

# THREE BANKS FAIL

## Merchants Trust of Memphis Drags Down Others.

### WILL PAY ALL DEPOSITS

**MEMPHIS, Tenn., Dec. 27.**—Three institutions failed to open their doors for business today. The Merchants Trust Company, with a capital stock of \$200,000, the American Savings Bank & Trust Company, and the Merchants Savings Bank, smaller institutions allied with the first-named concern, have gone into liquidation.

### Had Absorbed Other Banks.

The Merchants Trust Company recently absorbed the Memphis National Bank, and it is stated, owns the controlling stock of the American Savings Bank & Trust Company. The latter institution had absorbed the Merchants Savings Bank a few days ago. The suspension of the institutions caused little excitement in financial circles.

### GIVES PEOPLE THE HONOR

**BURNS OPENS Campaign as Labor Member of Cabinet.**

**LONDON, Dec. 27.**—John Burns, president of the Local Government Board, made his first public address since his election to the Cabinet, when he opened the election campaign at Battersea tonight.

### PANAMA PARTIES DISAGREE

**PANAMA, Dec. 27.**—After several conferences the members of the opposing political parties of this republic have failed to come to an agreement.

### PREPARES FOR HIS JUBILEE

**ROME, Dec. 27.**—Preparations are already being made to celebrate in 1908 the golden jubilee of the late Pope Leo, when an international convention of the former pope should be held in Rome.

### PLANS FOR BOISE PROJECT

**PROPOSALS ADVERTISED AND BIDS OPENED FEBRUARY 1.**

**OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Dec. 27.**—The Secretary of the Interior today approved the plans for the Boise-Payette irrigation project in Idaho and authorized advertisement for proposals for the construction of the first unit, embracing 50,000 to 60,000 acres.

