

FISHER'S AIM TO OPEN COAL LAND

Secretary Forecasts Legislation for Alaska He Will Recommend.

REMEDIES ARE OUTLINED

Cabinet Officer, Just Returned From North, Says He Will Strive for Full Justice to Claimants of Fuel Tracts.

SEATTLE, Wash., Sept. 8.—At a dinner at the Commercial Club tonight, Secretary Fisher forecast the legislation he would recommend for the amelioration of conditions in Alaska. He began the Alaska portion of his address by saying:

"Any definite conclusion reached by myself as to Alaska should be discussed with the President before being made public."

The United States Government owes it to Alaska, he said, to light the rocks, shoals and channels, to build roads and trails, especially in the interior, and to make larger appropriations for surveys, in the interest of the homesteader and mineral claimant.

Taking up the coal question, he treated Controller Bay humorously, describing its dreary shores, and saying: "If any fool is more valuable than another, I do not know it. I am not holding any confidence when I say I believe Controller Bay is not the only possible harbor for the Bering river coal fields, and is far from being the best harbor."

Fisher is disappointed in what I saw in the Bering River coal fields. Reports of their extent and character have been grossly exaggerated. I regret this exaggeration, because it may have been the means of leading persons to invest in these fields. However, there is one of considerable importance.

"There is serious question as to the market for the coal. I did not visit the Matanuska fields, tributary to Stewart, but it is reported to contain better coal than the Bering River field, and more of it. However, it is farther from a railroad and farther from a seaport. Director Holmes, of the Bureau of Mines, has gone to the field to make a report, and my conclusions will be held in reserve until I hear from him."

To Open Lands, Policy. "Concerning the coal claims, I shall strive for absolute justice, and my administration of the law as it is. My policy will be to open the coal fields to development as soon as it can be done."

Taking up the subject of remedies, Mr. Fisher said: "The first solution proposed is unrestricted private ownership. I shall have no time on this remedy. The hands of the clock do not turn back. The day for such ownership is done, remedy deserves consideration because it has the approval of the President."

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MAY DEFEATS FLORENCE

Sutton Girls Meet in New York Tennis Tournament Play.

BUFFALO, N. Y., Sept. 8.—Charles Benton and May Sutton won today in the finals of the Western New York tennis tournament. Benton, who is Michigan state champion, defeated Fred Harris, the Dartmouth champion, 6-7, 8-6, 6-3, 1-6 and 6-4.

Miss Sutton captured both sets from her sister, Florence, 6-2, 6-0. Benton will meet Miss W. Niles, of Boston, for the international cup and championship title tomorrow. Miss Sutton will meet Miss Moyes, of Toronto, for the woman's cup and title.

In the finals of the woman's doubles, Miss Florence Sutton and Miss Moyes won from Miss May Sutton and Miss Bissel, the latter of Buffalo. The scores were 6-2, 6-3.

STORM RAGES AT NOME

Barges Are Driven Ashore and Sea Floods Low Districts.

NOME, Alaska, Sept. 8.—A fierce storm rapidly increasing in intensity is raging here, with the surf running under the waterfront buildings and with a few feet of front street. River street is flooded.

Several barges owned by the John J. Sisson Company have been driven ashore. The steamers Luckenbach, Yutan and Corwin are anchored in the roadstead. As yet the damage has not been heavy.

BRUSH HIDES BABE'S DRESS

Neighborhood Is Aroused, but Clew to Owner Is Lacking.

Finding of a child's dress in the grove near East Twenty-sixth and Welder streets late yesterday put the entire neighborhood in a flurry of excitement and caused the formation of

several impromptu posses, which went out to the forest of the supposed missing child. Lying in the grove were the clothes of a girl supposed to be about 4 years of age. The cases of several children who had been lost the past month were investigated as clues to the ownership of the little garments. The clothes were discovered late in the afternoon by Frank Tooley, of 364 Twenty-sixth street North. He took the garments to his home, where they have been kept for possible identification.

PINCUS STRIKE WELCOMED

Hop-Pickers, Who Walk Out, Fall to Inconvenience Independence Man.

There was a strike of hop pickers at the yard of Julius Pincus, near Independence, Thursday evening. About 80 men and boys made a demand on Mr. Pincus for more pay. The demand was refused, and the strikers left the yard in a body.

The departure of the crowd caused no inconvenience to the owner of the yard, as he had more people on hand than with whom he knew what to do. Mr. Pincus secured the necessary number of hop pickers in Portland, but before he could assemble them at his ranch about 100 uninvited pickers made their appearance and settled themselves on the camping ground. It was a part of these that went on strike yesterday.

SALOON RAID NETS SIX

Officers See Money Change Hands and Charge Gambling.

Climbing in the rain to the top of an outside and peering through an open window, Patrolmen Foster and Hirsch last night saw money pass in a gambling game in a saloon at 29 Second street North. Entering the saloon, they were met by the proprietor, and the two officers arrested Jack Toboy, J. E. McCullough, George Onke, George Simpson, George Wrayth and Jim Gaskie, charging them with gambling.

AT THE THEATERS

"MISS NOBODY FROM STARLAND"

Musical by Joseph E. Howard. Production Staged by Joseph C. Smith. Presented at the Helig Theater.

