

Spokane Happenings

(By E. H. HOLMES)

SPOKANE, WASHINGTON

Spokane, Washington (special to Advocate)—Colder weather without ice or snow prevails in eastern Washington.

"Billy" in charge of vice presidents car, Milwaukee Ry., headquarters Seattle, was in Spokane last week. Thirty-three private and business cars have been taken off on that system. Re-trenchment of the most rigorous kind is being practiced by the Milwaukee Railroad.

Jake Jones, an old timer who was in Spokane when the first "big wind" blew, returned home from Saint Paul this week. Jake recently went to Saint Paul to make his home with his daughter, but the call of the west was irresistible, so Jake came on back.

Mr. R. L. Moss of St. Paul, employed by the Great Northern Ry., laid over in Spokane Monday, when he left there it was 10 degrees below zero. He found the crisp balmy air of Spokane just right.

Sandy Montgomery and Morris Nalden were endorsed for jobs in the legislature, which meets in Olympia second Monday in January, 1931, by the executive committee of the republican club last week.

John Davenport returned from San Francisco recently where he went in the interest of the Pullman Porters of the Spokane district.

Geo. Mullen of Portland was in Spokane Wednesday, shaking hands with his numerous friends. George is a fixture on the S. P. & S. Ry., being in charge of the general managers private car.

Mrs. Eliza Stafford, sick with pneumonia, was the recipient this week of a beautiful lot of flowers from the "White House" Drygoods Store, where she has been employed many years. She is much improved to the delight of her many friends.

Mrs. C. Simmers and Mrs. U. J. Dorsey entertained at their respective homes during the week, honoring Mrs. C. W. Davis of Chicago. Dainty

luncheons were served, to the enjoyment of all present.

Mrs. Jerome Covington returned to Spokane Monday, having been called home on account of the illness of her mother, Mrs. Eliza Stafford.

The N. A. A. C. P. will meet at the Calvary Baptist church next Thursday night.

A movement is on foot to remember the men and women of our race confined in penal institutions in this state at Christmas time. No worthier project has ever been fostered in Spokane.

With but one or two exceptions, all the roadhouses, chicken dinner inns and night clubs in and around Spokane are conducted in an admirable manner by members of the race. Despite the quiet times they are all holding their own. Affording employment to many race men and women and establishing reputations as business men of no mean repute.

Annual elections in lodges, chapters and households will be reported next week.

There was a time when the long winter nights were enlivened by literary and debating societies, that were both entertaining and instructive. We wonder if the radio and the movies have destroyed them? We should like to see an effort made to revive them, or, to organize a Sunday forum or something for the outlet of splendid talent lying dormant.

Threats are being made of pulling an opossum dinner around Christmas. It's a stand-off as to which is the worst; despite the fact that there is no telling for taste, Possum or chitterlings. However, we say bring on the 'possum. Some people are game enough to eat anything!

L. S. Jones, prominent tailor of Nelson, B. C., came to Spokane Wednesday on a periodical visit.

Railway employees entering Spokane report travel very light with seemingly no immediate prospects of improvement.

DIGESTING THE NEWS

By CLIFFORD C. MITCHELL

As we study the news, editorials, comments and conditions we learn that throughout the country, (and the entire world for that matter) the economic situation is serious and inasmuch as a goodly portion of our workers are of the personal service type whose earnings depend upon the prosperity of their white employers, our race in general, business, professional and recreational, seems to be at its lowest ebb.

Serious as conditions are, however, the race is going to emerge the victor. During these shifting times our weak philosophies, our erroneous conceptions of leadership, our insecure institutions are all being drawn through the sieve of common understanding and indisputable facts and in their place will arise a new day and a new order of things, all of which will redound favorably for this and the coming generations.

If we are to obtain that freedom, respect and privileges for which we are always praying and demanding, we must set a new standard, rearrange our own household, displacing the old, unnecessary and luxurious items with others that are more practical, more durable, sustaining and comfortable.

