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CHINK ROBBERS WERE LOCAL MEN

SUCH IS IMPRESSION

AMONG THE POLICE.

A Hat Purchased From J. M. Berry and Having an Observer in the Sweetband, Was Found Today by the Police—Robbers Evidently Amateurs as Well—Injured Oriental is Today Recovering From Bruises on Head—No Arrests Yet Made.

That local talent figured in the bold hold-up in a Chinese noodle joint on Fourth street last night, when the Chink proprietor was robbed of \$8 and severely beaten, is the surprising development in the investigation conducted by the police today in the matter. A tell-tale hat gave the clue.

It seems that while the three robbers were pulling a sack over the oriental's head and dragging him to the rear door after a severe beating, his pockets were rifled and \$8 taken. In the scuffle that ensued, one of the robbers lost his hat, and thereby hangs the clue. The head-piece was purchased from the J. M. Berry clothing store, the imprint on the band showing the local dealer's name.

That at least one of the hold-ups is a local man is shown by the fact that the hat had been purchased at the Berry store. It evidently being too large, he had placed a heavy sweatband, in the shape of an Evening Observer, closely folded, in the hat to make it fit the wearer's head. No arrests have been made, the clew being merely one that would indicate the hold-ups were local talent, evidently of an amateur type.

The Chinaman is today able to be at his place of business, though his cranium still bears the marks of the storewood that was whacked across the yellow skull with considerable force.

A White House Debat.

Washington, Dec. 26.—Mrs. Roosevelt and Miss Ethel are today busily engaged in making the final arrangements for the ball on Monday night, which will mark the latter's formal entry into Washington society. While the affair has been termed a "small dance," it will in reality be one of the most important held in the White House in recent years, with nearly a thousand guests in attendance. Although the debut of Miss Ethel will lack some of the novel features which attended Mrs. Longworth's presentation seven years ago, it will yet usher her into society under the most favorable conditions. As a social function, it will overshadow in importance the more formal receptions and dinners to be held by the Roosevelts during their last season in the White House. All of Miss Roosevelt's brothers, cousins and other relatives are here for the occasion, and have brought with them many friends. Theodore Roosevelt, Jr., who has forsaken his carpet-making during the holidays, will be a notable figure at the coming-out of his sister, and there will likely be much competition among the young ladies present for the honor of a dance with him.

MINERS FIRE AT AND KILL OFFICER

UNITED STATES MARSHALL KILLED AND SEVERAL OTHERS HURT

Danville, Ky., Dec. 26.—The bodies of United States Marshal Mullins and a miner, John Ross, were killed in a clash between strikers at Stearns, a coal mining town near here, and a number of wounded miners in charge of United States marshals, arrived here today. Refusal of strikers to obey a temporary restraining order issued by the federal courts, started the trouble. The miners barricaded themselves in a hotel and fired at the marshals.

CLAUS SPRECKLES SUGAR KING, DIES

FATHER OF RUDOLPH.

THE GRAFT PAYMASTER.

Demise Comes at His San Francisco Home Early This Morning—Built Up a Vast Fortune, Commencing as Humble Merchant and Brewer—His Two Sons Were at His Bedside—Was Managing His Lucrative Business Almost to His Death.

San Francisco, Dec. 26.—Claus Spreckles, the sugar king and pioneer promoter, of this city, died at his residence at 4:30 this morning of pneumonia. He was 80 years old. His sons Rudolph, the chief figure of the graft prosecution, and John D., the steamship owner, were at the bedside.

Spreckles was born at Lamsted, Hanover, and came to America in 1846. He was first employed at Charleston, S. C., later moving to New York city. In 1855 he crossed the continent to try his fortune in the west. He settled at San Francisco, where he conducted a store, and later a brewery. In 1862 he established the Eay Sugar refinery, thereby laying a foundation for the vast fortune he later accumulated in the sugar business. Almost to the day of his death he was identified with the active management of his vast estate. His magnificent stone mansion on Van Ness avenue, built a few years ago, was one of the last residences to be dynamited in stopping the progress of the great fire.

Robbed While Hundreds Pass. San Francisco, Dec. 26.—Beaten and robbed on the street, with hundreds passing, was the experience of Morris Goldstein, a tailor, in this city last night. He is in a hospital. He was standing on a street corner when two men attacked him, threw a sack over his head and dragged him into a passageway, where he was beaten and robbed.

