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AMERICA SUFFERED LARGER DEATH LIST THAN CUBA

(Scripps News Association)
Tampa, Fla., Oct. 20.—It is estimated that at least five hundred are dead in Florida and off its coast, as a result of the storm. The property loss is about a million. All along the coast, lighthouses and tenders have suffered tremendously. There are many boats that have not been heard from since the storm began and their condition is a mystery. It is hoped by friends of the crews that they have been blown out to sea and thus averted destruction.

New York, Oct. 20.—Six hundred dead and property loss amounting to four millions, conservative estimate of the storm damage. The loss to the island was not really as great as that on the Florida coast, since reports have been compiled.

The President this morning sent the following cablegram to Provisional Governor Magoon: "Thru you I desire to extend to the people of Cuba my profound sympathy on account of the misfortune which has befallen it. I hope the disaster may not be as great as reported, especially to the crops." He also sent a

telegram to the governor of Florida offering the government's aid.

Charleston, S. C., Oct. 20.—Rain is falling and the wind is blowing at a gale. The tide is two feet above the normal and the streets are under water. The storm is increasing in velocity and the storm that has been predicted to hit this city for several days is no doubt here.

CONVENTION OF NEBRASKA EDUCATORS

(Scripps News Association)
Lincoln, Neb., Oct. 20.—The annual convention of the Superintendent and Principal Teachers, Association of Nebraska which commenced on Thursday was brot to a very successful close this afternoon. Today's proceedings commenced with a service in the Memorial Hall University of Nebraska. Superintendent Geo. Burgart Kearney E. Sinclair, Nebraska City and others.

AMERICAN FEDERATION OF LABOR

(Scripps News Association)
Providence, R. I., Oct. 20.—A convention of the American Federation of Labor will be held here tomorrow. Political questions are to be discussed and candidate approved of to supported considerable friction is expected as the camp is split in various directions.

CIRCUIT COURT

The jury in the case of Peter O'Sullivan vs Wallowa county, in reference to the payment of taxes on a note could not agree and they were discharged.

In the state of Oregon vs Roberts, charged with receiving the stolen money the indictment was not sufficient and the court instructed the jury to bring in a verdict of not guilty.

Court will adjourn this afternoon until some time next week after Judge Eakin returns from Wallowa county.

COMMUNICATION

Newspaper controversy often results in an exchange of personalities by the contestants with no benefit to the reading public, but a little tilt with my old friend and "college chum," Ed Eckley, will be a sort of diversion even if nothing otherwise is gained.

In my explanation published in the Chronicle as to city printing, I said that criticism of public officials should be verified by the records.

We will apply this test to all the criticisms of Mr. Eckley and see where he stands.

First: On the question of creating the city official paper.

At the council meeting of Sept. 5, the mayor called the council's attention to the fact that a notice must be published in the official paper of the city for four times in order to acquire a lien for certain improvements. It developed that the weekly paper was the official paper and in order to publish four times it would take four weeks and then ten days was required after notice making in all 40 days, while the lien must be recorded before 30 days. In order to get out of the difficulty Dr. Richardson introduced a resolution making the only daily paper in the city the official paper. We would have lost for the city the right of lien had this not been done and something over \$200 could not have been collected.

Second: On the question of the Observer's bill being \$91.80 in one month as

a direct result of creating an official paper, these are the items:
For printing blank forms for city officers \$55.50
Treasurer's call for warrants 2.50
3 ordinances 15.00
Mayor's notice of city accounting 5.00
Notice of lien 13.80

that he was drowning. By this time Bohnenkamp had dropped his gun and was extending every effort to reach his comrade with the boat.

The last item is all that the law required to be published ten times in the official paper and this \$13.80 is added to the cost of the lien and is collected as a part of the delinquent tax, so the city is out really nothing as a result of creating an official paper. The job work for \$55.50 was done before official paper was created so the charge of the hurry up method of getting to the "city sack" falls to the ground. Mr. Eckley was offered this job work and refused to take it at any price.

Third: Now as to Mr. Eckley's method of getting to the "city sack." He has published ordinances and furnished envelopes and stationary for the city during several months past and has got his pay for ordinances for never less than 10 cents per line.

Fourth: Now about the charge of gag rule and midnight resolutions: The resolution in question came up under the head of "unfinished business" and the record shows that several resolutions, ordinances and motions were acted on after this matter was disposed of.

Since the present mayor has been in office every act that binds the city is disposed of in open council. No "star chamber" proceedings have ever been had and everything has gone into the record. Publicity has been our watch word and we have lived up to it.

Fifth: As to Mayor Stoddard's reputation for heading off grafts at Sumpter and his assumed neglect to do so in La Grande

In a municipal corporation all the powers and duties of officers are defined by laws and ordinances. If certain duties are assigned to the marshal, any other officer has no more right to perform those duties than has a private citizen. If certain duties are delegated to a committee of the council and the mayor should attempt to interfere he would be treated as a trespasser. City officials are very jealous of their rights, powers and duties.

