

CITIZENS STAND IN COLD OVER NIGHT

Tacoma is Experiencing Bitter Fight Against Street Car Company—May Lead to Municipal Ownership.

TACOMA, Wash., Dec. 18.—The beginning of a big street railway war that may ultimately lead to the municipal ownership of the city street car lines opened here last night when 600 citizens of the suburbs of Fern Hill, Parkland and Spanaway were held up by a blockade of on their line and compelled to camp out in the cold all night because the residents of Fern Hill refused to pay more than five cents car fare. The fight between the people and the street railway has today resulted in a situation unparalleled in the history of the northwest.

Annexed Fern Hill

Wednesday night the city council annexed Fern Hill and three square miles of suburban territory. The residents of the annexed territory

claim this entitles them to five cent fare on the street railway instead of ten cents which they had been paying. Last night they refused to pay more than a nickel and the cars were stopped at Midway, the old city limits, the company refusing to carry them farther until full fare had been paid.

800 People Stranded.

By midnight eight hundred people were stranded, a shivering helpless crowd of men, women and children. Half of the number belonged at Sanaway and Parkland and they had paid full fare demanded to these points. They were not provided for, however, and they were stranded the same as those who had refused to give the conductors full fare. Women stood in the cold as long as possible and then collapsed. Mrs. Kland of Larchmont was taking home a daughter who had just been released from the hospital following an operation. The young woman fainted on the ground and lay moaning for an hour until she could be brought back to town. Mrs. Harvey of Woodland fainted from exposure. Many other women and children were unable to withstand the exposure and were carried to farmer's houses. A nearby grocery opened up and dispensed coffee, sardines and crackers to feed the multitude but the stock was soon exhausted.

Over eighty students have taken part in the preliminary debating and oratorical contests at the Oregon Agricultural College and many more will enter before the work is completed.

HEARTBROKEN WOMAN TAKES HER OWN LIFE

Leaves Pathetic Note for Husband and Kills Herself—Same Old Story of Neglect.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 1-8.—Mrs. Elizabeth Meyer, wife of Henry Meyer a bartender, shot herself through the heart early today and died while she was being taken to the Central Emergency hospital.

Beneath the pillow in her room, where the fatal shot was fired, was found the following disconnected, pathetic little note:

"Goodbye, Henry Darling. She can have you now. I have been deceived badly by you. One who loves you dearly and tried to save you at the cost of my own. As bad as I thought you were, I tried to save you any way. Your darling wife, Lizzy.

"You didn't shave off your mustache for nothing those months when I accused you of wronging, but told me it was a joke. Ladies' handkerchiefs in your pockets and coming home smelling of perfume so strongly that I could not sleep in bed. Bill Hartman knows all about this, your 161-year-old wife and baby. Go to your other wife and baby. I see the calendar you gave Miss Killia and the pictures in the papers of you and her. It was money that bought you."

When Patrolman J. J. Frederick entered the Meyer home, attracted by the sound of the shot, he found Meyer sobbing bitterly lying on the floor beside the bed on which his wife lay dying. He appeared to be heartbroken and was unable to answer the questions put to him by the officers.

BURGLARS BURN STORE AFTER ROBBING IT

SACRAMENTO, Cal., Dec. 17.—It developed this morning that the fire which caused \$10,000 damage to the furniture store of Charles M. Campbell last night was set by burglars.

They were evidently disappointed at not finding the large sum of money they thought was in the till. The till was found broken open this morning. The fire was set in two different rooms separated by an 18-inch fire wall. Campbell, it had been reported, kept a large sum in the till. He removed it to the burglar proof safe last night, leaving nothing in the money drawer.

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Dec. 17.—An inquiry was started today with a view of ascertaining the whereabouts of James Kingsley, a 16-year-old boy from Portland, Or., who claimed to be the son of a wealthy Portland man.

The lad has been missing from his lodgings at 342 West Fifth street for two weeks. He left his clothes and money in the house and his landlady, Mrs. W. H. Brest, said that she believed that he had met with some accident. The boy arrived here several weeks ago.

CLASSIEST CONTEST OF ENTIRE SEASON

Boxing Contest Tomorrow Night Will Delight Local Fans—Good, Fast, Clean Sport.

Monday night Medford lovers of the sport will see something worth while in the boxing match at the opera house.

The two preliminaries will be entertaining enough, especially the bout between the 75-pound bantams, who will surprise some of the audience by their cleverness. The youngsters are so clever in the art of "hit and get away" that it is a revelation to those who do not understand the game, as to its possibilities. Here are two boys who have learned to protect themselves in a clinch, block the blows of their opponent and breathe right all the time. The little fellows enjoy the sport and are getting training at the same time that will be of use to them later.

The principals in the main event are working out with several opponents daily, and both Doan and Ralston are in good condition and will be in shape Monday night to go the fifteen rounds without trouble.

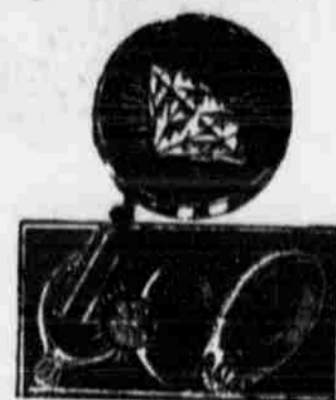
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George M. Robison to James F. Donham, 45 acres in section 27, town 38 range 1 W	10
B. H. Harris to Elizabeth Gadzow, lot 14, block 13, Butte Falls	150
William R. Lamb to Ed Watson, lot 1, block 18, Butte Falls	375
Bert Anderson to Minnie Wood Bender, lot 1, block 3, Anderson, Toft addition to Medford	10
Honore Palmer to Adrian C. Honore, 63.71 acres in section 11, township 36, range 2 W	3500
Same to same, land in section 7, township 36, range 1 W	37000
Same to same, 97.75 acres, part of James Hamlin D L C 47, township 38, range 1 W	35910
P. A. Trana to R. H. Toft, lot 4, block 1, Kendall addition to Medford	10
R. H. Toft to Jane Coleman, lot 7, block 1, Edwards addition to Medford	10
P. C. Page to Edith M. Stanley, lot 16, block 1, Page addition to Medford	110
Sophonra L. Ferguson to F. O. Cochran, lot 7, Constant addition to Central Point	10

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