

### MORE FREE DELIVERY.

Citizens of Wingville, Baker County, Send in Petitions.

Baker City, June 2.—The citizens of Wingville, a village 10 miles west of here, have filed two monster petitions with the postoffice department, asking for a free rural delivery route, which was promised a year ago.

The country between here and Wingville is thickly settled, as that is the oldest settlement in Baker valley. About the time the miners were rushing to Auburn and Pocatontos in 1863, a large colony of emigrants from Missouri, nearly every one a member of General Price's army, settled there and the neighborhood has always been referred to as the "left wing of Price's army." The entire neighborhood belongs to the South Methodist church and is one of the most productive regions in Eastern Oregon.

The petition just sent in is the second which has been forwarded to the department and an early response is expected inasmuch as a route has been promised.

### DENIES EXCESS RENT.

Claims That the Management of Postal Affairs in New York State Has Been Maligned.

Washington, June 2.—Postmaster-General Payne this afternoon expressed great displeasure at the report sent out by a press association to the effect that half a million dollars excess is paid in postal rentals in New York state. He said the statement is entirely untrue and that the total paid for rent for postoffice quarters in the entire state, including New York City, is only \$466,811, which also pays for light and heat.

### TWO HUNDRED LIVES LOST

### ONE OF THE MOST FATAL CYCLONES IN HISTORY.

Next to the St. Louis Storm of 1896 the Most Destructive on Record is the Gainesville Storm.

Atlanta, Ga., June 2.—The reports from Gainesville now place the loss of life at 200.

The greatest loss of life is reported in the destruction of the cotton mills, where about 80 are believed to have been killed and a score injured. Eighteen persons were killed in the city between the center of the town and railroad station, where four large stores were blown down. The storm had driven many people into these stores for refuge and they probably all were killed.

Five hundred people were at work in the cotton mill when the storm came. The mill was a three-story building. The tornado struck the town in the southern portion. It came with a frightful roar and the day was turned into night. As people fled from the storm they were caught in the wind and bodily blown in all directions. Some houses were torn into fragments, others were lifted from their foundations and carried intact for quite a distance. Roofs sailed like leaves in the air and several persons were carried over three blocks in a house by the wind.

### Revised Estimate of Losses.

Gainesville, Ga., June 2.—Until the debris is cleared away it will be impossible to give the exact number killed in yesterday's cyclone. The property loss is \$300,000. The best estimate at present is that 80 were killed. Many were so mangled they can't be identified. Twenty-two had been identified at noon. Several of those injured are not expected to recover.

### Milton Water Power.

Walla Walla, June 2.—To submit a proposition to the Milton council toward developing power on the Walla Walla above Milton for general electrical purposes, Arthur Roberts, proprietor of the Waitsburg plant, will meet with Milton's board tonight. It is said that Mr. Roberts has obtained control of all the power facilities left on the south fork of the Walla Walla and is negotiating with an eastern electrical concern for the installation of a plant.

### GRAIN MARKETS.

Quotations Furnished by Coe Commission Company—R. L. Boulter, Local Manager, 120 Court Street.

	Opening.	Close.
Chicago, June 2.		
July	74%	75%
Sept	71%	72%
Corn—		
July	46%	47%
Oats—		
July	34%	34%
Minneapolis, June 2.		
July	78%	78%
Sept	70%	71%

## LITTLE OR NO CHANGE IN THE FLOOD SITUATION

Still Higher Water in Some Localities, But the Flood is Subsiding in the Interior.

Lower Missouri River Towns Danger—Launches Brought From St. Joseph Used in the Rescue. Hundreds at Topeka—Many People Drowned in Central and Eastern Kansas—Enormous Destruction to All Kinds of Property.

Topeka, June 2.—It seems that the property loss from the best estimates now possible will amount approximately to \$1,000,000. The whole of North Topeka is still under water seven feet deep. While the 200 people penned up in the second stories of houses have plenty of food, they are in great need of good drinking water, which is being supplied as rapidly as possible in barrels and cans.

The great fear at present is that some of the buildings in North Topeka may collapse because of their foundations being undermined. There is no immediate apprehension that the wooden mill will go down, but every effort will be made to extricate people from that point as quickly as possible to avoid any further loss of life.

