RIPLINGER MAY RUN

Popular Seattle Man Would Be Mayor of City.

OPPOSED BY A NEWSPAPER

Present City Controller Has a Good Record as an Official and Stands Well With the Laboring Element Here.

SEATTLE, Wash., Jan. 27.—(Special.)—John Ripling er, the present City Controller, will be the Republican nominee for Mayor if a few minor obstacles can be smoothed over. Ripling er has given a conditional promise of acceptance, if the nomination is offered him.

An absolute refusal has been made on personal grounds by one of the Republican newspapers to advocate Ripling er's election. This has made the City Controller hesitate. His friends have been trying to bring the newspaper into line. No reason has been given for the refusal to support Ripling er and minority stockholders have demanded that his candidacy be approved. They have been ignored.

If Ripling er accepts the nomination he will do so upon condition that he can carry out the policies of Mayor Ballinger—the prohibition of gambling and the riddance of the city of disorderly characters. He will also want a street railway plank providing for the termination of all franchises December 31, 1934, when the Seattle Electric Company's franchises expire, and the addition of a common user clause in all grants. This is acceptable.

Ripling er has been offered means of publicity that will put his candidacy before the voters, even though every paper in the city were to oppose his election. The threat of a newspaper fight will not deter him in his decision, the only question being a disinclination to officiate as Mayor and an anxiety to stay in his place as Controller. His conditional promises mean that he will accept a nomination for Mayor.

Controller Ripling er is easily the most popular Republican in Seattle. His record as Controller is absolutely clean. He is so close to labor organizations that labor leaders only prevented his indorsement for Controller by pleading Republicans would take advantage of it to nominate him for Mayor. He is a strong lodge man and has a solid German following. Every other candidate suggested thus far has been moved aside because of some disqualification in this, the most peculiar municipal campaign Seattle has had. Ripling er is the logical candidate.

HIGH SCHOOL AT HOOD RIVER

Valley Representatives Decide on a Central Institution.

HOOD RIVER, Or., Jan. 27.—(Special.)—Hood River City and Valley will have a centralized high school. At a large and enthusiastic meeting held here this morning of those interested in educational matters, including the school directors of five districts in the valley and the city of Hood River, a resolution was passed to the effect that ways and means should be devised for building such a school. The State Superintendent of Schools spoke in glowing terms of what such a school would mean for the valley. He said that nowhere in the state was there such an ideal point for the location of a centralized high school as at Hood River.

E. L. Smith spoke in favor of the project, calling attention to the rapidly increasing population of Hood River and its needs of greater educational facilities, and said that "we must build for tomorrow, and not for today."

County Superintendent of Schools Neff explained the financial aspect of the case, and was followed by Professor Wiley, Rosewell Shelley, A. I. Mason and other prominent men in the valley and city.

At the conclusion of the addresses a vote was taken and unanimously carried to take steps to secure the location of a high school in the valley, presumably in Hood River.

The agitation for the proposed division of the county was referred to, and while several suggested that the matter be allowed to rest until the movement on foot for county division be carried to a successful issue, the majority present were so enthusiastic on the subject that it was decided to take action at once.

FRAUD OR GROSS NEGLIGENCE

Charge Made Concerning Sheriff's Books in Trial at Pendleton.

PENDLETON, Or., Jan. 27.—(Special.)—After consuming over four days in taking testimony in the trial of C. P. Davis, charged with larceny of public money, the state rested its case a few minutes before noon today. Judge Fee, counsel for the defense, then moved that the case be continued for two weeks, in order that an opportunity may be had for inspecting the books of the Sheriff's office used during the term of William Blakeley, ex-Sheriff. The motion was denied, and adjournment was taken until 2 o'clock.

When court convened this afternoon Colonel Haley sprang a sensation when he said:

"The experts who inspected the records of the Sheriff's office have pursued a system of either deliberately falsifying their reports or of gross negligence. I will make this claim good or I will never undertake to practice in this court again."

Counsel then asked that court allow defense time in which to inspect the books. Judge Ellis said he felt the request was not unreasonable, and accordingly adjourned court until 9 o'clock Monday morning.

