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EXPLOSION KILLS MANY

(Scripps News Association)
Berlin, Jan. 28.—One hundred and sixty-five lives were lost in an explosion today in the mines at Rhoden near Essen. A hundred and sixty-five bodies have been recovered from the mine but a hundred and ten are still entombed. It is feared that all have perished. Twenty-five injured are now in the hospital, several of whom will likely die.

AMONIA EXPLOSION

(Scripps News Association)
Chicago, Jan. 28.—Six men are dead, eleven injured some of which are fatal injuries, and two are missing, as a result of an explosion this morning in an ammonia tank in the Armour and Company icing plant. Fumes prevented the rescuers from reaching the scene.

TRAINMEN STILL CONFERRING

(Scripps News Association)
Chicago, Jan. 28.—Representative trainmen and railway managers still continue to confer in regards to the demands of the trainmen who want bigger pay and shorter hours.

BRYAN IN CALIFORNIA

(Scripps News Association)
Los Angeles, Jan. 28.—William Jennings Bryan, accompanied by his wife, arrived here this morning from Portland. They will remain here for several days, and during their stay will be the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Nathan Cole, Jr. Mr. Bryan will lecture tomorrow night and will be tendered a banquet and reception during his visit to this city. Mrs. Bryan will also be given a public reception, and a private reception will be given by Mrs. Cole in Mrs. Bryan's honor. The state Democratic committee has arranged a capital programme of entertainments for the distinguished visitors.

ON COUNTY DIVISION

The Oregonian says a bill is being drafted by Attorney-General Crawford. It is provided that before any action can be taken, looking to a division of any county, there must be filed with the County Court of that county a petition signed by at least 75 per cent of the residents of that part of the county desiring to secede, and another petition bearing the names of 15 per cent of the residents of the remaining part of the county, both such petitions to request that the question of county division be submitted to the voters of the entire county at the next succeeding general election.

At the election, if a majority of the people of the entire county shall vote affirmatively on the proposition to divide the county, the desired division shall be made without carrying the matter into the legislature.

IVANHOE HONORED

(Observer Special)
O. A. C. Corvallis Jan. 28.—Last night was one of the most exciting one of the season in literary lines it being the local oratorical contest between the ten literary societies of the school. Tho this being his first trial and was against the strongest men of the school, Forrest Ivanhoe was awarded first place in composition and fourth in delivery. Ivanhoe has the ability and with a little more experience should become one of the foremost orators of the college.

M. V. Weatherford secured first place. Last Thursday a large number of students went over to Albany to hear Bryan deliver an address, but their team arrived there just as he had finished, not to be outdoors in this manner they sent their cadet colonel into his private car and the boys were given a special address from the rear end of his car. A basket ball game will be played here this evening between Pacific University and the O. A. C. team that made such a good showing on its tour of the N. W. during the holiday.

ATTORNEY CRAWFORD BACK

Attorney C. H. Crawford returned this morning from California, where he has been spending several weeks in Los Angeles, to be present at the coming term of the circuit court. His train was delayed several hours a few miles below The Dalles, where a large land slide had occurred. Mr. Crawford stated that for several hundred yards the bed of the track was covered to a depth of several feet with earth and rock. This is the cause of the delay in the train from Portland, which should have arrived this morning.

WHITELY WILLFULLY MURDERED

(Scripps News Association)
London Jan. 28.—The coroner's jury which examined the conditions whereby William Whitely, the Marshall Field of England met his death, returned a verdict today against Horace Rayner, of willful murder. Rayner had been in consultation with Whitely Thursday morning, and on coming out of the office had suddenly mortally wounded the merchant and then tried to commit suicide.

FIRE DAMP EXPLOSION

(Scripps News Association)
Paris, Jan. 28.—It is reported that twenty miners were killed by a fire damp explosion today in the Lievan colliery near Little.

HONG KONG IS FLOODED

(Scripps News Association)
Hong Kong Jan. 28.—A terrible rain storm has flooded the city. Over a hundred Chinese are dead as a direct result of the floods. As the high waters occasionally catch a belated fugitive it carries the drowned body seaward. Here, along the shoreline, are scores of drowned natives all covered up by the wreckage from junk and steamers that have been cut loose from their moorings and pounded to pieces.

DENIES THAT EVELYN WAS SOLD TO WHITE

(Scripps News Association)
New York, Jan. 28.—According to the New York Herald of today, Howard Nesbit, Evelyn's brother, stated this afternoon that he was in the city to defend his sister from implication. His feeling toward Thaw is different. He is not seeking revenge but regrets the position Thaw is in. He absolutely denies that Evelyn's mother sold her to White. Twenty tallies have been examined today but by four o'clock all were excused. The ninth juror, Louis Haas, aged twenty five, was selected at four fifty.

ARRESTED FOR MURDER

(Scripps News Association)
New York, Jan. 28.—John Ball, aged thirty-two, and a motorman, was arrested this morning and arraigned on the charge of murdering Dr. Townsend. He was held without bail for the examination which will be held Wednesday. Ball eloped with the daughter of a wealthy man and later the woman was in a delicate condition and an operation proved necessary. Townsend performed it, causing the death of the wife. It is alleged that Ball at that time declared he would get even. He went to Frisco and was there during the quake. On his return to New York he was arrested.

