

# WOLTERS IS THE MAN, SAYS JURY

### Without Leaving Box, Coroner's Jury Charges Youth With Murder of Ruth Wheeler—Crime One of Most Revolting in Gotham.

NEW YORK, March 30.—The coroner's jury, without leaving the box today, returned a verdict charging Albert Wolter with the murder of Ruth Wheeler, part of whose mutilated body was found in the grate in Wheeler's room.

The inquest, which followed a preliminary investigation by the coroner, lasted just 33 minutes.

The authorities are determined to begin Wolter's trial early next week. The defense will fight against what is termed "indecent haste," and will ask for a continuance.

The police and district attorney's offices are anxious to hold the trial as early as possible, because they believe the murderer is connected with the white slave traffic. They believe that by beginning the trial at once evidence will be brought out against others connected with the traffic. If the case is delayed they fear that others connected with the traffic and whom they hope to be able to expose and prosecute will have a chance to escape.

### FRENCH RAISIN GROWERS PLAN A STAPLE PRICE

FRESNO, Cal., March 30.—A scheme by which the raisin packers will take the entire crop of raisins at 2 cents, sweet-box, and then fix the price for five years to come at a figure a little better than 3 cents is being seriously considered by the growers in this section today.

It is understood that the business must be put on a basis by which both the packer and the grower can be assured a profit. To bring this about it is believed the best way will be to set a price and hold to it. Such an arrangement would assure eastern buyers of a staple market.

It is also expected that the arrangement would result in the raising of the grade of raisins grown here, as the growers would not be so apt to pick out and cure raisins which have not matured well for an early market, when they are certain of returns later in the season.

### MARATHON DANCING IS DOOMED IN FRISCO

SAN FRANCISCO, March 30.—Marathon dancing in San Francisco is doomed. After two exhibitions, in which several couples broke all existing world's records for continuous dancing, the supervisors have put their feet down hard, and declared that dancing over the long distance made by an "exhibition of skill" is not decent.

When the ordinance came up for passage into law, Supervisor Hergel said:

"I am in favor of passing this because we ought to save these fools from themselves. This Marathon dancing is no test of skill or science or pluck. The exhibitions are fierce and there is no way to it. All they do is to see which couple can shuffle around the longest."

### JAPANESE INVADE AMERICA WITH 100 TONS PEANUTS

SEATTLE, Wash., March 30.—The Japanese steamer Chic Maru is unloading 100 tons of peanuts here today and dealers in home grown goods are having visions of a "yellow peril" in the peanut trade.

The big assignment of peanuts, all Japan grown, is on its way to Missouri river points. It made a large part of the steamer's cargo.

The importation of Japan peanuts is rapidly on the increase. Dealers figure it is cheaper to pay the half cent duty on the unshelled nuts than pay freight rates from the south. This incentive had applied to the Pacific coast only, but the Japanese invasion is now working eastward.

### TEHRAN'S SPEECH STARTS EGYPTIANS TO RIOTING

CAIRO, Egypt, March 30.—Several thousand nationalists made a demonstration this evening before Shepheard's hotel, where Roosevelt is a guest, following Roosevelt's anti-nationalist speech.

"Down with the autocratic government!" they shouted.

Chaos on the hotel veranda fled in terror from what they feared would prove a violent outbreak. Roosevelt paid no attention to the demonstration. The nationalists marched and surrounded the hotel, shouting their shouts for a constitution. They were not touched by the British nationalist party.

### Too Late to Classify

FOR SALE—New encyclopedia, 40 volumes, for sale cheap. Answer C. G., care Mail Tribune. 8

FOR RENT—Offices, 2 large front rooms, second floor, \$25 month, 133 W. Main. 13

LOST—An Eagle book marked C. F. Crawford, New York Aerie. Return to this office and claim reward. 4

WANTED—Six laborers; wages \$2.50 per day. E. E. Bittner, room 208, Taylor & Phipps bldg. 8\*

WANTED—School boy. I have a permanent position for a bright, energetic school boy. The right boy can make from 50c to \$2.00 or more a week, without interfering with his school duties. Chas. Henderson, 31, corner Eighth and Orange sts. 8\*

### EACH FEATURE DECIDED HIT.

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bouquets for his pains. This boy is really a wonder. He has been studying with Mrs. Andrews less than six months, and yet the quality of tone that he has developed can truthfully be said to be in the Scotti and Campanerie class. Of course, William is yet a boy and his voice at present is only a hint of what it will be when he is well into his twenties, but should he follow a musical career and continue his studies there is no reason why he might not be in the front rank of the great baritones.

