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TO RAISE THE PRICE OF FLOUR

(Scripps News Association)
San Francisco, Jan. 27.—It has been ascertained that a combine of millers and grocers has been formed to boost the price of flour. The Globe, American and Delmonte milling companies have issued orders to grocers to raise the price of flour 60 cents a barrel commencing January 26. The department stores threaten to break the game by the introduction of Oregon and Washington flour and undersell the regular grocers in the combine. It is alleged that the State Grocers' Association is back of the movement to raise the prices and make flour a profitable commodity instead of a staple handled on a narrow margin.

SAFE IN HARBOR

(Scripps News Association)
San Francisco, Jan. 27.—The steamship Santa Barbara reached harbor last night after a tempestuous voyage down the coast from Seattle. The storm almost accomplished her destruction. The sea swept the decks and flooded the cabins and at one time the water was three feet deep in the hold.

FATAL HOTEL FIRE

(Scripps News Association)
Lowell, Mass., Jan. 27.—At least three are dead in the Richardson hotel fire which occurred this morning. The bodies of Mrs. Plase, of Boston, Teasie Dennison, of Franklin Falls, N. H., and John Tegges, of Manchester, N. H., were recovered. Many others may be in the ruins.

UP FOR HAZING

(Scripps News Association)
Washington, Jan. 27.—The trial of Midshipman Melvin of Illinois who is accused of hazing five fourth class cadets, was resumed this morning. Lieutenant Graham the counsel for the accused, raised the point of jurisdiction of the court saying that it was acting under the law which was repealed by later laws. The judge advocate said the point was a new one and before court adjourned he would consider it.

MANIAC DIES TODAY

(Scripps News Association)
Washington, Jan. 27.—Gustava Stadie of New York, who was arrested at the White House Thursday while trying to see the President, died of acute mania at a hospital this morning. He wanted to show the President a model of an ice boat by which he could reach the north pole.

MURDERER SENTENCED

(Scripps News Association)
Boston, Jan. 27.—Judge Sherman this morning sentenced Charles L. Tucker, convicted of the murder of Mabel Page at Weston, March 31, 1904, to be electrocuted during the week beginning June 10.

ANOTHER BANK ROBBED

(Scripps News Association)
Gwasso, Indian Territory, Jan. 27.—The first national bank of this city was robbed of \$2000 today by thieves who dynamited the safe and escaped on horseback.

MAY BRING ACTION

(Scripps News Association)
Cleveland, Jan. 27.—Attorney General Ellis says if the testimony adduced by Hadley in the Standard inquiry gives a basis for action against the Standard it will be brought about promptly.

PLOT TO ASSASSINATE

(Scripps News Association)
St. Petersburg, Jan. 27.—A plot to assassinate the Czar was foiled last night and a number of arrests have been made.

FIREMAN RUINERS TELLS HIS AWFUL STORY

(Scripps News Association)

Seattle, Jan. 27.—Fireman P. Reimers says none showed greater heroism than Captain Johnson and first officer Holmes, second officer Peterson and fourth officer Åberg who was in command of the Valencia. They remained on the bridge of doomed vessel until they were washed away. There was no panic owing to their presence of mind. The moment the ship struck, the captain rushed to the bridge, I was down in the engine room when the first crash came, then the second and the third as the steamer pounded over the rocks. It was a horrible thing down in the engine room where the thunder of the storm and the gurgling of the water as it rushed into the hull. It seemed as if the whole ocean was getting ready to smash in the sides. At no time did the captain advise leaving the vessel in boats. He asked every one to stay but many refused, even when the situation became grave he insisted that the safest course was to stay with the ship as he had a gun aboard and that they were in a position to shoot a rope ashore. The first boat to swing out on the davits was filled with women and children, with only a sufficient number of seamen to man it.

PLUNGED OUT OF SIGHT

Just as the boat hung over the sea, and before those in charge started to lower, the rear davit rope broke, and to our horror we saw the craft tip down and their hand from the forward davit rope and the occupants disappeared in the waves and were not seen again.

