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## MANY DEATHS IN FIERCE STORMS

### CHICAGO SNOWBOUND IN TERRIBLE STORM.

Nebraska Suffering Greatly From the Storms—Three Dead and Many Injured by Blizzard in St. Louis—All Wire Communication Crippled in Many Directions—Storm Has Now Reached New York, Where Great Damage is Done to Traffic.

St. Louis, Jan. 30.—Three are dead and three fatally injured as the result of the blizzard raging in this city the past two days.

**Chicago Snowbound.**  
Chicago, Jan. 30.—This city is snow bound by the worst storm ever known in the middle west. Wire communication is crippled in all directions.

Reports from Nebraska tell of great damage resulting from the storm.

**New York in Grip.**  
New York, Jan. 30.—This city is in the throes of a blizzard, causing great suffering and damage. The streets are practically impassable. The elevated roads have suspended operations today. The storm has created havoc in shipping circles.

The East and North rivers are filled with floating ice and ferry boats are experiencing trouble in reaching the docks. Ice crushers are being used to cut passage ways for the boats. Telegraph and telephone service is crippled, while suburban train service is having great trouble with the snow.

**Unknown Ship Foundered.**  
Elizabeth, N. C., Jan. 29.—An unknown steamship foundered off Diamond Shoals light ship, according to a wireless message received here today. The fate of the crew and passengers is unknown.

**Tacoma Fireman Killed.**  
Tacoma, Jan. 30.—Fireman Daniel Noonan died this morning as the result of a collision between a Spanaway electric car and a hose cart last night, while the fire department was responding to an alarm. Relief Driver J. F. Taylor was seriously hurt. The car struck the rear wheel of the cart throwing the occupants from their seats.

## FACE POLYGAMY PROCEEDINGS

### ALREADY FAMOUS OAKLAND SCHOOL TEACHER ARRESTED.

Principal George Sawyer of Roseburg Schools is Arrested—Second Wife Knew Nothing of Wife No. 1 in Pennsylvania—Mysteriously Disappeared Lately.

Roseburg, Ore., Jan. 30.—Accused of polygamy, George Sawyer, deposed principle of the Oakland, Ore., schools, was arrested today on complaint of Gade Devore, a brother of Mrs. Sawyer No. 2, residing at Oakland. He will be held in the local hotel until bond is furnished.

The story that he thought his first wife was burned to death at Matamoros, Pa., where he was once a school principal, is not fully believed here. The wife here says her husband never told her he ever had a first wife.

Sawyer mysteriously disappeared December 29, from Red Bluff, Cal., and reappeared here January 18. He told his wife his mind was a blank.

**Agent at Pilot Rock**  
Pendleton, Jan. 30.—A. G. Hoffer, formerly O. R. & N. agent at Arlington, has been appointed agent for the company at Pilot Rock.

## WALLOWA SIGNS UP BEET FIELDS

### ENCOURAGING AMOUNT OF LAND SUBSCRIBED TODAY.

At a Late Hour Appearances Indicate That Over 20 Prominent Land Holders Will Take Large Beet Acreage—Has Important Bearing on Life of Sugar Factory at La Grande—Some Objection, But All Overcome Before Meeting Started.

Enterprise, Jan. 30.—(Special.)—Late this afternoon the sugar beet question assumed an aspect where prospects for the factory at La Grande and prospective sugar beet industry in this county, are extremely bright. At 3 o'clock the La Grande factory officials met with a large delegation of extensive land owners and unless the present sentiment is snowed under at the last moment, enough land will be signed up to warrant the Amalgamated Sugar company going into this county as depending on the county as a beet-producing region.

While there has been some objection to adopting the beet industry, all this was overcome and at 3 o'clock today, appearances indicate a substantial acreage next season. At least 20 will take to the industry. The liberal subscriptions of beet acreage not only means much to this county, but has a bearing on the future of the factory at La Grande, which must either have water on Union county holdings, or secure extensive patronage by growers in this county.

The promoters are elated, believing that a much larger total of land will be subscribed before nightfall than had been anticipated.

**Subscribe 1660 Acres.**  
Later.—Sixteen hundred and sixty acres had been subscribed at 4 o'clock this evening.

## SALEM TRUSTY ON VACATION

### LEAVES PEN, COMES OUT TO SPEND NIGHT AT HOME.

While Penitentiary Guards Search Excitedly for Missing Prisoner, the Latter Was Out Having a Good Time With "the Boys"—Brother Returns With Him in Time for Prison Breakfast This Morning—Extends His Time.

