

## WORST STORM IN YEARS HAS A SUDDEN END

STORMS ABATE AT MIDNIGHT LEAVING STREETS BADLY DRIFTED EVERYWHERE

## TRAIN SERVICE IS MOVING

County Lanes Piled Fence-Deep With Snow—Damage to Fair Grounds Buildings Not Estimated, but No Further Damage Done During the Night—Local Streets and Sidewalks Drifted.

No further damage than that enacted yesterday afternoon has been sustained by the Union County Fair association on its buildings at the fair grounds. Minor additions to the total damage, such as the breakage of additional windows and the tearing away of loose boards are noted. The main portion of the exhibit hall roof has not been seriously damaged, if at all, and the framework of the unroofed section of the grand stand is likewise intact. Because of the deep drifts surrounding the grounds little or no inspection has been made by the board of directors or by contractors. R. A. Masterson who resides close by, inspected the damages yesterday afternoon and again this morning and declares he can find no trace of added havoc during the night.

### Storm Ends Suddenly.

Rare freaks in weather stunts were enacted during last night when the worst blizzard to visit La Grande in a decade came to a sudden halt and let the morning break with almost balmy atmosphere. During the 18 hours that the storm raged, north and south streets were drifted hip deep and worse in many places and east and west avenues were swept clean of every particle of loose snow. The results of the blizzard are most marked in city and county roadways, as the O-W. has wormed through the trouble with fair success in sight. Although a light snow has been falling most of the day, there is no apparent danger of a tieup in railroad traffic.

### Schedule Is Late.

True, the trains are running late but they are running—the real problem in time of storm. Number 18 was brought in last night, only a couple of hours late, and No. 6 today was a little slower, reaching here shortly after the noon hour again. However, it was not Blue Mountain snow trouble that was responsible entirely as the train reached this division behind time. Number 5, due last night, arrived at 9:45 today, the fast mail last night was delayed until 8 this morning and No. 17 is far behind schedule. These westbound trains were delayed on the Union Pacific, however, as there is practically no snow trouble east of La Grande whatever.

### Washington Line Blocked.

The branch line between Pendleton and Walla Walla was blocked last night and all trains were routed via Umatilla. The old rotary from this point has been sent to the Washington division to clear the track.

### New Rotary Tried.

Yesterday afternoon the new rotary was given a tryout. It was taken to Hilgard, but was found to need adjustment and was sent back for easement of bearings and general oilings. She is ready now for any emergency that be called upon.

### Storm's Damage Heavy.

No estimate has been made of the damage done to the fair grounds building. It was found that last night's blow, more severe until 10 o'clock than at any time during the day, unroofed several buildings throughout the county, a barn in the neighborhood of the fair ground suffering in this respect. County lanes

## FIRST SURVIVOR FROM ROSECRANS LANDS

are reported piled even with fences in many instances. Sidewalks in the business thoroughfares of the city were opened by noon but school children waded through drifts in the residence district varying in depth from one foot to five and there was no early disposition on the part of the residents to clear the sidewalks. In many instances sidewalks have not been touched this winter and flagrant disregard for the sidewalk cleaning ordinances are common. Street Superintendent McMurray found co-operation by the noon hour, however.

At seven o'clock last night wind blew down the power line of the E. O. L. & P. company. It fell across a wire fence at the home of John Williamson in Northeast La Grande and set fire to 40 posts. The chicken house being on the line with the fence also caught fire.

Mr. Williamson was afraid to do anything for fear of electrocution. He had to telephone to the power company to come out and cut off the power. Great bulks of paper and debris were blown over against the fence from the fair grounds and for a time the situation was very critical. Prompt action by the power company saved the day.

### Seattle Train Stalled.

Seattle, Jan. 8.—Except the Oregon & Washington trains no others are entering the city. The Northern Pacific, Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul trains are stalled in the Cascade mountains. The Great Northern line service is demoralized. Wire service, which was resumed this morning, states some of the trains may arrive late this afternoon.

