilled, for the law fell heavily last night upon one of the "big ones" with the arrival of the Pacific Coast Steamship company's State of California from Los Angeles, bearing Louis Glass, against whom nine indictments had been found. Glass was the first capitalist placed under arrest for bribing public officials.

Sheriff O'Neil, who had been waiting all day for the arrival of Glass, met the State of California last night at 9:30 o'clock and quietly placed the indicted official of the Pacific Telephone company under arrest. An hour later he was released on $90,000 bonds. Heney declares that this just starts the good work and if their plans are not marred other and bigger fish will be landed in the net.

**Bigger Fish to Catch.**

A. K. Detwiler, the Ohio promoter who is said to be on his way here from Toledo to face the charges against him, will be arrested on arrival, but even he is said not to be the biggest fish the net will catch. One of the subjects that will soon occupy the time of the grand jury is the relations of Thornwell Mullally, assistant to President Calhoun of the United Railroads, and Tirey L. Ford, chief attorney for the company, to the corruption which seems to have reached everyone connected with the overhead trolley franchises. Mullally has been emphatic in his denials of the reports that he was in any way involved in the graft scandals. He is equally insistent in his

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# BARGE HAWSER SNAPS IN GALE

**Atlas Loses Her Tow, and Big Oil Carrier Is Seen Wallowing in Tremendous Seas and Flying Signals of Distress.**

Officers of the oil tank steamer Argyle report that when off Cape Blanco on the way from San Francisco to this port last Friday the steamer Atlas lost her tow, barge No. 19, while bringing her here from the Bay City. A terrific gale was blowing and the immense hawser snapped from the heavy strain of the oil-laden barge.

The Argyle arrived at the Linnton tanks yesterday and discharged her cargo of oil and then left down the river, bound for San Francisco. She sighted the Atlas and the barge Friday afternoon about 18 miles from shore, the barge flying signals of distress and laboring fearfully in the heavy westerly sea. The Atlas stood by, ready to put another hawser on board of the barge as soon as the weather would permit. The gale continued in force nearly all Saturday and Sunday, however, so it is doubtful if the tow was picked up before yesterday, if at all. No word has been received from the two vessels since sighted by the Argyle, but it is believed that they rode out the storm in safety. Offers of assistance from the captain of the Argyle were declined.

The Atlas is well known here, having been in the oil trade on the coast for a long time. She left this port February 26 on her last voyage south and crossed out over the bar the following day. She carries a crew of about 30, and the barge carries half a dozen men.

NINETY YEARS OLD TODAY

Rev. John Flynn.

# MINISTER KEEPS HIS HEALTH AT NINETY YEARS

**Rev. John Flynn, Pioneer Methodist, Believes in Clean Living and Plenty of Real Exercise Every Day in the Year—Tells of Early Days of Portland.**

Early rising is a thing that it is fashionable to praise, but not to practice. Perhaps that is why all old men practice it, because they have got past caring for fashion.

Rev. John Flynn, who is celebrating his ninetieth birthday today, gets up at 5 o'clock every morning, and thinks that he is thus fulfilling the Lord's will. For it is divine law that man should be strong and healthy, and Mr. Flynn, with his 90 years, is a splendid example of ripe, healthy old age. Many younger men might well envy him.

And his prescription is: "Plain food, and plenty of it; lots of air and exercise; early and regular hours; a clean body and a clean soul."

**Long Cross-Country Runs.**

Mr. Flynn is a devotee of exercise. When a younger Mr. Flynn came here last year and formed his "Hundred-Year club," in which he had all the ministers of the city prancing around the country over hill and dale in pursuit of rational health, this old minister was one of the most enthusiastic members, and in the long cross-country walks he was not the one that brought up the rear. And he has kept up his gymnastic exercises for years; and when you ask him if he is athletic he throws out his chest and expands it slowly, and throws his arms over his head, and smiles delightedly as he touches the toes of his boots without bending his knees and with the facility of a college gymnast.

Mr. Flynn is justly proud of his vigor and accredits it to rational modes of living. He has never indulged in smoking, chewing or drinking. He seldom drinks coffee, though a little cannot hurt one, he thinks. He insists on plain, wholesome food, and he wants plenty of exercise. He was a great horseman in his day, and boasts of having ridden around the country on horseback at least 250,000 miles. His walking feats are in the same class in proportion.

**Rides Spirited Horse.**

Only a few days ago a neighbor brought a spirited horse to Mr. Flynn's door, and the old man, when laughingly dared to ride it, jumped on agilely and rode around the block. And another requisite to health is cold water, he says. Every morning he takes a cold plunge, and in his younger days he used to be a regular frequenter of the swimming pools.

