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## EAST SHIVERS IN BLIZZARD

### MILK SUPPLY EXHAUSTED AND FATALITIES ARE FEARED FROM THIS SOURCE

**MINNEAPOLIS DISTRICT IN THE STORM'S PATH AS WELL AS COAL CARRYING FREIGHTS GIVEN THE RIGHT OF WAY INTO CHICAGO WHERE SUFFERING IS INTENSE FROM SHORTAGE OF COAL.**

Chicago, Jan. 15.—Chicago is almost like a city that is undergoing a siege by an army today. The intense cold and howling blizzard that has been sweeping the state of Illinois for the past three days still continues today and the result is that the suffering in this city today is almost unbelievable. The wind is sweeping down from the lake and it is so intensely cold that man nor beast can not face it. The poor of the city are now in a deplorable condition having spent what little means they may have had early in the winter and the weather having proved to be so stormy for such a length of time that their earning capacity has been greatly decreased. In addition to this the coal supply is almost exhausted and coal is very hard to get at any price.

On account of the continuance of the fierce storms all the milk trains entering the city have been abandoned and the city is in the grasp of a milk famine as well as a coal famine. Every effort is today being made by the authorities and philanthropists of the city to conserve what little milk there is in the city for the use of infants and hospitals. Many fatalities among the babies of the city have occurred during the past few days on this account, and there is no sign of improvement.

Many trains that are due to leave this city this morning have been abandoned on account of shortage of coal and the track is being kept clear with great difficulty for the incoming trains carrying coal and milk. For the first time in the history of railroading in this city coal and milk trains are given the right of way over all first class trains and even the fast mails are going in on the sidings for the rushing coal trains which are being driven over the roads with the utmost speed and with all the motive power that can be utilized.

Milk in the hospitals is now almost exhausted and it is feared that a great deal of suffering and death will result if the milk trains now rushing for the city do not succeed in getting in before night.

Many of the large institutions of the city will be compelled to close if there is no relief from the want of fuel before night. The fuel supply of the Elgin state insane asylum will be entirely exhausted before night. In this institution there are 1,500 patients confined in the hospital wards and it is feared that great suffering will be the result if coal or wood cannot be secured at once. The governor of the state has been appealed to for assistance.

The schools of the city are almost without exception using their last bit of fuel and if the situation is not relieved by Monday there will be no schools open in the city.

**Minnesota Gets Hers.**  
Minneapolis, Jan. 15.—Rail traffic and wire communication throughout Minnesota is completely demoralized today as the result of the greatest storm that has swept this state this winter. The storm is general throughout the upper Mississippi valley. All trains from the South and the East are from 3 to 17 hours late and most of them have been abandon-

ed. Schedules on every road have been interrupted. The storm has continued throughout the night with a moment's respite. There is no sign of abatement and the worst is feared for tomorrow.

**Five Deaths in New York.**  
New York, Jan. 15.—This city is in the grip of one of the worst blizzards that has been experienced this winter. Five deaths and many accidents is known to have occurred and no doubt many more that as yet have not been reported. It is feared that this list will be greatly increased before the storm abates. Traffic in the city is paralyzed.

**Three Die in Alaska.**  
Fairbanks, Alaska, Jan. 15.—Three lives have been lost in the past three days in one of the worst blizzards that has ever swept the region along the Valdez-Fairbanks trail. The blizzard has been raging for weeks, now, and it is almost an assured fact that many people have been lost, but whose bodies will not be discovered before next summer. Rescue parties from the United States signal stations

are pursuing the trails of the travelers who may have become lost and blinded in the snow, and overcome by the intense cold of the Arctic.

**Wisconsin Snow Sweep.**  
La Crosse, Wis., Jan. 15.—Snow plows today were sent to the rescue of two passenger trains that are stalled in great snow drifts that have been piled up by the blizzards that have been sweeping this state for the past three days. The passengers on the trains are in a suffering condition and their early release is a necessity.

It is said that some of the drifts are fully twenty feet high and the snow is packed with a firmness that is almost inconceivable.

## PAY CASH FOR TROOPS

### TRANSPORTATION OF TROOPS TO BE UNDER NEW RULE.

**New Passenger Traffic Rules Become Effective on Many Railroads—Uncle Sam Must Pay the Cash.**

Washington, Jan. 15.—Under a rule adopted by the Southwestern Passenger Association and put in effect today, Uncle Sam must hereafter pay cash in advance for transportation of troops over the railroads of that section, or be deprived of any special benefits or reduced rates. Similar regulations were adopted by the Western Passenger Association on January 1.

The southwestern roads, after today, in responding to invitations from the government for bids, will restrict quotations where "land grant reduction" is required, to the normal tariff one way first and second limited, and colonists fares from the starting point to destination.

