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ROCKY MOUNTAIN DISTRICT BLOCKED BY SNOW

TRAIN SERVICE FROM COAST TO EAST CRIPPLED

MAY BE DAYS BEFORE IT IS
RESTORED TO NORMAL
AGAIN.

STUBS GO TO PORTLAND

All Telegraphic Communication With
Storm Center Is Broken—Railroad
Officials in Storm Center Predict
Three to Four Days to Clear up the
Blocked Conditions Near Cheyenne.

Traffic between Chicago and Port-
land is indefinitely blocked so tight
that at the very best results in he
struggle with snowdrifts between
Cheyenne and Green River, transcon-
tinental traffic cannot be resumed for
four days, its generally believed. United
Press wires are down in the Rocky
Mountain district, except for connec-
tions spasmodically between San Fran-
cisco and points near Denver. Local
railroad officials have no wires in op-
eration across the trouble zone.

Last night a stub Salt Lake con-
nections train passed through La
Grande as No. 5, and the regular No.
5 came as No. 17 today. That was
the last Omaha connection to get
through. No. 9 last night, No. 17
this morning and No. 5 tonight, have
not broken through the drifts and
there is little hope that they will for
a least two days. Disjointed tele-
graphic predictions indicate that it
may require fully three days to get
the stalled trains out.

Stubs will be run regularly through
to Portland however, one being due
this evening with Salt Lake connec-
tions.

PENDLETON TEAM WINS.

Records Destroyed and no Individual
Score Can Be Computed Today.

The Pendleton bowlers literally
scalped the local aggregation last
night on the Club alleys when they
rolled up a total score of 2768 pins
to 2395 for the locals, making an
average of 184 for the visitors and
160 for the locals. Nick Noel, the
only German on the Pendleton team
held up the reputation of the Teutons
by especially fine work with the
Kegel ball, ably seconded by Wheeler.
As a matter of fact this record would
make any team in the United States
look up and take notice, as every one
of the visiting men seemed to be a pro-
fessional alongside of the men who
have just started playing since the
alleys were built.

Patterson, for the home team was
supposed to inspire the team with
courage but as fortune will have it
he happened to have an off day and
the other men on the team failed to
make their usual good scores.

Pendleton men spoke of the work of
the local team in complimentary terms
owing to the fact that this is the first
big match of any consequence in which
the local team has participated. They
are confident that they will recover
the scalps that were lost last night.

The home team was composed of the
following men: Patton, Van Fleet,
Bookman, Stoddard, Caylor and Love.
The visiting team consisted of the
following players: Noel, Butler, Mc-
Devitt, McMonies and Wheeler.

The records were inadvertently de-
stroyed last night and individual
averages cannot be computed today.

BOYS TAKE JOY RIDE.

Yesterday two venturesome lads of
the city untied a horse, belonging to
Lorenzo Stilwell and which was tied to
the hitching rack on Jefferson, near
fir, and took a joy ride, though the
city lasting from 2:30 P. M. until 4:30.

Mr. Stilwell had recourse to an auto
and chased the lads about the city,
finally landing them in front of the
Foley hotel. When questioned as to
by what right they had come to the
horse, they stammered in boy fashion

Elks' Lodge Of Sorrow To Be Held Sunday Afternoon

Tomorrow the annual Elks' lodge of
sorrow, prepared in memoriam for
members dead, will be held at the Elks'
auditorium. The public is especially
invited to be present at 2:30. At 2

PRELUDE

Adagio Beethoven

PROCESSIONAL

Requiem March Mrs. W. W. Berry Selected

OPENING CEREMONIES Exalted Ruler

L. F. Dunn

ODE 'Air, "Auld Lang Syne."

LODGE AND AUDIENCE.

Great Ruler of the Universe,
All-seeing and benign;
Look down upon and bless our work
And be all glory thine;
Oh! hear our prayers for the honored dead
While bearing in our minds
The memories graven on each heart
"For Auld Lang Syne."

INVOCATION H. J. Ritter Chaplain

SOLO—"Father Be Near." Shnecker

Miss Olive Massee

EULOGY Hon. Walter M. Pierce

SOPRANO SOLO Mrs. A. L. Richardson Selected

QUARTETTE—"Nearer My God to Thee"

Messrs Ferrin, Stoddard, Davis, Bramwell.

MEMORIAL ADDRESS

Hon. Gus. C. Moser, Portland Lodge, No. 142

QUINTET—"Savior Breathe An Evening Blessing" Martin

Mrs. A. L. Richardson, Messrs Ferrin, Stoddard, Davis, Bramwell

CLOSING CEREMONIES

La Grande Lodge No. 433

DOXOLOGY

LODGE AND AUDIENCE

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow,

Praise Him, all creatures here below,

Praise Him above, ye Heavenly host,

Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.