Last night the Methodist ministers of the city and their wives gave a dinner at Watson's restaurant to the veteran minister and his wife and about 40 guests gathered around the board. There were old men there connected for years with Oregon history, but Mr. Flynn could look down upon them with the superiority of years. Dr. C. C. Cline and Dr. I. D. Driver, in their eighties, were spoken to by him as boys. For Mr. Flynn is the sole father of Methodism in Portland. All his companions in the early work have gone to the great beyond.

**Church in Carpenter Shop.**

Mr. Flynn came to Oregon in 1850 as a missionary sent by the main conference in New York. He crossed the Isthmus, partly on foot that others might ride the mules, and arriving in San Francisco, which then consisted of a few frame buildings, he embarked on the Oregon, the first steamboat that came up the mouth of the Columbia. With him were Rev. F. S. Hoyt and his wife. Dr. Hoyt was the first president of Willamette university at Salem and is now living at his old home in Ohio. Here he met Rev. James Wilburn, the only minister in Portland, who was just building the Taylor street Methodist church, a little frame building. On the day it was consecrated Mr. Flynn preached the sermon, the second sermon preached in the first church in Oregon. Three other ministers assisted in the services, but all these are dead. At that time there was no school house in Portland, there were 13 houses, and church was being conducted in an old carpenter shop situated somewhere near Third and Washington.

**All Over the Coast.**

Mr. Flynn went from here to the upper valley and engaged in missionary work at Salem and Yamhill and the surrounding country. He has been in work all over the coast, more or less, being for a time in the original Oregon-California Methodist conference which was later divided to make the Oregon conference and that later to

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# TO FIND OUT TRUTH ABOUT THAW'S MIND

## Judge Fitzgerald to Appoint Lunacy Commission to Examine Prisoner's Condition

**Trial Will Be Delayed for Weeks Pending Decision and May Be Summarily Ended—Attorneys for Defense Confident of Final Outcome of Examination.**

(Journal Special Service.)

New York, March 26.—Judge Fitzgerald this afternoon announced that he had decided to appoint a lunacy commission to examine Harry K. Thaw's present mental condition. It is expected that the alienists will take a week to study the case and will not report for some time after, thus delaying the trial. Should a decision of insanity be arrived at the trial will stop and the prisoner be sent to Matteawan.

District Attorney Jerome is confident that the commission will find that Thaw is suffering from paranoia, which is incurable. The court's decision is regarded as a blow to the defense. Attorney Delmas, however, expressed himself as confident that an examination would clear Thaw of the charge of insanity.

Judge Fitzgerald named as a commission to inquire into Thaw's sanity Hon. Morgan J. O'Brien, Dr. Leopold Putsel and Peter B. Olney.

When the jury reconvenes tomorrow the members will be excused, subject to further call. The lunacy commission will file its report before the jury is called together again.

Justice Fitzgerald evidently does not want to take upon his shoulders the responsibility of ordering the trial of a man whose sanity has been questioned to proceed without having a commission pass on his condition. Thaw's lawyers believe the showing they have made, backed by an examination of the defendant, will result in a report declaring he is amply able to advise his attorneys. In such an event, it is generally admitted that Jerome has put himself in a bad position to go before the jury and plead for the conviction of first degree murder of a man whose sanity at the time he committed the killing he has declared he questioned.

## WOMAN LION TAMER IS ATTACKED BY ANIMAL

Wichita, Kan., March 26.—Prince, one of the largest lions in captivity, attacked and probably fatally wounded Miss Dolly Castle, a lion tamer, at a performance in a local theatre here last night. The audience was panic stricken and rushed from the theatre while attendants entered the cage and clubbed the lion into insensibility with crow bars before the unfortunate young woman was rescued.



# ROOSEVELT'S COUSIN SUED FOR $100,000 DAMAGES BY WOMAN SHE TALKED ABOUT

## HUSBAND'S LOVE LETTERS TO HER OWN SISTER ARE MADE PUBLIC IN LAWSUIT

(Journal Special Service.)

New York, March 26.—Sensational developments are following fast in the bitter legal fight waged by the families of John E. Roosevelt, a cousin of President Roosevelt, and Constant A. Andrews, president of the United States Savings bank. One of the developments has been a $100,000 suit for damages brought by Mrs. Hannah M. Klemme, formerly housekeeper and nurse in the Andrews home, against Mrs. Roosevelt for slander.

Andrews has a lawsuit pending against the Roosevelts to secure absolute control of the property of his wife, Mrs. Roosevelt's sister, who is in an insane asylum.

Roosevelt has sued to curtail Andrews' powers on the committee on his wife's estate.

Frank Klemme of Philadelphia is suing his wife for divorce, naming Andrews.

Mrs. Klemme had her husband arrested for non-support.

Andrews' attorneys, in defending the divorce action, produced letters written by Mr. Roosevelt to Mrs. Andrews, Mrs. Roosevelt's sister, declaring they were love letters.

