

## SUFFERING IN COLD BELT BAD

THIRTY-FIVE BELOW ZERO AT DULUTH—BUSINESS STOPS

CHICAGO, IOWA CITIES, WISCONSIN, MINNESOTA SUFFER

Deaths in Wisconsin and Suffering by Poor and Unemployed Terrific—Charity Unable to Cope With Situation—Blizzards Sweep Kansas and Nebraska with Serious Results.

Chicago, Jan. 5.—Gripped in the severest winter weather of the season with the coldest record of five years in many places, suffering between the great lakes and the Rockies is intense. With 150,000 unemployed here, the thermometer five below and due for another tumble tonight, charity agencies are practically overwhelmed and helpless. Some of the below zero towns are Dubuque, Iowa, 16; Minneapolis 28; Winnipeg 24; Williston, N. D., 18; Devils Lake 22.

A terrific blizzard is sweeping Nebraska and Kansas.

Three Dead in Wisconsin.

Milwaukee, Wis., Jan. 5.—Three are known to be dead in Wisconsin on account of the cold. The average temperature for Wisconsin is 20 below.

11 Below Four Days.

Minneapolis, Minn., Jan. 5.—Minnesota is in the throes of zero weather. For the last four days it has been 11 degrees below zero.

Different on Coast.

Portland, Jan. 5.—Summer weather prevails on the Pacific coast. Despite a snowfall yesterday the temperature here is 32 above, San Francisco 41, Tacoma 37, Vancouver, B. C., 32, San Diego 56, and Pasadena 60.

Record Reached at Duluth.

Duluth, Jan. 5.—This is the coldest place in the United States today. The thermometer is 35 below at 9 o'clock. Business is practically suspended and thousands are suffering.

IRISH IN MASS MEETING.

Object to Separation From the United Kingdom Strenuously.

Dublin, Jan. 5.—A gigantic mass meeting here today at Omagh county, Tyrone, at which resolutions were adopted protesting against the efforts by the home rulers to separate Ireland from the United Kingdom, address the assemblage, Ulsterman Sir Edward Carson, leader of the Irish conservatives or Orange faction, said: "If my determination to fight against Ireland's separation from the United Kingdom is treason, I plead guilty. Let the government do its worst."

MISS EDITH PULITZER.  
Whose Marriage to William S. Moore is Set For Dec. 21.



Photo American Press Association.

## MONSTER SUM EXACTED FROM COUNTY BY STATE

UNION COUNTY'S SHARE OF STATE TAX MORE THAN DOUBLED OVER THAT OF LAST YEAR—TOTAL TAX LEVY FOR CITY OF LA GRANDE OVER 4 PER CENT—COUNTY COURT IS ASTONISHED AT STATE LEVY.

### TAXES PAID TO STATE BY UNION COUNTY DURING PAST TEN YEARS

1901	\$24,104.00	1906	\$22,857.50
1902	19,912.00	1907	25,645.00
1903	27,317.50	1908	29,707.50
1904	22,857.50	1909	35,825.71
1905	13,937.50	1910	33,277.58
1911	\$71,573.75		

The greatest business shock that has occurred to this county since the days when land sharks grabbed the lands of settlers for taxes occurred today when a telegram from Secretary of State Ben W. Olcott at Salem announced that Union county's part of the state tax for the year 1911 is \$71,573.75 as fixed by the Board of Tax Commissioners.

It was unbelievable at first and County Clerk Wright acting as secretary to the county court wired for verification, believing that some error had occurred in the message. The answer came back quoting the same figures.

A few minutes later the county clerk of Wallowa county called up the court of this county and asked what Union county's state tax was for the past year, claiming at the same time that the figures sent to Wallowa county seemed out of reason. When he was told of the Olcott message he said that was in proportion to what Wallowa county had been taxed.

At no time until today did the county court think it possible for the state tax to exceed that of last year which was \$33,277.58, but now it is understood that the State of Oregon exacts more than double the amount of taxes from Union county this year than last.

A table at the head of this article shows the enormous increase in state taxes which has been going on for the last ten years with a climax of the 1911 tax.

In view of the startling information contained above which adds at least four mills to the total tax anticipated by any resident of Union county, it is interesting to know in detail the different assessments and the amounts of money raised for different purposes. Following is the budget put up to the county court which body only makes two levies—the county and roads. All other levies are made by other parties and the county court has nothing to do but add them together and submit the total to the public.

The Budget.

Mills Purpose	Amount
4.3 —State	\$74,074.44
4 —County	68,906.45
.03—Library	516.80
2.5 —Roads	43,066.53
2.56—School	44,100.13
.61—High School	10,508.23
11 —Total	241,172.58

Because of the delinquencies which occur every year and which cannot be exactly computed in advance there is a slight difference in the amount of the state tax called for and the amount designated by the court to be raised. This, however, is something that must necessarily occur each year in order to have enough without the delinquencies to meet the state's demand.