A scene from the first act of "Birds of a Feather" was given by Ed Andrews, Henry Gunson, Art Burgess and Mrs. Ed Andrews, who, by the way, looked quite the little maid. Mrs. Andrews on the stage and off the stage is decidedly two distinct persons. She plays her part at home as well as she does behind the footlights. There is no wonder that Ed wears the smile that won't come off. As to Burgess, Gunson and Andrews, when they get on the wigs and grease paint they always deliver the goods. They have never yet disappointed an audience.

Kelley with his "Fable in Slang" was really enjoyable. Mr. Kelly is always entertaining and would make a good running mate for Andrews and Burgess in their comedy stunts.

We would like to give special mention to the ladies and little ones who took part in the tableaux, as they deserve individual mention. Suffice it to say that the sweet little faces that came and went charmed the audience and the beauty of the young ladies under the glare of the light made many a young fellow catch his breath. Girls, you are charming in sunlight, moonlight or electric light.

The following were the illustrated advertisements:

- "Cream of Wheat," by Mr. Howard and Mrs. Gale's child.
- "Flaxon," by Inez Hoyt.
- "Packer's Tar Soap," by Butler children.
- "Bensdorp's Cocoa," by Enid Hamilton.
- "Gold Dust Twins," by Frank Hutchison and Glenn Price.
- "Lowney's Chocolate," by Mildred Gerig.
- "Toasted Corn Flakes," by Fabrick children.
- "Puffed Rice," by Ethel Eifert.
- "Korn Kinks," by Leonard Childs.
- "Gold Medal Flour," by Ethel Cox.
- "Hygienic Blue Soap," by Gertrude Fay.
- "Best & Co.," by Shirley and Seelley.
- "Old Dutch Cleanser," by Miss Putnam.

The title of the performance was "Medford Magazine," issued by the March entertainment committee of the Greater Medford club, whose membership is as follows:

- Mrs. W. H. Canon, chairman;
- Mrs. M. J. Miller, J. F. Reddy, M. E. Worrell, G. G. Shirley, Harry Tuttle, R. G. Gale, Bert Harmon, G. L. Schermerhorn, J. F. Mundy, McCain, E. M. Andrews and Miss Putnam.

To the efforts of these ladies is due the credit for the success which netted approximately \$140 for the library fund.

### Appalachian Good Roads Meeting.

HENDERSONVILLE, N. C., March 30.—To arouse enthusiasm in the work of the Appalachian Good Roads association, which was organized last October, a meeting of members of the association and others interested in the good roads movement was held here today. Reports of progress were received and discussed and plans considered for the construction of improved highways between Charlotte and Knoxville, Greenville and Nashville and Spartanburg and Asheville. It is hoped to complete the building of all of these highways during the present year.

Haskins for Health.

# MENELIK DEAD; TROUBLE BREWS

### Report of Monday Confirmed by a Dispatch From Capital—Civil War May Follow Closely Upon the Ruler's Death.

LONDON, March 30.—The death of King Menelik of Abyssinia occurred last Sunday, according to a dispatch received here from Adiss Abeba, capital of the Ethiopian kingdom. The dispatch confirms the United Press cable of last Monday, which said that Menelik had been reported dead.

According to the dispatch received here, an official announcement of Menelik's death was withheld until today, so that Regent Ras Tesama might prepare to repulse an attack by troops of the empress.

It is rumored that the long-threatened civil war of accession in Abyssinia is imminent between adherents of the Empress Taitu and supporters of Ras Tesman, who is acting for the youthful Princess Lidj, declared to be Menelik's successor. Menelik was ill for several days before his death and hostilities were withheld until his demise. It is reported that the king had been poisoned.

### "BOB" LOVETT BACK HOME; HEADS A RAILROAD NOW

NACOGDOCHES, Tex., March 30.—Robert S. Lovett, head of the Harriman railroad system, and his party of railroad officials and New York bankers, spent two hours here today while inspecting the Texas and New Orleans road. This is Mr. Lovett's old home, where he first practiced law 21 years ago.

The old-timers seemed to enjoy immensely the return of "Bob" Lovett. Given names took the place of the surnames. "Hello, Will," "Hello, Dick," and "Howdy, Bob?" were the rule.

Old times were talked over on the short ride about the city, given the party by a committee of citizens.

Lovett left this city in 1889 to go to Houston. Before engaging in the practice of law and while studying, he did manual labor on the Houston, East and West Texas railroad, a part of the Harriman system.