### Wreck Ends Fatally.

Lafayette, Ind., Jan. 8.—An unknown man was killed and several others were seriously injured, when a baggage car of the Big Four railroad jumped the track at Rex, a small town twelve miles from here, and caused the other coaches to roll down the embankment. The storm has added to the suffering.

### Ohio on Rampage.

Pittsburg, Jan. 8.—All points along the Ohio river have been warned to prepare for floods as a result of last night's heavy rain. The river is ex-

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## CREAM TRUST BUYS PLANTS

PATTERSON OF PORTLAND IS THE HEAD OF BIG COMPANY.

Four Hundred Thousand Dollar Concern Formed to Buy Creameries

Portland, Jan. 8.—A company capitalized at \$400,000 has been formed here to take over five of the leading creameries of the city.

W. J. Patterson, a prominent dairyman, is at the head of the concern and it is also said the company will spread out to include several creameries throughout the country section.

### Homeless Boys Adopted.

J. G. Killpack, probation officer from Portland, passed through La Grande on his way to Enterprise. He has in charge two good looking lads from Umatilla, who, on account of the disagreements of their parents, have been left homeless. "These cases are growing," said he, "on account of divorce and the remarriage of men and women in which case, the children are objectionable to one or the other, and the pitiable lot of some of these children is beyond description. I take it to be the result of our loss of ideals in the homes and our mad quest for earthly goods." The lads will find a home with a rancher of the Enterprise country.

### Electrical Workers Strike.

Seattle, Jan. 8.—A general strike of the electrical workers on the Stone and Webster interests was called this noon. Three hundred men walked out which will affect the entire north-west.

## MEN DROWNED LIKE RATS BEFORE THEY REACHED DECK SAYS FIRST SURVIVOR OF ASTORIA WRECK

Astoria, Ore., Jan. 8.—According to a dispatch from Captain Patterson, official pilot for the Associated Oil Co., at the mouth of the Columbia, who was sent to the scene of the Rosecrans wreck from Portland, eight bodies have washed ashore from the ill-fated steamer Rosecrans which foundered on Peacock Spit yesterday. A dozen more are expected to be washed in as soon as the tide turns.

### Captain Among Dead.

Captain Johnson's body was among those washed in this morning.

### One Survivor Lands.

Fred Peters, quartermaster, was washed ashore on a plank near Point Tioga, seven miles below the wreck, but was near death when found. It is not known if he can live, and is the first survivor to reach shore.

### Others Are Saved.

The names of the three men rescued by the Point Adams life savers are not known. One of them died in

the lifeboat. It is believed that about 35 of the 40 on the boat are drowned.

### Peters Recite Details.

Tioga Point, Wash., Jan. 8.—"The boys were asleep in their bunks when the crash came," said Fred Peters, quartermaster of the Rosecrans, this morning. "I at first heard the man at the wheel shout that he had mistaken Northhead light for a lightship when the boat was on the rocks. I groped my way up the companionway with a dozen men following me. I was then swept over the side of the boat and seized a plank that was thrown against me. Then I became unconscious, and did not recover my sense until I felt the sands of Tioga Point under my feet. I don't think the majority of the crew had a chance to reach the deck before they were drowned. The three men in the rigging must have been on the hurricane deck when the crash came."

## "BIG DITCH" ALMOST READY TO RECEIVE FIRST REAL LOCK TEST

Washington, January 7.—Union of the Atlantic and Pacific oceans—the greatest marriage of waters in history—by means of the Panama canal, is to be the supreme American achievement of 1913. The "big ditch" is almost ready.

President Taft is preparing to announce the program for acceptance of engineering's latest gift, as a result of his trip to the Isthmian Canal Zone last month.

"Ninety three per cent completed," was the report made to the president regarding the progress of the giant sluiceway by Col. George W. Goethals, the engineering wizard of the tropics.