It will be remembered that the valuation this year is \$17,226,613. Of this amount the state board of tax commissioners fixed the valuation of public utilities at \$3,384,478 while last year Union county received tax from the same source at a valuation of \$3,555,740, thus cutting down the assessed valuation almost \$200,000 the present year, which in turn cuts down the source of revenue from the railroads and other utilities now being assessed by the state board, and which were formerly assessed by the counties individually.

In the budget it will be noticed there is no levy this year for indigent soldiers. This is due to a sufficient sum of money on hand in that fund to carry over the year.

As has been stated before the county court makes but two levies—one

for county expense and the other for county roads. The other levies are submitted to the court. The special school fund from the various districts comes in after school elections which determine the number of mills. In La Grande district it is 11 mills this year.

The amount to be raised for county school purposes is fixed by law enacted by the state legislature and is now \$8.00 per capita for every child of school age in the county. Four years ago this was \$6.00 per capita.

The high school fund voted by the people of the county last year provides for county high schools and the amount is fixed by law. In Union county this is apportioned as follows: La Grande \$3,403; Union 1,175; Elgin 1,650; Cove 1,650; Island City 800; North Powder 500; Imbler 500.

Total \$10,575. The budget for general school purposes as handed in by County Superintendent Bragg amounts to \$43,544.17.

The library tax which was formed by a law enacted by the legislature requires ten cents per capita to be raised for every child of school age. In Union county this amounts to \$5,680.

The foregoing information is given in order that the reader may understand the different avenues of local taxation and further understand what amounts are turned into the different channels.

La Grande's City Tax.

With the 14 mills added to the city tax already named by the city council La Grande's city tax reaches a sum total of 41 mills.

Wallowa County Objects.

Enterprise, Oregon, Jan. 5.—(Special)—When the county clerk of this county showed the telegram received from Secretary of State Olcott today naming Wallowa's part of the state tax there was general consternation

## TRAIN ROBBERS LOOT MAIL CAR

POSSE IN PURSUIT OF DARING ROBBERS THIS MORNING

UNKNOWN AMOUNTS STOLEN FROM PORTLAND MAIL TRAIN

Robbers Tie Mail Crew and Then Rifle the Sacks, Escaping Notice Until Northern California Town is Reached—Policeman Sees Robbers but He Can't Keep in Touch.

Redding, Cal., Jan. 5.—The Oregon express on the Southern Pacific which left San Francisco for Portland last night, bearing northwestern mail for points as far east as Montana, was robbed of registered mail by two bandits who entered the car at Cottonwood early today. They tied the mail clerk, Rhein, and two assistants and rifled the six pouches while the train sped on.

It is unknown how much they got but it is believed to be several thousands. It is believed they concealed themselves in the car at Red Bluff. When the train passed two small stations the robbers threw off and took on mail so nothing suspicious was seen. They left the train shortly before it pulled into the station here. A posse is out.

When the depot attaches discovered the bound clerks in the car, they pointed out the two robbers who were quietly walking down the tracks. One policeman was at the depot but he couldn't keep the men in sight. They disappeared around a curve.

Postoffice inspectors and secret service agents were sent from San Francisco to aid in the hunt.

Pendleton Man Dead.

San Diego, Jan. 5.—Hans Struve, Sr. a wealthy Pendleton rancher, died today at the St. Joseph hospital.

Mrs Day Dead.

Canton, O., Jan. 5.—The wife of Justice Day of the United States supreme court died here today.

## RICHESON A RAVING IDIOT

MENTAL COLLAPSE COMES SUD- DENLY YESTERDAY.

After First Mad Attack, Jabbers in His Cell Like an Idiot.

RICHESON A MANIAC.

Boston, Mass., Jan. 5.—It was learned today that Rev. Richeson's mind is gone. He is raving in his cell this afternoon. Application will be made to appoint a lunacy commission to examine him. If insane he will be sent to the asylum.

Richeson showed his first bad symptoms yesterday while talking with his attorney. Suddenly he leaped to his feet screaming. A negro cell mate threw him on a cot and held him all day and since then he has jabbered at intervals like an idiot.

around the court house. The county court was surprised and every business man expressed his objection who heard of the matter.

Baker Hears News With Regret.