SHERAR SELLS WATER RIGHTS

Fine Power on Deschutes Secured by San Francisco People.

THE DALLES, Or., Jan. 27.—(Special.)—It is stated here tonight that the holdings of J. H. Sherar on the Deschutes River, 20 miles south of this city, were purchased today by a San Francisco electric company for the purpose of developing the remarkably fine natural water power that exists on that portion of the Deschutes. Besides the Sherar water rights, the purchase is said also to include 900 acres of land and the famous hostelry at Sherar's bridge.

This is regarded as one of the largest and most valuable pieces of property in this section of Eastern Oregon, and the figure paid is doubtless a large one, although as yet unannounced publicly.

RIVAL SMITHS HAVE A FIGHT

Each Accused the Other of Poisoning Walla Walla Dogs.

WALLA WALLA, Wash., Jan. 27.—(Special.)—Alfred Trueman, an old-time blacksmith of Dixie, and a rival smith by the name of Arlige, engaged in an altercation this afternoon over the report that some person had been poisoning the dogs of the town of Dixie, and ended by Trueman drawing a knife and slashing Arlige in the arm and side.

Somebody has been poisoning the canines around the town of Dixie, and each person has his own individual idea as to who the guilty party is. The two men, after engaging in a quarrel, it is alleged, accused each other of administering the poison. Both resented the accusation, and the assault ensued.

Directors for Street Railway.

FOREST GROVE, Or., Jan. 27.—(Special.)—The stockholders of the Forest Grove Street Railway Company met this evening and organized by electing the following board of directors: E. W. Haines, George G. Hancock, F. W. Watrous, John Templeton, George L. Naylor, J. E. Loomis and W. H. Hollis.

The directors are men of means and energy and will proceed with the work of building the line with all possible dispatch.

Swallowed Much Morphine.

BUTTE, Mont., Jan. 27.—Nels Carlson, a young man 32 years old, committed suicide here today by taking 60 grains of morphine. Little is known of the man here. He arrived in Butte from Minneapolis last Thursday. Disappointment in love affairs is supposed to have caused his act.

G. C. Sloss Put on Supreme Bench.

SACRAMENTO, Cal., Jan. 27.—Governor Pardee today appointed Judge G. C. Sloss, of the Superior Court, of San Francisco, Justice of the Supreme Court, to succeed the late Justice Van Diver.

FIGHT FOR RIGHT OF WAY

HARRIMAN AND HILL INTERESTS APPEAR IN SPOKANE COURT.

Demurrer Alleged by the Defendant is Confessed, and Permission Given to Amend.

SPOKANE, Wash., Jan. 27.—(Special.)—The strenuous fight between the Wallula Pacific Railway Company, a part of the Harriman interests, and the Portland-Seattle Railway Company, a subsidiary concern to the Hill lines, for the right of way to build along the Columbia River to Portland, has been transferred to Spokane and made its first appearance this afternoon in the United States Court before Judge Whitson.

The bill of complaint of the Wallula Pacific Company is one in equity to enjoin the defendant from encroaching upon the right of way. The Harriman interests were represented by Judge Martin Pipes, of Portland, and the Hill interests by James B. Kerr, of St. Paul.

Upon the calling of the case Attorney Kerr, for the defendant, filed a demurrer to the bill of complaint, for the reason that it did not state the value of the land in controversy, alleging that it was not of the value of $2000 and, therefore, not sufficient to be brought up in the United States Court. The demurrer was confessed to by Judge Pipes, acting for plaintiff, and he was given permission to amend. The date for further hearing will be set by Judge Whitson, some time next week.

BOUGHT JOYOUS JAG HERE

Son of Millionaire Japanese Finds Life Dull at Seattle.

SEATTLE, Wash., Jan. 27.—(Special.)—"Peter from Yokohama," he called himself, when he registered at the Palace Hotel, but that does not tell the story. He is really Ukanbara, the son of a millionaire Japanese landowner and business man, out on a tour of the world, with credentials to show he is entitled to draw $2000 every ten weeks. Just now there are six weeks to run, and a very little left of the last $2000 to pay expenses.

