

STILL CROPPING

Fresh Municipal Scandals Every Day.

MANY RUMORS CURRENT

Selection of Investigating Engineer Is Criticized.

RESIGNATION HAS NO EFFECT

City Engineer Elliott's Act Does Not Work as Oil on Troubled Waters

The resignation of City Engineer Elliott is no oil upon the troubled waters of the municipal scandal.

Censure is being heaped upon the members of the bridge investigation committee of the Council because it has employed Charles S. Bihler, of Tacoma, to expert the Morrison-street bridge.

Now Going Over Plans. Mr. Bihler is now going over the plans and specifications of the bridge.

Steel Came High. About 35 tons of steel went into these stringers. The price charged was \$1.10 per pound.

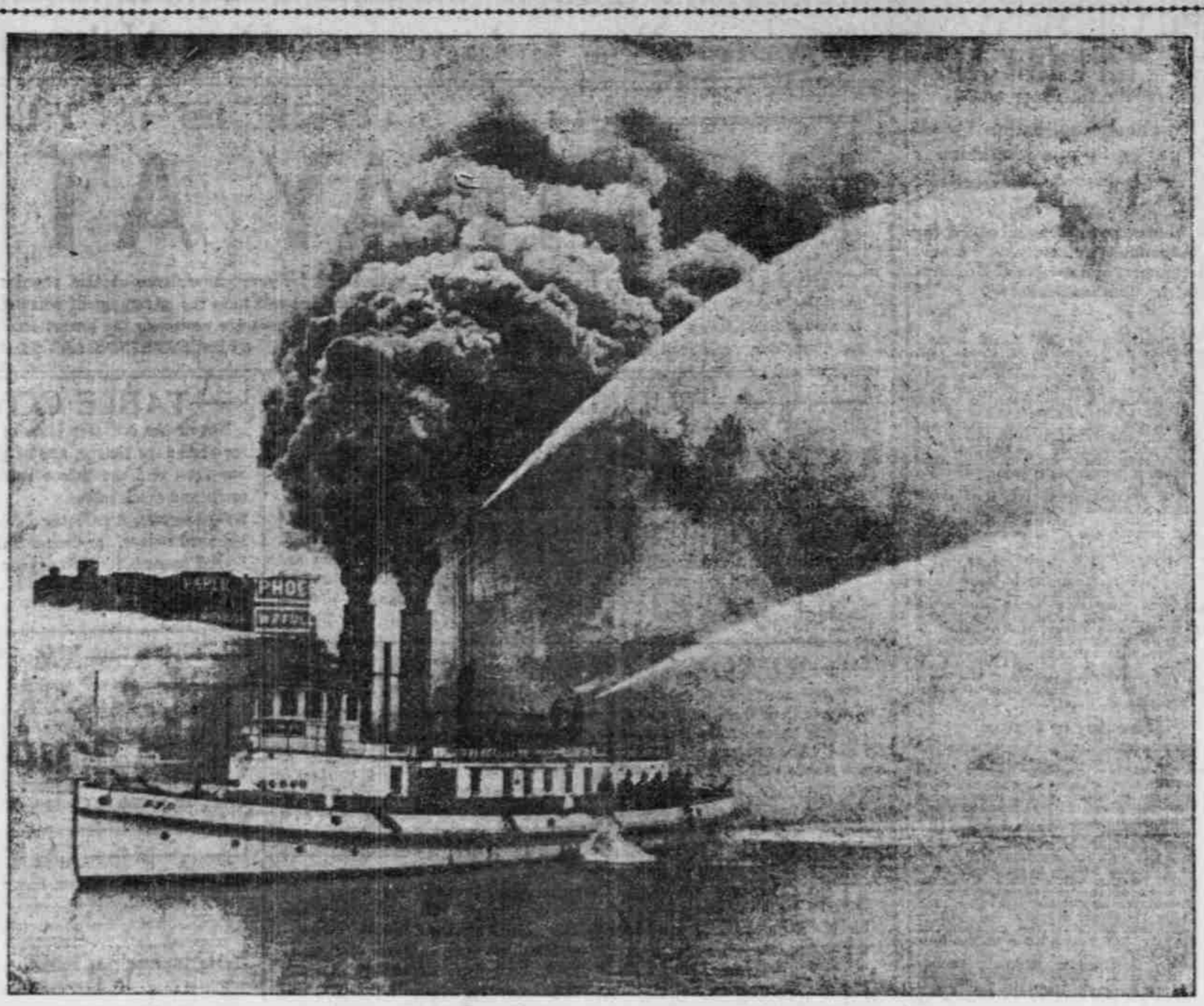
Will Make No Statement. "I will tell all about that at the right time. I can't do so now," replied Mr. Elliott.

BATTERY WINS THE GAME. Company E Indoor Baseball Team Badly Beaten.

Company E, which was defeated in a good game with F the other evening, was defeated again by Battery A last night in an indoor baseball game at the Army Club.

THE INSTRUMENT OF SINGERS

The instruments with which our great singers thrill their audience is their vocal organ. It is therefore amusing to see some of our dealers worked up over the question of what piano is to be used by a vocal artist.



