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We Have Many  
**BARGAINS**  
For February.

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We will during this Month Make  
**GREAT REDUCTIONS**  
In all Shoes, Men's and Boys'  
Suits, Ladies' Dress Skirts,  
Dress Goods,  
Lots of Remnants.

**J. H. HARRIS.**

## A THOUSAND DEAD.

IMMENSE TIDAL WAVES SWEEP  
OVER SOUTH SEA ISLAND.

Carried Into Sea Persons who had Taken Refuge in Tall Tree Tops—Whole Island Covered With mad Waters—Other News.

San Francisco, Feb. 8.—News of a fearful loss of life in a destructive sand storm that swept over South Sea Islands last month, reached here today on the steamer Mariposa direct from Tahiti. The loss of life is estimated at 1000 souls.

On January 13 last a huge tidal wave accompanied by a terrific hurricane attacked the Society Islands and the Taumotu group with fearful force causing death and devastation never before equalled in a land of dreaded storms. The storm reigned several days reaching its maximum strength between January 14 and 16. From the meager advices received at Tahiti up to the time of the sailing of the Mariposa it is estimated that at least 1000 of the island inhabitants lost their lives. It is feared that later advices will add to the long list.

On Hikuera Island, where 1000 inhabitants were engaged in pearl diving, nearly one half were drowned. On an adjacent island 100 more were washed out to sea. Makekau and Hao are depopulated.

Conservative estimates at Tahiti place the number of islands visited by the tidal wave and hurricane as 30. All of them are under control of the French Governor at Tahiti. The surviving inhabitants are left destitute of food, shelter and clothing, all having been swept away by the storm.

As far as was known eight white people were among the drowned.

As the islands were barely 20 feet above sea level and not surrounded by coral reefs, it was necessary for all the inhabitants to take to the coconut trees when the tidal wave began to cover the land. These trees grow to an immense height, many reaching an altitude of 100 feet. All the lower trees were covered by the raging seas which swept with pitiless force about and over them. The natives in the taller trees were safe until the coconut roots gave way and then they too, were swept onward, far out into the sea.

The 400 survivors brought by the Excelsior to Papeete gained the ship's side by swimming three to four miles from the tops of coconut trees. The Eimeo, though badly disabled by the storm also brought off as many persons as could swim to her sides, she, like the Excelsior, being unable to run close to the shores, because of the fearful violence of the ocean swells, which continued to run abnormally high for a week after the tidal disturbance.

Another schooner, the Gauloise, from the Marquesas Island, 600 miles from Tahiti, encountered the hurricane while en route to the latter place and only the timely action of the captain in having the cargo, consisting of 30 head of cattle, 35 head of pigs and 30 tons of cotton, jettisoned, saved the little craft from destruction. Even with this precaution the life of one man was by waves sweeping the decks.

One of the many acts of heroism reported is that of a woman who climbed one of the tall coconut trees and lashed her little babe to the branches, hanging on to the body of the tree beneath the little one as best she could. There they remained for ten hours, suffering great torture until finally rescued.

Thousands of tons of copra and over 100 tons of mother-of-pearl shells are known to be lost. The pearl shells are valued at \$1800 per ton and many valuable pearls may be lost to the world forever, as these were considered some of the best pearl islands in the world.

Indianapolis, Ind., Feb. 6.—There was a promise that there would be no lack of sensations in testimony in the trial of Dr. J. C. Alexander to-day in the grave-robbing case. A parcel in the possession of the detectives was introduced as evidence. The parcel contained two shrouds found by the detectives in the basement of the Central College during one of the visits made to the place with search

warrants. One of the shrouds was identified by a woman who did the needle work as the one made for Mrs. Catherine Doehring, whose body was stolen from the German Catholic Cemetery.

Samuel Martin, colored, who was prominently identified with Cantrell in the grave-robbing business, was the first witness today. He first met Dr. Alexander at the latter's office last June, he said. The doctor told him he wanted from 17 to 18 subjects for dissection, and would pay \$30 each. Martin said at this meeting Dr. Alexander told Rufus Cantrell that he would watch the death returns at the board of health and would notify Cantrell. The first trip, he said, was in July, when, with Cantrell and the others he went to the Anderson Cemetery and secured the body of Glendora Gates and handed it over to the Central College. The next day Dr. Alexander paid him \$10.