Mrs. Klemme is suing Mrs. Roosevelt for $100,000 for alleged slander in a published interview.

Mrs. John Ellis Roosevelt.

# THOMAS WOULD BE CITY'S MAYOR

**Chairman of Central Democratic Committee Coyly Awaits the Pledge of Support of Labor Unions Before Coming Out.**

George H. Thomas wishes to be a Democratic mayor of Portland, and will enter the lists against Mayor Harry Lane for the Democratic nomination, provided he can secure the support of the labor interests of the city.

Mr. Thomas, as chairman of the county central committee, has had much to do with the canvass that has been made for nominees for the office of mayor, and it was to him that Mayor Lane sent his letter Saturday afternoon stating his intention to become the candidate, provided he could gain the support of the party.

From all surface indications and straw votes which have so far been noted, the strongest sentiment among the Democratic organizations seems to be for Mayor Lane and his candidacy. At the meeting last night of representatives of the Young Men's club, the Multnomah Democratic club and the county central committee, the Lane sentiment was much in the majority. During the evening it was repeatedly shown that Lane had many friends in the meeting. This is true of the majority of the members of the county central committee.

The question of indorsement was not called up at the meeting last night, the committee members holding that they had been appointed to urge men to become candidates, and not to indorse men who were announced candidates. The county central committee will be called in a short time to consider the candidacy of all seeking nomination for city office, but until that time no indorsement will be given.

**Awaits Unions' Action.**

County Chairman Thomas is vacillating between a desire to run and a question of expediency. He may run and then again he may not if the one remaining interest he wishes to back him does not come to his aid.

"It is being said on the street that you are a candidate for nomination for mayor on the Democratic ticket," Mr. Thomas was told this morning. "Is the report true?"

"I will be a candidate for the nomination," said Mr. Thomas, "provided I can be assured of the support from a certain quarter which I think any Democrat could expect to receive. If I get that support I will be a candidate."

"What is this support you are waiting for?" Mr. Thomas was asked, but

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# SPENCER FINED $35 IN COURT

**Steward of Steamboat Owned by Well-Known Navigator Tells Cameron of Beating Received While In Bunk.**

Captain E. W. Spencer, clubman, bon vivant, mariner and one of the leading lights in the contemplated movement to raise a fund to bring Francis J. Heney and William J. Burns to Portland to investigate graft in this community, rubbed elbows with the hoi-polloi in the police court this morning while awaiting trial on a charge of assault and battery preferred by C. Cooper, a steward on the steamer Charles R. Spencer.

Spencer was arrested last Saturday evening on a warrant issued upon complaint of Cooper, who alleged that the steamboat owner had, without provocation, viciously assaulted him. Bearing the tell-tale marks of Captain Spencer's pugilistic prowess on his countenance, Cooper appeared in court, accompanied by Attorney Fouts. Prior to the calling of the case, however, Spencer entered a plea of guilty and no testimony was taken.

Judge Cameron after listening to a brief statement of the circumstances of the affair from Cooper and examining the scars received by the defendant in the encounter, imposed a fine of $35 on the doughty river navigator.

According to the story told to the court by Cooper, Captain Spencer, considerably under the influence of liquor, and accompanied by another fresh water navigator, boarded the steamer Chas. R. Spencer early Saturday morning. Unaware that his employer contemplated securing sleeping quarters on the boat, Cooper, in order to have the quarters of the crew thoroughly cleaned, had installed all hands in staterooms on the upper deck.

Owing to this fact he was unable to furnish Captain Spencer and his guest with lodgings, whereupon, says Cooper, the former became belligerent and attacked him. Contrary to the rules prescribed by the Marquis of Queensbury, Spencer did not wait for Cooper to arise from his bunk, but according to the complainant, beat him while prostrate. It is understood that the enraged man then started in to clean out the entire crew but was finally pacified and induced to leave the steamboat.

**Bank Statements Demanded.**

(Journal Special Service.)

Washington, March 26.—The comptroller of currency has called for bank statements showing their condition at the close of business on March 23.

# KILLED MOTHER IN FIT OF RAGE

**Oakland Man Confesses to Murdering His Aged Parent Because She Asked Him for Money—Choked Her.**

(Journal Special Service.)

Oakland, Cal., March 26.—Early this morning, after four hours of sweating at the hands of Detectives Hodgkins and Flynn, Erland H. Soderberg confessed to the cold-blooded and brutal murder of his aged mother, Mrs. Martha E. Soderberg, in the kitchen of their home at 463 B street, North Oakland, Saturday night. It was a vision of his crime which came to him as the officers of the law narrated the awful deed that brought the tale from the cowering criminal. With horror clutching at his heart he told it all.

