

TRAINS STALLED IN DRIFTS

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TRAINS STALLED BY DRIFTS NEAR KAMELA STATION

HEAVIEST SNOWFALL IS NOTED IN A FEW HOURS

Automobiles Stalled in Mud and Snow Last Night Endeavoring to Get Elks to Annual Ball—Passenger Train No. 5 Is the Cause of Temporary Blockade on the Mountain Division.

One-day blockade of overland traffic and serious detriment to street traffic in La Grande and travel on the county roads has resulted from the season's heaviest snowfall, coming yesterday afternoon and evening. It is announced from railroad officials that passenger trains that have been stalled in the Blue Mountains since early morning will reach La Grande about 5 o'clock this evening.

How Trains Were Run.

No. 5, with 11 cars and three engines, left La Grande at 3:15 this morning and got within a half mile of Kamela when the train stuck in the snow. An extra gang of 40 men and section crew were gotten to the relief of the train quickly and by 10 o'clock this morning the train was loosened from its moorings sufficiently to allow it being backed to Casey, a riding, and the snow plow given a chance to pass her and get at the drifts between Casey and Kamela. During the early morning No. 10, the fast mail, reached the mountain and was held at Meacham for a while and was over taken later by No. 6, which was held at Duncan. A freight train, No. 55 followed No. 5 out of La Grande with eight cars of stock and manifest freight and it was held in the snow near Hilgard until a late hour this forenoon. In the meantime No. 56, an eastbound freight, overtook the congestion, and it, too, was held west of Kamela until after the troubles were over.

Telegraph lines were down all the morning between Huron and Duncan, but Assistant Superintendent J. F. Corbett got an exhaustive report into headquarters via roundabout routes. Messages were transmitted between local officials and Portland headquarters via San Francisco. It commenced to blow between La Grande and Meacham about 10 o'clock last night and it is still blowing at noon, say reports from the mountain points.

Local Congestion Severe.

Last night's storm was fought with more vigor than any storm in several years. This was partly due to the existence of the Elks ball and auto-taxis and rigs were floundering about in the mud in the most distressing manner. All automobiles that ventured off the pavement were promptly mired and even on the pavement the sliding and twisting was menacing. Automobiles were freely used to transfer the ladies in attendance at the ball to the banquet rooms in the Foley. Machines were often deserted, to be dug out this morning.

Fall Deepest Yet.

Commencing to snow heavily about noon yesterday the storm had set a record of 11 inches of snow by 9 o'clock last evening. It was of a soggy, saturated sort and it was next to impossible to get wagons through—wheels became chariot-like in appearance with mud and snow instantly. Pedestrians found walking almost impossible in the residence district.

A warm sun today forestalled a silver thaw that would have done immense damage everywhere. Telephone and telegraph lines last night sagged with their soggy load and trees were bent low with their accumulated coating of wet snow. A period of sunbeams today melted the snow sufficiently to cause dislocation from the wires and trees, in a manner that forestalled enormous damage to both.

Heavy Everywhere.

Reports from branch line points, Cove, Union and Summerville tell of severe snowstorms and heavy winds today. Little drifting will take place because of the saturated nature of the snow.

MULKEY SUPPORTS ROOSEVELT

Oregon Member of National Committee Is Enthusiastic.

Portland, Ore., Feb. 23.—Declaring that Roosevelt, in his judgment, is the La Grande was the Judge.

only republican that could be elected president at the next election, Representative F. W. Mulkey, of Oregon, on the Roosevelt national committee, today declared he is preparing to take an active campaign for Roosevelt. He said no matter whether Roosevelt came out as a candidate or not that he would put his name on the Oregon primary ballot. "Taft," he said, "is a reactionary."

La Follette Is Hopeful.

Madison, Wis., Feb. 23.—Without emphatically committing himself but still implying he still has hopes of securing the nomination, R. M. La Follette writing from Washington replied to a letter of the Wisconsin progressives who had unanimously endorsed him. He thanks them for the support and then declares the progressive platform must be thoroughly constructive, uncompromising on great issues and will now be fought out to a finish.

