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SECOND STORM SWEEPS SOUTH

NINE BODIES HAVE BEEN FOUND

AUSTIN SUFFERS HEAVILY

NO COMMUNICATIONS WITH GAL- VESTON TODAY.

DAMAGE SEVERE, MANY LIVES LOST

South Visited by Second Storm of Ex- treme Severity.

GALVESTON, July 22.—A party is searching today for the bodies of 10 persons who were drowned yesterday when the Bettison pier was destroyed by the storm which swept the gulf of Mexico. No other fatalities are reported.

Train Blown From Track.
AUSTIN, Texas, July 22.—Buildings were wrecked and trains blown from the tracks and it is reported that a number of lives were lost in a second storm which swept the Southern Texas country on the coast of the gulf of Mexico last night.

Buildings were wrecked here, one being the city hospital. No loss of life here.

The storm raged for five hours, and was the worst in years. It uprooted trees, tore off roofs. The city suffered heavily. Communication with Galveston was again severed by the storm. Little is known concerning the

damage done there.

The bodies of nine who were drowned yesterday when the Bettison pier collapsed in the storm, were recovered at noon today. Galveston did not suffer from the second storm last night. The railroad bridge connecting Galveston with the mainland is being repaired.

CHERRY SHIPMENTS STARTED.

One Carload Has Already Left Cove And More Going Soon.

With a carload of Royal Anns and Cententials already shipped out of Cove, and a big shipment soon ready, the cherry harvest can be said to be well launched. Picking is progressing with extreme swiftness and growers are careful to utilize all available time while the weather is favorable.

PANTS FORGOTTEN IN A BATH ROOM

ABSENT MINDED PERSON IS IN- DEED FORTUNATE.

Pants Containing Fat Wallet Left When Bath is Finished.

NORTH YAKIMA, Wash., July 22.—Women may forget expensive furs and even their babies, and men may walk off absent minded without hats and umbrellas, but it remained for a man in this city to actually forget his pants and even worse, to forget the pants in which a wallet containing \$170.

Jack Callahan, a guest of the Yakima hotel, returned from a horseback ride Sunday night, and after a bath in the bath room near his apartments, (Continued on Page 8).

KRUTTSCHNITT HERE TOMORROW

WILL TAKE A SIDE JOURNEY

MANY HERE TO MEET HIM

WILL BE BRIGHT GALAXY OF RAILROAD BUILDERS.

FIRST TRIP INTO WALLOWA VALLEY

Will be Met at Huntington And Es- corted to La Grande.

Julius Kruttschnitt, chief lieutenant to E. H. Harriman, bearing the title, superintendent of maintenance on all Harriman lines in the United States, and a man who is classed among the leading railroad geni of the world, will be in La Grande tomorrow morning for a brief inspection of the local railroad yards and power, and will then depart for Joseph on a side tour of inspection.

His coming has been the magnet which has drawn practically all of the more important Northwest Harriman officials to La Grande today. With the peer of them all coming tomorrow, there will be such a representation of railroad builders and maintainers in La Grande, as is seldom seen here.

First Trip to Wallowa.
La Grande is honored by Kruttschnitt's visits about once in a decade, but the trip now planned into Wal-

EXPRESS MERGER GIGANTIC ONE

MILLIONS ARE IN- VOLVED

ENVOY STARTED FOR MEXICO

HARRIMAN SEEKS TO BECOME EX- PRESS KING TOO.

AN ENORMOUS EXPRESS TERRITORY

Deal to Merger Mexican And American Lines With Wells Fargo.

SAN FRANCISCO, July 22.—Departure of Andrew Christenson, general manager of the San Francisco department of Wells Fargo express for the city of Mexico today, led to the circulation of a report that Harriman has arranged a merger with the express business of the Diaz republic with companies he controls in this country. It is believed Christenson will be met there by C. E. Stockton, the New York general attorney for the Wells Fargo, and Dudley Evans, president.

Three big companies, the Mexican, National and Inter-Oceanic express companies will be absorbed by the Wells Fargo if the reports are true. The deal will run into the millions. Under the new arrangement Harriman would control the express business over 10,000 miles of railroad in Mexico, and giving him express privilege over about 160,000 miles, 1252 miles of stage lines, 1300 miles of inland steamship lines and 14,000 miles of ocean steamship lines.

BALLINGER'S VISIT DELAYED

REACHES HERMISTON LAST EVEN- ING SAYS TELEGRAM.

Not Known Yet When He Will Pass Through This City.

Word was received this morning from F. C. Bramwell, the land office register who is at Hermiston, that Secretary of the Interior Ballinger, arrived there last evening, instead of yesterday morning, as first announced. It is expected that Mr. Bramwell will return this evening.

It is not known, either, when Mr. Ballinger will pass through La Grande, though irrigationists and others have been making strenuous efforts to ascertain this fact. Tonight is the logical time for the trip.

Big Price For Hogs.

PORTLAND, July 22.—Hogs advanced to \$9 per hundred pounds in Portland market today, being the highest value ever obtained within the recollection of the trade. The record price was obtained for 77 head shipped by the livestock firm of Albany. The hogs averaged 184 pounds each and brought the unusual price of better than \$18.55.

Iowa county will be the first visit of the big general to that fertile territory which his chief punctured with steel rails of late.

Many Officials Here Now.