Completion of all excavation necessary to open the canal by June 1 is the estimate in the hands of the President. Flooding of Culebra Cut, the most stupendous task of the canal construction, is planned on July 1 without celebration. During July August and September, it is estimated, sufficient water will flow into the lake reservoirs at the Gatun and Miraflores locks to enable passage of the

first vessel—a Panamanian railroad ship—through the entire canal on Oct. 5 the 49th anniversary of the discovery of the Pacific by Balboa. The canal will not be thrown open to the commerce of the world until after the dedication on Jan. 1, 1915.

The accomplishments of 1912 on the Isthmus and his hopes for the future were given as follows by Col. Goethals while the presidential party were at Culebra on Christmas day.

"During the year of 1912 the Gatun dam was virtually completed and at the close of the rainy season Gatun Lake had risen to a height of 57 feet, or within thirty feet of the maximum which it will be allowed to attain. The dam held back its volume of water without leakage.

"During the year about 30,000,000 cubic yards of material were removed from the keystone of the canal—Culebra. Of this 5,000,000 yards were due to slides in Culebra cut. But the slides will cease when the canal is

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## RECOUNT IN SENATE VOTE IS SET BUT APPEAL HAS DEVELOPED

Late this afternoon an appeal was filed in circuit court by attorneys C. H. Finn and George T. Cochran for Ed E. Kiddle, carrying the decision of the circuit court recently, to the supreme court. The immediate effect of the appeal is, apparently, to stay the recount which Judge Knowles today set for 9 o'clock tomorrow. It is hardly possible that action can be had by the supreme court prior to the convening of the state legislature, to which, Kiddle already has the canvassers certificate of election.

Recount of ballots cast November 5 for Ed. E. Kiddle and John S. Hodgins in this county in the race for joint senatorship, will take place commencing at 9 o'clock tomorrow. Circuit Judge Knowles has set the date, and tomorrow will take up the difficult task. As pointed out in his decision denying the motion to quash the petition for a recount, the findings of the circuit court will be ad-

visory only to the senate, which must decide finally, and will supply tangible evidence for the senate to work upon. The recount will be conducted by Judge Knowles with assistants of a clerk or two. Each ballot, so far as it deals with the contested office, will be scrutinized carefully.

This is the first time such a count has been held in this county for years, and it is doubtful if one dealing with an intercounty office has ever been held. The Wallowa county recount will follow the recount here.

### Chinese Will Celebrate Tonight.

Owing to the high wind yesterday the celebration planned by the Chinese citizens of La Grande was not held. Tonight they will set off between four and five hundred thousand pieces of fireworks, in honor of the new Chinese republic. The fireworks will begin about 7 p. m. on Fourth and Adams.

## FIRST WEEK COMESTO END

FIVE HUNDRED PARCELS RECORDED FIRST WEEK.

## LOCAL STORES USE IT

Jewelers, Druggists, Dry Goods Dealers, Etc., Ship Freely.

- Don't for Parcels Post Users.
- Don't put ordinary stamps on merchandise, which is now carried entirely by parcels post. It will be unmailable and the chances are that you will never see it again.
- Do not use parcels post stamps on miscellaneous mail matter. They will never carry anything but merchandise.
- Don't forget your own address.
- If you are the sender. Other wise the package will be opened and sent to the dead letter office.

Since the parcels post went into effect one week ago today approximately 500 parcels have gone through the local postoffice. The dry goods merchants, druggists, jewelers and hardware merchants in La Grande have made the most liberal use of the new system, with the grocers trailing on behind. The last named have their delivery system and will not make use of the parcels post unless the government system is cheaper than their own delivery in suburban districts.

Nothing unusual has gone through the office and people have not been overhasty to get their name in the paper by sending livestock or hat boxes. But from the present outlook in La Grande and telegraphic reports that the express companies are laying off men on account of the competition set up by the government, it would seem that in a short time the postal department will be fairly

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## TOM LOFTUS PLANS REPAIRS

CORNER PROPERTY TO BE ENLARGED.

