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THE HERALD

AROUND TOWN

Fire Is Mysterious

Fire of mysterious origin destroyed a one-story frame shed in the rear of the home of E. P. Johnson at 113 South Avenue Eighteen early yesterday morning. The loss on the building is estimated at $200, and the damages to the contents is placed at $150.

Funeral Arranged

The funeral of Garnett W. Rickard of 1500 West Jefferson street, who was killed in the aqueduct tunnel Saturday, will be held Tuesday at 10 a. m. at the chapel of Bresee Bros., burial to be in Rosedale cemetery. Mr. Rickard was married a month ago to Miss Marian J. Wittler.

Improvement Continues

The improvement noted in the condition of Mme. Helena Modjeska Saturday continued yesterday, the patient seeming to have gained strength and her general condition being better than it has been for two weeks past. So much improved was it that Dr. Boyd of Santa Ana said he had not deemed it necessary to pay a visit yesterday and would not do so until this morning.

Classes Confirmed

Rt. Rev. Bishop Conaty officiated at the confirmation of two large classes yesterday. In the morning he confirmed a class of 105 children and adults at St. Patrick's church and in the afternoon officiated at a like ceremony at the Church of St. Thomas the Apostle. At both services Bishop Conaty addressed the members of the classes, explaining the sacraments of the Catholic church.

Passes Away in France

Captain Charles A. Montgomery of the Soldiers' home at Sawtelle has received notice of the death of Count Henri Marie de Meherenc de Saint-Pierre at Plouagat, Cores-du-Nord, France. The count was the father of the Countess de Meherenc de Saint-Pierre, whom Captain Montgomery accompanied on her hunting trip in Mexico, and she sent him word of the death of her father. Captain Montgomery is also an old friend of former President Roosevelt.

Parent-Teachers Meet

The directors of the Parent-Teachers' association, numbering about 100, met at the Olive street school Saturday afternoon. Mrs. Herbert M. Rowell, president of the Berkeley Federation of Mothers' clubs, was present and made an address. Mrs. G. F. Bovard and Mrs. Lucy S. Best, dean of women at the U. S. C., made short talks, and Frank A. Bouelle, president of the Principals' club, gave its greetings. Plans were made for reciprocity day, to be observed March 31 at the Polytechnic high school.

Mission Is Opened

A two weeks' mission was opened yesterday morning at the Sacred Heart church by Fathers Meagher and O'Malley, Jesuit missionary priests. Father Gay, the pastor of the parish, celebrated the opening mass at 1:30 o'clock, at which Father Meagher preached the sermon. Father O'Malley preached at the service last night. On week days masses will be celebrated at 5:30 and 9 o'clock, wtih stations of the cross each afternoon at 3 o'clock. There will be a catechism class for adults each evening at 7:15 o'clock, the evening services to be conducted at 7:45 o'clock. The missionaries will preach a course of sermons.

CHINESE FIGHT OVER DAMAGED UMBRELLA

Police Separate Two Irate Celestials Who Quarrel Over Possession of Rain Protector

As the result of a fight over a cheap umbrella, Ah Louy and Ah Fung, two residents of Chinatown, were arrested by Patrolmen Browning and Ervin and taken to the central police station, where they were booked on charges of disturbing the peace. They deposited $25 each for their appearance in police court this morning.

Ah Louy was the owner of the umbrella. Saturday he tired of carrying it about and left it at the store of Ah Fung. Yesterday morning Ah Fung had occasion to walk down the street. It was raining, and he used the umbrella. In some manner he broke the handle.

When Ah Louy called for his property yesterday afternoon he found it damaged. He at once accused Ah Fung. The latter admitted he had broken the umbrella, and said no more about it. This did not appeal to Ah Louy, and he demanded that An Fung pay for the damages. This the latter declined to do. A loud and strenuous altercation took place, and when the officers appeared the two Chinese were rolling about the floor frantically endeavoring to scratch the other's eyes out.

CITY NEWS IN BRIEF

Looking for souvenirs? O. L. McLain has them. 408 West Seventh street.

