

GREAT "FIREPROOF" SKYSCRAPER BURNED LIKE TINDER CAUSING LARGE LOSS WITH MANY NARROW ESCAPES

New York, Jan. 11.—Fire early today completely gutted the Parker building at Nineteenth street and Fourth avenue, the building being a thirteen-story structure, and owing to the poor water pressure the fire could not be controlled until it was in ruins. The loss is variously estimated up to \$5,000,000. Although it was accounted fire-

proof the great building burned like tinder, and three firemen and a printer are reported missing, the search for bodies progressing under difficulties. There were many thrilling rescues. Five firemen were caught on the roof and must have certainly perished had not a rocket carrying a stout rope been sent up from the roof of an adjoining building. Down this rope they slid to safety.

Three men were caught at the sixth floor when the building collapsed. They were forced to climb to the eighth floor, where they were rescued by their fellows, who ascended the precipitous and tottering walls with scaling ladders. A score of firemen were injured during the conflagration. Robert Boyer, the missing printer, was employed on the fifth floor.

JUDGE GROSSCUP THINKS ROOSEVELT AN "OVER-IDEAL" GOVERNMENT

Chicago, Jan. 11.—Judge Peter S. Grosscup thinks President Roosevelt an "over ideal." In an address at a banquet of the Beta Theta Pi fraternity last night Judge Grosscup said: "I may not be sure but what Roosevelt is an over ideal. We must not go too far in the practical side of life, to the exclusion of the ideal."



JUDGE PETER S. GROSSCUP.

They go hand in hand and accomplish something more than dreams. Ideals are often overdrawn and we may carry them too far. It is in this respect I refer to the president. We should not devote ourselves in this commercial age to mere ideals, but should look further."

EX-MAYOR SCHMITZ TIRES OF PRISON

San Francisco, Jan. 11.—Application for the release on bail of Eugene E. Schmitz, former mayor, confined in the county jail for eight months, was made to Superior Judge Duane this morning by the counsel for the mayor. Action was postponed until Monday.

San Francisco, Jan. 11.—That the prosecution of the bribery graft cases will endeavor to reverse itself upon Abe Ruef for the reversal by the appellate court of the conviction of Schmitz on the charge of extortion, and nullify all extortion indictments against Schmitz and Ruef by refusal of immunity to the former political boss, and by prosecuting him on enough of the 190 odd indictments returned against him to insure sufficient convictions that they will result in practically a life sentence, even though it is found necessary to drop all other cases, was the statement made to the Associated Press last night by a person closely identified with Ruef.

INVESTIGATING SURETIES ON STEELE'S BOND

Roseburg, Or., Jan. 9.—A representative of Bradstreet's arrived from the south today, and it is understood that he is representing Governor Chamberlain in investigating the stability of the bond offered by Treasurer Steel. It is believed he will find the men on the bond at this place good, but it is understood that some elsewhere have been turned down.

SUPERINTENDENT HILL BLAMES MASTER WARDEN

Roseburg, Or., Jan. 9.—T. H. Hill, superintendent of the Umpqua fish hatchery, has resigned because, he says, the master fish warden has neglected or refused to visit the hatchery for four years, leaving the local superintendent the responsibility of doing all the work and managing the same. This responsibility he did not care to assume, realizing that it was unjust to him and unfair to the taxpayers of the state. He feels that the Umpqua hatchery is deserving of as good attention and care as any other. There are important matters

REQUIRING THE ATTENTION OF SUPERIOR OFFICERS, AND THE DELAY IN ATTENDING TO THEM HAS SO IMPAIRED THE EFFICIENCY OF THE HATCHERY THAT RATHER THAN TAKE THE BLAME OF THE DELAY HE RESIGNED.

Washington, Jan. 10.—Attorney-General Bonaparte recently received a number of inquiries relating to the status of lands held under the railroad and wagon road grants in Oregon which have not been disposed of by the grantees, and asking if the present holders "have to sell the same to actual settlers only at the rate not exceeding \$2.50 per acre."

The attorney-general has replied that proceedings will shortly be taken to determine the rights and responsibilities of the Southern Pacific Company's holding title to the lands mentioned. Further than this the attorney-general says he is not authorized by law nor permitted by practice of the department to speak. He recommends that the writers take no expense upon themselves in regard to the matter except on the advice of counsel of unblemished reputation and high standing.

STOLE JEWELS WORTH TWENTY-FIVE THOUSAND

New York, Jan. 11.—The police have arrested Frank Riva, his wife and his brother Carlo for theft of jewels, valued at \$25,000, from the home of Charles F. Brooker, at Ansonia, Conn. Riva was formerly the butler in Brooker's home, and jewels were found in an East Side tenement to the value of \$17,000.

