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WHITE GIRLS BEATEN TO DEATH IN RESORTS

Was Once Before Convicted of Assault With Intent to Kill but Restored to Citizenship—Other Accomplices May Be Tried.

New York, March 27.—Robert Spriggs, the negro trafficker in white slaves, was today sentenced to 20 years' imprisonment at hard labor.

Spriggs was a leading politician among the colored element and a friend of Tammany. He was once before convicted and served a term in the penitentiary for assault with intent to kill.

Of a most repulsive face and figure, he affected flashy clothes and jewelry and was always apparently well supplied with money.

With a gradual change in sentiment and a change of administration Spriggs was again arrested in the colored political arena, and Spriggs, when given the right to again cast his vote, assumed the reins.

Stories of victims being beaten to death for attempting to escape were told at the trial and proven by witnesses who had been rescued by the officers.

DRINKING RIVERS FLOODING TOWN AND COUNTRY

Stockton Under Water—Reclaimed Region in Danger—Insane From Fighting Flood.

Stockton, Cal., March 27.—Hundreds of acres of the reclaimed region in the lower San Joaquin river, which is slowly rising, but it is believed the worst is over.

STANDARD OIL CONTROL IS PROVEN BY INQUIRY

New York, March 27.—The ouster proceedings brought by the state of Missouri against the Standard Oil company for violation of the Sherman anti-trust laws, papers were introduced today proving that the Standard Oil company had assumed the business direction as well as the ownership of the stock of the subsidiary company.

CLOSING TESTIMONY IN THE SMOOT CASE

Washington, March 27.—The introduction of testimony in the Smoot inquiry ended today. Joseph Geoghegan of Salt Lake was on the stand and examined concerning the interests of the Mormon church in the sugar factories of Utah and Idaho.

REPORT CASES OF GOVERNMENT

City Health Officer Warns City Doctors That They Will Be Arrested If Negligent.

TOO MANY CONTAGIOUS PATIENTS UNREPORTED

New Rule Applies to Measles as Well as Smallpox and to Whooping Cough as Well as Bubonic Plague or Diphtheria.

Hereafter all physicians in this city shall immediately on discovery of a case of contagious disease of any sort notify the city health officer or be subjected to arrest.

The communicable diseases which section 7 of ordinance 13,855 enumerates as reportable are smallpox, variola, cholera, scarlet fever, typhoid, diphtheria, membranous croup, cholera, scarlet fever, measles, whooping cough, erysipelas, tuberculosis and typhoid fever.

Heretofore physicians have been careless in reporting contagious diseases. Many cases would not be reported until the patients are recovered, or not at all.

Dr. Wheeler has issued an order that all physicians report immediately all cases of communicable diseases. The warrant issued yesterday for the arrest of Dr. John Madden on complaint of Dr. Wheeler will be followed by others if the members are not promptly submitted to him.

THIEF TAKES WHITE SILK NIGHTDRESS

A burglar broke into the room of W. S. Jower at the Klatskop lodging-house, Third and Taylor streets, last night and ransacked the apartment thoroughly, carrying away property of considerable value.

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PRESBYTERY OF SALEM HAS SUCCESSFUL YEAR

Salem, Or., March 27.—At a business meeting of the First Presbyterian church held last evening the reports made by the various officials and boards showed the church's organizations to be in a most satisfactory condition.

ASKS THEM TO HEAR ORCHARD'S CONFESSION

Washington, March 27.—Governor Gooding of Idaho has requested Samuel Gompers and John Mitchell to go personally or send representatives to hear the confessions of Orchard and Adams.

IF FARMERS STAY AT HOME JOHN WILL BE REPUBLICAN CANDIDATE FOR GOVERNOR.

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SHOULD THEY VOTE IT WILL BE WITHYCOMBE

If an Average Town and Country Ballot Is Cast the Race Between These Two Should Be Very Close and Exciting.

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COUNTY WORTH \$15,000,000 MORE THAN LAST YEAR

Increase in Assessment Due to Surprising Rise in Property Values.

County Assessor E. D. Sigler said this morning that under the assessment now being made the valuation of property of Multnomah county for this year would be at least \$15,000,000 greater than a year ago.

SUPREME COURT RENDERS TWO OPINIONS

Case From Lake and One From Multnomah County and Judgment Affirmed.

