

PRIORITIES OF LAWS FAILED ON BUDGET BOOK

"Champagne Porch" Fails to Pay in Dry Gotham.

DANCE HALL SUBSTITUTED

Resort of Rich in Plaza Hotel is Being Altered Into Splendid Ballroom for Patrons.

NEW YORK, July 24.—(Special).—Farewell to the famous "Champagne porch."

That exclusive little nook, entwined with rare flowers, extending out toward Fifth avenue on the east side of the Plaza hotel...

Where once jeweled women and European royalty found a most agreeable night spent over the rarest foods and the finest drinks there are now only dull and broken bottles and the sound of hammers and saws.

Where small fortunes have passed in payment of dinner checks on a night, where society gathered for the most elegant splurges, is doomed. With prohibition it became unnecessary, unfrequented and would not pay for its own upkeep.

Revenue Formerly Huge.

So, in making the 300-room annex to the Plaza hotel, Fred Sterry, decided that this tiny spot, where only ten tables sat, but which returned in revenue as much in a summer as the entire dining room...

The Champagne porch was 40 feet long and 15 feet wide. Before the advent of prohibition it was utilized only by parties of five or six persons...

Outside the rose and vine-covered posts and pillars of the porch new chairs were used to peer in at the diners, and invariably a waiter with substantial coins in their dirty hands...

Champagne Flows Freely.

Champagne flowed there like so much lemonade for the past two decades. At \$10 or \$15 a bottle the price of a dinner...

HART STILL UNDER FIRE

(Continued From First Page.)

Removal is Suggested.

"I supported him for nomination and in the election I supported him as acting governor and on representation of his friends and himself that he would give Washington an economical administration. He has failed to do this. I oppose him now because I think he is a failure of a man and a thing inevitable unless the republican leadership in correcting the party through the Hart administration...

Party Declared Threatened.

The editors contended that the administration policy threatens to carry the republican party in the state, and that it is practically equivalent to turning the state over to the farmer-labor party at the next election.

Elma Strawberry Patch Good.

ABERDEEN, Wash., July 24.—(Special).—W. H. Harding of Elma has secured the sale of more than 500 crates of strawberries from a field of one acre and a quarter...

Peaches Sent Abroad.

SALEM, Or., July 24.—(Special).—Another carload of peaches left here yesterday consigned to England. This was the 22nd carload of peaches to be shipped abroad since the "Mistland" label was adopted last fall.

Crops Reported Good.

MORFON, Wash., July 24.—(Special).—Klickitat prairie farmers are harvesting the finest quality of grain and largest crops in many years.

600 Arrested for Assassination.

BELOGRADE, Jugoslavia, July 24.—More than 600 communists and radicals and several persons prominent socially have been arrested in consequence of the assassination of the minister of Interior Drashkovich.

had been sought for him at public expense, but was practically compelled to take it, "because everybody was getting one under the new efficiency act."

L. L. Thompson, attorney-general, drives a Ford sedan that cost the state \$42.34 and was bought March 16 from L. E. Tute, Olympia. As in a number of other instances, an old car was used to hold pay for the new. The attorney-general's sedan cost \$656.34 cash, 400 having been allowed for an old car.

Cards Cost \$420.60.

A voucher in the state auditor's office here shows the cards which have been in the disbursement office under the Lowman & Hanford company, Seattle, December 23. The bill from Lowman & Hanford was for 5000 Christmas cards and envelopes, costing \$420.60. The bill went unpaid until April 4, when it was audited and allowed, after Governor Hart had certified its correctness and ordered it charged to the fund provided for that purpose.

Noting the fact that the cards had been ordered for the purpose of making a comparison of this month's expenditures with those of the same month a year or two years ago, and that it is doubtful if it could be done even then.

Saving Declared Myth.

Yet the payroll and expense vouchers it is alleged by the Globe, recently took in the Dempsey-Carpenter affair, but the Globe doesn't say that the verities of this reportorial feat is.)

"It is said," avers the Globe further—and what a multitude of contingencies are forestalled in those three little words "it is said"—"a party of wealthy New York people stopped over in South Africa on a round-the-world tour. The party included a young woman, said to be pretty and attractive. The fact was made public by the head of department, but he said nothing when he replaced the experienced girls, and later put on eight more, making 16 inexperienced girls in the work formerly done by one."

STRIKE APPEALS SLATED

PROTEST OF OPEN-SHOP PLAN IS SHAPING.