### Worst Probably Over.

At 8 o'clock this morning the Kaw river is almost at a standstill, with a slight tendency toward falling. There is no rising water from above. The rain has fallen almost without cessation for the last 72 hours, but at no time has it been in the nature of a cloudburst. The situation at North Topeka is improving. There is but little danger of death from drowning. Except in isolated cases, the refugees have been cared for. Many are wearing insufficient clothing. Hundreds are sleeping in improvised beds, but it is believed all have been cared for. Boats have crossed from the south side to North Topeka with abundance of provisions. A number of people have been pulled across from the stricken district over a wire cable where the Melan bridge stood. A sand dredge was in operation after the manner of a breeches buoy.

Today four more boats have arrived and in addition the Chicago Lumber Company has constructed rude boats, propelled by gasoline engines. This additional transportation expedited the work of relief very much today. In addition to these boats the Rock Island, Union Pacific and Missouri Pacific are trying to ship in some steam launches.

### Sickness Follows the Flood.

Topeka, June 2.—Boats brought last night from St. Joseph today rescued 675 people from buildings in North Topeka. The flood is subsiding, although heavy rains continue. Many of the refugees are seriously ill. Sickness among the refugees on the south side is increasing alarmingly. There are 60 cases of scarlet fever and measles. The schools are closed indefinitely by orders from the board of health. Two died last night from previous exposure. The list of known dead and missing is now 38, not including returns from the farming sections.

### Water Still at Highest Point.

Kansas City, Mo., June 2.—The

river registered 35 feet on the official gauge at 6 this morning, which equals the highest point reached during the catastrophe. This is a misty morning, following occasional rains during the night.

### Flood Shows Signs of Abating.

The relief fund this morning stands between \$40,000 and \$50,000. There were no fires last night and very little thieving. Thirteen hundred officers are patrolling the streets, and guardsmen are still enforcing the danger lines.

Sheffield, a manufacturing suburb east of the city is experiencing their worst flood today. The back water has rendered hundreds of families homeless. The current is mild, so rescue work today is easily done with skiffs.

Estimates today show 40,000 people are homeless. There is no way of giving the exact figures as to the number dead. General estimates fix it in the neighborhood of 100.

A boatman who succeeded in crossing the river from the hills back of Argentine this morning, says the refugees there are comparatively well cared for. A committee took charge of several cars of dressed meat consigned to Armour, which they are distributing. The people are felling shade trees for fuel.

### River Falling at Lawrence.

Lawrence, Kan., June 2.—The Kaw river continues to fall and is now 14 inches below the highest mark. A hundred men are still on an island in North Lawrence, but are safe.

### General Scare at St. Louis.

St. Louis, June 2.—There is a general exodus from the lowlands and three thousand people are abandoning their homes. Large forces of men are removing the contents of warehouses, lumber yards and freight depots. The water is at the 30-foot mark, and the weather bureau says it will go to 34. Similar conditions exist in East St. Louis, where the cellars and sewers are already overflowing. The manufacturing plants are preparing for the worst.

### Flood Has Reached Keokuk.

Des Moines, June 2.—Keokuk is now flooded to the center of the city. The river is six to eight miles broad. Hundreds of people are in the tops of trees. Last advices say that succor in many cases is impossible owing to the terrific current. Locally, the situation is improving. Governor Cummins is contemplating relief by borrowing money and depending on the next legislature to approve the action.

### Subsiding in Nebraska.

Lincoln, Neb., June 2.—There are showers, but the flood is subsiding slowly, leaving a trail of utter desolation. The damage is incalculable.

### CHAMBERLAIN'S POLICY.

Scheme for Colony Trade Union is Strongly Opposed.

Liverpool, June 2.—The Post today says it has the best authority for saying that Hicks-Beach, chancellor of the exchequer, will immediately lead an attack on Chamberlain's Zollverein scheme, while Salisbury will also attack it in the house of lords.

### Will Force the Issue.

London, June 2.—It is rumored today that the chancellor of the exchequer will resign when parliament reassembles, as his protest against Chamberlain's Zollverein policy.

### STABBING AFFRAY.

Huntington Telegraph Operator Perhaps Fatally Injured.

Huntington, June 2.—Two telegraph operators engaged in a fight last night, when one of them, of Mexican descent, named D. G. West, stabbed O. M. Thomas in the right breast with a five-inch dagger, the blade penetrating the lung. Thomas was taken to the Portland hospital and is thought to be fatally injured.

### EGAN'S BODY FOUND.

Great Northern Official Who Perished in Snow Storm, Found in a Thicket.

