

SEATTLE WICKED? CITY THINKS NOT

Grand Jury Counted on for Clean Bill of Health.

DANCE HALL WILL CLOSE

Reform Leaders Repudiate Suggestion of Recall Campaign Against Mayor Brown.

PUGET SOUND BUREAU, Seattle, Wash., Dec. 21.—When the King county grand jury, now in session, makes its final report to Presiding Judge Griffiths of the superior court it is expected to reach the conclusion that Seattle is not as black as it has been painted by local critics of the city administration.

From the time the grand jury took up its investigation of Seattle's moral health it has been generally understood that no one would be indicted in that connection. Rev. Herbert L. Chatterton, secretary of the local church federation, and other ministerial and lay advocates of reform have been making declarations that they are not after anybody's scalp, but desire a thorough investigation and some assurance of better municipal conduct for the future.

Mayor Accused of Deception.

Dr. Chatterton, Dr. Chauncey J. Hawkins and other clergymen have accused Mayor Brown of falsehood and intent to deceive in some of the statements he has made in answer to their charges; but there has at no time been any direct accusation of fraud or corruption against the administration. The reform forces have complained not so much of what the mayor has been doing to encourage vice as of what they say he has not been doing to keep the city clean. The negative character of the charges might give the grand jury something on which to base recommendations; but nothing at all that would justify a true bill against any person in particular.

It is now believed, however, that the grand jury is likely to take a direction contrary to the view of the reformers. It is admittedly possible that the jury will decide, when its investigation is finished, that Seattle is just about as clean as any other city so situated and circumstanced. The report may go even farther to the point of recommending, at least by inference, those persons who have been proclaiming the city to be a sink of iniquity.

Mayor Held to Be Closed.

The city administration is certainly working hard to justify a report by the jury that will amount to a clean bill of moral health. Mayor Brown has been telling the officers of the police department that he is, it is said, able to show the jury that many of the places complained of by the reformers and the reform committee were closed as soon as they were brought to official attention. Chief of Police Severns yesterday announced that the Liberty dance hall, point of origin and storm center of the present controversy, would be closed by the end of this week. Chief Severns said he had issued no orders to that effect, but had merely suggested to the proprietor of the dance hall that a shutdown would be in the interest of community harmony.

Mayor Brown has been twice before the grand jury during the week, the second time taking in with him bottled samples of real whiskey, moonshine and home brew. The opposition observes in this a tacit admission of the mayor's discovery that such things can be found in Seattle. Ten days ago he declared that neither he nor the chief of police knew where any illicit liquor could be obtained in the city. What use the mayor made of his exhibits with the grand jury has not been disclosed.

Recall Suggestion Repudiated.

Leaders in the reform movement have been firmly repudiating every suggestion of a recall campaign against Mayor Brown. As to this, as in the matter of indictments, they insist that their whole purpose is to flood the situation with light and get the city on a higher moral plane. The format of the grand jury is E. E. Ullberg, a steamship man, who has represented the Cunard line on Puget sound for many years. In all public relations Mr. Ullberg has stood in the front rank of the "boosters." In this fact some persons find an incidental though important reason for believing the grand jury report will tend to brighten, rather than to darken, the reputation of the city.

The jury has now been in session since November 13, with a vacation for Thanksgiving week. It is not expected to be ready to report this week, and probably will take another recess over the holidays.

EVERETT PEST NAMED

Report on Insect Destroying Lilac Bushes Received at Olympia.

OLYMPIA, Wash., Dec. 21.—(Special.)—E. L. French, director of the state department of agriculture, was advised today by the United States national museum that specimens of insect discovered last year on lilac bushes at Everett and sent to the museum for identification were the *gracilaria syringella fabricius*, the first ever discovered in this country.

The insect is native of Europe and is destructive to lilac bushes, ash and privet trees and laburnum.

CHILDREN SAVE SANTA

Bulging Stockings Yule Morning Expected as Reward.

NEW YORK, Dec. 21.—Children of Staten Island are looking forward to bulging stockings Christmas morning for they saved a Santa Claus from dire things in Thompkinsville court Tuesday, where some rude policeman had taken him on a charge of blocking traffic.

City Magistrate Fetherston discharged Kris Kringle with a warning that he provide himself with a permit. The kiddies gave a cheer and hurried home.

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Bluhill Pimento Cheese

Moving Picture News



Scene from "The Kentucky Derby," the sensational Universal-Jewell racing feature that opens at the Peoples theater tomorrow.

TODAY'S FILM FEATURES.

Columbia—James Kirkwood in "Jobb Tide"; Harold Lloyd in "Dr. Jack"; Last day in "Omar the Tentmaker"; Liberty—Peter B. Kyne's "Brothers Under the Skin"; Blue Mouse—Audrey Munson in "Headless Moths"; Hippodrome—Doris May in "Up and at 'Em"; Circle—William Russell in "Mixed Faces."

