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GIGANTIC ICE GORGE

(Scripps News Association)
Hoover, Wash., Jan. 21—A terrific ice gorge is sweeping down the Columbia. It has swept away the Malta Hoover, a local steamer and the ferry boat Eleanor is several miles down stream, lodged against an island. The ferry at Umatilla Rapids, is lost. The ice is thirty feet high and reaches from bank to bank. It is many miles long and is growing in size every hour.

HIGGINS VERY LOW

(Scripps News Association)
Olean, N. Y., Jan. 21—Ex-Governor Higgins is lower than yesterday and growing weaker rapidly. It is likely he will die any hour.

EAKIN NOT ON BENCH

Supreme Justice Eakin did not sit on the bench during the arguments of J. W. Groesbeck appellant vs N. O. Groesbeck et al respondents, at Salem January 17 because he had heard the case in the lower courts as district judge. Justices Moore and Bean listened to C. E. Cochran, for the appellant and J. W. Knowles for the respondents. They have taken the arguments under advisement and will render a decision soon.

SHOULD BE STOPPED

Sport is sport but the snowballing brigade certainly went to the limit last night. Those who were enjoying the fine sleighing last evening were subject to a fierce bombardment from the fifty or more who stationed themselves at the intersection of Jefferson and Depot streets. Two persons were hurt quite badly and the wonder is that more were not. The proper authorities should not permit another such utter disregard for the rights of the people.

MARRIED

Antone End, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jacob End of Summerville, was married a few weeks ago to Miss Aitchison of Waitsburg, Washington. The many friends of the young man in this valley extend their best wishes to the young people.

SENATORIAL QUESTIONS TOMORROW

The legislature is again in session, after a recess of five days, and tomorrow, if all goes well, the present session will establish an unknown precedent. The second Tuesday after assembly has always been the beginning of a long fight for senatorial appointments, and in most every case, during the history of Oregon, neither house was able to give any one man a majority. This necessitated a joint session. History tells us that time and time again has the sergeant at arms in the senate, led his crowd of solons from the senate chambers to the lower house that they might jointly vote. In many instances this balloting continued until far into the night of the last day of the session. But tomorrow, according to all indications, Fournie and Mulkey will be elected on the first ballot. Thus will a new precedent be established.

KILLING ICE HOUSE

The O. R. & N. Co. filling their large icehouse in this city with large square cakes cut from their pond at North Powder. The company during the year uses many thousand tons.

A NEW MACHINE

The Grande Rond Lumber Company today received a large new combination machine, being an iron planer, lathe and drill. It will be placed into their machine shops.

TWO QUARANTINES

The residences of E. Christofferson and J. J. Cornwall have been quarantine late this afternoon. In the former instance, the contagious disease is small pox, and in the latter scarlet fever.

WELL, BUT NO ARTESIAN

The company that is finding an artesian well in the railroad yards, has reached a depth of 250 feet. At present the drill is working in a thick stratum of clay, and the men feel confident that they will find much water underneath this particular stratum. However, it is not likely that the supply will be of a flowing nature.

Two hundred feet more of ten-inch casing for the artesian well, arrived this morning.

TAKE JAPS TO WOODS

Thirty Japs left this morning for Kaseola where they will cut wood in the timbers in that region. Lack of labor is one of the causes of wood shortage, and this crew of men will be able to cut much fuel.

AT CORVALLIS

(Observer Special)
O. A. C. Corvallis, Oregon, January 19
Last evening in one of the hardest fought and fastest games ever played upon the home floor the O. A. C. Basketball girls won over the Chemawa Indian girls by a score of 12 to 11.

Last Saturday (Jan. 12) our girls won over the girls team from Willamette University by a score of 18 to 7. So far this season the girls have been undefeated.

There are now about seventy-five boys in training for the annual cross-country run. The primaries will be run the 22 of February, and the final about three weeks later.

Mr. M. Reynolds has been confined to his room for the past few days with La Grippe but is now able to be out.

The thermometer registered 10 below once this week. Colder than it has been here for about fifteen years.

The annual Freshmen party was called off this evening. The Sophs behaved quite well and the Freshmen all report a fine time.

O. A. C. ANNUAL

The junior class of the O. A. C. is making arrangements to establish the system of issuing an annual in the college. Whether or not following junior classes will adhere to this practice for many years in vogue in nearly every college in the country, remains to be seen, but the present class of juniors will do so and by June first the publication will be ready for distribution. It will be compiled on the plan of all annuals. The editor in chief, J. G. Schroeder, the business manager H. E. Cooke and his assistants, R. E. Reynolds of La Grande and Cleo Johnson have mailed personal letters to each alumnus of the school asking for subscriptions to the initial publication. Those desiring copies should inform either of the above named officers.

COAL SUPPLY BETTER

The coal supply in La Grande railroad chutes is slowly increasing and while the supply is limited, there is no danger of immediate freight train congestions on this account. At Kamela and Pleasant Valley, the situation has improved during the last three days.

THOMAS WILLIAMS IMPROVING

Thomas Williams, who has been seriously ill for several weeks, is improving and is able to leave his bed occasionally.

CHAOS AND DISORDER IN KINGSTON

(Scripps News Association)
Washington, Jan. 21—President Roosevelt and his advisors Taft and Bacon, are in conference today over the Swettenham-Davis incident. When Vice Admiral Davis went to Kingston with assistance Governor Swettenham ordered them off the island.

