

UNCLE SAM SENDS WARNING OF FAKE OIL SCHEMES

WASHINGTON, April 7.—As a means of getting rich quick the sale of worthless oil stock is supplanting the sale of gold and silver mines, and for smoothness the Wallingfords of the oilstock business are making their predecessors, the gold-brick men and the fake mining promoters, appear crude and incompetent. Uncle Sam has put out of business more than one oilstock swindler for using the mails to defraud the public, but many of them are too clever to violate the letter of the law. They sail as close to the wind of misstatement as they dare, publishing carefully worded advertisements which convey totally false impressions without actually making false statements. One of their favorite tricks is to lead people to believe that the property they are booming has been indorsed by the government oil experts. As might be imagined, the men who really make examinations of oil lands for the government are by no means pleased with this now familiar deception. Dr. George Otis Smith, director of the United States geological survey, said in a recent extended interview:

Worthless Oil Stocks
"Nothing is doing the oil business more injury than widespread sales of worthless oil stock, and nowhere is there more need of blue-sky laws to deal with such promotions. It is interesting to note that most of these fakers try to make it appear that the geological survey has indorsed their properties and predicted that oil will be obtained from them. As a matter of fact, the survey does not make reports on private holdings and its reports on as to oil fields which it has examined are never given to promoters or to anyone else in advance of publication. If people who are solicited to buy oil stocks on the strength of alleged indorsement by the government would insist on seeing publications in which it is distinctly stated that oil may be found in the field that is being promoted, or would write to the survey at Washington inquiring if there are such publications, the loss of their savings would be avoided."

Wyoming Oil Field
"The cleverness of some of these promoters is nothing short of marvelous. Recently a pamphlet has come to my attention advertising so-called oil properties near Moorcroft, Wyoming, and stating that the lands owned by this particular company are surrounded by a naval petroleum reserve. As a matter of fact, the government has never made and does not intend to make a naval reserve in this part of Wyoming. Certain lands in the vicinity were at one time temporarily withdrawn pending examination as to their oil character, but after geologists of the survey had examined them the entire area was classified as 'non oil' in February."

Colorado Fakirs
"Prominent in the headings is the statement, 'Read what your Uncle Sam thinks about it.' Throughout the advertisement are paragraphs most skillfully framed to convey the impression that government geologists have examined this property and reported upon it favorably, although nowhere is such a statement directly made. So carefully are these paragraphs worded that after having read them once or twice you are almost willing to take oath that government geologists are enthusiastic over these lands as a rich oil territory, when, as a matter of fact, no government geologist would risk 10 cents on their oil possibilities."

"I suppose it is inevitable that such schemes as this should rob thousands, but my advice to all would-be investors is, when you are told that the government has indorsed an oil proposition write to the government and find out before you put up your money."

JAPANESE SORROW OVER MURDER BY JAP

STOCKTON, Cal., April 7.—Japanese residents of Stockton sent a letter today to Dr. Ellis Harbert expressing their sympathy with him in the loss of his wife, murdered Saturday by Iwatado Katsura, her Japanese servant, who later shot himself dead when cornered by the police. Mrs. Harbert will be buried tomorrow, all Japanese places of business closing during the funeral hours.

BOURNE PRACTICES AS WELL AS TALKS PUBLIC ECONOMY

WASHINGTON, April 7.—Economy in governmental expenditures is one of the practices as well as one of the principles of former Senator Jonathan Bourne. When congress created the two joint committees of which Bourne is chairman, it appropriated \$25,000 for the expenses of each committee and made the money payable upon vouchers signed by the chairman. On March 3, when the committees would have expired by limitation, Bourne had expended only \$12,000 of the \$50,000 appropriated. Congress continued the committees and made the unexpended balance available for future expenses.

Though the money has been sparingly expended, it is generally agreed that Bourne has gathered the most complete good roads data ever compiled in any country and has made the most careful and thorough inquiry into the subject of compensation of the railroads for transportation of the mails. Bourne has given his own services without compensation and paid his own personal expenses.

When Bourne, as chairman of the senate postoffice committee, was conducting a study of the parcel post problem, the postoffice department opposed establishment of a parcel post and urged the appropriation of \$100,000 for experimental work preliminary thereto. Bourne went ahead with his investigation, spent \$4000 on it and worked out his now famous zone system which was enacted. It is now conceded that by spending \$100,000 in experiments the department would not have secured any more useful information than Bourne got for \$4000 and the parcel post law would have been delayed several years.

WOMAN HELD FOR FORGERY AT ASHLAND

ASHLAND, April 7.—Miss Nellie McIntyre, a young woman of Independence, Ore., was arrested at Grants Pass Sunday and brought back to Ashland yesterday charged with forgery. She is said to have issued false drafts on Portland banks in which she had no funds.

Miss McIntyre is believed to have wealthy connections in Independence both in business and banking circles and Chief Porter is busy trying to straighten out the muddle.

The brother of the young woman is trying to make arrangements to relieve his sister from her embarrassment by making the amounts good to the banks. If this is done and no proof is secured for further holding her, she may be released from the care of the local officers, or turned over to the authorities of California.

