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BLACKMEN WILL LYNCH BLACKMAN

(Scripps News Association)
Winnesboro, La., Dec. 18.—A negro mob, with bloodhounds, is in pursuit of Noah McLendon, the young negro, who killed Amanda Wright, his mother-in-law, Mary McLendon, his wife, and her brother, Gus Wright, besides seriously wounding Wash Smith. The fugitive will be lynched by his own race if he is caught.

INTENSE SUFFERING
(Scripps News Association)
Minneapolis, Dec. 18.—Reports from Dakota continue to bear tidings of suffering because of lack of coal. Daze, a small town west of here, has not a pound of coal in town. Schools have closed because there is no fuel to keep out the blizzards and cold. The famine grows in all directions, having now reached both the Dakotas and Minnesota.

THAW'S TRIAL ASSURED
(Scripps News Association)
New York, Dec. 18.—Harry Thaw will be tried on January 21. Justice Newberger having set that date by agreement of the attorneys on both sides.

GRAIN MARKETS
(Scripps News Association)
Chicago, Dec. 18.—Wheat opened at 73½, closed at 74½; corn opened at 41½, closed at 42; oats opened at 34½, closed at 34½.

GAVEL'S RAP WILL BE HEARD TOMORROW MORNING

The sessions of the Good Roads Convention which opens tomorrow morning will be held on the gymnasium floor of the Commercial Club. It was first thought to hold the meetings in the court house, but that is not convenient and the downtown meeting place has been decided upon. Chairs have been arranged today and everything is in readiness for President J. H. Scott's gavel tomorrow morning at 9 a.m.

Few of the noted speakers may arrive tonight, but Governor Chamberlain, and

in fact nearly all from out the county points, will arrive on the morning trains. The association could have selected no better time for the convention than this. The Christmas trade in La Grande has been handicapped to an extent that is appalling. Cove and other localities some miles distant have all but been isolated by the terrific condition of the roads. To state it as meekly as possible, trade and business is being done in the little country store, for the simple reason that farmers cannot reach La Grande by the highways. Is it possible to conceive of anything more beneficial to La Grande than a solution to this menace to public thrift and happiness?

There is every reason for businessmen and farmers to lay aside every other duty and for two days unite in learning of some way to improve the highways of the Grande Ronde valley.

Following is the program as it will be heard in the session tomorrow:

WEDNESDAY MORNING

Call to order by president. Addresses of welcome: J. B. Stoddard, Mayor of La Grande; Turner Oliver, secretary La Grande Commercial Club; J. C. Henry, County Judge, Union County; response, John H. Scott, president Oregon Good Roads Association, address, "Roads of Union County, Past and Present." W. T. Wright, president First National Bank, Union; address, "Needs of Union County in the Line of Good Roads." Benjamin Brown, County Commissioner, Union County; discussion.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON

Address, "The Duty of the County Toward its Highways." J. M. Selder, County Commissioner, Union County; address, "What Macadam Roads Have Done for the Prune Growers of Liberty and Rosedale." J. H. Albert, president Capital National Bank, Salem; address, "The Proper Ratio Between Tonnage and Expenditure in Road Building." Henry B. Thielsen, secretary Oregon Good Roads Association; address, "Systematic Construction of Macadam Roads." Thomas F. Ryan, ex-County Judge, Clackamas County; address, "The Attitude of the Labor Organizations of Oregon Toward the Use of Convict Labor on the County Roads."

WEDNESDAY EVENING

Music. Address, "Good Roads Make Great States," George E. Chamberlain, Governor of Oregon; address, "The Tax Levied by Bad Roads on All Users Thereof." T. T. Geer, ex-Governor of Oregon; music; address, "The Use of Convict Labor on the Public Roads." Lionel R. Webster, County Judge, Multnomah County; discussion.