STATE RESTS IN THE HAINS CASE

DEFENSE ASKS FOR DIS-

MISSAL, BUT IS DENIED.

Trial of Thornton Hains, Accused of Participation in the Killing of William Annis, Now Up to the Defense—Testimony of the State is Attacked as Flimsy and Deserving of Suspicion—Thornton a Brother of the Murderer.

Flushing, L. I., Dec. 26.—The case for the prosecution in the trial of Thornton Jenkins Hains, charged with participation in the killing of William Annis by Captain Peter Hains, the defendant's brother, was completed today with the testimony of George Bolton, the defense has opened its case.

Following Bolton's testimony, Attorney McIntyre, representing the defendant, made a motion to dismiss the indictment against the prisoner.

Judge Crane denied the motion. Attorney Shay then opened for the defense, saying the testimony of the state is flimsy, biased, prejudiced, contradictory and deserving suspicion.

Policemen Killed. Moscow, Dec. 26.—A number of policemen, including Baron Cotte, chief of the secret political police, and Colonel Muraki, were killed today in a clash with the revolutionists at a villa near here. Troops are on the scene. The revolutionists are making a stubborn stand.

May Move Musketry School. Washington, Dec. 26.—The army musketry school, situated at the Presidio, Monterey, Cal., will be moved to the middle west, according to report here today, that Brigadier General Funston has recommended the transfer.

Send Hargis Jury Back. Irvine, Ky., Dec. 26.—After twice reporting they could not agree, the jurors in the case of Beach Hargis, charged with murdering his father Judge Hargis, was sent back the court demanding an agreement. The trial has been one of the most sensational in the long list of mountain murder cases. Judge Hargis was one of the most prominent fighters in the famous feuds of Breathitt county. Beach killed his father because he refused to give him money.

Order of Lemons.

Muskogee, Okla., Dec. 26.—Young woman, have you ever been squeezed? Yes? No? If you have, you are eligible for membership in the Ancient and Accepted Order of Lemons, which has just been organized in this city with the establishment of Crate No. 1. The head officer of the new society, called the Main Squeeze, is said to be a popular young woman in Muskogee society, although the identity of both officers and members is kept a profound secret. However, it is known that all of the "lemons" are sweet young things, and not the sour old maids that might be expected from the name. It is likely that the new order will spread over the entire country and that "crates" will be organized in every city and town.

President Fallieres Recovered.

Paris, Dec. 26.—President Fallieres, who was attacked yesterday by Jean Mattis, presided at the council of ministers today and was apparently entirely recovered from the slight injuries. Fallieres intimated that the acquittal of Gregory for shooting at Major Dreyfus, led Mattis to seeming notoriety by assaulting him.

ROOSEVELT TO REMAIN SILENT

WILL LET GOMPERS AFFAIR ALONE WHILE IT IS IN COURT

Washington, Dec. 26.—President Roosevelt will not interfere with the Gompers case as long as it is in the courts, according to authoritative information received today. The president believed any action by him was unnecessary as the defendants have already given notice of appeal. Roosevelt is preparing a statement in reply to the many requests that he take action.

KNOX COMING.

Prof. Knox, the noted elocutionist to appear here Tuesday night at the First Baptist church is not a stranger to La Grande, having appeared here on several occasions. He never fails to please.

Mr. Knox becomes a favorite with the audience from the time he makes his first appearance, and his selections call forth enthusiastic encores.

Prof. Knox comes to this city under the auspices of the B. Y. P. U. Admission will be 35 cents for adults, and 15 cents for children. Don't forget the date, December 29, at 8 p. m.

Hangs to Bed Post.

San Francisco, Dec. 26.—Michael McGinnis, an insane patient, committed suicide in the detention hospital, by hanging himself with a sheet attached to the end of his bed, which he used as a gallows.

Representative Davy Dead.

New Orleans, La., Dec. 26.—Representative Robert C. Davy, of the Second congressional district of Louisiana, died today of apoplexy.

JEFFRIES SCORES HAS-BEEN BURNS

COON JOHN'SO" HAS NO

REAL CLAIM TO BELT.

