

TACTICS TOWARD PATRONS CHANGED

Tacoma's Street Railway Company Officials Join Improvement Clubs.

MANAGER WILL PLAY SANTA

Fernhill Folk Will Be Paid Cash Rebate and War Against Company Declared Off—Move by Stone & Webster Is Blocked.

TACOMA, Wash., Dec. 20.—(Special).—Tacoma's street railway company has adopted new tactics in its relations to its patrons. Officials of the company are joining the "improvement" clubs and a novel method has been adopted in returning to the Fernhill people the cash rebates ordered by the courts.

Fernhill War Closes.

Ending the outcome of a suit in court over the rate of fare, the company has collected 30 cents and issued little red tickets good for 2 cents each, to be redeemed in cash the company lost the suit. The suit having been lost, the company is now going to make good.

Better Service Promised.

Tonight at the West End Club Manager Dean and his superintendent appeared as the principal speakers, their object being to discuss with the club and their efforts to better it.

NO RECEIVER APPOINTED

Bank Examiner Hopes to Find Way Out of Vancouver Tangle.

VANCOUVER, Wash., Dec. 20.—(Special).—J. L. Molendro, State Bank Examiner, who closed the Commercial Bank of Vancouver yesterday morning, said tonight that the day had been spent in securing additional securities on their loans, and collecting what cash possible.

120 DIRECTORS PRESENT

Members of County School Boards Meet in Vancouver.

CHUM WILL MARK GRAVE

Almost Forgotten Burial Place to Be Designated by Monument.

WALLA WALLA, Wash., Dec. 20.—(Special).—After his body has lain 25 years in the cemetery, the grave unmarked, the cemetery of Owen P. Wallace will be revived by County Engineer Winkler, a boyhood chum, who by chance discovered that his playmate of school days in Tennessee was buried here.

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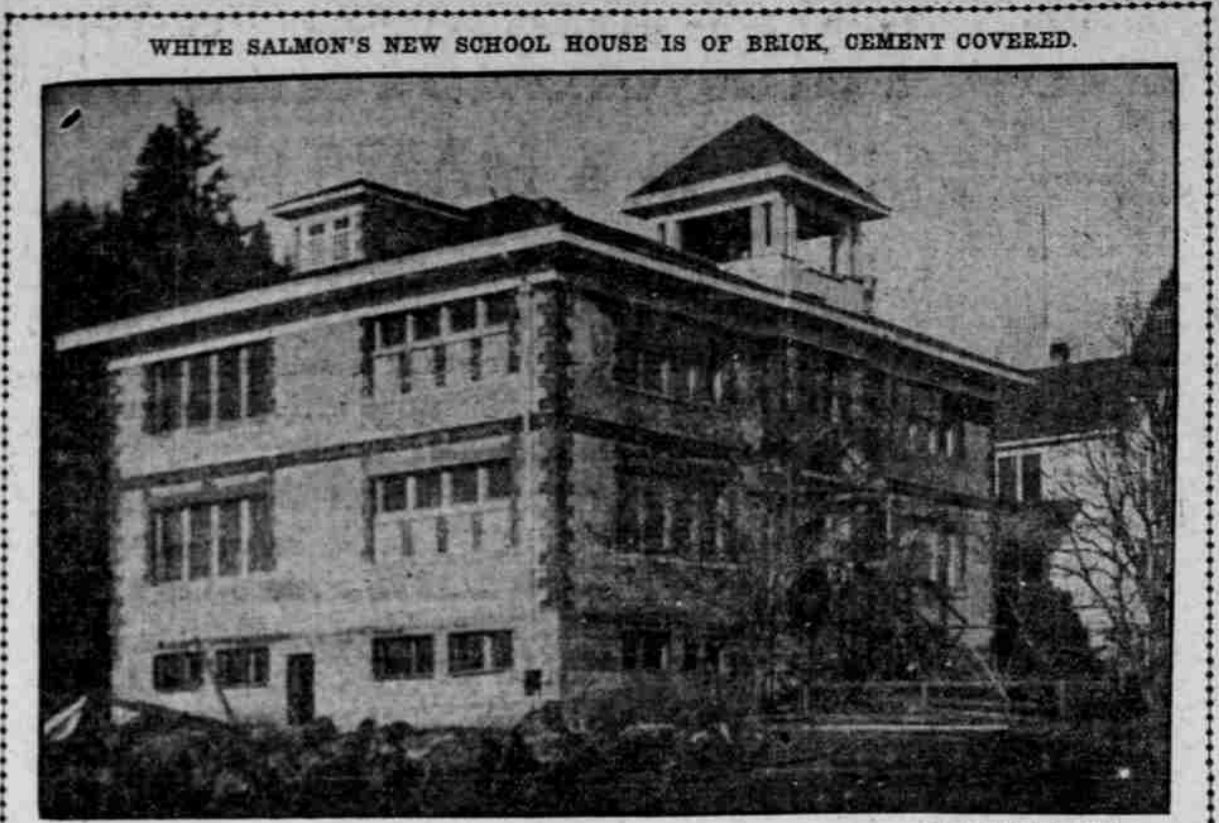
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WHITE SALMON'S NEW SCHOOL HOUSE IS OF BRICK, CEMENT COVERED.