BENEDICTION

Rev. Upton H. Gibbs, Pastor Episcopal Church

RECESSIONAL

Mrs. W. W. Berry, Accompanist

The Departed Elks.

O. E. BERGQUIST

E. CHRISTIANSEN

Wm. G. HUNTER

CHAS. E. JENNINGS

A. F. LEWIS

W. P. LAUGHLIN

JOHN H. LAUGHLIN

FRED MOORE

T. N. MURPHY

HARRY E. NEIL

FRANK A. PADDOCK

Wm. H. PATTON

PETER O'SULLIVAN

L. D. REAVIS

J. O. THOMAS

JOHN P. DONNELLY

JOSEPH MCCRARY

CHAS. MELLQUIST

JOHN HILL

JOHN C. JOYCE

G. C. SCHLUER

BEN BROWN

F. OYLETT

FRED R. SWANEY

GEO. KREIGER

G. E. FOWLER

SIB HALLGARTH

J. W. JOHNSON

W. W. YEAGER

GUY E. MCCULLY

J. C. SMITH

JOHN E. HOUGH

FRANK R. BROWN

A. J. HARRIS

LEO HERRING

CHAS. HALLGARTH

M. J. ALTON

M. H. KIRKLEY

B. D. HUBBERS

P. JOHNSON

STATE TAX NOTICES ARRIVE

that they were out for a ride. Mr.
Stilwell then told them that he would
give them a ride, got into the buggy
and drove them to the police station
where they were soundly lectured by
the chief.

The family horse, accustomed to the
best of treatment, was dripping with
sweat when found, and showed signs
of hard usage.

MRS. T. C. RIDDLE PASSES AWAY

Mrs. Thomas Corin Riddle, 306
Main street, died this morning about
8 o'clock of cancer of the stomach.
She was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs.
Bartholemew of Clio, Michigan. On
the third of this month she celebrated
her 48th wedding anniversary.

She joined her husband in Clio,
Michigan, coming out to Oregon in
the year 1904. Two years ago she
and her husband made a return trip
to their native state. At the time of
her death she was 65 years, three
months and 15 days old. Mr. Riddle
is a member of the G. A. R. and sur-
vives her. They had no children of
their own but an adopted child, now
Mrs. Will McDonald of this city.
The funeral will be from the house
tomorrow afternoon at 2 o'clock.

At 3:45 today County Clerk Ed

Wright was notified by Tax Commis-

sioner Eaton that Union County's tax

will be \$85,340.85, compared to \$25,000

last year. Monday the levy will be

fixed as it appears now that it will

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REFUND BONDS ONLY PANACEA NOW IN SIGHT

CITY MANAGER OUTLINES THE
PRESENT FINANCIAL POLICY
REGARDING DEBT

SERIAL BONDS OUTLINED

Appointment of Water Superintend-
ent and Other Officials Made Last
Night and City's Slate Is Now
Complete—Various Matters Come
up for Consideration—Manager
Issues Statement.

CITY GOVERNMENT FORCES.

Complete organization of the

many branches of the city's gov-

ernment, with the exception of

the patrolmen and night police

chief, has now been perfected.

The heads of all departments are:

City manager, F. J. Lafky.

Commissioner president, M.

Wood.

Commissioners, J. A. Russell

and John Gardner.

Chief of police, Howard Avant.

City engineer and street super-

intendent, R. R. Neal.

Assistant recorder, N. J. Man-

sager.

Water superintendent, L. M.

Hoyt.

Clerk, N. J. Mansager.

City treasurer, N. J. Mansager.

City recorder, Lee Warnick.

Fire chief, W. A. Benham.

City physician, John S. Hodgins.

City physician, A. L. Richard-

son.

Municipal judge, Robert Eakin.

Beaver Creek caretaker, Ed

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000 be carried temporarily by out-
standing warrants. This sum of
\$75,000 together with the 1913 tax
of approximately \$35,000 and licenses
and other minor receipts of \$15,000
will amount to \$125,000 out of which
to retire the \$90,000 warrant indebted-
ness and run the city general warrant
for the coming year. This would give
a small sum to be carried over to be
cared for by the 1914 tax. I have
recommended that the bonds be serial
to be paid out at the rate of \$10,000
per year after two years from date
of issue and this would retire them all
in 10 years.

"We must get on a cash basis. At
the present time it is not the holder
of the general fund warrants that suf-
fers, but the taxpayer. The city is
short-weighted or overcharged to let
the dealer break even and a cash
basis would remove all this. I will
put to the legal department the ques-
tion of necessity of one or two elec-
tions to correct errors in the charter
and handle the refund bonds.