CAST: Captain... H. B. Jones Elaine Halliday... Maude Emery Harold Martin... Joe H. Nelmeyer William Pierce... Otto Kosner Preston Halliday... Robert H. Wilson Frederick D. Halliday... Fred Guller Sylvia Martin... Lawrence Comer Starland... Olive Vall Pietro... Harry Kesley Nina... Bertie Beaumont Guller... Bert Morton Steward... Lorenzo Gillette Sylvia's Father... Warren Williams

BY LEONE CASS BAER. AFTER the hiatus of the Summer months and the dearth of anything in the remotest degree resembling a musical show, a musical-comedy-hungry crowd turned out with great cordiality to make the acquaintance of "Miss Nobody from Starland," which began a week's engagement last evening at the Helig.

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GEM THEFT BINDS GIRL

RINGS FOUND IN IDAHO LEAD TO ARREST IN THIS CITY. Victim of Robbery at First Refuses to Believe Guilt When Suspicion Points to Woman.

Once released because the complainant refused to believe that she was the one who had stolen valuables worth about \$2000, May Jones was arrested by Detectives Snow and Ackerman yesterday afternoon, after they had learned of the discovery of three valuable diamond rings, reported to be lost at Hayden Lake, Idaho, to which place she would be the day after the theft. Mary Moeller, a married woman, upon whom the Jones girl attempted to throw the blame was also arrested.

Over a month ago Jacob Kutner, proprietor of a rooming-house on North Second street, reported that there had been stolen from the place a certificate of deposit for \$1000, 12 diamond rings worth over \$1000 and \$1000 in money. The Jones woman was immediately thereafter charged with the theft. As it was known that she had gone to Hayden Lake, a circular was dispatched there, while the detectives waited at the end of the case. May Jones returned to Portland, and when the detectives went to get her Kutner was positive that she had not taken the articles, and no arrest was made.

Immediately thereafter word came from the marshal at Hayden Lake that the woman had been there, and had left a grocery delivery boy, who had information she was arrested. She made a partial confession and implicated Mrs. Moeller.

The Jones woman has been frequently in the hands of the police, and has served one term for larceny.

DIAMONDS ARE USED AS TIPS

Grocery Boy at Hayden Lake Wins Favor of Jones Woman.

COEUR D'ALENE, Idaho, Sept. 8.—(Special.)—Liberty of Mrs. May Jones in passing out three diamond rings, the aggregate value of which was \$1500, to a grocery delivery boy, combined with a letter from Acting Chief of Police Slover, of Portland, caused sleuths to be set upon the trail of the woman, who recently visited her parents at Hayden Lake.

The girl arrived at Hayden Lake Saturday and left at 8:35 yesterday for Portland, after giving the officers the slip. Her parents are Mr. and Mrs. O. Enober, the father and brother being employed at Spring Valley at this time. Twenty minutes after the girl arrived at Hayden Lake she went to the store and purchased five pairs of shoes for her brothers and sisters.

Deliverer boy who took the shoes to the house was given a diamond ring.

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STORE LOOTED BY TRICK

MANNER OF ENTRANCE MYS- TERY TO CENTRALIA POLICE.

Merchandise and Money Taken From Hardware Shop Valued at More Than \$500.

CENTRALIA, Wash., Sept. 8.—(Special.)—The McNitt Hardware Company's store in Centralia was looted last night of merchandise and money amounting to a loss of more than \$500.

The rear door of the store was still bolted from the inside this morning, every window was still securely locked, and entrance could not have been obtained through the front door without forcing the lock, and this was not done.

It is believed the robbers slipped in before closing time last night and secreting themselves, were locked up in the store.

About \$50 in money was taken in addition to 25 boxes of pocket knives, several dozen safety razors and other articles of merchandise.

SOLDIERS ARE NOW SAVING

Postal Bank at Vancouver Reports \$25,000 in Deposits.

VANCOUVER, Wash., Sept. 8.—(Special.)—Many soldiers of the United States Army are taking advantage of the postal savings bank which was

established here June 1. Several officers have also opened accounts. There are now in the postal bank about \$25,000 in deposits, although a small sum has been withdrawn. The surplus is daily increasing.

Mrs. William F. Stillson Dies.

Mrs. William F. Stillson, of Tacoma, formerly a resident of Portland, died yesterday morning at St. Vincent's Hospital. Mrs. Stillson was a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Holmes, who for many years resided at 794 Johnson street. The funeral will be held this noon at All Saints' Church, Twenty-fifth and Raleigh streets.

Centralia to Have Carnival.

CENTRALIA, Wash., Sept. 8.—(Special.)—Arrangements for the carnival to be held in Centralia next week in connection with the Southwest Wash-

ington Fair, are well under way. The various shows will be grouped around the city park, the Council having granted such permission to the committee of business men in charge of the carnival. A "Queen of the Carnival" will be elected tomorrow.

Centralia Woman Dies.

CENTRALIA, Wash., Sept. 8.—(Special.)—Mrs. Martha J. Loomis, who came to Centralia from Michigan 24 years ago, died at her home in this city yesterday afternoon from senility. Mrs. Loomis was 71 years of age, and is survived by two sons, Herman and Henry Loomis, of Centralia, and a son and a daughter living in Michigan.

Portland People in Chicago.

CHICAGO, Sept. 7.—Registered at Chicago hotels here today. From Portland.—At the Congress, Neil Hood, At the Great Northern, D. P. Lamb.

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