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## SANTA ROSA IS GUTTED BY FIRE

(Scripps News Association)

Santa Rosa, Cal., March 23.—Fire this morning destroyed the heart of the business section of this city as well as several frame buildings, which includes the Masonic temple and the Armory. The Greening stables with five horses, and some poultry was also destroyed. While trying to rescue Mr. and Mrs. Iron, who were asleep in the rear of their store, two firemen narrowly escaped burning as the result of sudden collapse of the roof. The rescuers with the inmates crawled out of debris. The city records were removed from the City hall, as it was thought impossible to save the city building, but no serious damage was done to the structure.

### FINDS A MAN WITH HIS WIFE

(Scripps News Association)

Oakland, Cal., March 23.—Coming unexpectedly home last night, L. M. McDonald found Joe Meloy a Portuguese, with his wife. McDonald promptly drew a revolver and shot Meloy through the heart. The irate husband is now under arrest.

### TWENTY BODIES RECOVERED

(Scripps News Association)

Philippina, W. Va., Mar. 23.—Twenty bodies have so far been recovered from the Century mine, and eleven are known to still remain in the mine. Considering the fact that over one hundred miners were in the mine at the time of the explosion, it is remarkable that the loss of life was not much greater. The explosion was caused by coal dust igniting. The dead are mostly Poles and Hungarians.

### GRAIN MARKETS

(Scripps News Association)

Chicago, March 23.—Wheat opened at 78½ closed 78½; corn opened at 44½, closed at 44½; oats opened at 30½, closed at 30½.

## READY TO START

(Scripps News Association)

Straten Island, N. Y., March 23.—J. H. Sedgewick and Charles Zone, of San Francisco, athletes who will enter the Olympic games arrived here today and will leave in the morning by way of Colon to go to Greece. The Pacific coast sportsmen have great faith in the ability of these two men to bring home laurels.

## CONTINUES INVESTIGATION

(Scripps News Association)

Washington, D. C., March 23.—It is understood that the commission which investigated the Valencia wreck, which took place off the coast of Vancouver island, will report that they attach no blame to the officials of the steamship company or to the inspection service of the Northwest.

## TREES INJURED

Freewater, Ore., March 23.—Mr. Onspaugh came in from his ranch in the Hudson Bay district, about nine miles from the city, yesterday for supplies. He says in that section fruit is not only killed, but he is afraid that many trees will be ruined by the recent cold weather.

## WILL CELEBRATE ANNIVERSARY

The Odd Fellows of this city assisted by the Rebekahs will celebrate the 87th anniversary of the order, April 26.

Arrangements are being made for the most elaborate celebration ever held in Eastern Oregon. Noted speakers from various parts of the state will attend, and Claud Gatch, Past Grand Master of the state will deliver the oration. The program will provide amusement for the entire day. The following committees have been appointed who will report next Thursday.

### GENERAL ARRANGEMENT COMMITTEE

J. A. Arbuckle, Grant Key, H. E. Coolidge.

### RECEPTION COMMITTEE

I. R. Snook, Geo. Ball, C. J. Vanderpool, Maude Brasel, Cora Harding, Emma Clark, Mrs. Cora Fitzgerald, Clara Stoll, Rose McCormick, Mrs. S. R. Haworth.

### PROGRAM COMMITTEE

S. R. Haworth, W. S. Wines, F. B. Currey, Mary Fraker, Maud Crandall, Miss Ada Fowler.

### BANQUET COMMITTEE

D. E. Cox, G. E. Fowler, G. H. Powers, D. Fitzgerald, E. D. Scott, Mrs. Ella Brasel, Mrs. Addie Grout, Mrs. Emma Harding, Mrs. Ella Wines, Mrs. Mollie Buck.

## NELSON TO FIGHT HERRERA

(Scripps News Association)

New York, March 23.—Arrangements have been completed by wire today in which Battling Nelson and Herrera are to fight before the Pacific Coast Athletic club between May 7 and 12th. The purse is to be twenty thousand, the winner to receive nine thousand six hundred and the short end man to get six thousand and four hundred. In addition to his end of the purse, Nelson is to get four thousand.