With Judge Lovett are James Stillman, Thornwall Fay, Mr. Van Vleck, C. K. Dunlap and other prominent railroad men and financiers.

### LITTLE GIRL'S PET IS A WELL-BEHAVED POLECAT

NORFOLK, Neb., March 30.—Near Tilden lives Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Bliss, whose 12-year-old daughter Lucille has the only pet skunk in captivity. She raised it from kittenhood. It is now full grown and romps and plays with its little mistress just as any common house cat.

The little skunklet, captured near Tilden in its infancy, was taken home by Lucille and petted. The animal grew fat under caressing and house care. When Lucille comes into the house the polecat, now grown big, races to her side, leaps to her shoulder, licks her cheeks and snuggles down into her neck.

She loves it more dearly than any other pet. Tabby, she calls it, and Tabby comes when the call is given. The adults of the household are extremely careful not to offend Lucille's pet.

Mr. Bliss says that he expects some of these days the animal will get excited and the family dwelling will have to be burned.

### FERRYBOATS NARROWLY ESCAPE A COLLISION

OAKLAND, Cal., March 30.—The Key route ferryboats Claremont and Fernwood narrowly escaped collision on San Francisco bay today, owing to a heavy fog.

Passengers on both boats became panic-stricken and were quieted by the deckhands with difficulty.

The Claremont was bound for San Francisco and the Fernwood for Oakland. Both were loaded with passengers on the 7:40 o'clock morning run.

The Southern Pacific ferryboat Encinal of the "narrow gauge," escaped three collisions at about the same time.

The Encinal missed the river steamer Arrow by a few feet, then barely escaped striking the ferryboat Berkeley and shortly afterward came within an ace of running into a navy launch.

# GREAT INTEREST OVER JEFFRIES

### Report that Fighter Had Fallen and Broken His Arm Spread Like Wild Fire Over the Entire Country, Stirring Up Fans.

NEW YORK, March 30.—James J. Jeffries is a "national character." That is the conclusion of a number of newspaper men who yesterday answered anxious inquiries about the big fighter until the United Press succeeded in getting an authoritative denial from the retired champion late in the afternoon, declaring that he had met with no accident while hunting in the Tehachapi mountains.

Although the story that the fighter had broken his arm in a fall from a wagon was circulated merely as a rumor, it was enough to stir up the fight fans in all parts of the country. United Press offices were besieged with inquiries and newspapers throughout the east received thousands of telephone calls from sport followers who asked about Jeffries' reported accident.

When the United Press authoritatively denied that any accident had occurred and reported that Jeffries' arms were in good condition and that he felt like using them on the man who started the report of his injury, there was general relief throughout the sporting world.

Eastern fight followers were wildly excited over the report and waited anxiously, in spite of the fact that Jeffries' business partner discredited the story, until a statement came from the big fellow himself.

### To Train Soon.

LOS ANGELES, Cal., March 30.—If James J. Jeffries doesn't "break his arm" or if some other unforeseen accident does not interfere, he will start for San Francisco next Friday or Saturday en route to Rowan to begin his training for the Johnson battle.

Jim's plans are up in the air a bit yet. He stated today that he must hear from San Francisco before he can be certain of the date of his departure. If he leaves Los Angeles this week, it is probable that he will go down to his mountain camp above Santa Cruz next Monday.

### POLO IS RESUMED AT GEORGIAN COURT

LAKEWOOD, N. J., March 30.—After a period of several years polo was resumed today at Georgian Court, the country home of George J. Gould, and there will be games on alternate days until April 30. The game today was more of a tryout for the men and ponies that are to take part in the more important games that are to follow. The New Haven and Freebooters played today and the former won by a score of 7 to 3.

The New Haven team consisted of J. B. Thomas, H. Drury, L. E. Stoddard and W. L. Goodwin. The Freebooters were L. Nelson, D. Milburn, Captain E. D. Miller and H. M. Earle. The periods were of seven and one-half minutes duration. L. Stoddard proved to be the strongest player, making five of the seven goals scored by the New Haven team.

### MOB VIOLENCE THREATENED ON SUPPOSED MURDERERS

WATSEKA, Ill., March 30.—Threats of mob violence alleged to have been made against Mrs. J. B. Saylor, John Grundon and Dr. William Miller, charged jointly with the murder of J. B. Saylor, were reported to the authorities here today, and a special guard was placed about the courtroom in which the trial is going on.

The defense was begun today. The authorities have feared some demonstration against the defendant and the rumor that a lynching had been planned decided them to take no chances, so the special guard was ordered.

