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Seattle Is Now Within Quarter of a Million Dollars of the Amount for Which It Is Legal to Issue Bonds.

Legislative Acts Seem Specific on Subject and Certificates Cannot Be Floated on a Simple Mortgage on Plant.

AN election on the municipal ownership of public utilities cannot be held until fall and it is doubtful if it can be held then. The state constitution absolutely forbids a municipality of the first class from being indebted by bond issues to more than 10 per cent of the assessed valuation of property. Seattle is almost up to that limit. Unless the state legislature passes an act exempting Seattle from the requirements of the laws of this commonwealth, no municipal ownership here cannot become a fact.

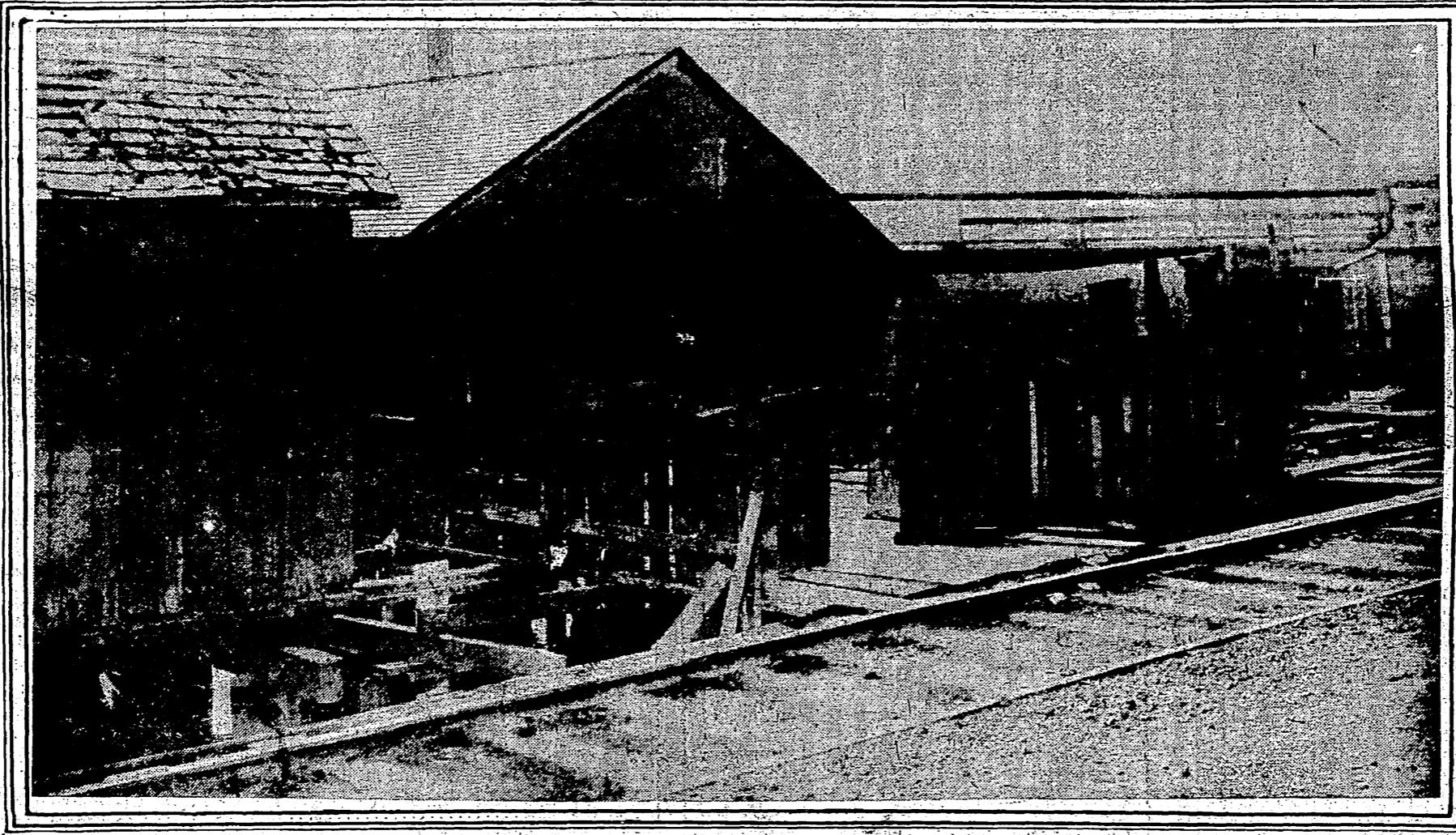
Over in substance, is the opinion of Assistant Corporation Counsel Tucker on the municipal ownership problem. Tucker, in a letter to the *Times*, looked up the law on the subject. As far as he had been able to discover, the "provisions of the constitution which forbid the city from incurring indebtedness in excess of ten per cent of the assessed valuation of property" do not apply to the city of Seattle. The city is as far from municipal ownership as it was ten years ago. The city charter, identical with the state constitution, provides:

Laws Are Specific. "No county, city, town, school district or other municipal corporation shall for any purpose become indebted in any manner in an amount exceeding one and one-tenth per cent of the taxable property of such county, city, town, school district or other municipal corporation, or of the voters therein, voting at an election to be held for that purpose, nor in excess of the amount of the assessed property therein, to be ascertained by the assessor for state or county purposes previous to the incurring of such indebtedness, except that in the case of the city of Seattle, the amount of such indebtedness shall be taken from the last assessment for city purposes.

The water bonds were taken on what is practically amounting to a lien on most of the water system. Nobody in the city expects that a municipal street railway, and a competitive railway, will be able to pay for its bonds in this way. The "indebtedness" incurred must be the bonds to be sold at public sale, and the amount of the bonds to be sold must be paid for a civic system of street railways.

Under the state constitution, the charter of the city of Seattle and the charter of the city of Tacoma, the problem of municipal ownership is at a complete standstill until such a time as the state legislature decides to reach its limit of indebtedness, more than a quarter of a million dollars in bonds to be sold at public sale, and not a speck on the total amount that will have to be paid for a civic system of street railways.

Place Where Child Was Killed By Train



NO PRECAUTIONS TAKEN FOR SAFETY

Railroad Company Omits Ordinary Safeguards for Pedestrians at Point of Grant Street Tragedy.

"Why didn't you keep your child off the tracks?" This was the heartless reply made by the brakeman of the switching crew which crushed the life out of little Katharine Vinette yesterday morning when the grief-stricken mother, standing over the mangled body of her only daughter, cried hysterically, "For God's sake why didn't you have a brakeman on the end of the train?"

FURTHER inquiries into the shocking accident on the Grant Street tracks of the Northern Pacific Railway yesterday morning, which resulted in the instant death of six-year-old Katharine Vinette, tend to show the railroad company, and its facilities for protecting the lives of those who are obliged to use its right of way as a thoroughfare, in a most unfavorable light.

FLOOD OF LAVA WIPES OUT VILLAGE

Town of Bosco, Trecaze Utterly Destroyed by Molten Stream Pouring From Crater of Belching Mt. Vesuvius.

The Hearst News Service, Special Cable (Via New York by Leased Wire) NAPLES, Saturday, April 7.—The whitest lava from the belching crater of Mount Vesuvius, which has been flaming a thousand feet high for the past four hours, this afternoon completely covered the town of Bosco Trecaze. The town had a population of 3,400, and many of the inhabitants had deserted it before the lava reached it. It has been impossible to reach how many remained in the village. It is certain, however, that all those who were caught by the descent of the flaming flow have perished.

Some Remained Behind. It was thought that all those in the town of Bosco Trecaze had left, but it is now understood that some of them misjudged the violence of the disturbance and remained in their houses. The lava, in great sluggish streams, had been coming down the western and southern slopes of the mountain side since the eruption of Vesuvius on the night of the 27th of last month. It was reported late this afternoon that the city of Ottaviano was also being surrounded by the flaming lava and would meet the same fate.

LAST ROUND-UP OF WILD HORSES IN STATE

Ten Thousand Animals Roaming Plains in Central Washington Will Be Gathered in Corrals and Branded.

TEN thousand wild horses, roaming the plains south of the Great Northern tracks in the Columbia River basin, will be rounded up this month; branded and many of them sold. Between 500 and 600 riders will take part, starting from Ephrata April 22. This will be the last great round-up in the Northwest, for the settlement of Eastern Washington has made it impossible for stockmen to raise range horses. The big stockmen will continue in the business with their enclosed pastures, but the majority will gradually go out of business.

Work of building a thirty-eight-foot gasoline barge for the King & Wing ship yard at Seattle. The vessel will be equipped with a Standard engine.

SLAVE MARKET IS RUN BY JAP OUTLAWS

Band of Criminals That Murd'ered Yokio Live-Off Earnings of Forty of Countrywomen in Seattle.