FATHER JOHN CROWSTADT HONORED BY CZAR

St. Petersburg, Jan. 11.—The emperor has manifested his confidence in Father John, of Cronstadt, by appointing him to participate in the sittings of the synod of this year, a rare honor for a non-monkish clergyman. It is enjoyed by but two other men.

DAILY FREIGHT TRAIN SOUTH OF ROSEBURG

Local freight train service between Junction and Grants Pass is to be reduced from daily to tri-weekly, beginning next Saturday. These are the trains known as Nos. 225 and 226. Hereafter No. 225 will leave Junction every Monday, Wednesday and Friday, and go on south from Roseburg every Tuesday, Thursday and Sunday, and go north from Roseburg every Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday. This arrangement will result in the laying off of two of the local train crews. So far as the freight service is concerned, Roseburg will not be materially affected, as nearly all the Portland shipments are brought here on the through freights, which will continue to run daily as heretofore. Other points along the line will be handicapped, however, by receiving only three freights a week instead of seven, as before.—Roseburg Review.

PACIFIC FLEET MAY VISIT PUGET SOUND

Washington, Jan. 11.—Admiral Evans' fleet may make a trip to Puget Sound after leaving San Francisco this summer, so it is officially stated.

HUSBAND AND WIFE FOUGHT DUEL TO THE DEATH

Oakland, Cal., Jan. 11.—Pietro Sarocchi, an iron worker, and his wife fought a duel to the death this morning in their cottage. He was armed with a large butcher knife and she with a razor. After fighting twenty minutes the husband slew his wife and cut his own throat from ear to ear, expiring on her dead body. Worry over money, said to be deposited in the California Trust & Savings Bank, and the fact that his wife left him several times recently, are believed to have been among the causes of the fatal quarrel.

BIG SHINGLE MILL FOR SPRINGFIELD

The News has been informed from a reliable source that in the very near future Springfield will have added to her manufacturing district a 40,000 capacity shingle mill. One of Lane county's most prominent capitalists has organized a company and will start the erection of the building at once. The site that has been chosen and secured will be near where the



DR. SIMON FLEXNER. Dr. Flexner, a New York physician, has discovered an antitoxin for spinal meningitis.

rock crusher was located while crushing rock for the concrete piers of the large Steel Southern Pacific bridge. The names of the parties are withheld from publication for the time being for certain reasons, but after arrangements are further under way the News will be able to give more definite information. A representative of the company is now purchasing the necessary machinery and negotiating with different electric companies for a 30-horsepower motor.

Livery Stable Change

Another change has taken place in Springfield business circles since our last publication, it being a change in the partnership firm of Winzenreid & Renwick. Mr. Renwick has sold his interest to I. W. Young, who at one time owned an interest in the barn, being a partner of the late M. C. Davis. Mr. Renwick has been associated with Mr. Winzenreid for the past eight months, but has been forced to retire from active business owing to failing health.

Stage Line Change

The News has been informed that "Dad" Butler, who has been one of the proprietors of the Butler & Rice stage line, has sold his interest in the business to his partner, Mr. Rice. We understand that Mr. Rice will make some improvements in the stage line, and possibly in the livery business. He will probably build a new barn in the near future in a more suitable location, and will do a more extensive livery business.

Numbering Houses

A number of our business men have already complied with the new ordinance requiring the numbering of all residences and business houses. Everybody seems to be taking to the ordinance kindly, and within a short time Springfield will look very metropolitan. The next thing will be to get out a city directory, which can be done at a very small cost, and this expense would be mostly paid by the advertisers.

Big Lumber Business

Superintendent Bassett, of the Booth-Kelly mill, reports the largest local lumber business during the past few weeks that the mill has ever known. He says the sales, both in Springfield and Eugene, are remarkably large, and in his opinion it is an indication of better times. Several men are kept busy at the mill filling orders.

Business Change

Wednesday afternoon a deal was closed which makes Walter Wilmont one of the proprietors of the Eagle pool and billiard hall, he having purchased the interest of John Innis.—News.

Albany is to have a shingle mill, with a capacity of over 75,000 a day. Thompson & Cramer, of Mill City, have purchased the old warehouse on the woolen mills site and are preparing to install their machinery there. The men to have charge of the industry are experienced shingle makers, having worked for years in this department of the Curtis Lumber Company at Mill City.

