

## WILL REQUIRE TEN YEARS TO REPAIR DAYTON

OFFICIAL BELIEVES SPREAD OF EPIDEMIC IS NOT SERIOUS DANGER NOW.

## FLOOD WATERS ALL GONE

General Conditions Improved and Towed City as Prevailed in San Francisco Will Be Established—Deathlist Unchanged—Red Cross Head Visits the Stricken City Today.

Dayton, April 1.—That it will be ten years before Dayton recovers from the disastrous flood, is the prediction made today by Major Rhoades, military aid to the president. It will require two weeks of hard work to even make an impression on the debris in the streets, alleys and doorways. It be two months before the city can be comfortably inhabited, and 10 years before the former appearance is re-attained. This is the official's statement.

The tent city for refugees was established on the fair grounds today to relieve the congestion and prevent a spread of epidemic.

### Mabel Boardman on Scene.

Mabel Boardman, the national Red Cross leader, inspected the flooded district today, and conferred with Governor Cox. She proposes to establish a system of relief similar to that used in San Francisco after the earthquake.

Flood conditions are improving. Normal water stages will soon be restored, and the general cleanup is on in full blast. The deathlist remains unchanged. The coroner and assistants are searching the vicinity of Greenland and Mount Cavalry cemeteries and enormous amounts of wreckage still exist.

### Enters Real Estate Business.

M. L. Haviland has resigned his position with the Union County Co-Operative store and wishes to thank the patrons of that store for the kindnesses and courtesies shown him while there. He will immediately assume a position with the George H. Currey real estate office where he will become the firm sales agent.

### Southern Tourists Home.

Engineer and Mrs. John Gardner and son John returned last night from an extended tour in Southern California, staying at Los Angeles and San Diego while away.

## TURKS ACCEPT PEACE OFFERS

BALKANS HAVE YET TO ACCEPT THEM, HOWEVER.

Turkey bows to the Unavoidable and Makes Unconditional Release.

Constantinople, April 1.—Turkey today bowed to the inevitable and formally agreed to an unconditional acceptance of peace terms offered by the powers. It is officially announced in a note to the diplomats here.

This by no means makes certain the end of the war. The Balkan allies haven't agreed to the proposals of the powers.

### POLICE ODDLY CALLED.

Seattle Menagerie "Contents" Stolen and Police Have Problem.

Seattle, April 1.—A squad of corpulent policemen is today making a noise like a coconut, carrying large hooks baited with red ants, tangle-pulleys, a bunch of leaves and mint juleps. They are endeavoring to catch 12 monkeys, one ant eater, two boa constrictors, one llama, two porcupines and one Kentucky wonder stolen from Mrs. J. C. Johnson's menagerie. The police is trying its hardest to figure out how the thieves managed to carry away any members of the "familie hystriidae," the porcupine, slippery, hissing reptiles and chattering monkeys. They feel that if they can learn how the animals were taken they have solved the problem of returning them to the owners. Colonel Roosevelt may be asked to come west and join in the hunt.

### Belrelmon Winds Handicap.

Lincoln, Eng., April 1.—Quoted at odds of a hundred to seven, A. Barton's Belrelmon won the famous Lincolnshire handicap. St. Cuthbert ran second but was disqualified.

## TROUT SEASON IS NOW OPEN

OLD CODE COVERS EARLY TROUT SEASON.

Irrigation Ditch Users Warned to Protect Headgates This Year.

Isaac Waltons came into their own this day. The fishing season for 1913 is on.

The new game code does not go into effect until May 24th or June 1st. Under this law the fishing season for trout will open on May 1st, closing October 31st. Bag limit, 75, or 50 pounds. It is unlawful to catch any trout under six inches long. Use the hook and line only.

Deputy Game Warden Charles B. Oral issued the following instructions today:

Season for trout 10 inches in length open all the year with hook and line only. Bag limit 50 trout or 50 pounds per day.

Bass, crappies, whitefish, catfish or grayling, season open all the year with hook and line only. Bag limit, 40 pounds per day.

Section 26, new game code, reads: No person within the state of Oregon, under the age of 14 years of age, shall be issued a hunting license or be permitted to hunt with a gun, on lands other than his own premises or those of a relative or guardian.

The new law requires all persons over the age of 14 years who desire to hunt or fish, to secure a license therefor.

All persons over the age of 16 years of age who desire to trap within the state of Oregon, are required to secure a license therefor. The law requires the trapper to report in writing at the end of the season, the number and kind of fur-bearing animals caught; where sold and the amount derived therefrom.

