

## TRANSFORMED IN FIRE

### Cargo of Meade Ablaze at Bay City Dock.

### THREE MEN ARE KILLED

### Three - Score Men Are Overcome While Fighting Flames Between Decks in Imminent Danger of Being Blown Up.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 1.—Three dead and 28 injured, mostly by suffocation, in the record of a fire that raged on the United States transport Meade as she lay at the Folson-street dock, early this morning. The dead are:

CAPTAIN CHARLES DAKIN, of engine company No. 1, San Francisco Fire Department; and two others, whose names have not been ascertained; leaves a wife and son.

ROSEMAN THOMAS HENNESSY, of engine company No. 4; suffocated to death while fighting fire in the hold; leaves a wife and three children.

THIRD OFFICER GEORGE WALLACE, of transport Meade, was killed by a falling ladder from hold and fell back unconscious, dying about an hour later; was 28 years old and a native of W. Va.

For three hours after midnight the forward hold of the big troopship was a roaring furnace, whence flames were borne in an almost continuous stream. Relays of men promptly stepped forward to take the places of those who were carried out unconscious.

Tons of high explosives were loaded in the after part of the vessel, and the heroic firefighters worked with the possibility ever before them that the flames would reach this compartment. Had this occurred, the whole city would probably have been shaken by a terrific explosion and no man aboard would have escaped.

Owing probably to the fact that an infernal machine was found in the bunkers of the transport Thomas on her last voyage, the rumor was circulated that a plot had been laid to fire the Meade at sea, as she was to have departed for Manila today. Major C. A. Devoil, chief of the Transportation Service, is investigating this theory with great care. He is having the cargo taken from the compartment where the fire started, with a view to discovering the real cause of the disaster. The flames did not spread from compartment No. 2. Dock Captain Dunn gave it as his opinion that some of the officers had packed matches in their trunks, and that these were ignited in loading.

The surprising variety developed late today that the property loss amounted to only \$25,000. This was the estimate made by Major Devoil. When the water had been pumped from the hold and the debris taken to the deck, it was ascertained that the fire had been confined to a space about six feet square. There was very little flame, the fire being of a smothering character, but it emitted great volumes of smoke. Investigation showed the officers' effects to be safe.

It is believed by some of the officials that the fire was due to spontaneous combustion of gun oil and cotton. Rifles were in the vicinity of the fire, and it is thought that after cleaning the weapons the men had carelessly tossed the oil-soaked waste into a heap. A board of inquiry has been appointed to make an investigation. It consists of Captain Williams, Second Infantry, and Lieutenant Campbell, Fourth Infantry.

The Meade will sail on Saturday for the Orient.

### PUMPING PLANT AT IMBLER

#### Electric and Sugar People Plan to Build Soon.

LA GRANDE, Or., Feb. 1.—(Special).—The Grand Rapid Electric Company and the Amalgamated Copper Company are contemplating the installation of a pumping plant of 200 horsepower on the river, near Imbler. The sugar company has a large acreage of land in that vicinity. Representatives of both companies have been in California, where pumping plants with electric power are in operation.

The two companies come to an agreement the Imbler project will be carried through. The electric company, it is understood, has given orders for material for the extension of a power line from La Grande to Imbler. The cost of a line for the transmission of the amount of power desired is about \$100,000. This work the Imbler project will involve an expenditure of \$12,000, exclusive of that for the water, pump and other necessary equipment.

### FREEWATER EDITOR VANISHES

#### Published Scandal About Columbia College That Creates Excitement.

PENDLETON, Or., Feb. 1.—(Special).—Milton has been thrown into a fever of excitement by an article which appeared in the Free-water, a weekly paper. The editorial charges a former teacher and three students of Columbia College with gross misconduct.

Yesterday a warrant was secured for the arrest of Miles Overhill, the editor, on the charge of criminal libel. So far the officers have been unable to find him and it is reported that he has left the country. The college authorities maintain that there is no foundation for the statements made and are determined to clear up the matter. They deeply regret that the editor has escaped.

It is true, however, that the students were suspended and one of the faculty allowed to resign, and there are different reports as to the cause. The faculty and directors state that they can prove that the editor's reports are entirely without foundation.

### Davis May Be Convicted.

PENDLETON, Or., Feb. 1.—(Special).—The trial of F. W. Davis, accused of falsifying the county records, is all over but the argument. From the general opinion here it will be safe to guess that Davis will be convicted or the jury will hang.

The prosecution scored a good point this afternoon when Ben K. Davis, son of the defendant, was called to the stand as a handwriting expert. Davis testified positively that certain writings were in his father's hand, but when the dates were examined it was seen that the writings were made seven months after the elder Davis had left the Sheriff's office. The case will probably go to the jury Friday afternoon or Saturday morning.