EAGLES HOLD THEIR MEMORIAL SERVICES

PROMINENT MEMBERS TENDER TRIBUTE TO DEAD

Former State Senator Dodge Eloquently Describes Growth of the Order, and Touching Program Is Given

Los Angeles aerie, No. 112, Fraternal Order of Eagles, held its ninth annual memorial services yesterday afternoon at Eagles hall. Addresses were delivered by Rev. P. Goodcell, P. W. P., San Bernardino aerie, No. 506, and former State Senator W. W. Dodge, P. W. P. No. 102. The latter said in part:

"The memories awakened by these passing hours of sadness serve to arouse us to a fuller and better knowledge of the history, the aims, the objects, the fraternal teachings of our noble order, and to afford us opportunity to proclaim them proudly to the world.

"The rapid and wonderful growth of the Fraternal Order of Eagles has attracted universal attention. Its broad fraternalism has made the order of Eagles the wonder of the century among social and secret organizations. To follow the teachings of our ritual is to follow the teachings of Christ. These teachings are sublime and have found a responsive echo in the hearts of men. The aims of our order are symbolical with the life of him who watcheth the fall of every sparrow.

"The principles of the order are liberty, truth, justice and equality, the highest and noblest of God's virtues. It is the aim of the order to maintain, practice and promulgate these sublime principles and with them to entwine the silken cords of fraternal affection around the brotherhood of man.

Building Up Equality

"We are striving to build up the equality of man. We place no restrictions for qualification for membership on a man's manner of earning a livelihood so long as the means are honest and lawful and he believes in and practices the love of home and observes the sacredness of the family relations.

"The Fraternal Order of Eagles has drifted away from old established precedents in the moral world and practically occupies a position of its own, like a solitary peak in the mountain range of fraternal organizations. It strives above all to uplift mankind, not confining its efforts to the select few, but all, regardless of occupation, religion or politics. So long as he is a man with a heart and soul worthy of our effort and such a one is welcome to membership. The rich man and the poor are made to feel that one is the peer of the other.

"The order has passed the experimental stage and is meeting the most sanguine expectations of zealous members. Its democracy assures it growth and prosperity. Its benefits give universal satisfaction. Its principles are so broad and so true as to build high the temple of morality. Its desire and object are to elevate the poor in spirit and to encourage the rich and arrogant to place themselves on the same fraternal level and remember that he who elevates another elevates himself, but he who elevates himself at the expense of others falls into degradation."

The services included the following program: Boston commandery, "Nearer, My God, to Thee;" solo, "Sunset," Rev. G. E. Foster; music, "Sunset and Shadows;" prayer, Rev. G. E. Foster; music, "The Rosary;" music, "Traumeri;" duet, "He's the One," Rev. and Mrs. G. E. Foster; music, "Serenade;" music, "Nearer, My God, to Thee," audience; benediction.

Charles E. Rise, chairman; Al Ashen, George Hutton and John Bouett composed the memorial committee.

CLAIMS HUSBAND STRUCK HER ON HEAD WITH SHOE

Wife Goes to the Receiving Hospital, Where Her Injuries, Not Serious, Are Treated

Sarah Rogers, 36 years old, of 441 Ruth avenue was treated at the receiving hospital yesterday for several slight lacerations. She says her husband became enraged at her and struck her on the head with his shoe.

"We have been married a number of years and have two children," said Mrs. Rogers. "My husband has been out of employment and recently our finances have been low. Several days ago he received $8 for some work he had done. On his way home he met a friend to whom he loaned $2.50. I remonstrated with him for doing so and we had a quarrel. This was renewed this morning, and during the altercation he picked up a shoe and struck me on the head."

The woman is not injured seriously.

Copper Queen Report

TOMBSTONE, March 21.—The annual production of the Copper Queen Consolidated Mining company for the year 1908 was 76,125,162 pounds of copper, an increase of 13,000,000 pounds over the previous year. The profits last year from the sale of bullion was $3,912,255, against $4,078,867 the previous eyar. The Copper Queen is by far the greatest producer of copper in the territory and one of the largest in the world. Its plant and real estate are valued at $2,227,243.