All persons owning or operating irrigating ditches, canals, mill races or flumes which carries water from any stream within the state of Oregon in which fish may exist or have been placed should look after same and screen the head thereof. In this matter we should protect the fish by stopping them from running through said ditches, canals, mill races and flumes, into fields and meadows where they die. Use some device at the head of these that will scare them back from the head into the main stream. There are more young trout destroyed by them being let run out into these ditches, etc., than are caught by all of the sportsmen in the state. Without the co-operation of the farmers the state board of fish and game commissioners can not save these fish, nor keep the streams replenished nor our

## CAIRO HOPES TO ESCAPE DESTRUCTION BY FLOODS

Martial Law Declared and Every Precaution Against Disaster Taken

Cairo, Ill., April 1.—It is believed that Cairo will withstand the flood caused by the high water. Levees are patrolled but are expected to hold out—yet their collapse will not be a surprise. All levees north of here have been abandoned and every available man is on the Cairo levees in an effort to prevent a disastrous overflow. The war department has been asked to send boats here in preparation for an emergency.

Thousands of militiamen and hundreds of naval reserves are assisting the police in preventing looting and to maintain order. At noon the Ohio registered 53 feet and 54 is expected before night. In the ree-foot district below Hickman, Ky., the greatest danger lies. If the Hickman levees break it will relieve the situation here but destroy Hickman.

Cairo as threatened early this forenoon by small breaks that were stopped. Martial law has been established to become effective at once.

### Evansville Is Prepared.

Evansville, April 1.—Strengthening of the Ohio river levees continued

today. Thousands are marooned but no fatalities are reported. Sixty blocks of Albany are now inundated and Jeffersonville is threatened. Conditions along the Wabash are improved.

### MRS. SNIDER DEAD.

Mother of Well Known School Teacher Passes Away Yesterday.

Mrs. Louis M. Snider died at the residence of her son, Thos. Snider, near Mt. Emily Monday afternoon.

Mrs. Snider sustained a dislocation of her hip two weeks ago and suffered greatly from the injury which was the direct cause of death. The funeral services will be held at the T. Snider home one mile north of the Iowa school house at 10 o'clock Wednesday. All friends are invited. Interment will be in the I. O. O. F. cemetery.

The deceased was 78 years of age, and was the mother of eight children two sons surviving, Manual, a La Grande and Perry, school teacher, and Thos., a prosperous farmer.

## MILL BRIDGE IS UNDERMINED

NORTH END OF PALMER MILL BRIDGE SETTLES.

Concrete Piers Undermined—Debris Kept From Clogging During Night

Union county's first bridge trouble subsequent to the high water which has been threatening spasmodically the past few days, came when the bridge at the Palmer mill was put out of commission but not wrecked. County Bridge Superintendent Campbell has a crew of men-at work now, anticipating to restore the bridge to traffic conditions within 24 hours. The trouble was caused by high water yesterday afternoon undermining the north concrete pier, allowing that end of the bridge to settle, with the pier a distance of about five feet. This, of course, prevented all traffic over the bridge. Debris of various character kept floating down the river last night and a crew of men was maintained to keep the clearance clean. No serious obstacles have come down the river yet. The stage of the river has gone down about a foot and a half since last night, a material aid to the repair of the bridge.

### Alleged Check Artist Held.

George Hogan, charged of passing forged checks, was bound over to the grand jury by Justice Williams yesterday. The Union County Co-Operative store cashed a check alleged to have been signed by Julius Fisher in favor of Hogan. The nature of the check was discovered and the arrest followed. Hogan demanded preliminary examination and was bound over. The bogus check was for \$9.00.

state stocked with game birds, as well as the deer which are becoming scarce in this part of the state. We ask every citizen to assist in the protection of and enforcement of these laws.

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## LONG JOURNEY COMES TO END

INAUGURATION SCENES CLIMAX OF JUNKET.

Viewing Wilson at Close Range, Local Democrat Is Greatly Pleased.

Arriving today from a several weeks' journey through the west, south and east, Mr. and Mrs. Fred J. Holmes, Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Holmes, of Wallowa, Misses Ruth Russell and Nell Grinnett pronounced their trip a splendid success, stating that the United States in every section they visited seemed to be on the advance.

The party left here several weeks ago, journeyed to the Pacific coast, visited California points of interest. Thence they went to Texas and Old Mexico, from there to New Orleans, then through the Eastern states with Washington, D. C., as their objective point where they attended the inauguration of President Wilson.

When asked how President Wilson looked at close range, Fred Holmes, who is chairman of the Democratic central committee of this county, remarked: "He looks like a big man—a bigger man really than I had anticipated seeing. The country seems to be with him heart and soul. I was pleased with the position Mr. Bryan occupies in the nation now. He is a big man, too. One does not have to be told that, for a close study of him in action shows this to be true. The nation is in the hands of President Wilson and Mr. Bryan. I have the utmost confidence in them, and believe the people have."

mood to hear and be guided by the wisdom of this man.

### Suffragettes Fall to Please.

It is interesting to know that the suffragette parade failed to please the La Grande ladies. When Miss Mulholland, on her prancing steed, rode down Pennsylvania avenue leading her band of suffragettes the La Grande ladies all admit that they were not entirely satisfied with the spectacle. While there might have been a liberal support for woman suffrage on the part of these ladies who journeyed so far to see the inaugural festivities before the suffragette parade, it is very doubtful now if that same support is given.