BUILDINGS WHEN COMPLETED WILL COST \$16,000. WHITE SALMON, Wash., Dec. 20.—(Special).—White Salmon's new school house, the cost of which when fully completed according to plans will be \$16,000. It is of white salmon brick, covered with cement, which not only gives a neat appearance, but preserves the brick. In the basement will be the girls' and boys' lunch rooms, gymnasium and fuel room. The old building of five overcrowded rooms is shown at the right.

WOMEN SEEK VOTE

Suffrage Petition Filed for Next General Election.

DECISION 2 YEARS HENCE

Abigail Scott Duniway Files Initiative Petition With 10,600 Names.

Secretary of State Fixes 9817 as Requisite Number.

SIGNATURES BEING CHECKED.

This is the first initiative petition that has been submitted for the next general election. The Secretary's office is now checking over the signatures, and it is found that the signatures number more than 9817 the petition will stand.

The Secretary's office has worked out the basis for the number of signatures on initiative petitions for the next election and will use the plan that it has now adopted.

Under the plan to be used by the Secretary's office it is argued that the requisite number of signatures shall be 8 per cent of the whole number cast for one office, as the office is in the singular as designated in the constitution.

Total Vote Placed at 121,817. Consequently the Secretary's office has taken the votes for the highest of each party for the six-year term.

These votes are as follows: Bent, 62,654; Slater, 22,940; Bright, 12,908; Myers, 12,212. This includes a Republican, Democrat, Socialist and a member of the Prohibition party and the total vote is 122,709.

For the respective candidates in the four-year term is 121,817 and the four receiving the highest number are used as the basis. Eight per cent of 122,709 is 9817.2 or in round numbers 9817, which will be used as the number of vote requisite on an initiative petition.

STATEMENTS IN CONFLICT

Maud Aublan Repudiates Affidavit Relative to Money in Note.

WALLA WALLA, Wash., Dec. 20.—(Special).—For the second time disputing under oath her prior sworn statements, Maud Aublan has filed in the Superior Court here, through her attorneys, a denial of the affidavit recently filed and acknowledged before William P. Swaps of Portland, she says she never saw the note.

Four women were among the judges, they being stenographers employed in City Hall offices. The other judges included the City Controller, an assistant City Attorney and license inspector, a contractor, two newspaper reporters and the Commissioner.

It was a noteworthy gathering, few of the judges knowing a blueprint from a fashion plate. Each of the four women thought Mason's sketch the nicest and it was the design provided for a "scary" building with 100-foot tower and a dock not unlike that of the Grand Truck Pacific in Seattle. The cost will be \$120,000.

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CRIME IS MYSTERY

Little Light Thrown on Death of Charles Montrose.

KIRK MAY BE ACQUITTED

Evidence Against Accused Man Is Circumstantial and Bulk of Testimony Tends to Show Saloonkeeper Innocent.

EVERETT, Wash., Dec. 20.—(Special).—Although four witnesses were examined this afternoon in behalf of the state the mystery of who killed Charles Montrose, at Monroe, is as deep as ever.

On the other hand, E. Hazelton, owner of a feed and sales barn, gave stronger testimony against the accused than at the inquest. He was sleeping in his house about 190 feet from the Elk bar, was aroused by a shot, testified he thought he saw a base, like smoke curling around the door of the saloon, saw a man who seemed to be drunk, staggering around the front of the saloon.

He testified that the sign "Elk Bar," in large electric letters, was burning and there was an abundance of light. He heard two men running and thought he heard them laugh. He said the man who vanished from sight suddenly. All this he viewed while sitting up in bed.