AUTHOR OF "SWEET MARIE" DEAD AT CHICAGO HOSPITAL

CHICAGO, April 7.—Cy Warman, the "poet of the Rockies" and author of "Sweet Marie," died today at St. Luke's hospital here. He had been ill for three weeks.

BATTLES NOMINATED AS WENATCHEE POSTMASTER

WASHINGTON, April 7.—The nomination of Clifton A. Battles to be postmaster at Wenatchee, Wash., was sent to the senate today.

LATEST PHOTOGRAPH OF SECRETARY M'ADOO, WHO IS TO WED MISS WILSON



ASHLAND'S SODA CONTAINS LITHIA

The artesian soda well turns out to contain large quantities of lithia, says the Ashland Tidings. The ground has been penetrated to a depth of 112 feet. The water flow rose to within nine feet three inches of the surface of the ground. The top of the well is fourteen and one-half feet above creek level, twenty-eight feet away. By the work of one man for two days the well can be made a flowing well.

Here is what the first test in analysis shows: "Bert R. Greer, chairman.

"Dear Sir: We have made a quick determination of the total solids, carbonate of soda, chlorine and sulphates, together with a test for lithia, in the sample of water taken from the Dudge well, and find the water to contain lithia in considerable quantity and to be heavily mineralized, and also to be different from any other sample which we have taken. So far as these determinations go, they would indicate that the water ranges somewhere between the new lithia and Shepherd springs, with possibly a large amount of lithia; at least, this is indicated by the spectroscopic test.

"We are proceeding with the complete analysis of this water as rapidly as possible.

"The complete analysis of all waters taken by us will be completed within a week.

"Yours very truly,
"SMITH, EMERY & CO.,
"Chemists and Chemical Engineers."

PROHIB AND WETS BOTH VICTORS IN MICHIGAN

LANSING, Mich., April 7.—Prohibitionists were jubilant today over yesterday's election in twelve counties in which seven voted dry. The most notable victory was that in Ingham county, which contains Lansing, the capital of the state. The "wets" won three counties now dry, Clare, Osceola and Wexford.

TACOMA VOTERS SELECTING MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL

TACOMA, Wash., April 7.—Tacoma voters today are passing upon the qualifications of 25 candidates for the vacancies in the city council, a mayor and two councilmen. They are also deciding the fate of three proposed charter amendments and a port district plan of harbor development.

Chief interest in the election centers in the mayoralty contest, for which office there are eight candidates. Those conceded to have the best chance of election are A. W. Fawcett, recalled as mayor in 1911; Homer T. Bone, "yellow" socialist; M. W. Greer, civil engineer, and C. F. W. Stoeber, a preacher.

If no candidate for either mayor or councilman receives a majority of all the votes cast the two leaders of each of the three offices will fight it out at another election two weeks hence.

Registration was very heavy and the early balloting today indicated that an unusually large vote would be cast.

SUBMARINE ORDERED FROM BREMERTON TO FRISCO

BREMERTON, Wash., April 7.—Telegraphic orders have been received today from the navy department direct that the submarine H-3 constructed in Seattle and lately turned over to the government, be taken in tow by the cruiser St. Louis and conveyed to San Francisco. Men will be left aboard the vessel in case it should break away. It is expected the submarine will leave the yard about April 28.

SEEK MOTIVE FOR SUICIDE OF YOUNG WIDOW

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., April 7.—Friends of Mrs. Mary Taggart, widow of Dr. Harry Taggart of Redwood City, were still unable today to advance any probable motive for her suicide either late Sunday night or early Monday in her apartments here. The body of Mrs. Taggart was found lying on the bed in a gas-filled apartment on O'Farrell street late last night, and physicians said she had been dead then for something like twenty-four hours.

The body was found by Lytton McIntosh, a promoter, who said he had assisted in a deal whereby Mrs. Taggart had purchased the flat where she ended her life. A letter addressed to McIntosh, but signed by another woman, was found pinned to Mrs. Taggart's nightdress. It was filled with endearments and was mailed from Sacramento to McIntosh July 27, 1913. It was signed "E."

A dinner, cooked and waiting, was found on the stove. McIntosh said he had a dinner engagement with Mrs. Taggart Sunday night, but had been called to San Jose on a business trip and had been unable to notify her of his departure from the city.

"I never had other than business relations with Mrs. Taggart," said McIntosh today. "I was an intimate friend of her husband's and I am unable to understand how she got the letter addressed to me and why she should have pinned it to her gown. She at no time displayed an affection for me. She must have taken the letter from my desk when she called at my office last Wednesday."

GRIFFITHS POSTED AS ARMY DESERTER

SEATTLE, Wash., April 7.—Following the disappearance of Captain J. H. Griffiths, under arrest on a charge of a \$9000 shortage in army funds, he has been posted as a deserter and the customary reward of \$50 is offered for his capture. He now stands to face two court martials, with a penalty of dismissal for desertion and ten years for defalcation.