Kalispel, Mont., June 2.—The body of Benjamin Egan, division superintendent of the Great Northern, who was lost in the mountains near here, while on a deer hunt last November, was found by a searching party yesterday evening, near Five Forks. The body was badly decomposed, but was identified by the watch and other articles in the clothing. The hunt for Mr. Egan called out every available man for 100 miles around, at the time he was lost. In a blinding snow storm. Searching parties made trails within a few hundred feet of the corpse, which was found in a dense thicket.

### ANARCHISTS HOLD BANQUET.

Herr Johann Most, However, Speaks Against Violence.

Chicago, June 2.—Herr Johann Most was the principal speaker at a banquet given yesterday afternoon in Sharpshooters' Park under the auspices of the Arbeiter Zeitung. Many anarchists were present and a detail of police was stationed at the grove. Anarchy was not discussed. Most advised his audience to uphold the flag and constitution of the United States and refrain from acts of violence.

### HANGED FOR PIRACY.

Mutineers Also Guilty of Piracy on the High Seas.

Liverpool, June 2.—Rau and Smith, the men convicted of mutiny and piracy on the bark Veronica, were hanged today.

### FOREIGN TRADE INCREASES

### GOVERNMENT REPORTS SHOW HAPPY RETURNS.

Exports to Russia Have Doubled in Nine Months—Indications Point to Heaviest Foreign Trade This Year in History of Nation.

Washington, D. C., June 2.—The alarms which have been sounded during the past two years regarding the trade relations between the United States and certain other countries of the world find no justification in the figures of our commerce up to this time. The three countries which have been mentioned from time to time as likely to decrease their importations from the United States are Russia, Austria-Hungary and Germany.

A study of the latest figures of the treasury bureau of statistics regarding our imports and exports show a steady growth in the trade relations with all of these countries, and indicates that our commerce with each of them is likely to be larger in the present fiscal year than in any previous year.

This is true both of the imports and the exports. To each of these three countries our exports are steadily and rapidly increasing and from each of them our imports are also steadily increasing. This is strongly marked in the figures of our trade relations with Russia in the present fiscal year.

The latest figures show that our exports to Russia for the nine months ending April 1, were nearly double those of the corresponding period in any year of the last decade, and that our imports from Russia are also steadily and rapidly increasing, being double those of 1899 and three times those of 1894. The figures regarding our trade relations with Germany and Austria-Hungary show a corresponding increase.

### UNION DEMANDS GRANTED.

The Freight Handlers' and Restaurant Employees' Scale Signed.

Chicago, June 2.—The Nickel Plate and St. Paul signed the freight handlers' scale this morning and the Northwestern is reported to having agreed to sign this afternoon.

The restaurants are signing the employees' scale, as demanded. A labor crisis is thus averted.

### Rich Strike at Auburn.

Baker City, June 2.—H. Winden, a veteran prospector of Eastern Oregon, has made a rich find in an abandoned mine at Auburn, 12 miles south of here. The quartz is pure white, and assays from \$8 to \$24 per ton. The mine was worked 40 years ago, but had been entirely filled up with debris.

### Race War Broken Out.

Charleston, June 2.—Three negroes were killed and 30 injured in a pitched battle at the close of a picnic here last night.

## HERMANN WINS ON LIGHT VOTE

Republican Majority of 7372 in 1902 is Reduced Nearly 5000 in 1903.

### DEMOCRATIC LINN GOES FOR HERMANN.

Heavy Falling Off of Republican Vote in Marion County—Total Vote Will Not Reach Two-Thirds of That Cast Last Year.

Salem, June 2.—The latest figures upon the district congressional election are that it is claimed by the republicans and conceded by the democrats by 2,028 for Hermann. The later figures are not likely to materially alter these, though most of the counties are incomplete, some being estimated. The estimated counties are known to be for Hermann.

It was a most remarkable election. Clackamas county last year gave Tongue, republican, 1,376; this year it gave Reames, democratic, about 250; Marion gave Tongue 1,291, and gives Hermann only 150. Lane, which gave Tongue \$70, gives Hermann 350. Linn county, historically democratic, gave Hermann 125. Tongue's majority in the district was 7,372 last year. Marion county alone shows 1,327 republicans less voting for Hermann than for Tongue. It is practically the same in Clackamas county. The total vote will be probably not more than two-thirds of the total cast last year.

