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COLD GALES RAGE IN MIDDLEWEST

PACIFIC NORTHWEST IS IN GRIP OF WIND STORM.

Zero Weather in Minnesota—Denver Center of Another Big Storm—Portland Cut Off From Outside World for a Time Today—La Grande Office Idle for Two Hours—Terrific Wind Storms Cripple Telegraph Wires in the Large Area.

Denver, Jan. 29.—A great gale is still raging in the western plains east of here. All wires between Denver and Ogden and the east are down under the weight of heavy sleet. The storm extends from North Dakota to northern Texas. Railroad traffic is not interfered with except on the eastern slope of the Rockies.

Heavily laden trains are stalled—including passengers—on South Park division of the Colorado Southern railroad in the vicinity of Como, at the top of the Continental divide, owing to the blizzard. Passengers are suffering from cold and hunger.

Portland Wires Down. Portland, Jan. 29.—Since early in the day telegraph wires centering in Portland have been down, generally cutting off communication with the outside world for a brief period during the day. This afternoon saw little improvement in the service. Meager reports from eastern Washington and eastern Oregon are similar to those coming from the middle west, where the gale is general, as well as severe.

Chicago, Jan. 29.—One of the worst blizzards in recent years is sweeping Nebraska, and extending northward into Minnesota, where the mercury has dropped below zero. Telephone and telegraph communication with Nebraska and Minnesota is almost entirely cut off.

Velocity 40 Miles Per Hour. St. Louis, Jan. 29.—The wind storm prevailing in Oklahoma has reached here today, blowing a gale of 40 miles an hour.

The Western Union office at La Grande announced this morning that all business for points east of the Missouri river will be accepted subject to considerable delay. During a period of two hours immediately following noon, the service was at a complete standstill.

Chicago, July 29.—A message from Lincoln, Neb., says all wires are down. The blizzard is the worst known in 20 years. The sleet storm here has caused much damage. There is great suffering among the poor.

MOVE RACE TRACK

EMERYVILLE COURSE TO BE REBUILT IN MEXICO.

President Diaz Permits Entrance to City of Mexico by Tom Williams—Ten Years' Privileges.

Sacramento, Cal., Jan. 29.—When the legislature's vote next week sends the racing game beyond California limits it will drive it to the City of Mexico, where Tom Williams, president of the club controlling the Emeryville track, has negotiated with President Diaz for 10 years' privileges to hold races, with bookmaking and selling features. Williams made the announcement today.

PROCEED WITH SALE

SCRIBER BUILDING

CREDITORS' MEETING ON FEBRUARY 8 TO TAKE ACTION.

Believed by Trustee Phy That Scriber Building on Adams and Depot Will Be Sold at Nearby Date.

Trustee Frank Phy, of the J. W. Scriber estate, stated that the creditors will meet on February 8, at which time it is expected that he will be ordered to advertise for bids on the two-story brick building at the corner of Adams avenue and Depot street. It requires several days and even weeks to go through the formality of a bankrupt sale. Consequently it will be some time before Scriber's creditors will realize anything on the sale of the building, unofficially valued at something over \$25,000.

FAMILY STARVING.

Father in Jail and Family Without Food for Days.

San Jose, Cal., Jan. 27.—The wife and three children of Victor Sepulveda, suspected of murdering William Thurston, a grocer, near Willows—is in the San Jose hospital on the verge of death from starvation. They had nothing to eat since Tuesday but roasted pumpkin. Sepulveda is in jail, leaving his family penniless.

Attorney Wilson of Union, spent the day in the city.

MIGHT CHANGE PANAMA PLAN

ENTIRE PROJECT HINGES ON STRENGTH OF GATUN DAM.

Becomes Known Today That There is Yet Opportunity to Change Plans of Building Panama Canal—President Favors Lock Level, Though It May Be Abandoned for Roca Level Should Engineering Corps Decide That Plan the Best.

Los Angeles, Jan. 29.—Possibility of a change in the plans of constructing the Panama canal is foreshadowed in a letter today in the office files of James D. Schuyler, one of the engineers bound to Panama with the Taft party. Roosevelt has named a commission of eight engineers, among them being Schuyler, to proceed to Panama to decide upon the feasibility of a lock level canal as compared with the sea level waterway. It is possible the lock level, which is favored by the president, will be abandoned if the report of the engineers shows the famous Gatun dam would be insecure.

SPURNS PLEBIAN LOVE.

Notorious Society Scandal in Japanese Nobility is Ended.

