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GRUESOME CRIME OF A NEGRO

(Scripps News Association)
Cannonsburg Pa., July 30.—Officers returned this morning with Elmer Demstar, a negro aged nineteen who is charged with the murder of Mrs. Samuel Pearce and two children as well as shooting the third. Demstar has been employed on the Pearce farm and was the last person seen above the tragedy but no blood stains were found upon him. Other grounds are taken as being sufficient to hold him for trial and they are hopeful he will confess. The police say that the negro was accustomed to abusing the four-year-old daughter of Mrs. Pearce and last night the little girl complained to her mother about it. The negro overheard the statement and wrestled a revolver from Mrs. Pearce shot and killed the little girl two other children and the mother. He also shot an infant lying in its cradle.

Washington, July 30.—The Cannonsburg officer had to bring Demstar from that city to this city this morning to prevent lynching. A mob of twenty boarded the train just outside Cannonsburg and dragged the officers and the prisoner from the car and tried toasting the negro a tree. The officers were victorious without killing anybody and soon regained the cars. At this station they were met by three hundred men who surrounded the court house and shouted, "Lynch him."

AMERICANS LEAVE MEXICO

(Scripps News Association)
El Paso, July 30.—Nine American machinists arrived today from Chihuahua where they were employed in the Mexican Central railroad shops. They report that they were forced to resign because their lives were threatened by Mexicans. They were employed with seventy Mexicans who last week quit work and said they would not go back to work until they could get the same wages as the Americans.

AUTOS TO CLIMB WHITE MOUNTAINS

(Scripps News Association)
Bretton Woods, N. H., July 30.—Never before this has Bretton Woods been the rendezvous of so many automobiles as today. Most of the automobilists who took part in the Golden tour, scores of autos owned by members of the Bay State Automobile Association and a number of autos from various parts of the East have come here to attend the mountain climbing contest, which began here today. Instead of climbing the steep and dangerous ascent up Mount Washington this year, the test will consist in covering the course through Crawford's Notch. The route is three and one half miles long and furnishes an excellent test for all kinds and types of cars. As there are twelve events scheduled for this meet, it will require several days to finish them all. One of the events is a free-for-all, one for light-weight cars from 551 to 881 pounds, one for heavy-weight cars from 1,432 to 2,204 pounds, while the others will be for regular stock touring cars divided according to the list price from \$850 to \$8000 and over.

Under the conditions of the contests for the nine stock car events the only parts that will be allowed to be removed, will be the muffler, mud guards and lanterns. Each car must be provided with two brakes, and every competing car must carry two passengers, each capable of managing the machine.

"JUST LOOKING ON"

(Scripps News Association)
Des Moines, Iowa, July 30.—The Republican state convention met this afternoon to arrange a state convention for Wednesday. It is stated that over sixteen hundred and forty delegates and three hundred contest. It is likely that there will be two conventions. Secretary Shaw is in the state but says that he "is just looking on."

BARBAROUS METHODS

(Scripps News Association)
Capetown July 30.—Germans who are returning from German Africa, say that the German soldiers resorted to barbarous methods in subduing the rebellious natives. They say one was killed and fifty were wounded because they refused to reveal the whereabouts of their chief.

DENVER WANTS CONVENTION

(Scripps News Association)
Denver July 30.—This city has started a campaign to secure the Democratic National convention of 1908.

M. L. CAUSEY MAKES A BIG SALE

M. L. Causey today sold his fine one hundred acre apple orchard near Imbler to Messers C. B. Renshaw and A. F. Wilson of Colorado. The consideration being \$13,000 or \$130 per acre. This tract was set out years ago and was considered by all who viewed it as one of the prettiest tracts on the coast. The varieties were of the best and purchasers certainly have secured a bargain. Mr. Causey had given the subject of fruit growing much thought and the selection of this tract and the varieties was the result of much consideration.

He did not plant it with the idea of selling but for his own investment but later having associated himself in the real estate business in Portland he decided to dispose of this property.