CALL 'HELLO' ON WIRELESS PHONE

NEW SYSTEM IS TO BE PUT IN OPERATION

HAMBURGER BUILDING CHOSEN FOR THE FIRST SITE

Initial Conversations Will Be Held with Station Located on Roof of Citizens' Bank and at Other Points

Wireless telephony will be in full operation for the first time in Los Angeles today. The aerials have been completed by William Dubilier, chief electrician of the A. F. Collins Wireless Telephone company. The first will be placed on the top of the Hamburger building, and demonstrations will be given by holding conversations with other points in the city.

An aerial is also to be placed today on the roof of the Citizens National bank, and the first conversation will be from the Hamburger building to the bank building.

This will mark an important era in Los Angeles, as it will be the first time wireless telephony has ever been tried in this city.

The Collins system has been tested thoroughly, and wireless telephony is no longer a theory. The company has received a contract to install its wireless system about the great lakes, with Chicago as the headquarters. The United States government already is putting in the wireless telephone system at stations along the Atlantic coast.

The Collins people are confident that it will be but a matter of a short time before it will be possible to telephone from the Atlantic to the Pacific coast, and already satisfactory tests have been made over a distance of 200 miles.

Mr. Collins, who at present is in New York, is expected in Los Angeles within a week and will take personal charge of the installation of his system in Los Angeles.

Meantime Mr. Dubilier will select sites for the placing of aerials, as the company has decided to make Los Angeles its headquarters west of Chicago.

Mr. Dubilier has been invited by the chamber of commerce to give a demonstration of the wireless system and has accepted, but has not as yet decided on the exact night this week.

MINISTER OF FELLOWSHIP TALKS ON NOTED SKEPTIC

Discusses Voltaire as Embodiment of the Thought of Eighteenth Century France

Reynold E. Blight, minister of the Los Angeles Fellowship, yesterday gave the second address in the series of "The Religion of the Skeptics," taking as his topic "The Message of Voltaire." He said:

"I have no desire to glorify Voltaire or lift him up for hero-worship. Doubtless much that he wrote might well be forgotten, and it were better that a veil be drawn over many episodes of his career. I am no apologist for his sins and shortcomings. Nor do I intend to anathematize a genius because he fails to measure up to the requirements of an insular morality. No man whose life is wholly vile, whose philosophy is wholly false, whose motives are wholly base, can make a profound impression on his age. The wise man is he who rejects the false and emphasizes the true.

"Voltaire was the embodiment of an age. All the hopes and fears, the yearnings, the distress and the anger of the eighteenth century France expressed themselves through him. Haughty monarchs feared his name, and the people of the streets loved it. The French Revolution was the fruition of his work.

"His creed was a negation, but a negation of darkness. It was therefore the first step toward the day. The iconoclast must always precede the builder. He was the bitter foe of injustice, and his splendid campaign for the rehabilitation of the character of Callas and LeBarre would alone be sufficient to place his name high on the roll of humanity's lovers.

"He was the implacable enemy of superstition. Alone he challenged the deadly dogmas and ecclesiastical despots of his day, and with jeer and jibe, argument and denunciation fought the battle for human freedom.

"Voltaire waged unremitting war against ignorance. It was to the interests of priest and aristocrat to keep the people in the darkness of ignorance. It is incredible the depths to which the people had been reduced. Voltaire did not choose his weapons carefully, nor did he observe any rules of the game. One man with only a pen matched against the accumulated power and wealth of a thousand years of tyranny! But he fought well. From the point of his pen the lightnings launched themselves at the mighty fortress, and the power of the despot in France was broken forever."

Preceding the address Mr. Blight paid a glowing tribute to the memory of the late Fred Smith, who for three years was the treasurer of the Fellowship. Resolutions were passed expressing appreciation of his character and services.

BABY CRIES; FAMILY SAVED FROM FLAMES

Father Seizes Child, Arouses Occupants of Building and All Escape Safely—Loss Estimated at $3800

A crying baby awakened I. Silverstein of 337 South Gless street and probably saved the lives of the members of the family. The occupants of the house were aroused from their slumbers at 5 o'clock yesterday morning and found the building was on fire and the rooms full of smoke.

Silverstein grasped the child in his arms and shouting a warning to the other members of the family, rushed from the burning building. When he reached the street Silverstein detected the child was choking from the smoke which it had inhaled, but it seen recovered from its fit of coughing and was not seriously hurt.

