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HAD FAITH BUT LACKED GOOD SENSE

(Scripps News Association)

San Mateo, Calif., Dec. 29.—William A. P. Brower, one of the most wealthy residents of this county, died at Elcerrito Park this afternoon after a three weeks illness from double pneumonia. Brower was a great believer in Christian science, and refused administration of physicians, but called in a San Francisco scientist practitioner who assumed full charge of the case, and would not even allow the employment of a trained nurse. The patient grew rapidly worse until he died.

COURT MARTIAL CONCLUDED

(Scripps News Association)

Annapolis, Dec. 29.—The Coffin court-martial concluded its deliberations shortly after noon today. The findings of the court will be forwarded to Admiral Sands. There is a conflict of opinion whether Admiral Sands as convening authority is empowered to review the findings of the court. The Admiral intimated that he would send the records with recommendations to Washington. The trial of midshipman Stephen DeCatur Jr. was commenced this afternoon. He is accused of hazing.

TRAIN IN HARD LUCK

(Scripps News Association)

El Paso, Dec. 29.—The Rock Island Golden State limited was wrecked early this morning forty miles north of El Paso. The officials of the company report no one injured. The entire train left the track but remained upright. Previous to this accident this train had been delayed 24 hours by a snow slide.

FRANCE DENIES IT

(Scripps News Association)

Paris, Dec. 29.—It is formally denied that France has sent an ultimatum to Venezuela.

WEALTHY GERMANS TO WED

(Scripps News Association)

St. Louis, Dec. 29.—Theodore Scharrer aged 35, a wealthy hop dealer of Stuttgart, Germany, announced today that he will marry Wilhelmina Busch, daughter of Adolphus Busch, at the latter's home on New Years day. On Wednesday the couple drove to Belleville, Illinois, and registered as man and wife at a hotel. They went for a license but the office was closed, and they returned to St. Louis. Adolphus Busch says he don't know of the contemplated marriage, and don't care. He says the registration at Belleville is Scharrer's German idea of a joke. Scharrer says the wedding will be quiet.

OUR TAXABLE PROPERTY

The county clerk has notified the city recorder that the taxable property within the city limits of La Grande is \$921,275. This is quite an increase over last year.

SHAW VISITS CHICAGO

(Scripps News Association)

Chicago, Dec. 29.—Secretary Shaw accompanied by several of the local bankers tramped the streets through a driving snow storm this morning on what is said to be an effort to save the financial situation. In regards to the condition of Wall street, they are grave enough to enlist the most strenuous efforts.

Shaw will depart for Washington this evening and until then will devote every moment to avert further serious consequences. Shaw denounced the newspapers of Chicago, charging them with distorting his statements. He declared that this was not the first time that he had been betrayed by Chicago newspaper men and said that hereafter he would deny himself to them. He also denied having declared that Walsh would not be prosecuted because he practiced violations of law which had become the custom.

YERKES, THE STREET CAR MAN, DEAD

(Scripps News Association)

New York, Dec. 29.—Charles Yerkes, the street railway financier, who has been ill with heart trouble several days at the hotel Waldorf Astor, died this afternoon at 2:15.

Mrs. Yerkes was not at his bedside when the end came. She has not been at the hotel since he was stricken, and refuses to say why.

Born in Philadelphia in June 25, 1859. Began business at the age of 17. At 20 was a private banker. In 1861 purchased the first street railway stock. In 1864 assumed millions of Philadelphia city bonds, failed to carry out his contract, was indicted, found guilty but executive clemency extended and later the city council released him from all of his debts, afterwards Yerkes paid his creditors. He arrived in Chicago in 1882, opened a banking house in 1886, made his first railroad venture in Chicago. His first action was to change the system from horse to cable and was first to give the city anything in return for his franchise. He gave a \$50,000 telescope to the Chicago University.

In 1898 he began the consolidation of the Chicago street railways. In 1901 he left Chicago with \$16,000,000 and went to London and built underground railways. He was rewarded with wealth and fame and far outgeneral J. P. Morgan and his associates who formed an American syndicate in London for an underground system.

PUTTING DOWN REBELLION

(Scripps News Association)

St. Petersburg, Dec. 29.—Troops are pouring into Moscow to assist in putting down the rebellion.

At Warsaw little news is being received of the occurrences from the other parts of the empire. The latest in Poland from Moscow says the Cossacks are gaining ground against the peasants.

