

CITY ENGINEER ELLIOTT, FINDING HE CAN NO LONGER WITHSTAND PUBLIC OPINION, STEPS DOWN AND OUT

In Resignation, Admitting Incompetency and Carelessness in His Office, Says He Was Victim.

Mayor Williams Characterizes Criticisms of Citizens on Departmental Inadequacy as Kicks and Knocks, But Accepts Resignation.

City Engineer William C. Elliott has tendered his resignation to Mayor George H. Williams. Mayor Williams has accepted the resignation, to take effect January 1.



SCOTT AFTER POLITICAL PLUM An Applicant for Position of Minister to Japan, Switzerland or Mexico Would Not Scorn a Proffer of Portfolio of the Interior in the President's Cabinet.

(Washington Bureau of The Journal.) Washington, Dec. 15.—The situation as regards H. W. Scott of Portland, Or., is developing rather an interesting phase.

ATTACK MADE UPON COLORADO SENATORS

Denver Flooded with Circulars Charging Patterson and Teller with Neglecting Duties.

BURLINGTON FAST MAIL LEAPS FROM THE TRACK

(Journal Special Service.) Chicago, Dec. 15.—The Burlington fast mail train jumped the track at Bristol, Ill., at an early hour this morning.

MINNEAPOLIS HAS TWO MORE SERIOUS FIRES

(Journal Special Service.) Minneapolis, Dec. 15.—The Holy Rosary Catholic church, the largest in the city, was destroyed by fire at noon today, inflicting a loss of \$1,000.

FAMINE AND FEVER RAVAGE SINALOA

(Journal Special Service.) Corpus Christi, Tex., Dec. 15.—Malaria fever and starvation is causing more deaths in the northern part of the state of Sinaloa, Mexico, than was due to the plague when it ravaged that territory some time ago.

YAQUI RAIDING MEXICAN RANCHOS

(Journal Special Service.) Hermosillo, Mex., Dec. 15.—The military authorities are in receipt of advices from Minas Prietas telling of the activities of a band of Yaquis that is raiding the ranchos and mining camps in that vicinity.

FIGHTS TO THE LAST Sevastopol, Orvazby and Unknown Ship Return Japanese Blows.

ONE JAPANESE BOAT REPORTED AS MISSING

(Journal Special Service.) Chefoo, Dec. 15.—(Bulletin)—It is reported that a Japanese cruiser is ashore on anchorage bay, 43 miles southeast of Chefoo.

RIOTS COMMON.

(Journal Special Service.) St. Petersburg, Dec. 15.—St. Petersburg is gradually becoming more and more accustomed to military uniforms in civil occupations.



H. H. Rogers, the Moving Force in Standard Oil, Who is Doing Battle With T. W. Lawson on 'Change'.

POSTOFFICE WORK CANNOT BE HELD

Supervising Architect Through Fulton Receives Appeal from Chamber of Commerce.

OFFICE MUST BE MOVED INTO NEW BUILDING

Possible That Additions Will Be Made, However, to Meet Needs of the City.

FAVORS NEW STATE.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 15.—The senate committee on territories reported favorably on the statehood bill admitting Arizona and New Mexico as a new state, and Oklahoma and the Indian Territory as another.

CAUGHT IN CAVING WELL.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Davenport, Wash., Dec. 15.—Elias Rasch, while curbing a well yesterday, was caught under six feet of earth, which caved in on him.

CRISIS IN TRADING

Buying Public Leaves the 'Change to Giants of High Finance.

T. W. LAWSON DENIES HIS ASSASSINATION

Personally Answers London Rumor of His Murder—He is Quiescent Today but Promises Things Tomorrow.

Eight Gains Today.

The following table shows the advance at the close of the market today, compared with the prices at the close yesterday:

Table with columns: Name, Close, Gain. Includes Amalgamated, Atchison, Bingham, etc.

Amalgamated opened \$1.25 higher at 64, and fluctuated between that point and 63 for some time.

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CITY ENGINEER ELLIOTT'S RESIGNATION ACCEPTED AT ONCE

The following is the resignation of City Engineer Elliott, handed to Mayor Williams this morning: "Portland, Or., Dec. 14, 1904. Hon. George H. Williams, Mayor of the City of Portland:—

"These are facts known to the public now, but not known to me and not generally known while the work was in progress. The result is an unsatisfactory piece of work. I may have erred in not giving this sewer my undivided attention during its construction, at the expense, perhaps, of other matters which seemed at the time more important, but it has been an error in judgment and not of intent, and I am the loser.

"Additional errors have been made from time to time by surveyors, computers, clerks and inspectors, but these cannot in fairness be credited to dishonesty or negligence on my part. They are in a great measure the results of a system under which the departments of our municipal service are organized

"To this Mayor Williams lost no time in replying, and the following is his letter accepting the resignation: "Portland, Or., Dec. 15, 1904. Mr. William C. Elliott, City Engineer of the City of Portland, Portland, Or.:—

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