

TRI-COUNTY CONVENTION OF FARMERS CALLED TO ORDER WITH BIG ATTENDANCE

CLOSED SESSION OCCUPIES THE AFTERNOON

SEVERAL SPEAKERS HEARD THIS MORNING AT OPEN SESSION OF ASSOCIATION

CLIMAX COMES TONIGHT

Most Important Meeting in Years to Be Held This Evening at 8:30 O'clock the Doors Will Swing Open to the Public—John Wells of Imbler Calls Meeting Together This Morning.

With every train bringing in additional delegates, one open meeting and one closed session already are enrolled on the records, the first day of the tri-county Farmers Co-Operative Union convention is now awaiting 8:30 tonight when the second and most important open session will be held.

The delegates now number 250 and there are more to come on the evening trains. It is apparent that the attendance will come up to the most sanguine expectations of the promoters of the convention.

Wells Handles Gavel.
In the absence of State President J. W. McAllister of this city who was at the state board meeting, Jno. Wells of Allice occupied the chair this morning when the first meeting order.

—an open session—was called to Several Speakers Heard.

Organization and co-operation was the principal theme discussed by the four speakers who were heard at the morning session. H. D. G. Cox, the state organizer, A. V. Swift of Baker, H. J. Oburn of Rock Creek and A. P. Davis of this city, were the speakers this morning. The keynote of their speeches was unity and organization.

Closed Meeting This Afternoon.
This afternoon at 2 o'clock the con-

vention came to order again and this time for the first closed session. Matters of extreme importance came up though much of it is only preliminary. The finishing touches will be given at subsequent meetings.

Important Meeting Tonight.

This evening at 7 o'clock the meeting comes to order for a closed session and at 9:30 this evening the doors swing open to the public when the merchants and farmers are to mingle and discuss common subjects. Several speakers will be heard this evening for the business men.

Meet in Tabernacle.

On account of the size of the crowd, the meetings will be held in the tabernacle on fourth street this evening.

Punishment for Suits.

Washington, Jan. 13—The House judiciary committee today voted favorably upon a bill providing for the punishment of spies during times of peace. It is designed to remedy the defects of the present law.

GOULD GOWN IN CUSTODY OF OFFICIALS

HELD OVER NIGHT PENDING THE PAYMENT OF CUSTOM FEE.

Vivian Gould's Fiancee Brings Garment Over From Paris.

New York, Jan. 13—After a night in the customs house where it was held for duty, Mrs. Gould's \$1400 gown was redeemed today and taken home. It was brought from Paris by Lord Decies, the fiancee of Miss Vivian Gould. He arrived last night but could not pay the duty. The government officials would not take a check. The duty amounted to \$1,000. The lord will marry Vivian in February.

Baker Has 6,742.

Washington, Jan. 13—The population of Baker, Ore., was given out today as 6,742.

The population of Astoria is 9,059. Reno Nev., has 10,867.

TWO PASSENGER TRAINS FAST IN DRIFTS

WITHOUT FOOD AND COAL SUPPLY IS ALSO LIMITED TO A FEW DAYS.

SNOW PLOWS USELESS

Notaries Cannot Reach Scene of Blockade as Wind Drifts Snow Immediately Behind the Machine—Details of the Conditions Within the Trains is Not Known to Officials—Relief at Midnight Maybe.

White Fish, Mont., Jan. 13—With the temperature twenty below zero, eighty passengers on trains No. 3, the fast mail and No. 27 on the Great Northern are stalled in the mountains near Fielding, Montana, where the trains were stopped by a great wind-blown drift. There are no diners on and only enough coal to last till Sunday. The fate of the passengers is unknown. Rotary snow plows are working from Cutbank and White Fish toward the trains but so far have been unable to clear the tracks owing to the rapid drifts. Frenzied efforts are being made today to reach the trains.

CLEMENTS HEADS COMMISSION

Ranking Member of Interstate Commission is President of the Body.

Washington, Jan. 13—Judson Clements was today elected chairman of the Interstate Commerce Commission. He succeeds Martin Knapp, who has been appointed a member of the court of commerce, Clements was the ranking member of the commission.

FIVE TAKEN FROM RUINS

Police and Firemen Believe Pennsylvania Fire May Have Killed Others

Connellsville, Pa., Jan. 13—Five bodies, two of whom are beyond identification were removed from the ruins of the McCarris store today. The police and firemen are searching the ruins with the belief that others may have perished. Gas caused the explosion.

ENTIRE WEST IN GRIP OF COLD AND SNOW

WITH EXCEPTIONS OF FEW LOCALITIES, STORM IS A GENERAL ONE TODAY.

TWO FREEZE TO DEATH

Train Stalled in Montana and the Dakotas, While Stock Suffers Through the Same Region and into Alberta—Medford Has Coldest Weather in Twenty Years But Crops May Survive—Snow in Walla Walla.

Portland, Or., Jan. 13—Dashes of rain and snow on the western coast of Oregon and Washington and cold weather in eastern Washington and Oregon with little snow, heavy snow storms and bitter cold in Montana, Alberta and Dakotas and zero weather and snow in Idaho, marked the progress of the cold snap which is now working across the northwest centers over Nevada today. From Walla Walla is reported a fall of snow and wheat is endangered. From Medford comes the report of the coldest weather in twenty years but it is believed the fruit will not be damaged. In Montana, and the Dakotas, trains are stalled.

It is believed the weather will moderate in another twenty-four hours. Live stock in Montana, the Dakotas and Alberta are suffering. Two men were frozen to death in Montana.

Rains in California.

San Francisco, Jan. 13—A general rain fall north of Tepecapapi is reported by the weather bureau today and will continue till tomorrow. The cold snap, which accompanied the storm gave way to warmer weather today. Nearly three inches of rain has fallen since Monday.