The agreement further provides that excursion, round-trip or one-way first and second class limited fares shall not be used or recognized in establishing fares for transportation on government requests. Tariffs showing such reduced fares are to be supplemented or resuscitated so as to make them applicable only where cash is paid on delivery of tickets. This is supposed to be on account of long account of long delays in getting settlements with the government for transportation bills, after service has been rendered, being held up for various reasons including red tape, whereas the public has to pay for tickets on delivery.

### Farmers Flood City.

The delightful weather today was the direct cause of the city being fairly flooded with farmers doing their trading for the week.

## BAKER CITY WINS DEBATE

### CAPTURES NEGATIVE DECISION AT COVE AND AFFIRMATIVE DECISION WITH ITS HOME TEAM

**COVE'S SHOWING VERY STRONG AGAINST BAKER'S TEAM.**

Baker City Placed in Running for the Semi-Final Event When She Captured Two Victories in One Night.

Baker City, Jan. 15.—Special.—Winning at home from Ontario high school by a unanimous decision in the first triangular debate of the present year, and winning from Cove at Cove by a two to one decision, Baker City wins the first round in the forensic battle in Eastern Oregon this year.

The Ontario team made less impression with the judges that did the Cove team on that set of judges, but nevertheless Baker City's victories places her in the running for further honors.

The debates are triangular in nature each town of three pitted together sending one team away and one staying at home, completing the triangle. The two which have two victories in the same triangle is the one which is given the victory over the other three. Ontario and Cove are now out of the running.

Baker City will for more of a triangle later on, which is to decide the Eastern Oregon championship. The winner of the Enterprise-Elgin-La Grande triangle, will be the second, and the winner of the triangle in which Pendleton works, will form the third triangle for the finals.

### Cove Loses to Baker.

Cove, Jan. 16.—Special.—Last evening Cove went down in defeat to Baker City in a hotly contested debate here, the losers fighting stubbornly for every point. "Resolved that life imprisonment with restricted power of pardon should be substituted for capital punishment in Oregon." was the subject of the debate, the Cove affirmative team meeting the Baker negative squad. For Cove, Glen Roberts was the most convincing debater though the work of his colleagues, E. Lance and George Richards was of a high standard.

## VICTIM'S BODY IS RECOVERED

Marshfield, Ore., Jan. 15.—The sea today gave up its first victim of the ill fated Cearina, which was wrecked on the spit bar Thursday, and in which 24 lives were lost. The body of one of the men was washed up on the beach this morning but nothing could be found in his clothing by which he could be identified. Identification will be impossible until the First Assistant Engineer Kentzel recovers sufficiently from his experience of two hours in the water, to go to the morgue and make known the man's identity. This is the first body that has been recovered.

### Suit for Divorce.

Z. B. Harvey of this city has filed a suit for divorce against her husband W. J. Harvey, a non resident.

### Letters of Administration.

Letters of administration today were issued by County Judge Henry to Mrs. C. R. Thornton in the estate of C. R. Thornton, deceased.

## NEW CIRCUIT COMPLETED

### NINE THOUSAND DOLLARS ADDED TO IMPROVEMENT OF HOME TELEPHONE COMPANY

**METALLIC SERVICE PERFECTS INTER-COUNTY CONVERSATION**

Large Improvements to Local Company's System Means Vastly Better Service Between Two Counties

Representing a total outlay of \$9,000, perfecting as near as it is possible for modern mechanics to do, the city of Joseph to La Grande, with surprising nearness, the Home Independent Telephone Company last night completed construction of a copper metallic circuit from La Grande to Joseph and intermediate points. A total of 90 miles of this copper wire circuit was completed, the work lasting two months, a period that would have been shortened but for disagreeable weather.

The expenditure perfects the inter-county service. Actual demonstrations carried on in the Observer office this morning with points in Wallowa carry out the assertion. On each post is a transposition which makes "cross talk" an impossibility. When talking to any point on this wire it is impossible for any other party on the line to create annoying cross talk.

Manager Crowe, and the officials of the company, who are local people, are highly elated over the success of the wire. It is substantially built and its service is with out a flaw, and, necessarily, the result will be highly improved phone service between Union and Wallowa counties.

As an example of the unusually clearness of the service, a story is going the rounds at the expense of Editor Shutt, of the Joseph Herald. Manager Crowe called the editor early this morning from La Grande. The editor, busy with his publication was surprised at the seeming nearness of the manager's familiar voice, and exclaimed "When did you come to Joseph." The facts were, of course that Mr. Crowe was talking from La Grande, 90 miles away.

## BIG ENGINE MAKES TRIP

### GETTINGS AND HARVEY ARE THE MEN IN THE CAR.

### Monster Steams Out of Stall With a Grace and Ease that is Marvelled At By Old Timers.

Headed Eastward, with Engineer Gettings at the throttle and Fireman Harvey heaving coal into the monster double-boiler "Molly" as the huge Mallet engine are called on the N. P., where they are now in vogue, was sent out on its maiden trip this afternoon. The course laid out for the 150 tons to Union and back, running light. Any little faults that may be located will be remedied before she actually attempts to cross the hill with a load.

