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**IMPORTANT CIVIL SUIT**  
 Action of Caledonia Coal Company Involves Half a Million Dollars.

**TRADE RESTRAINT CHARGED**  
 Damages and Attorneys' Fees Will Be Fought For in the Courts—Alleges Rate Discrimination.

Denver, March 15.—A special to the News from Las Vegas, N. M., says: One of the most important civil suits in the history of this territory, involving half a million dollars, has been filed in the United States court by the Caledonia Coal Company, of Gallup. The company sues the Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe Company, the Santa Fe Pacific Company, the Colorado Fuel & Iron Company and the American Fuel Company, for \$400,000 damages, \$50,000 attorneys' fees and costs, for alleged violation of the United States statutes to protect trade and commerce against the unlawful restraints and monopolies, and also the statutes regulating interstate commerce and trade. More specifically, the Santa Fe is charged with discriminating in its rates in favor of the Colorado Fuel & Iron Company.

**Pears'**  
 Whoever wants soft hands, smooth hands, white hands, or a clear complexion, he and she can have both: that is, if the skin is naturally transparent; unless occupation prevents.

The color you want to avoid comes probably neither of nature or work, but of habit.

Use Pears' Soap, no matter how much; but a little is enough if you use it often.

Established over 100 years.  
 Every business woman should begin her day's work with that evidence of a careful morning toilet. There is nothing to be gained from slovenliness in dress. No business woman can be too well dressed. No one excuses carelessness of dressing in a woman.

**Republican Primaries.**  
 Notice is hereby given, that the republican primary election will be held in the city of Astoria, Clatsop county, State of Oregon, on Saturday, April 2, 1904, for the purpose of electing 44 delegates to the Republican County convention to be held in the City of Astoria, on Saturday, April 9, 1904, for the purpose of nominating candidates for the various county offices to be filled at the general election to be held on Monday, June 6, 1904. The following is the number of delegates, polling places and judges and clerks appointed for said primary election:  
 Ward No. 1.—Polling place, No. two's engine house; judges, J. G. Trullinger, C. H. Stockton, James Ellsworth; clerks, Jas. Hannaford, Chas. Abercrombie; 17 delegates.  
 Ward No. 2.—Polling place, Welch office; judges, Jas. W. Welch, Sam Galliech, E. C. Foster; clerks, T. R. Davis, W. C. Curtis; 17 delegates.  
 Ward No. 3.—Polling place, W. F. McGregor's office; judges, Wm. Painter, J. L. Agren and John Nordstrom; clerks, W. P. O'Brien, Geo. Leeland; 16 delegates.  
 G. C. FULTON, Chairman,  
 C. J. CURTIS, Secretary.

**Republican County Convention.**  
 Notice is hereby given, that a Republican County Convention for Clatsop county, State of Oregon, will be held at the City of Astoria, on Saturday, April 9, 1904, at the court house at 10 o'clock a. m., of said day, for the purpose of nominating the following county officers to be voted for at the state election to be held on Monday, June 6, 1904, and electing 10 delegates to attend the Republican state convention to be held at the city of Port-

land, on Tuesday, April 12, 1904, and 10 delegates to the congressional convention:  
 Two representatives,  
 One county clerk,  
 One sheriff,  
 One treasurer,  
 One county commissioner,  
 One coroner,  
 One assessor,  
 One surveyor,  
 One school superintendent,  
 Justices of the peace and constables in the various precincts.

The various precincts of the county are entitled to one delegate at large and one delegate for every 25 votes or fraction over of the votes cast for F. I. Dunbar for secretary of state, the apportionment being as follows:  
 Astoria No. 1..... 17  
 Astoria No. 2..... 17  
 Astoria No. 3..... 10  
 John Day..... 3  
 Evensen..... 4  
 Walluski..... 2  
 New Astoria..... 5  
 Warrenton..... 4  
 Clatsop..... 4  
 Seaside..... 6  
 Melville..... 3  
 Chadwell..... 3  
 Youngs River..... 2  
 Olney..... 2  
 Knappa..... 2  
 Clifton..... 5  
 Westport..... 4  
 Vesper..... 3  
 Jewell..... 3  
 Mishawaka..... 3  
 Elsie..... 3  
 Push..... 3  
 Total..... 112

The committee recommends that the primaries be held on Saturday, April 2, 1904.  
 G. C. FULTON,  
 Chairman.  
 C. J. CURTIS, Secretary.

To Cure a Cold in One Day.  
 Take Laxative Bromo Quinine Tablets. All druggists refund the money if it fails to cure. E. W. Grove's signature is on each box. 25c.

Not only are the railroads complaining that they are unable to get competent men, but already similar murmurings have begun to be heard from the leap year girls.