Tokio, Jan. 29.—Count Tanaka, minister of the imperial household, today submitted to the demands of the press and the nobility, and agreed to break off his engagement to marry Miss Kobayashi, a Plebian. The old count appears to be heart-broken. He is 67 and the girl but 20.

Threatening Letters.

Los Angeles, Cal., Jan. 29.—United States District Attorney Oscar Lawler was threatened with death in a letter supposed to have been written by a sympathizer of the alleged Mexican revolutionists, imprisoned here. It says: "You will get what Heiney got, only worse, if you do not release the revolutionists."

DISCREDIT DEATH RUMORS.

San Francisco Chinamen Do Not Believe Pu Yi is Dead.

San Francisco, Jan. 29.—The rumored death of Pu Yi, the 6-year-old ruler of China, is discredited in Chinatown here. Local Chinamen say they would have heard of the death had it occurred.

IMPORTANT DEAL IS CONSUMATED

LARGE LUMBER DISTRICT TO BE OPENED NEAR ELGIN.

Fifty Thousand Dollar Firm Organized at Elgin—Will Be One of the Large Lumber Manufacturing Concerns of the Eastern Part of the State—Immense Timber Holdings Added to the Firm's Wealth—All Officers Are Well Known.

Elgin, Jan. 29.—The Recorder said today:

The Star Planing Mill Co. and the Hackett Lumber Co. have consolidated and formed a new company with a capital stock of \$50,000. The deal was brought to a close this week, and is one of the most important transactions ever recorded in Elgin. The new company will take the name of the Hackett Lumber company, and is incorporated for the purpose of manufacturing lumber. The entire holdings of both companies were consolidated, and it makes one of the strongest lumber firms in eastern Oregon.

The stockholders of the new company are as follows: J. L. Overton, Nelson A. Hackett, Charles Gannatt. The following officers have been elected: President, J. L. Overton; Nelson A. Hackett, general manager. The secretary and treasurer have not yet been selected.

Aside from the cash capital of the company, the following holdings were put into the concern: Twenty million feet of timber, planing mill and sawmill belonging to the Star Planing Mill company, and 3,000,000 feet of timber, sawmill and logging outfit belonging to the Hackett Lumber company. The timber holdings of the S. P. M. company are situated about 10 miles east of this city on the north fork of Clarks creek and includes 1800 acres of timber land, or about 20,000,000 feet. Aside from the timber the S. P. M. company owned a large planing mill in this city, which is one of the best plants of its kind in eastern Oregon, and has a daily capacity of 100,000 feet. The timber holdings of the original Hackett Lumber company are situated southeast of this city on Shaw creek, and include some 3,000,000 feet of timber.

The new company expects to commence active operations and will cut the timber on Shaw creek during the present season, after which they will move to the heart of their extensive holdings on Clarks creek.

Install Band Mill.

J. L. Overton, president of the company, stated yesterday that a new band mill would be installed on Clarks creek. The new mill will be strictly up-to-date, with a capacity of 30,000 feet daily. It will not be definitely known for a few days, but the company may commence the work of installing the new mill this season.

Means Much to Elgin. The organization and operations of this company mean much to Elgin in a financial way. The industry will furnish employment to many men and create a payroll that will add much in a material way. The greatest help, however, is the fact that a new timbered section is to be opened.

Body of Victim Returned.

New York, Jan. 29.—The bodies of Arthur Cheney, the American consul at Messina who was killed in the Italian earthquake, arrived this morning and was sent to New Haven, Conn., his former home, for burial.

MANY VEToes DISREGARDED

VOTING MACHINE BILL ONLY ONE NOT TO PASS.

After Passing All But One of the Vetoes Bills, House Adjourns for Development Congress.

Salem, Jan. 29.—In the house all vetoes of the Chamberlain filed after adjournment of the last session were overridden today and passed, except the Beach bill for voting machines, which was indefinitely postponed.

The house passed a bill creating additional judges in Multnomah county at a salary of \$4000 and adjourned until 1 o'clock. When the house considered routine matters it allowed the Oregon-Idaho Development congress to occupy the chamber.

Senator Smith's bill creating artesian well districts in eastern Oregon passed with 27 yeas in favor of the bill exempting all public bonds from taxation passed the senate after being amended so it would apply only to future issues.

FAIR APPROPRIATION ALLOWED

The \$2000 annual appropriation for the county fair in La Grande is included in the list of vetoed bills that were passed over the governor's head today, and are now laws.

LOVER IS FOILED

FIANCE AWAITS IN VAIN FOR HIS FIANCEE.

