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## FAMOUS LEPER WAS KIDNAPPED

### OKLAHOMA'S EX-GOVERNOR IS GUILTY OF GAMBLING.

Leaked Out Today That Noted Woman Leper in Tombstone, Ariz., Was Kidnaped and Did Not Escape and Go to Los Angeles—Was Keeping Patrons From Hospital and Doctor Stole Her, Spiriting the Diseased Body Elsewhere—Admits It.

Tombstone, Ariz., Aug. 22.—It was learned today that Mrs. Isabella Wardell, the leper, who was reported as escaped from the quarantine tent, and who was supposed to have fled to Los Angeles, where she is now in the county hospital, was in reality kidnaped by Dr. H. A. Hislop of Tombstone, who wanted her out of the state. He admits the kidnaping, saying nobody would come near the Tombstone hospital while the leper was there. He declared General Wardell, the leper's husband, who recently died of a broken heart, tried in every way to contract the disease so he could be near his wife.

**Former Governor a Gambler.**  
Oklahoma City, Aug. 22.—C. M. Barnes, former governor of Oklahoma territory, but now mayor of Guthrie, is today awaiting sentence for gambling. He was found guilty by a jury. Barnes and a number of prominent political and social friends were arrested a week ago. All but Barnes pleaded guilty. Barnes will be sentenced by Judge Strange, who served as attorney general under Barnes.

**Fire in Los Angeles.**  
Los Angeles, Aug. 22.—A fire in the Los Angeles branch of the Crane wholesale iron supply plant caused a damage of \$75,000.

## AUTO LOST IN DESERT.

Touring Party Lost Bearings in Desert Near Ogden and Suffer.

Ogden, Utah, Aug. 22.—Ill from hunger and exposure, George Pierce and his wife of San Diego, arrived in an auto today after being lost two days and nights out on the desert near Lucin, 39 miles from here. They were on their way from San Diego to New York, when they lost the way, being confused by the sagebrush. After remaining several hours crossing their own tracks, the first intimation of a lost auto found them. Mrs. Pierce is under the care of a physician, while Pierce is scarcely able to stand.

## WILD SCRAMBLE FOR NEW MINES

THOUSANDS STAMPEDED TO SCHURZ YESTERDAY.

Without Accommodations But Greatly Excited—Indicates It is the Richest in Any of the Recent Discoveries—Sheriffs Searching for Thieves Who Stole Over \$15,000 Near Virginia City—Big Theft in Alaska Mines Mystifies Authorities.

**Rich Gold Strike.**  
Reno, Nev., Aug. 22.—Reports from Schurz, the new gold camp near Rawhide, where thousands stamped to yesterday. Indicate the new strike is the best of the recent discoveries. Hundreds are without accommodations.

Reno, Aug. 22.—The sheriffs of three counties are investigating the

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## EXTENSIVE LAND OWNERS GRAB AT IRRIGATION FACILITIES

MASS MEETING TONIGHT WILL BRING OUT MANY WHO WANT WATER ON THEIR FARMS

TWO MEN ALONE WILL TAKE 1,000 SHARES OF WATER

APPEARS THAT LARGE LAND OWNERS WILL BE AS PROMPT AS SMALLER ONES TO SEIZE OPPORTUNITY.

Outside World Looks With Eager Eyes on Progress of the Irrigation Proposition Here—Union County People Rapidly Awakened to Enormity of the Scheme and But Little Effort in Convincing Line Divulges That All Are Eager to Come in for Shares—One Sends Proxy to Observer—Cannot Come, But Will Take No Chances in Losing Out.

