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## REMARKABLE ONE-DAY FALL

### EASTERN OREGON NOT ALONE IN MATTER OF SNOW STORM AND MID-WINTER STORM

### NINE INCHES FALL IN SHORT PERIOD OF FEW HOURS

Average snowfall for past five years in February is 12 inches, but already during this month 18 inches have fallen—Today's snowfall reaches highest one-day mark in a decade.

Breaking all records of a decade for February one-day storms, and setting a new mark for the total snowfall in one month, of February in five years, a snowstorm commencing early this morning and revolutionized the habits of La Grande, Union county and all Eastern Oregon inhabitants has lasted throughout the day. The remarkable fall of nine inches from midnight until 2 this afternoon, has brought the total snow fall up to 18 inches for the month of February. These figures were given out this afternoon by Weather Observer W. A. Worstall, who has data to the effect that February is always the heaviest snow month and that the average fall for the entire month is 12 inches. Already, prior to today, nine inches have fallen, and these added to today's remarkable allotment, create a new record even though the month is only half spent. As the day progresses the precipitation has become half rain, packing the snow solidly.

### Another Rotary Coming

The Albina rotary has been drafted into service to assist in keeping the tracks clear. With an urgent demand for the single machine maintained here from both hills, the equipment has been found insufficient and the Albina rotary is now on the way to La Grande. It has been as much as one rotary could do to keep the Kamela hill clear, let alone attempt the struggle on Telocasset hill.

### Eight Feet of Snow

With eight feet of snow on the level at Telocasset, the struggle has been terrific. Freight trains have not been moved today, though passengers have been able to make their way through. That was this forenoon, however, and with continued snow this afternoon it is doubtful if one rotary can keep the track open tonight to even permit passengers to get through. The snow is so wet and heavy that more than ordinary energy is required to displace it.

### Blizzard at Ladd Canyon.

Locally there has been but a few moments of blizzardlike weather.

That, however, is not true of the Ladd Canyon district and the country stretching in front of it. From early morning until late this afternoon it has been snowing and blowing with great discomfort in the region of the wind-breeding canyon.

The heaviest snowfall of the year is reported from all sections of the valley and unless the storm ceases soon, traffic will be demoralized on all county roads, where already there is much trouble from sand-covered snowdrifts.

### Many Trains Stalled

Minneapolis, Feb. 17.—The entire Northwest is in the grip of a cold wave today. Minnesota and the Dakotas are blizzard swept and communication is difficult. Northern Pacific officials announced today that trains on their roads are stalled in Montana because of the unusually heavy snow and that none are proceeding toward the Pacific.

## LADD CANYON LADY PAST NINETY YEARS

### GRANDMA BRADEN CELEBRATES 90TH ANNIVERSARY

Walks, memory keen and general condition very encouraging.

Mrs. Susan Braden, commonly known among most readers as "Grandma" Braden was 90 years old on St. Valentine's Day. Grandma was born at N. Collins, Erie Co., N. Y., Feb. 14th, 1820. She has always kept herself well posted on the news (the Youths Companion being her favorite newspaper) until the past year, her eyesight having become very poor. She has not been able to hear very well for several years but has a very good memory. She often relates incidents which happened when she was a child. Although she has suffered with the rheumatism a great deal of the time, she is able to walk about with a cane.

## CHAUTAUGUA IN OTHER CITIES

### ADDRESS IN FULL OF PRESIDENT COLLIER AT BANQUET.

Description of what can be done and what has been done in that way.

Appended is the speech of President Collier, in toto, delivered at the annual banquet this week.

You have all heard the old saying that man has outlived his usefulness and I am beginning to fear I that I have gotten into that class so far as Commercial Club work is concerned. I have passed the hat so often among the good citizens of La Grande and argued and pleaded with them so often to assist in the various projects which our Club has undertaken to launch that I can fancy I see you all now setting your teeth and hanging onto your purse strings with a determination not to let go again.

A short time ago I went into one of the places of business in the city where there were a number of gentlemen present and one of them said "There comes Collier again—He's after more money, I'd hate to have the reputation he has for being a beggar." That was a hot one, as the boys say.

However, the liberal manner which the good people of our city and community have contributed of their money and time to the numerous enterprises, which, as I stated, our Club has assisted in securing for them, and the noble work it has done in heralding the resources and advantages of our beautiful Grande Ronde valley to the whole United States, encourages me to believe you will not refuse to allow me to explain in a brief manner the objects and merits of our latest venture, which the Colonel styles "Our New Infant."