ANOTHER ACCIDENT

A little later the second boat was lowered but this one was crashed against the side of the vessel as it was caught on the crest of an incoming wave and the struggling people all fell into the water. The

next morning we saw two men in a cavern located just above the beach, being the only ones who reached shore, but later when the tide came in they were drowned. Before daylight two boats were launched. They got away from the side of the vessel and passed away in the darkness.

(Scripps News Association)

San Francisco, Jan. 27.—The charges are being made that Captain Cousins, of the steamer Queen who was sent to the assistance of the Valencia did not make the proper effort to reach the wrecked vessel. The charges are made by R. C. Jorgenson and D. I. Sullivan, both chief boatwains in the U. S. Navy. They declare that three blue jackets volunteered to take a boat to the wreck, but no attention was paid to them. Captain Cousins indignantly denies the charges and states there is no truth in the statement of Jorgenson and Sullivan, but admitted that he would not have permitted the jackets to leave out in a boat even if they had volunteered to do so.

The Queen arrived here this morning from Victoria. Among the passengers were 64 American blue jackets in charge of Jorgenson and Sullivan from Seattle to Mare Island. Ten of the jackets and two or three passengers remained on board the Queen Tuesday night when she was ordered to go in search of the wrecked Valencia. Jorgenson who has been in the navy 16 years said he was Dawey's chief quartermaster on the Olympia in the battle of Manila, said positively that no attempt was made by Captain Cousins to put off a boat. We found the wreck Wednesday morning and ran within about four miles of it. Nothing but the smokestack, mast and a part of the upper works visible. The weather was rough and squally, and I admit a heavy sea running but I have seen boats handled in rougher seas during my service in the navy. Those who looked through glasses said they could make out people in the rigging. I didn't see them. There are supposed to be life boats aboard the Queen with air tight compartment which renders them unsinkable. Sullivan and I were standing on deck near the captain when I said we would launch a boat and go nearer the wreck, and perhaps get a line aboard.

Sullivan and Brady, of the Queen, and Barret, of our men, volunteered to go, but captain paid no attention to us. I admit the chances were against us but we were willing and eager to make the attempt. It was heart rending to stand by and make no attempt to do anything when so many lives were imperiled. I considered our lives no more valuable than those on board the doomed ship. We stood by until shortly before noon when the Topeka came up with orders for us to return to Seattle. I am satisfied that we could have gotten a boat safely launched from the steamer, and the fact that the shipwrecked people put off in a clumsy raft in a sea far rougher, convinces me that the boat could have been launched. Chief Boson's mate Sullivan expressed his opinion even more forcibly, "Ever the British tug Czar, drawing only six feet of water, made no attempt to get very close in. The captain's cousins tried to hold the Czar on the scene but the tug captain paid no attention and said he would beat for shelter. I am certain had there been a man of war in the Queens place, boats would have been lowered. If they got a raft away safely in those breakers, we certainly could have launched a boat where we were with the steamer for a lee."

SHERMAN DISCHARGED

(Scripps News Association)
Tacoma Jan. 27.—Fred Sherman, the asphalt agent charged with bribing Mayor Wright with \$6,000 was discharged today. It is intimated that warrants will be issued for several city officials on the charge of accepting bribes.

MRS. S. J. SALING DEAD

The funeral of Mrs. S. J. Saling took place this afternoon from the home of her son Wm Saling of the Sandridge. Deceased was 67 years of age and one of the early pioneers of this valley.

MUST HANG

(Scripps News Association)
Kansas City, Jan. 27.—Austin Francis was today denied a new trial and was sentenced to hang March 15th, for the murder of Winona Lawton.

TEACHERS IN SESSION TODAY

One of the most interesting and instructive teachers' associations ever held in Union county is in session today in the high school building. The assertion that it is one of the best, is rather broad considering the fact that Union county teachers always hold good institutes, but is true nevertheless.

The attendance is better than usual and almost every school district is represented.

This morning the program opened with a paper on "Literature in the Lower Grades," by Grace Wilkinson of Union. Her paper was of exceptional merit and was the result of experience and study in this particular line.

