

SNOW-BLOCKS TRAFFIC OVER BRANCH LINE

SLIDE NEAR ELGIN KEEPS PASSENGERS ISOLATED IN JO. SEEN TODAY

DURATION PROBLEMATIC

Main Line Keeping up Service in Spite of Storm but Branch Line is Hopelessly Involved With Snow—Shovelers Can Do Little or Nothing With the Trouble—Passengers All Safe.

Traffic into Wallowa county has been blocked since yesterday afternoon and today there is no definite guess available as to when it will be opened. While there is a train stalled in a huge drift at Galloway cut two miles north of Elgin, there are no passengers aboard. Conductor Al Ray was sent out of Wallowa yesterday with a coach and a caboose from Grady's train but got as far as the drift only and there became fast. The passengers on the train destined for La Grande yesterday afternoon were taken back to Joseph and way points and the train is now there.

Assistant Superintendent Buckley took a gang of shovelers to the drift last night but has found there is little use of combatting the slide until the storms abate. Hence it follows that there is no definite date in view as to when the service will be reopened. It is utterly hopeless, officials say, to get through the drift with snow piling in as fast as it can be thrown out. A stub train, however was sent to Elgin and return this afternoon. One pitiful instance in connection with the drift is that Mrs. Claude Wingo, widow of the late Rev. Wingo who died in California last Sunday is snowbound and cannot get to the funeral without great loss of time.

Main line service continues to be satisfactory. The six-inch snowfall in the valley last night was trifling compared to the snowfall on both hills. At Kamela there are in the neighborhood of six feet of snow on the level. The rotary is working west today and there is no serious probability of blockades there.

Evansville, Ind., Jan. 21.—Severe cold and heavy snow are adding to the suffering of the flood victims. Many are destitute and sickness is increasing. The general situation is improving however. Rain has ceased and the river seems to have reached its crest.

Snow Hinders Traffic on G. N.

Everett, Wash., Jan. 21.—With snow falling in the Cascades, the Great Northern is keeping its line open to traffic with great difficulty over the main line over the summit.

Fire Engines Supply Water.

Reno, Nev., Jan. 21.—Fire engines were used to pump water from the Truckee river into the mains of the city to relieve the water famine. The ditch that leads the water to the city reservoir is blocked with ice and prevents the usual supply. Most of the residence section has been without water and the business section has only a meagre supply.

Prison Sentences Follow Larceny

New York, Jan. 21.—Two years and three months respectively in the penitentiary were given David A. Sullivan and J. P. Shears, prominent bankers convicted of grand larceny.

Helen Gould Gets Permit

OFFICIAL LICENSE FOR WEDDING ISSUED TODAY.

PRESENTS PILED HIGH

Marriage Gown is Costly but Made High Neck and Long Sleeves.

Tarrytown, N. Y., Jan. 21.—Helen Gould and Finley Shepard, a railroad office employe secured a marriage license today. The ceremony is set for tomorrow and scores of presents are already arriving to the wealthy bride prospective. The wedding gown is of ivory white satin, cut princess style with a long neck and long sleeves, trimmed with a profusion of rare old rose point lace that cost thousands in itself. About 75 will attend the ceremony.

OPTION CLAUSE IS ELIMINATED

TRI-STATE MEETING REPLETE WITH IMPORTANCE.

Welfare of the League Looks Bright to the Magnates.

- WHAT THE BASEBALL SEASON ACCOMPLISHED.
- Tabooed optional player agreement existing last year.
- Raised the wages of umpires to \$200 monthly.
- Reduced the secretaries' ship wages to \$75.00 per month.
- Fixed February 7-8 as dates when schedule shall be drawn and all teams post forfeits of \$500.
- Fixed the 1913 season.
- Permitted North Yakima and Baker to become members of the league if they desire, to decide definitely February 7th.

Voluminous details vital to the welfare of the Western Tri-State league were thrashed out yesterday afternoon at the La Grande Commercial club when directors of the league met in annual session. Perhaps no item of business transacted is of more importance than the elimination of the optional player agreement which was provided for last year—in 1913 players coming to the Tri-state must be unfettered and absolutely free lances. This action enhances the cash value of the playing squad and in view of the fact the teams have ample time to select players between now and the opening date, should work no hardships on any club. If players are picked up when the final wedding comes in mid season of the bigger leagues, the wedding must have been thorough. It gives greater selling powers but curtails the likelihood of doing any more farming stunts for higher ups.