I do not know how familiar you are with the Chautauqua and its work and, therefore, at the risk of being tedious and tiresome to some of you, I shall endeavor first of all to explain its object and scope.

The Chautauqua is the effect of a great cause. The cause that gave it birth is found in the yearnings of the human heart for social and educational development. It is the social and the intellectual struggling for light and liberty. It is the best that is in man reaching out for something that is higher. But this is not the only reason why the Chautauqua exists today. It is not the only reason why it has come into such popularity and yields such a mighty influence in the upbuilding of the intelligence of our land. Man has a physical nature which makes demands upon him and yet there is a limit to his physical endurance. We are not only living in a strenuous

## INSURE FOR RAIN DAMAGE

### UNUSUAL REQUEST SENT TO THE LOYD'S INSURANCE AGENCY AT LONDON FROM HESTER

### PREMIUM WILL BE DETERMINED JUST BEFORE FIGHT

Promoter of Wolgast-Nelson fight attempt to protect gate receipts with insurance from rain—Little known as to outcome of the attempt for the request is entirely out of the ordinary.

Oakland, Calif., Feb. 17.—Acting

for Sir Hester, Clarence Coleman of the Coleman Insurance Company in this city today cabled to London Lloyds Insurance Company a request for a policy of \$30,000 against rain on Washington's birthday when Hester will stage the Nelson-Wolgast fight at Point Richmond for the lightweight championship of the world. Hester has planned no cover for his arena and fears that if it should rain on the day of the fight the receipts will be cut down to such an extent that he will lose heavily on the venture.

Coleman declared today that he was unable to predict whether the London insurance writers would issue so extraordinary a policy nor could he estimate what the premium would be.

The premium will probably depend largely on the weather forecasts, and atmospheric conditions for 48 hours previous to the fight.

These, he said, would probably be learned by telegraph and should they consent to issue the policy, the premium would be estimated in direct ratio with probability of rain. The promoter has already insured the life of Eddie Smith who will referee the fight.

age, but many of us are living strenuously, and there comes a time when we must call a halt for rest and recreation. Instead of being compelled to take that rest in some isolated spot and seek recreation in dissipation and frivolity the higher nature calls for good social environments and healthful recreation. This is the object of the Chautauqua. The Chautauqua gives all alike an opportunity to see and hear the best that the world produces in intellect and entertainment and that at a very nominal cost.

The entertainment we propose to furnish will include some 20 or 25 numbers, any one of which would cost under ordinary conditions fifty cents to a dollar, while with the season ticket plan which we adopted the price is reduced to about 12 cents each.

To give you some idea of what the Chautauqua means to a community I desire to say that in my old home in Illinois, about half the size of La Grande, they started a Chautauqua some few years ago and now have each year more than 1000 campers who come and camp on the grounds during the entire course of 15 days. They have more than 200 private cottages on the grounds, costing from perhaps \$100 to several thousand dollars each; many handsome memorial and permanent buildings, and all located on the Association's beautiful grounds. People come many miles to attend these assemblies and the attendance at each course is from 20,000 to 30,000. This particular association spends \$10,000 annually for entertainment and amusement and yet the institution is self-

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## ADMIRAL VS. SECRETARY

### A BIG ROW TO BE STIRRED UP IN CONGRESS OVER THE PROBABLE DISMISSAL OF PHELPS

### REAR-ADMIRAL EARNS THE OPPOSITION OF SEC. MEYERS

Minor trouble in Navy Department at Mare Island may lead to dismissal of several and general trouble among higher-ups—Admiral's friends in congress strong—Conflict certain

Valejo, Calif., Feb. 17.—A hint that

an effort may be made to remove Rear Admiral Thomas Phelps as commandant of Mare Navy Yard at Vallejo here to foreshadow a sensational conflict in naval affairs which will reach to the highest seats in Washington. Following the removal of Commander C. A. Carr from the position of head of the engineering department of the yard it has been suggested that Sec. Meyers is displeased with the support given him by Phelps to the Newberry plan of administration of naval affairs and may endeavor to put in an entirely new regime at the Mare Island.