### Taylor Is Trying for a Pardon.

PENDLETON, Or., Feb. 1.—(Special).—Moses Taylor, the Oregon farmer, who was convicted of having burned his house and barn for the insurance, and who was refused a rehearing by the Supreme Court, is now attempting to secure a pardon from the Governor. Taylor is a hardy and energetic man. If this petition is not secured and the pardon granted, nothing can now save Taylor from the penitentiary, as he will have to place himself under the charge of the officers and start for Salem as soon as the

## TRUCK LED TO HER

### Edmonds Woman Parts with Part of Fortune.

### NOW SHE WANTS IT BACK

### Mrs. Ervay Believes Messages Delivered by Albert E. Hill, Calling for Money, Did Not Come From Dead Husband.

EVERETT, Wash., Feb. 1.—(Special).—A bogus spook, declares Mrs. Harriet A. Ervay, of Edmonds, was the power that separated her from \$100,000 and now she is after the spook's scalp. The alleged fraud, Albert E. Hill, also of Edmonds, was indicted on a charge of obtaining money under false pretenses, but the case yesterday resolved itself into a civil action.

The complaint alleges that Hill obtained the cash while representing himself as a spiritualist medium, capable of conveying messages to Mrs. Ervay's late and lamented husband, Emanuel M. Ervay, who left his widow an estate valued at \$100,000.

The information further charges that shortly following the husband's death, Hill represented himself as a medium and at a seance which Mrs. Ervay attended he claimed to receive a message from the plaintiff's husband, directing her to pay Hill \$200, which she did. Another spirit message, delivered, it is claimed, by Hill, instructed her to give him a power of attorney conveying absolute control of her property and business. Under this power it is alleged, Hill received an additional \$500.

At last Clinton Charles, Mrs. Ervay's son-in-law, became suspicious, which resulted in Hill's arrest.

### RECLAMATION BIDS OPENED

#### Fifteen Firms Compete for Work in the Boise Valley.

BOISE, Idaho, Feb. 1.—(Special).—Today in the office of Supervising Engineer D. W. Rose, of the Reclamation Service, bids were opened for the reclamation work to be done on the south side of the Boise Valley. The bids were opened by a board consisting of Mr. Rose and Consulting Engineers A. J. Wiley and E. G. Hopson. There were 15 bidders in all, and the bids were on seven sections. Following were the low men:

Section 1—The dam on the Boise River, Utah Pipefittering Company, \$154,800.  
Section 2—The first section of the canal from the Boise River to the Boise River, Carlson, Boise, \$287,725.  
Section 3—The canal from Indian Creek to the Deser, P. J. Reynolds, Conway & Withers, Boise, \$46,000.  
Section 4—Structures, bridges, etc., Page & Britton, Salt Lake, \$9,929,250.  
Section 5—Upper embankment of the reservoir and diverting work, P. McDonald, Donahue, \$265,000.  
Section 6—Lower embankment, Hubbard & Carlson, Boise, \$254,500.

### Inspection by Colonel Jackson.

ALBANY, Or., Feb. 1.—(Special).—Colonel James Jackson, U. S. A., of Portland, inspecting officer of the Oregon National Guard, inspected Company G of that organization in Albany last evening. The company of 10 men made an excellent showing, and were commended by the inspecting officer. The company will undertake to secure the erection of a new armory building the coming summer.

### Brood Mares From the East.

LA GRANDE, Or., Feb. 1.—Sam Wade, of Louisa, arrived at this week with a car of high-grade registered brood mares. They are composed principally of brood mares of heavy size and will be taken to Wallawa County, where Mr. Wade is extensively engaged in stockraising.

## SNAKE RIVER ROAD ROUTES

### HARRIMAN PEOPLE FILE SUPPLEMENTAL ARTICLES.

Many Connections Planned in the States of Oregon, Washington and Idaho.

OLYMPIA, Wash., Feb. 1.—(Special).—The Snake River Valley Railroad Company today filed supplemental articles of incorporation with the Secretary of State, the new articles having been received from the offices of the Harriman representatives.

The articles authorize the company to construct railroad and telegraph lines along and over the following route: "Beginning 'at or near' and terminating 'at or near' the places and points named as follows: From Umatilla, Or., along the Columbia River to Snake River, thence via Riparia to Lewiston, Idaho, and Hooton, Or. From a point near Snake River through Eureka Flat to Grange City, Wash., and thence to Alto, Wash.

From near Dayton south to connection with Mill Creek, thence to Lewiston or Astoria. From Elberton or Garfield to headwaters of Falloux River.

From Moscow to Collins, Idaho. From Cold Springs to Frank, Or. From Winona north to Spokane River. From Colfax to Snake River via Penevaw Creek. From Winona or Lacrosse to Union Flat. From month of Salmon River, Idaho, westward to Danhook Pass.

From Baker City, Or., easterly to Keating and thence along the valley of Powder River to vicinity of Tilton, Ore.

From Miles, Or., to Elgin, Or. From Hingham, Or., to Elgin, Or. From Colfax to Diamond or Endicott. From Colfax to Winona or Whida.

## STOCK, WOMAN

### AND CONSIDER THE ALL-IMPORTANT FACT

### That in addressing Mrs. Pinkham you are copying a woman whose experience covers a great many years.

Mrs. Pinkham is the daughter-in-law of Lydia E. Pinkham, and for many years under her direction, and since her decease she has been advising sick women free of charge.