MAJOR BEAKER TALKS OF ARMORY APPROPRIATION

EXPLAINS THAT STATE ARMORIES WILL BE SAVING OVER PRESENT SYSTEM OF RENTED HALLS

PORTLAND GUARD OFFICER IN EUGENE TODAY AND WILL HOLD DELINQUENCY COURT TONIGHT TO TRY MEMBERS WHO FAILED TO ATTEND TARGET PRACTICE

Major F. S. Beaker, of the Third Regiment, and inspector of rifle practice of the Oregon National Guard, is in the city from Portland for the purpose of trying 37 members of Company C and two members of Company A, of this city, for non-attendance at rifle practice during the past year. A delinquency court over which Major Beaker will preside will be held in the armory tonight and the members of the companies who have been summoned to appear will be asked to state their excuses for not participating in the practice, as required by law. The penalty is a fine of from \$1 to \$5, and if the fine is not paid the law prescribes a jail sentence, but it is not probable that any of the local delinquents will choose to serve time.

Major Beaker was interviewed by a Guard reporter at lunch at the Smeede Hotel today in regard to the O. N. G. armory appropriation, which he held it up by the referendum along with the University of Oregon appropriation. He stated that as far as he can ascertain the people of the state in general favor letting the appropriation stand, even those who opposed it at the time it was passed and who held it up by the referendum, being favorable toward it since the matter has been thoroughly explained to them. The legislature appropriated \$100,000 for the erection of armories in the state, \$25,000 to be available each year until the money is exhausted. It will be a saving to the state, Major Beaker explained, to build the armories. At present the state pays nearly \$10,000 a year for armory rent. If the state has its own armories it can readily be seen that within a few years they will pay for themselves. Most of the companies outside of Portland have very poor quarters, where it is almost impossible to keep the state and government property in decent shape, and on account of lack of facilities and poor quarters the property rapidly deteriorates in value and usefulness, whereas in the state's own armories everything could be kept as it should be.

Another good feature of the state armory would be reading rooms, club rooms and gymnasiums, a place where the young men of the towns where companies are located could spend their evenings and it would keep them off the streets and out of the saloons and gambling places.

Will Get New Rifles

Major Beaker gave out to the reporter a piece of information that will be of great interest to the local Guardsmen. He said that Adjutant-General Finzer, who is now in Washington, D. C., is wired the Guard officers at Portland that the new Springfield army rifle will be furnished the Oregon troops immediately, this state being the first to receive them. They will arrive within a very few weeks and then the Krag-Jorgensen rifles now in use will be discarded. The regular army has been using them for a good while and they have proven to be far superior to the Krag-Jorgensen, which are a very good gun.

Major Beaker leaves tonight for Roseburg, and from there will go to Ashland on the same mission that brought him to Eugene. From there he goes to Eastern Oregon.

BORN

To James Blanton and wife, January 8, 1908, a son, weighing 9 pounds.

January 6, 1908, to Lloyd Hughes and wife, four miles north of Eugene, a daughter.

At San Francisco, Cal., December 4, 1907, to the wife of Bertram Towne, a son. Mrs. Towne was formerly Miss Margaret P. Kinsey, of Eugene, Oregon.

To J. H. Raines and wife at 843 Villard avenue, Eugene, January 2, 1908, a daughter.

JUNCTION CITY ITEMS

Sam Moore had the misfortune to have all the fingers of his right hand almost completely severed Tuesday morning at the excelsior plant. Dr. Parks has hopes of saving the fingers, though it will require time.

The Balm Grove Dairy milk wagon had a close call Wednesday morning. The horse was left as usual while the boy took the milk into E. Johnson's. The horse became frightened and ran away, scattering milk bottles from one end of the avenue to the other, finally turning into the warehouse back of the depot. The result of the runaway was a broken wheel, shaft, harness, and several dozen milk bottles demolished. Everybody expected to see the new milk wagon smashed into kindling, and was glad the damage was no worse.—Times.

How have the mighty fallen. Ex-Mayor Schmitz, of San Francisco, is to be put in a common every-day cell, like other criminals.

SECRETARY TAFT STATES POSITION UPON INJUNCTION

Martins Ferry, O., Jan. 9.—The views of Secretary Taft in regard to the abuse of the injunction are set forth in a letter replying to questions propounded by Secretary Lewis of the Ohio Federation of Labor to the Secretary. Taft prefaces his statement with a declaration that he believes it to be a "highly beneficial and entirely lawful for laborers to unite in their common interests."

In brief Taft says he sees no objection to the enactment of a statute which defines the rights of laborers in controversies with their former employers. This would necessarily furnish a definite rule for determining when injunctions should issue as well as their character and scope.

