

La Grande Evening Observer

BIG FLOOD THREATENS NORTHWEST

(Scripps News Association)
Seattle, Dec. 21.—The White, Green and Puget rivers have risen eight feet as a result of the rains and heavy snow on the mountains the last few days. Indications are that another flood will visit

the district between Seattle and Tacoma. Northern Pacific bridge traffic is being transferred on interurban lines.

JAPANESE SQUADRON

(Scripps News Association)
Vancouver, Dec. 21.—It was officially announced today that a training squadron consisting of the cruisers Itakushima, Haraidate, and the Matsushima, will leave Yokohama on January 1 and after sailing some time here will visit Seattle, Tacoma, and then proceed south to San Francisco.

BOTH WERE KILLED

(Scripps News Association)
Spokane, Dec. 21.—Engineer Geo. Hausbury and fireman Frank Shuppert were killed this morning in a freight collision in the Great Northern yards. Fireman Frank Howard may die and Engineer L. Hanson is badly hurt.

GRUESOME CRIME WAS COMMITTED

Riga, Rus., Dec. 21.—Ten terrorists were executed today. They were guilty of a series of robberies and bomb outrages. The murders have extended over a month.

IN HONOR OF FLAG

(Scripps News Association)
Washington, Dec. 21.—A bill has been prepared and will be presented to Congress as early as possible, dealing with the acquisition by the government of the Betsy Ross house in Philadelphia, where the first American flag was made. The Pittsburg chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution first took action in the matter, and, thanks to their efforts to preserve the historic landmark, the bill has been drafted.

PENDLETON IN DANGER

(Scripps News Association)
Pendleton, Dec. 12.—Floods for the third time this year have visited this section of Eastern Oregon. A large section of the O R & N track is out 20 miles east of here, blocking traffic. The Umatilla river is out of its banks and this city is threatened unless the water subsides.

STATE CONVENTION IN THIS CITY ADJOURNS

Entire Old State Re-elected—Judge Henry Qualifies as Vice President.

The last session of the Oregon Good Roads Association was taken up with business. At the annual election of officers, the former slate was re-elected, County Judge J. C. Henry, as county judge for Union county, is now one of the vice presidents of the organization. Besides the election of officers, the convention agreed to pass a resolution, asking the president to appoint a committee to wait on the coming session of the state

legislature in an effort to secure better laws. The fifth annual convention closed about four o'clock this evening and in every instance the members felt that something had been done which will prove of value to this county. Those who attended generally became inculcated with a spirit, which, if properly fostered by the newly organized local association, will terminate in something tangible in the way of highway improvement.

HICKS IS STILL A PRISONER

(Scripps News Association)
Bakersfield, Cal., Dec. 21.—Hicks is still imprisoned in the mine this morning and may not be reached today. The rescuers are encountering much difficulty in tunneling under the car.

REPORT OF MINE OFFICIALS
Los Angeles, Dec. 21.—The officials of the Edison Company, in whose tunnel Hicks is entombed, stated at 10 o'clock this morning that the man could not be rescued before noon. It was expected late last night that he would be reached by 7 o'clock this morning. Workmen are now cutting the rails from beneath the car under which Hicks is imprisoned.

EXCITEMENT IS INTENSE
Bakersfield, 11 a. m.—Still there has been no rescue of Hicks and the wonder of his remarkable vitality and will power grows. There was a report this morning that the miner had been rescued but at 11 o'clock the rescuing party are still hard at work. The reports from the mountain are conflicting. One is that he will be reached within the next hour, and others are more or less indefinite.

HICKS IS CONFIDENT
Hicks himself is confident of an early release. The failure to complete the rescue is keenly felt in this city. On the streets, in the homes and at the business houses, everything is laid aside for the discussion of the work on the mountain. Great preparations were made last night for celebrating the event of his rescue. Upon receipt of the news, whistles were to blow and cannons were to be fired. Enthusiastic men slept beside the sound producing instruments. The Newspaper office is swamped with inquiries, which are pouring into the city.

MAY TAKE ANOTHER DAY
Bakersfield, 1:30 p m.—At one thirty Hicks was still unrescued and it is believed that it will require another day to reach him.

