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A TERRIBLE DEVASTATION IN MONTANA

MAN LOSES LIFE WHILE WORKING ABOVE DAM.

Haystacks and Stock Carried Away by Terrible Floods Which Follow the Breaking of Hauser Dam—Towns Covered With Water in Many Instances—Butte Feels its Effects—Town of Craig 25 Feet Under Water—Great Destruction of Property Over a Large Area.

Helena, Mont., April 15.—Dispatches received from Cascade early this morning say that the flood occasioned by the breaking of the dam at Hauser lake yesterday, is doing great damage, sweeping everything before it and driving the people in panic to the hills. The surface is dotted with haystacks, livestock and every other thing that could be moved by the rushing waters.

One report just received here is that the big steel bridge at that point is doomed to be destroyed, and that nothing short of an act of Providence can save the lower sections of Great Falls from being engulfed.

Similar conditions prevail along the river towns of northern Montana. Reports from Craig, in Lewis and Clark county, 46 miles north of Helena, say that the town is under 25 feet of water. Inhabitants numbering 400 fled to the hills, where they remained all night.

Estimates place the loss at Hauser lake at \$500,000. The loss of cattle and sheep will be very heavy.

It was learned this morning that the power house at the dam escaped destruction. Water tore away a portion of the dam 300 feet long, releasing a wall of water 70 feet high, and draining a lake covering 22 square miles.

Great Falls Doomed.

Butte, April 15.—With a wall of

water rushing on towards Great Falls, apparently the only thing that can save the city is the blowing up of the Great Falls dam. This is being considered by engineers this afternoon. The crest of the flood will reach here at 4 this afternoon. The water at Craig, 60 miles north of here, is now 25 feet above the normal, and it is thought that the town of Cascade and other mining towns are under water. All communication is cut off between Helena and Great Falls.

A man was drowned at Great Falls today while taking soundings above the dam.

Primarys in Memphis. Memphis, Tenn., April 15.—Democratic primarys are being held this afternoon in Memphis and throughout Shelby county for the nomination of candidates for county offices. Nomination is usually equivalent to election.

CHICAGO NOT SUITABLE CITY

CHAIRMAN NEW FINDS FAULT WITH PREPARATION

Chairman New of the National Republican Committee, Scores Chicago for its Lethargy in Preparation for Coming National Convention—No Room Suitably Large to Accommodate the Delegates—Other Cities Better Equipped for it.

Chicago, April 15.—Chairman Harry New, of the republican national committee, gave vent to his feelings today when he criticized Chicago for its convention failures.

"Chicago should have never been given the convention," he said. "There are several other cities in the country that could have given us better facilities. Chicago promised us room for 14,000 people. I will give a cash bonus to any man who can seat more than 11,000 people in the Coliseum, which is the best building here. I am sorry Chicago got the convention."

A NEW SCHOOL TO BE ORGANIZED

ROOSEVELT TO HEAD A HEAVILY ENDOWED SCHOOL.

Correspondent of Portland Journal Says That Carnegie Has Offered to Endow a National University and President Roosevelt is to Be its Head—To Be Organized After a Year of Travel Abroad—\$25,000,000 Promised.

Portland, Ore., April 15.—President Roosevelt as the chancellor of a great national university, endowed by Andrew Carnegie for \$25,000,000, is the future predicted for him by a correspondent of the Evening Journal in a Washington special dispatch today. He declares that the information was given out by one whose position is such as to give it great weight.

The correspondent said that Secretary Elihu Root prevailed upon Mr. Carnegie to make the endowment. The plan is that the president shall travel a year abroad, and then return and organize the university.

Sale of Public Lands.

Pierre, S. D., April 15.—A sale of South Dakota public lands will be commenced tomorrow in Beadle county and will be continued in 14 other counties. In all but three of the counties, the offerings consist of state school lands. The sale is undertaken under a legislative provision by which the state land board is required annually to offer not less than 50,000 acres of state land for sale, until a certain stated portion of such lands is disposed of.

Taft Gets Two More.

Somerville, Mass., April 15.—Taft will probably get two more delegates in the national convention through the action of the Eighth district convention here today. The Taft candidates are opposed by "unpledged" delegates, but the former will likely be successful.