His next trip was to Ebenezer graveyard, when the body of Wallace Johnson was secured. Dr. Alexander told him the subject was not a good one because it was mangled with the cars, and Martin received but \$5. At the same graveyard he assisted in getting the body of Johanna Siltz, for which Dr. Alexander paid him \$8. In addition to these bodies, Martin said he got a body at the insane hospital graveyard which Dr. Alexander said was a good subject. The witness assisted in raising the body of Rose Neidlinger, at the cemetery near Trader's Point, early in August. The next day he saw Dr. Alexander injecting fluid into the body. For this body Dr. Alexander paid him \$10.

Washington, Feb. 3.—In accordance of the terms of the new militia law recently enacted by congress, the entire citizen soldiery of the country is to be supplied with the regular army service rifle. The state militia organizations aggregate approximately 115,000 men, nearly double the number in the regular army establishment. They will be furnished their new arms as rapidly as they can be manufactured by the National Armory at Springfield, Mass.

In addition to this, the war department is installing a plant at the Rock Island Arsenal for the manufacture of the service rifle, though it will be some time before it will be ready for work. The department has on hand a large reserve supply of rifles, sufficient to almost equip the militia, but will rely mainly on the production of the armories as the officials prefer not to draw on the reserve too heavily.

Berlin, Feb. 3.—The German government has decided to readmit the Jesuits who, since July, 1872, have been excluded from Germany. Chancellor von Bulow, in the Reichstag to day, said he would use his influence to instruct the Prussian members of the Bundesrath to support the repeal of the anti-Jesuit law so far as to permit individual German and foreign Jesuits to reside in Germany, but not to allow the founding of Jesuit chapters, which, the chancellor believed the confederated governments would not accept.

El Paso, Tex., Feb. 7.—Carrie Nation visited El Paso today on her way to Los Angeles. She tried to break up the Rio Grande saloon, in Juarez, in typical style, but was bluffed off by the saloonkeeper. On the way across the river she grabbed cigars from the mouths of two Roman Catholic priests and lectured them on smoking. On the train before arriving in this city she was asked to join in a game of cards. She was asked what game she played and answered "pitch," at the same time gathering up the cards and pitched them out of the window.

### A Most Fatal Gift

Would be the power of foreseeing events. This would destroy hope. A knowledge of the future would unmake happiness. There are, of course, some things about the future we do know. If, for instance, a lack of energy, ambition and loss of appetite shows itself we know it will be followed by serious complaints if not checked. Often liver and kidney trouble follow quickly. In any event Electric Bitters will restore you to health. It strengthens builds up and invigorates run-down systems. Only 50c. Satisfaction guaranteed by Graham and Wortham, Druggists.

## WITHERS EXPIRES.

BRAVE SHERIFF PASSED AWAY  
AT ELEVEN O'CLOCK SATURDAY.

Story of the Shooting—Women Pinoned Sheriff's Arms and Lyons Fired—Pursuit of Assassin by Posse.

Eugene, Or., Feb. 7.—Sheriff Withers died at Hale today at 11:22 A. M. The body was brought to Eugene, arriving at 9 o'clock this evening. An autopsy will be held tomorrow to locate the bullet. Elliot Lyons, the horse thief who shot Withers, is still at large. Lyons' wife was brought in today, arraigned and placed in jail.

Sheriff Withers lost consciousness about 5 o'clock last evening, and without rallying grew gradually weaker until the end came this morning. Mrs. Withers arrived 15 minutes before her dying husband became unconscious. Strong stimulants had been used to keep the sheriff alive until her arrival. The poor woman is prostrate with grief.

Before Sheriff Withers lost consciousness he made a deposition regarding the affair before Justice C. K. Hall, which will be used as evidence against Lyons' father, mother and wife. The penalty for their crime is life imprisonment. The posse arrested the family of Lyons yesterday and brought his wife to town, where she will be held for complicity in the crime. The aged father and mother were arrested, but left at home. The old lady is 72 years old, and is completely prostrated. The officers fear she will die, and for that reason did not care to take her into custody.

A number of deputy sheriffs are out looking for Lyons, but no news has been heard as to his whereabouts. If the posse has secured any valuable information, they are wisely keeping it to themselves. Two conflicting reports have been received of Lyons being seen yesterday morning. One is that he was seen passing Goldson, and the other that the Crow stage driver saw him on the road toward Loraine. These places are in opposite directions from the starting point, and the reports cannot both be true.

This evening the posse returned from Hale, having no trace of the murderer. They came in to formulate a definite plan of action, and will at once resume their work.

There is a reward of \$1,000 offered for the body of Elliot Lyons, dead or alive. The Lane county court offered \$500, and J. E. P. Withers \$500 more. Fred Fiske, the deputy sheriff, has been sworn in as sheriff.

