

Spokane Happ'nings

(By E. H. HOLMES)
SPOKANE, WASHINGTON
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The tail end of a blizzard raging over the Rocky Mountain region struck here last week, and rendered the weather miserable and severely cold.

Shorty Williams, playing the part of "good samaritan," separated two women who were fighting in his hotel—went to his room, was called out and struck on the head with a poker by a white man. Shorty pulled out his razor, pursued the white man, cutting his hat into ribbons and bruising him otherwise. Judge G. W. Stocker imposed a fine of \$10.00 and costs upon both for disorderly conduct. Shorty spent about \$400.00 bonus money in 4 or 5 days.

William Burke, an old resident, 92 years old, passed away last Monday and was buried from the St. Aloysius Catholic church last Wednesday morning.

The Melody Four, local singers of repute, will put over our "evening of song" at the A. M. E. church April 5th, for benefit of Stewardess.

Mrs. C. Grubbs, superintendent of Calvary Baptist church, announces an Easter pageant of Sunday School

for 6:30 p. m. Easter.

Mrs. B. Coltrane entertained Wednesday Art club March 25, at breakfast.

The S. I. club will give an Easter ball at Odd Fellows hall, Sprague and Napa, Monday, April 6.

The Holy Week revival meetings are being well attended. Rev. G. S. Allen and Emmett B. Reed are doing the preaching, the services being much enjoyed.

The local Elks will give a big dance April 23, at Odd Fellows hall, Sprague and Napa. The boys are getting ready for the state convention that meets in Spokane in June.

Arrangements are being made for the Electoral College of the A.M.E. Church that meets in Spokane early in May to elect a lay delegate to the Cleveland, Ohio in 1932.

News reaches here that Mrs. John Mapps who has been spending the winter in California has been royally entertained in San Diego and other California points.

Sam Sumner of Chicago an old friend of E. H. Holmes, spent last Wednesday in Spokane.

THE BOND ISSUE

Portland, Ore., April 3.

To the Editor: All we know about the \$2,000,000 bond issue is what we read in the papers and that makes us ask the question, is it a good thing for Portland's unemployed, for Portland people.

First we will have to consider what the bonds are for on the surface and then see if they fill the bill. According to the press, the bonds will aid materially the unemployed of Portland and it is admitted now after at least a year of suffering by many of them that unemployment is a fact and not a blame upon those in such condition. We have learned a lesson in economics that layoffs and wage-cuts mean actual human beings dispossessed and in want. Now the figures of the unemployed army in Portland as given will have to be used and at the same time we will have to admit that they represent a minimum by authoritative statistics. As given, they fluctuate from ten thousand to fifteen thousand men and women with twenty to thirty thousand dependents. Two million dollars represents a great deal of money and divided amongst thirty thousand people comes to, in the little red school-house method, sixty-six dollars per capita. As stated, these bonds will be sold as needed over a period of 24 months. Assuming that they are all used in the next two years, that means that every man, woman and child who are actually starving will receive around two dollars and seventy-five cents a month! This will of course pay rent, clothing, hospital, food and other necessary items of existence, it goes without saying. To the unemployed, then, the bonds can mean nothing practical. They are not the solution of their difficulty which, in simple language, is want for the barest needs of life. Maybe they are supposed to be enchanted by the mention of such a large sum, we do not know.

To the taxpayer, you and I, they also present a problem even if we are employed, and making money. (Of such happy state, I have my doubts!) Two million dollars in municipal and county bonds that will be sold and bear a maximum of five per cent. The difficulties of disposing of bonds of municipalities right now is common knowledge to everyone. We cannot expect the Eastern bankers to be doing otherwise than taking advantage of such a state of affairs and making as much of a discount as possible. But we go on paying the interest and wanting to help our suffering fellow-men and realizing that we are not. We notice that some of our leading citizens, advocates of this issue, have not hesitated to enforce a wage-cut at their plants and stores and layoffs also. I am in favor of helping the unemployed, feel that they deserve help and that this help is not charity, but the bond issue is not the path to follow, as shown by simple arithmetic.

metic. It is not only Portland but the rest of our country that has to come down to facts and do something more practical. It is too bad that history in repeating itself seems to carry on every mistake as well as gain of its previous experience. Many of the leading men of today recognize these facts. An economic chaos is always the forerunner of drastic change. We have had the experience of futilely fighting such change in the past and we hope that now, for the first time, such a change will be done in a manner that will stamp us as having advanced in mental as well as industrial paths.

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Local News

The Grantonian of last week carried a column writup of George Canady, senior and football star.

Cora Franklin's birthday party on Saturday, March 28, marks the first brilliant affair of the younger set this season. The large number of young people present spent a delightful evening in dancing. Nellie Franklin at the piano and Merriman Maxwell with his drums, and the radio furnishing the music. Seventeen candies adorned the pretty birthday cake and all were extinguished with one breath by Miss Franklin, leaving none to wish on, but all present wished her many more happy birthdays in the future. A large number of beautiful gifts were presented the young hostess.

BAPTISTS

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417 Williams Ave.
Rev. W. R. Lovell, Minister

Spokane, Wash.—(Special to Advocate.)—Spring showers falling daily in Eastern Washington lend assurance of plenty of moisture for farmers.

THE MOTION PICTURE SITUATION

(By Chester A. Lyon)

The Advocate does not necessarily share in the writer's views, but whether we do or not, the opinions are sane, logical and interesting. It is the readers' as well as our privilege to disagree with the writer who invites your opinion upon the subjects discussed from time to time in this column.

By May 1 of last year over 10,000 signatures were obtained to the petition asking the mayor and city council of Portland for an improvement in the censorship of motion pictures. I have personally interviewed every Catholic priest in Portland—29 of them—and find every one of them giving 100 per cent for a clean-up of the movies.

Being a member of the Methodist Church myself, I wondered how the Catholic people viewed the movie situation, and after making this personal visitation words cannot begin to express my appreciation of the splendid co-operation given by Catholic priests.

Edward D. Howard, archbishop of the Catholic clergy, is co-operating in every way possible to bring about this much-needed reform.

May 22 finds rabbis in Portland, 120 Protestant ministers, over 700 school teachers and nuns instructing in parochial schools and members of school board sign the petition, and endorse the movement. Nearly 15,000 signed the petition requesting an improvement in censorship of motion pictures.

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