E. G. Bailey, of North Powder followed with an address, entitled "Enthusiasm" Mr. Bailey reminded his hearers that while he was recently from Iowa his enthusiasm had led him to be a loyal Oregonian. He treated the subject of rousing enthusiasm among the parents and students thoroughly.

Miss Syra Kuhn delivered a paper on Art, giving the history, development and uses of art in its various stages through history.

Prof. H. J. Hockenberry spoke on "History" and gave demonstrations throughout his talk. Mr. Hockenberry is always a welcome speaker and his name is frequently seen on institute programs. The afternoon session opened with an address on "Our Alphabet," by Prof. Martin. Mr. Martin used the blackboard great deal in demonstrating the origin and the changes of the alphabet.

As we go to press Mrs. Nora Webb is delivering an address on the "Methods of Long Division," to be followed by T. Williams on "Physical Culture" and J. M. Bishop of Union on "The Ghost of the School."

The teachers in attendance this afternoon are:

La Grande—R. A. Wilkerson, S. N. Myers, Blanche McMurray, E. M. Snider, Rachel Turner, Helen C. Bork, Gertrude Mitchell, Mertie Aldrich, Mrs. J. M. Martin, Mrs. R. A. Wilkerson, Cecil L. Riggs, Nellie G. Neill, Alice McKinlay, Mabel Williams, Ivy Williams, Bessie C. Riggs, Evelyn Rohan, J. M. Martin, Susie Deal, Florence Harris, Mae Wenham, Carrie Huff, Bessie Goodnough, L. A. McBride, J. J. Hockenberry, Susie McIlroy, Alta Chambers, T. L. Williams, and Jazzie Noble.

Union—Mollie Petro, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Bishop, Nora Webb, Blanche Collins, Effie Billings, Rose Mulverhill, Edna Thompson, Emma Bidwell and Grace Wilkerson.

Island City—Clara Wilkinson, Eva Jell, W. L. Tucker, Jessie Grimmer and Mrs. Ed Kiddle.

North Powder—E. G. Bailey, Floy B. Mann and Nell Wolfe.

Hilgard—Grace Goodall and Francis Fertage.

Allice—I. D. Smutz, Willis Wright and S. Case.

Summerville—Carrie German and Mrs. Ailes Woodell.

Kamela—Ida Hill.

Perry—Edwin O. Heath.

Cove—Eva Wilson.

Nibley—C. A. Lemmon.

Radcliffe, Ia.—Rue Knickerbocker.

E. A. Wills, of Allice, is in the city today and his friends are asking him to become a candidate for county commissioner before the Republican primaries.

YERKES' WILL IN PROBATE

(Scripps News Association)

Chicago, Jan. 27.—Charles Yerkes' will was filed today in probate court. The inclosed provisions were withheld from the public for the present. The will disposed of his property valued at \$1,000,000. It leaves legacies to his wife, relatives, friends, hospital, Yerkes observatory and gives the University of Chicago \$100,000. The balance of the estate goes to the Yerkes hospital after the death of Mrs. Yerkes. Yerkes it will be remembered was the great street railroad magnate who died a few weeks ago.

The main provisions of the will were made public this afternoon. The widow is to have \$200,000 cash income for life; the son \$200,000 cash and an income of life of \$250,000, with the right to dispose of by will of \$500,000. The daughter has the same. A free hospital costing not more than \$800,000 is provided for. All patients unable to pay must be accepted, regardless of race or religion.

HEPBURN'S BILL

(Scripps News Association)
Washington, Jan. 27.—Senator Hepburn presented from the committee his rate bill with unanimous favorable report recommending its passage. The senator stated that the bill contains the good points of all the other suggested bills.

COMMANDER OF SLOCUM GUILTY

(Scripps News Association)
New York, Jan. 27.—Vanschaick, commander of the ill fated Slocum, was found guilty on the charge of criminal negligence in failing to keep the crew properly drilled for an emergency.

DEFICIENCY BILL PASSED

(Scripps News Association)
Washington, Jan. 27.—An urgent deficiency bill passed the House today with an amendment excepting alien laborers from the provision of the eight hour law.