Second, as to whether the Secretary believes that no injunction should issue until after notice has been given the defendant and a hearing had. Taft says that he has stated many times in public that the power to issue injunctions ex parte has given rise to certain abuses and injustices to laborers engaged in a peaceful strike, in that without a hearing their strike is weakened, although their purpose may have been entirely lawful, by an order which they never had the opportunity to question and which is calculated to discourage their action. Taft says he favors a federal statute requiring notice and hearing before the injunction issue.

Third, as to whether the courts



ARCHBISHOP IRELAND. Famous prelate who is a member of the Roosevelt industrial peace foundation.

should retain the power of issuing ex parte injunctions. Taft thinks it is eminently proper that the statute should require the court issuing the injunction, to give the defendant a short period, say three or four days, in which to have a hearing thereon before the injunction issue.

Fourth, Taft says, regarding the punishment of persons in contempt of court for violating injunctions, that the belief that the judge whose order is violated makes a personal matter of it, is, in most cases, unfounded. He does believe, however, that where it can be done without injuring the authority of court, it would be well, in order to avoid even the appearance of injustice, to have the question of contempt decided by another judge that the one issuing the injunction.

BRYAN SAYS JAPS SHOULD HAVE TO GO

Chicago, Jan. 8.—In an interview today William Jennings Bryan made the declaration that he is for the exclusion of Orientals or Asiatics. He said it is impossible for them to assimilate with the Caucasians of the United States.

In his expression of his views on the exclusion question is taken as an indication that in his speech tonight he will formally declare that the Japanese should not be admitted to this country. He says, however, that the Orientals in the United States must be given protection and that their property rights should be guaranteed.

"I will not venture to say by what means these races should be excluded," said Bryan. "But I will say that any means would be justified in the end."

Bryan Makes Denial

Chicago, Jan. 8.—William Jennings Bryan arrived here today to attend the Jackson day banquet of the Jefferson Club tonight. One of the first things he did was to repudiate the idea of his running on a nine-word platform. "There is nothing to that story," Bryan declared. "I never said I would run on such a platform. It is just some more idle talk." The banquet will be attended by 600, including Democrats from every part of Illinois and nearby states. Senators Davis, Arkansas; Stone, Missouri; Adlai Stevenson and John W. Kern, Indianapolis, will also attend.

ABYSSINIA TAKEN TOWN FROM ITALY

Rome, Jan. 9.—News has been received here of serious trouble in Italian Somaliland, on the east coast of Africa, which has resulted in pitched battles between the Italian forces there and the Abyssinians near Lugh, the furthest station in the interior, the Abyssinians robbing, killing and imprisoning many of the merchants.

Lugh is garrisoned only by about 125 natives under command of Captain Burgiovanni, and the attacking party laid siege to the town. A number of engagements that followed both sides, according to reports, suffered heavily.

PRUSSIAN CHANCELLOR BOLDLY OPPOSED TO MANHOOD SUFFRAGE

Berlin, Jan. 10.—The demand in the Prussian Lantag for manhood suffrage in Prussia brought out the statement from the imperial chancellor that he did not consider manhood suffrage good for the state. Too many points were involved at this rate to permit of action at this

session. His remarks were greeted with storms of hisses. Large crowds gathered outside of the building and rioting commenced. The police were called upon and dispersed the rioters with drawn sabres, and similar scenes were enacted about the imperial palace. There were several serious encounters and many arrests.

FAIRMOUNT WILL SET OUT MANY TREES

At the regular meeting of the East Eugene Improvement Club in Rein's hall last night the principal topic of the addresses and discussion was tree planting and other methods of beautifying the city of Eugene and Fairmount, or East Eugene, in particular. John H. Hartog, manager of the Commercial Club, was the principal speaker. He spoke of systematic tree planting and other means of making the streets more beautiful. After his address Senator I. H. Bingham, W. H. Dempster and M. Svarverud were called upon and they each made a few remarks along the same line.

It was the sense of the meeting that the citizens of Fairmount at once inaugurate a tree-planting campaign and it was decided to set out trees at once on the streets extending north and south, so that when they grow up the passengers on all passing Southern Pacific trains may look up the streets between two rows of magnificent shade trees and admire the symmetry and regularity with which they are set.

Mr. Hartog in his address said in part: "Civic improvement has been my hobby for years and it goes hand in hand with promotion work. Is there any better advertisement than civic improvement? Is there anything that speaks more loudly and convincingly of a town's progressive spirit than civic beauty and neatness?"