Daughter of Noted Painter Leaves Father and Fails Lover by Wedding Man of Short Acquaintance.

Phoenix, Ariz., Jan. 29.—While on her way to her fiance, Joseph Warner, a wealthy Colorado mining man, Miss Ramona Rollins, daughter of the celebrated painter of Indian life and Grand Canyon landscapes, left the train at Kingman, near here, and became the wife of Ralph Wylie, the violinist. Rollins bade his daughter good-bye, believing she was going to marry Warner. Miss Rollins had only known Wylie three weeks. It is reported Warner attempted suicide after receiving the news.

DANGER IN CHINESE LAUNDRIES IS FEARED

MOUTH-SPRINKLING SYSTEM SAID TO SPREAD DISEASE.

Baker City Health Officers Look Into Conditions—No Cause for Alarm in La Grande But Probe Might Be Well.

City officials in various cities in eastern Oregon have followed the footsteps of eastern health officers by probing conditions in Chinese laundries. Baker City leads in the movement. It is said by health officials of that city that the mouth-sprinkling system adopted by all Chinamen spreads tuberculosis. Spread of leprosy germs in the east in this way has been unearthed. To what extent the Baker City officers will carry the investigation and its subsequent municipal action, remains to be seen.

Lack of patronage to Chinese laundries in this city has dwindled the number to a few, but there are some still doing laundry work for whites. So far as known there is no starting need for investigation in La Grande, but a study of conditions might reveal defects that should be remedied.

Conductor J. E. Connors returned from Portland this morning.

BEET QUESTION AT ENTERPRISE

LA GRANDE OFFICIALS OFF FOR WALLOWA TODAY.

Land Owners Must Make Definite Announcement Saturday or Company Will Withdraw, Says Enterprise Paper—New Field Superintendent in Union and Wallowa Counties—Appears to Be Some Controversy Over Proposed Venture.

Enterprise, Jan. 29.—Land owners of this vicinity must turn out to the sugar beet meeting next Saturday afternoon at 1 o'clock, and enough land offered to make the experiment worth while, or the movement will be abandoned this year, say representatives of the company, as it is imperative that definite offers be known by February 1. While a number of farmers have made offers to lease their land, the greater number are holding back. If all will come out to this meeting, acreage and price can be ascertained and submitted to the company.

The article in last Wednesday's paper has stirred up some controversy. In reply those in favor of sugar beet culture say the company backs its belief in this valley as a sugar-growing country by being willing to assume all the money risk, the land owners risk nothing. They will be paid a fair rental for the land, and the land will be benefited, as it will be thoroughly cleaned.

NEW FIELD SUPERINTENDENT.

Temporarily, at least, David Pringree, of Ogden, will have the superintendency of the Amalgamated Sugar company's fields in this and Wallowa counties to succeed Elmer Sebbelow, resigned. Mr. Pringree is the son of General Field Superintendent Job Pringree. Prior to coming here he held responsible positions for the company at Ogden. His appointment to this factory is only temporary, but while here he will visit the prospective beet fields in Wallowa county and acquaint himself with conditions here as best he can during the inclement weather.

In company with Manager F. G. Taylor, Mr. Pringree went to Wallowa county this morning to confer with prospective beet growers in that district.

COLD-BLOODED MURDER AT ALBANY

Albany, Ore., Jan. 29.—News has just reached here of a tragedy at a dance in Brownsville, 22 miles south on the farm of Charles Powell, who shot and killed A. Rupert, the latter was leaving the dance. Two months ago Rupert ran away with

Powell's daughter, aged 15. Despite previous warning the Rupert girl appeared at the dance, and the murder followed.

Powell at once surrendered to the authorities. Much excitement prevails.

CONWELL LECTURE AN ASSURED FACT

Russell H. Conwell will reach La Grande this evening at 8:30, and his famous address, "Across of Diamonds," will commence immediately afterward in the Baptist church. He missed train connections at Walla Walla, where he addressed a great audience last night, but a trifling event of that kind has no effect on the great doctor's determination. A similar incident occurred near Newberg recently and he spent \$50 on automobile hire to reach his appointment.

By keeping in touch with the arrival time of No. 2 this evening, the public can learn definitely when the doctor will arrive. The opportunity to hear him is so rare that ticket holders can well afford to spend an hour or even more to hear him.

The management has no apology to make for the late appearance, for Providence interfered with the lecturer's travels.

The seat sale has been rapid, and it is believed that the seating capacity of the church will be taxed to accommodate those who will hear the nation's foremost thinker, lecturer and "doer."

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