He said it wasn't time to compromise on principles or men.

HELPLESS CITY AWAITS ENEMY

JUAREZ WILL SURRENDER WITHOUT FIGHT.

Two Cities to Be Attacked Simultaneously.

El Paso, Feb. 23.—Defended by less than 300 loyal troops, Juarez is threatened by a force of several thousand rebels marching from the south. The rebels are commanded by General Inez Salazar and are determined to make Juarez the capital. It is believed the city will fall without a struggle.

Chihuahua has been isolated by the burning of railway bridges, the rebels have the upper hand in many parts of Chihuahua state and Americans are without any means of escape.

Simmons Faces Bitter Fight.

Raleigh, N. C., Feb. 23.—With the senatorial primary fight in North Carolina but a few months distant, outward and visible signs are abundant that the contest for the seat of Senator Simmons is to be hard fought and exceedingly bitter. Senator Simmons' term of office will expire one year hence and he is a candidate for reelection. His principal rival for the toga appears to be Governor W. W. Kitchin, who has already taken to the stump and delivered some vigorous attacks on Simmons' political record, particularly his vote in the Lorimer case. A third candidate for the senatorship is former Governor Charles B. Atcock and a fourth is Chief Justice Walter Clark of the state supreme court. It is believed that a second primary confined to the two leaders in the first primary will be necessary to settle the contest.

Eagle Pass, Tex., Feb. 23.—Plans for a simultaneous attack on Juarez and Chihuahua are seen here today in dispatches. General Camap with 1800 rebels, is marching southward toward Chihuahua. At the same time two forces are en route to Juarez.

The way for United States intervention was opened today by the seizure of an American smelter at Aracico, Durango, by the rebels.

St. Louis Prepares for Educators.

St. Louis, Mo., Feb. 23.—Preparations are practically complete for the reception and entertainment of the many noted educators who will be here next week for the annual convention of the Department of Superintendence of the National Educational Association and the meetings of the several other educational societies which will be held here at the same time. The principal convention, that of the Department of Superintendence, will begin its sessions Tuesday. Other organizations which will meet here are the National Council of Education, the National Committee on Agricultural Education and the Educational Press Association. It is expected that a total of more than 1,000 well known educators from all parts of the country will attend the gathering.

ELGIN WINS DEBATE.

Second Victory for Potato Country School Recorded.

That Elgin produces debaters as well as potatoes is evidenced from the fact that the Elgin high school forensic team last night won its second victory from Island City. The first came a week ago on the question, "Resolved, That the Government Should Exact Tariff for Revenue Only." A week ago the negative team won and last night before a big audience at Island City the Elgin affirmative team won again. Rev. Maynard R. Thompson of that Roosevelt, in his judgment, is the La Grande was the Judge.

BERGER RALLIES TO MINT'S AID

EX-CONVICT RELATES ALLEGED DETAILS OF SCHEME

SAID MILLIONS WOULD REVERT TO PRIVATE CONCERN

Discontinuance of San Francisco Mint Disturbs Peace at Washington When Berger Enters Fight Against Such Action—Guggenheims Said to Be Beneficiaries by the Scheme to Discontinue Mint.

Washington, Feb. 23.—Quoting employees of the San Francisco mint in a declaration that officials of the United States treasury department even conspired with the Guggenheim smelter trust to turn over all returning silver and gold used in coinage to the trust, Congressman Berger today introduced a resolution in the house asking a full investigation of the alleged conspiracy. The California representatives who are trying to save the appropriation for San Francisco, are expected to aid Berger.

Ex-Convict Accuses

San Francisco, Feb. 23.—Charges that the Guggenheim smelter trust, through a conspiracy, planned to control the refining of all coinage metals in the country, were made first by a paroled Frenchman who resigned as a chemist of the San Francisco mint in order, he said, to make public the facts in the case. He declared without reservation that a scheme is being made to close the mint here as a part of a plan to deliver the refining of \$175,000,000 annually to the Guggenheim American Smelting and Refining company. He charges that the Morgan and Aldrich interests induced Taft to approve the act of discontinuing gold coinage in San Francisco in March, 1912.

