

HUGE BUILDINGS TO GO UP ON FOURTH

\$750,000 Hotel Will Cover Block.

THOMPSON ESTATE IS BUILDER

T. B. Wilcox Will Erect Ten Stories at Same Corner.

LEWIS BLOCK GETS ANNEX

Estate Will Add to Present Space Ten Floors, Costing \$200,000.

FOUR BUILDINGS ANNOUNCED

Six-story hotel, covering entire block bounded by Third, Fourth, Pine and Ash streets; E. H. Thompson estate, builder, cost, \$750,000.

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COURT BLOTS OUT RACE DISTINCTIONS

"JIM CROW" LAWS OF LOUISIANA MUDDLED.

Decision Holds That "Negroes" Does Not Legally Include Persons of Mixed Blood.

NEW ORLEANS, April 30.—(Special.)—There are no negroes who are not persons of color, but there are persons of color who are not negroes.

This is a salient sentence in a decision that has thrown the race laws of Louisiana into a state of chaos. All statutes made and provided to keep separate and distinct whites and negroes practically are affected by the ruling of the Louisiana Supreme Court that octoroons, quadroons and mulattoes are not negroes.

The court holds that where the text of the law merely says "negroes" it cannot be applied to octoroons or other persons of mixed blood. It defines the negro as a member of the black or African race, having in his veins no trace of Caucasian blood.

This means, in effect, that existing laws in regard to "Jim Crow" cars, miscegenation and separate saloons cannot be enforced, except in cases where the negroes involved are so somber in hue that not the least doubt remains as to the human family to which they belong.

Persons of lighter or darker skins than mulattoes can evade the laws by demanding that the state prove they are negroes.

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BOSTON, Mass., April 30.—(Special.)—Before 6 o'clock this morning the girls at Wellesley College started to jolt a little extra life into the ordinary decorous routine at the select institution and there is no telling what would have happened if the maidens had not had their frolicsome ardor dampened by a rain storm.

The May day celebration was scheduled for today and the affair this morning was by way of prelude. Miss Lois M. Fear, of Portland, Or., was among the active ones who plied scrubbing brushes on the unbecoming statues of Harriet Martineau and the backwoodsman until they shown resplendently clean.

Meanwhile members of the freshmen class stood by, wearing crowns of flowers and making remarks.

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ROSEBURG, Or., April 30.—(Special.)—Spending a restless night, Blinger Hermann awoke this morning much improved, and Dr. K. L. Miller, the attending physician, says that he has passed safely through the critical stage of his illness.

According to a bulletin issued by the physician late today, Mr. Hermann sat in a chair for nearly an hour this morning for the first time since his condition became serious. His appetite has returned, and he partakes of limited rations regularly, while his voice, at one time practically paralyzed, is now normal.

Mrs. Hermann is also much improved, and the physicians state that she will be able to leave her bed the first of the week.

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BALLINGER TELLS OF OBSTACLES MET

Confidence in Newell Is Lacking.

SECRETARY'S AVOWAL FRANK

Subordinates in Plot to Discredit His Accomplishments.

ATTITUDE NOT HOSTILE

"Hands Have Been Up for Months," He Declares, When Asked Why He Does Not Make Change in Reclamation Service.

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DAY'S PROFIT ON COTTON \$320,000

PATTEN AND FRIENDS MAKE SMALL CLEAN-UP.

Shorts Shiver When Price Steadily Advances—Real Pinch Is Feared in July.

NEW YORK, April 30.—(Special.)—Profits very near to \$320,000 were shown today by a careful calculation of the work of James A. Patten, of Chicago, and his associates, in the great bull clique which has manipulated May cotton almost to the exclusion of every else.

Victorious in deals for 200,000 bales, the clique is now turning its attention to buying all of July cotton that is offered. Mr. Patten is believed to have carried in his own name about one-half of the May cotton handled by the bull crowd, and his individual profits were estimated today at approximately \$160,000.

The cotton was taken over at 14.50 cents and today the price had risen to 14.82 cents, the closing price for May on the exchange.

The buying of July cotton by the bull crowd gave the shorts a shiver, and the price for July was driven up from 14.51 cents when Patten and his associates began to buy, to 14.65 cents at the close of the market. It was predicted in Wall Street that the real pinch in cotton would be felt in July, and the shorts were making every effort to cover.

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LORIMER ACCUSED, DENIES BRIBERY

Democrat Says He Got \$1000 for Vote.

MONEY PAID IN ST. LOUIS

Willing to Suffer, Expected Ignominy, Member Declares.

"BLACKMAIL" IS DEFENSE

Alleged Agent of Illinois Senator Says Story Follows Attempt at Extortion—Four Others, One Dead, Are Implicated.

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RICH RANCHER AND FORESTRY MEN LOST

TRIO DISAPPEAR AS THOUGH SWALLOWED BY EARTH.

Noted Elk City Trapper, Recent Heir to \$50,000, and Rescue Party Disappears.

STITES, Idaho, April 30.—(Special.)—Word was received here today from Ed Harbison, of Elk City, that Vic Bargman, who has a ranch a few miles from Elk City and who hunts and traps during the winter, has not been heard of since starting on his trap line March 7, in the region where the rich Ten Mile strike was recently made.

Forest Ranger Gardner E. Porter and a companion went in search of Bargman two weeks ago and they, too, seem to have dropped from sight. Mr. Harbison, at the time the letter was written, was forming a searching party to leave Elk City in quest of the three men.

It is feared they have been lost in attempting to cross swollen streams.

Mr. Bargman has been in the Elk City country about 10 years. It was reported last year that \$50,000 or \$20,000 had been left to him by his father in Virginia. He runs a trap line and photographs wild birds and animals for a pastime, deriving a good revenue from his furs and pictures.

A year ago two black fox hides were sold by him in the London market for \$2500.

GARAGE FIRST, THEN AUTO

Waltburg's Eccentric Millionaire Buys Car at Last.

WALLA WALLA, Wash., April 30.—(Special.)—Alexander Stewart, the wealthy and eccentric citizen of Walla Walla, who recently built a 30-room house, at an approximate cost of \$30,000, with plate-glass mirrors for wall paper, has just bought an automobile garage several years ago, at least has an automobile. The machine cost \$2500.

Due to his lavish and inexpedient expenditures on his house, friends of Mr. Stewart tried to have the court appoint a guardian for him, but this move was defeated after hundreds of dollars had been spent in litigation. The house has been termed the "House of Folly." It is constructed of concrete, has cut-glass door knobs on each door, while the entire front yard is concreted. The garage is located in front of the house.

INDIANS MUTILATE DEAD

Mexican Soldiers, Building Road, Are Attacked by Mayas.

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CENSUS TAKERS MISSED 30,000

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