

SELL STAMPS TO FIGHT DISEASE

SAYS COST OF FILLS IS LOWER

Manager Simons Declares Mayor Has Created a False Impression.

George W. Simons, manager of the Pacific Bridge company, has the following to say concerning the mayor's remarks on the rejection of the company's bid for the filling and improving of East Madison street between East Water street and Union avenue: "I am afraid the mayor's remarks will lead people to believe that we are raising the price of filling, when as a matter of fact, exactly the reverse is true, and whose statement can be verified by an inspection of the records in the city auditor's office covering street improvements in East Portland within this company has been the contractor. "We made the improvement of streets a department in our business about four years ago and the greater portion of our work has been the filling of old barricaded, dilapidated elevated roadways located in the very heart of the business section of East Portland. "The price for the initial contract in that district was from 20 cents to 30 cents per cubic yard for the improvement on East Washington street and nearly \$50,000 worth of similar work had been under contract for other parts of East Portland at the same price. "Our source of supply for filling material in the vicinity of Montavilla became exhausted, making it necessary to seek elsewhere for a larger borrow pit. "We have constructed an economic plant for filling the low lands and making the street improvements in East Portland by dredging material from the river and other sources, and we are therefore in a position to do the work at a great benefit since it is done without charge. "To be in position to minimize the price for improvements means that we have made a large outlay and the reduction of bids from 20 cents to 30 cents per cubic yard, or 25 per cent, certainly shows a disposition on our part to be fair as 30 cents is the lowest price for which filling of this character has been done in this city. "The mayor's remarks would create the impression that we are charging above the city engineer's estimate of cost, but as a matter of fact at the time of his estimate for East Madison street improvement was made, the executive board, with the mayor as chairman, was letting contracts at 10 per cent above the face of city engineer's estimate of probable cost, and the city engineer always reduced his estimated cost, this same 10 per cent. We are, therefore, bidding just what the city engineer expected, as we told him that owing to our better facilities, we could reduce the price of contract of this character. "Of course, the mayor has been successful in getting the city engineer to contract for this street improvement where owners are anxious to have their property improved, but whether he is doing so when these owners who are assessed for the improvement of the street are anxious to have the work proceed at the price bid, may be open to question. "In any event we want it understood that the Pacific Bridge company is lowering the price of filling streets not raising it as the mayor would have the people believe."

Merchants Asked to Cooperate in Campaign Being Waged Against Tuberculosis—Tuesday to Be "Merchants' Day."



Next Tuesday is to be "merchants' day" at the postoffice, for the sale of the Christmas stamps to aid the campaign of the Visiting Nurse association against tuberculosis. Every merchant in the city is urged to cooperate with the society on this day, and to see to it that every letter or bill leaving his office on that day bears the Christmas stamp. This has been thought to be more practical and more convenient for the merchants than to have the women of the various committees call at the business offices with stamps for sale. Special efforts will be made at the postoffice booth for the ready sale of the stamps, and the stamps themselves are here in abundance. All that is needed is the active cooperation of all the business men of the city in this good cause. An interesting but pathetic item in regard to this campaign is the young man whose serious condition first brought to the minds of the Visiting Nurses the great need for a home or retreat for incurables, died last week. His family was found on the peninsula. Three were affected with the disease. One was found to be curable and was placed in the Open Air sanatorium through the Frank and Florence mission, which society is keeping him there. Two others, young men, were found to be incurable. For them a tent was erected in their back yard and one of the Visiting Nurses attended them regularly. One died a few days ago.

WIFE AND THREE CHILDREN DEAD

John Rosen of Montpelier, Idaho, Claims Wife Poisoned All.