The election of W. N. Sweet as president and L. M. Brown secretary of the Walla Walla Commercial club, as secretary-treasurer, was the first piece of business done. From that the election of directors came up and precipitated the only semblance of vitriol during the session. While the squabble lasted it was certainly spirited, however, becoming a personal matter entirely between Jack Cody, owner of the Boise baseball park and W. F. Bossner, seeking to replace Cody as a director with recommendations from the Boise Com-

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THREE VOICES ONLY RAISED AGAINST LANE

LEGISLATURE FORMALLY VOTES TO SEND LANE TO THE SENATE

FORMAL ELECTION WED.

Spectacular Phases of Election Missing Today When Houses Meet Separately to Select Senator—Meet Tomorrow to Canvass the Vote and at That Time Will Conclude the Election.

Salem, Jan. 21.—Dr. Harry Lane, Democrat, was elected United States senator to succeed Jonathan Bourne at noon today in separate sessions of the legislature, receiving 28 votes in the senate, and 59 in the house. The only members who failed to vote for the people's choice expressed in the November election, were Senators Bean and Calkins, both of Eugene, and Representative Meek of Washington county. The election lacked a spectacular effect in either house the populace having long since felt that the people's choice would be named with little fireworks. Lane was nominated by Miller and seconded by McColloch of Baker. In the house, Reames nominated him and Hagood seconded the nomination. Tomorrow the two houses meet in joint session and canvass the vote and at that time the election of Lane will be finally declared.

Tvletmoe, Clancy Re-Elected.

Los Angeles, Jan. 21.—Olaf Tvletmoe and E. A. Clancy, prisoners at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, who were convicted of conspiracy to illegally transport dynamite have been re-elected to office by the state trades building council in convention here. Tvletmoe was re-elected general secretary, and Clancy was elected member of the executive board. Telegrams were sent to them telling them of their election to office.

BOILING LAVA AND HOT GAS CREATE HAVOC

MT. COLIMA SPITS FORTH POISONOUS GASES AND LOSSES ARE SEVERE.

SEVERAL TOWNS NEARBY

Stock Dying From Gases That Spread Out Over Valley—Railroad Tracks Covered With Ashes From Spouting Mountain—As Yet No Fatalities Have Been Reported From the Danger Zone.

Mexico City, Jan. 21.—Mt. Colima, a volcano in the outlying districts of the province, is sending up great clouds of lava, sand and poisonous gases. Inhabitants of villages in the neighborhood of the volcano are fleeing from the district in terror. As far as is known at this time there are no fatalities.

Cattle, horses and mules in great numbers have died as the result of the gases. Railroad tracks in the vicinity of the mountain are covered with several feet of lava and traffic has stopped. It is feared several towns will be destroyed.

Insurrectos Are Ferocious.

Mexico City, Jan. 21.—After killing four employes and abducting several women, rebels today raided the ranch of J. M. Gleason, an American living near Chautempan. The ranch buildings were looted and burned. Mr. and Mrs. Gleason and their son and his wife made their escape with great difficulty.

Labor Men Released.

Leavenworth, Jan. 21.—W. J. McCain and Bert Brown of Kansas City and W. E. Reddin of Milwaukee, convicted labor leaders, have left prison. Their bonds have been properly made out and signed. Before leaving the prison they were treated to a fine dinner by Warden McClaghery.

"Big Brush" For Nimrods

STATE'S BLUE BOCK MEN IN BIG LEAGUE

WIRES ADVISE TEAMS

Though Never on the Same Ground, All Clubs Will Meet Each Other.

Baseball league methods applied to gun clubs is the latest fad of Oregon nimrods, and La Grande yesterday took the steps that bind this city to a string of towns comprising the Oregon Gun club league. Before the league has outlived its usefulness, every principal city in the state will have sent its gun club against every other city and the finish will be decided by percentages. Telegraph wires

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VACANCIES NOW FILLED

DEADLOCKED APPOINTMENTS MADE TENTATIVE

Hoyt, Stoner and Richardson to Hold Office etc Next Meeting.