General Manager J. P. O'Brien of the O. R. & N. and S. P. lines in Oregon, G. W. Boscke, chief engineer, General Superintendent M. J. Buckley, of the O. R. & N. and S. P. lines in Oregon and Superintendent W. Bellows, of the O. R. & N. These men spent most of the day here inspecting the shops and whiling away time until the arrival of the general.

Meet Him at Huntington.

Kruttschnitt will be met at Huntington gateway by this galaxy of officials and escorted to La Grande tomorrow morning.

SPLENDID NEW OATS.

Stands Over Five Feet Five Inches And Carries Prolific Heads.

Oats grown by Charles Playle of Allice, is now on exhibit in the Observer office. It stands five feet five inches high and is the perfect specimen of prolific yields. It is a sample of oats on his fields and would grace the exhibits at A-Y-P. in a splendid fashion.

Four Killed.

COLUMBUS, Ohio, July 22.—Two women and two children were killed today when a freight ran down a carriage in which they were riding.

Storms in Duluth.

DULUTH, July 22.—Three persons were drowned here during a rain storm last night. Property damage will amount to a million and a half in this city and vicinity.

PRESENT RATES NOT SUITABLE

COMMERCIAL CLUB WILL TRY TO GET BETTERMENT.

Impossible to Attend Both Big Fairs on One Ticket Now.

Misfitting excursion rates to the Salem fair and to the Portland fair and stock show the week following, is worrying habitual and prospective state fair visitors this week. The O. R. & N. has announced a one and one third fare to each of the big fairs, but it is not possible to attend the Salem fair, and stop over at the Portland fair on the same ticket, under the present arrangement. The attention of the Commercial club has been called to this condition of affairs and that body will take the matter up with the officials.

Several have complained of the system and it is hoped that the club will reap fruits from its efforts.

Under the present schedule, Salem visitors will have to return Saturday forenoon, and come direct to La Grande or lose excursion rights.

But it is believed that when the club does take the matter up, the officials will see the city in the requests and grant them.

COAST MILLS ARE TO SUFFER

LUMBER RATES FROM MONTANA ARE SLICED.

Coast Cities Fail to Get Material Re- ductions.

SEATTLE, July 22.—Sweeping reductions in rates on forest products from points in Montana to the consuming markets in the north, South Dakota, Western Minnesota, Nebraska and other middle western states, with no corresponding reductions from the coast shipping points are contained in the new transcontinental freight bureau on lumber and shingle tariff, which is effective August 15. The new tariff shows the Great Northern and Northern Pacific made sharp reductions to the points in the middle west to which Chicago, Milwaukee & Puget Sound road cut its rates on lumber and shingles.

Lumbermen declared today the new rate will be disastrous to coast mills.

As the days grow hotter and hotter, we clothe ourselves as lightly as possible, but still we are thankful that our country is not as other countries. It is not too warm.

VAST IMPORT TO CHIEF'S VISIT

INDIAN AGENTS ARE IN DANGER

OREGON TOUR IMPORTANT

WILL INSPECT AND THEN RECOM- MEND EXPENDITURES.

RECLAMATION HANDS BALANCE

All Oregon Looks to Present Tour With Great Interest.

PORTLAND, July 22.—Secretary of Interior Ballinger is today touring Oregon to make a general inspection of government reclamation projects through the state. The trip bears the utmost significance to the people of Oregon as it will result, according to Ballinger, in determining the government's attitude toward reclamation, in deciding what projects will be pushed to speedy completion and in naming places where the largest apportionment of irrigation funds will be made.

Settlement of troubles long existing between Indians and their superintendents is assured. Rigid investigation of conditions on reservations is one of the secretary's special duties during the trip.

Numerous Indian agents may be summarily discharged as a result, Ballinger has intimated. Approximately \$185,000,000 will constitute the appropriations made for 1910, over 18,000 employees doing the work. Fifty five million are already spent by government for irrigation.

OVER 1000 AT IMBLER CONCLAVE

IMBLER EXCELLS AS HOSTESS TO PIONEERS.

Trail Blazers Hold Convivial Gather- ing at Imbler.

IMBLER, July 22.—(Staff Correspondence)—Nearly 1100 people are today shaking hands, rehearsing pioneer scenes, lurching in the shade of grove trees, listening to the band, witnessing the baseball game, and through it all, runs a spirit of jolly such as only those who have made the history of Union county can create and participate in.

It is one of the most representative gatherings in the history of pioneer associations. Big Creek, Union, North Powder, Cove, Summerville, Allice, Elgin and La Grande are only a few of the central points sending delegates. Eighteen hundred and seventy-eight is the time limit which is exacted by the association for membership, but there are many who come earlier than even that date. There were several "62" badges here.

Old War Horse Present.

Captain Williams who participated in the Indian battle of July 17, an even 53 years ago, was present and his genial countenance and hoary locks were the central figure of attraction. Uncle Ben Brown, the first white man to settle and build a home in Union county was present, too. There were several pioneer ladies who vividly remember the time that Grande Ronde valley was a barren waste.

Due to the lateness of the train, the (Continued from Page 5).



SEASON'S DANTEST OXFORDS

JUST RECEIVED---AN ELEGANT LINE

SUEDE ANKLE STRAP PUMPS

They are the newest in shape, longest in wear and lowest in price.

OXFORD GREY, BLACK, TAN

We want to show you our nifty patterns in Peters Oxfords for both ladies' and gentlemen's wear. It's worth your while to see them, still more worth while to buy a pair.

COME IN ANY WAY

THE FAIR