The fire, caused by defective wiring it is thought, had gained great headway and when the fire department appeared flames were found bursting from every part of the building.

The building, a two-story frame structure, was insured for $2000. The fire department places the loss on the house at $3000 and the damage to the contents at $800.

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AGED BENEDICT HAS NO WORRY

IRA PHILLIPS PASSES MOST OF TIME IN SLEEP

INQUIRY INTO MENTAL STATE WILL BEGIN TODAY

Wife Has Engaged Attorneys, and Bitter Fight Is Expected Should Octogenarian Be Declared Insane

Ira Phillips, the octogenerian bridegroom of a week, who was rudely torn from the arms of his bride late Saturday afternoon and consigned to the insane ward of the county hospital on a warrant sworn out by his son, I. I. Phillips, rested easily at the hospital yesterday, passing almost the entire day in sleep.

He had little to say to his attendants, and beyond complaining once or twice about his restricted quarters, passed his waking time glancing idly about him.

His son visited the hospital during the day to inquire about his father's condition and held a short conversation with him. Mrs. Mathilda Phillips, the bride, was also a visitor, but as her husband was sleeping when she called she did not see him.

Mr. Phillips will be taken into court today and an inquiry made into his mental condition. If he is declared incompetent he probably will be sent to a sanitarium, if not to the state asylum, and then will begin a legal battle for the appointment of a guardian for his fortune, estimated at from $250,000 to $500,000.

Mrs. Mathilda Phillips has engaged attorneys, it is said, and not only will make a bitter fight against her husband being declared insane but against the appointment of anyone excepting herself, or some one she may select, as guardian of the aged man.

In addition to this procedure it is said that if his father is declared an incompetent I. I. Phillips will begin suit to annul the marriage a week ago of his father and Mrs. Mathilda Bennett.

GREEK AND EARLIER RELIGION COMPARED

Cantrell Reviews Work of Leaders in Scientific Research and Debt of Modern World to Their Investigations

Edward Adams Cantrell lectured at the Mammoth hall yesterday afternoon on "Religious Leaders and Leaders of Science." Against the background of the Greco-Roman world he set a sketch of the religious leaders of Christendom.

The speaker pointed out that the Greeks had discovered the rotation of the globe and its revolution on its axis; the inclination of the earth's axis and the consequent rotation of the seasons; had speculated on the land of the midnight sun, and had calculated correctly the width of the tropical zone; had estimated the distance of the moon and the influence it exercised on the tides; had measured the distance of the sun, and made a mechanical model of the solar system.

Furthermore, they had discovered that the stars were suns, and that, compared with the distance to them the magnitude of the earth was but a mathematical point.

The unity of worlds was with them a commonplace. The Greek youths were taught the geometry of Euclid, and mathematics had been applied to acoustics, optics and mechanics. They had discovered that by bending the sun's rays the sun was seen above the horizon before it actually rose above it, and from this one Greek mathematician had calculated the height of the earth's atmosphere. In architecture, painting, sculpture, philosophy, politics, grammar, history, they were the equals of our civilization of today.

Christianity comes on the scene. Augustine, the greatest of the fathers of the church, declared that we should receive nothing except on the authority of the Scriptures, and that these were greater than all the powers of the human mind. This dictum became the ruling principle of Christendom for a thousand years.

Martin Luther was the greatest of the Protestant leaders, but Luther was a flat-earth philosopher. He characterized Copernicus as an upstart astrologer, and believed in witchcraft and every other delusion and superstition of the medieval world. When the peasants, wishing to share in the great new life of the Renaissance, formulated their twelve demands, Luther was against them, and advised the authorities to kill openly and secretly; to cut them down as they would a mad dog.

The speaker then entered into a consideration of the work of such leaders of scientific thought as Copernicus, Galileo, Bruno, Herschel, Darwin and others.

AT THE HOTELS

W. F. Creelman, a prominent mining man of Reno, Nev., is visiting Los Angeles and is at the Hayward.

John C. Homer and F. F. Titus, prominent brokers of Boston, Mass., are guests at the Westminster.

Mrs. W. H. Stanton of Bakersfield, wife of a prominent broker, is in Los Angeles for a two weeks' visit and is at the Hollenbeck.

Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Howard of New York arrived in Los Angeles yesterday and are at the Angelus. Mr. Howard is a well known piano manufacturer.

Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Busser of San Francisco are registered at the Angelus. Mr. Busser is superintendent of the reading rooms of the Santa Fe railroad.

Allan Heidenheimer, a millionaire silverware dealer of Mainz, Germany, who is on a tour of the United States, is visiting in Los Angeles and is at the Hollenbeck.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Gormley and daughter, Miss Alice, of Pittsburg arrived in Los Angeles yesterday and are guests at the Lankershim. Mr. Gormley is a capitalist and owner of an oil well in Pittsburg.

Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Newberry, who have been on an extended tour in the east, returned to Los Angeles last night and have taken rooms at the Lankershim for the summer.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Green, accompanied by Miss Lydia Gibbons, are visiting in Los Angeles and are making their headquarters at the Van Nuys. Mr. Green is owner of the Valencia theater of San Francisco.

Dr. A. C. Powes, accompanied by his wife, Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Powes and Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Le Loss, all of Bridgeport, Conn., are a party of tourists who have been traveling in Southern California and are at the Alexandria.

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'ARIZONA' AT BURBANK FIRST TIME IN STOCK

Morosco Company Gives Well Acted and Well Staged Version of Augustus Thomas' Great Play

"ARIZONA," an American drama in four acts, by Augustus Thomas.

A partial cast of characters:

Henry Canby, owner of Arvalpa Ranch .....A. Byron Beasley
Colonel Bonham, Eleventh U. S. cavalry ..... William Yerance
Sam Wong, a cook.....Willis Marks
Mrs. Canby, wife of the rancher..... Louise Royce
Estrella Bonham, wife of the colonel.. .....Lovell Alice Taylor
Lena Kellar, a waitress.....Margo Duffet
Lieutenant Denton, Eleventh U. S. cavalry ..... William Desmond
Bonita Canby, Estrella's sister.Blanche Hall
Miss MacCullagh, a school steacher.... .....Madeline del Mar
Doctor Fenton, surgeon Eleventh U. S. cavalry ..... Henry Stockbridge
Captain Hodgman, Eleventh U. S. cavalry ..... Charles Giblyn
Tony Mostano, a vaquero....Harry Mestayer

BY LEMUEL PARTON

The Burbank stock company offers Augustus Thomas' drama, "Arizona," for the first time in stock at the Burbank this week. The house was sold out at both performances yesterday, and seldom has Mr. Morscoe's company been accorded more generous applause than that given this stirring stage representation of ranch and army life in the southwest. The play was given at the Mason opera house a year ago, and the plot was familiar to a large portion of the audience yesterday afternoon, but it seemed to have lost none of its intense interest. "Arizona" is a play which gathers and holds even the most wandering wits in the firm grasp of its strong human motive, and even the girl in the fifth row, who always giggles at the wrong time, was awesomely subdued.

In a review of the Burbank performance—no, not performance, because this show crosses the line and becomes a play—in a review of the Burbank play, one might become as garrulous as a boarding school girl at home on her first vacation, but there is one feature first of all demanding attention. That is the fact that a new William Desmond appears. Instead of heroing all over the stage, Mr. Desmond as Lieutenant Denton conducts himself with a most seemly reserve, and even in the tempting gun play scene kept himself so well in leash that Hal Reid and Theodore Kremer would have wept if they had been present. The change makes him so much more effective that his performance is perhaps the best thing he has ever done. Something has happened to give Mr. Desmond a sudden and most astonishing uplift, although in the present play he is partially removed from temptation, as the sanguinary business falls to Mr. Mestayer when he steps in and expeditiously plugs the villain at just the time when somebody really ought to do it. Mr. Mestayer appears as Tony Mostano, a vaquero, at first serving only for decorative purposes, but later developing into the pivotal character of the play. Incidentally, this is a favorite, and always effective device of Augustus Thomas—placing important killing business in the hands of subordinate characters. Returning to Mr. Mestayer, in his sketch of Tony he gives the most studied and finished characterization of the play. Mr. Mestayer is at his best in mastering the minutiae of a part, although he is by no means to be classed with those actors who can't see the wood for trees. But some kind Maecenas of the drama should offer a prize, or a pension, for the man who will work out a Mexican or Spanish dialect. Los Angeles should be able to do something in this line, if it is to be done at all, but so far every stage Mexican has been of a very pronounced Italian cast, and of the peanut vendor type at that. Bennet Southard's Pedro in "The Easterner" was marred by the same defect—an Italian, instead of a Mexican dialect.