TO WORK ENGLISH TIN MINE

(Scripps News Association)
New York, Jan. 28.—The great tin centres of Cornwall are agitated over a report that a New York Syndicate is buying a number of the richest tin mines there. The mines which the syndicate will work are all in the neighborhood of Penzance and were first worked by the Phoenicians about 80 B. C. The tin mines in Cornwall are the richest in the world, tho up to the present primitive methods are used for the working of them.

NUNS EXPELLED FROM FRANCE

(Scripps News Association)
Paris Jan. 28.—The order expelling the Sisters of the Assumption from French territory comes into force today, but a great many of them have already left for Spain, Italy, Belgium and England. There were twenty houses in order and tomorrow the work of dismantling them will commence.

LOSTINE TO HAVE RAILROAD

The citizens of Lostine were pleasantly surprised when Surveyor Watson and his men came from Enterprise, Monday informed them that they authorized from headquarters to survey a branch line from the main line to Lostine and asked that they locate their depot site. Messrs. Robert Mays and F. S. Fitzpatrick were the committee who went Surveyor Watson to designate the depot site which is in the east part of town, near the school house. There has been much interest manifested of late in the mineral prospects south of town and it is believed this may be a big drawing card for Lostine—making it the center of supplies to the mineral belt. It is hoped the patient waiting of the citizens of that burg may be rewarded by satisfactory results from their mines.

DIES FROM INJURIES

Baker City, Jan. 28.—Charles Clarkson, the man who was injured in the Elkhorn mines near Baker City last week, is dead. The day of the accident, his arm was amputated after being ground to pulp, but the nervous and physical shock was too great and he died Saturday. He was twenty-two years of age and has worked in and about mines for several years. His remains have been shipped to Sweet, Idaho, where the deceased's brother resides.

SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING

To E. W. Bartlett, J. J. Carr, C. S. Dunn, G. E. Fowler, F. L. Meyers, A. L. Richardson and J. T. Williamson, councilmen of the city of La Grande:
You and each of you are hereby notified that a special meeting of the council will be held at the council chamber on Tuesday the 29th of January 1907, at the hour of 7:30 p. m., for the following objects and purposes:

- 1st. To receive and act upon the report of the special water committee, to whom was referred the matter of securing estimates of cost for the installation of an electric lighting plant in connection with the proposed water pipe line from Beaver Creek.
- 2nd. To consider the new charter and corrections, and to decide upon its adoption by a vote of the people, or otherwise.
- 3d. To consider the question of bending a pipeline from Beaver Creek to the city reservoir.
- 4th. To take action on the proposition of refunding the water bonds of the issue of the year 1892.
- 5th. To decide upon calling a special election for the legal electors to vote on the questions of adopting the new charter, on the issuance of bonds for the construction of Beaver Creek pipe line, electric lighting plant and for the redemption of outstanding bonds of the issue of the year 1892.
- 6th. To investigate the direct primary law of the state of Oregon and its application to the City of La Grande.
- 7th. To vote upon the passage of ordinances pertaining to the fore-subjects, should the council decide to take action on any of them.
- 8th. To discuss matters of public health, contagion and quarantine.

J. B. STROCKARD, Mayor.

Miss Martha Zelinskie of Salem arrived in the city last evening to make her home for the next six months with her cousin Mrs. F. E. Johnson.

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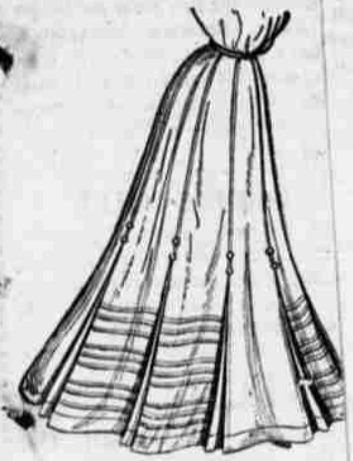
(Scripps News Association)
Washington, Jan. 28.—The most terrific arraignment of the Standard Oil company, ever yet made by any public or private investigator, was filed with Congress this morning by the ever hustling body, the Interstate Commerce Commission. A few of the charges against the oil company, are monopolization, knifing of competitors, discrimination, false pretenses, fraud, bribery corruption of the press and debauchery of the state inspectors. The report completely overshadows that made by Inspector J. Garfield last May. The report states: "The Standard Oil Company paid the employes of independent companies for information as to the business of competitors, followed every barrel to its destination, bought advertising space in newspapers and filled it with ready matter by their own agents by the railroads. While not accepting rebates the oil company nevertheless enjoys a secret rate, thus resorting to essential elements of illegal rates. Ruin and destruction of competitors, is a distinct part of the Standard's policy. At one time, if not now, the company devoted a special fund to corruption. The company largely monopolizes the handling of the oil from the well to the consumer. The operation of fake independent companies has been one of the most effective methods of eliminating competition. It has become necessary for the government to regulate rates and transportation of oil. To do this transportation must be disassociated from the production."

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