POLICE investigation of the murder of Chickichi Yokio, the Japanese who last week was done to death by two hired murderers belonging to a band of Japanese outlaws, has brought to light the fact that this band of mercenary assassins live off the earnings of Japanese slave women herded together in the southern part of the city. The forty women are not only forced to supply sufficient money for them. The forty women are not only forced to supply the assassins with their earnings, but they are sold as slaves whenever their masters need more ready money than they can earn.

These women were all brought into the country for immoral purposes in defiance of the immigration laws and the police believe they could all be deported if proper steps were taken. With the slave women in Seattle the police have little hope of finally crushing the band of Japanese outlaws who in the past have committed numerous robberies and assaults, and who only last week added murder to their catalogue of crimes.

VICIOUS MUST GO FROM UNION DEPOT

Businessmen and Members of City Council Agree That Clean-up Is Required About Passenger Station.

WHEN Mayor William Hickman Moore has rested from his labors in visiting Cedar River and the source of the city's water supply, representations will be made to him by business men and members of the council in regard to conditions now existing in the vicinity of the Union depot. The mayor, it is known, has already considered the demands of business men and property owners to have the district cleaned up and the dens of vice driven from about the place where thousands of tourists and homeseekers will land this summer. Members of the council, while stating that the disposition of the matter must rest finally with the mayor, are not chary in expressing their belief that something must and will be done.

One Thing to Be Done. Councilman T. P. Revelle, of the Seventh Ward, voiced this sentiment yesterday, when he said: "There is only one thing to be done by the city in my opinion, and that is to clean the district of vice in the vicinity of the Union depot. I do not imagine that there will be objection from any quarter. What I say is an entire deference to Mayor Moore, who doubtless is informed of the circumstances and while probably far more than any man in the city government, wishes to do the best he can for the people of Seattle."

MURPHY ESCAPES DISBARMENT BY COURT

While Holding That Attorney Acted Within His Rights in Gates Divorce Case, Judge Scores Proceedings.

Characterizes Acts of Lawyer as Unseemly Scramble to Get Possession of Coin Under Control of Another.

Letters Introduced in Evidence Lay Bare Details of Scheme to Obtain Money From Swiftwater Bill by Waiting Game.

THREE unusual features marked the John C. Murphy disbarment proceedings which took up the time of six superior judges of the Superior Court of King County yesterday. The hearing of this case came as the culmination of charges which were made against Attorney Murphy last fall, accusing him of unprofessional conduct in connection with the divorce proceedings brought by Beatrice Bera Gates, one of the wives of "Swiftwater Bill" Gates who is himself one of the most famous products of the early days of the Klondike when millionaires were made in a night.

Perhaps the most remarkable feature of the day was the fact that contrary to all expectations Judge Albertson, Tallman, Gilliam, Morris, Griffin and Yakov, sitting on the bench, examined by Murphy was acting within the pale of his legal rights when he secured an order from Superior Judge Hatch authorizing him to draw the \$2,250 deposited in the registry of the court by Swiftwater Bill as an alternative to being placed in jail in lieu of a \$10,000 bond. The second feature was the fact that given all the attorneys implicated in the affair by Judge Albertson and the third the revelation that was his several letters written by Mrs. Iola Beebe, mother of the former Mrs. Gates to Attorney Murphy, which showed that he had secured all the money possible out of "Swiftwater Bill" Gates.

Was Unseemly Scramble. It was shortly after 5 o'clock last evening when Prosecuting Attorney Mackintosh who conducted the prosecution of the charges against Attorney Murphy stated that he did not wish to argue the case, the last witness for the respondent was Judge Hatch who testified that he had secured an order from Superior Judge Hatch authorizing him to draw the \$2,250 deposited in the registry of the court by Swiftwater Bill as an alternative to being placed in jail in lieu of a \$10,000 bond. The second feature was the fact that given all the attorneys implicated in the affair by Judge Albertson and the third the revelation that was his several letters written by Mrs. Iola Beebe, mother of the former Mrs. Gates to Attorney Murphy, which showed that he had secured all the money possible out of "Swiftwater Bill" Gates.

Letters Tell Quer Tale. It was during the examination of Mrs. Iola Beebe, mother of Mrs. Beatrice Bera Gates, that the plot to get "Swiftwater Bill" involved, Judge Bell, in behalf of Attorney Murphy, placed in evidence several letters written from Fairbanks by Mrs. Beebe to Murphy, in explanation of those letters the witness stated that they were written to Mr. Murphy as her own attorney and that any mention of her daughter's affairs was merely an incident.