Mr. A. Byron Beasley seems to enjoy his homely and wholesome character of Henry Canby, the Arizona ranchman. During the last few weeks Mr. Beasley has played the devil, a crank preacher and a pirate, and his world was getting a bromo seltzer tinge until brightened by the whole-souled ranchman. Mr. Beasley's work is excellent. The part of Canby requires both a character actor and a type. Mr. Beasley is an admirable character actor, and his physical qualifications are sufficiently near the requirements of the type to make his characterizations adequate and convincing.

Mr. William Yerance gives a splendid characterization of Colonel Bonham, and Charles Giblyn, who finds his first good opportunity in the play, does some excellent work as Captain Hodgman, the villain. Miss Blanche Hall has lost none of her personal or histrionic charm since her last appearance with the Burbank company.

The audience seemed glad to see her in a girl's part again, and she gave a most delightful impersonation of Bonita, the fascinating ranch girl, with Broadway gowns. Miss Margo Duffet was a most fetching Lena, in an Undine-like makeup. Miss Lovell Alice Taylor was as iridescent as ever, although appearing in the distressful part of the indiscreet Mrs. Bonham. The minor parts were all well done.

Gilbert Gardner's stage effects, with the grouping of the characters on the stage, are to be compared more than anything else to a genre picture. Every scene is admirably staged.

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"The Burgomaster" opened to a good house at the Majestic theater last night. The show is resplendent with new scenery and pretty girls and was given an enthusiastic reception. It will be reviewed in tomorrow's Herald.

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The Belasco company will enter upon its third week with George Broadhurst's play, "The Dollar Mark," tonight. "The Dollar Mark" is exciting a great deal of interest in New York, where reports of its success at the local Belasco have been received. Frederic Belasco, who is in New York, the guest of his brother David, wired yesterday to ascertain if Mr. Broadhurst would permit "The Dollar Mark" to be given at the Alcazar in San Francisco. Mr. Broadhurst answered that his contract with William A. Brady, who will produce the play in New York in September, forbids his turning over the play to any stock company, and explained that the Belasco was allowed to present the piece as a compliment to the management.

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Florence Reed, the new leading woman of the Belasco theater, arrived in Los Angeles last night from New York and registered at the Van Nuys hotel. Miss Reed will make her first appearance with the Belasco organization next Monday night in Jerome K. Jerome's comedy, "Miss Hobbs." Following this Miss Reed will be seen in "Merely Mary Ann," "The Warrens of Virginia" and "Sweet Kitty Bellairs." Neither "The Warrens of Virginia" or "Sweet Kitty Bellairs" has ever been given in Los Angeles, and both are expected to attract large audiences.

CHAFIN TALKS ON CHURCH AND TRAFFIC IN LIQUOR

Eugene W. Chafin, candidate of the Prohibition party for president at the last election, addressed a large congregation yesterday morning at the First Church of the Nazarene on "The Church and the Liquor Traffic." Mr. Chafin is for absolute prohibition of saloons and made a stirring address.

PRAYING FOR SNOW IN CHINA

Since the winter season set in there has been less snow in Peking this year, and we have dispatched Prince Kung on our behalf to the Takaotien to dedicate incense to pray for snowfall and we have also dispatched Prince Tsai Hsun and others to the Shihyinkung and other temples respectively to dedicate incense and pray for snowfall. Now we have had snowfall and we have to thank the temples for the benevolence shown. Therefore, we hereby order Prince Kung to proceed to the Takaotien on January 19 to dedicate incense, and Prince Tsai Jun to the Shaosienmiao, Prince Yu Lang to the Hsuanjenmiao and Prince Tsai Chen to the Yihomiao respectively to dedicate incense and return thanks for the snowfall and pray for further snowfall for the sake of the peasants.—Peking correspondence of Chinese Mercury.

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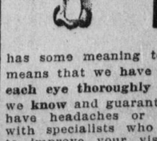

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