When asked what The Observer should emphasize regarding the trip the feminine members of the party in concert responded, "You may state emphatically that we are glad to be home; that the trip was fine; the country is wonderful, but that La Grande looks good to us first, last and all of the time."

At some near future date The Observer will endeavor to have one of the party give a detailed description of the journey just completed for publication.

## SUICIDE CAUSE OF MAN'S DEATH

AUTHORITIES FIND ROPE BY WHICH HE HUNG.

First Presumed That Man Found on Montgomery Cabin Had Frozen.

Suicide, not exposure, is apparently responsible for the death of the stranger found in the Sprat Montgomery barn on a homestead six miles south of La Grande, Sunday. There was found about the man's neck a gunny-sack rope pulled so taut that the undertaker had to cut it from the swollen neck to remove the cord. From all things connected with the case, the fellow—now definitely identified as W. A. Brookshier of Harmon, Oklahoma—became despondent or suffered with some hallucination that had its inception about the middle of March in this city. The thread of supposition that has been weaved by the authorities is that he tore a gunny-sack to strips, made the noose, tied the string to a rafter in the barn and jumped from a pile of hay. It is presumed that the rope broke immediately after the neck had snapped, or gave way to the continuous load, maybe hours afterwards. This is of course problematical, but the body was found in the hay and the broken rope conveys the probable method of suicide. He had over \$100 on his person when found.

The body was brought down from the homestead yesterday afternoon and Coroner Bacon got his first glimpse at the corpse—the coroner had not been to the cabin on Sunday as the reports had it. Woodsmen started the theory of death by exposure before the tell-tale rope had been discovered. Immediately on the arrival here of the body the man was identified by local police officers. He had been in the city jail for a few days about the middle of March, and later was in the county jail where he sought "protection from men whom he feared." This at least was the explanation given to Sheriff Hug, who like the police officers, readily identified him and from the records gained possession of the man's name. A widow, Jane Brookshier, survives him in Oklahoma.

Brookshier made application for protection from his imaginary enemies March 12, but his mind seemed to improve and the sheriff released him March 15. Then he disappeared and was next seen by a woodchopper in the vicinity of the Montgomery homestead, where the hospitable latch string was found. A square meal, a pocketful of matches supplied and the man left the woodchopper for parts unknown. The next time seen was when discovered by Mr. Clark Sunday morning.

## SHIP MORGAN REMAINS HOME IN FEW DAYS

BODY EMBALMED TODAY, BUT FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS ARE DELAYED.

## HOTEL REVELRY UNABATED

Daughter and Son-in-Law to Bring Remains to America as Soon as Other Relatives Are Heard From—Florist Shops in Rome Are Depleted—Death Mask Taken of the Late Financier.

Rome, April 1.—John P. Morgan's body was embalmed today and lies in the royal suite of the Grand hotel where it will be kept until arrangements are complete for shipping the body to America. Definite arrangements for this move are delayed pending a wireless from William Hamilton, a son-in-law, who is en route to Rome. Florist shops are depleted through orders for flowers from relatives and friends.

During the night, while the body lay in state, gaiety continued uninterrupted in the hotel, and did so again today. The revelry continued until dawn and with no letup again this morning.

Relatives permitted Albin Polack, an art student of Philadelphia, to take a death mask of the financier. The student is studying here and Morgan paid his tuition.

The second floor of the hotel was deserted last night, Morgan's relatives going elsewhere. Scores of diplomats volunteered to keep watch but their offers were refused and six paid guards installed. The Morgan party now occupies the same suites that the king of Sweden and the king of Greece have occupied several times. Italian laws which impose considerable red tape in the removal of bodies, will probably be obviated in Morgan's case.

Before the body is removed from the room, Rev. Gardner Brown and Rev. Nelson, rectors of the English and American Episcopal churches, respectively, will hold funeral services. The body will be accompanied to New York by Herbert and Mrs. Satterlee, Morgan's daughter and son-in-law.

## CARLOAD ON WAY TO EAST

Cash Donations Continue to Come In—Other Shipments Await.

Carload shipments of provisions left Union county today when 200 boxes of apples and enough potatoes to of apples and enough potatoes to make a carload, were loaded out of Imbler. Sherwood Williams and Geo. L. Cleaver were among the heavy donors to the shipment for the flood sufferers.

Among the cash donations that have come in during the present week, other than those sent by individuals direct to Dayton were:

- John Blockland ..... \$10.00
  - Fred Synhorst ..... .50
  - Carl Grill ..... 1.00
  - John Doe ..... 1.00
  - Mr. and Mrs. O. S. Allen ..... 1.50
- J. B. Stoddard has a carload of apples, ready to be shipped if he can find someone to help him sort and load.