STOCK SHOW IS VERY POPULAR

SATURDAY WILL BE BANNER DAY HERE.

No Longer Any Doubt of the Success of Stock Show and Market Day for La Grande—Local Business Men Meeting With Success From Every Point—Expect 75 Horses in the Parade—Something Really Great in Store for the City.

All over the Grande Ronde valley, farmers and stockraisers are taking exceptional interest in the stock show and market day, which is to take place here Saturday, under local management. It is the conservative belief of the business men who are behind the project, that 75 blooded animals will be in the parade, which is to traverse the principal streets and avenues of the city in a spectacular manner Saturday afternoon. A committee appointed by the promoters to secure horses and stock for the parade, have been out in the Union-Cove section of the valley and were extremely successful. The Elgin, Alice, Summerville and Imbler sections are being visited by Messrs. O. A. Coffin and M. H. Kirtley today. Ranchers are signing promises to have their livestock here, without coaxing. They are enthusiastic over the event.

At a meeting tonight of La Grande business men, the details of the parade will be formulated. Aside from the array of horses that will pass in review will of course be the La Grande band. Effort is being made to have a large list of lady riders entered. Civic bodies will be asked to participate, and if all these plans mature, which they should, the city of La Grande will see one of the greatest horse shows of eastern Oregon.

Market Day Afterwards.

The parade is set for the afternoon to give the farmers from outlying districts time to get here with their entries. Immediately afterward the big parade comes the Market day sales. This, too, will be conducted by local promoters—hence the money stays at home.

There has been much more interest manifested since La Grande business men took hold of the event. The merchants are preparing for a banner day on next Saturday and the thousands who are expected to visit the city from the valley points, will, of course, do their week's shopping on that day.

landed at Spreckles' wharf at noon. As the boats, towed by three tugs, landed load after load of the men, their blue uniforms lending brilliancy and color to the scene, the watching crowds cheered wildly. At 2:30 p. m. the procession began to move. Again the crowds cheered madly as the boys in blue, veterans and a regiment of the California National Guard stepped along with martial air. The loud crash of the many bands, the roll of the drum corps and the constant collecting applause stirred the blood of the most torpid witness of the day's events.

Filled to Overflowing. San Diego, Cal., April 15.—Unable to find sleeping accommodations, nearly 300 sailors from the battleship fleet, who had been granted shore leave, were compelled to tramp the streets all night.

The headquarters of the committee (Continued on page 3.)

JOHNSON WARMS UP CONSIDERABLY

MINNESOTA'S EXECUTIVE ENTERS FIGHT TO FINISH.

Angered by Statement of Bryan's Manager That John A. Johnson's Candidacy on the Democratic Ticket is Impertinent, the Norwegian Waxer Warm and Starts Out on a Dignified But Determined Fight to Down the Commoner.

Chicago, April 15.—"I don't think my candidacy is impertinent. It's not of my seeking, but now that I am in, I am going to make a determined but dignified fight for the nomination to the presidency on the democratic ticket."

Stirred by literature sent out by Willis J. Abbott, W. J. Bryan's representative at Washington, which intimated that Johnson of Minnesota, was an interloper and that his candidacy was impertinent, Johnson today removed his candidacy from the passive stage and declared himself in the above terms.

"I did not become a candidate until my friends and democrats all over the country insisted, and even now I think that they could have chosen more wisely, but now that I am in the matter, I am not going to run away. My presence in the field is hardly impertinent, as I see it."

Confederate Monument.

Atlanta, Ga., April 15.—Final arrangements have been completed for the unveiling at Eatonton of one of the handsomest monuments ever erected to the memory of Confederates in the south. The monument is surrounded by a figure of a soldier in Confederate uniform made by an Italian sculptor. One side of the monument is dedicated to southern soldiers, living and dead, and the other to the women of the south. Funds for the erection of the shaft were collected by the Daughters of the Confederacy.

MASS MEETING ARRANGED FOR

TO BE CALLED SOME TIME EARLY NEXT WEEK.

When a Real Live Commercial Club is to Be Organized for Commercial Purposes Only—Our Business Men Have Been Interviewed—They Are Enthusiastic—This Will Mean More People and More Payrolls.

