

CAVIL FOR MEGIER
Speakership Contest Looks
Easy for Him.

FOE OF NO PRIVATE INTERESTS
Pierce County and Spokane Will Not
Allow King Delegation to Organ-
ize House, and Canneryman
Has Best of Chances.

SEATTLE, Wash., Dec. 22.—(Special.)—
J. G. Megier, of Brookfield, State Repre-
sentative from Wahkiakum County,
should win the speakership contest. That
is the way the problem is working out,
and Megier's position is becoming stronger
each day.

None of the Senatorial candidates is
strong enough to organize the House
alone, and danger exists in drawing the
line into the speakership contest on a
deal between two or more of the candi-
dates to dispense House patronage. The
logical solution is the election of a Speaker
whose hands are not made of clay, and
of sentiment on that direction. But
whether sentiment prevails or not, cir-
cumstances are strong enough almost to
compel such a solution.

The most formidable Senatorial candi-
date is probably C. S. Gleason of King
County. That he is so is due to the fact
that Gleason has a home delegation of 22
at the start and has placed up quite a
claim following. This is not to say that
Gleason is the strongest candidate, for
such a statement does not harmonize with
the declaration that Megier will probably
win. But Gleason is probably a Senatorial
candidate for Speaker. Megier is willing
and even anxious to mix Senatorial polit-
ics in his fight, and C. L. Bohl might be-
come a factor in the contest.

Megier is fiercer than anyone else from
Senatorial entanglements, and therein lies
his strength.

While the Spokane delegation has not
given a specific statement of its position
on the speakership contest, it is generally
favor Megier. Those members of the
Spokane delegation who have talked
speakership favor his election, and the
percentage of such men is strong enough
to clearly indicate the drift of the delega-
tion.

Pierce County has been holding off to
give Megier a chance to make good. But
there is an undercurrent of Megier sentiment
that will be strong enough at the proper
time to throw the delegation to the
Wahkiakum County man.

Megier follows a small Southwest
vote. Megier counts upon the support of
the Ankeny men in the Legislature, and
there is a disposition to concede this,
inasmuch as the present speaker has no
acknowledgment that Megier has the call
on the Ankeny support.

An outline of the situation indicates
where Megier can pick up the vote that he
needs to insure his election. Megier has
it not to be conceived that Pierce and
Spokane, for instance, will allow Piles and
the King County delegation to organize
the House. Nothing could be done with-
out outside help, and this would not be
forthcoming on a Senatorial line-up.

There is another side to the Megier fight
that makes it promising. Megier is the
oldest member of the Legislature, having
served in each of the past eight sessions
since statehood. He is a good parliamentar-
ian and fair in his rulings. He ex-
pedites business when in the chair, and
he will count on the support of a good
following of men determined upon a good
session, and this vote is naturally interested
in a fair organization of the House. With
no Senatorial candidate strong enough to
win alone, the disposition will be to use
this vote as a safety valve and elect a
Speaker who will keep his hands off the
conduct of the House, and who will be
sensible to the needs of the committee
for some candidate, but if he eliminates
Senatorial politics from the make-up of
the committee this is all that can be ex-
pected.

Megier is satisfactory to the railroad
commissioners, for he has voted with
them in the past. There is no objection to
him on the part of the railroads. Megier
is under pledge to the railroads, and he
is himself interested in the fishing busi-
ness. So far as private interests are con-
cerned he does not hit any one.

law, and be up to date. I have been told
that Oregon is the only state in the
Union without such a law.

DAILY CITY STATISTICS.

- Marriage Licenses.
Abel McKay, 29; Rhea Beth Davis, 20.
Paul Hartman, 30; Esmaline Sampietro, 26.
Martin Lundberg, 27; Ellen Iversen, 24.
A. J. Kramer, 29; Ella A. Phillips, 24.
John W. Holmes, 28; Caroline Snow, 24.
John W. Clise, 28; Vina Jet Staley, 19.
C. L. Pio, 23; Hattie Be Lewis, 21.
C. E. Jenkins, 24; Evelyn Henry, 24.
Sherman Sexton, 25; Columbia County; Pauline
Wolcott, 24.