### WILL PROSECUTE ARMY GRATERS.

**LONDON, Dec. 27.**—The War Office has ordered the prosecution of the members of the South African war stores scandal.

### NEW CABINET IN PORTUGAL.

**LISBON, Dec. 27.**—A new Cabinet was formed today after the Premiership of Luciano de Castro.

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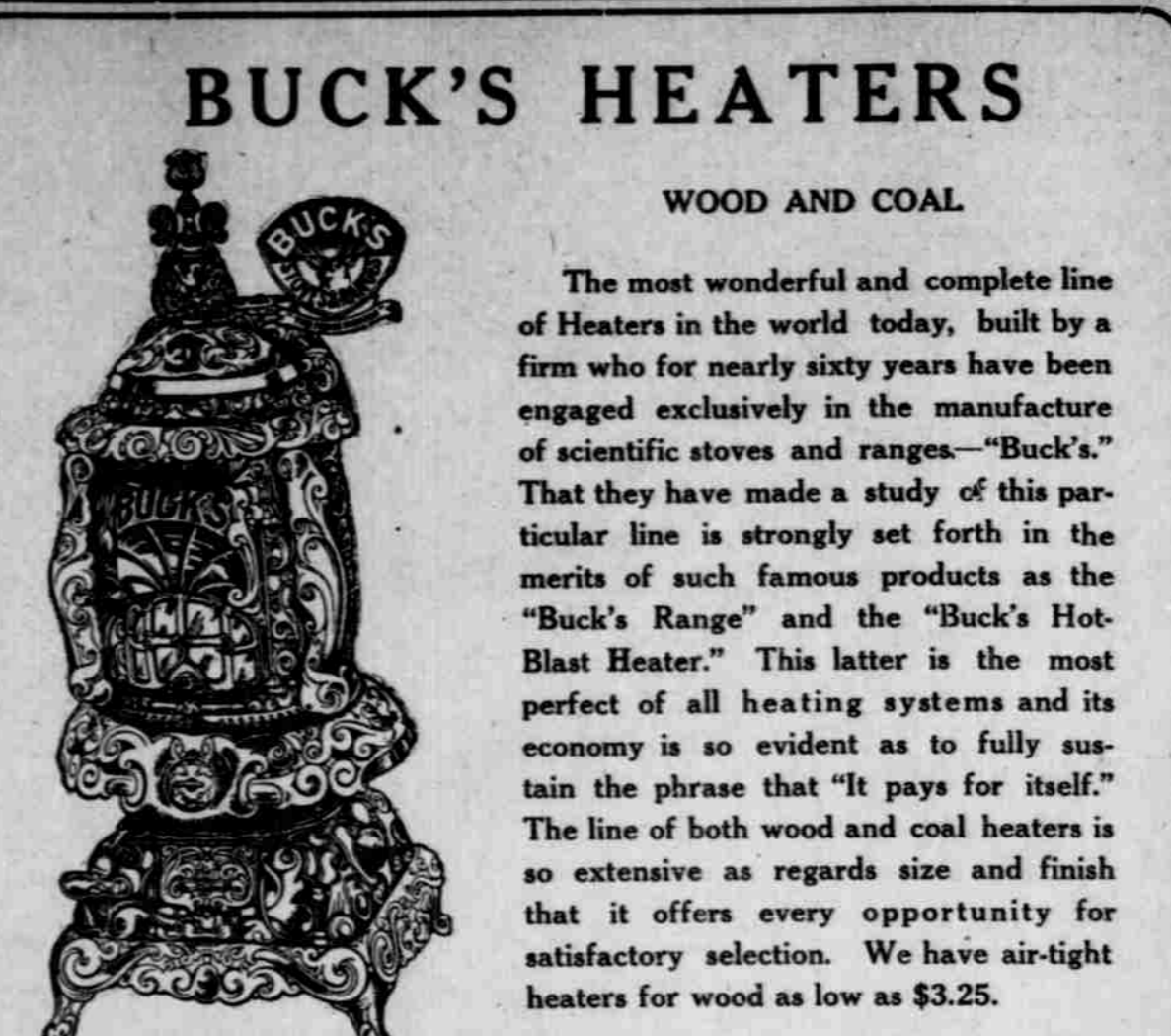
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### MAJOR MILLER'S STORY

**TUMWATER MAN SAYS HE IS REAL CHARLIE HOWARD.**

**Eye-Witness Tells of Interview Between Mrs. Leafgreen and Laclede Howard.**

**ST. LOUIS, Dec. 27.**—In today's proceedings in the Probate Court in the case of Mrs. Mary Leafgreen, who is suing for one-half of the \$500,000 estate left by Laclede J. Howard on the contention that she was his wife, William D. Grandon took the stand and testified that he saw Mrs. Leafgreen and Laclede Howard conversing together in a prominent dry goods store here in 1901.

### THE DAY'S HORSE RACES.

**At Ingleside.**

**SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 27.**—The fields were very select at Ingleside this afternoon, and the attendance was good. Results:

**At New Orleans City Park.**

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### EVELYN A VERY BAD GIRL

**Seattle High School Girl Too Unruly for Reform School.**

**SEATTLE, Wash., Dec. 27.**—(Special.)—Fifteen-year-old Evelyn Mensor was too unruly even for the Reform School, and has been sent home from the Chehalis reformatory with the superintendent's injunction that she cannot handle the girl.

### DELIGHTS OF PERFUME.

**Crusaders Gave Europe Sweet Odors From the East.**

**The Pilgrim.**

During the Dark Ages and in early medieval times perfumes, with the exception of incense for ecclesiastical use, were almost unknown, and the rude Saxons and Normans barons and their shapely wives were quite content with the smell of wood fires and the rustic cordial of the country farmer's wife.

It seems to have been the Crusaders who brought from the Holy Land and Western Europe the perfumes for which the East has from time immemorial been renowned.

**DIET FOR FINE COMPLEXION**

**Men and Women Shun Meat and Pastry and Become Vegetarians.**

The menu for obesity eliminates saucy gravies, vegetables, bread and pastry, leaving the victim to subsist as best she can on biscuits and toast, meat and fish and tea, coffee and milk, and a little saccharine instead of sugar.

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