AFTER JUDGESHIP

T. H. Crawford, it is said, is lying in wait for the circuit judgeship after Eakin goes on the supreme bench. And this accounts for Clarence Crawford's announcement that he will not be a candidate for district attorney. D. W. Sheahan is also a prospective candidate for the appointment of circuit judge in the event that Judge Eakin lands the higher position.—Wallowa Ledger and Democrat

FIFTY YEARS AN ACTRESS

Mrs. Samuel Charles, a member of the company playing "The Redemption of David Corson" in one of the New York theatres, celebrated the fiftieth anniversary of her debut on the American stage the other day. She is sixty-seven years old.

A QUARTER PAGE FULL Of important Clearance sale Prices, Which Represent a smart saving and are of the Greatest Possible interest to the economically inclined buyers.

Men's Parts \$1.29 Made from good quality goods in heat stable effects, every pair special values at regular price of \$1.50 this sale \$.29	Boys' All Wool Und'r 59c In sizes 30 to 34 shirts and drawers soft all wool garments, which we sell regular at 75c to 85c at garment, this sale 59c Same garments as above in sizes 24 to 28 48c	Ladies' Knee Skirts 29c made from good quality muslin with 8 inch flounce, edged with heavy lace this great sale 29c 5000 yds lace and Embroidery 5c Consisting of many of our 8c and 10c values in insertings and edgings, this sale the yard 5c
Men's Pants \$1.69 Regular \$2.00 values in black and grey striped casemeres, this sale at the extremely low price of \$1.69	Men's \$2.50 to \$3 Sweater Here is an altogether unusual offering in men's all wool sweaters including as it does many of our best \$3.00 values, all for the low price \$1.98 \$1.50 to \$3 Sweaters, 79c This lot consists of odds and ends sorted up from our regular \$1.50 and \$3.00 men's sweaters, all colors and sizes, choice while they last 79c	\$5, \$7.50 Ladies' Skirts \$3.18 All wool skirts in colors and sizes, cold print. Cannot give you any idea of the enormous values here offered ask to see them, choice \$3.18 Ladies' wool Underwear At sharp price reductions. If you don't need it now it will pay you to buy them and lay them by, we will not be able to offer you the same garments for within 10 to 20 per cent of regular prices in the future.
Boys' Wool Fleece Und'r 29c Heavy weight, with extra heavy wool fleece, garments always sold everywhere at 45c and 50c. All sizes, this great sale at the garment 29c	50c, 75c Ladies' Belts 25c About 50 of these silk, kid and patent leather belts in all sizes, all go in one grand offering, each at 25c \$1, \$1.25 Ladies' Waists 48c In this lot are flannelette waists, wool waists, and black satin waists, choice from the lot this sale 48c	75c Vests and Pants, each 53c \$1.00 " " 84c 1.25 " " 98c All wool Children's Underwear in all sizes 35c 36x20 Linen Huck Towels 2 for 25c
Outing Night Shirts 49c For men and boys, made from good weight outing, with and without collars regular 65c and 75c values; this sale choice for 49c	Men's Flannel Shirts \$1.59 Regular \$2.25 shirts in brown and vicuna colored shirts, made from fine quality heavy all wool flannel \$1.59	Children's Jackets and Capes 50c Regular \$1.50 to \$4.50 garments odds and ends picked up at random in our children's ready to wear department, choice this sale 50c
Boys' Reefers and Overcoats We have added several of our \$3.00 and \$4.00 overcoats to this lot and this makes it the greatest overcoat offering in the country \$1.98 15c 4 ply Linen Collars, in small sizes this sale 5c		

Watch the Red Price Tags in our store—they represent a saving in price of from 10 to 50 per cent besides many special values, which you can buy at from one third to one fourth the regular price. Come and see—We advertise what we sell, and sell what we advertise.

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We always carry a splendid line of writing materials, but just at this time we have purchased largely and have an elegant showing of such goods, many of which are exceptional values.

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You'll be delighted with the dainty tints in our beautiful new styles in box papers. They are the latest and if you want to be up to date you'll want to look over them. Prices from 10c to 75c

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