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A FLASH FROM MANILA GIVES MEAGRE DETAILS OF AWFUL CYCLONE

LA GRANDE TO HAVE A BRICK AND TILE PLANT

Geo. Krieger returned Saturday morning from Portland where he went to purchase new modern machinery for the manufacture of brick and tile, which will be in about two weeks. When completed this will give La Grande one of the most up-to-date and best equipped brick and tile plants in the Northwest.

The capacity of the plant will be 70,000 brick daily but during the early part of season the output will be 40,000 and from 50 to 70 men will be employed. Electric power will be used, a sixty horse power motor being part of the equipment.

The present yards will be reconstructed and the total cost of the new plant will exceed \$12,000.

Mr. Krieger sold 2,000,000 last year and could have sold more, and would have made more, but like all branches of industry it was impossible to secure the necessary labor. This season he will not make less than 4,000,000 and expects to have the first kiln ready for market in about eight weeks.

The manufacture of tile is something new in this section of the state but there has been quite a demand from the farmers of the foothills around the valley for tile in order that these rich lands could be scientifically drained. This demand will also come from the higher lands as irrigation increases. With the new plant tile can be made in sizes from 4 to 12 inches in diameter.

Mr. Krieger has one of the finest bodies of material in the Northwest and his better grades of brick have been in demand in the past from many points in Eastern Oregon and Idaho. With his new plant he will make three kinds of pressed brick for business fronts and with his excellent facilities for shipping, having a side track running into the yards, will

cater to business in Wallowa county, Pendleton, Baker City and Idaho points.

The manufacture of brick is nothing new to Mr. Krieger. He has been actively engaged in this line of work for the past 23 years, having learned his trade at Ottawa, Ohio and for the past 18 years has been making brick in this city. He has great faith in the growth of La Grande and of this section of the Northwest and is enlarging and modernizing his plant to keep abreast with the general development. Thus La Grande is to become the brick and tile center of a large territory.

TO ABANDON WHALING

(Scripps News Association)
Dundee, Scotland, Feb. 25.—Owing to the failure of the whaling industry in the Arctic the Dundee Whaling Co. the largest of its kind in the world, at its annual meeting today decided to abandon the work and wind up the company. Whaling in the Arctic is now practically a lost calling. In 1815 there were 164 British vessels engaged in the industry and a bounty was allowed on all oil and whalebone brought into a British port. Ten years ago four hundred whales would be considered a fair take for the season but last year the combined fleet only took seven.

IN MEMORY OF RIXEY

(Scripps News Association)
Washington, D. C., Feb. 25.—The House set aside an hour this morning for exercises in memory of Representative John F. Rixey of Virginia. Eulogies on the life, character and public services of the dead Congressman were delivered by a number of the best known speakers of the House, coming from both sides of the political aisle.

NATIVES OF PHILIPPINES DESTROYED BY CYCLONE

(Scripps News Association)
Manila, Feb. 25.—Two hundred are killed and a thousand rendered homeless as a result of a cyclone which struck the Southern points of the Philippine Islands.

GIANTS GO TO CALIFORNIA

(Scripps News Association)
Chicago, Feb. 25.—Members of the New York National League team are rounding up in Chicago preparatory to starting for the "land of the setting sun" to get into condition for the pennant race of 1907.

According to schedule the work of training will begin in Los Angeles before the first of next week. Three weeks will be spent in California and then the Giant will travel home by easy stages lingering in Texas Louisiana Alabama and other points of the South to meet various league teams before the opening of the playing season.

ELECTROCUTED

(Scripps News Association)
Ossining, N. Y., Feb. 25.—George Granger was electrocuted this morning for the murder of Charles Lutz. The crime was committed to get money which to go on the stage. After the conviction of Granger he became a confessed Christian Scientist. He said before taking the chair, "Electrocution is the nearest transition to the higher realms."

LONGFELLOW CENTENNIAL

(Scripps News Association)
New York, Feb. 25.—The Brooklyn Institute has completed elaborate preparations for a celebration to be held under its auspices this evening in honor of the one hundred anniversary of the birth of the poet, Henry Wadsworth Longfellow. The centennial address will be delivered by Prof. Bliss Perry of Harvard University.

Communications are interrupted and details are meagre. Further details not procurable because of disabled telegraph service east and west of La Grande.

EVELYN IS EXAMINED AGAIN TODAY

New York, Feb. 25.—It was persistently rumored this morning before the Thaw case was called, that District Attorney Jerome would ask for a lunacy commission before the day was over. It is stated that Jerome had so said this morning. Evelyn entered with a springy step, apparently nerved to complete the fight. She was immediately called to the stand. The prosecutor began asking questions about the supposed trouble the witness had experienced with her mother while the two living at Allegheny. The witness denied the story. He questioned her about the fund that had been maintained in the bank for her, also of her acquaintance with Frances Belmont and the present lady Ashburton.

