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TORNADO SWEEPS SOUTHERN STATES LEVELING TOWNS AND INJURING MANY; PROPERTY DAMAGE HEAVY

Kansas City, April 13.—Deaths, injuries that reach far beyond a hundred, enormous property damage, hastily reckoned at a half million, are some of the results of a frightful tornado which swept Kansas, Missouri and Oklahoma last night. Some of the more serious cases follow:

Big Heart, Oklahoma, 10 injured, many of whom will die; Chocotah, two dead; Meeker, four dead; Netawka, three injured; Muskogee, 10 injured.

Kansas Towns Spilled.

In Kansas the most serious damage consisted of:

Hiawatha, three dead and one injured; Whiting, one dead and 30 injured.

In Missouri the list includes:

Joplin, one dead and four injured. Webb City, four injured. Eskeridge, 30 school children injured.

Nebraska Town Gone.

Whiting is entirely gone and 60 buildings are leveled. It is miraculous how the death list was kept down to one for the buildings were scattered broadcast and with little warning to the inhabitants of the small town. The storm was seen approaching and the people sought the best refuge possible and with considerable success.

Early this morning the property damage is placed at a half million but it is believed that this will grow for belated wire reports—telegraphic communication is difficult and often impossible—will add to the total of property loss and the total death list as well.

Of the injured many are so badly bruised and crushed that recovery is impossible. Until the wire service is repaired it will be difficult to get accurate figures from the smaller towns in the path of the storm.

May Removed in Stock Cars.

Muskogee, Okla., April 13.—Forty of those injured in a hurricane at Big Heart were taken to Tulsa today in stock cars for treatment.

Two Other Towns Feel It.

Omaha, April 13—The towns of Snell and Oconto, Neb., were visited last night by a tornado that did considerable damage but there were no fatalities.

One Thousand Homeless.

Pawhuaski, Okla., April 13.—With the town of Big Heart practically razed, 1,000 are homeless. Investigation today showed that the loss to the Osage nation of Indians, as a result of the tornado, exceeds $1,000,000. It is now known that 10 lost their lives at Big Heart.

OHIO DEMOCRAT WHO HELD CENTER OF DEMOCRATIC GATHERING AT INDIANAPOLIS TODAY.

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Indianapolis, Ind., April 13.—Judson Harmon, the Ohio democrat, was the chief figure in today's democratic confab at which victory in 1912 is the fundamental cry—and that he was the central figure is all the more remarkable because such men as Bryan, Woodrow Wilson, Thomas P. Marshall and others were present. Other democratic leaders of national prominence who joined in sounding the keynotes for the 1912 campaign are Governor Foss of Massachuetts, Governor Burke of North Dakota, former Governor Folk of Missouri, former Governor Peck of Wisconsin, former Governor McCreary of Kentucky and former Governor McCorkle of West Virginia.

WILLIAM E. HUMPHREY OF WASHINGTON.

Insurgent who was one of few northwest senators to gain any distinction at all on the republican house committees. Humphrey, incidentally, was the author of the Ballinger investigation bill.

PULLMAN FRUIT DISTRICT SUFFERS HALF-MILLION DOLLAR LOSS; OREGON TOWNS FARE WELL

Pullman, Wn., April 13.—The hardest April freeze in years practically destroyed all fruits in the Snake river district last night. The loss is estimated at a half million at the very least. Peaches, apricots and cherries were completely killed while plums and prunes may yield a half crop at the best. The mercury registered 18 degrees below freezing.

Medford Suffers but Little.

Medford, April 13.—Frost last night practically did no damage to the fruit on account of smudge fires. The same is true in Marion county.

Boise Cherries Suffer.

Boise, April 13.—Frost did heavy damage to cherries, peaches and apricots in this district. Apples not far advanced, suffered little here, and but slightly in southern Idaho.

With the possible exception of pears and peaches a minor crop, not a particle of damage has been done as yet in the Grande Ronde valley. Apples have escaped every injury thus far and the cherries too have fared well. The fruit situation continues indicative of banner crops. The tardiness of development alone is saving the crops from some damage as the frosts have been quite severe.

2,000,000 GALLONS OF CHAMPAGNE WASTED IN FRANCE AND RIOTS IN WINERY TOWNS CONTINUE

Paris, April 13.—With dawn of today the burning of wineries and pillaging of villages in the department of Marne by wine growers was renewed. Growers are enraged at the action of the senate on the champagne lebling question. At Venteuil growers barracked the town against the troops, but wineries are being burned.

Two thousand growers are reported marching against Theims. Wires are cut and the newspapers cannot learn the situation there.

The government has rushed 13,000 troops to Eperney and neighboring towns to stop the rioting. Troops were ordered to shoot any looters.

It is estimated 2,000,000 gallons of champagne have been emptied into the streets in two days.

SOUTH SWINGS TO W. H. TAFT

SOUTH CAROLINA WILL GIVE SUPPORT TO THE PRESIDENT.

Movement on Foot Today to Gain General Favor From Many States.

Washington, April 13.—With South Carolina's republican central committee announcing the endorsement of William H. Taft for renomination, the friends of the president today started an earnest lineup of other states in an effort to bring about his renomination.

Leaders in several southern states have pledged their delegations to Taft; also a number of eastern and western states.

Safe Agent In La Grande.

George H. Rodd, representing the Mosler Safe company of Portland is a business visitor in the city tday.

LOCAL CATTLE SET RECORD

SHIPMENT FROM LAGRANDE GETS HIGHEST KNOWN PRICE.

All Records in Portland Markets Broken Yesterday.