Salem, Jan. 30.—Benjamin Stanton, sentenced to one year in the penitentiary here for shooting Councilman Goode last summer as the result of a quarrel, escaped yesterday and had a good time with the boys about town last night while the guards were looking for him. He returned to the prison this morning on the first car from the city in time for breakfast. Stanton, being a "trusty," was allowed outside the prison. He walked away and slept at his home in this city last night, his brother returning with him to the prison.

**Surprises His Family.**  
Stanton had several drinks and a good meal, then surprised the members of his family by going home last night. The first thing this morning his brother induced Stanton to return. Bright and early he got up, boarded the first car. In the meantime guards were excitedly searching the city. They were greatly relieved when Stanton hopped off the car. He ate his breakfast as usual with the other prisoners.

**Must Now Complete Full Term.**  
Because of good behavior Stanton would have been released in May, getting two months off his sentence. As a result of last night's episode he will have to serve until June.

**Scandal Causes Trouble.**  
Stanton Showered two married daughters of Councilman Goode with his attentions. In a quarrel over the matter Stanton shot Goode, inflicting painful but not fatal wounds.

## MUST RENDER FINAL DECISION

### PRESIDENT WOULD ABIDE BY DECISION OF ENGINEERS.

Develops That Change to Sea Level Plan in Building Panama Canal May Yet Become a Fact—President Does Not Expect Such Recommendation, But Should It Come, He Will Follow It—Will Ascertain Subterranean Lake Assertions.

Los Angeles, Jan. 30.—If opponents of the lock level plan for the Panama canal can convince the commission of eminent engineers now on the isthmus with Taft that their contentions are well founded, President Roosevelt will take action looking to the adoption of a sea level plan before he retires from office, according to a statement made today at the office of James Schuyler, a member of the commission. The statement says:

"The president's purpose in sending a new commission on the isthmus is simply to secure a last disinterested judgment of the work he has directed. It is possible the commission will decide that a sea level type is preferable.

"The president has not the slightest idea that such an opinion will be formed by the special board of experts, but if it should, he wants it known so he can act upon it before the end of his term.

"The most careful soundings have been made, followed by a denial that a great subterranean lake underlies the dam site."

Some peach trees around The Dalles may have been killed.

## EQUITY AND LAW DOCKET FOR THE FEBRUARY TERM

Equity and law cases for the February term of circuit court, which convenes next Monday, was announced today by Ed Wright, clerk of the circuit court. The list of cases makes a long docket for the coming term:

Turner Oliver vs. J. C. Henry, county judge, et al, injunction.  
Mattie Mitchell vs. E. K. Mitchell, suit for divorce.  
Amanda Southwell vs. Benj. Southwell, et al, to quiet title.  
Hattie Clark vs. Saphrena Hyrick, to recover rents.  
Central Railway vs. Thomas Brasher, et al, condemnation proceedings.  
Jacob Newman vs. Frank Counsell, injunction.

Lee Smith vs. J. W. Burnham, foreclosure.  
E. Keeney vs. A. E. Keeney, divorce.  
Rose Dearlove vs. John Dearlove, divorce.  
Crane & Co. vs. Erie Heating Co., foreclosure on mechanic's lien.  
Bertha Sommer vs. City of La Grande, injunction.  
David Cherry vs. H. C. Turnock, et al, foreclosure.  
Emily Estes vs. G. J. Estes, divorce.  
Mamie Hewitt vs. William Hewitt, divorce.  
Lawrence Garn vs. Jessie M. Garn, divorce.

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## HUNDRED LIVES LOST BY QUAKE

### SEBSEQUENT LANDSLIDES PRINCIPALLY TO BLAME.

Trembler in Spain and Along Moroccan Coast Lays Waste Large Areas—Chief Damage Done at Romara—Other Towns Felt Shock, But Few Lives Lost Elsewhere.

Gibraltar, Jan. 30.—A hundred lost their lives at Romara in the earthquake that shook the Moroccan coast yesterday, according to reports. It is feared the loss in adjacent towns is large.

A greater number of the killed at Romara are believed to have lost their lives in the landslide caused by the shock.

Madrid, Jan. 30.—Barcelona escaped the earthquake and tidal wave, but it is reported the coast is devastated in that vicinity. Telegraph communication there has been re-established.

Reports from southern and eastern Spain tell of slight quakes in a number of towns in the province of Murcia, Murcia and Tetana several times, and numerous walls were cracked. A few of the less substantial houses were destroyed. No lives were lost. The only serious damage reported was at Ceuta and the neighboring town of Romara.

By a large majority Cottage Grove has voted for a \$2000 city park. The women did it.

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