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GRAND JURY TO PROBE CHARGES

NIGGER JOE ARRAIGNED AND WAIVES EXAMINATION.

Outcome of the Arrest of Joe Williams is as Announced Yesterday—Re-arrested This Morning on Serious Charge—Waives Examination and Grand Jury Will Meet Monday to Dig Into the Matter—Bonds Were Placed at \$1000 Today.

This morning T. E. Buchler swore out a complaint charging Joe Williams (colored) with arson—setting fire to the Hills-Andross house Sunday night, which resulted in a total loss to the handsome cottage which has graced Fourth street for several years and placed the entire western portion of the city in jeopardy. He was immediately arraigned before Justice Stewart and demanded an immediate hearing, through his attorney, C. H. Finn. After consulting with District Attorney Ivanhoe, Mr. Finn decided to have his client waive examination and the bonds were fixed at \$1000, in default of which Joe is now in the county jail, waiting the result of the action of the grand jury which convenes next Monday.

Last evening Mrs. Zuber met the \$100 bond placed on Joe's head for appearance on the charge of disorderly conduct, but before he had enjoyed open air for long, he was again in the toils of the law with the arson charge staring him in the face.

"Fighting Bob" to Speak.
Pittsburg, Pa., Jan. 26.—Admiral "Fighting Bob" Evans, who is now making a lecture tour of the east, arrived in Pittsburg today and will deliver an address at Carnegie Music all tonight. His topic will be "Taking the Atlantic Fleet from Hampton Roads to San Francisco."

GAZE AT MERCURY

RAPIDLY MOVING PLANET IS NOW IN PLAIN VIEW.

Little World Today Reached Farthest Point From Out Behind the Sun—Astronomers Busy.

Washington, Jan. 26.—Amateur and professional astronomers of Washington and throughout the country will spend the next few evenings making observations of the rapidly-speeding little planet Mercury. For some time this small world has been moving out from behind the sun, and today it reaches its greatest distance east, affording the best opportunity for observation. This evening many telescopes will be trained toward the southwestern sky where Mercury may be seen in all its glory shortly after sunset. The planet will be seen a short distance northward from the point on the horizon at which the sun was seen to set. The planet Mercury is only a twentieth part as heavy as the earth, and is so much nearer the sun that it receives many times as much heat and life. Its greatest peculiarity is that its rotation has been reduced to a negligible quantity, so that the half of the planet turned toward the sun is perpetual day, and the other an endless night.

GILLETT OBEYS MR. ROOSEVELT

NO ANTI-JAPANESE LAWS TO BE PASSED, HE SAYS.

In a Special Message to the Legislature, Gillett Settles Definitely the Matter of Immediate Legislation Against Japanese—Special Letter From Roosevelt.

Sacramento, Cal., Jan. 26.—Governor Gillette sent a message to the legislature.

EXPLOSIONS AND ACCIDENTS

TUESDAY REPLETE WITH FATAL CATASTROPHES.

Chicago-Denver Special Ditched, Killing the Fireman—Fast Train in Ohio Goes in Ditch on Account of Loose Rail—Another Explosion Occurs in Pennsylvania That May Mean Death to Fifty or More—Rescue Work is Greatly Hampered.

Lincoln, Neb., Jan. 26.—The Chicago-Denver Special, westbound, on the Union Pacific, was wrecked today in the yards at North Platte, Neb. The engine was overturned and Fireman Berry pinched under the it. He was scalded to death. No passengers were injured, though several cars were derailed.

St. Louis Express in Ditch.
Coshocton, O., Jan. 26.—Seventeen persons were injured this morning when the St. Louis Express left the rails, due to a broken rail, nine miles west of here. A special car was occupied by General Manager McKeen of the Vandalla branch of the Pennsylvania road.

Many Deaths From Explosion.
Pittsburg, Jan. 26.—A gas explosion in the Merchants' Coal company's mine at Boswell, resulted in the death of two men and entombing 50 to 75. The mine is reported to be ablaze, with little hope of rescuing the men. Some of the rescued died later.

It is now feared that there are 22 dead in the mine as the result of subsequent explosions. A party of rescuers entered the mine at midnight and have not been heard from. Five rescuers were carried out overcome by gases.

The Normal school question will doubtless be with us for many years yet.

TWIN FALLS AS POSITIVE PROOF

OUTCOME OF IRRIGATION IS STUPENDOUS SUCCESS.

What Sounds Bareface Lies on the Face of it, Comes in True Report From Twin Falls Country—Exactly the Same Results Will Follow Irrigation in Union County—Once Doubting Element in Twin Falls, But None Live There Now.

Incredible to a point where action vision is almost necessary to corroborate, is the story coming from Twin Falls, Idaho, where irrigation is followed along lines exactly similar to what they will be in the Grande Ronde valley. There is no denying that there are farmers in Union county of the same type that once lived in the region of what is now Twin Falls—they poohed at irrigation. To every man in Union county who doubts the great benefits of irrigation, we call attention to the following article by a staff correspondent of the Boise Capital News, about a city that four years ago was a village about the size of Imbler:

Twin Falls, Jan. 25.—Twin Falls will have a free mail delivery service in the city this summer. The postoffice receipts at this office for the year 1908 totaled \$15,171.08, which is more than enough to insure free city mail delivery. The stamp sales for 1908 were \$13,928.43, the box rent receipts \$1,242.65. These figures are certainly remarkable for a 4-year-old town and are indicative of the wonderful growth of this city, which for a purely agricultural community has few parallels. The city council has appropriated \$10,000 for street crossings. The property owners will immediately build sidewalks and number their houses, which, when done, will be followed by the installation of the free delivery service.