"But you might select the tree planting item. You might appoint a committee of three of your ladies and get them to solicit subscriptions in the East End, everybody to give say 25 cents a week for four weeks, none more, none less, and with the fund buy trees for street planting."

"While Eugene has sublime scenery all around it, its streets lack the beauty of uniform tree-planting. It seems that where trees have been planted every man suited his own fancy, and the result is decidedly wrong. Some trees are inside, others outside the sidewalk line; some are evergreen, others deciduous, and others belong to the ground hog variety—they saw their shadow and disappeared, but if there is one single street, or even one block, planted uniformly to one species of trees, it has failed to locate it."

"Take Colusa on the other hand. A town without any surroundings to attract, and yet the foresight of its original settlers, who 40 or 50 years ago set out walnut trees, has made Colusa the prettiest town in the West."

"Besides tree-planting, there is the planting of flowers. I saw a little house nearby here—I do not know whom it belongs to—but I want you all to notice that little home and see if it doesn't beat all the others for homeliness and beauty, simply because it has flowers and vines all around it. You don't need a committee for that, but your club could be a power for good by encouraging the putting out of flowers and offering a prize to the child which raised the nicest flower bed. You should start competition—you should teach the children how beautiful nature is, and that all it asks is, like a shy maiden, to be coaxed."

"You'll be surprised to see what delight the little ones will take in seeing the seed that their little paddies put in the ground, sprout up, and will make you take an interest in things, too. You'll prefer flowers in your yard to tin cans, and you'll have vines around you instead of weeds."

"I've looked many times a day at your hills and scenery and my heart has longed for joy that I was allowed to live among so much beauty and I felt better for the thought. And again I have stopped on some rotten sidewalk, or torched through a mud crossing or come across an unsightly billboard, or a lot littered with tin cans and I wondered if this was really part of 'Beautiful Eugene.'"

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DIED.

At Boston, Mass., Jan. 9, 1908, Elizabeth, the daughter of Rev. and Mrs. Herbert S. Johnson, aged 78 years. Death resulted from an operation. Rev. Johnson formerly resided in Eugene, being the oldest son of the late Professor J. W. Johnson, first president of the University of Oregon.

At the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Manrose, at 104 Lawrence street, this afternoon at 1 o'clock, a complication of ailments, Ralph M. Manrose, aged 2 years, 10 months and 8 days. The funeral will be held Monday at 2 p. m. with interment in the I. O. O. F. cemetery.

PREPARING SUIT AGAINST HARRIMAN

Washington, Jan. 9.—Attorney-General Bonaparte will in a few days make an official announcement regarding the government's position toward the control of the Union Pacific through stock ownership of the Southern Pacific railroad. He is awaiting the return from Europe of the special counsel employed in the case, who was unexpectedly called abroad by private business. For information obtained at the department of justice, the statement probably be the announcement of filing at Omaha or some Western city of proceedings to test the lawfulness of the arrangement.

A general order has been put in force by Superintendent C. W. Jones of the Oregon penitentiary, under which smoking of cigarettes is prohibited for convicts and prison employees both. Heretofore it has been the custom to allow convicts and employees to smoke without limit, except to the extent of the former's tobacco rations. They could smoke in the cells as well as upon the grounds and while at work.

MISS KELLY ON VERGE OF NERVOUS BREAKDOWN

Miss Winifred Kelly, who returned to Eugene yesterday afternoon, is reported ill in bed. She refused to tell why she suddenly left home, but it has been learned from the registrar that the girl has not been attending the University this year, as her family had supposed. Her uncle, Dr. W. L. Cheshire, explained that Miss Kelly, believing that she



THOMAS E. WATSON. Populist leader who advised President Roosevelt to issue greenbacks.

had failed in her June examinations, was under the impression that she would not be able to take up her college work until the opening of the second semester.

Fearing to let her parents know that she had not re-entered the University, the girl went to the campus each day, but the strain of trying to keep the secret from her mother has been too much, and she is now on the verge of a nervous breakdown. Rather than face her mother with the truth, because she had been reproved for failure in previous years in high school work, she decided to leave the impulse of the moment and to let the future take care of itself.

The family is again united and happy, but the saddest part of the whole affair is the fact that the young woman labored under a misapprehension regarding her standing in college, which in no way would have prevented her from taking up her studies, when the University opened in September last.

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NEW YORK BANKS HAVE MORE MONEY THAN REQUIRED

New York, Jan. 11.—The weekly statement of the clearing house banks shows a surplus of reserves, under the requirements of the 25 per cent rule, today for the first time since the financial stringency began in October. The surplus was \$6,884,850 above the required legal reserve.

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