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NUMBER NINE LEAVES TRACK

ACCIDENT AIDS IN CRIPPLING TRANSPORTATION ON THE O. R. & N.

WRECK CAUSES DELAY BUT NO ONE INJURED.

Wrecker Called out to Wright Affairs—Train Schedule Badly Disorganized on Account of Snow.

Train Service Today.
Fast Mail due at 10:55 last night arrived 9 a. m. today.
No. 6 approximately on time.
No. 10 due at 7:45 a. m., a. m. arrive at 6 tonight.
No. 7 due 9:25 a. m., 12 hours late.
Evening trains no report.

Not content along with crippling railroad transportation to a point bordering on paralysis, with wind and snow, fate this morning put another crimp in the O. R. & N., commerce with ditching No. 9 at Nolan, a point 15 miles west of Pendleton. Three cars trucks on that train were derailed by reason unknown. One of the trucks was righted soon after the accident but the other two put up a stubborn fight. The wrecker was called from the La Grande shop at 1:15 this morning and as it required three hours and more traffic was blocked until nearly noon.

No. 8 left La Grande shortly after midnight. It passed No. 6 but 10 was held up between the wreck and Portland. This accounted for the fact that No. 10 did not get in until late in the afternoon.

None were hurt in the Nolan wreck. Telling its own story of the terrific snowstorms prevailing at points in the east, No. 11, the fast mail train which was due last night at 11 o'clock, arrived in La Grande this morning at 9:30, covered with snow and ice. The rear door of the last car was blocked with frozen ice and snow, whipped into the opening by the blizzards.

Big Bond Issue.
Washington, Dec. 8.—A \$500,000,000 bond issue or an annual congressional appropriation of \$50,000,000 for the improvement of the waterways of the country is the demand of the Sixth National Rivers and Harbors commission which convened in Washington today.

With President Taft as the principal speaker of the day, with Secretary of War Dickinson and Count Von Bernstorff, the German Ambassador, also slated for an address as well as governors from many states and dele-

gates from nearly all states in attendance, the opening of the congress is most auspicious. The president is an enthusiastic advocate of improved water ways and in his address has gone most thoroughly into all phases of the gigantic part.

President Taft has appeared at previous meetings of the congress and has pledged himself to the movement. He has but recently taken occasion to express himself upon the general policy of conservation of the natural resources, placing water improvements at the head of the list. Secretary Dickinson is greatly impressed with the necessity of deepening the rivers and harbors.

Upon him as secretary of war would fall the duty of carrying out any concerted plan for waterway improvements.

Count Von Bernstorff comes from a country that probably knows more of water way improvements than any other, here rivers and harbors enjoying a greater degree of development than any in the world. This commerce is developed and controlled by the central government and its encouragement has proved a great success.

Alexander Re-elected
Los Angeles, Dec. 8.—Early indications from returns today point out that Mayor George Alexander has a likely chance to be re-elected mayor in Los Angeles over the Republican candidate, George Smith.

LEOPOLD AT DEATH'S DOOR

BULLETIN SAYS THE KING IS IMPROVING BUT NOT BELIEVED.

Paralytic King Thought to be Dying At His Royal Palace.

Brussels, Dec. 8.—In spite of the official bulletins issued today stating that King Leopold's condition is improving it is the belief that the aged monarch is dying.

Leopold is suffering from paralytic attack and has been in a critical condition for several days.

From the indication in the government circles it would seem that some grave crisis is at hand. Ministers of high estate are assembling and diplomats are gathered in the city.

SUCCESSFUL TRIP

Kermit Roosevelt Ends Fruitful Trip Into Interior.

Nairobi, Dec. 8.—Kermit Roosevelt arrived here today after successfully exploring the forests for two weeks. He succeeded in bagging two bull bingos, which are considered the rarest specimens of the African antelope and two cows of other species. The young hunter is in excellent spirits and his health is good. After a few hour rest he set out for Mombasa, where he will hunt Sable.

WAGE WAR ON ELGIN STUMPS

WILL IMPORT DONKEY ENGINES TO PULL STUMPS ON APPLE ORCHARD LAND

ONE OF THE MOST IMPORTANT PROMOTION MOVES.