Ukanbara saw Portland to the tune of $700, and, while he believes the city a pretty village and the girls nice, the people hospitable and the accommodations alluring, "Peter from Yokohama" wishes he could blot out the memory of that Portland trip. His head aches and not even $150 worth of automobile rides he has had since he landed here will blow away the pain. He decided tonight to hurry to San Francisco, where there is a chance to see life. Ukanbara has seen the rest of the world.

Held on Charge of Rustling.

WALLA WALLA, Wash., Jan. 27.—(Special.)—Thomas Tuttle and son William and Charles Laferty were today discharged from custody by Justice Hawks, of Prescott, after he heard the evidence in the preliminary examination on a charge of cattle-stealing. Laferty, or "Chuck" Hayes, as he is known, was brought back to the Walla Walla County Jail, to await a preliminary examination on a charge of horse-stealing.

The Tuttles are from the Ukiah country, in Umatilla County, Oregon, and Laferty is supposed to belong to a gang of rustlers who work back and forth between the two states.

Shot Himself in Legs.

WALLA WALLA, Wash., Jan. 27.—(Special.)—Ex-Councilman J. Z. Smith accidentally shot himself in the legs last evening at about 11 o'clock, as he was returning home from attendance at the fraternal carnival. He was carrying an automatic revolver, and as he turned from the business section of the city toward the residence section he attempted to change the revolver from his hip pocket to his overcoat pocket, when in some manner he touched the safety spring and the gun was discharged.

Democrats Are Sitting Up.

M'MINNVILLE, Or., Jan. 27.—(Special.)—Today the Democratic County Central Committee met at the Courthouse for the purpose of electing officers to fill vacancies in the precinct committees and also to transact some business pertaining to the coming campaign. Chairman William Hagarty, of the central committee, resigned and the vacancy was filled by H. L. McCann, of this city. The meeting was well attended and the business enthusiastically transacted.

Judge Orders Repairs Made.

CENTRALIA, Wash., Jan. 27.—(Special.)—The Centralia Water Company today practically won the case against the City of Centralia. A receiver had been applied for, but Judge Rice dismissed the action and told President Johnson to make certain needed repairs. Judge Rice made a personal investigation of the plant. The action brought by the city had the desired effect on the water company and the city officials are satisfied.

Deserted After Forty Years.

CENTRALIA, Wash., Jan. 27.—After having been married nearly 40 years, William H. Marden, of Centralia, has commenced suit against Charlotte Marden, his wife, for divorce. The couple were married in Ithaca, Wis., in September, 1866, and have had ten children. He alleges desertion.

Republican Club Officers.

SALEM, Or., Jan. 27.—(Special.)—The Salem Republican Club held its regular biennial business meeting tonight and elected the following officers:

President, J. J. Murphy; vice-president, R. E. L. Steiner; secretary, W. W. Hall; treasurer, E. M. Lafore.

THREAT BY SHYLOCK

Mortgages to Be Foreclosed to Make Assessor Unpopular.

ENRAGED AT TAX ORDERED

Washington State Commission Has Made Positive Order That Holders of Evidences of Debt Be Made to Pay to State.

OLYMPIA, Wash., Jan. 27.—(Special.)—"If you assess my mortgages I'll foreclose every one of them that is in the slightest degree delinquent, and I'll make you so unpopular the people will want to hang you."

This is what one of the big money-lenders in one of the smaller counties told the County Assessor when he reached home after attending the Assessor's convention recently held in Olympia.

The Assessor believes the man who made the threat is capable of doing what he says he will, and the Assessor has come to one of the members of the Tax Commission with tears in his eyes to know what he ought to do.

The county of which he is Assessor is one of the smaller ones of the state, and the money-lender has out about $100,000 in notes and mortgages. The number of the notes and mortgages is large and therefore the individuals who will feel the heavy hand of the money-lender are many.

The question of taxing mortgages was one of the much-discussed issues in the Assessor's convention and opposition to it was not removed until the Tax Commission announced that it not only advised but directed the Assessors to list mortgages—in other words, it commanded.