At Sumpter I was not acting as mayor but as chairman of the finance committee and it was my duty to look after the printing and to pass upon the bills.

At Sumpter the paper that was getting six cents per line was well pleased with the price but the paper that was getting no city printing offered to publish for one and one quarter cents per line. This price was not legitimate bidding but a result of "cut throat" competition.

There is no evidence that the paper here which claims to have been cut out of the printing has ever offered to print for less than 10 cents per line and has never offered to put in a bid for less altho he was asked to do so.

Early in this term the mayor called on the publishers of both papers and talked this matter over about city printing.

Neither of said papers showed any disposition to cut the price below 10 cents per line. They both gave their reasons why they could not and their reasons seemed plausible to the mayor. I have talked the matter over with the members of the council on several occasions but no action was taken.

Seventh: And by way of conclusion I would ask Mr. Eckley or any other person who wishes to voice public sentiment to search the record and be sure of your facts before you open up any tirade or any criticism on the acts of public officials.

J. B. STODDARD.

A THRILLING ESCAPE

Chase Bohnenkamp and Litten Ivanhoe experienced an incident yesterday that will likely remain fresh in their memories for the rest of their lives.

The boys had gone to Morgan Lake on a hunting and fishing tour. On reaching the lake, they overhauled the boat and when about a hundred yards out, they noticed the effect of the overload.

Combined with a small leak the heavy stones in the boat caused the boat to lower gradually until the water suddenly began pouring into the boat. It was but a few seconds until the boys were floundering in the water. Before leaving the boat, the boys seized their guns, thinking the valuable arms could be saved too. The cold bath sharpened their wits and they were soon swimming shoreward.

Chase, who wore a heavy hunting coat loaded with ammunition tired first, and while looking for a straw to seize he noticed the boat had regained the surface, and accordingly, called to Litten to return to the boat. The latter refused however keeping bravely shoreward. While Chase was turning the water out of the boat, Litten was calling for assistance, realizing

that he was drowning. By this time Bohnenkamp had dropped his gun and was extending every effort to reach his comrade with the boat.

Pushing the boat and swimming by its side he finally reached Ivanhoe but not until the latter had been to the bottom twice. With more coolness of the head than the ordinary person would have exhibited the boys managed to swim to shore, aided by the boat, not-with-standing the fact that nearly half an hour had been spent in the icy waters of Morgan lake.

Even after the boys reached water of wading depth they nearly perished, for their limbs were stiff with numbness and their heavy clothing soaked with water. After stumbling and falling the distance to Frank Reed's house, they were soon revived by the prompt application of heat and stimulants.

F. S. Ivanhoe was notified of the boys' predicament and went to their rescue with dry clothes and a team to fetch them to this city.

Due to the care administered by Mrs. Read, the boys today are not even affected a cold, but a mention of their narrow escape, invariably causes a shudder to pass thru their nerves.

A COAL FAMINE IN LA GRANDE

That the coal situation in this city is becoming serious is shown in the following communication to the La Grande Commercial Club, with a view of soliciting their efforts in relieving the existing conditions.

THE COMMUNICATION

La Grande, Ore., Oct. 16, 1906
To the President and Board of Managers, of the La Grande Commercial Club:

I wish to call attention to the conditions of our city at the present time in regard to the supply of fuel. We have been unable to secure during the summer, coal in sufficient quantities to fill any number of orders for winter use and since the 15 of August we have not received a single car. We have orders on our books now to the amount of 200 tons with no prospect or promise of shipment before Nov. 1. The mines claim they cannot get cars until about that time. As wood is also very scarce, the situation is becoming serious. I would therefore ask your honorable body to use your influence with the Railroad company and the mines also to try and secure the immediate shipment of about 200 tons to relieve present wants.

G. E. FOWLER

Upon receipt of this communication the Board of managers met and instructed the president to write to the O. R. & N., urging that cars be immediately furnished. There has not been sufficient time to receive a reply.

A GREAT CHANGE

That ubiquitous individual, Mr. George H. Hines the assistant secretary and curator of the Oregon Historical Society and secretary of the Oregon Pioneer Association, made his appearance in La Grande last evening, and been very busy today in making notes about some of the early happenings in and about the city. He left Portland on the 12inst., visited the Hood River fruit fair and that evening went on to Walla Walla, where he spent three days in securing a lot of highly important data respecting the early history of that place, particularly with reference to the "first things" there as he made the acquaintance of Mr. Lewis McMorris, who has been a continuous resident since 1856. Mr. Hines also secured several thousand newspapers published in the Pacific Northwest, running back from the year 1900 to 1864, to add to the already large collection of fully 100,000 of Pacific coast papers which are in the custody of the Oregon Historical Society, and which in time will be bound indexed and thus made accessible to all who desire information about the numerous phases of human activity that have been and are being developed in this magnificent common wealth of Oregon.