Wholesale Attack on Stumps Made Possible by Action of Commercial Club—Deal Closed

Elgin, Dec. 8.—(Special) Wholesale onslaught on the stumps, which cover the land recently discovered to be extremely useful for apple orchard was ordered last evening at a meeting of the Commercial Club, and donkey engines will be imported to root out the stumps.

The Commercial club deemed this to be the best policy to be pursued in its war on the stumps, and the secretary will correspond with the manufacturers of donkey engines to have a large consignment shipped in here to be used for that purpose. Elgin has been leading the Northwest in the utilizing of the stump land for orchard purposes, and is spending great sums of money to that end.

It is thought that the action of the Commercial club last evening will open a new era in the new era already opened when it was first thought to convert stump land into orchards.

Farmers Buy Warehouse Stock
A deal was consummated between members of the Farmers Union and the manager of the Elgin Warehouse whereby the farmers get control of a large portion of the warehouse stock. Some of it was already in the farmers' hands but the deal closed here now takes the control from R. C. Mays and puts it into the hands of the Union, which will then practically own the warehouse, as does the Island City Farmers Union at the present time.

LAUNCH 1915 EXPOSITION

SAN FRANCISCO WILL BACK A WORLD'S FAIR

Event to Commemorate the Opening Of the Panama Canal.

San Francisco, Dec. 8.—Backed by practically every business and professional man in the city and aided by every organization which will guarantee the necessary financial support, the promoters of the Panama-Pacific Exposition will begin immediately organizing to raise the necessary funds for the holding of a big fair in this city in 1915 for the purpose of commemorating the opening of the Panama canal.

The proposition was made by H. S. King, president of the Bank of California when in connection with a meeting of the Pacific Ocean Exposition Company at a meeting of 500 of the principal merchants of the city and in a few minutes the plans were under way. No subscriptions have been taken as yet although several of the merchant princes present have volunteered to contribute large sums toward the enterprise. It is proposed to make the Exposition the largest that the world has ever seen.

With about a three day's chinook wind, paving will be the proper question for discussion once more.

HOPE TO END EMBROGLIO

TWO HUNDRED KILLED IN YESTERDAY'S BLOODY BATTLE WHEN INSURGENTS WON

ZELAYA WILL EXECUTE THE LEADER OF LOSING ARMY.

Delegates Hurrying To Washington Where it is Believed Settlement Will Be Effected.

Mexico City, Dec. 8.—Henrique Creel, former Mexican Ambassador to Washington but now the governor of the state of Chihuahua, is today enroute to Washington to represent the Mexican government in a conference that will have for its object the immediate settlement of the Nicaraguan question. Creel is traveling to Washington as the personal representative of President Diaz. In Washington he will confer with Charles E. Magoon, the former governor of Cuba, who is to be named as the American commissioner according to the general belief here.

New Orleans, Dec. 8.—Dr. Cardena deposed general of former president of Nicaragua whose administration was overthrown by Zuala in 1893 has taken the field against the dictator and is heading an expedition from Costa Rica into Nicaragua, according to advices received in this city today.

New Orleans, Dec. 8.—Dispatches to day from Corinto confirm the reports cabled yesterday that a decisive victory had been fought in favor of the insurgents over the Zelaya forces commanded by General Vasquez, near the town of Rama. The insurgents today, the message states, are pushing to the limit the advantage gained in the fight of yesterday. Fierce fighting is now going on in the outskirts of the Zelayan army's position. Between 200 and 300 men fell in yesterday's engagement.

Leader is Blamed.
Mexico City, Dec. 8.—An unconfirmed dispatch from Mangua, Nicaragua, says that General Vasquez was tried by court martial today and condemned to death because he was defeated by the insurgents in yesterday's engagement near Rama.

RECEIVER WINS SUIT

JUDGMENT GIVEN RECEIVER IN TURNER OLIVER CASE.

\$4,231.22 Is Size of Judgment Entered Against Oliver, Stockholder.

In the case of Walter Niedner, receiver of the Farmer's & Trader's National bank, vs. Turner Oliver, the Circuit Court gave judgement today to the plaintiff for the sum of \$4,231.22 and costs. This was an action against Mr. Oliver on the assessment levied against him by the Comptroller of Currency on the forty shares of the capital stock of the bank held by him when the bank failed.