La Grande beef cattle yesterday established a new record of distinction when a shipment sent to Portland by McKennon & Chandler broke all records for high prices in the Portland markets. The Journal of yesterday states:

Portland today paid the record price for cattle of all descriptions. For fancy grain fed stock from La Grande $7 per hundred pounds was secured, while a lot of hay fed stock from central Oregon went at $6.90. These transactions were the highest prices ever received in this market for this time of the year.

UNION MEMBERS PLAN OUTING

GATHERING AT JOSEPH LAKE IN JUNE BIG EVENT.

All State Officers to Be Present—Portland Warehouse Plans.

J. W. McAllister, state president of the Farmers union, has completed many of the arrangements for the gath many of the arrangements for the gathering of Farmers' union members of Baker, Union, Umatilla and Wallowa counties at the head of Joseph lake June 6, and 8. All state officers are planning on being present and the gathering will be the biggest thing of its kind since the district meeting in La Grande some six or seven months ago. It is probable that there will be a special train from La Grande and from the several counties are expected several hundred who will not only attend the meeting of the farmers but enjoy the outing which the trip will afford them.

Warehouse Plans Progressing.

It is announced today that the tri-state terminal warehouse at Portland will be ready by July 1. The Columbia dock No. 2 having 500 feet water front will be used for this purpose.

The union locals are growing in numbers rapidly. Mr. McAllister announces the formation of 13 locals in Baker county, seven in Union, four in Wallowa and 17 in Umatilla county.

Senate Clerk Here.

Head Senate Clerk Flagg of St. Helens is in the city this afternoon on his way home from Wallowa county. Mr. Flagg is a pioneer newspaper man of this state.

He was clerk of the last senate.

FRUIT EXCHANGE MAKES DEAL

UNION OUTPUT OF FRUIT TO BE HANDLED FROM PORTLAND.

Exchange Created a Year Ago Ago Secures Contract for Union.

Union, April 13.—(Special)—At a largely attended meeting of fruit growers held at Union Tuesday night, it was unanimously decided to market all the fruit produced here through the Northwestern Fruit exchange whose headquarters are in Portland. As a result, the Farmers Union exchange, perhaps the best organization in Eastern Oregon, contracted with the Northwestern Fruit exchange for the marketing of the entire output of their association for the season of 1911.

The Northwestern Fruit exchange is fully equipped with the facilities for complete marketing. The exchange claims to have attained exceedingly high records for fruit this year through its comprehensive distribution to all markets of the world. Other fruit associations of the Grande Ronde valley are said to be considering the proposition of joining the exchange and contracting for this marketing service.

The Northwestern Fruit exchange is easily confused with the huge co-operative exchange which is now in the process of formation also having headquarters in Portland. The Northwestern exchange has been in operation in the northwest for a year's time while the one of which so much has been said of late, is now in the embryoic stage. C. S. Williams is president of the Union county and Eastern Oregon branch association which was formed last Saturday in the city for the purpose of joining with the Central exchange, while B. U. Young of Portland is looking after the interests of the Northwestern exchange in this valley.

MRS. RICHARDSON RECOVERS.

Sigs Before Select Audience and Is to Appear Before Musicale.

The many friends of Mrs. A. L. Richardson will be pleased to learn that she has fully recovered, and that her recent illness in no wise affected her voice. Mrs. Richardson sang a solo Sunday morning, April 9, at the First Methodist Episcopal church of Long Beach, Cal., and was immediately asked to sing another solo April 23rd. She has also been requested to sing before the Ebell club of Long Beach, one of the largest musical organizations of California.

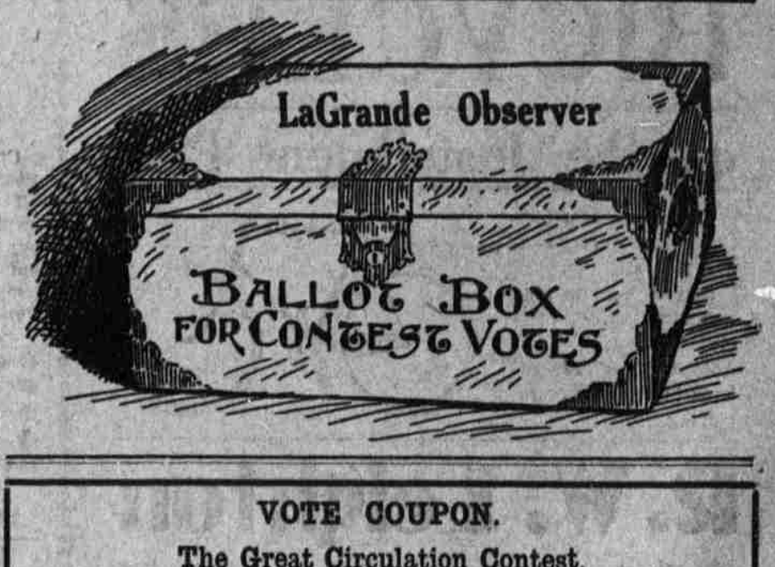
Rides in New Honk Wagon.

E. F. McIntosh, who travels and travels throughout Union and Wallowa counties for a wholesale grocery house, now rides in a new Flanders honk wagon which he is decidedly in love with. Mac is getting to be an auto enthusiast and can talk wheel base and sliding gear with the best of them.

NEW CREAMERY ESTABLISHED.

Ward Emigh of Walla Walla Has Purchased Creamery.

What was until a few days ago the Gold Leaf creamery will be opened at once by Ward Emigh of Walla Walla. The Gold Leaf was purchased a few days ago by the Blue Mountain Creamery company and the site of the Gold Leaf will be used by Mr. Emigh, a well known butter maker of Walla Walla.



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