Early next week will see the formation of the reorganized Commercial club, organized with the express purpose of fostering the business interests of this city and county. At a meeting of the board of directors of the Commercial club last night several plans were discussed by that body and it was finally decided to call a mass meeting early next week of the business men, and perfect an organization. T. J. Ormond today has been interviewing a number of our business men and every one is enthusiastic, and will respond. It was thought at first to have the meeting this week, but owing to the fact that the primary election is to be held Friday that early next week would be better.

There is no disguising the fact that for the past two years it has been uphill work to keep the old organization going, which combined athletic and commercial matters, and as a result both were neglected. Now we are to have two separate organizations: an athletic club, pure and simple, and a commercial club exclusively. Both organizations will be strong and will cover the field for which they are intended.

Those who are conversant with existing conditions know that eastern Oregon is not keeping up with the western portion of the state. Eugene, Roseburg, Albany, McMinnville, Coos Bay and other places have raised large sums of money during the past year for advertising purposes, and as a result of this effort are now reaping the harvest. That portion of the state is today receiving more than two-thirds of the population that is now coming into the state. Eugene and Lane county raised over \$12,000. Albany, Medford, McMinnville and other places have raised all the way from \$2500 to \$7500. Those who know the actual facts realize that these localities named have no advantages over the Grande Ronde valley or eastern Oregon. It is but concerted energy put forth in the right direction. Our soil produces more; we are closer to the markets of the world; on a direct trans-continental line. Everything is in our favor. It is simply another illustration of going out to get the business. The people of the east are coming west; you can't head them off, but they can be directed. This feature is only one of the functions of a good live commercial club. Does a single reader of this paper have any doubts whatever but that from 50 to 75 bus-

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Some Thoughts on EASTER

April 10, 1908, is a day that will be looked forward to with great anticipation by thousands. Why? Because it is Easter Sunday, the day that marks the formal opening of Spring. It is then we put on our "best bib and tucker" and march forth in gladsome attire. A common text for ministers on this occasion is: "Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these." Of course, reference is not made to members of the congregation, but the application would not be at all amiss.

A PETERS SHOE WILL ADD CHEER AND TONE TO YOUR NEW EASTER OUTFIT.

NOW LISTEN CAREFULLY

No matter how elegantly you are clad; how perfect your suit or dress fits; how becoming your hat is, your attire is not complete without a pair of PETERS' DIAMOND BRAND SHOES.

Why? Because they combine Shapeliness, Style, Character Fit and Comfort. Our Spring stock is in and looks better than ever before. We want an opportunity to demonstrate to the most critical that we can satisfy them beyond their fondest expectation.

MISSIE'S OXFORDS \$1.75 to \$3.00
LADIES' OXFORDS \$2.50 to \$4.50
MEN'S OXFORDS \$3.00 to \$5.00

IT ISN'T LONG TILL EASTER A GOOD IDEA BEGINS TO PREPARE NOW.

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FIRST OF ITS KIND ON PACIFIC COAST.

Tremendous Crowds Shout Joyful Applause as Columns of Marine Soldiers and Militia Traverse the Thoroughfares of San Diego—Nothing Similar in Point of Enthusiasm Since the Late War—Thousands See Crew Make Their First Landing.

San Diego, April 15.—San Diego is navy mad. Not since the days of the Spanish war has there been such a tremendous outburst of patriotic enthusiasm. Until "good night" was flashed from the ships, thousands of men and women crowded the shores of the Coronado with strained eyes, looking at the brilliantly lighted vessels that heaved and tossed in the offing.

Throughout the night, in cafes and on the street, men gathered together to talk of wars and ships and fighting men. Before the gray haze of morning had been dissipated by a flood of golden sunlight, the streets were thronged with surging crowds, all headed toward Coronado to witness the landing of the bluejackets and marines for the great parade.

Under command of Captain Schroeder of the battleship Virginia, the brigade with full regiments of marines,

IT OUGHT TO BE THE HAPPINESS AND GLORY of every citizen to so live and act that his fellow citizens will esteem him for his goodness, his kindness, and his usefulness. The principles of good citizenship should constitute the code of rules for every kind of business whether public or private.

This applies particularly to the drug business, because, owing to the limited knowledge of the qualities of drugs by the general public, it follows that the reliability of the druggist is the chief guarantee of good service.

HILL'S DRUG STORE

La Grande Oregon