Then the questioning drifted to the parties which Evelyn had attended. "How long were you in the Flora Dora company?" asked the prosecutor next. "I think from the summer of nineteen one to January of nineteen two." "How long were you out of a position after that?"

"I don't remember. Mother and I went to Philadelphia."

Jerome seemed anxious to establish the date of securing the next place where they lived and the circumstances surrounding the weekly payments made by White to the account of Evelyn Nesbitt.

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HARRIMAN KING OF RAILROADERS 59 YEARS OLD

(Scripps News Association)
New York, Feb. 25.—Did the Interstate Commerce Commission mean to hand Edward Henry Harriman a lemon when it fixed upon today as the date for resuming its investigation into the financial operations of the Harriman railroad interests? But perhaps the I. C. C. did not know that today was Mr. Harriman's birthday.

It was just fifty-nine years ago, on February 25, 1848, that the man who now controls over 25,000 miles of railroad with a total capitalization of over \$1,700,000,000, first saw the light of day in the rectory of a little church at Hempstead, L. I., where his father was an Episcopal minister.

Young Harriman entered Wall Street as a clerk in the sixties. In 1870, when 32 years of age, he was able to buy a seat on the New York Stock Exchange. In 1885 he came actively into the railroad field. In 1887 he became vice-president of the Illinois Central railroad. The year 1907 finds him in control not only of the Illinois Central but the Union Pacific, Southern Pacific, Baltimore & Ohio, Chicago & Alton, and Kansas City Southern.

And now the Interstate Commerce Commission purposes to find out how he did it. It has already conducted hearings in Chicago and on the Pacific coast relative to the traffic and operating departments of the Harriman roads. Today the hearing was resumed in this city with special reference to the financial methods of the Harriman corporations.

It is expected that the commission will sit continuously here until the investigation is over. The examination of Mr. Harriman is to be the first feature on the programme. When his testimony has been obtained that of Jacob H. Schiff, D. Ogden Mills, William Rockefeller and other big financiers will be sought. Several of those whose testimony is desired are in Europe and it is thought quite likely that they will find it convenient to remain abroad until the investigation is concluded. Prominent among the absentees are James Stillman and Charles A. Peabody, president of the Mutual Life Insurance Company and a director in both the Union Pacific and Illinois Central railroads. H. H. Rogers and Henry C. Frick probably will be called upon to tell what they know regarding the Harriman system of finance. President Winchell of the Rock Island, President Felton of the Alton and a number of other railroad executives are also slated to take the stand as witnesses.

New York Feb 25.—Harriman was the first witness before the interstate commerce commission which is investigating the operation of the Pacific railroads, this morning and explained in detail how he secured the control of the Union Northern and Southern Pacific and a half dozen other great lines. The story is one of the most gigantic stock speculations in the history of finance.

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SUB-TREASURY ROBBED OF AN ENORMOUS SUM

Chicago, Feb. 25.—It is announced that the amount which was stolen from the United States sub-treasury, is a hundred and fifty-three thousand, while later reports place the figure at 175,000. The mutilated bills had been sent in by banks for redemption. It is believed that the officers have secured information which is sufficient to make several arrests, likely within the next twenty-four hours. Suspicion has narrowed to a few clerks

and two outsiders, some of the suspects being women. The money never got into vaults but stopped at the teller's cage, according to tracings made by detectives. It has been the custom that money lost on the floor would be returned by scrub women.

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CATTLE PERISHING IN MONTANA

Virginia City, Mont., Feb. 25.—Thousands of cattle have perished during the recent blizzard in the northern part of this state. Of a herd of 1500 belonging to J. C. Fields, of Great Falls, not one escaped. The losses are enormous.

BOISE HAS VISIONS OF MAIN LINE

Boise, Feb. 25.—Oregon Short Line surveyors are now at work at Orchard, 25 miles east of here, and it is thought the company is getting ready to run its main line through Boise.

FIRE TAKES HAY SHED

Fire broke out last night, in the hay shed owned by the Lewis Brothers immediately adjoining the oil tanks near the O. R. & N. This building was saved from destruction last summer when the entire retail business of the Lewis Brothers was destroyed, and has been used as a hay shed since then. Both companies were out last night but the hay within the structure had become thoroughly ablaze, and there was nothing the fire department could do but to save adjoining property. The structure and contents were completely consumed.

For the first time in some time, the barn was full, about twenty tons of hay being stored there. This represents a loss of \$525.00.

BELIEVES IN DRY FARMING

M. S. Bond, the veteran dry farmer, and semi-irrigationist, who believes in utilizing every possible adjunct of nature, says that this will be one of the exceptionally profitable prosperous seasons of Baker county. He did not wait for spring plowing, but did his summer fallowing last year.

A moderate amount of irrigation in conjunction with the Campbell dry farming method, Mr. Bond says, will make the acres in Baker, produce thousands of bushels.—Baker City Democrat

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