City councilmen yesterday held an informal meeting and in conjunction with the city attorney, Jerry Rusk, brought to the attention of the mayor that the positions of street superintendent, water superintendent and city physician were vacant. Acting upon the advice of the city attorney, the mayor reappointed L. M. Hoyt to the position of water superintendent, Harry Stoner to the position of street superintendent and reappointed Dr. A. L. Richardson to the position of city physician. These appointments are recess appointments and will come before the next regular meeting of the council for final confirmation, and keep men in offices until then.

FISHER EXPLAINS.

Points Out Reasons for His Action in Indian Affairs.

Washington, Jan. 21.—Secretary Fisher of the Interior was today called before the committee on Indian affairs to explain his cancellation of leases of 800,000 acres of Osage Indian oil lands, on the reservation in Oklahoma. Both he and Assistant Secretary Adams were questioned at length by C. J. Leahy, attorney for the ousted Indian chiefs. Leahy admitted he had two cousins related by marriage to the Osages, who would have an interest in the assignment of one of the leases for more than 200,000 acres to the Uncle Sam Oil company.

Restrict Hasty Weddings.

Sacramento, Jan. 21.—"Marrying in haste to repent at leisure" will be a thing of the past in California, if the bill, prepared by Senator Cassidy and introduced in the house becomes a law. This bill provides that no minister, justice of the peace or other magistrate shall unite any couple until seven days after the issuance of the marriage license.

Reply Study Is Postponed.

London, Jan. 21.—Constantinople dispatches say the meeting of the national assembly, called for the purpose of considering Turkey's reply to the note of the powers, containing suggestions for peace in the Balkan-Turko affair, have been postponed until tomorrow.

FUSS AND FRILL ONLY UNDER WILSON'S BAN

INAUGURATION RECEPTION FAIR STILL WORRIES THE WASHINGTON CROWD

FINAL PLANS ANNOUNCED

Wilson to Go to Washington Quietly and With No Escort—Spend Night of March Third in Washington Hotel and Go to White House From There—Makes His Opinion of Ball Specific.

Trenton, Jan. 21.—New Jersey affairs will occupy woodrow Wilson's attention to the time of the inauguration. The governor discussed his plans today and wanted it understood that there is to be no fuss or frills made over his trip to Washington. "I don't expect to go to Washington until March 3. Of course I don't expect to have a special car for the trip and don't expect any friends or committees as escort either. There will be no outsiders in our party—just Mrs. Wilson, myself and daughters. We will stop at the Shoreham hotel the night of March 3. I expect to continue as governor of New Jersey until I start for Washington. On account of business demanding my presence in New Jersey, I want time between the transfers from one place to the other to be as brief as possible," said Wilson.

CHAOS OVER BALL.

Situation in Washington Becomes Acute When Committees Quarrel.

Trenton, N. J., Jan. 21.—"If the inaugural reception is held my wife and daughters will be there." This was Woodrow Wilson's answer to reports that Mrs. Wilson and three daughters would take no part in the reception of the day of the inauguration. "I merely asked," added Wilson, "that Mrs. Wilson and our daughters be excused from handshaking. It will be hard on them to stand in line all afternoon and I see no reason why they should."

Wilson characterized as ridiculous the reports that the inaugural ball had been abandoned because Mrs. Wilson feared the guests might dance the turkey trot, the bunny hug and the Texas tommy dances.

Whole Affair Muddled.

Washington, Jan. 21.—The plan to substitute a reception for the customary inauguration ball may be abandoned, as a result of the mixup as to which committee should plan the event. The citizens' committee has passed the matter to the congressional committee but the members say it is not up to them.

Winnipeg Fire Costly.

Winnipeg, Manitoba, Can., Jan. 21.—For 12 hours the business section of Fort Saskatchewan has been swept by a raging fire. It is feared the entire city will be consumed. Fort Saskatchewan is located on the Northern Pacific near Edmonton.

Strikers Disheartened.

New York, Jan. 21.—Striking garment workers are disheartened as a result of the injunction issued by Justice Greenbaum preventing picketing about the factories and shops. Leaders admit there is no settlement in sight.

A WINTER THAW IN ILLINOIS.



—Reynolds in Portland Oregonian.