FIREBOAT GEORGE H. WILLIAMS ON THE TRIP TAKEN FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE VISITING INSURANCE AGENTS.

PRaise THE BOAT

Insurance Men Say the George H. Williams Is All Right.

FAIR GROUNDS IN DANGER

Agents Declare System for Fighting Fire at Exposition Site is Inadequate, and Recommend Better Alarm System Be Installed.

The second annual meeting of the Special Agents' Association of the Pacific Northwest closed last night. The first day of the session was spent in inspecting the fireboat George H. Williams, and an inspection of the fire protections of the Lewis and Clark buildings.

Another interesting feature of the day was the report of the committees appointed to report on the fire protection at the Lewis and Clark Fair grounds, and the fireboat.

The following is what is said of the fireboat: F. J. Alex Mayer, President B. A. A. P. N. Portland, Or.—Dear Sir: We, the undersigned committee on inspection of the fireboat George H. Williams, beg leave to report.

continued in the future, without any change whatever. The law will be strictly enforced. Any rumor to the contrary is without foundation.

REAL ESTATE ACTIVE

SEVERAL GOOD SALES RECORDED LAST WEEK.

Residences Are Going Up on the Heights and Nearer Suburbs, as Well as in Older Section.

There were a few movements in the real estate market during the past week which were interesting.

SHERIFF WORD RETURNS

Says Policy of His Office Will Remain the Same.

Sheriff Word, accompanied by his wife, returned yesterday from a two weeks' visit to California, the object of which, Mr. Word says, was to improve his wife's health and for a little recreation.



MEN IN COMMAND OF APT TURRET. Reading from right to left—C. Smith, Chris Nickels and Captain L. Dolson.

refused occurred last week, when the \$25,000 offered for the quarter block on the northwest corner of Tenth and Washington streets, belonging to the Holman estate, was turned down.

TRANSFERS FOR WEEK

Table with 2 columns: Date and Amount. Rows for Dec 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, and a Total of \$18,412.

PERMITS FOR WEEK

Table with 2 columns: Date and Amount. Rows for Dec 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, and a Total of \$2,300.

HOLD-UP MEN ON TRIAL

Bandits Who Robbed Albina Saloon Now Face Jury.

Charles Meehan, jointly indicted with Francis James and Henry McGloin for robbery in the Albina Exchange saloon, was placed on trial before Judge Cleland and a jury yesterday afternoon.

The witnesses who testified at the trial were James, McGloin, Clark and R. B. Schroeder. The evidence disclosed that the three participants in the hold-up met in Blaine's saloon.

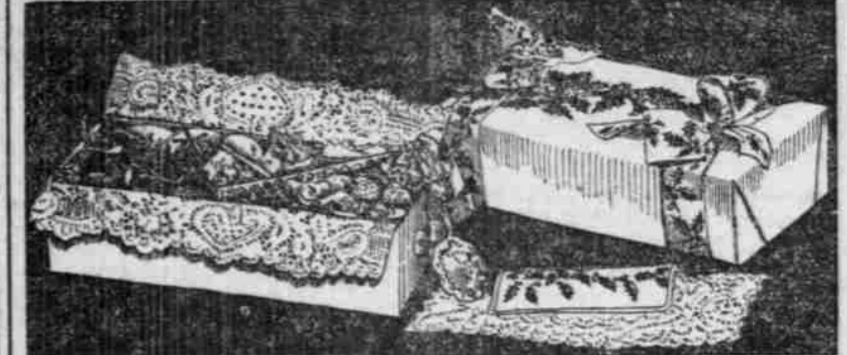
ANNUAL MEETING HELD

Mystic Shriners Choose Officers and Listen to Reports.

The annual meeting of the Ancient Arabic Order, Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, was held last evening, at the Masonic Temple, corner Third and Alder.

A Dainty Christmas Gift

You are in doubt what to send your friends as an Xmas remembrance—something inexpensive yet expressive of the "yuletide" spirit.



Our Special Holly Box

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RELATIVES ARE FOUND. DROVE FAMILY OUT.

Remains of William A. McEwan Are at Last Claimed. Intoxicated Man Arrested for Brutality to Wife.

The remains of William A. McEwan lay unburied and unclaimed in the undertaking establishment of Dunning, McEntee and Gilbaugh, for two weeks.

After becoming intoxicated, P. J. Cunningham went to his home, 947 Garfield street, and chased his wife and eight children out into the hawthorn trees that abound in Highland.

Charles L. Dow. ALBANY, N. Y., Dec. 17.—Charles L. Dow, a well-known inventor and manufacturer of agricultural implements, dropped dead on the street today.

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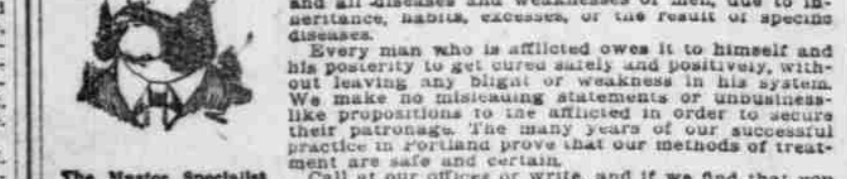
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