Without special effort in that direction, The Observer has ascertained that more than 1000 acres of valley land will be given over to irrigation and that as many shares will be subscribed by two local men. Working on that basis, the 20,000 acres required to precipitate actual action in the matter of completing the gigantic irrigation scheme in this valley, will be provided by a small majority of the farmers. Naturally enough, it can be seen that if these two men have signified their willingness to subscribe that large amount of stock, a sigh of relief will go up among the promoters. But when two men—and one of the men guarantees only to take 40 shares—are willing to subscribe to more than 1000 shares at \$20 each, paid equally in 10 years, the chief imaginary stumbling block is removed. If the extensive land holder can be persuaded to subscribe for liberal blocks of shares, the day will soon come when his farms will be broken up into small tracts. The promoters have never anticipated serious trouble in the ranks of the men with limited holdings. One man today sent his proxy to The Observer, saying he was unable to be present at the mass meeting in Elks' hall tonight, but was so anxious to become one of the promoters of the co-operative scheme that he refused to take chances, and wants an Observer representative to act for him tonight. He takes 40 shares and is alarmed lest he miss the opportunity. This is the proper spirit and if 50 per cent of the farmers in the favored area have the same feeling and look at the monumental proposition in the same light, the path of the promoters will be an easy one.

**What Others Think.**  
While there are hundreds of farmers in the valley who already realize the vast importance of this scheme, still there are those who are not so prompt in calculating what a successful culmination of this purely co-operative deal means. The leading newspapers of the northwest are devoting half-columns and even columns write-ups to the proposition here in La Grande. They are crying for more news of the progress of the scheme. The editors of the Portland and Spokane papers realize even at this dis-

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## AVOID DOCTORS; CHILD DIES.

Flagrant Disobedience of Laws Results Fatally for Child.

Los Angeles, Aug. 22.—To avoid quarantine regulations, the parents of Arnold Martin, aged 7, failed to call on a physician, and as a result the child is dead, a victim of acute Bright's disease. Two children are ill with the fever, but not wanting the home quarantined, the parents gave them no medical attention outside of some remedies. The other child was also a victim of the same disease at first. The two remaining children are not expected to live.

## TAFT RELIEVED

### JAP. SQUABBLE

MEYER AVERS "TEDDY" WANTS HUGHES TO RUN.

McKinlay of California Predicts a Sweeping Victory for Republicans in His State—Credits Taft With Relieving Japanese Tangle—Many of the Leaders Confer With Taft Today—Bryan in Chicago—Meyer Predicts Hughes' Victory.

Hot Springs, Va., Aug. 22.—Wm. H. Taft was busy with visitors today. He held a conference with Postmaster General Meyer, United States Forester Hford Pinchot, President Shonts of the Interborough Metropolitan Traction company of New York, and G. W. Painter, a China missionary.

Postmaster General Meyer said he had come to discuss the New York situation. "No doubt Hughes will be nominated and re-elected," he said. "The best interests of the party and the sentiment of the people demand it and I am sure the president is anxious to have him run again."

**California Wants Taft.**

Chicago, Aug. 22.—Congressman D. E. McKinlay of Sacramento, today predicted a sweeping republican victory in California. He says a plurality of 50,000 will be given the national and congressional tickets. He gives Taft credit for smoothing out the Japanese trouble on the Pacific coast.

**Bryan in Chicago.**  
William Jennings Bryan arrived here this morning. He went directly to the democratic headquarters and conferred with the leaders.

### Hang Faithless Wives?

Richmond, Va., Aug. 22.—That the law should provide capital punishment for faithless wives is the demand of C. M. Cowles, a prominent citizen of Toano, which has aroused a fierce controversy in the Richmond newspaper.

## BRUTAL CONVICT BEATS HIS WIFE

LATER CAPTURED BUT IS THOUGHT TO BE DYING.

Commissioner to San Francisco Consults With Business Men—Early Morning Fire Consumes Business House—Broker Who Fought Creditors in 1905 Now Wants to Return to Frisco—Young Man Was Bellboy Yesterday, But Has a Fortune Today.

San Francisco, Aug. 22.—Mrs. Jennie Smith, a convict, is in the Central Emergency hospital suffering with a fractured skull, internal injuries and loss of blood, and may die. She was terribly beaten at midnight by her husband, who was released from prison yesterday. She was in bed when attacked. Smith has escaped for a time. Smith was captured later on the Barbary coast today. He was drinking heavily and drank some laudanum which he had concealed. He is now thought to be dying.

**Report on Tokio Exposition.**  
Francis Loomis, United States commissioner to the Japanese exposition, is here visiting prominent business men and Japanese merchants preparatory to making his first report to Washington on 10 features of the American exhibit at Tokio. He sails Tuesday on the Manchuria for Japan.