"Beaver Creek pipe line sinking
funds to the amount of several thou-
sand, could be invested in such bonds,
providing a source of revenue from
money which in a few years will run
into the thousands of dollars and
would be idle."

Two ordinances introduced last Wed-
nesday, dealing with the duties and
salary of the city attorney and the
city manager, were passed at the final
reading last night, when a special
meeting was held.

A resolution creating the office of
water superintendent clerk at a salary
of \$70 was passed, and N. J. Mansager
appointed to that office. Mr. Man-
sager was named city treasurer to suc-
ceed Ray W. Logan and draws \$30
for that office. The immediate future
will see the water collecting depart-
ment moved down stairs in the water
superintendent's office and the present
collection office will become one of
the manager's offices. Bonds for all
officers were prescribed and most of
them have been filed.

At present the commissioners are
drawing no pay as there has been no
passage of a resolution creating their
salary. though \$5 per meeting night
is the stipulation by charter.

The commissioners will, in the
course of a few days, agree upon the
various departments of the city gov-
ernment which each will take hold of.

HOG AND COW GIVEN PRAISE

FUTURE IS BRIGHT FOR THESE
MONEY MAKERS.

Convention Comes to a Close Last
Evening With Big Banquet.

With the service of a banquet at the
Foley grill, the Oregon Butter and
Cheese Makers' association convention
came to a close last evening. The
election of officers was held just before
6 o'clock, and at the banquet additional
speeches were heard.

That the hog and the cow are rapidly
coming into their own was the key-
note of all the afternoon speeches. A
C. Black of the Union Meat company,
thrilled the meeting with a verbal re-
port of increase in quantity of hogs
raised in Oregon; that during the past
year or two tremendous portions of
the hog consumption is supplied from
Oregon, bringing thousands of dollars
to Oregon. The future of the cow and
the hog in this state were pictured as
being exceptionally bright.

The election of officers resulted in
the following selections:

President, Chris Myhre, Junction
City; vice-president, L. P. Holgersen,
Junction City; secretary-treasurer, F.
L. Kent, Eugene; the executive com-
mittee is composed as follows: S.
R. Cooper, Prineville; O. B. Neptune,
Albany; J. W. Bickford, Elgin.

Winners of butter prizes were: S. O.
Rice, Union Meat Company of Port-
land, first; Emery Cox, Blue Mountain
creamery, La Grande, second and R. E.
Kivette, Townsend creamery of Port-
land, third. High score, 96, second,
95 1-2; third, 95.

MISSIONARY WILL SPEAK.

Mrs. E. H. Stevenson of Seattle, a
returned missionary from China, will
speak in the basement of the new
Methodist church tomorrow at 11 A.
M., following the Sunday school. In
the evening she will address an audi-
ence at Island City.

DENVER STORM SPREADS OVER ENTIRE STATE

TRAINS STUCK EVERYWHERE IN
SNOW DRIFTS—WIRES
BADLY CRIPPLED.

DRIFTS IMPRISON MANY

Office Men Can Neither Get to Offices
Nor From Offices—Reports From the
State at Large Indicate Storm Has
Struck the Entire States Except
the Western Slope Today.

Denver, Dec. 6.—The weather grew
warmer late today and prospects of a
veritable ocean of slush stare the resi-
dents in the face. It is warmer to-
night over the state.

Denver, Dec. 6.—Denver is strugg-
ling to throw off the smothering
blanket of snow—of such proportions
as never before known in the whole
history of the city. The storm's crisis
is here but the city is still paralyzed.
Since Monday morning 45 inches of
snow have fallen, of which nearly
37 fell between Thursday morning and
last night, establishing a local record
The situation is serious.

Business Still Suspended.

Business is suspended and employ-
er and employee are for the most part
unable to reach their establishments,
and many have been unable to reach
their homes from offices, school build-
ings and the like. Lodging houses,
the city auditorium and hotels are
feeling the fuel shortage seriously.

Throughout Colorado, except on the
west slope, conditions are as bad to-
day as in Denver, or worse. Trains
are stuck in drifts all over the state.
In the strike zone where strikers and
militiamen are camped, suffering is
intense. Twenty-four men are known
to be missing throughout the state.
It is thought they have been frozen to
death.

TELEGRAPH WIRES DOWN.

San Francisco Almost Isolated From
Rest of the World Today.

San Francisco, Dec. 6.—Except for
one wire through to Chicago via the
south, telegraphic communication from
the coast to the east is again tied up
today. There are no possibilities of
learning much concerning the storm's
condition. Enough is known, however,
to show that the Rockies are in a
storm condition absolutely without
precedent.

Late this afternoon indirect com-
munication was established with
Denver.

W. O. W. ELECT OFFICERS.