Besides the posse there are a number of manhunters out on their individual account, and officers in all directions are notified to keep a lookout. Last night several men from this city were out watching every place where it was considered probable that the outlaw might want to go.

Lyons has few friends, but it is said that over in the forks of the river near the McKenzie lives a widow with whom Lyons has been to some extent intimate, who would harbor him. In fact, it is believed that for three weeks he has been staying at this place while the officers were looking after him. He also has sisters and brothers in various parts of the country, and a number of his wife's relatives. Deputy Fiske is sparing no effort to locate the criminal, and is directing the work from his office here.

Sheriff Withers was the most popular county official in Lane county, although a democrat, having been elected sheriff three times by big majorities in a county overwhelmingly republican.

Lyons has been wanted for several months for stealing horses in Josephine county last fall. He was arrested in that county, but escaped from the officers and has been at liberty for several months. It has been reported that Lyons had made his boasts that he would never be taken alive.

Lyons had relatives in this county. His mother and two brothers lived on the Wildcat road just over the summit of the mountains between Hales and Walton, 30 miles west of Eugene. There are also several sisters married, and the family has always borne a good

reputation, with the exception of Elliot, who has been known as a bad character.

Sheriff Withers has been keeping a lookout for Lyons since notification of his crimes in Josephine county, and has been of the belief that he would some time show up at the family home, where his wife has been staying.

Several days ago Withers thought he had located his man in the vicinity of his former home. Yesterday morning he left here early, taking with him Constable Jack Smith, with the intention of arresting his man. They drove out to the place, timing their trip so as to arrive there after dark.

Satisfying himself that Lyons was in the house, Withers sent Smith to the back door, where he was to prevent the escape of the quarry, while the sheriff himself entered at the front door. Immediately upon entering the house the two women who were there, the mother and the wife of Lyons, saw what was up and set upon the sheriff with womanly pleas for the son and husband. They seized upon Withers as he was going to the next room, and prevented him from using his arms. While the sheriff was in this predicament, Lyons stepped in with revolver in hand, shot Withers and immediately rushed out at the door where the sheriff had entered and made his escape, while Smith was waiting for him at the back door.

The bullet took effect in the neck and the nervy sheriff fell to the floor as though dead. For a time his body was paralyzed and he had no use whatever of his body, but after a time he recovered partial use of his limbs.

Seeing what had been done the family turned in and assisted Constable Smith in caring for the wounded man and did everything possible for his comfort. Withers was perfectly clear in mind and gave directions to send for the doctor and wanted to start with him toward home.

Constable A. J. Smith, who was with Withers when shot, says that Withers had hold of Lyons and was overpowering him, and that the father and mother of Lyons set upon the sheriff and he was unable then thoroughly to control his man. In some manner in the scuffle Lyons got his pistol and shot Withers just at the collar line of the neck in the left of the windpipe. The bullet lodged against the spinal column.

Dallas, Texas, Jan. 29.—H. W. Steinbiss of St. Louis, national secretary and treasurer of the Building Trades Council, addressed 2,000 workmen and others tonight in conjunction with the labor troubles in the building trades at Dallas.

Mr. Steinbiss in the course of his remarks criticized the attitude of most rich men toward the laboring element. He made one notable exception in these words:

There is one multi-millionaire who is the friend of the laboring man. He has established newspapers in three cities of the United States that are always on the side of labor and always champion the cause of the laboring man. I do not care what his politics are or his religion; he has my profound admiration and I firmly believe and hope that man will be the next president of the United States—His name is W. R. Hearst.

This declaration by Mr. Steinbiss brought the audience to its feet with an outburst of applause that lasted several minutes. The incident was discussed after the meeting and the opinion expressed that Mr. Steinbiss might be prophesying better than he knew.

Paris, Feb. 4.—The chamber of deputies today continued the discussion of the army budget. The sitting was chiefly noticeable for the check sustained by the minister of war, General Andre, and the Budget committee over an amendment providing for an increase in the credits of \$240,000 for the supplying of the troops with wine. This amendment in spite of the opposition of General Andre and the commission, was adopted by 322 votes to 213.

The main argument of the proposer of the amendment was that the campaign in China proved that soldiers supplied with wine showed more endurance than those who only drank water.

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Real Estate, Loan, and Insurance,  
Philomath, Oregon.



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I have watches from one dollar up; gold, gold filled, silver, silverine and cheap ones for the boys. Rings of all kinds—Wedding rings, set rings, band rings.

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Notice—After Feb 1st the store will close at 6:30 p. m. except Saturdays.

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