EXPLOSION IS CLIMAX TO FIRE

LEHIGH MINING COMPANY MINE SCENE OF DISASTERS

MANY PERSONS BURNED AND MORE KILLED BY EXPLOSIONS

Situation in Arizona Mine Is Critical—Unknown Number of Dead and Several Bodies Recovered—Mine Is Afire Yesterday, but Large Numbers Reached Safety Before Explosion Comes.

McAllister, Mex., Feb. 23.—This morning eight met death by a fearful explosion in the Western Coal company's mine at Lehigh in which miners had been entrapped by a previous fire. Seven bodies were recovered this forenoon by reserves who say there are several more inside. Many escaped shortly after a fire was discovered in mine No. 5.

The deaths caused by the explosion are not the total casualties resulting from the accident, for the fire broke out yesterday, and several bodies had already been taken out of the Western Coal and Mining company's mine at Lehigh, in which fire broke out last evening. It is believed that there are still 40 men in the lower slopes who are not accounted for.

The mine which is several miles from Lehigh was discovered to be on fire shortly before noon yesterday. At that time a hundred men were in the working. The greater number escaped before the fire gained headway. The fire was subdued sufficiently early last night to permit the rescue party to enter. A negro was the first man found alive. In the same recess the bodies of several dead were found. On approval the act of discontinuing gold coinage in San Francisco in March, miners were brought out. They were revived.

LOCAL TAFT CLUB CREATED

Nevada Legislature Meets. Carson City, Nev., Feb. 23.—Called together in special session by proclamation of Governor Oddie, the Nevada legislature met today for the purpose, according to the proclamation, of providing for a state loan and state tax levy. There is nothing the law to prohibit the governor from calling other legislative business to the attention of the lawmakers. It is rumored that measures may be introduced to make prize fight legal in Nevada and also to put a veto on the Reno divorce inquiry. But it is regarded as more likely that the work of the special session will be confined to the specific objects mentioned in the official call.

Submarines in Storm.

San Pedro, Cal., Feb. 23.—The submarines A-5, and A-3 which left here today for San Diego are reported to have run into a 30 mile gale about 60 miles down the coast. They are conveyed by the United States steamer Fortune. While the wind is not sufficient to make the boats helpless the naval men are anxious.

WATERLOO HAS COME TO ATTEL

FEATHERWEIGHT CHAMPION IS PUT ON SHELVE

Cleveland Scrapper Gives Complete Destruction to "Invincible" One.

Los Angeles, Feb. 23.—Abe Attel is a hasbeen, a wasser, and Johnny Kilbane is proclaimed champion featherweight of the world. The Cleveland youth outfought, outslugged and trounced the former invincible champion yesterday.

Kilbane had the better of all the rounds, with the possible exception of the second. The only mark on him was a cut over the eye, where Attel butted him with his head. Attel was badly bruised.

Nearly ten thousand persons jammed into the arena to see the fight. The receipts amounted to \$25,000 of which Attel is to receive \$10,000 and Kilbane \$5,000. Attel was clearly outfought, and his boasted skill and wonderful cleverness were not in evidence. In but one round the 7th, did Attel have the lead. Attel brought wrath from the crowd on his head by his foul tactics. Time and again he would hold Kilbane's arms in a clinch, and once he grabbed Kilbane's arm with both hands and tried to bend it back. In another, after rushing into a clinch to avoid Kilbane's merciless tattoo Attel butted the Cleveland man with his head opening a great gash over Kilbane's left eye, from which the blood flowed profusely.