LANDSLIDE AT NORTH FORK TODAY

Another landslide, similar to the one which delayed traffic on the O R & N for many hours last August, occurred last night at North Fork. When passenger No. 2 reached that point last evening a considerable slide had already covered the track but a few hours sufficed to remove the obstruction. Following the passenger but a few hours, came a freight and no sooner had the last car of that train passed the cut near North Fork that a monster slide came tumbling into the cut. For a distance of two hundred feet there is dirt and rocks piled to a height of five feet. West bound number 5 was late and when it reached Meacham the accident had already happened. All night and today that train has waited patiently on the east end of the slide, while this morning's east bound No. 6 has waited on the west end. Passenger No. 1 was held in La Grande nearly two hours this morning and at the end of that time went to North Fork where passengers and mail were transferred, returning to La Grande as No. six.

A TRUST SMASHED
(Scripps News Association)
Lincoln, Neb., Dec. 21.—The Supreme court today smashed the Nebraska Elevator and Grain Trust, by affirming the findings of the referee in the suit brought against the combine.

James Withycombe has returned to Corvallis after attending the convention here yesterday.

TO ENFORCE PAYMENT OF ROAD TAX

"Road tax should be a lien against the property of the man who owes it just as any other tax", declared County Commissioner W. F. Cropp last evening as he left for La Grande, to attend the Good Roads convention. "This is a hobby of mine, and I hope to see it introduced in the good roads bill to the next legislature. The proposition is this. Under the present system a great portion of the road tax is uncollected. If road tax was made a lien against the property of the man who owed it he would be forced to pay up, and the expense of the roads would be born proportionately among all men. "I haven't worked out the details of the scheme yet but I want it arranged that the road tax will appear upon the county books like any other tax. Then when the man pays his road tax he will get a receipt from the supervisor showing that he has done so. In this way the county will have a check on all road taxes paid. "After the man has the receipt he can take it to sheriff's office when he pays his taxes and present it there, getting credit on the receipt or he can if he desires pay the money to the tax collector who in turn will refund it to the road district. "As it is we have no way of forcing men to bear this tax, and we have no check upon the payment of the sum to the commissioners. With a proper bill the county roads would profit greatly by some method to enforce this collection. "I expect when at La Grande to urge this matter and hope to get it included in the draft bill to be presented to the legislature."—Baker City Herald.

For  Xmas
Firelight Glows

BUT a short time, and then—Christmas Eve—when children's fingers, stiff and trembling with excitement and anticipation, will hang the little stockings—dear little, thin little stockings that lose their identity, and are glorified by the part they are to play in bringing joy to the children.



HAVE YOU FORGOTTEN ANYTHING?

Even if your Christmas list IS completely checked off, don't you think of some other child whose heart will beat more happily if an unexpected gift makes bright the gray of Christmas morning? The tiniest gift becomes great and wonderful then. It need not cost but a trifling sum—and **MONDAY IS THE LAST DAY** isn't there another friend whom you've forgotten—some one to whom a remembrance will bring pleasant thoughts of days that are past? The gift need not be costly—and **MONDAY IS THE LAST DAY**

IT WILL BE A BUSY TIME AT OUR STORE

For two reasons—Because prices on Christmas goods have dropped—there are thousand of delightful "gift things" here that will be sold for less than you'll find them elsewhere—and **MONDAY IS THE LAST DAY**. The spirit of Christmas is in the air. Christmas gifts will cost little and Christmas Eve is at hand

WE HOPE YOU'LL COME BRING THE CHILDREN, YOU ARE WELCOME

The Fair
THE PLACE TO SAVE MONEY



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MOTHER IS TO ACCOUNT FOR CRIME

(Scripps News Association)
Dayton O., Dec. 21.—Collins Gilman a brother and Mrs. Gilman, mother of the murdered girl Dona Gilman were arrested and held by the grand jury today as being accessories to the crime.

COMMISSIONERS INVESTIGATING
(Scripps News Association)
Chicago, Dec 21.—The Inter State Commissioners, Lane and Harlan are in session, investigating the congestion of traffic. Many shippers accuse the roads of discriminating.

EVERY HOUR COUNTS NOW

- Toilet Cases
- Books
- Perfumes
- Fancy Stationery
- Shaving Sets
- Fine Brushes
- Leather Goods
- Fine Cigars
- Confectionery, etc.

Our stock of desirable holiday gifts has proved attractive to those who realize that Christmas good will is no excuse for extravagance and that a satisfactory saving can be made on anything we supply. Our stock is heavy at all times, unusually heavy now but it is probable that at the very last assortment will be somewhat broken.

Hence every hour will count. In fine Toilet Articles, Mirrors, and like sensible articles of every day usefulness there is no danger of our stock being exhausted. You will be able to find what you want to the last hour and minute—or after Christmas for that matter.

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