Salem, Or., March 27.—The supreme court today rendered two opinions: one in the state of Oregon, respondent, against B. F. Lane, appellant, appeal from the circuit court of Lane county, Henry L. Benson, judge.

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HUNDRED MILLIONS FOR UNCLE SAM'S NAVY

Washington, March 27.—House committee on naval affairs today agreed on the naval program, and embodied it in the naval appropriation bill to be reported.

STREET IMPROVEMENT WILL BARRICADE WAREHOUSE

S. Julius Mayer Makes Vigorous Complaint Against Methods Employed in Paving.

Street improvement and sewer repairing in the vicinity of East 1st and Oak streets have placed the wholesale liquor firm of Fleckenstein, Mayer & Co. in a peculiar predicament.

Complaint was made to Chief of Police Brittmacher this morning by S. Julius Mayer, president of the company. When informed that the chief was powerless to help him, Mayer stated that the methods pursued in street work were "outrageous."

NUMBER OF NAMES FOR EACH PETITION

How Many Must Sign Various Candidates' Petitions if Names Appear at Primaries.

Deputy County Clerk Herman Schneider has figured out the exact number of voters required to sign petitions before the county clerk's office.

DR. HYDE DUE TO ARRIVE TOMORROW MORNING

Dr. Douglas Hyde, the famous Gaelic leader, who will lecture at the Marquam theater Thursday evening, will reach Portland tomorrow morning and will be met at the station by a committee on reception.

BLODGETT ARRAIGNED—SEEMS UNCONCERNED

George L. Blodgett was arraigned in the state circuit court this afternoon on the charge of murder in the first degree for shooting and killing Mrs. Alice Miller in the city of Portland.

PRESIDENT DISPOSED TO RETAIN BRISTOL

The subject this evening at the Rodney Avenue Christian church, corner Rodney avenue and Knott street, will be "What Think Ye of Christ?" Song service, 7:30 o'clock; preaching at 8 o'clock. F. Elmer Robinson is pastor.

CHINESE TAUGHT GIRL USE OF DEADLY PIPE

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IDA WILLIAMS SENTENCED TO SERVE SIX MONTHS IN COUNTY JAIL

Deputy City Attorney Fitzgerald censured the woman severely for the evidence she had become addicted to the use of intoxicants that her brain had become benumbed.

PETRAIN BLAMES THOSE WHO SOLD HER LIQUOR

"Your honor," declared Charles Petrain, the woman's counsel, "it is true that this woman's moral faculties are embalmed in whiskey.

Ida Williams stood as if in a stupor this morning when Police Judge Cameron sentenced her to six months in the county jail for stealing perfumes from a drug store at 44 North Sixth street.

NORTHERN PRODUCT SOLD THROUGH GOLDEN STATE

A fight between the Portland, Tacoma and Seattle brewers on one side and the San Francisco combine on the other is rapidly getting into full swing in the northwest.

PIPER CASE LIKELY TO GO BY DEFAULT

Indications are that Charge Against W. A. Johnson Will Not Be Pressed.

Steps taken in the police court this morning by Attorney John F. Logan, representing Edgar B. Piper, who charges W. A. Johnson with assault and battery and threats to kill, convey the impression that the case are not likely to come to trial.

TILLAMOOK OIL WELLS CAUSE OF LITIGATION

Oil in Tillamook county is the cause of two suits in the local circuit court, one of which is being tried before Judge George W. Wetherell.

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PREPARE TO RECEIVE ARTHUR OF CONNAUGHT

Vancouver, B. C., March 27.—The steamship Empress of Japan, having on board Prince Arthur of Connaught and his suite, is due to arrive here tomorrow on Thursday and everything is in readiness for the reception of the royal visitors.

CALIFORNIA BREWERS SEND REPRESENTATIVES TO CUT INTO LOCAL FIELD

Local Manufacturers Assert That Present Move is in Retaliation and Claim That Only Price-Cutting Will Enable Rivals to Get Foothold

POSES AS FORERUNNER OF A NEW MESSIAH

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"But, my dear sir," interposed Werlein, "I have no objection to your delivering your message, but when you come here and practice a profession which is regulated by our laws, you will have to meet the requirements the same as any other man."

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