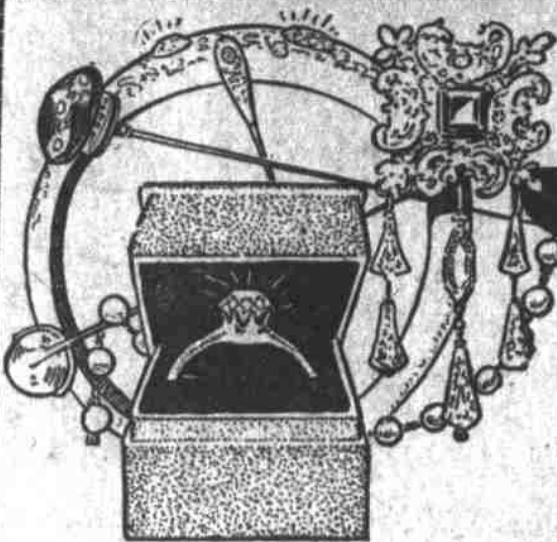
(United Press Leased Wire.) Boise, Idaho, Dec. 19.—Mrs. John Rosen and three children were found dead today at their home, four miles from Montpelier, in Bear Lake county, in the southeastern part of the state. The husband, John Rosen, who claims to have found his wife and children dead, says the mother poisoned the children and then took poison herself. The county attorney and coroner of Bear Lake county have gone to the Rosen home to investigate. No arrests have been made.

ROOSEVELT'S GUESTS OF THE FAIRBANKS

(Herald News by Longest Leased Wire.) Washington, Dec. 19.—President and Mrs. Roosevelt were entertained at dinner tonight by Vice President and Mrs. Fairbanks, distinguished company was gathered in the Fairbanks home to dine with them. Miss Ethel Roosevelt was also present, concluded a busy day by a game of lawn tennis on the court back of the executive offices, with the French ambassador, Secretary Garfield and Gifford Pinchot.

RECEPTION TO EVANS BY NAVY LEAGUE

(Herald News by Longest Leased Wire.) New York, Dec. 19.—In honor of Rear Admiral Evans a reception will be given at the Navy League in Carnegie hall on the evening of January 8. Among the men on the reception committee are Herbert D. Satterlee, assistant secretary of the navy; Clement A. Griscom, J. P. Moran, Nathan Straus, former Governor Morton and other prominent friends of the navy.



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HOPE TO OBTAIN LIBERTY BELL

Rose Festival Managers Receive Encouragement in State and City.

There is every reason to believe that the Rose Festival will be able to offer the historic Liberty Bell as a special added attraction for the grand celebration during the second week of next June. The only additional influence that seems to be necessary in order to engage the support of Senators Knox and Penrose of Pennsylvania, the congressmen from the Philadelphia district and the mayor of the Quaker City, is to have the executive management of the Alaska-Pacific exposition list its efforts in the matter. Such is the statement of Governor Chamberlain, who went exhaustively into the matter of bringing the Liberty Bell to the Pacific coast for next summer while he was in Washington attending the National Conservation congress. "There was some doubt expressed as to the ability of the Philadelphia officials to arrange for having the great national patriotic trophy sent out here merely for the week of the Rose festival, but Congressman J. Hampton Moore, representing the Philadelphia district, told Governor Chamberlain that he would probably not be a difficult matter to have the relic sent out to the northwest if Seattle, with its exposition, and Portland, with its spectacular floral feast, were to work in harmony. "Governor Chamberlain has advised President Ralph W. Hoyt of the Portland Rose Festival association of the conditions attached to the proposition of securing the Bell and the conditions imposed. Within the next few days the festival will ask the A.-Y.-P. exposition management to name a committee to meet here and arrange for some concerted and joint action in this matter. "I am confident that the Liberty Bell for their respective celebrations next year," said Governor Chamberlain last night. "Congressman J. Hampton Moore assured me that he would do all he could to arouse interest in the project and that he would try to get a body of delegation from his state to come to the northwest next summer. I found that with the utmost jealousy and it was extremely hard to get anybody interested in the movement. At the same time, we are assured that the people behind the Seattle fair will bend their energies to assist the Portland Rose Festival we will stand a most excellent chance of getting the bell. "I want to put myself on record as declaring that this would be the greatest advertisement the northwest has ever had. All the cities through which the sacred emblem of our nation's history would pass would turn out en masse to greet it. I shall do everything in my power to assist in having this unique treasure brought here, and I have every reason to believe that the officials of the state of Washington will assist in the effort."

TIMELY SUGGESTIONS FROM IRA POWERS

"Good Streets and Good Roads" Motto of the Furniture Man and Motorist.

