

Spokane Happenings

(By E. H. HOLMES)
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Spokane, Wash., (Special To Advocate).
Weather clear and cold for Eastern Washington.

Business quiet and dull.

John Davenport lost his suit last Tuesday for \$500.00 against a white fellow who collided with his automobile in October last. Refusing to settle, Davenport entered suit in Superior court.

A lively meeting is anticipated when the Republican club holds its election Friday night. Trouble has been brewing since last fall and has grown more acute over matters of political patronage. The president John H. Thompson went so Olympia recently, expecting to be employed at the Capitol during the legislative session. Rumors, reaching here say that he was not successful and is enroute home. Anyhow the Executive Committee issued the call for the meeting and election and if John does not get back by Friday night it will be just too bad for him.

Mr. and Mrs. E. Holmes entertained Mrs. Charles W. Davis and sister, Mrs. Jerome Covington at a turkey dinner last Sunday. Mesdames Davis and Covington are nieces of Mrs. Holmes.

A large number of friends of E. H. Holmes and the three young fellows reported last week as being in the clutches of the law over a highway robbery, were in court January 16. Only to be disappointed as case was continued until January 23rd. The charge against the boys has been reduced to larceny from the person which if they are found guilty will mean from 6 months to 15 years in the State Reformatory at Monroe, Wash. Everything possible is being done for the boys. Their friends would like to see them get a suspended sentence, on account of their extreme youth, and this being their first offense. The case against Mr. Holmes will be dismissed in due course.

Pete Wilson has got a badly smashed thumb caused by accidentally coming in contact with some machinery the other day at the Northern Pacific Shops at Yardley where Pete is an old employee.

The following election Trustee of Bethel A. M. E. Church January 19. John Davenport, C. W. Holdsworth, J. Craven, L. W. Simms, James Gordon, Dr. Stephens, E. I. Dundee and R. Hagan.

On the sick list: Doctor Fulp, Miss Mildred Turnham and C. U. Lee, prominent musician with appendicitis.

Stewardess board Bethel A. M. E. church will give a chicken dinner January 30th; and quarterly conference will be held first Sunday in February.

Rev. T. A. Patterson, D. D., Presiding Elder of Everett and Puget Sound Conference presiding.

The local Elks have been putting on a drive to bring back the "unfinancial members" and to enlist others under the banner of Elkdom. It is reported that they have met with considerable success.

Homer Strong is figuring on going to Wenatchee and Geo. Parker is sole owner and proprietor of the Main Event Pool room where he invites the stranger and good friend to come and pass the time away while in Spokane.



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Digesting... The News

By CLIFFORD C. MITCHELL

For the benefit of those who did not read the first half of this article which was published last week, we are republishing it with the remainder of the article.

While perusing and recording the news, especially the local items, in our papers from every corner of America, it is interesting (and a good omen) to read of the new organizations, clubs, movements, etc., that are budding forth composing our business and professional element.

In name we have always been well supplied with clubs, ostensibly for social gathering of various elements, but in reality the majority of these clubs have been but a blind to shield our more nefarious activities of gambling and liquor dispensing. In each instance these clubs usually have had the backing of our political henchmen, whose entire purpose in power, seemingly, has been merely to secure the political influence necessary to render these clubs protection.

The organizations and clubs now springing up, fortunately, are not to be used as a hovel for social weaknesses, but as a center in which our business and professional class can meet to study, plan and disseminate practical modes of procedure in strengthening our economic condition. As a nucleus around which an important work can be accomplished, these clubs are all-important.

With a few exceptions our commercial enterprises are not so financed as to enable them to maintain a corps of workers purely for academic, experimental and research purposes. The communities in which our enterprises, jointly, can employ efficient executives on a commensurate salary for these purposes are few, and it is in this particular field that these new commercial clubs will find ample opportunity of rendering a needed and constructive service, not only to our captains of industry but to the community in general.

Each club should be able to support at least one full-time executive. These secretaries, if such would be their title, should be selected, not in view of their popularity or their affiliation with any particular group, etc., but preferably some trained and experienced student who is thoroughly familiar with all the principles of business science.

(Continued from last week)
With a properly trained secretary in charge, each club would be justified in asking for and securing the support of every business enterprise in the community. With an anticipated budget the dues required from each member would be small. The dues could well be proportioned in cash and in service.

Business surveys covering all of the requirements of our group and their expenditures could be made and the files of the secretary would reveal to the individual club members an unlimited amount of necessary and useful information which would be used as a basis for charting out new business programs of expansion either for individual or group action.

Trade journals and business periodicals would be constantly studied by the secretary and useful information therefrom would be compiled, digested and distributed to the members. The club would be further used as a clearing house for all information affecting prices and delivery of raw materials, manufactured products and retail distribution.

Methods of business management and service would be studied by the secretary and in turn he would suggest practical plans that would benefit each member. Likewise, suggestions would be constantly made on new avenues of enterprise that our commercial captains could undertake with profit to themselves and further employment for the race.