Tourists arrived today on the steamer "aker" and expressed no surprise at Swettenham's action in ordering the Davis sailors off the island. One of the tourists, who was in Kingston during the quake said "It is just what I would expect of the governor. I saw him strutting about in jack boots the very picture of absurdity. Americans are doing more than the stupid governor's forces to right things over there."

Washington, Jan. 21—It is officially announced that this government will not ask England, who rules over Jamaica, to punish Governor Swettenham.

Kingston Jan. 21—Disorder chaos and discontent is rife. Governor Swettenham and mayor Kingston are at loggerheads. Everybody is expressing the opinion that the governor made a mess of the situation and an ass of himself by ordering the American troops off the islands.

A number of small rum shops are opened secretly and negroes are causing much trouble. Lady Swettenham is the angel of the stricken city. She is constantly at work directing nurses and aiding the injured, and has scarcely slept since the disaster.

Boston Jan. 21—The United Fruit Company's steamer Admira Sampson arrived this morning with twenty-five Americans who escaped death at Kingston.

ROTHCHILD ALL THERE

There is but little deferentiate Salem from any other city the last of the week just past, according to Attorney C. E. Cochran, who returned from the state capitol this morning.

"On Tuesday," the attorney said, "The solons went home and the city was exceedingly quiet. About the only thing that bordered on legislation, was the noise and clamor made by a delegation from the Hood River valley, which is in Salem, with a long petition and much enthusiasm. County division is all that this delegation will converse on. They want to break away from Wasco county, and have platted out a section comprising the Hood River valley to constitute the new county and Hood River is to be the county seat. The Cascades is what it will be called should the measure pass the legislature."

There appears to be a logical reason for this division because The Dalles, the county seat of Wasco county, is separated by a line of hills and Hood River people cannot drive to their county seat.

Representatives of that district, however, are not so much interested in county division as they are in many other things, and the delegation that is lobbying in Salem finds it hard to get a representative to introduce their resolution.

In replying to a question as to how Herman Rothchild, the lone Democrat in the house, and the representative from this county, is conducting himself, Mr. Cochran said, "Mr. Rothchild is fully equal to the occasion, and while many taunts are hurled at him for his unity, he generally gets back. To paraphrase a remark made by the German to a crowd of listeners in the capital corridors, if there is one thing Mr. Rothchild was sent to Salem for, aside from serving on the forty or more committees, it is to keep the Unionites unionized."

QUARTERLY CONFERENCE SATURDAY

Quarterly conference will be held in the Methodist church next Saturday evening. At the meeting quarterly reports from each department of the church will be read. The following day the presiding elder will deliver the conference sermon.

S. P. SPECIAL THRU

Last Saturday evening a Southern Pacific special passed thru La Grande on its way to Portland. The train consisted of a chair car, observation, sleeper and a diner. It is rumored that the party the train carried were politicians.

DISTRICT LIBRARY

During the past few days attorneys of Eastern Oregon have signed a petition to establish a state library in Pendleton. This is perfectly proper, but one of La Grande's leading attorneys, and his views have been endorsed by several other attorneys, today suggested, that the legislature appropriate a sum for placing a library in each judicial district. At present when a case is being tried in the circuit court, there is not a library of creditable size for the attorneys to have access to without going to their respective libraries. This attorney stated that by taking an inventory, as it were, of all the law libraries, a list could be made out to contain such as are not found in the libraries of La Grande's lawyers. Then our attorneys would, in a measure, have facilities equal to those now doing business in the state capitol where the supreme court library is at their disposal. In this library should be the Oregon reports, the legislative laws from the beginning down, and other collections for reference. Should such an appropriation be made, not only attorneys who have offices in this city, but those coming here from other cities to hold trials, could have within arm's reach, a series of references

THREE FEET OF SNOW

After having hauled his load of wood from a point six miles back in the hills, a wood hauler, pulled up on Adams avenue this morning and waited for a buyer. He didn't wait long. He reported that snow to the extent of nearly three feet, covers the mountain and wood haulers are experiencing trouble when once they get off the beaten trail.

MINERS IN DEMAND

The Union Pacific mines, which supply the coal for the O. R. & N. trains, are advertising for 600 miners and it seems impossible to secure enough men to operate several of the largest mines on the system.

SENATE DOORS CLOSED

(Scripps News Association)
Washington, Jan. 21—The doors of the senate were closed this afternoon on a motion by Senator Tillman to prevent a personal encounter between Senators Carmack and Tillman. Carmack charged Tillman with ridiculing him and without provocation.

Averting to Tillman's reference to Carmack's defeat for reelection Carmack grew insulting. The two were standing close to each other, and were getting excited when the doors were closed.

THAW ARRAIGNED

(Scripps News Association)
New York, Jan. 21—Manacled to a prison guard, Thaw was taken to the court building today. His arraignment was purely formal. It is reported that the plea will be temporary insanity, but the plea will not be made today and there is a possibility of postponement beyond tomorrow. District Attorney Jerome thinks the trial will be a short one as the circumstances all point to cool deliberate murder, and can be easily proven. A great throng crowded the court building to get a glimpse of the noted Thaw. The streets were filled as the prisoner passed over the Bridge of Sighs.

J. R. Laramore of the Summerville section was in La Grande today.

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