"Good streets and good roads are good investments, and not expenses in the long run," said Ira Powers, proprietor of the Powers Furniture House. "Good roads," he continued, "were demanded by the people, and the county is providing them, and when the people demand good streets of the city government, a way will be found to get them. The city is so far behind the county in the matter of good thoroughfares that one can easily detect, on traveling out a street connecting with a county road, where the city's responsibility ends and the county's begins. As half a loaf is better than no bread at all, would it not be wise to improve the streets connecting with the principal county roads first? A stranger being shown into the county, would then be driven out on an attractive-looking street con-

necting with some one of the principal county thoroughfares, and should he return by another road, he would recross the city on another finely paved street. Then, too, the delivery of merchandise and country traffic would share in such an improvement. For example, a few more blocks of smooth paving on Jefferson street would have connected with the Canyon road now so splendidly improved. "Next year will witness more agitation for street improvement in the central or down-town thoroughfares than the casual observer would suppose. The owners and promoters of suburban tracts have shown, by the neat manner in which they have graded, curbed and sidewalked their properties, that good pavements and smooth sidewalks enhance the value of adjacent realty. Down-town property holders don't seem to realize this fact so strongly or else they would have provided some means of keeping their streets in repair, as it would cost a mere bagatelle to do so after they are once well improved. "I think there is nothing that enhances the value of property more than neat surroundings and especially improved streets and established grades. Showing a prospective purchaser property surrounded by unimproved streets and having no sidewalks and he looks upon the proposition with disfavor and almost invariably refuses to buy. Improvements of streets and sidewalks adds at least 25 per cent to the value of the property. Buyers will purchase on improved streets when they will hardly look at

unimproved property, even though it be in the same block. "There is still another point I wish to emphasize. The sidewalk crossings should be so constructed that there is no jump-off as the street is reached. The idea is not original with me," he continued, "but it is a method of construction adopted for crossings in Detroit, Mich., and other progressive cities I have visited. The crossings in Detroit, for example, are like so many culverts over the gutters near the sidewalks. If it happened to be raining, one runs no risk of stepping into a pool of water, as one does in this city. It is especially a great accommodation to ladies. There is no doubting the state-ment that the time is at hand when the city will witness great growth and consequently the streets will come in for intelligent consideration. Expansion, you know, is the order of the day in the west, and this city must, of course, exemplify the spirit of the times."

AESTHETIC ARGUMENT AGAINST WATER PLANS

(United Press Leased Wire.) Washington, Dec. 19.—The actual open fight against the plan for a Hetch Hetchy water system for San Francisco was begun today before the sub-committee of the house committee on public lands which is now considering Representative Julius Kahn's resolution to deed to the city the public land in

the national park needed for that purpose.

Dr. Robert Underwood Johnson, associate editor of the Century magazine, presented the arguments based on the aesthetic side of the question. He declared that the large reservoir, which is planned to build, would spoil the scenic beauty of the Hetch Hetchy valley and would result in such strict regulation of the water shed that tourists would be practically excluded from the region. City Engineer Marsden Manson of San Francisco and Secretary of the Interior Garfield held a long conference today. They are understood to have discussed the objections which have been made to the plan and to have de-layed on ways to meet the adverse arguments. The committee which is listening to the advocates and opponents of the measure has adjourned for the holiday recess.

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CONCRETE SLE FOR TERPEES

Rests on Bottom of Sea and Must Be Placed on Maps.

Ferro, Canary Islands, Dec. 18.—In full sea, off this island, is being built an artificial island for the great trophy of the automobile torpedoes made by the Creusot company. It consists of a box 50 feet long and 20 feet wide, filled with cement save spaces left for apartments, and resting on the bottom of the sea. From the submarine, torpedoes can be launched under the surface of the sea. As it is a true rock, the force of waves will not disturb it. Naturally, it will be noted on the maps and also be provided with submarine signals, which will be bells already connected with the builders, who estimate that their sound will travel under water at the rate of 1570 yards per second, while in the air it would only 1000. It is declared that their sound will be heard at the distance of at least seven miles and when most at 18 miles. The work is for the protection of shipping against a dangerous coast and is an interesting experiment in the direction. The submarine signals not only serve to advise ships when they enter the radius of the torpedo action, but in times of fog they will be enabled to locate themselves with accuracy.

Four candidates are now in the field for governor of Virginia to be settled at the election next year. They are Congressman Carter Glass of Lynchburg; Judge William H. Mann; Henry C. Stuart and Harry St. George Tucker.