- Births.
December 29, to the wife of John Madsen,
794 Michigan avenue, a son.
December 1, to the wife of A. A. Mack, 627
Franklin street, a son.
December 2, to the wife of Lawrence Hodson,
East Third-second and Alder, a son.
December 3, to the wife of Albert Low,
Levitt, a son.
December 5, to the wife of Nathan A. Shipley,
204 East Twenty-fifth, a son.
December 7, to the wife of C. Zanger, Gray's
Court, a son.
December 7, to the wife of Shung Long, Chinese,
348 Couch, a daughter.
December 9, to the wife of Jacob Ligeirman,
1587 Commercial street, a son.
December 9, to the wife of Jacob Goldstein,
207 Hall, a daughter.
December 10, to the wife of J. E. Sneider,
1423 East Eighth, a daughter.
December 15, to the wife of Edward Groves,
189 West Park, a son.
December 15, to the wife of Albert Blaine
Geyer, 857 Macadam, a daughter.

Deaths.
Ada Clevie, native of Portland, age 66 days,
daughter of A. B. and Anna Clevie, at 354
Marshall street.

Blair Insurance Trial.
Friend Tells of Dead Man's Work for
Betterment of Civic Conditions.

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 23.—The testimony of
Charles S. McPeeters, for many years
an intimate friend of the late James H.
Blair, was the feature today of the tes-
timony in the suit brought by a New
York Life Insurance Company to annul
a \$200,000 policy on the life of Blair.

Blair, the brother had invited him in
financial difficulties and said that he had
called a meeting of Blair's friends to see
if something could not be done for his
relief. Later, according to Mr. McPeeters'
testimony, Blair had invited him to be-
come due, and when a local bank became
insolvent, Mr. Blair had told McPeeters
that he could not raise the funds. Mr.
McPeeters would not join Blair's friends
and secured \$5,000, with which to
take up the note.

President Francis said that he refused
to let the name to Blair, and he also
refused to disclose the identity of the
director when requested to do so at the
hearing today.

Real Estate Transfers.
John Hiss and wife to J. Hiss, lot 4,
block 1, North Villa... 1
George W. Bates and wife to E. M.
Bates, lot 3, block 1, Holiday Addition... 1

NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—The fog in London
practically disappeared this afternoon
before a westerly breeze. Reports from
the coast show a continuance of the dis-
ruption of traffic. According to a tele-
gram from Liverpool at 10 o'clock this
morning the White Star line steamers
Oceanic and Cedric were still fog bound
in the Mersey.

The vessel said to be the Hamburg-
American line steamer Pretoria, reported
last night with others as being fog bound
in the Mersey, was not the Pretoria, but
was the Allan line steamer Pretorian,
bound from Liverpool for St. John, N. B.,
Pretoria, and Southampton. The vessel
Cleveland, O., and his daughter among
his passengers, was last reported leaving
Bohlo-sur-Mer December 18 for New
York, and is due at the latter port De-
cember 28 or 29.

The White Star Line steamer Oceanic,
from New York December 14; the White
Star Line steamer Cedric, which sailed
from Liverpool December 21 for New
York, and the Cunard Line steamer Sax-
onia, from Boston, December 13, were
still fogbound at 4 P. M., off the Mersey
bar. It is considered that there is little
prospect of the Oceanic or Saxonia arriv-
ing their passengers at Liverpool to-
night. This is the longest detention of
ocean steamers by fog in years.

SHOOT BROTHER AT BREAKFAST
New Yorker Goes Suddenly Insane,
and as Quickly Recovers.

NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—Becoming
suddenly insane while at the breakfast
table with his brother and their
mother, Abraham Chappoway today
fired five shots at his brother, Louis,
wounding him, probably fatally. The
wounded man is well-to-do clothing
importer in Linswood street.
Immediately after the shooting,
Abraham seemed to recover his senses,
and dropping to his knees beside his
prostrate brother, begged his forgive-
ness.

Sheriff to A. Harold, lots in Edendale,
Edgmont, Fairfield and Ist Estate
Add. 1
H. G. Goldman and wife to W. Bailis,
35,505 feet in lots 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5,
block 3, Cavalier's Addition, 3,000
Multnomah Real Estate Association to
W. Leadbetter, lots 10 and 11, block 4,
section 16, T. 1 N., R. 1 E., 4,000
W. Payne and wife to Multnomah
Real Estate Association, lots 1, 2, 3, 4,
5, section 16, T. 1 N., R. 1 E., 4,000