Baker, Ore., Jan. 5.—(Special)—While the exact figures of Baker's part of the state tax are not obtainable at this hour it is known that there is considerable excitement about the court house over the tremendous amount as compared with former year amount as compared with former years

## THREE-WAR VETERAN IS A PROUD FATHER.

Veteran of three wars, A. E. Flower, the North side merchant is today the father of a 10 pound daughter. Notwithstanding his age is considerably past the 60 year mark he is not too aged to be extremely proud of his daughter. Mrs. Flower is reported conceiving rapidly. The little Flower was born on January 2. Under Captain Chas. Keller Mr. Flower fought through the civil war, with the 2nd Illinois infantry, and when he came west shortly after the struggle he was one of the men who ran Chief Joseph, the warrior, to earth and in 1878, the year following Chief Joseph's capture, Mr. Flower fought in the Bannock wars along the Columbia under General Merriam who was then a colonel. Mrs. Flower is 42. Though proud of his war record, this fades in to insignificance when measured with the elation over the new-born daughter.

## "TAPS" SOUNDED FOR BOB EVANS

ARMY AND NAVY FORCES ATTEND FUNERAL OF ADMIRAL.

President, Generals, Marine, Naval and Military Honors Paid.

Washington, Jan. 5.—With President Taft, Admiral Dewey and General Miles and other big officials attending the funeral of Admiral Evans was held this afternoon. More than 1,000 men representing the army and navy, escorted the body to Arlington cemetery. Mrs. Evans is prostrated and was unable to attend.

Taps were sounded at the grave, and a salute of 13 guns was fired. General services were held at All Souls Unitarian church this afternoon.

The line in front had two companies of Annapolis midshipmen, a battery of light artillery, four companies of marines, four companies of blue jackets and two bands. Reverend Ulysses officiated at the church, and the invocation at the grave was by Reverend Wellborn, of Baltimore, a lifelong friend of the admiral.

Poisoning Affects La Follette.

Bloomington, Jan. 5.—When La Follette spoke here today he was so weak on account of ptomaine poisoning that he could hardly stand or talk. Six hundred heard him at the Majestic theatre.

C. C. MOORE.  
President of the Panama-Pacific Exposition Company.



## SOUTH DAKOTA IN TAFT RANK

LA FOLLETTE GERMS LIE BUT SKIN DEEP IS ADMITTED

HARMON TO SWING AROUND THE CIRCLE FEELING PULSES

South Dakota Republicans Prepare to Give Taft Undisputed Sway and to Offset Superficial La Follette Booms—North Dakota Not So Certain—Virginian Voters for Taft, Too.

Huron, S. D., Jan. 5.—That South Dakota may safely be counted on to support Taft for re-election is the opinion confidently expressed by the many republican leaders who rounded up here today for the purpose of organizing a state republican Taft league. Enthusiasm appeared to be the keynote of the rally, which held a 1 day session in the open house and listened to stirring speeches by representatives of the republican party from every part of the state.

La Follette Boom Skin Deep.

The recent organization of some local clubs by the supporters of Senator La Follette has served to start the Taft adherents on a systematic and aggressive campaign. So far as surface indications go the La Follette sentiment does not appear to very pronounced in the state so far, nothing like as strong as it seems to be in the neighboring state of North Dakota. At the same time the Taft forces realize that they must keep up an active campaign if they would make absolutely sure of sending a South Dakota delegation to Chicago which will favor the re-nomination of President Taft.

The Taft supporters, while professing to believe that the La Follette candidacy will cause them little trouble, are ready to admit that the injection of Col Roosevelt's name into the contest might upset their plans. The popularity of Roosevelt throughout this section is generally conceded. Many prominent republicans, regulars and insurgents alike, freely express the belief that the former president could capture the state delegation as against both Taft and La Follette.

But as Col. Roosevelt has given no evidence of approval of the movement to bring him into the race the Taft supporters see nothing at present to stand in the way of a Taft victory. The primary election in South Dakota is not to be held until two weeks before the national convention assemblies in Chicago. The state therefore will be one of the last to elect delegates to the Chicago convention. In view of this fact, it is figured out by the Taft men that before the South Dakota primaries are held the president will have captured a large majority of the delegates and that the La Follette movement in South Dakota will collapse.

Virginia for Taft.

Roanoke, Va., Jan. 5.—Members of the republican state committee of Virginia are arriving here in anticipation of the meeting to be held tomorrow to issue a call for the state convention to select delegates to the national convention Congressman Slemp, who is chairman of the state committee, declares that Virginia is solidly for President Taft for re-election and that tomorrow's meeting will mark the formal opening of the Taft campaign in the south.

Harmon to Stump West.

Columbus, O., Jan. 5.—About the time that Senator La Follette of Wisconsin, progressive republican leader, concludes his present swing around the circle, another presidential candidate will take to the road. Governor Harmon of Ohio, who is regarded as one of the leading candidates for the democratic nomination, is putting his affairs in shape in order to start on his western trip before the end of this month. San Francisco will be the governor's objective point and the ostensible purpose of the jaunt will be to select a site for the Ohio building at the San Francisco exposition.

Governor Harmon's trip will take him over much of the ground covered within the past few months by President Taft, Governor Woodrow Wilson and Senator La Follette.

In a measure the trip will determine

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