The members of the Tax Commission, while conceding that it is possible some money-lenders may carry out the threat to foreclose all mortgages they possess that are delinquent, do not believe that this course will make the Assessor so unpopular as it will the money-lender. In the particular instance mentioned above the Commissioners have promised to visit the county where the threat was made, in person, and have asked that they be given a personal introduction to the individual who thirsts for the blood of the Assessor.

State House politicians are still discussing what some of them consider a laughable incident connected with the appointment of a committee of assessors to wait upon Governor Mead and invite him to address the convention. Chairman John W. Peter, of the convention, appointed on this committee, Assessors Allen of Snohomish, Archer of Chehalis and Stewart of Spokane.

The peculiarity of the personnel of the committee is that each of the members was a strong candidate for appointment as Tax Commissioner when the Governor was preparing to make such appointments. At least two of them, or their friends, claim that a promise was given by the Governor, but was broken when he turned them down.

When Chairman Peter appointed the committee he hesitated over each name in such a manner that it was generally conceded at the time that the selection of the three particular individuals was a coincidence. It has since developed that the selection of the three men for the committee was suggested by an Eastern Washington Assessor who either had a grievance of his own or takes delight in practical jokes. Chairman Peter, it is said, saw the humor to be gained out of the selection of the committee and intentionally picked out the three disappointed candidates.

PRIVATE LINES ESCAPE TAXES

Enormous Revenue From Refrigerator and Tank-Cars.

OLYMPIA, Wash., Jan. 27.—The refrigerator and tank car lines received a total revenue from the Northern Pacific Railroad alone in this state last year of $116,272.44, as shown by the annual report of the railroad company submitted to the State Railroad Commission. This feature of the report has attracted the attention of the Tax Commission to the fact that, while railroads are compelled to pay taxes on their own rolling stock, similar rolling stock owned by private car line companies escapes taxation altogether.

This $116,000 is paid to the private car lines by only one road, while its cars are operated over all roads. The Great Northern has not yet reported to the Railroad Commission, but it is presumed its payments to the private car lines for use of refrigerator and tank cars will nearly, if not quite, equal the amount paid by the Northern Pacific. The O. R. & N. also undoubtedly pays large amounts of money yearly to the private car lines for the use of their cars in Washington. It is therefore likely that, all told, the revenues of these companies will reach approximately $250,000 annually in Washington.

The members of the Tax Commission are now discussing some method of reaching such companies. It is probable also that they will soon attempt to reach in some manner the Pullman Company, which derives large revenues from the traveling public in Washington. It is probable that a consultation will soon be held between members of the commission and representatives of the Pullman Company. The Great Northern uses its own sleepers, and the Northern Pacific claims it returns in its detailed list all Pullman sleepers operated by it. This claim is one that will be investigated.

The reports of the railroad companies to the Railroad Commission do not give any information as to receipts of the Pullman companies. As to private freight cars, however, the railroad companies pay the private car lines from ¼ to 1 cent per mile of road traveled by their cars, and the mileage and payments are shown in their annual reports.

The principal payments by the Northern Pacific to private car lines last year was as follows:

Armour car lines	$22,949.02
Cudahy Refrigerator Lines	3,037.24
Swift Refrigerator Lines	9,104.24
Union Refrigerator Transit	6,292.80
Union Tank Line	9,551.47
Continental Fruit Express	3,830.74
Milwaukee Refrigerator Transportation Company	1,942.99
National Car Line Company	2,018.56
American Refrigerator Trans Co.	11,171.03
Merchants Dispatch Trans. Co.	2,125.46

Numerous other amounts were paid to smaller companies, bringing the total paid by the Northern Pacific to $116,272.44.

RIVAL TELEPHONE COMPANY

Plans for Extensive Connection in the Northwest.

OLYMPIA, Wash., Jan. 27.—(Special.)—The Northwestern Long Distance Telephone Company, a California corporation that has already filed articles in Sacramento, filed articles in the Secretary of State's office here today. Its principal office is in Los Angeles. It has a capital stock of $1,500,000, and announces its intention to construct the following telephone lines:

From Ashland, Or., to Portland; from Portland to Baker City; from Pendleton to Spokane; from Spokane to Bellingham; from Portland to Corvallis; from Corvallis to Albany; from Portland to Seattle; from Seattle to Aberdeen; from Seattle to Vancouver, B. C.