FOOTBALL CAN'T BE DRIVEN OUT

(Scripps News Association)

St. Paul, Dec. 29.—Cyrus Northrup, president of the University of Minnesota speaking before the Minnesota State Educational Association today said, "the correspondent of an Eastern publication in criticizing the Western colleges conduct of football is miserable. This correspondent must never have been laid across the parental knee or he could not have lied so or completely misquoted me. I favor football but am opposed to it between high schools and colleges. Football has come to stay. It has a hold upon the popular imagination. It can be regulated but not driven away. Professionalism, commercialism and betting can be driven out and it can be made a good game for healthy sturdy young men."

JEWELRY STORE ROBBED

(Scripps News Association)

New York, Dec. 29.—Schwartz Bros. jewelry store window on Broadway was smashed this morning while the street was crowded with pedestrians. Four thousand dollars worth of rings were stolen. The robbers, believed to be two men and a woman, made their escape.

LIABILITIES ENORMOUS

(Scripps News Association)

Boston, Dec. 29.—H. R. Leighton & Company, stock brokers who have made an assignment for the benefit of their creditors, have liabilities amounting to half a million dollars. The cause of their failure was because a creditor could not meet his liabilities. It is probable that there will be enough assets to pay out the indebtedness.

FIRE IN MINNEAPOLIS TENEMENT

(Scripps News Association)

Minneapolis, Dec. 29.—One dead, two fatally burned, fifteen or more injured or overcome by smoke, is the result of a fire which gutted the Higgins' tenement house this morning. Twenty-seven families were rescued from their beds and were sent shivering and smothering into the outer air. The thermometer indicated ten degrees above zero at the time the inmates of the house were driven out.

UNION COUNTY'S PROSPERITY

Union county is one of the best counties in the state of Oregon. We have more large diversified interests which provide labor. There are only two counties in the state which employ more labor than Union county. These counties are Multnomah and Clackamas. Where is there another county outside of Multnomah which requires a solid train every other day to carry their products to the market centers? 1906 will bring us many home-seekers, and every citizen should wear that happy smile and be ever ready to extend the glad hand. While we all know we have a banner county, strangers must be made acquainted with these facts.

SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING

There will be a special meeting of the city council held this evening for the following purposes according to the mayor's call. For the purpose of levying a tax upon the assessed property of the said city of La Grande for general and municipal purposes not to exceed one per centum upon all property both real and personal, within the said city limits. Also to levy a special tax not to exceed one per centum for the purpose of and to pay interest upon the bonded indebtedness for the year 1906. Also to levy a poll tax of \$2 upon each male inhabitant within the city between the ages of 21 to 50 years except active fireman.

MUST BE LOST

(Scripps News Association)

Charlottesville, Va., Dec. 29.—No word has been received from the President, and his stenographer here says he has received no message from Washington necessary to be transmitted. The executive and the whole family are freed from official cares. Theodore, Jr., and Dr. Riky have joined the party. It is supposed that they went rabbit hunting again today.

SWEARING EFFECTIVE SOME TIMES

(Scripps News Association)

Stockton, Dec. 29.—Dave Miller, a deaf mute, who came here a few days ago from Salt Lake City, was cured in a remarkable manner. One night this week his bed fellow pulled all the covering off from him. Miller awoke angry and nearly frozen. Such were his efforts to curse his roommate that something snapped in his head and he regained both his speech and hearing.

RUSSIAN OFFICERS IN PERIL

(Scripps News Association)

St. Petersburg, Dec. 29.—Zlatoust, a town of seventeen thousand, on the Ural mountains, is under a republican form of government established by the rebels. Red flags now fly over the government arms factory. The officials are imprisoned and the Cossacks have sent out word that if the town is charged they will kill the officers.

GRAIN MARKETS

(Scripps News Association)

Chicago, Dec. 29.—Wheat opened at 83½, closed 83½; corn opened at 50 closed 50; oats opened 31½ closed 32½.

VAN DRAN COMMITS SUICIDE

(Scripps News Association)

Portland Dec. 29.—Gasper Van Dran, whose wife was poisoned on August 12 last under mysterious circumstances, indicating murder, committed suicide at ten last night, swallowing cyanide, the identical poison with which his wife was killed. The body was found this morning. Much mystery surrounds the death of Mrs. Van Dran and the case was never fully solved. On May 2, before her death, J. W. Young, who owns a saloon two doors from Van Dran's place of business, went to Van Dran's saloon and shot the latter five times. Van Dran was at the hospital two months before he recovered. Young was tried and convicted for assault to commit murder, and sentenced to six years. He appealed the case.

Van Dran is well known, having conducted the Hotel Pendleton, with his brother George for several years. On account of ill health he moved to Portland a little over a year ago where he has since resided.

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