GROUNDS FOR TRIAL

Following is an extract from the complaint filed by J. L. Caviness against the City of La Grande, et al, at the court house which fully explains the grounds on which the suits in regard to water rights on the Grand Ronde river have been started:

"Whereas, the plaintiff prays the decree of this court perpetually enjoining and preventing defendants and each of them, the stockholders of said private corporation defendants, the distributees of said municipal corporation defendants, from further interfering with, withholding, diverting or distributing in any manner, either by dams, ditches, pumps or otherwise, said water of the Grand Ronde river to the extent of plaintiff's prior appropriation, diversion and continued use and to the extent of five hundred cubic inches of water under miners' measurements and six inch pressure, so that the same may flow down thru the plaintiff's pipes, ditches, canals or other appliances to and upon the plaintiff's land as ancient and usually it did flow prior to the defendant's wrongful withholding of same." The defendant also pleads the judgment for his costs and disbursements.

When this question has been ferreted out in the courts of the state, a very important question in regards to water rights will have been established.

Miss Pauline Lederie of La Grande, was in the city yesterday to visit her father at the hospital. She reports several inches of snow and good sleighing at La Grande and Union county.—Pendleton E.O.

RELIEF FROM ST. LOUIS

(Scripps News Association)
St. Louis, Dec. 18.—Interstate Commissioner Prouty this morning began an inquiry into the car shortage. Prouty will investigate the possibility of relieving the Northwest from this territory.

(Scripps News Association)
New York, Dec. 18.—Blocked in the plan of controlling the St. Paul railroad, by a hundred million dollar stock issue, Harriman is expected to plunge the railroad of the Northwest into a bitter war. That is the opinion of Wall Street and hostilities are expected to commence soon.

FIREMEN

MANGLED BY EXPLOSION

(Scripps News Association)
Marysville, Cal., Dec. 18.—Fire Chief J. J. Bradley and R. Moran are dying and thirty others are injured as a result of a fire which broke out at midnight in the Dooley and Guts factory last night. An explosion followed the breakout, and this was that did so much damage to human bodies. Bradley was frightfully mangled. Moran's eyes are gone and both legs broken. Firemen were at work and many were standing about when the explosion happened. Many buildings are wrecked as a result of the concussion.

SCHMITZ IN READINESS FOR TRIAL

(Scripps News Association)
San Francisco, Dec. 18.—The proceedings against Mayor Schmitz and Abe Ruef took a sensational turn this morning when J. G. Campbell Schmitz's attorney announced that if motion for a delay of trial was set aside and the indictment against the mayor denied, he would file a demurrer and be ready to proceed with the trial. The announcement came as a thunderbolt to Ruef, whose face paled at the statement. He flung in his chair and attempted to attract the mayor's attention by tugging at his coat sleeves. The mayor refused to notice him and rose on the instance of his attorney's announcement and left the room.

LANSDON SECURES CHANGE OF VENUE

(Scripps News Association)
Boise, Ida., Dec. 18.—Robert Lansdon, recently elected to secretary of state and who is under indictment for embezzlement of money in Washington county, has obtained a change of venue to Canyon county. The trial will be held in Caldwell, December 27.

PORTLAND STREET CARS ARE RUNNING ON SCHEDULE

(Scripps News Association)
Portland, Dec. 18.—The Street Car Co. is running its cars on schedule time this morning. They claim that ninety-five per cent of the cars are in operation. A wholesale discharge of former employees who are affiliated with the unions, has taken place. After two nights of idleness the company announces that it will run cars tonight, as it has all the men needed. Strike breakers have been imported from Sound cities. That the electrical workers at the power house are ready to go out on a sympathy strike, appears to be falling thru. There has been no disturbances.

A Christmas Suggestion

What HE would appreciate most

Handkerchiefs, Silk or Linen	from \$.25 to \$1.50
Silk Mufflers	1.00 " 2.50
Fancy Suspenders	.50 " 2.00
Fancy Hose	.25 " .75
Sweaters	1.50 " 4.50
Neckwear	.25 " 1.50
Smoking Jackets	6.00 " 10.00
Cravenette Overcoats	18.00 " 25.00
Suit cases	6.00 " 15.00
Umbrellas	1.50 " 6.00

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Now that the light has died out of summer skies, while the world grows gray, do you think there's nothing to do but snuggle down by the fire, watch the white old world swing around again, and wait impatiently for the Time of Happy Days?