The Puget Sound Telephone Construction Company is incorporated by the same Los Angeles men who organized the long-distance company—C. H. Randall, G. K. Barrere and H. E. Rice.

MOORHEAD LOSES HIS GRIP

Tacoma Man Tries to Commit Suicide and Then Disappears.

TACOMA, Wash., Jan. 27.—(Special.)—E. A. Moorhead, of St. Helens avenue, left home late Tuesday evening and has not since been seen. He left a note in a pocketbook, addressed to "whom it may concern," that leads his friends and relatives to believe that he has committed suicide. Another thing that leads to that belief is that he made an unsuccessful attempt at suicide Sunday night.

Moorhead is well known. A few weeks ago he was under arrest on a charge of passing checks on a bank in which he had no funds. It is said he had been very discouraged since then.

Sunday night Moorhead went home and immediately became dangerously sick, and in a few minutes was unconscious. Search of his pockets revealed an empty morphine bottle and a note saying he was about to do away with himself and that he hoped whoever published the note would drop dead. That note was torn up by Mrs. Moorhead. All night Sunday and until Monday evening he was unconscious. After that he began to recover and late Tuesday left the house and has not been seen since.

SHINGLE MILLS TO RUN

MANUFACTURERS REFUSE TO REMAIN CLOSED LONGER.

Combination People With Double Crews Are Alleged to Be Reaping the Profits of Inaction.

SEATTLE, Wash., Jan. 27.—(Special.)—Despite the strenuous efforts of the shingle mills bureau in Western Washington, shingle manufacturers refuse today to continue the close down that has existed for the past 60 days for another three weeks. Ballard men headed the revolt, alleging the combination mills had put on double crews and were reaping the benefit of the curtailment movement. There is a stringent car shortage now that prevents immediate flooding of Eastern markets, but at that the refusal to continue the close-down was only accomplished after a big fight.

As a compromise measure the millmen agreed to give the shingle mills bureau authority to order a close-down at any future time that the market conditions require it. The bureau was organized upon a permanent basis, with Dan W. Bass as president.

Fight for an Adopted Child.

CENTRALIA, Wash., Jan. 27.—(Special.)—The legal fight for the possession of Shirley May Le Brook, the 2-year-old adopted daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Perry Wheeler, of this city, was commenced in the Superior Court of this county at Chehalis yesterday afternoon.

Shirley May Le Brook was adopted by Mr. and Mrs. Wheeler just before Christmas. They had had the care of her for 15 months, having got her from the Washington Children's Home Society at Seattle, in whose care she had been placed by her mother. A week after the adoption had been made, Stanley C. Le Brook, claiming to be the father of the child, appeared and asserted his consent had never been given to have the child taken in charge by the society. He alleges that he and his wife parted and that he took the child to the home of his mother at Everett. From here he claims his wife took the little girl, without his knowledge, and gave her to the Children's Home Society. Later he secured a divorce from his wife for cause.

Marion Teachers' Institute.

WOODBURN, Or., Jan. 27.—(Special.)—The first local institute of Marion County teachers since the beginning of the present school year was held in this city today. The attendance was large and great interest was manifested in the meeting. County Superintendent E. T. Moores presided. The programme was as follows: "Language," E. E. Washburn, principal, Silverton schools; "Libraries," Miss Cardelia Marvin, secretary Library Commission; "Present Movement in High Schools," J. M. Powers, superintendent Salem Schools; "History," J. S. Graham, principal East School, Salem. Several other subjects were discussed and the meeting was highly successful.

File Notices of Candidacy.

SALEM, Or., Jan. 27.—(Special.)—T. T. Geer today filed notice of his candidacy for the Republican nomination for Governor. His motto is: "Government of the people, by the people and for the people." Others who have filed notice of their candidacy are J. R. Whitney, Republican, for State Printer; O. P. Hoff, Republican, for Labor Commissioner; J. H. Ackerman, Republican, for Superintendent of Public Instruction; C. A. Schibrede, Republican, for Governor, and F. S. Ivanhoe, Republican, for District Attorney in the Tenth District.