Friends of Admiral Phelps today pointed out the fact that he is a native son of California and stands high in the favor of the entire California delegation in congress. It is said Phelps is particularly pleased with Senator Perkins, the head of the committee on naval affairs in the senate and some Phelps supporters intimate that perhaps the Admiral thought he was subject to regular discipline of the department, perhaps may have more power that some of the officials in Washington may suppose.

There is no doubt whatever but that any attempt to remove Phelps will participate a big row and it is believed here his influence in congress will make it possible for his friends to give Sec. Meyers considerable trouble.

General dissatisfaction and unrest in naval circles has grown out of the conflict which resulted in the action of Sec. Newberry in placing the construction department in a position superior to the engineering department, making the naval constructor general manager of the navy yards. This policy was put in effect throughout the organization.

### Telephone Company in Trouble

New York, Feb. 17.—It is expected here today that a request that the Attorney General Wickersham start proceedings against the American Telephone and Telegraph Company on the grounds of conspiracy in restraint of trade will be made following the suit brought by the stockholders of the United States and Cuyahoga.

### Another Smallpox Victim

Port Townsend, Wash., Feb. 17.—A second smallpox victim was buried from the cruiser Washington at the quarantine station today. The dead sailor in William J. Bohning, aged 22 years, a native of Kansas. P. O. Griffiths, aged 25, of California, is one of the sick and his condition is serious. The name of the sailor who died Tuesday cannot be learned.

### Mikado Rehearsals Today

At 3:30 this afternoon and again tonight at 7:30, rehearsals for principals and choruses took place today. The work is progressing very well under the able direction of Robert Burton. All members are requested to attend tonight.

## STANFORD SHAKEN BY A TREMBLOR

### INSTITUTION SUFFERS LOSS OF PLASTER CEILINGS.

Classes dismissed hurriedly fearing a repetition of disturbances.

Stanford University, Calif., Feb. 17.—Stanford was shaken again by an earthquake at 10:50 this morning. All classes were dismissed fearing a repetition of the disturbances. Plaster fell from the ceilings in the class rooms, but no serious damage was reported. A general panic at alarm spread throughout the institution at the first indication of a tremor.

### HELP MOUNTAIN FAMILY

Local people give freely to aid needy mountaineers at Rondow.

Several articles of clothing were donated today for a needy family living two miles from Rondow. D. C. Brixoux brought word of the deplorable condition of a needy family living in the mountains out from the junction of the Wallows and Grande Ronde rivers. During the afternoon many pieces of wearing apparel were given to Mrs. J. W. Bush, who is looking after the proper delivery of the articles. The family is both sick and destitute.

### CHECKS RAPIDLY DISAPPEARING

Only a few dividend checks of small denominations remain

Only a very few dividend checks issued by the Comptroller in December to the depositors of the defunct Farmers and Traders National Bank remain uncalled for. Checks of any size at all have been called for and those remaining, numbering about a hundred, are all of very small denominations.

### Another Rooming House Opened

Mrs. R. L. Mathews has opened a new rooming house on the corner of Spring and Sixth, in the house known as the Stulte property.

## POWDER MILL UP IN SMOKE

### EARTH SHAKES FOR MILES ABOUT BY DETONATION WHEN THE EXPLOSION OCCURS

### MANY EMPLOYEES MAY HAVE BEEN BLOWN TO ATOMS

Impossible to reach scene of disaster with help—Over one hundred were employed in the plant at the time of the explosion—Some injured have been found—Fire breaks out after the explosion.

San Leandro, Calif., Feb. 17.—With

a roar that startled the people of this city and vicinity and a detonation that shook the surrounding country, the Trojan Powder Works of this city blew up today and afterwards was nearly destroyed by fire, which is now menacing the surrounding buildings. It is feared a heavy loss of life may have resulted, although at this time details are not obtainable.

Over one hundred men and women were employed in the plant and at work when the explosion occurred at 10:45 o'clock and many of them may have been blown to atoms. The plant is at Roberta Landing some distance from the heart of San Leandro. Seven badly injured men were removed from the three destroyed buildings shortly after the shock and hurried to the Alameda county hospital.

### Can't Reach Injured.

Conditions at the scene of the explosion are such that rescuers are having difficulty in reaching the helplessly injured. Reports reaching San Lorenzo, two miles from the scene of disaster, are that the buildings of the works are on fire.

## Coughs

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