"Yes, I killed her," he said at last, broken by the relentless cross-questioning of the detectives, after they had pictured the bloody deed. "I came home Saturday night about 20 minutes after 7 o'clock," he continued, "and stayed around the house all evening.

"About 9 o'clock I had a dispute with mother. She was always nagging me for more money and told me I did not give her enough. I called her names and we had a terrible quarrel. I became so angry that I did not know what I was doing. I grabbed her by the shoulders, shook her and threw her to the kitchen floor. She screamed for help, and I choked her.

"Then I grabbed a small kitchen knife that was lying on the table. She struggled frantically and I cut her several times in the abdomen and on the leg.

"Then I fainted away. When I came to I was lying in a pool of blood and her dead body was lying beside me. I picked up the body and got some towels and washed the blood off it as much as I could. I then wrapped it in blankets and stood it up in a closet."

## CHURCH SCANDAL IS FINISHED BY MURDER

(Journal Special Service.)

Springfield, Ill., March 26.—Mrs. Mollie Gibson, divorced wife of Elmer Gibson, was shot and killed by Peter Clark here yesterday afternoon. Clark and the woman he murdered had been ejected from the Presbyterian church after a scandal. When she was shot, Mrs. Gibson was reading a letter from her husband in which he asked a reconciliation. Clark surrendered himself. He had made threats previously that he was going to kill the woman.

# HIGHWAYS AND BYWAYS THEIR FIELD

## Y. M. C. A. Workers Visit Chinese and North End Pawnbrokers and Get Real Money

**Net Results of First Day and a Half of the Everybody Gives Campaign Is Nearly Thirty Thousand for the Building Fund of Associations.**

Amount secured from noon Monday to noon today, $13,303.71.

Amount reported at noon yesterday, $9,294.

Amount raised at breakfast yesterday morning, $5,106.

Total about $28,000, or nearly a third of the amount needed to complete the $350,000 building fund.

The report at noon today of the Y. M. C. A. workers was the most encouraging from first to last of any that has been yet given. Every committee far exceeded its total for yesterday and what was the high water mark at noon yesterday was less than the committee average today. T. B. Wilcox increased his $5,000 donation to $10,000, which materially helped, and Wadhams & Co. as a corporation gave $1,000. The rest of the big total reported at noon today was secured by hard work by the 100 solicitors from hundreds of people. The odd cent of the total reported at noon today was the last and only cent one man had who saw the committee coming too late to dodge.

**After the Pawnbrokers.**

It was a pawnshop and Chinese morning for the Y. M. C. A. workers. Most of the territory assigned yesterday had been covered before noon and the chairmen were instructed to take their men to the north end. The district being canvassed today is that bounded by Stark and Burnside streets and by Seventh and Second. Down Second street went the committees, trying to make the Chinese understand that it was money that was wanted and trying to induce a pawnbroker to sign a pledge himself.

The utter consternation that comes over the countenance of the average pawnshop manager when he finally understands that these young men before him do not want to pawn a watch, but do want him to give them money, real money at that, and sign his name to a pledge in the bargain, the absolute wonder and voiceless amaze he shows is considered one of the features of the campaign by the men who have been in this district today.

**Higher Than Expected.**

The result of the everybody gives campaign so far is all that was hoped for by the executive committee. The hundred solicitors have secured more pledges than was hoped in some of the unfavorable districts already canvassed and there is not a discouraged man in the hundred. An average of $15,000 a day for six days means the securing of the $90,000 needed to complete the building fund and after a day and a half of the work the totals show that the average is being kept up to.

It was not expected that when the men were new to the work and before the town really woke up to the situation the general average would be up to the $15,000 mark, but at noon today the total subscriptions for the first day and a half of the campaign was nearly $30,000, with promises in sight that will probably boost this total several notches higher.

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# TAX PEOPLE FOR REMAINING SINGLE

**Clarkston Councilman Introduces Ordinance Compelling Unmarried Persons to Pay for Each Year of Age**

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)

Clarkston, Wash., March 26.—The recent action of the Fort Dodge, Iowa, city council on the marriage question will be duplicated here if the wishes of Councilman S. T. Ramsey, a bachelor of 45 years' standing, are adopted by other members at the council meeting to be held tonight. Mr. Ramsey has outlined an ordinance which he will present for consideration.

His plan is to impose an annual tax on every unmarried male over 25 years of age and on every unmarried female over 21 years of age, the tax to be $1 for every year of the delinquent's age.

Although a bachelor himself, Mr. Ramsey thoroughly believes in the marriage tie and while he might be one of the unfortunates, he would, owing to the present depleted condition of the city treasury, be perfectly willing to pay his proportion.

Doubt being expressed as to the constitutionality of an ordinance of the character proposed, he stated that many parties would find it cheaper to marry than to test it.