At the beginning of the 16th round Referee Ryan stopped the fight, grabbed a towel and wiped off Attel's body which seemed to be covered with some greasy substance. Kilbane's work was a revelation to his friends. He was lightning fast with both hands and feet. A straight jab to Attel's nose or sore eye was his favorite blow. The decision was received with a wild whoop and Kilbane was carried from the building on the shoulders of his friends.

Attel Is Sore, Howls.

Although a big majority favored the referee's decision giving Kilbane the championship, Abe Attel is today sore and declared that had the fight been anywhere but Los Angeles he would have been given the decision. He says he will return to Cleveland. His plans are indefinite. It is said that Attel fought foul throughout.

HUNTINGTON HAS MOVING DAY.

Slot Machines Were Moved, Women of Restricted District Leave.

Huntington, Feb. 23.—Huntington has not completely recovered from the sudden change and it is difficult to be come accustomed to the new order of things.

Yesterday was one of the busiest days in the moving line that the city has seen for years. Teams were taking out slot machines and inmates of the resorts were given orders to leave town on the next train. Superintendent McLarent of the Pacific Coast Rescue and Protective league and Portland Commons Purify league who was called to conduct the clamping of the lid, made the offer through the city marshal to pay the railroad fare and find a home for every girl who desired to do better.

Many of the citizens are incensed at an effort to make political capital out of the tightening of the lid was being made and say that the move was not in any way connected with politics and was merely the working of men as individuals.

TAFT COHORTS UNIFY STRENGTH

BUCKLE ON TAFT BELT WITH DETERMINATION TO WIN

UNION COUNTY CLUB ENDORESSES TAFT'S RECORD

Temporary Officers of the Club Are Formed With a Good Attendance Regardless of Yesterday's Severe Snow Storm—Taft's Record While in Office Exploited and Held up for Inspection.

Union county cohorts of William H. Taft buckled on campaign armor and went forth to conquer in a meeting to organize a temporary Taft club in this county yesterday afternoon. The session was held in the building in the rear of the United States National bank and notwithstanding that the weather was bad the attendance was good. J. H. Pearce was elected the temporary chairman and Bruce Denala temporary secretary.

Letters were read from followers who could not be present. Mr. Gilkison of North Powder and J. B. Thorsen of Elgin were among those who sent in letters predicting success in their localities.

Communications from the national Taft committee were read and the state committee had encouraging letters for reading to the gathering. To swell the membership of the club a committee was named to circulate a Taft club petition at which time a permanent organization will be arranged.

The following articles were adopted by the Union County Taft committee. To the republicans of Eastern Oregon: The Taft campaign committee of Union county, in declaring its allegiance to the republican party, and favoring the re-nomination of President William H. Taft, sends greeting to its fellow republicans and hereby announces its reasons for its loyalty to the president:

He was designated as Oregon's choice for the presidency in November, 1908, and nothing has occurred since that endorsement to justify his repudiation by the republicans of Oregon.

The administration of President Taft has been in accordance with the declarations of the national convention which nominated him in 1908. He has, with courage and consistency, urged every effort and influence to carry out the provisions and pledges of the republican platform of that year.

He has enforced impartially and effectively the anti-trust law.

His administration has successfully prevented arbitrary increase in railroad freight rates.

He has encouraged and secured the conviction of violators of the law, notably in the sugar frauds against the government and in many other cases equally important.

His administration has changed the postoffice department into practically a self-sustaining branch of the government for the first time in the history of the country.