Three Frozen to Death.

Helena, Jan. 13—Three are known to have been frozen to death in various parts of Montana and there is a heavy loss of live stock with no signs of relief from the storm. It began snowing again today. It is believed others perished and their bodies will be found later. The mercury is 20 below. Railroad traffic is badly demoralized on the Great Northern throughout the Flat Foot country.

Traffic is routed via the Northern Pacific.

The northwest storm continues to give the Grande Ronde valley the passup. Slight snowfalls has been the rule though not sufficient in quantity to insure sleighing off the pavements. The entire country today is feeling the light snowfall, but as for cold and lower thermometers, nothing bordering on severe weather is reported. The same is true in Pendleton and Baker.

EXPLOSION KILLS SIX.

Six Men Killed in City Limits of Prince Rupert by Explosion.
Prince Rupert, B. C., Jan. 13—Six men are dead and one is dying as a result of a premature blast late yesterday on the right of way of the Grand Trunk-Pacific within the city limits. They were putting in the blasts and workmen were blown to bits, the only survivor has a fractured skull.

FOX HILL DOG A VICTIM OF RABBIES

NOT BELIEVED OTHER ANIMALS WERE BITTEN HOWEVER.

Children Exposed But Escape With No Harm While Rabbits Last.

What is said to be a case of rabies has been discovered on Fox Hill near the city when a dog owned by Henry Brill was seized by the dreaded malady and though children were exposed to the affliction while the dog was suffering with it, none were bitten and the dog was slain.

Mr. Brill who lives on Fox Hill, was in the city today and reports that the dog suddenly gave evidences of hydrophobia one evening and though the children in the Brill family were playing with the animal shortly before, none of them were bitten and it

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PULLMAN HIT BY TRAIN AND 7 CRUSHED

BATAVIA, NEW YORK SCENE OF ANOTHER DISASTROUS TRAIN SMASHUP TODAY

INJURED NUMBER TWENTY

Pullman Standing at Station When it Was Struck by Another Train Running at Fast Clip—Injured Under the Debris for Several Hours Before Wreckers Arrived to Remove Objects Plunging Them Down.

Batavia, N. Y., Jan. 13—Seven passengers in a Pullman sleeper were killed today and twenty injured in a rear end collision on the New York Central. The accident happened at the station. The passenger was standing still when another plunged into it telescoping the rear sleepers. None of the dead were identified at noon. The wrecking trains were rushed from Buffalo and Rochester.

The injured were under the debris for four hours before the wreck was released.

GASOLINE IRON KILLS

Husband Called Home by Dying Wife When Accident Occurred.

Santa Ana, Jan. 13—"Come home John, the house is on fire, and I think I am dying," said Mrs. John Gowan, as she telephoned her husband after having been fatally burned by an explosion of a gasoline iron. The husband rushed home and extinguished the blaze and endeavored to revive his wife, but she died after the physicians were called. The woman was attempting to refill the iron when it exploded.

Murderess Held Without Bail.

Nashville, Tenn., Jan. 13—Bell Martin, suspected of having drowned her twin babies, aged six months, was held in jail today without bail.

NEARLY A MILLION SAVED BY FARMERS IN TWO YEARS THROUGH BENEFITS OF FARMERS UNION

Over six hundred thousand dollars with the unknown profits probably bringing the figure to an even million dollars, and have been saved by farmers of Union, Wallowa and Baker counties during the two years' time through co-operation and organization under the Farmers Co-operative Union. This astonishing figure was made known today during a meeting of the executive board of the Oregon State Farmers Union held at the Savoy hotel this morning and still in session this afternoon. The members present were J. W. McAllister of La Grande, C. C. Conners, Helix, Clyde Wilson, Buhl, Idaho, J. P. Brown of Arlington and M. M. Waterman, The Dalles, E. S. Norris of this city, who is a member could not attend. The meeting transacted much routine matters, but the principal work of a public nature was to determine the profits belonging to the Union. The enormous profits were largely realized by Union county farmers for that county has the largest number of members. Helix by the way does the most actual work and accomplishes the most

BUT IF HE IS A BAD BOY?



—Thorndike in Baltimore American.

VAST POWER SITES ON GRANDE RONDE AND MINAM RIVERS ARE WITHDRAWN FROM PUBLIC ENTRY

Splendid and vast power sites, capable of developing almost unlimited power by waters of the Grande Ronde and Minam rivers, have been withdrawn from entry by the department of the interior, in keeping with its policy of conserving natural resources and power sites. The notice of the withdrawal of over nine thousand acres of land bordering on these rivers, and involving some of the finest power sites on these streams and tributaries, have reached the local land office.

Extends to Washington Line.
The withdrawal commences on the Minam river just above where it empties into the Wallowa river at Minam, and goes on down the river to the Grande Ronde and follows the shores of that stream to the Washington line.

It is presumed the Spokane land office has received instructions to withdraw all lines along the Grande Ronde until the Snake is reached.

Power Sites Immense.
The resources stored and bottled up from future entries of any sort are perhaps the finest in Eastern Oregonian, with the exceptions of the heads of each of the principal streams involved, but the inconvenience of reaching them reduce their value as compared to these particular sites which strew the streams at frequent intervals further down their courses, and are always within easy reach. The withdrawal means that no form of entry can be made on them, and that they cannot be dickered into power sites for the monopolies through entry by homestead processes and then sold to the power trusts. The withdrawal also is in keeping with the conservation policy of the R. A. Ballinger theory for practically every stretch of good power sites are now being withdrawn where such is possible.

This is the nearest that the Ballinger idea has come to La Grande and though there are still vast power sites available on the headwaters of the Minam the choice sites are now gone and the thousands of horsepower running down these streams will continue to run unharnessed.