HONOR ROOT IN SOUTH AMERICA

(Scripps News Association)
Rio Janeiro, July 30.—The papers here attach much attention to the importance of Secretary Root's visit from America. Receptions have been planned by the officials for him. The most important discussion of the Pan-American congress will be on the Drago doctrine. If Chili disagrees on the third article of the program, it is expected that a spirited debate will occur during the session.

PLAYING FOR CHALLENGE TROPHY

(Scripps News Association)
Ridgewood N. J., July 30.—The third annual open tennis tournament of the Ridgewood Golf Club will begin this afternoon in the courts of the club. The winner in the men's singles will have the right to challenge Mr. E. A. Basch, the present holder of the Challenge Trophy which was donated by the club in 1904.

JAPAN APPOINTMENTS

(Scripps News Association)
Tokio, Japan, July 30.—Okta has been appointed as chief general to succeed Kodma, lately deceased.

FIRE ALARM SYSTEM IS PERFECTED

The fire department will, in a few days, be greatly increased in efficiency. An electrical device known as the tab system has arrived and work of installation will commence at once. When once in place, telephone central must be notified in case of fire. Who will, in turn, by the mere pressing of a button, ring the alarm bell at the hosehouse and by series of signals proclaim to the inhabitants of La Grande the ward in which the blaze is. Immediately after the alarm telling the location of the fire has been given, the bell will be rung in the regular alarm fashion.

As soon as completed, a fire alarm should be given by simply calling central and stating where located. Central does the rest, thus doing away with that long race to the fire bell rope.

At night an alarm installed in Fire Chief Joe Jones' residence will call the chief telling him where the trouble is.

The code will be published as soon as perfected and every individual in La Grande should acquaint himself with it so as to know where an alarm comes from.

AMERICAN OPTICIANS MEET

(Scripps News Association)
Rochester, N. Y., July 30.—Two important conventions of opticians are in session here today. The Optical Society of New York opened its session at Haines Hall this forenoon and will finish its business in the afternoon session. In the evening and also at Haines' Hall the American Association of Opticians will be called to order by President B. B. Clark. The two conventions have attracted more than a thousand opticians not only from this state, but from all parts of the United States and Canada.

An elaborate and highly interesting program has been prepared for the national convention which will begin this evening and will close on Thursday evening with a banquet to the visitors by the Rochester Optical Society and local manufacturers. At the opening session this evening the members and delegates will be welcomed to the city by Mayor Cutler. Responses will be made by John C. Eberhardt, of Dayton, O., and others. President B. B. Clark will deliver his annual address and then Secretary William E. Huston, of Kansas City, and Treasurer J. K. Stebbins, of Ashtabula, O., will submit their annual reports.

In connection with the two conventions a highly interesting exhibition of optical goods, apparatus and appliances has been arranged in a hall adjoining Haines' Hall, where the sessions of the conventions are held.

TROUBLE WITH TRACK LAYERS

(Scripps News Association)
San Francisco July 31.—The local street car situation is further complicated today when about sixteen hundred track layers and pavers struck for an eight hour a day scale and two fifty a day for pavers and three fifty for brick layers. The men have been working ten hours a day for one fifty and two and a half dollars per day respectively.

JAPAN TO BUY RAILROADS

(Scripps News Association)
Tokio, July 30.—The Japanese Government has just announced the dates on which it will purchase the six private railroads, authorization for which purchase passed both houses of the Diet last March. The dates are as follows: The Hokkaido Tanko Tetsudo, and the Koku Tetsudo, on October 1, 1906; the Nippon Tetsudo and the Ganyetso Tetsudo, on November 1, 1906; the Nishinari Tetsudo and the Sanjo Tetsudo, on December 1, 1906.

The aggregate sum of the purchase price will amount to 250,000,000 yen, or about \$125,000,000. For the purchasing sum of each railroad the government will allow the interest of 5 per cent a year, beginning with the respective date of purchase. The government will not issue these bonds until it sees fit to undertake the issues. The returns from the six purchased railroads will not only pay the running expenses and the interest, but will also yield a surplus, the exact amount cannot yet be estimated with any degree of certainty.