## THE WINTER RECORD

(Scripps News Association)

Boston, March 23.—Today is considered the end of winter here, and the record shows that so far eighty-five lives have been lost, forty-five vessels wrecked, and hundred of thousands of dollars worth of property has been destroyed along the New England coast.

## FOOT BALL ABOLISHED

(Scripps News Association)

Chicago, March 23.—The board of trustees of the Northwestern University today passed a resolution abolishing foot ball for a period of five years.

## JACKSON HANGED

(Scripps News Association)

Poplar Bluffs, Mo., March 23.—Curtis Jackson, a negro was hanged this morning. He was convicted on the charge of committing a criminal assault on Mrs. Dan Norman White.

## PIRATES CAPTURE LAUNCH

(Scripps News Association)

London, March 23.—Advises just received convey the intelligence that a launch belonging to the Standard Oil Company was seized in Chinese waters by pirates. A number of American rifles and a thousand rounds of ammunition were taken. The American gunboat Callao is enroute to the scene.

## STRIKE MAY YET BE AVERTED

(Scripps News Association)

Indianapolis, March 23.—Contrary to expectations, the joint scale committee met again this morning. Which holds out the meagre hope that a peaceful settlement may be affected.

## CHICAGO PRICES RAISE

Bituminous coal is quoted here this morning at an advance of 50 cents per ton. Anthracite is stationary but a raise is expected on the first of the month, as the supply is limited. It is difficult to get shipments from the mines. The railroads are the heaviest buyers.

## CRISIS PASSED

Indianapolis, March 23.—It is believed that the crisis has passed. The two sides are more inclined to be patient with each other. Up to noon today no definite action had been taken. There will be another meeting this afternoon. Operators who yesterday sent word that they would be home today, telegraphed this afternoon that they may be here for several days yet.

Minor Robbins' proposition to adopt the 1903 scale went to a vote which resulted in 23 favoring it, but unanimous action was required. The coal contracts by Robbins' company with the United States steel corporation calls for 6,000,000 tons. It is said, rather than have a strike, the Steel Company are willing to pay the additional cost of mining under the 1903 scale but a number of independent operators will not agree to the proposition.

## MANIAC KILLS SEVEN

Baltimore, March 23.—Walter Pole aged 26, entered his brother's home during the funeral of his nephew, shot his brother, another shot barely missed his mother but hit a neighbor. He then shot Chief of Police Irwin and took possession of the house, and now defies the police. He also shot into a crowd of citizens wounding and killing several.

Later—It is reported that as a result of his insane actions, in all seven were killed. He was finally overpowered and captured.

## INSURANCE EXEMPT

Washington, D. C., Mar 23.—The lower house judiciary committee today decided that insurance was no matter for the interstate commerce committee.

## NOT SO WELL

Columbus, March 23.—The physicians of Governor John M. Pattison have issued a bulletin saying that he is not so well. A dropsical condition has developed in the base of the lungs.

## ADVERTISERS ATTENTION

Next Friday the Observer will issue what it terms a "Candidates edition," and which will contain a writeup of about twenty of the candidates who are before the voters of Union and Wallawa counties. Every registered voter in the two counties will receive a copy of this edition. In all there will be 6,000 copies, which will be an exceptionally fine advertising medium. Those interested will find it to their advantage to call at the office and talk the matter over.

## NEW PHONE DIRECTORY

The Pacific States Telephone Co. is now preparing a new directory which will go into effect soon after the first of the month. Patrons of the exchange who contemplate a change should notify the manager at once.

## IMPORTANT MEETING

The committee and all interested in the Woman Suffrage movement are requested to meet at H. A. Watson's office (over J. M. Berry's store) Monday, March 26, at 8 o'clock, p. m. By order of chairman, Mrs. A. M. PAUL.

Sheriff O. E. Brown, who is also a candidate for the Republican nomination for governor, is not in the interest of his candidacy. Mr. Brown made quite a reputation for himself throughout the state in enforcing the laws in Baker country.