As much as possible of this amount will be realized by the Receiver for dividend paying purposes. Mr. Oliver refused to meet the assessments some time ago, saying as a cause that he had repeatedly notified the directors and the bank inspectors, prior to the failure of the institution, that the management was bad. Mr. Oliver's resources will be ascer-

tained by the receivership and as much as possible of the judgment realized.

The circuit court has also overruled the motion of the plaintiff to strike out parts of the defendant's answer in the case of the Hot Lake Sanatorium Company vs. Walter Niedner, receiver of the Farmer's & Trader's National bank, and in the case of the Grande Ronde Electric Company against the receiver of said bank. The plaintiff demurred to the defendant's answer, was overruled by the circuit court and the plaintiff was given ten days in which to file a reply.

PROVIDE BANQUET ROOM.

Odd Fellows Have Leased the Entire Second Floor of Building.

The Odd Fellows lodge of this city has leased, with the exception of the front room offices, the entire second floor of the Geo. Stoddard building adjoining their building and are having a large arch way cut through. The room will be furnished for banquet purposes and on nights when the I. O. O. F., do not use it, it will be rented. This no doubt, will be appreciated by compliance with the request, who are not provided with suitable accommodations for extra occasions, as it will be supplied with a well equipped kitchen, chairs and table service.

SULTAN SEES BLOODY RIOT

TROOPS WHILE PASSING IN REVIEW COMMENCE BATTLE.

Scores are Killed in the Combat Before the Very Eyes of the Sultan.

Paris, Dec. 8.—Scores of Moroccan soldiers were killed early today during military review by the Sultan, according to a dispatch received from Fez.

Two regiments recruited from war ring desert tribes, the message stated, savagely attacked one another directly in front of the Sultan's stand while the parade was in motion.

Just what started the bloody conflict is not known. The fight was waged fiercely on both sides and it required the loyal armed guards from the fort to separate them and restore order.

BREAKING RIDING RECORD.

New York, Dec. 8.—Nine leaders in the six day's bicycle race at Madison Square Garden today are 11 miles ahead of the record made last year in the same races. The distance traveled up to this time is 1,128 miles and eight laps. The leading team is McFarland and Clark.

30 ROADS IN WAGE FIGHT

NOT A STRIKE BY BROTHERHOODS BUT BY MEN AS EMPLOYEES AND INDIVIDUALS

SWITCHMEN'S STRIKE WILL NOT REACH ATLANTIC.

Demands for Increase of Wages and a Reduction of Working Hours to be Made January 3.

New York, Dec. 8.—Fifth Vice President Murdock of the Railway Trainmen's Union, declared today that there is little probability of a strike that will paralyze the freight movements of the Northwest extending to the Atlantic seaboard. He stated, however that the members of his organization are conductors and other employes on thirty eastern railroads and that on January 3 would demand an increase and concession regarding the number of working hours. The demand will be made as men and employes of each of the individual roads and not as members of the entire organization.

The wage scale in the east is one third less than in the west and the working hours are almost unlimited. Men there can be kept at the throttle and in charge of trains for an unlimited period of time. Local railroad Brotherhood officials are confident that in view of the logical demands which are said to be made shortly, little trouble will be experienced in compliance with the request.

SCALDED BY EXPLOSION

D. & R. G. FIREMAN ALMOST COOKED WHEN RESCUED.

Engine Blown to Pieces by Explosion Near Santa Fe.

Santa Fe, Dec. 8.—Fireman H. H. Kinkaid, is in a local hospital today frightfully scalded as the result of an explosion of a Denver & Rio Grande locomotive.

Kinkaid was alone in the cab when the crew sheet blew out of the boiler and the man was literally cooked before he could be rescued. The engine was literally blow to fragments.

HAND BAGS

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We Have the largest, the best, the most up-to-date line of Ladies Hand Bags and Purses ever shown in La Grande. We have the Alligator, Patent Leather, Real Seal, Walrus and a line of imported leathers that we know are good, and of the latest styles. We are offering these goods at most reasonable prices for this class of goods. Our goods are right and we know the prices are. Let us show you while our line is complete.

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