Tommy Burns Given Severe Scolding by Jim Jeffries for Allowing Greed for Money to Permit His Pride to Fall—Because Burns Lost Last Night, African Has Wrested Highest Honors in Fighting World—Jeffries Will Not Fight Again.

St. Paul, Dec. 26.—John L. Sullivan says Jack Johnson, the colored pugilist who knocked out Tommy Burns in Sydney, Australia, in 14 rounds yesterday, has no right to claim the world's championship, as Burns never was the champion. He says the present-day bouts are only boxing exhibition, and not real prizefights.

"The fight ended as I expected," said Sullivan. "I never could see how a little good man could whip a good big man. Even with a victory over a so-called champion of the world—though, in my opinion, Burns was never a champion of the world—the negro cannot assume that title. I do not think this country will make a big howl over Johnson when he returns."

Jeffries Scores Burns.

Los Angeles, Dec. 26.—Jim Jeffries, the retired and undefeated champion heavyweight fighter of the world, severely criticized Tommy Burns for fighting Johnson. "I will never re-enter the ring," said Jeffries. "All night I received telegrams from all parts of the country, asking me to fight again, but never. Burns had his price—\$20,000—and he sold his pride; the pride of the Caucasian race. He is money mad. A white champion worshiped at the shrine of Mammon. The dollars he coveted are his, but at what a price! For the first time in the history of the prize ring, a negro holds the title of all titles. Burns, as a climax to his ring career, which is anything but brilliant, allows a black shadow, Jack Johnson, to descend upon the coveted crown and title. He will never be forgotten by the public for allowing the title to be taken by a member of the African race."

Sharkey Will Fight.

New York, Dec. 26.—Tom Sharkey announced today that he intended trying to take the title from Jack Johnson, who whipped Burns.

Son of Inventor Killed.

San Diego, Dec. 26.—Word has been received here that William B. Morse, son of Samuel Morse, inventor of the Morse telegraph, was killed by a Mexican on the big ranch of E. L. Campbell, in Lower California. Details are lacking.

Cloak and Suit House Robbed.

San Francisco, Dec. 26.—Insurance and police officials are investigating a strange burglary at the cloak and suit house of Koenig and Collins, on Van Ness avenue. The loss of goods amounts to \$3000, and was discovered yesterday morning by a clerk.



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For what you want
Everything at
a Bargain

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| Childrens Fur Sets | Silk Waist Patterns and Silk Kimonas | Kid Gloves | Our Fur Department for Muffs Scarfs Coats | Ties and Hdks. |
| Bath Robes Purses Belts Umbrellas Fancy Hose | Shades Blankets Corsets Ladies' Suits & Coats | Fascinators Shawls Fancy Linen | Pajamas Mufflers Suspenders Suit Cases & Trunks | Fancy Vests Lounging Robes Silk Scarfs |
| Fancy China Box Goods | FAIR STORE La Grande, Oregon. | | | Warm Caps Gloves Mitts Overcoats |

NEW FIRM IN IMBLER PROMISED

NEW LUMBER COMPANY WILL DO BUSINESS AT GROWING TOWN

A new corporation designated as the Eastern Oregon Lumber company, capitalized at \$20,000, has just been organized with James H. Wilson, F. S. Bramwell and W. E. Anderson as incorporators. It is understood that the sawmill is to be located at Imbler, which is becoming one of the most progressive points in the valley. There is timber on both sides of the valley adjacent to this shipping point.

New Chief in Power. San Francisco, Dec. 26.—Chief of Police Jesse Cook, successor to Biggy, assumed his duties at the head of the police department today, after a simple ceremony.

Murder at Christmas Reunion. Zion City, Ky., Dec. 26.—At a Christmas reunion of the Lary family, James Lary killed his sister, Mrs. Ida Detton and then committed suicide. His sister reproved him for drinking.

A GIFT THAT PLEASURES

is not always the expensive one. Something beautiful and useful and in good taste suits best. One thing that is always acceptable, and which will remain a phasant reminder of the giver, is good perfume. We have a nice line of

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put up in fancy gift packages or we can sell you the same odors in bulk. When you are at a loss what to buy thin of these. Just what you want for just what you can pay. The quality is the very best

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