A. R. Hopper, night marshal, was about a block and a half away from the Elk bar when he heard the shot and lost no time in getting to the scene. He found Kirk aiding the wounded man, others being present. He found blood on the north of the saloon, but there was some on the lower steps and on the sidewalk nearby. He used a bullseye to find the traces of blood. Montrose died without talking.

All three witnesses testified that the revolver made a loud report as though fired in the open and not in a room. This testimony is wholly opposed to the state's contention, however, as it is contended that the revolver was fired in the saloon.

DAYTON BOYS LIKE GAMES

Favorite Diversions Are Dice and Billiards; Now Denied.

DAYTON, Wash., Dec. 20.—(Special).—Tiny, harmless-looking diceboxes are selling cheap as souvenirs here today. Games of chance were yesterday put under the ban by District Attorney R. M. Sturdevant, following complaints that boys have been losing their wages.

At the same time the prosecutor notified billiard halls and places of questionable repute that boys are not allowed in such places and that violations will be prosecuted.

Fifteen stores and several billiard halls and other resorts are affected. Dice-throwing and billiard-playing by boys has been common here.

CORPORATIONS IN ARREARS

Names to Be Dropped From Rolls Unless Taxes Are Paid.

OLYMPIA, Wash., Dec. 20.—(Special).—Unless the officers pay the money due, several hundred corporations will be stricken from the rolls of the Secretary of State on January 1, 1917, according to an announcement made by I. M. Howell, Secretary of State, today.

Under an act passed by the last Legislature all corporations two years in arrears on their annual tax fee are to be stricken and already 10,000 names have been dropped. The six months of this month, so unless the money is paid before December expires then the names will be taken off the rolls and new companies may have them.

BLACKSMITH ASKS DIVORCE

Calvin T. Patton Alleges Wife Elopes With Fred C. Dimeler.

SALEM, Or., Dec. 20.—(Special).—Calvin T. Patton has filed suit in Circuit Court against Gusem M. Patton, asking for a divorce, alleging that his wife eloped with Fred C. Dimeler, a hostler in a local livery stable. Patton states that his wife borrowed \$200 from him to defray Dimeler's traveling expenses to California.

One Fraser is also named in the complaint as corresponding to it and it is said this Fraser is a traveling salesman, but further than that the complaint does not specify the identity of Fraser. Patton is well known among race horse men, having for years been a blacksmith for them.

CONNELL Scene of Brutal Murder. CONNELL, Wash., Dec. 20.—Tony Colucci, an Italian trackwalker, was murdered and robbed three miles west of Lind on Sunday morning by three men, and a trio of Italians was arrested near this place Sunday night, charged with the crime.

A trackwalker on the Milwaukee road about half a mile away witnessed the murder at that distance. The three men, all heavily armed, had over \$400 in their possession, the sum known to have been in possession of the murdered man, Colucci, who had saved the money with a view to making an early visit to his native country.

BRIDGEMEN NOW ENJOY REST.

Harry Richmond, in charge of the Morrison bridge, was the most jubilant member of the bridge force yesterday because of the decided decrease in traffic as a result of the opening of the Hawthorne crossing. Since the old Madison-street bridge was closed and the work of raising it begun the Morrison crossing has borne most of the travel thereby diverted and with the movement again normal the bridge tenders say that the quietude prevailing is most desirable.

WARRANT OUT FOR DOCTOR

Contempt of Court Charge Placed Against Idaho Physician.

SCHOOL ELECTION CALL ILLEGAL.

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used municipal operation of the electric plant. This feature will be opposed by the other faction.

FRY ARE NEARLY READY. Superintendent of Hatcheries on Tour of Inspection.

VANCOUVER, Wash., Dec. 20.—(Special).—J. M. Crawford, superintendent of the state fish hatcheries, has been in the city after making an inspection of the Kalama hatchery. He said tonight that the Kalama hatchery was full of Chinook salmon, 7,000,000 eggs being hatched there, to be ready for distribution within four or five weeks.

The Wind River Hatchery is also full to capacity, but it is smaller, having only about 2,500,000 eggs of chinook salmon. The Lewis River Hatchery, where salmon are hatched, has about 1,600,000 fry, but the season there will be later.

The Basket Creek Hatchery, near Yakima, is in good shape. About 100,000 Eastern rainbow trout eggs are expected to arrive soon, as will 100,000 Eastern brook trout from the United States Bureau of Fisheries of Washington.

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