Many women suffer in silence and drift along from bad to worse, knowing full well that they ought to have immediate assistance, but a natural modesty impels them to shrink from exposing themselves to the questions and probable examinations of even their family physician. It is unnecessary. Without money or price you can consult a woman whose knowledge from actual experience is great.

### Mrs. Pinkham's Standing Invitation.

Women suffering from any form of female weakness are invited to promptly communicate with Mrs. Pinkham, at Lynn, Mass. All letters are received, opened, read and answered by women only. A woman can freely talk of her private illness to a woman; thus has been established the eternal confidence between Mrs. Pinkham and the women of America which has never been broken. Out of the vast volume of experience which she has to draw from, it is more than possible that she has gained the very knowledge that will help your case. She asks nothing in return except your good-will, and her advice has relieved thousands. Surely any woman, rich or poor, is very foolish if she does not take advantage of this generous offer of assistance.

If you are still hesitant to get a bottle of Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound at once, write Mrs. Pinkham, Lynn, Mass., for special advice.

When a medicine has been successful in restoring to health so many women, you cannot well say, without trying it, "I do not believe it will help me."

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### SOON TO TRY FRAUDS

### Not Worried by Disappearance of McKinley, Pater and Watson.

SALEEM, Or., Feb. 1.—State Land Agent West received what he considers reliable information today that Horace G. McKinley, the school land swindler, sailed from San Francisco about a month ago on the steamer Mongolia for Shanghai, China, accompanied by a young man, the son of an Eastern millionaire, whose name Mr. West will not reveal.

Mr. West talks of the advisability of calling the American Consul at Shanghai to ascertain whether McKinley has arrived and is living there. If so, the intelligence would obviate making further effort and expense to locate him in this country, and his extradition would be the only question to consider.

### VERDICT ON CARMENCITA.

#### Woodside and DeSmet Are Guilty of Evading a Federal Law.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 1.—The jury tonight returned a verdict of guilty in the case of William J. Woodside and R. E. S. DeSmet, charged with evading a Federal law in shipping out the ship Carmencita on an illicit sailing expedition. The jury disagreed regarding Robert Tyson, a co-defendant. The convicted men will be sentenced Monday.

### CARS ROLLED INTO DITCH

#### PASSENGERS ON GREAT NORTHERN HAVE EXCITING TIME.

Spreading Rails Cause Much Damage in North Dakota, but No One Is Killed.

GREAT FALLS, Mont., Feb. 1.—A special to the Tribune from Williston, N. D., says: No. 1, Great Northern, was wrecked a



## FANCY DESIGNS IN FURNITURE OF QUALITY

All are perfect reproductions of famous period designs, such as Louis XV, Louis XVI, Empire, Sheraton, Hepplewhite and Colonial. These are the designs that have passed through the different periods of furniture construction, and which today are the most popular in furniture of quality. Our selections of such furniture are made from the world's best factories and embrace everything in design and finish of the latest furniture styles. At this time we are displaying more such pieces than during any previous season, covering a great variety of suites and odd pieces for the parlor, library, bedroom and dining-room.



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### TOPEKA ARRIVES AT BAY CITY

Captain Conn Tells of Experience at the Wreck.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 1.—The steamer City of Topeka arrived here today from Puget Sound with six survivors of the wrecked Valencis, all members of the crew, previously reported as saved. Captain T. H. Conn, of the Topeka, said that after picking up the life raft containing 15 persons, he cruised about all day, but could not see the wreck.

### CAMPAIGN AGAINST AUTOS

#### Chicago Blames Accidents on Chauffeurs of Hired Machines.

CHICAGO, Feb. 1.—City and Park authorities united yesterday in a determined attempt to stop reckless automobile driving in Chicago's streets.

### M'KINLEY GONE TO CHINA

#### Sailed Month Ago, and Extradition May Be Requested.

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### FOOD OR STIMULANT.

#### Ask your doctor if when he orders a patient to drink lots of pure milk he advises the addition of a large quantity of whiskey.

Dr. Miles' Restorative Nervine increases nerve force, it strengthens and builds up nerve tissue, gives vigor to the nerves and muscles of the stomach; this produces a healthy activity. Nervine allays the inflammation, heals the membranes, and makes the stomach strong and healthy. There is nothing that so quickly gives energy to the whole system as Restorative Nervine.

### Weak Stomach.

A weak stomach is most frequently caused by the over-worked and exhausted nervous system. The power that runs the stomach is the nerve force sent to it from the brain through the nerves. When the nerves are weak or exhausted the supply of energy is insufficient and the action of the stomach is impaired, and results in imperfect digestion—dyspepsia.

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"I can't say enough for Dr. Miles' Nervine. I don't know what it will do for others, but it certainly cured me of stomach trouble, and now I am as well as I ever was. Two physicians failed to relieve me, but in three or four days after taking Nervine I was much relieved. Four bottles made me a second man, at the cost of \$4.00."

JAMES H. HART, Detroit, Mich.  
Dr. Miles' Nervine is sold by your druggist, who will guarantee that the first bottle will benefit. If it fails, he will refund your money.  
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