It was with the eyes of admiring spectators watching her close by that the monster backed out of the stall in the shops and made ready for the trip. To see the monster in action is no more nor less than to see

the largest railroad engine in the state of Oregon, moving, slowly but gracefully enough at the slightest touch of the man at the throttle.

**Purchased Supplies.**  
John Wilson yesterday purchased all of the left over supplies, tools, tents and machinery of the American Light & Water Company which they used in the construction of the Beaver Creek pipe line. In all there were over \$2,000 worth of supplies.

## FEW CASES IN J. P. COURT

The year 1910 has not seen a case in Justice court and Justice of the Peace Williams is wondering at the cause. Usually cases come up for dispensation of justice every few days, but this year is setting a new record in that the month is half gone and there has been no cases as yet.

## 3 CHILDREN INCINERATED

Winlock, Wash., Jan. 15.—Three infant children of Oscar Backman were burned to death in the fire which destroyed the Backman home a few miles south of this city last night. Mrs. Backman sent two of the oldest boys, aged 4 and 2 years, on an errand to one of the neighbors, and then left the baby at home in a cradle near which was placed a lighter candle, while she went to her mother's home, only a few hundred feet distance, for a short time. She was gone but a few minutes when the house burst into flames. The fire apparently started in the kitchen.

With Warner Buckman, an uncle of the children, Mrs. Backman rushed into the burning house and attempted to rescue the children but the two were unable to get into the kitchen which was a mass of flames. Backman then broke into the front of the house. No one knew that the two boys had returned to the house until their charred bodies were discovered in the ruins.

Backman succeeded in effecting an entrance into the room where the boys met their death but on account of the intense smoke he did not see them. The bodies of the three children were incinerated.

It is not known how the fire originated but it is supposed that the boys returned home and were playing with matches or that they got hold of the candle and set their clothing on fire, which his indicated by the position of the three bodies, as they had apparently climbed into the bed with their clothing on. The four year old boy had his arms around his two year old brother, apparently trying to protect him. The baby's remains were found near the bed.

## 16 SIDINGS DONE SOON

With all their forces centered at North Powder where the last and sixteenth siding of considerable length to be constructed on the O. R. & N., East of Pendleton, the work of Twohey Bros. in this section of the state is near an end. Ten days more, it is estimated, will find the contractors and their forces gone to other sections after having spent several months here with hundreds of men. The sixteen sidings are all on the right going west and are said by railroad men to be the nucleus for future double tracking.

## TRIAL JUDGE IN DILEMMA

### MUST DECIDE FOR OR AGAINST THE DEFENDANT IN THE BINGER-HERMANN CASE

**CLIMAX TO LONG ARGUMENTS WILL COME MONDAY NOON.**

Wolerton Must Decide Knotty Questions when the Time Comes—Trial Adjourned Until Monday From Noon Today.

Portland, Ore., Jan. 15.—Judge Wolerton has now come to the point where he must either turn the index finger to the point which will indicate the ultimate outcome of the Binger Hermann trial for or against the defendant. All during the session of the court this morning the Judge listened to the reasons presented by Attorney Worthington why he should not turn the hinge of the case against the defendant but should not open the gates to the flood of evidence against him, and to other reasons presented by Henry why he should throw the gates wide open and allow the floods of evidence, which the prosecution expect to make use of for the purpose of proving the defendant's connection with the conspiracies of Mays and Jones in the Blue Mountain forest reserve.

When court adjourned at noon until Monday, Worthington will not have finished his reply to Henry and it will be noon Monday before Judge Worthington will have the opportunity of handing down his decision, which will be vital to the further conduct of the trial.

The controversy which is raging between the attorneys concerns the testimony of Ben Tarpley, Horace J. McKinley, George Sorenson and S. A. D. Puter regarding the conversation or conversations had with F. P. Mays regarding the operations of men in securing school lands in the Blue Mountain forest region, prior to the time of the creation of the forest reserves or the withdrawal of the lands from settlement.

## NEW LAW IS BOTHERSOME

### LOCALLY LITTLE IS KNOWN OF THE NEW LAW.

**Corporations Will Find How the Measure Works Before Long.**

Questions pertaining to the corporation tax are not clear to local attorneys or to corporations, either, and it is doubtful if all the details pertaining to this new but important question will be settled until the government itself proceeds to collect. All corporations having a net proceed for the year of \$5,000 or over is under the jurisdiction of the new law and must pay taxes on its earnings. La Grande will, sooner or later, however, have all these things explained.

### All Miners Escape.

Trinidad, Jan. 15.—It is announced today on good authority that all of the 300 miners imprisoned in the tunnel by the explosion in the Berwin mine near Trinidad yesterday, have made their escape. The men made their way to the surface by means of an abandoned shaft that connected with the mine.