

FLOODS SWEEP SPAIN

It is Estimated That 600 Were Drowned.

GREAT DISTRESS EXISTS

Bodies of the Dead Line the River Banks—Crops Destroyed—Government Must Send Aid to Flood Sufferers.

(Special to The Evening News) Madrid, Dec. 27.—Unparalleled storms have swept Spain within the past few hours, and from the incomplete returns obtainable from the storm devastated provinces the lowest death rate is placed from 500 to 600, and it is more than probable that the later reports will greatly swell this first estimate. Greatest distress and suffering exists among those whose homes have been destroyed by the floods. The weather is bitter cold which adds to the misery of the survivors. Many of the towns have been cut off from railway communication, and it is therefore impossible for relief to be sent to the flood sufferers, nor can the full damage to the property in the inundated districts be learned. The banks of the Guadalquivir river bear ghastly evidence of the destruction of life that has occurred, as the stream is strewn with the dead bodies of its victims, while innumerable carcasses of farm stock and poultry line the banks of the rivers. Damage to crops has been so extensive that it will be necessary for the government to supply the people of flooded districts with food stuffs, as well as to send in sufficient live stock to farm the land and to otherwise supply the needs of the people.

TWO TOTS BURNED MOTHER ESCAPED

(Special to The Evening News) Loveland, Tenn., Dec. 27.—The two small children of S. M. Sunnyval, of this city, were burned to death today. The fire occurred at an early hour, before Mrs. Sunnyval had arisen, and had gained such headway before it was discovered that her frantic efforts to reach the room where the tots were sleeping were unavailing, and the agonized mother was forced to flee from the burning building clad only in her night clothes.

ASK STATE TO USE MONTANA ROCK

(Special to The Evening News.) Helena, Mont., Dec. 27.—The legislature convened here in special session today to consider an appeal emanating from organized labor's ranks which requests that an additional appropriation be authorized to permit of the new wing of the state house being built of Montana stone, instead of cheaper and inferior stone from Bedford, Indiana.

AFTER CHAMBERLAIN

Mulkey Will Not Oppose Senator Bourne.

Washington, Dec. 25.—Former Senator Mulkey is quoted in a local newspaper today, saying: "I shall not be a candidate for the senate

against Bourne, but shall be against Chamberlain five years hence. The direct primary question was not settled in Oregon by the election of Chamberlain, and another skirmish must be fought out in next year's state election. My belief is that Fulton would now be in the senate, instead of Chamberlain, if a strong faction of the Republican party had not antagonized the primary law. It is this factional difference which will cause a big fight next year, and the result will determine the fate of the direct primary law for Oregon."

S. P. CO. TRAIN WRECKED AT TRACY

(Special to The Evening News) San Francisco, Dec. 27.—The north-bound owl train on the S. P. company's line which left Los Angeles yesterday at 5 p. m., was wrecked at Halley, 14 miles south of Tracy, at 5 o'clock this morning. According to information given out at the company's offices in this city, no one was seriously injured in the accident. Of the entire train only two Pullman coaches were derailed. A broken rail was assigned as the cause of the trouble.

AT METHODIST CHURCH.

Christmas Music at Methodist Church Is Appreciated.

The special Christmas musical program rendered by the choir of the Methodist church Sunday night, under the leadership of Prof. Lofz, proved to be the most inspiring event of the season. A large audience acknowledged appreciation by their close attention to every selection, and the congregation heartily joined in singing such old time hymns as "Revive Us Again" and "Joy to the World." The duets, solos, and special choruses, showed the results of careful and excellent training. Mendelssohn's Hallelujah chorus by the choir, the solo by Prof. Lofz, and the closing selection, "The Holy City," in unison by the choir, were the best rendered selections. The success of such a program proves the ability of Prof. Lofz as a trainer in bringing his singers up to a high standard of music. Another rare treat of instrumental and vocal musical recital is in store for the people in about two weeks.

WANTS CHILDREN.

Roseburg Man Asks Aid of Marshfield Officers.

Marshfield, Or., Dec. 27.—One of the pathetic instances of the Christmas season is set forth in a letter that has just been received by Marshal J. W. Carter from Roseburg. It is a plea for an aged man who is in the Soldiers' home and contains a plea for his two children who are supposed to be in this section to return and see him. As an inducement for their return, valuable property which he holds in Roseburg and elsewhere is offered them.

The letter which is written by C. B. Baker of Roseburg to Marshal Carter is as follows: "Will you find Lutie King, a young man 21 years old, and also May King, a young woman 18 years old? Their father is in the Soldiers' home here. He has property that he will give them if they will come and see him. He has 156 acres of land, also a house and lots in Roseburg and other places."

John Pennie, who went to Minnesota about six weeks ago on account of the death of a nephew, returned to Roseburg last week. He was accompanied by Miss Maudie Pennie, a niece, who will hereafter make her home with her uncle in this city. Mr. Pennie says that the Minnesota weather was pretty frigid, and that he could scarcely keep warm while there.