Investigation has disclosed that he had successfully financed a timber deal in Portland involving \$600,000. The final details were yet to be worked out on the deal which would have netted him an income of \$100 a day at 6 per cent interest.

MILITIA CRUISE ON WARSHIP MILWAUKEE

BREMERTON, Wash., April 7.—The cruiser Milwaukee, Lieutenant Commander Cary N. Jenson commanding, was selected by the navy department yesterday upon the recommendation of Rear Admiral R. M. Doyle, commander-in-chief of the reserve fleet, to take the naval militia of the states of Washington, Oregon and California on their annual cruises this summer.

The naval militia of the state of Washington will be the first to be taken out and a tentative schedule fixing the exact dates and ports of call is now being worked out.

It is planned to make the first cruise in June.

Pots and pans quickly shed their grime and grease, and shine like new when you use GOLD DUST

GOLD DUST
Cleans everything, and leaves purity behind it.
5c and larger packages.

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"Let the GOLD DUST TWINS do your work!"

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EASTER GLOVES
Women's 2-Clasp Kid Gloves, all colors, \$1.25 grade, special per pair **79c**

Women's 16-Button White Kid Gloves, good \$3 grades, special, pair **\$2.48**

EASTER RIBBONS
Taffeta Hair Ribbon in all colors, special, a yard, New Fancy **29c**

Ribbons, wide width, new colors, very special, a yard, **25c**

This Great sale is commanding the attention of all shrewd buyers. It will pay you to investigate if you are in need of merchandise.

20% OFF ON COATS AND SUITS—20% OFF
Just think of it—at the very time you need them you can buy them at this great reduction

All \$15.00 Suits... \$12.00	All \$12.00 Coats... \$ 9.60
All \$18.00 Suits... \$14.40	All \$15.00 Coats... \$12.00
All \$20.00 Suits... \$16.00	All \$18.00 Coats... \$14.40
All \$25.00 Suits... \$20.00	All \$20.00 Coats... \$16.00
All \$30.00 Suits... \$24.00	All \$25.00 Coats... \$20.00
All \$35.00 Suits... \$28.00	All \$30.00 Coats... \$24.00
All \$40.00 Suits... \$32.00	All \$35.00 Coats... \$28.00

10% OFF ON WOOL DRESS GOODS—10% OFF
The best selection in the city, every known color and fabric, all go in this sale at 10% off regular prices

25c Dress Goods... 22½c	SILKS 5000 yards of new Tub Silks and Fancy Foulards, in dainty stripes and figures, real values up to 85c, sale price, yard... 59c
50c Dress Goods... 45c	
75c Dress Goods... 67½c	
\$1.00 Dress Goods... 80c	
\$1.25 Dress Goods for... \$1.12½	
\$1.50 Dress Goods... \$1.35	
\$2.00 Dress Goods... \$1.80	

A slight charge for alteration during this sale.

FREE—Save Your Saleslips and Get Wm. Rogers' Guaranteed Triple-Plated Silverware—FREE

EASTER HOSIERY
Women's and Children's Fast Black Hose, special, pair... **9c**

Boys' Heavy School Hose, good as most 25c grades, special, pr... **15c**

Girls' fine Ribbed Hose, why pay 25c? Special, pair... **15c**

Women's Silk Lisle Hose, special at, per pair... **25c**

Women's Lavender Top Silk Lisle Hose, best made, a pair... **50c**

"Kayser's" Italian Knit Hose, all colors, pair... **\$1.50**

WASH GOODS SALE
Now is the time to buy your Summer Dress while stock is complete

New Dresden Crepes, 36 inches wide, worth 25c, very special, yard... **18c**

New Galateas, in stripes and plains, special at, per yard... **18c**

Heavy Ratines, for coats and suits, special at, per yard... **59c**

5000 yds. best Washing and Wearing Gingham made, special, per yard... **10c**

SHEETS
72x90 Bleached Pillow Slips, 60c grade, each... **39c**

EASTER UNDERWEAR
Women's Sleeveless Vests, good quality, each... **10c**

Women's Union Suits, umbrella or tight knee, special, suit... **29c**

Women's Pants, umbrella or tight knee, very special, pair... **25c**

Boys' Porous Knit Union Suits, special, a suit... **69c**

Women's Corset Covers, new style, all sizes, very special, each... **29c**

Women's Crepe Nightgowns—special at, each... **98c**

Women's Combination Suits new style, nicely trimmed, each... **89c**

Women's fine Lingerie Drawers, all styles, very special, pair... **48c**

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AND GET FREE THIS SAMPLE BOX OF SUPREME DAINTIES

This is an unconditional offer we are making to further introduce and demonstrate the rare quality and goodness of **Supreme** Sodas and the entire line of "Supreme" baked dainties.

Simply collect 12 ends from six packages of "Supreme" Biscuit, "Supreme" Soda, or any other packages of "SUPREME" baked goods and if your store cannot supply you with the Complimentary Box, mail them direct to us, and the full Surprise package will be sent at once by parcel post, absolutely free.

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