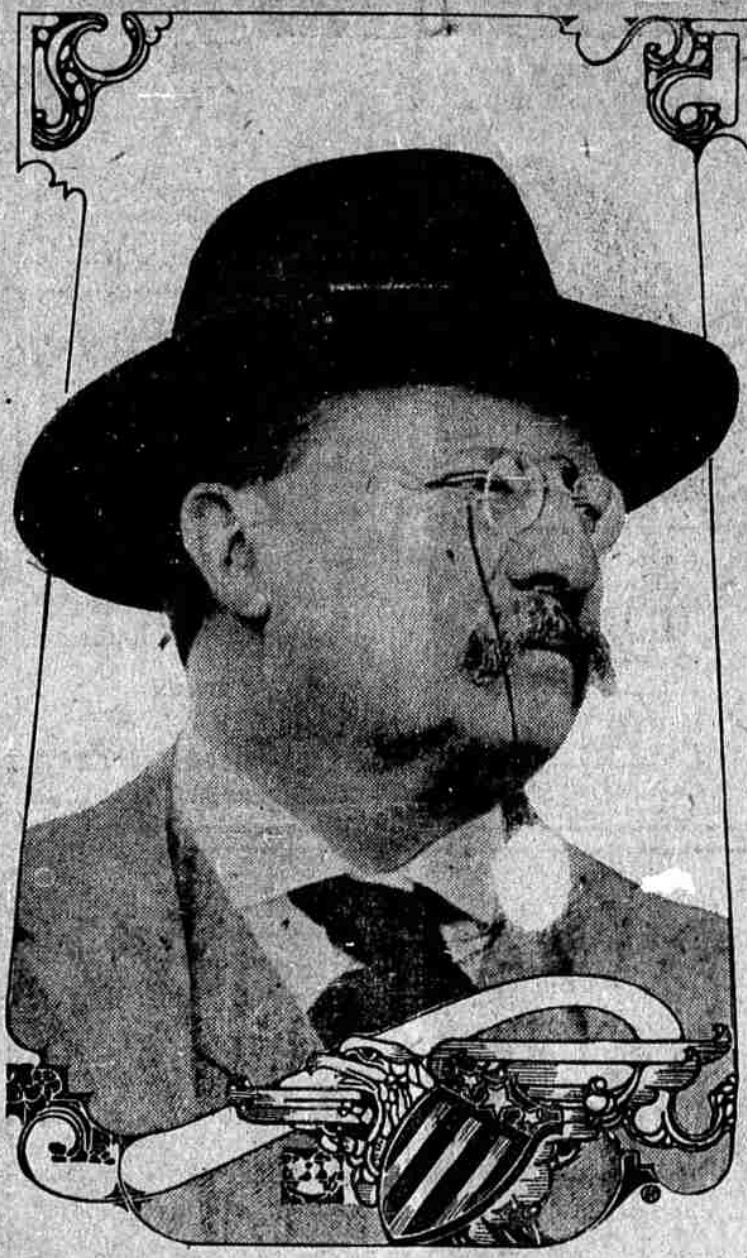
By his policy he has preserved over 71,000,000 acres of the public lands for the use of the people, thereby preventing the exploitation of this vast public domain by speculative interests and corporations.

His successful administration of the construction of the Panama canal has reflected glory on our nation by the speedy, industrious and honest execution of the greatest project of ancient or modern times.

His foreign policy has won the respect and admiration of the world and his advocacy of international peace has given him the first place among the great statesmen of Christendom.

Realizing the difficulties of producing an ideal tariff, President Taft has provided a Tariff Board, having for its purpose the adjustment and recognition of inequalities of the tariff, due to the changing condition of trade and manufacture, thus removing, in large measure, this important matter from the domain of politics. He has approved a tariff bill that represents a revision on the line of the Republican doctrine of protection to home industries and American labor. Keeping in view that one of the purposes of a tariff is to secure fair wages to the American workman and markets to the American farmer. He has never approved a single schedule that has raised the rate of duty on a single common food product. Every increase that he has approved was

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THEODORE ROOSEVELT

THOUGH he has repeatedly declared that he is not a candidate for the Chicago nomination, the belief persists that circumstances might arise which would prevent Colonel Roosevelt from refusing the honor if it should be thrust upon him. Unique among ex-presidents, he holds a position of unquestionable tactical advantage which has for months made political observers hang upon his words and attach importance to his very silences. With the prestige of his forceful personality and his picturesque career, Theodore Roosevelt is a figure in the presidential contest as to whose action all other competitors must feel a nervous uncertainty until the winner breathes the tape in the Coliseum next June.