FORGERS ARRESTED

Mr. and Mr. F. G. Hart Caught at Sacramento.

WANTED AT CHICO, CAL.

Are Captured Upon Warrants From Roseburg and Chico, California—To be Tried at the Southern Town.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Trifest, alias Mr. and Mrs. F. G. Hart, the shady couple who recently fleeced a number of local business men through the forged check game, were arrested at Sacramento, California, Saturday morning as they stepped from a southbound Southern Pacific passenger train. From what can be learned of the couple and their operations it appears that they are experienced in the art of extorting money from unsuspecting business men as they are wanted at various points in the northwest. After working their game in Roseburg the couple boarded a train and went to Oakland under the pretense of going further north. They then boarded a southbound train and proceeded south as far as Chico, California, where they were successful in floating several questionable checks.

In keeping with the characters they then left Chico, intending to spend Christmas at the home of the former's mother, who conducts a restaurant in San Francisco. Their plans failed, however, and instead of spending the day with mother, they were content to partake of the rations furnished at the Sacramento jail.

It is not probable that the couple will be brought to Roseburg for trial, inasmuch as they were arrested on a warrant from Chico.

If convicted under the California laws they will receive a severe sentence, largely being one of the most serious offences contained in the statute books of the southern state.

Constable Wright wired Sacramento regarding the couple previous to their arrest, and the description forwarded by him no doubt aided the officers materially in effecting a capture.

Sheriff Featon said this morning that he had written the officers at Chico regarding the couple, intending to have them brought here should the charge at the southern city fall short.

CONNECTICUTT IS BLIZZARD BOUND

(Special to The Evening News) New Haven, Conn., Dec. 27.—A blizzard is raging over the state, and two men are dead, owing to the snow blockade on the street car lines in the city, and a half million dollars' worth of property has already been destroyed. The storm has raged for two days. Wires are down, street car traffic is at a standstill, and railroad service is badly demoralized.

One of the men killed was the conductor on the street railway system, who in company with a passenger named Michael Morton, met death when the car plunged over an embankment into the Nagantuck river.

ZEPPELIN'S AIR CASTLE EXPLODED

(Special to The Evening News.) Berlin, Dec. 27.—Count Zeppelin's "air castle" has bursted in the announcement from semi-official source that the German government will not buy his wonderful dirigible balloon which was looked upon by all Europe as a great success. It is said that the count will suffer extensive loss in this refusal of the government to take over his big air ship, the price of which was set at \$140,000. The war department refuses to accept it on the ground that it will practically be out of date and therefore useless within two years owing to a large number of improvements that are sure to be added to the construction of Zeppelin III.

HEARING RESTORED

Summer Woman Blessed on Christmas Day.

The restoring of her hearing after having been deaf for years and almost totally deaf for the past year, is the joy that the Christmas season has brought to Mrs. Johanna Newsum of Sumner, mother of Mrs. Chas. Selander of that place and grandmother of Fred Selander of Marshfield, who is a well-known pioneer of this section via the Coos Bay Times. She is about 80 years old and the restoration of her hearing is regarded as little short of a miracle by those who are aware of it. Just what brought it about, no one knows. For some time past it had been extremely difficult to make Mrs. Newsum hear even with the use of a trumpet and she and the family had given up hope. Being a very devout

woman, her prayers were for relief from deafness.

The other morning when she arose, she was almost dumfounded to find that she could hear the family conversation, answering statements spoken in the ordinary tone of voice, the rest of the family were even more dumfounded than she. It had all happened in the night and no one knows why or how.

OIL TANK BURSTS BURNS THREE MEN

(Special to The Evening News) Vallejo, Cal., Dec. 27.—The oil tank on the steamer Roma Oleum exploded late yesterday afternoon and two men were very seriously burned and another was so badly hurt that he will die. The latter is an Italian, Manuel Silva, and the two former are Lewis Tyler and Sam Knutson. The injured men were brought to Downington hospital in this city with all possible haste and given every medical assistance.

ROADS IN BAD CONDITION

Five Stages Stranded Along Myrtle Point Route.

Marshfield, Or., Dec. 27.—The stage road between Myrtle Point and Roseburg is in awful condition, according to F. A. Haines, who came in that way from the surveying camp of the Coos Bay and Boise railway today. He says that he passed five stages stuck in the mud enroute in and saw two dead horses being pulled out of the stage barns, the animals having been sacrificed to the bad roads.

He says that the mud is about three feet deep. A crust of perhaps three inches has frozen on top, and being weak in places, the animals or vehicles sink through and are in a worse predicament than if they had to combat the mud alone. The frozen mud is also very rough.

Today part of the mail was brought in but a large portion of the past week's mail is scattered along the stage line between Myrtle Point and Roseburg, the carriers being compelled to unload part of it at different places in order to get through at all. There were many anxious ones about town today fearing that the Christmas presents that they are fondly expecting by mail will not reach here in time for Christmas.