Portland Trust Company to E. D.
King, M. 16 23, 30, 31, block 12,
division lot 16, block 9, Goldsmith's Ad-
dition 1,700
Tracy A. Hines and husband to E. A.
D. King, M. 16 23, 30, 31, block 12,
division lot 16, block 9, Goldsmith's Ad-
dition and Emma Nelson, R. 20-foot lot 12,
block 23, Multnomah 1,300
T. T. Hartman and wife to W. J.
Hartman, lot 8, block 12, division lot
8, block 12, Mt. Taber Villa 650
J. L. Hartman and wife to W. J.
Hartman, lot 12, block 10, St. Johns Heights... 1
William M. Ladd and wife to W. Cop-
land et al., 14 lot 8, block 6, P. 6, H.
and I. Home Addition 800
I. M. Copland and wife to L. A.
Copland, E. 2, 12, lot 8, block 6, P. 6, H.
and I. Home Addition 650
William Copland and wife to L. A.
Copland, E. 2, 12, lot 8, block 6, P. 6, H.
and I. Home Addition 650

James J. Becker, et al. to E. J.
James and J. Davis, lot 7, block 10,
Kensington 90
H. G. Salsinger and wife to W. H. Seve-
rance, lots 14 and 15, block 1,
Wesley Avenue 200
Mary Stephen et al. to A. Smith, lots
17, 18, block 10, St. Johns Heights... 875
W. T. Stephens and wife to J. H. Hor-
ner, 40 acres in N. W. 1/4, section 15,
T. 3, R. 4, S. 20, 300
A. E. Erickson and wife to R. H. Strand,
Taberdale 1
Hancock St. Imp. Co. to City, 10 feet
of 10th St., block 2, Broadway
avenue 1
City, 10 feet of W. side lot 26, block 2, lots
1 and 16, block 2, Broadway Addition... 1

of the country says it is not indecent.
It really is a question of conception,
not of fact. For example, what is
known as Library Hall in Topeka is
filled with nude statuary, mostly the
works of Alfred Wilder, secretary and
treasurer of the Santa Fe Railroad.
Recently some of the good women of
the town used the hall for a meeting
for the betterment of the city, and
declared that the appearance of so much marble
and plaster nakedness, and they worked
all the afternoon putting
aprons and other drapery on the statues.

CLASSIFIED AD. RATES.
"Rooms," "Rooms and Board," "House-
keeping Rooms," "Situations Wanted," 15
words or less, 15 cents; 16 to 25 words, 20
cents; 21 to 25 words, 25 cents, etc. No dis-
count for additional insertions.

DAILY METEOROLOGICAL REPORT.
PORTLAND, Dec. 23.—Maximum tempera-
ture, 44 deg.; minimum, 23. River rising at
11 A. M., 5.5 feet; change in past 24 hours,
.25.
Forecast for tomorrow, December 24,
5 P. M., 0.32 inch; total since September 1,
1904, 14.16 inches; normal, 17.34; deficiency,
3.18. Total sunshine December 22, 1904, none;
possible 8 hours and 34 minutes; barometer
(reduced to sea level), at 5 P. M., 29.77.

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A diamond ring and a large dressed doll
given away. A chance with every dollar
purchase.

FOR SALE:
Worthington Compound
Duplex Pump, second
hand, A1 condition. Size
10x18x14x10. Deliver-
ing 875 gallons per mi-
nute. Check valve, lub-
ricator, etc., complete.
Inquire A. W. Cochran,
Oregonian Building.

Wanted a Home?
We have Houses and Lots in
all parts of the city. Let us
lend you money to build. You
can pay us in installments.

THE NIDE IN KANSAS.
The funniest things imaginable come
out of Kansas. The Journal is in re-
ceipt of a note from a Topeka woman
in which she says she wishes to pro-
test "against the growing immodesty
of the age." Her grievance is that the
Independent Journal, last becoming
a religious and moral guide—contained
the picture of a Samoan belle so classi-
cally decolete in attire that her waist-
band was also her necktie. "If pictures
like this are published in the religious
journals of the land," exclaimed the
good Topeka woman, "how are we to
protect ourselves and our families from
this modern vice?"

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27,
28.
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22c; last three rows, 45c. Balcony, first three
rows, 1.50; second three rows, 1.00; last three
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50c. Gallery, 25c, 35c, 50c, 75c. Seats
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Prices—Lower floor, 25c and 50c.
Matinee, 10c, 15c and 25c.
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Morrison st., phone Main 110. After 7 P. M. at
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