Heavy Steel to Be Laid.

ALBANY, Or., Jan. 27.—(Special.)—The Southern Pacific Company has already begun the work of replacing the light steel on its track in the Willamette Valley with heavy 75-pound steel rails, and the distributing train is scattering the new material along the company's line through Linn County. Before the end of the coming Summer the company expects to have the entire line through the western part of the state laid with these heavy rails.

Malheur Railway Incorporated.

SALEM, Or., Jan. 27.—(Special.)—The Malheur Valley Railway Company today filed articles of incorporation in the office of Secretary of State Dunbar. The company proposes to build a railroad from Vale to Ontario, in Malheur County. The capital stock is $100,000, the principal office at Vale, and the incorporators Elmer A. Clark, Louis Adams and Stephen Carver.

Pure Water for Albany.

ALBANY, Or., Jan. 27.—(Special.)—Work on the new filters to be established by the Willamette Valley Company at its water plant in Albany has begun, and by next Summer it is expected that this city will have water second to none in the valley, outside of Portland, with her unexcelled Bull Run water.

Miss Cullen the Best Speaker.

MONMOUTH, Or., Jan. 27.—(Special.)—The local oratorical contest was held in the assembly-room last night before a large and appreciative audience. The first place was given to Miss Rose E. Cullen, of Junlata, Neb. Her subject was "Character as Capital."

Chinese Gamblers Are Raided.

SALEM, Or., Jan. 27.—(Special.)—Chief of Police Cornelius raided a Chinese fantan game in a building on the north side of State street, between Liberty and High, today, and captured the gaming apparatus, about $30 in money and three Chinese who were found in the joint. The

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STRIKE CAUSES BATTLE

NONUNION MINERS OPEN FIRE ON UNION MEN.

Kill One and Wound Another—Eight of Assailants in Jail, Guarded From Lynchers.

GOLDFIELD, Nev., Jan. 27.—Jack Gineau lies dead in the morgue at Tonopah tonight and George Cole, a member of the Legislature from New York County, is shot through the arm as the result of a pitched battle between union and nonunion miners at Cliffords, on the Manhattan road. Sheriff Tom Logan late this evening placed eight nonunion men, who are charged with precipitating the trouble under arrest and brought them to Tonopah tonight under a strong guard to prevent lynching.

As soon as the news of the shooting reached Goldfield, Sheriff Bud Carberry assembled a posse to go to the scene of the trouble. George Cole, who was for years president of the Delamar Miners' Union, with a committee of the Miners' Union, went to Cliffords, the scene of a strike, to interview miners charged with working for less than $5, the scale. A man named Himiss is said to have opened fire, shooting Cole through the arm and Gineau through the lungs.

A pitched hand-to-hand battle ensued which concluded with the escape of the nonunion men, who for a time defied the citizens' posse. The arrival of Sheriff Logan upon the scene resulted in the recalcitrants giving themselves up.

TRIED TO KILL SWEETHEART

Great Falls Smelterman, Prevented, Shoots Himself.

GREAT FALLS, Mont., Jan. 27.—Clarence Long, a smelterman, aged 35 years, committed suicide here tonight in a room in a lodging-house occupied by Miss Mary Micklefist, with whom he was in love and of whom he was jealous. For several weeks his conduct has been peculiar. Tonight, going to the room of the girl, he found her about to go to a dance with another man, and, drawing a revolver, he endeavored to shoot her.

The man with the girl seized the gun, preventing Long from shooting, and Long then announced his purpose to kill himself. Being unable to wrest the weapon from him, the girl and her companion fled from the room to summon help, but before they were out of the building Long killed himself. Long has relatives in the State of Washington.

PRETTY GIRL KILLS HERSELF

Unconscious From Drug, She Is Found Clad Only in Nightgown.