At a special school meeting Wednesday afternoon an eight mill tax was voted to pay off indebtedness and use for school purposes. There was only one dissenting vote. This was one of the most pleasant school meetings held for many a day. The vote to build a brick and cement school building was unanimous. The directors will now advertise for bids immediately. Two or three more suitable sites are being considered and it is thought the present building and the ground can be sold for more than enough to purchase a new building. If so the district will save the expense of moving the old building.—Oakland Owl.

NEW TODAY.

FOR SALE—Three choice lots in North Roseburg, set to fruit. Inquire at this office d-sw-f

LYNCHED BY FARMERS

Oliver Snyder, Murderer, Victim of Enraged Ranchers.

TOOK MAN FROM SHERIFF

After Killing a Sheep Herder the Desperado Fled to the Hills—Was Captured by Deputy Sheriff Joe Cassidy.

(Special to The Evening News) Heppner, Or., Dec. 27.—Last Friday night Oliver Snyder shot and instantly killed Arthur Green, an inoffensive sheep herder, and then the desperado fled to the hills. The country was scoured for the fugitive, and finally Deputy Sheriff Joe Cassidy located his man at a point about 15 miles from Hamilton, near which place the murder was committed, and captured him. Snyder made no attempt at resistance, inasmuch as he was probably aware that a posse of ranchers and stockmen were on his trail, and felt that he would be safer in jail than at large. The posse which had been following the murderer since the crime was committed last Friday, discovered that Cassidy had the man and was on his way to Heppner with him, and intercepting the deputy took the prisoner from him just as they were driving out of Hamilton. Snyder was taken from the rig and the sheriff ordered to get out of the way. The officer struck back to Hamilton for assistance, but by the time he had secured any one willing to aid him it was too late. Arriving at the scene again Cassidy found the lifeless body of the prisoner lying in the middle of the road fairly riddled with bullets.

Snyder killed the sheep herder because the latter interfered in his abuse of a dog that belonged to Chas. Reynor. It was a cold blooded and unprovoked murder, and the infuriated ranchers and stockmen swore vengeance on the murderer.

VOTED FIVE MILL TAX.

District 32 Will Make More Good Roads.

At a special meeting of road district No. 32, held at the court house, this afternoon, for the purpose of voting a road tax, for the above district. The meeting was called to order at 7:30 by Chairman W. H. Brown. L. N. Howe was elected as secretary.

After the chairman had explained the object of the meeting and the importance of voting a good substantial tax for the purpose of improving the county roads in this district, a motion was made by S. C. Bartram that in case a 5 mill tax was voted and carried, that the road supervisor was to be instructed to place crushed rock from the city limits line on the Roseburg hill east to a point on said county road in front of the Catholic cemetery, the balance to be distributed at the discretion of the supervisor. The motion was unanimously carried.

A Croeson moved that the 5 mill tax be voted upon, which was carried. The chairman chose Dr. J. R. Chapman and S. C. Bartram as tellers. The ballot was then prepared and those in favor of the tax voting yes and those against the tax voting no. The result was 25 yeas and 9 noes. The 5 mill tax was therefore carried.

LOCAL NEWS.

Miss Whipple, of Wilbur, is spending a few days in the city visiting friends.

J. H. Pierce, of Cleveland, was looking after business interests in this city today.

Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Stang and daughter, who reside a few miles below Wilbur were in the city for a few hours today on a shopping expedition.

On Friday evening an action was filed in the justice court wherein the Roseburg Orchestra was plaintiff and Prof. W. F. Williams, a transient dancing master, was defendant. The amount asked for was \$20.00. Attachments were begun and the officer was about to take charge of the receipts at the dance being given by Mr. Williams at the Maccabee hall, and also was about to take the supper that was prepared for the dancers when the defendant succeeded in borrowing the money and paying the amount sued for and the costs. It is not known whether Mr. Williams will continue in the dance business in this city. He formerly was engaged in giving dances at the Armory, but became delinquent in his accounts with the Roseburg Orchestra who have the Armory leased for dancing and thereby the court proceedings resulted.

Walter Leatherwood, of Wilbur, was arrested by Officer Phillips, of Oakland late Saturday afternoon upon two charges, one of assault and battery upon the person of E. H. Ottinger, and the other of larceny from the store of Dave McKay. Both the complainants are residents of Wilbur. Leatherwood was brought here on Saturday evening's train and shortly thereafter appeared before Justice of the Peace John T. Long. He was placed under bail in the sum of \$250, covering both alleged crimes. This was furnished with difficulty, the hearing being set for tomorrow morning at 9 o'clock. Ottinger alleges that Leatherwood pulled him from his wagon as he was driving along the highway, at the same time striking a number of severe blows, with serious effect. McKay alleges that Leatherwood entered his store and without cause or provocation, insulted his wife by calling her a number of unbecoming names. He also claims that Leatherwood appropriated a doll at the approximate value of 50 cents, the same furnishing a basis for bringing the larceny charge. It is said that Leatherwood is a good citizen when sober, but when drunk is considered of a violent disposition.

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F. H. Churchill

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