WILL REVIVE ATHLETICS

(Scripps News Association)
Boston July 30.—The Boston Athletic Association will hold a special meeting this afternoon for the purpose of considering steps to revive the interest in active athletics among the members of the association. When the organization was formed the members were mostly young men, active and proficient in the various track and field sports. One by one the athletics of the club began to retire from active work however and finally the club was no longer represented in various athletic contests in the East. An effort will be made to attract the young and active members who will be able and willing to compete in athletic contests for the honor of the Club.

FREIGHT CONGESTED AT 'FRISCO

The agent of the O. R. & N., has just received from General Manager J. P. O'Brien a notice that no more shipments will be received on the O. R. & N. destined for either Oakland or San Francisco until further notice.

This order is made because of the terribly congested conditions in those cities. There are now over 6000 carloads standing unloaded in the Oakland and San Francisco yards and it is impossible to handle any more freight there until the situation is relieved.

Owing to the destruction of all the large warehouses in those two cities, it is impossible to unload freight with any rapidity and shippers are warned in this manner against making any further shipments to those places until the company can care for the traffic.

Notice of the resumption of traffic into those places will be sent out by the O. R. & N.

TWO INIMICAL PARTS

(Scripps News Association)
St. Petersburg, July 30.—The full text of the radicals' appeal to the army and navy was made public through underground sources today. It denounces the emperor and says that Russia is divided into two inimical parts, the vast majority being peasants, workmen and the poor and oppressed. The best soldiers and officers who are clearly opposed to these are led by Trepoff and his associates.

PASSENGER TRAIN WRECKED

(Scripps News Association)
Poughkeepsie July 30.—Three are dead and fourteen are seriously injured as a result of a wreck on the Pacific express of the New York Central, eleven miles south of here. It is likely that others will die. The dead are Engineer Wells, Fireman Mill and Trainman Marian Jack. The wreck was caused by a landside.

PRESENT QUIET, NOT OMNINOUS

(Scripps News Association)
St. Petersburg July 30.—Stolypin still continues to believe that peace will accept his plans of agrarian reform and declares that the continued quiet is not ominous but indicative of the people's faith in the government despite that attempts of terrorists to cause an upheaval.

ARMY'S HEALTH IMPROVED

(Scripps News Association)
Washington, D. C., July 30.—The annual report of the Surgeon General of the United States Army, for the year 1906, covered by statistics just available, will make such a showing as is most gratifying to army medical officers. There has been nothing like it in nearly ten years, and the gratifying condition is attributable to the improvement in sanitary conditions. This is especially so in the treatment of epidemics, particularly typhoid, with which the army was seriously threatened some years ago. All kinds of devices have been adopted, after thorough trial, in the hope that there would be a decided improvement in the conditions prevailing at army posts.

The same precautions for the health of the troops have been taken in the field, on marches and on army transports. The army medical corps in some thirty officers short of its authorized commissioned personnel, but it is found possible to maintain the health of the army in a way which has not been equalled since the record-breaking year of 1897. The statistics, when available, will show a remarkable state of affairs, entirely creditable to the surgeons who have been working so hard all along for better military hygiene.

ABSCONDER RETURNS.

(Scripps News Association)
Peterson J. N. J. July 30. — Ex-mayor Belcher who had absconded with 200,000 a year ago from his friends and firms with which he was connected, and who has been a fugitive since that time returned this morning and surrendered to the jailor. Detectives have not been able find a trace of the man since he left the city over a year ago.

TEACHERS RETURNING FROM TOUR

(Scripps News Association)
New York, July 30. — The party of about one hundred New York teachers, which started from here on the last day of June return today, after having made a highly interesting and instructive tour of the United States, including a number of large cities of the middle states, the South and the West, the Yellowstone Park, the Cripple Creek mining region, the Grand Canyon, San Francisco, Seattle, Spokane, Portland, etc.

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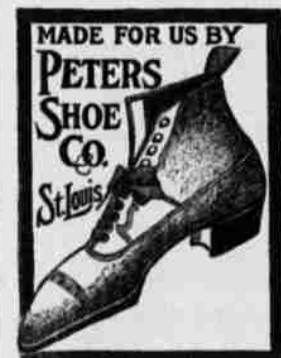
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