**HILL-MERGER INTERESTS WILL OBSERVE DECISION**

**Means Restoration of Community of Ownership and Abandonment of Physical Consolidation.**

New York, March 15.—The Hill-Morgan interests and the other large holders of the Northern Securities Company will respect the supreme court's decision in letter and in spirit, says the Journal of Commerce in quoting a man said to be one of the strongest and best informed Northern Securities stockholders in this city. "The Securities Company will, as soon as practicable, be abandoned," continued the statement, "and the securities of the Great Northern and Northern Pacific Companies will be exchanged back for the securities originally deposited. Plans for the distribution of the securities were completed some time ago in anticipation of an adverse decision. The effect of

the decision so far as the roads in question, the Northern Pacific, the Great Northern and the Burlington, are concerned will not be important, as their absolute independence of operation has not, been disturbed. The decision will merely mean the restoration of a community of ownership in the place of the more formal and more permanent form of corporate ownership. "The result of the decision merely will be the restoration of the community of ownership in the place of the more radical plan for physical consolidation. It will take time to unravel the affair, but probably not as long as at the outset may seem necessary."

**COUNCIL GRANTS EXTENSION STREET RAILWAY FRANCHISE**

Chicago, March 15.—An extension of its franchise until January 1 next has been granted to the Chicago clay railway by the city council. The company also will be allowed to extend its Indiana avenue trolley on Wabash avenue from Eighteenth street north and around the loop, so as to bring those cars down town independently of the grip. On the other hand the company agrees to pay the city for

the period \$100 instead of \$50 a car license fee, an amount figured at \$75,000 to \$80,000, and to have the new trolley line permit terminable at any time at the will of the council. The extension of the franchise postpones consideration of the new Chicago city railway ordinance until the new council is elected and a new local transportation committee is chosen to deal with the company.

**IT SAVED HIS LEG.**  
 P. A. Danforth, of La Grange, Ga., suffered for six months with a frightful running sore on his leg; but writes that Bucklen's Arnica Salve wholly cured it in five days. For Ulcers, Wounds, Piles, it's the best salve in the world. Cure guaranteed. Sold by Chas. Rogers, druggist.

A few long coat effects will be worn this spring but the most modish will be the short jackets. The cape style is the newest.  
 Don't neglect the cultivation of the voice. The charm of a beautiful voice lingers in the mind forever. It stirs the heart.

**PHYSICAL HOUSE-CLEANING**

**A Thorough Cleansing of the System Now is the Surest Protection Against Spring and Summer Sickness.**



No good house keeper ever neglects Spring cleaning. With plenty of soap and water, hard scrubbing and scouring, sunlight and air, she soon gets rid of all rubbish, musty odors, germs and microbes, and the dust and dirt that have accumulated during the long winter months. But when the house has been put in order, and the premises cleared of all old plunder and trash, the great majority of house keepers feel that Spring cleaning is over, and forget that their systems may be in a worse condition than the house, and that the bad feelings, debility, loss of appetite, nervousness and sleeplessness from which they are suffering are due to neglect of the more important and necessary work of Physical house cleaning. A clean house does not insure against disease, but a clean system does. The poisons and humors engendered within the body, the waste matter that is clogging the system and contaminating and vitiating the blood, are far more dangerous to health than the dirt and dust of our homes. In the winter time we give free rein to our appetites, and eat more and oftener than is for our good. We inhale the polluted air of badly ventilated offices and rooms, take little or no exercise, and our bodies become a veritable hot-bed of disease-bearing germs, and our blood is loaded with impurities and poisons of every conceivable kind; and no wonder that Spring time is so often Sick time and finds us in such poor physical condition, with vitality slowly wasting away, our digestion impaired, the liver torpid, and all the bodily organs over-worked and out of repair. Unless our systems are given a thorough cleaning, and the blood purged and purified, the simplest malady may develop into some serious disorder or end in chronic invalidism, and often the pent-up impurities, poisons and humors break out through the skin, and all through the Spring and Summer you are tormented with boils, itchy rashes, sores, bumps and pimples, and all manner of ugly pustular and scaly eruptions.

Physical house cleaning should begin with the blood. It must be purified and strengthened, and when a stream of pure, rich blood is turned into all the nooks and corners of the system, the rubbish and disease-producing poisons are washed out, and the congested channels and avenues of the body are opened, and Physical house cleaning is made thorough and complete. S. S. S. cleanses the blood of taints and poisons and expels the waste and rubbish from the system. It is to the system what soap and water are to the house. Nothing else so quickly removes the stubborn, deeply-rooted poisons and humors that are destroying the purity of the blood and blocking the avenues of health and life.



A course of S. S. S. now will put your system in perfect order and fortify you against the debilitating diseases and aggravating skin troubles that are sure to come if your physical welfare has been neglected. S. S. S. not only the best of all blood purifiers, but an unequalled tonic and appetizer. It builds you up, improves the appetite, and aids the digestion and assimilation of food, and keeps the system in a healthy, vigorous condition. S. S. S. is guaranteed purely vegetable, and can be taken by the old, middle-aged and young without danger of any harmful effects. S. S. S. is a blood purifier and tonic combined, a perfect Spring medicine and indispensable in Physical house cleaning. Write us fully about your case. No charge for medical advice.

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