SWEEPING

from the rolling hills and blue grass estates of old Kentucky to the shipyard dens of New York and then to the rocky promontories of Faraway China, "The Kentucky Derby" unfolds a thrilling and romantic breadth of action on the screen. This big feature begins its engagement at the Peoples theater tomorrow.

The action is of the romantic, adventurous type. If Sir Walter Scott were alive today one could suspect him of having written it. As an actual fact, Charles T. Dazey wrote the stage play from which it was adapted and George Hull made the screen adaptation.

"Human Hearts" marked King Baggot as one of the screen's greatest artists in the direction of super-features, and "The Kentucky Derby" follows "Human Hearts" in Baggot's career as an effort consistent with the marked difference in character. Where "Human Hearts" was an epic of the simple country

life, "The Kentucky Derby" is a romantic tale of wide-reaching adventure, centered, of course, about the great turf classic.

Universal did not attempt to film "The Kentucky Derby" in the usual disguised California atmosphere, but staged it right where the action lay, principally in Kentucky. Scenes meant to be on a faraway Pacific island were staged, not in Chinese territory, of course, but nevertheless on a Pacific island.

Reginald Denney, Universal's star of "The Leather Pushers," has the chief masculine character. Lillian Rich, Lionel Belmore, Emmett King, Gertrude Astor, Walter McGrail, Wilfred Lucas, Kingsley Benedict, Harry Carter, Pat Harmon, Bert Woodruff, Bert Tracy, Anna Hernandez and Verne Winter have the principal roles.

Screen Gossip.

Guz Metzger, general manager of the Rivoli, has decided to extend the run of Guy Bates Post in "Omar the Tentmaker." This is an interestingly colorful story and already has scored a distinct hit at the Rivoli.

If there is anybody in Portland who has not seen Harold Lloyd in "Dr. Jack" at the Majestic today is his last chance. Lon Chaney in "A Blind Bargain" opens there tomorrow.

Paul Noble, manager of the Liberty, is going to give his patrons a Christmas present all next week in the form of a capital additional entertainment. It will be the Whitney boys' chorus of 50 voices. Further, the Manhattan trio will appear in a prologue to the big production of "Lorna Doone."

CITY TO REDEEM BONDS

\$224,204 TO BE TAKEN UP FEBRUARY 1.

Treasurer Takes Advantage of Charter Amendment Passed June 7, 1915.

A total of \$224,204.52 of city improvement bonds numbered from 30443 to 30675 will be redeemed by City Treasurer Adams February 1, according to announcement made yesterday.

In redeeming these bonds on this date Treasurer Adams for the first time is able to take advantage of a charter amendment approved June 7, 1915, providing for the redemption of bonds by the treasurer at the option of the city upon payment of the face value of the bonds with accrued interest to the date of payment on the first day of any month at or after the expiration of three years from the date of issuance.

Bonds issued prior to the amendment of the charter in 1915 can only be redeemed semi-annually, and then on the semi-annual interest payment dates.

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WASHINGTON WINS POINT

COLUMBIA IRRIGATION PROJECT EXPLAINED.

House Committee on Arid Lands Is Impressed by Showing Made by State Official.

OLYMPIA, Wash., Dec. 21.—(Special.)—The work being done by the state of Washington in reclamation attracted such marked attention when explained before the house committee on irrigation of arid lands a few days ago by Ivan E. Goodner, state reclamation engineer, that the complete text of the reclamation act, the state land settlement act, the constitutional provision relative to condemnation of land for reclamation purposes and the state supreme court's decision in the land settlement test case are to be embodied in the committee's report on the bill to appropriate \$100,000 for an investigation and report on the Columbia basin project by the secretary of the interior.

Mr. Goodner returned today from Washington, enthusiastic over the results of his appearance before the committee, though he was subjected to a most thorough cross-examination lasting several hours.

In the course of this examination, which related to work being done by the state of Washington for controlling settlement upon its reclaimed lands, it was brought out that none of the other states represented in the committee had progressed so far as this one, Mr. Goodner said.

HAY PRICES GO HIGHER

Stockmen of Umatilla May Be Forced to Use Other Feed.

PENDLETON, Or., Dec. 21.—(Special.)—Hay prices are soaring in Umatilla county and livestock men will be forced to resort to other feeds in a short time, if the winter weather continues. Alfalfa hay is reported to be selling in the west end of Umatilla county as high as

License Fees Graduated.

ASHLAND, Or., Dec. 21.—(Special.)—The city council has passed a graduated license fee ordinance for the selling and distributors of milk and cream in Ashland. Those who distribute two quarts are charged a fee of 50 cents, being increased to \$1 for the larger dairies. City inspection of all dairies for sanitation and testing at certain intervals for tuberculosis also was ordered. The council also voted to call in \$15,000 of electric light bonds.

Snow Halts Dam Work.

ASHLAND, Or., Dec. 21.—(Special.)—Snow has put a stop to all work at the Hyatt prairie dam, and camp was officially broken this week. Much of the equipment has been brought to the city. Equipment for the Moon Lumber company, which recently opened a sawmill and logging camp, has arrived in the city and is being hauled to the company's property on the Green Springs road.

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