## FUMES CAUSE DEATH

(Scripps News Association)

Seattle, March 23.—Louis P. Ydee, a wood chopper near Ballard, found a decomposed substance in the woods, which he thought was particles of precious stone. On Sunday he put a quantity into a pan, added quicksilver, and placed it on the stove. The fumes made the entire family sick, three little girls seriously. Louise, age six, died this morning in great agony. The physicians are working hard to save the others whose bodies have turned purple and are vomiting frequently.

## HEADS OF EPWORTH LEAGUES HERE

The cabinets of the Epworth Leagues in the La Grande districts are in convention here today. Rev. Hill, of Baker City, is president of the association, with Anna Cates as secretary. The first session was held at the Methodist church at 2:30 today.

Cabinets who have already arrived are: Rev. Hill, president, and Miss Anna Cates, secretary, of Baker City; Misses Bessie Spencer, Bernice Smith, Bessie Smith and Gleanna Merritt of Elgin, and the local cabinet, Geo. L. Cleaver, president, and Clare Gillilan, secretary.

## TOPICS IN BRIEF

If a man like Stuyvesant Fish really decides to go after the Mutual Life coon, Davy Crockett rules will apply.—The Detroit News.

In a few days the railroads will be picking pitchforks out of their sides and wondering what they ever did to Tillman.—The Chicago Daily News.

About half of the New York populace appears to be afraid Mr. Jerome will not get busy, while the other half is afraid he will.—The Philadelphia Inquirer.

Senator La Follette has succeeded in breaking the ice in the Senate, but the skating around his colleague's desk is still pretty good.—The Washington Post.

Having looked the entire matter over without finding any nation he thinks Venezuela can not whip. Castro relapses for the moment into complacent silence.—The Washington Star.

John D. Rockefeller is said to read the newspapers with great care. If John depends upon the newspapers to establish his whereabouts, he don't know where he is at the present writing.—The Atlanta Constitution.

A professorship of politics has been established at Columbia University. Here is an opening that promises an honest living for some of the poor bosses that fell outside the breastworks last fall.—The Atlanta Constitution.

## FROZEN TO DEATH ON THE TRAIL

(Scripps News Association)

Fairbanks, Alaska, March 23.—Eric Erickson, an employee of the Northern Commercial company, was found frozen to death on the trail into the Kuyukuk country. The body was found in a kneeling position with his hands up to his face as though he was warming them.

## REFUSE LARGE OFFER

Athens, Ore., March 23.—William and Winnie Kribbs, who own 200 acres of wheat land near Adams, may sell out their land. They recently refused an offer of \$80 an acre, or \$16,000, for the land.

## SEVEN ROBBERIES IN TWO WEEKS

San Diego, Cal., March 23.—Arthur Paulat, alias John Lewis, a plumber by trade, was arrested last night on a charge of robbing the Thompson saloon. He admitted having committed seven robberies in the last two weeks.

## LABOR LAUNDRY

Seattle, Wash., March 23.—Organized labor will build and conduct a steam laundry in this city. This is the result of an agitation against the present system of working girls eleven hours.

## PLEADS NOT GUILTY

New York, March 23.—Coleman pleaded not guilty to the charge of perjury and pleaded for an immediate trial. District Attorney Jerome said "He can be tried when the district attorney is ready."

## FILED HIS PETITION

Col. Ivanhoe registered to the secretary of state today, the most numerous signed petition that has been sent from Union and Wallawa counties. From now on the Colonel will devote what time he can to his campaign, and if his prospects continue, his nomination for district attorney on the 20th of next month, is a foregone conclusion.

## SOME NEW ARRIVALS IN FASHIONS' LATEST

### IN LADIES' SUITS AND COATS

Saturday's express brought us a goodly assortment of the newest New York fads in ladies' tailor suits, in grays, tans, blacks, and the new reds in solid colors and beautiful checks, and overblends, made in the latest approved styles.

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