A good secretary would be in touch with our schools. He would anticipate the graduation of some race boy or girl who has gained eminence in their

SENSE AND SENSE

RALPH C. CLYDE
FORMER MEMBER OREGON LEGISLATURE AND PORTLAND CITY COUNCIL

FIREMEN A DAY OFF

"WHAT IS THE USE?"
"What is the use?" "What is the use?" "What is the use?"

These questions are asked in your ears all the time, when you make an effort to change and improve conditions.

If Columbus had given heed to this lament, America would never have been discovered. After it had been discovered, if George Washington had listened to this wail, the United States would be a British colony today.

If "What is the use?" had been allowed to blast the initiative of our inventive geniuses, there would be no radio, airplanes, telephones, steam, electricity, or anything else worth while. We would be using candles for lights, traveling by horse-drawn stages and suffering from the lack of things that make life worth while in the present day and age.

Nothing gets me so "fired" as when the man you are trying to lift out of the sea starts "yapping." "What is the use?" The very one you are trying to place on the solid ground of independence, resists your well meant endeavors, tries to drag you down and all the while is howling the swan song, "What's the use?"

God bless the Independent He Man who makes a real fight for the freedom. No matter how many times he may be (seemingly) beaten, he will eventually become the victor and break the chains of his bondage. While on the other hand the poor jelly fish whose middle name is Cowardice, will slump down deep into oblivion with his "What is the use?"

mastery and study of business administration and by keeping the business men informed a place in some organization could be prepared for a worthy graduate. The business enterprise needing the services of a trained specialist in a particular line would merely have to notify the secretary, who, by his contacts with the schools could adequately and promptly fill this niche.

Yes, these new commercial clubs and trade organizations are badly needed. There is much for them to do and they are welcome. Not only the business class, but the professional class, as well, should adequately support these clubs, which if properly organized and their affairs directed by a competent and trained executive, they will pay a handsome dividend, in service, to their individual members and the race in general.

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Arrow Tips

By Kits Reid

The Advocate does not necessarily share in Kits 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 Kits and she invites your opinion upon subjects she discusses from time to time in her column.

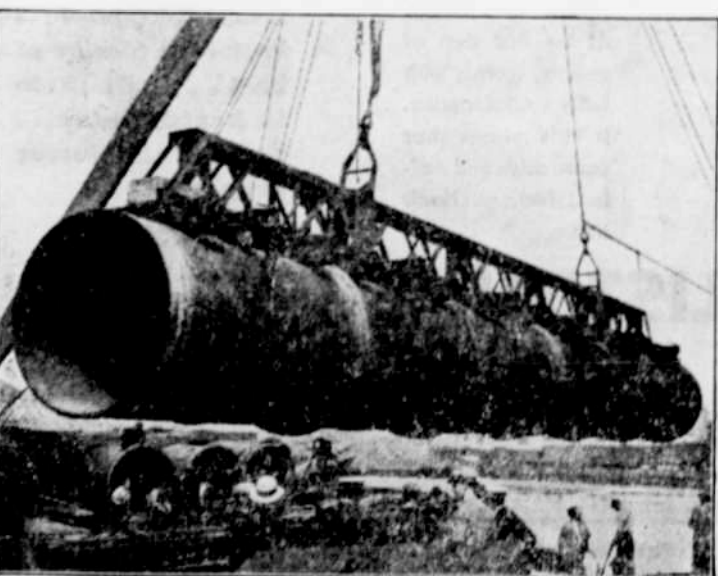
I have been watching the antics of the women's organizations these days of legislative activities. They are so anxious to get into the limelight and are endorsing bills that are not yet printed. One very large organization thought to cover itself with glory and so avoid at the same time any culpability as to error in case it endorsed a bill that was not quite "all right," by offering a resolution designed to approve "the idea" conveyed in the debate (and debatable measure). Mrs. Alexander Thompson, who has been a legislator, quashed that brilliant idea with very few words. Isn't it a pitiable condition that the women's organizations find themselves in? Can they not realize that they are being manipulated by a few clever leaders who in turn are dominated by profit-profit by the measure?

Why do women and men too, allow their wits to become so befuddled that they no longer can think for themselves? Imagine the stupidity of endorsing a bill which may become a law and affect the lives and destinies of our neighbors (and possibly our own) without ever having even seen the thing in print. And yet the women in organizations call themselves intelligent. Perhaps they are but such actions would not indicate a very high order of intelligence.

I have been reading the Oregonian editorials on Russia recently. I have in mind the one in a recent issue which accuses Russia of "dumping" its convict made exports on American soil. Do you suppose the Oregonian could be prevailed upon to publish the names of the American buyers of those Russian imports? No nation, company or person can sell if no other nation, company or person will buy—who is doing the buying in these terrible cases quoted by the Oregonian?

Mrs. Zepha Baker, popular beauty specialist and especially beautiful, who went to Indianapolis two months ago to take a special course at the Mme. C. J. Walker School of Beauty, is back home with a diploma. Mrs. Baker took a three months course in two, as her practical experience and former study aided materially in her rapid advancement. The course included scalp and skin disease treatment and cure, manicuring, etc. At present she is continuing her work at her residence, 1385 Grand avenue North, where she will be pleased to receive her former and new patrons.

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