Another Story and Greater Floor Space in View.

La Grande will see another material improvement on Adams street in the early spring. Rumor has it that the Tom Loftus building on the corner of Depot and Adams will be enlarged. Another story is to be added to the structure as it now stands and the building will extend to the alley. Much of the old arrangement will be torn out and new roofs will be installed.

It will counterbalance the improvements contemplated on the opposite side of the street and will make that corner one of the main intersections in the city, owing to close proximity to the depot.

It has not been definitely learned just what business will be accommodated in the new structure, but it is likely that the lower rooms will be converted into store rooms. Perhaps a lodge room will be installed on the third floor of the proposed new addition. This would relieve the congestion existing at the present time since several of the lodge rooms are so regularly rented that a new order or fraternity would have difficulty in getting suitable accommodations.

It is said that building will begin just as soon as the weather permits. This policy is typically American and shows that builders, when they have the advantage of location, build upward, constantly upward.

This lends force to the argument that La Grande is in the city class and that in the near future she will write the population in five figures instead of in four.

## FATHER CUTS SON'S THROAT THEN SUICIDES

LOS ANGELES QUARREL ENDS FATHER TALLY TO ONE AND ANOTHER VICTIM PROBABLE

## ANOTHER PATENTS SUICIDE

Razor, Necktie and New Patented Gas Method Are Introduced in Manner of Committing Suicide in Los Angeles Today—Son of Enraged Father Is Near Death Following Attacks.

Los Angeles, Jan. 8.—After a bitter quarrel, George Blumfield cut the throat of his son Sherman and then cut his own throat. Sherman was rushed to the hospital and has a chance of recovery. The father is dead. According to the police Blumfield and his wife had a quarrel recently and the wife left the home. The son is alleged to have chided his father for mistreating his mother and a quarrel ensued between father and son, lasting all night. Noise of scuffling caused the neighbors to call the police. On the arrival of the latter they found Sherman with a four-inch slit in his throat and the father with his head almost severed from the body. A razor in the hand of the father showed that a terrible struggle had taken place between them. Mrs. Blumfield has not been located.

### New Patent on Suicide.

Los Angeles, Jan. 8.—Fitting a specially prepared box about his shoulders, and printing thereon the words "patent applied for," C. D. Chambers last night attached a gas jet to the box and turned on the gas. The dead body was found by fellow lodgers this morning.

### Hangs by Necktie.

Los Angeles, Jan. 8.—A man giving his name as Thomas Hogue, this morning hung himself with his necktie in the county jail. He was intoxicated when the deed was committed.

### PATIENCE WAR FEATURE.

Adrianople Will Fall to Allies Agree Experts on Situation.

London, Jan. 8.—There is nothing new or startling in the war situation. It seems to be a problem of the most patience. That Adrianople will fall to the allies seems likely. The city is so near the point of starvation that the commander of the fort is thinking of surrendering. On the other hand the allies will take nothing less than control of the city itself. It seems the powers are agreed the allies should get the ancient Ottoman city and will force the Turks to relinquish the same. Saturday is the day set on which the Turks are to make their final answer to the ultimatum presented to the Turks on Monday.

Balkan envoys are predicting the early fall of the city. In this event the real bone of contention between the Turkish and Balkan envoys will have gone to the latter and the remaining terms of peace will occasion little difficulty.

From Rome comes the announcement that the triple alliance favors the abandonment of Adrianople by the Turks and the retaining of Aegean Island as part of the Ottoman empire.

### Secretary Hoke Here.

Secretary Hoke of the Oregon Wool Growers' association, is here today on account of the illness of a relative. He has been in Boise since the Vale meeting where he was re-elected secretary of the association. Several Pendleton and Umatilla county wool-growers were passenger today en route home after attending the Idaho meetings.

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