We must analyze the facts as they are and not as they should be. In our appreciation of life we must not forget that we cannot get out of it more than we are willing to put in. To enjoy life on this earth, at least, there are many practical things that must enter into its sustenance. These things must be solved in a practical manner.

(Concluded Next Week)



Thousands of dollars have been spent by the private power interests in Oregon and Washington to educate the public to the "dangers" of the Grange power bills. Signatures of our "prominent citizens" were attached to the Power Trust propaganda.

No doubt the methods used by the Power Trust in these two states was similar to the methods used in Ohio.

Here's an item from Cleveland, Ohio, according to Labor, which sheds light on the "educational" methods of the Power Trust:

"Ashtabula, O., had a paying municipal light plant. Rates were reasonable and service excellent.

"The Power Trust felt it offered a bad example — successful municipal ownership is 'catching'—and in the course of time 'leading citizens' of Ashtabula launched a movement to sell the plant to the Cleveland Electric Company, principal wing of the Trust in northern Ohio.

"They finally 'educated' the people to the point where the deal was consummated.

"Now Joseph R. Cook, an attorney of Ashtabula, has filed suit against the Cleveland concern. He says he was promised \$15,000 for his part in the 'educational' campaign and that up to date he has received only a niggardly \$4,300.

"People of Ashtabula are wondering how much the other 'leading citizens' got."

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By Kita Reid

The Advocate does not necessarily share in Kita Reid's views, but whether we do or not, her opinions are sane, logical and well worth reading. It is your privilege as well as ours to disagree with Kita and she invites your opinion upon subjects she discusses from time to time in her column.

In Thursday's Oregonian is an affusion by Coolidge that the world's faith in the Soviet government of Russia is weakened by the trial against the five engineers for treason. I would like to ask Mr. Coolidge if he thinks that the trial and execution of Sacco and Vanzanetti increased the world's confidence in the United States? That blunder of the Massachusetts hysteria will go down in history as an arraignment of America's idea of justice, in spite of all that Coolidge or anyone else can say against any other country in an attempt to discredit any foreign government. A later paper advises that the sentences were commuted by the Soviet government — an action which a weak governor and the prejudiced press would not permit in the case of the "disproved" guilt of the two men—martyrs of American hysteria and ignorance. Shouldn't throw stones when you live in a glass house, Mr. Coolidge.

When I read the account of the Manning and Judge Lindsey fracas, I had a nice quiet giggle all to myself. How ridiculous that pompous bishop is making himself. I wondered what would be the result if Manning would call the roll of the people in his church that day and ask those who were free of the sin of which he accused Lindsey—that of adhering to the principle of companionate marriage — how many eyes would he have received? There would be very few noses. If he had said how many of you are faithful to your marriage vows? Cardinal Manning should preach more on the text "Let him who is without sin amongst you, cast the first stone." The two greatest enemies of justice in the world are fear and ignorance. How many people who are judging Lindsey know what is meant by a "companionate marriage?"

Commissioner Clyde's proposal to eliminate the second and third choice of voters at city elections is a move in the right direction. The voter who knows his own mind knows which man he wants and those whose minds are so undecided that they must have three chances should not be considered. The present system gives us a man whom nobody wants and the result of such a vote surely does not represent the choice of the people.

I wonder if it was Clyde's election that made Baker sick? It indicated one thing—Clyde's victory—that we were sick and tired of the eternal disregard of the common people's rights and wishes that had grown into a custom among the five commissioners. It was an expression of general distrust of their policies and it is high time that the ring was broken up. Clyde seems to be making the remaining members sufficiently uncomfortable. Keep it up, Clyde, you are our only hope.

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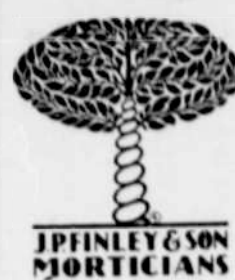
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