Popular feeling was so high against the accused shortly after the killing took place that the authorities removed them from the Watseska jail. It was believed that this feeling had died out, but the reports brought to the sheriff made him uneasy.

### Died.

Mrs. Margaret D. Long passed away very suddenly at 435 Toft avenue, March 29, at the age of 80 years, 1 month and 20 days. She came to Medford, March 15, with Mr. and Mrs. Edward Palmer and Mrs. Minnie D. Martin, her daughters. Services at 2 p. m. Thursday at the chapel in Weeks & McGowan's. Rev. Belknap will officiate at the services. Interment in I. O. O. F. cemetery.

# A Profitable Investment

## Worthy of Careful Consideration

Here is a profitable investment for your consideration:  
**48 ACRES OF THE CHOICEST SOIL IN VALLEY**—This place adjoins the city limits of the growing city of Central Point; 37 acres in bearing orchard; all necessary tools and livestock to properly work the same. MODERN HOUSE AND OTHER BUILDINGS. The orchard consists of the following trees: 985 20-year-old Winter Nelis pears; 30 20-year-old Bartlett pears; 150 20-year-old Newtown apple trees; 30 20-year-old Spitzenberg apple trees; 475 5-year-old Newtown apple grafts; 850 4-year-old Bartlett pears; 12 8-year-old Comice pears; 14 1-year-old Comice pears; 700 5-year-old Bose pears; 35 1-year-old Bose pears; 50 trees in family orchard; variety good.

## Hold The Record

### Will pay 10 percent on \$135000

This place is fully tiled and holds the valley record for Winter Nelis pears. It will pay over 10 per cent on \$135,000. If you are looking for a lasting investment that is absolutely sure, investigate this. There is certainly no better known tract or one with anything like the record to be found anywhere.

# Walter L. McCallum

## Nash Hotel Medford, Ore.

# MOTHER EARTH'S AGE? IT IS 400,000,000 YEARS

CHICAGO, March 30.—The jealously guarded secret of Mother Earth's age has at last been revealed, and it was the ocean that gave her away.

According to the Journal of Geology, issued today from the University of Chicago press, the earth is 400,000,000 years old. The approximate age of the earth, it has been discovered, may be determined by dividing the amount of salt in the sea by the amount brought down each year by the rivers that empty into it, a simple problem of arithmetic.

Sir John Murray, Professor Joly and M. Dubois, eminent geologists, stand forward as champions of the new method.

Finding the amount of salt in the sea was only a matter of chemical analysis and calculation. The amount of salt brought down by the rivers in a year was more difficult, but not impossible of determination, the investigators found, and for the rest it was only a matter of division.

# REALTY SNAPS

Five-room house, modern, east front, large sleeping screened porch, new plumbing; lot 80x150; some fruit trees; on good street.

Five-room house, with two good south front lots, on Tenth street; water and sewer in yard.

Six-room house, with two large screen porches; strictly modern; two lots; south front; fruit and berries.

Nine-room house; strictly modern; south front; fine location; owner expects to leave city.

# W. G. Davidson

1022 WEST TENTH ST.

# Savoy Theatre

THE APEX OF PICTUREDOM.

## TONIGHT

**SAM'L OF POSEN**—Comedy drama.  
**THE DOOR**—The bouncing ball of mirth.  
**BRITTANY LASSES**—Educational.

ONE DIME

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### SHIP SUBSIDY LOBBY TO BE INVESTIGATED

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 30.—The house, by a vote of 125 to 64, decided on a thorough investigation of the charges that a ship subsidy lobby is operating in Washington for the purpose of influencing congressmen in favor of a ship subsidy.

The action is a result of a complaint by Representative Steenserson of Minnesota that he had been attacked by a Cleveland newspaper which he believed to be an organ of a ship subsidy lobby.

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### SALT LAKE STORM SWEEPS AWAY TRACKS

OGDEN, Utah, March 30.—The waters of the great Salt lake, whipped by the heaviest wind storm in years, washed away the eastern and western approaches of the Southern Pacific trestle crossing the lake and put the main line out of commission today.

All trains to the west are being diverted via Pocatello, Idaho, and Portland, Or.

Haskins for Health.

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### INCREASE CAPITALIZATION OF TELEPHONE TRUST

NEW YORK, March 30.—Stockholders of the American Telephone and Telegraph company, at a special meeting today approved of a plan to increase the capital stock of the corporation from \$100,000,000 to \$500,000,000. They also decided to increase the membership of the board of directors from 18 to 25.