**Early Morning Fire.**  
A fire early today practically destroyed a building on Sansome street, entailing a loss of \$20,000.

**Broker Wants Back Again.**  
It became known today that Robert Brent Mitchell, the fugitive stock broker, whose failure and flight to Honduras in December of 1905, was a sensation, is negotiating with creditors in the city to allow him to return to San Francisco. He has offered 10 per cent to his creditors, but some are holding out for 100 per cent before Mitchell will be allowed to return without prosecution.

**Bellboy is Wealthy.**  
Sedley W. Percy, a bellboy in the St. Francis hotel yesterday, is today on his way east with his wife to claim a fortune left by an uncle.

### FEAR NOT LIONS.

Novel Wedding Will Take Place in Los Angeles Next Week.

Sacramento, Cal., Aug. 22.—That Cupid laughs at Bona as well as locksmiths was the discovery made by J. A. Filcher, secretary of the state fair, opening here this week. He advertised for couples to be married in a lion's cage. Several accepted. J. A. Wilson and Folsom Parsner, a husom danc, are among the applicants.

## GREAT UNDER-PRICE SELLING OF LADIES' DAINY WAIST

\$3.00 Waists all white, made from the shierest of dainty materials, trimmed with lace, solid and open work embroidered front, with tucks and pleats, short and three-quarter length sleeves. This season's newest waists, sold regularly at \$2.75 and \$3.00 now **\$1.78**

\$1.25 and \$1.50 White Lawn Waist 88c  
25.00 Waists, White and Colored \$1.38

White Shirt Waists at 1-2 Price all Galatea Cloth Suits at a saving of from 25 to 50 per cent. NOTHING RESERVED.	Canvas Shoes at a Substantial Saving \$2.25 ladies' Canvas Oxfords... 88c \$1.20 misses' Canvas Oxfords... 98c \$1.75 ladies' Canvas Oxfords... 97c All tailored Wash suits, including
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## Attractive Dainty Wash Goods at Unusually Attractive Prices.

Dainty sheer material of all wanted kinds in white and many beautiful evening colors—Patterns in stripes, checks, plaids and dainty floral designs. 12 1-2 to 15c values at the yard 8c. 16c to 20c value the yd. 11c. 25c to 35c values the yd now 19c

All men's 65c medium and light weight underwear 50c, all 75c men's summer underwear 53c, all men's \$1.55 underwear 95c.

If you would keep posted on the newest of the new goods, and get first and choicest selections, you should visit our store several times a week, right now. New goods arriving daily.

All Men's Straw Hats 1-2 Price

**The Fair DEPARTMENT STORE**

## COSTLY HAZING AT WEST POINT

TWO OF ACCUSED EIGHT DISMISSED FROM SCHOOL.

Severe But Justified Punishment is Meted Out to Students Who Disobey Hazing Laws at West Point—Two Dismitted Entirely and Others Given Severe Punishment—Investigation Been Under Way for Months—Household Approves.

Washington, Aug. 22.—Two of the eight cadets suspended from West Point academy for hazing, were dismissed from school today. The other six sentenced to suspension, are being held until June, next year, then to be reduced from first to third-class. The secretary of war, Wright, announced this order and it was approved by President Roosevelt.

The punishment comes after a long investigation by Wright, in which the cadets were invited to Washington to lay their side before the war department. The cadets dismissed are William T. Russell, Jr., honor man in the first class, and son of Lieutenant Russell, an army engineer; Harry G. Weaver, first-class, of Illinois. All the suspended cadets were first-class men but Weaver and Russell, and held more guilt on account of their long residence at the academy.

## Take a Little Soda For Your Stomach's Sake

This Advice Certainly Holds Good with Everyone This Sort of Weather

Soda served at our fountain is more than a tasty thirst-quenching beverage. It is tonic and refreshing and every glass a strengthener for the stomach.

Our Soda is absolutely pure, strengthening, reviving, refreshing and healthful. It "lands direct" on the "dry" spot and quenches thirst as nothing else will, because we serve it at just the right temperature.

**HILL'S DRUG STORE LA GRANDE, OREGON**