Mr. Hines notices a very material change in the time when he was here first, fifty three years ago in August last, with a company of one hundred and sixty persons and thirty-six wagons drawn by ox teams.

'FRISCO VISITED BY A STORM

(Scripps News Association)

San Francisco Oct. 20.—A thirty-five gale blew over San Francisco this morning, knocking down the walls left standing by the fire last spring, burying a number of workmen, several of whom are killed. The lives of hundreds of persons on their way to work was endangered but no deaths are reported among this class.

A gang of twelve men who are clearing up the ruins of St. Patrick's church on Mission street near Third, had just gone to their work when the wind which had been blowing all night, increased in force, knocking down the thirty foot section of the forty foot wall left standing since the fire. The wall began to topple and gave warning thus allowing all excepting three to escape. The unfortunate three were buried under seven tons of brick. The fire department was called out and quickly removed the debris which covered the workmen. When the men were reached, one was dead and

another died soon after. The other is fatally injured. The wind that knocked over St. Patrick's church also leveled the wall of the Pacific Mutual Life building on Montgomery street. One man was killed there.

Altho there were a number of vessels that had a hard time in the bay, there were none that met with serious accidents. One tug hat was tied at the wharf was wrecked by a huge wall falling on it. Several men were on the tug at the time but none were fatally injured.

Two additional bodies have been taken from the ruins of the Pacific Mutual building making five total deaths. One man is probably fatally injured. Two of the dead are identified.

The wind has been blowing continually since the fire, causing clouds similar to sand storms, to blind the eyes of pedestrians continually. Yesterday it was impossible to see farther than a block.

RUSSIAN PEASANTS AS CIVIL SERVANTS

(Scripps News Association)

St. Petersburg, Oct. 20.—For the first time in Russian history peasants are to be allowed to become civil servants and enter the bureaucratic hierarchy. The law which comes into force today constitutes a most striking departure from the castiron regulations of an autocratic regime.

DEDICATION OF NEW JERSEY CHURCH

(Scripps News Association)

Patterson, N. J., Oct. 20.—The formal opening and dedication of the new Embury M. E. church at the corner of Madison and Eighteenth Avenues will take place tomorrow. The structure has an imposing appearance being built of pressed stone and furnished with elaborate stained glass windows.

WORLD'S PRESIDENT

(Scripps News Association)

Boston, Oct. 20.—The countess of Carlisle, president of the English branch, was today elected the world's president of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union.

BUYS DRIVING HORSE

Doctor F. E. Moore today purchased the large fine driving horse formerly owned by A. P. Sprague of Elgin. The animal's speed and soundness has been thoroughly tested by the doctor and he feels confident that he is now the owner of a splendid horse. The animal certainly is a desirable one.

OFF FOR UNION

This morning at six thirty twenty teachers of La Grande tumbled into a carry-all and left for Union where they will attend the teachers' institute that is being held there today. Several of the La Grande pedagogues have papers to read before the institute.

BUSINESS OF MOMENT

Full attendance requested tonight.
FRANK KILPATRICK, W. M.
No. 41 A. F. & A. M.

BACK FROM CONVENTION

Rev. W. H. Gibson returned this morning from Albany, Oregon, where he has in attendance on the Oregon Baptist State convention. He reports a most happy annual convention. There were 184 delegates in attendance besides many visitors and a most enthusiastic interest on the part of the Albany Baptist. The denomination has witnessed the largest growth in this state ever experienced in our year. The next annual meeting will be held in Salem Oct. 1907.

Pastor Gibson will meet his people at the regular service hours tomorrow.

ANOTHER STEEL BRIDGE

The county court yesterday awarded the contract for the construction of a seventy steel foot bridge across the state ditch on the Randall road. The contract price is \$2050.

CEMENT CELL ROOM

J. L. Mars is today cementing the cell room in the new city jail. There will be no prisoners digging thru the floor when he gets the coating of cement finished.

DIED

(Observer Special)
Hilgard, Oct. 20.—Chas. Baker, book-keeper for J. D. Casey, died here last night at 11.40.

Mr. Baker had been book-keeper and general office manager for J. D. Casey for the past ten or twelve years. For the past few years he had been afflicted with dropsy and last night succumbed to the disease. He was a native of Denmark, and other than that very little is known regarding his life prior to coming to Hilgard, so far as is known to have no family. It is thot by those who know him that he was about sixty years of age.

No funeral arrangements have been made at the time of going to press.

DIED

The infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Dan Ackley died last night of pneumonia.



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