Ah! But you're wrong—the whole world, restless, longs for the golden days of summer—unthinking, careless of the rare truth that Happiness itself, in its purest form, is now, of all times, so easy to gain.

"But where to find it?" Deep under the branches of the Christmas tree it lies—where the twinkling light of mystical, magical candles falls on the faces of little children.

Climb a creaking, dingy stair—and see the pale, tear-stained face of a lonely child grow beautiful—as some simple toy is clasped to a little heart that beats triumphantly with a reawakened faith in a dear old Santa Claus who did not forget!

Let Christmas morning bring to each of your friends the knowledge that you have remembered—that the days are not busy enough, the years not hurried enough to drive away the timely thought that will glorify even the smallest gift.

No need to search the year through. In the jingle of Christmas bells, in the hand-clasp of a friend, in the smile of a little one—lies happiness. And in more than all else is it rare and beautiful that to possess it you must give it—and that in the giving you cannot part with it.

To those you know—to those who would know the joy of Christmas giving—this store is a helpful place. Shelves and counters, cases and corners fairly groan beneath their accumulation of Gift-Things.

Make it your own—a place in which to choose wisely and buy economically. You will find the Christmas spirit in the air—irresistable, contagious—with all who help us here eager to make your visits enjoyable.

Umbrellas

Everybody's got one!—? Ah, but not like these. Here are handles that are bent and twisted and carved from woods that come from every spot on the crown globe. Others in which the pale opalescent hues of pearl blend with the lustre of silver and gold.

Handkerchiefs

Who said, "Handkerchiefs make good gifts"?—? You'll say they'll make the most delightful of gifts—before you see a hundredth part of this extraordinary collection. Some are almost as filmy as a spider's web—others are edged with fairy-like lace.

Jewelry

In the toe-tip of the stocking something from these cases should go. A ring—a bracelet—a brooch a pin—a set of studs or buttons—what you like—so long as it snugly fits down where it will be discovered last—as the best of all the gifts should be.

Modish Garments

You didn't know that Santa Claus knows Dame Fashion well? Then come and see the style lines of our superbly modeled garments—wraps and suits and jackets and skirts all fashioned with a defter needle than the kindly old saint can wield—yet all breathing Christmas cheer.

Furs

Furs, deep-toned, luxuriously rich and soft, will add to the charm of the happy faces of hundreds of fortunate folk after Santa Claus has come and gone. And—best of all—the comfort and becomingness of a scarf or coat or muff doesn't depend solely on the price that has been paid.

Gloves

Don't worry at all because you don't know exactly the size of glove that fits the person to whom you wish to send a pair. We expect to be just as busy the day after Christmas exchanging sizes as we are the day before, selling these most satisfactory of holiday remembrances.

Leather Goods

Hundreds of puzzled folk are to stop before the counters where we show all that is new from the shops of the Leather Workers. Few are to pass on without opening their purses—for here are pocketbooks, handbags, card cases—more enticing things than we could describe in an hour.

Where Dolls Reign

Do you wish to see some little girl's eyes snap with pure rapture? Bring her here. Here, where the jaunty dolls elbow each other—where flaxen and brunette beauties stand, a light of anticipation in their brown and blue eyes as they await the inspection of their future little mothers.

Toys

Our toys are going fast. Toys for boys and girls. Dolls, drums, horns and everything that a good live boy or girl would want.

Indian Robes

Which even white men and women like to wear. Useful in a hundred ways.

Linens

Handworked linens, center pieces, scarfs, table covers, towels, and every thing in the linen department.

Box Goods

A complete line of toilet sets, shaving sets, collar and cuff boxes, handkerchief boxes, stag sets, military brushes. Come and see the rest.

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