Great Crush at Postoffice.
It is a sight worth seeing to go to the Twin Falls postoffice after the arrival of the mail and see the long line-up of people, who get their mail through the general delivery windows. Oftentimes a double row of people is lined up for more than a city block. So great is the rush for mail that the unfortunate person in the rear of the column must wait two or three hours before his turn at the window comes. The need here of a free city delivery is great, and when installed, will

GYPSY REVIVALS

ENTERS ST. LOUIS IN A CAMPAIGN AGAINST SIN.

World-Famed Revivalist of Gypsy Birth and Training, Doing Effective Work—Expect Big Results.

St. Louis, Jan. 26.—Gypsy Smith, the world famous evangelist, who has recently conducted great revivals in Pittsburg, New York, Washington, Baltimore and other cities, is in St. Louis today to begin a mammoth religious campaign for the salvation of this city. Smith's meetings have been characterized by spectacular and sensational marches through the redlight districts and it is likely that he will adopt similar methods while here. Gypsy Smith was born in 1860, and when he was 15 years of age he could not read or write, for he was born in a gypsy tent in England, and he wandered over England with his parents and the other gypsy children, drawn in an old covered wagon by one old horse. His father was at that time a drinking, pilfering gypsy, who earned a pittance fiddling in saloons. Gypsy Smith, when a boy, passed the hat for pennies in the beer shops, while his father played the fiddle.

Gypsy Smith's real name is Rodney Smith. He is a handsome man, with

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LOCAL OPTION BILL BETTERED

IF PLANS IN NEW BILL MATERIALIZE THIS YEAR.

House and Senate at Salem Working on Routine Matter, Considering Special Tax Feature—Local Option Law to Be Amended for Betterment of Prosecution.

Salem, Jan. 26.—The senate and house worked on routine business this morning. The governor's message relating to supreme court decision annulling the tax levies for 1909, are referred to a committee on assessment and taxation, which will bring in a bill legalizing the levies.

Amend Local Option Law.
A house bill was introduced by Representative Bonebrake of Benton, which amends the local option law to make it a misdemeanor for a witness in a liquor case to refuse to testify.

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SCANDALOUS CRAFT EXPOSED

PANAMA DEAL SAID TO BE GREATEST KNOWN GRAB.

The House at Washington Agog Over Expose by Rainey of Illinois, Over His Unflinching Exposures—Cromwell and Charles Taft in Category of Grafters—Attack Both Long and Bitter—Insinuations That Roosevelt Knew of Graft.

Washington, Jan. 26.—Branding William Nelson Cromwell as a "buccaneer and desperado," Representative Henry T. Rainey of Illinois, today gave the house a sensational resume of the Panama scandal. He claimed Cromwell and certain associates were "trying to appropriate to their own use, the revenues of the Republic of Panama."

He professed to be able to prove the most stupendous graft combine in the history of the civilized world. He said Cromwell and party attempted to collect from the United States fraudulent claims amounting to \$2,000,000. He closed with a sensational statement, that they not only sought to rob the Republic of Panama, but indirectly robbed the United States treasury.

Rainey accused Cromwell of being the chief manipulator in machinations resulting in the revolution of November 31, 1903. He explained that he did not charge President-elect Taft with being a party to the "infamous scheme." In the course of his remarks he said:

"It will not be long, if the scheme goes through, before the campaign contributions of some of the gentlemen interested in the enterprise, will be returned a hundred fold. It is not a part of sound statesmanship and true patriotism to employ all the government's agencies to crush newspapers having the courage to call attention to questionable transactions in connection with the canal. Public opinion in Germany will not even permit the emperor to do what the president of the United States is trying to do."

Rainey charges that Roosevelt made direct misstatements in the message sent to congress on December 31, 1906.

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WASHINGTON SENATORS ARGUE

WILDEST SCENES YET ENACTED AT OLYMPIA.

Root-Gordon Fracas Precipitates Another Scene of Disorder on the Floor of the Washington Senate Today—Local Option Bill Continues to Evoke Fights.

Olympia, Wash., Jan. 26.—The morning session of the senate was the scene of the two hottest disputes witnessed in a similar gathering in this state. The trouble started when Senator Alex Polson of Chehalis, introduced a concurrent resolution that the senate appoint a committee to act with a similar committee from the house to investigate the supreme court judges, state officers, and all members of the legislature, touching on their integrity. This is the outcome of the Root-Gordon investigation.

The resolution and all discussion was expunged from the minutes of the senate. The next fight was over the anti-saloon league's local option bill that came up. The bill was sent to the committee on judiciary. The same action was taken by the house.

COSGROVE ARRIVES AT PORTLAND

Portland, Jan. 26.—Governor-elect Cosgrove of Washington, with his face seamed and drawn by long weeks of illness, yet determined to reach the capital of the state that conferred the high honor on him to be inaugurated, arrived in Portland at 10:30 this morning. He will leave here tonight at 8 o'clock, and leave Tacoma at 8:10 tomorrow morning, to arrive at Olympia two hours later. After his inauguration he will return immediately to Paso Robles. He says

Worthy There is probably no one line in which there is so much deception as in rubber goods. Much of it is almost worthless. None of these goods come to us. By picking the best goods and buying direct from the makers, we insure security and saving. We can sell them at right prices and also guarantee the quality. We have Hot Water Bottles in all the new styles, colors and sizes. You will get your money out of one many times before Spring.

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