### Latest Estimates.

Dr. T. W. Harris, chairman of the republican congressional committee, gives the following estimates at 3 p. m.: Hermann counties—Benton, 70; Coos, 400; Curry, 150; Douglas, 450; Lake (not reported); Lane, 350. Twenty-seven precincts out of 52 reported; in Linn, 125; Lincoln, 200; Klamath, 100; Marion, 125; Tillamook, 350; Washington, 350; Yamhill, 50.

Total majorities in Hermann counties, 2,828.

Reames counties—Clackamas, 350; Polk, 50; Josephine, 200; Jackson, 200. Total majorities in Reames counties, 800.

### TO WOODMEN'S CONVENTION.

Delegates to Leave Portland for Indianapolis June 9.

Portland, June 2.—J. H. Simmons, state deputy of the Modern Woodmen of America, is busy today arranging transportation for the lodge delegates who will leave here June 9, to attend the annual convention at Indianapolis, commencing June 16. The transportation lines are offering special rates to the delegates, the arrangements having been completed some weeks ago by a conference of the competing lines in this city. It is expected that over 100 delegates will attend the convention from the district west of Colorado. Those who will go from here are: J. H. Simmons and wife, W. T. Vaughn, A. G. Burkhardt, Albany; Judge S. A. Lowell, Pendleton; S. A. Hullin, Portland, and R. A. Nudham.

Deputy Simmons says that in all probability the next convention of the Modern Woodmen of America will be held at Portland. A strong movement to bring this about is now on foot.

### NEW WEISER BRIDGE.

Bridge Commission Selects Site for Construction.

Boise, June 2.—The first meeting of the Weiser bridge commission was held at Weiser on Saturday, and plans for the work on the new wagon bridge were laid out. The state has appropriated \$15,000 towards its construction, the residents of that section to furnish \$18,000, the total cost of the bridge to be \$33,000.

The site decided upon was the site of the old ferry, and work will commence in a short time, as soon as the funds, which have all been subscribed, are collected. The law of the state requires that all necessary funds be on hand before the work is commenced.

The bridge will be a steel one, having three spans, 250 feet in height, and 18 feet in width. The distance between banks will be 830 feet.

Too many people mistake a polite acknowledgement for an encore.

REVELT GOING HOME

of Thirteen Thousand Miles by Rail Nearly End.

ALL ALONG THE LINE OF TRAVEL IN IOWA.

the President's Trip Has a Succession of Interesting Incidents and a Great Triumph—He Speaks Tomorrow on the Spot

Falls, Iowa, June 2.—West of this morning paid her tribute to the president as he journeyed the estate en route to the first big demonstration was at Denison, where the special arrived at an hour over the Illinois Central. After breakfasting in the president's party were taken to the city, the line including the high school where hundreds of pupils cheered, and the homes of the Shaw and Congressman Grand Army veterans and a escort to the president. The speaker's stand had been at a crowd of fully 10,000

after 10 o'clock Fort Dodge and here another improved greeted the distinguished. En route to Cedar Falls, similar demonstration awaited, every cross-roads station had its little group of women and children, anxious a glimpse of the chief executive of the nation as the special by. Governor Cummins number of other distinguished joined the presidential train the forenoon and remained party through the day.

arrangements at Dubuque. Iowa, June 2.—The most arrangements have been the reception of President and party upon their arrival this evening. The president at the station by the mayors officials and a large reception, in addition to an address a brief speech and a drive to the residence of Senator where supper will be served where the president will remain tonight. Tomorrow morning cross the river and spend a guest of a number of cities and towns of Illinois.

Lincoln-Douglas Memorial. June 2.—Not the president's present trip will be the will make here tomorrow, when the boulder marking where Lincoln and spoke in their great debate will be dedicated, and when the president will speak from the where these two statesmen

indications the entire population into tomorrow and arrangements made for a record-breaking day, hunting and other devices already being put up. The presidential train steams through the leading thoroughfare of the city will have blossomed masses of rainbow colors.

Escapes the Gallows. June 2.—Chalmers E. Shuff granted a new trial by the court for the murder of Eugene H. Boone county. Shuff on June 11, 1901, walked into office, shot and killed him. Shuff about a time check as superintendent of the mine, had given him for the in the first degree and sentenced to be hanged June 24, 1902, having been suspended

Children Burned to Death. June 2.—Three small of Farmer Van Houten were killed today. The oldest, but his life trying to res-