TACOMA, Wash., Jan. 27.—(Special.)—Miss Lena Daskey, aged 20, took her life today at the home of her sister, Mrs. Virgie Elmer, by swallowing carbolic acid. Miss Daskey, whose home is at Pe Ell, was an unusually charming and vivacious young woman and her relatives are prostrated over the tragic ending of a short visit. Her father, mother and brother live at Pe Ell, and a sister, Mrs. Onn, at Dryad, Wash., and all are hastening to Tacoma.

No motive is kown for the suicide. Miss Daskey was found early this morning in the parlor, clad in her nightgown, and unconscious, and never rallied after a physician called.

Wires to Go Underground.

BAKER CITY, Or., Jan. 27.—(Special.)—Pacific States Telephone Company will erect a new exchange building in Baker City within the next six months. Ground for this purpose was purchased today, following the visit of the head officials to this city, and orders given for the commencement of the work as soon as weather conditions will permit. The new building will cost about $20,000. It will be a two-story brick with a frontage of 25 feet on First street. All down-town line work will be underground after the new building is erected.

SANTIAM ON THE RAMPAGE

Warm Weather Melts Heavy Snowfall in the Cascades.

ALBANY, Or., Jan. 27.—(Special.)—County Judge C. H. Stewart and Commissioner T. J. Butler, of Linn County, in company with a County Commissioner of Marion County, went to Mehama today to provide measures for protecting the bridge across the North Santiam River at that place. The North Santiam is a raging torrent at this time, and bridges along the river will require more watching than in years before.

During the past month snow has fallen in the Cascade Mountains to an unusual depth. The warm weather that set in the first of this week started the melting process, and by the middle of the week all mountain streams were rising rapidly. Continued warm weather turned the snow into running water and the Santiam River and its tributaries into foaming torrents that threatened to carry out the joint bridge between Marion and Linn Counties at Mehama.

TACOMA LOSES RESIDENTS.

Fifteen Railway Mail Clerks Forced to Move to Seattle.

TACOMA, Wash., Jan. 27.—(Special.)—By order of the Postoffice Department, believed to be at the instigation of the Northern Pacific, Seattle has its population increased by 15 at the expense of Tacoma. Railway mail clerks to that number must either move to Seattle or leave the department. They will undoubtedly comply with the demand.

The order goes into effect February 1, and by its designation "the Spokane and Tacoma railway postoffice" is changed to "Spokane, Pasco and Seattle railway postoffice." For a long time the Northern Pacific has been endeavoring to bring about this change so it could dispense with some of its service between Auburn and Tacoma. As far as the mail service to this city is concerned it will not be affected in the slightest. The whole thing simply appears to be a discrimination in favor of Seattle.

The only benefit the clerks who have to leave will derive from the change is in the longer time they will have to spend at home at the end of each trip.

Investigation of Japanese Fisheries.

STANFORD UNIVERSITY, Cal., Jan. 27.—The United States Government has commissioned Dr. David Starr Jordan and Professor Charles H. Gilbert, head of the department of zoology, to conduct an investigation of the fish and fisheries of Japan and the Island of Sakhalin during the coming Summer.

Professor J. O. Snyder and Harold Heath, of Stanford University, and Professor H. B. Torrey, of the University of California, will also accompany the expedition. In addition, other faculty men from the California University and the universities of Japan will assist in the work.

Young Horsethief Pleads Guilty.

NORTH YAKIMA, Wash., Jan. 27.—(Special.)—After being arraigned in court on the charge of horsestealing and the partial empaneling of a jury to try the defendant, Robert Small pleaded guilty today. He is only 18 years old, and stole two horses in this city last November, sold one of them, and went to Seattle, where he was captured.

Tree Kills a Woodchopper.

SPOKANE, Wash., Jan. 27.—W. P. Green, employed in clearing right of way on the Spokane & International Railway, near Colburn, Idaho, was instantly killed today. A tree he had cut down struck another tree in falling, bending it over. On recoiling, the second tree struck the man, killing him instantly.

For Coughs and Colds

There is a remedy over sixty years old—Ayer's Cherry Pectoral. Of course you have heard of it, probably have used it. Once in the family, it stays; the one household remedy for coughs and colds. Ask your own doctor about it. Do as he says.

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