Committee Prepares Appeal to Building Trades Unions for General Walkout.

SA FRANCISCO, July 24.—Following its decision to open a drive to the various individual labor unions, rather than wait for the executive committee of the labor council to act on the matter, the open-shop committee of the conference committee of the building trades unions of the bay area has prepared a "statement of facts" to present to the unions during the coming week.

The statement, it was said by members of the committee, will contain an earnest appeal to the labor unions to call a general strike as a protest against the "American" or open-shop plan.

James E. Dewar, an active member of the conference committee, declared that plans for a central committee of workers were being perfected and that actual formation of the committee would be started the early part of next week.

This central committee will be organized along the same lines as the employers' association, and will be composed of representatives of all unions irrespective of their affiliations.

CLEVER ROUSE IS STAGED

PAROLE OFFICER WORKS FAST TO OUTWIT PERSUASER.

Ball Game Plans, Instead of Arrangement in Court, Follows Chase of Two Miles.

SALEM, Or., July 24.—(Special).—With the plea that he was en route to Portland to arrange for a ball game between members of the police department there and the state football nine, probably a parole officer, Percy M. Varnay, state parole officer, from being arrested on a charge of fast driving.

When in thunder is your hurry?" shouted the speed cop as he drew up alongside of the car. "If you are in a hurry to get to Portland to arrange a game of baseball between the members of your department and the territorial nine," replied Mr. Varnay.

"Agreed," replied Kelly, and the car sped on its way to Portland.

OSAKA SCHOOL HEAD HOME

Principal of Commercial Training Institution Makes Flying Trip.

EUGENE, Or., July 24.—(Special).—Professor M. E. Madden, head of the Osaka Commercial Training school at Osaka, Japan, arrived in the city yesterday and has been a guest at the home of his relatives, Mr. and Mrs. R. M. McMurphy. He made the trip across the Pacific during the summer vacation for the purpose of placing his son in a good home in Portland, where the boy will take a course in the high school.

WOOD BACK IN MANILA

Many Natives Want Independence With U. S. Protectorate.

MANILA, P. I., July 24.—After a trip through the Visayan Islands members of the Wood-Ponson mission investigating conditions in the Philippines returned to Manila yesterday.

TARZAN OF THE APES OUT-TARZANED

Story of Girl-Grabbing Gorilla Is Unfolded.

ATCHISON SCRIBE SCORES

New York Papers "Scooped" by Kansas Reporter, Who Tells of "Horrible" Adventure.

ATCHISON, Kan., July 14.—(Special).—From the "Main Streets" of America, as it has frequently been pointed out, come our true geniuses. There flourish the truly white qualities—daring, energy, imagination, in a degree not to be discovered among anemic city dwellers.

As a case in point, consider Atchison, Kan., and the story of the girl-grabbing gorilla. An Atchison man, a reporter for the Atchison Globe, discovered this amazing story and the Globe gives it to the world, chivalrously omitting names.

"A story," declares the Globe, "so gruesome in its details that even the occasional New York newspapers have not dared to exploit it, has been brought back to Atchison by a Globe reporter who has been east."

Three great legs have been made by the department of retail dealers and the law will be tested on these cases. Arrests have been made only where there appeared to be a willful intent to violate the law by juggling with the pumps. In a majority of cases the retailer averages losses were surprised at the revelation of short measurements. They had purchased the pumps on the representation that they were correct, and without having them tested, began to pump gasoline into the tanks of motor cars of their customers.

These never has been a test of the retailer's pumps in Kansas. Heretofore the state oil department contented itself with inspecting oil and gasoline at the refinery and let the retailer get by with his deceptive idea of looking beyond what the retailer was getting. He found out by delivering the exact measure "short changed" on gasoline.

Three Gave Exact Measure.

Some of the pumps were short to the amount of one gallon. The short delivery—just 20 per cent. Only three of the 124 pumps inspected thus far have been found to be correct.

When it comes to oil for motor cars the dealer is even worse than in the sale of gasoline.

The loss on gasoline averages only 2 per cent. in the consumer on all amounts to 7.25 per cent. This is occasioned by the use of bottles for measuring the exact measure.

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Coffee House at Mc Cleary, Wash., Completely Destroyed.

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The building was a story-and-a-half frame structure and was owned by James and George Lervos. The loss was covered by insurance.

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Preparations Made to Place New York Settlers on Land.

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