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CALIFORNIA IS VISITED WITH HEAVY STORMS

SMALL TOWNS HELD IN GRIP OF FLOODS AND LOSS MAY BE GREAT.

MANY PERSONS ARE MAROONED IN DISTRICT

Unusual Rainfall in Santa Clara and Sacramento Valley Has Made the Entire Country Resemble Hugh Lake. Property Loss Has Been Great.

San Francisco, Jan. 26.—Heavy rains throughout the state are coming on the heels of the worst storm in the history of the season. It has hit the coast line of the Southern Pacific out of business. The floods have invaded a number of the smaller towns along the Sacramento and Sarramenta rivers and have cut off Santa Barbara. Telephonic communication with relatives of the marooned persons. Many people have begun to fear for the safety of their kin in the small towns visited by the heavy down pour of rain. Property has been damaged to a large extent and many tourists have been compelled to change their routings, owing to the high water. So far no fatalities have come to light but as soon as the water subsides it is feared some persons will be found who could not escape the flood. Communication is crippled and the nearest cities have been swamped with requests for information.

SIMPLICITY MARKS FUNERAL

Lord Starthcona is Laid to Rest With Absence of Pomp.

London, Jan. 26.—With a ceremony marked for its simplicity the funeral of Lord Starthcona was held in Westminster Abbey. It was notable for the lack of pomp and display. Private services were held in the home. Public reading of the ritual in the abbey. The funeral cortege consisted of an open hearse and twenty carriages. Many notables attended the last rites.

Bostonian and New Yorker Honored

Rome, Jan. 26.—Pope Pius today ordered official notification to be sent to Dr. Edward F. Koyes, of New York and Thomas W. Hynes, of Boston, that he has conferred the cross of a knight of the Order of St. Gregory. The Pope recently announced his intention of honoring these men. Monsignor John Baptist Murray, vicar general of the Archdiocese of Cincinnati, was today sent official notification of his appointment as a Protonotary Apostolic, by His Holiness.

American Censors Take Notice

Turin, Italy, Jan. 26.—The local chief of police, who is also the Anthony Comstock of the city, has just solved the problem of censoring an overdone French play without prohibiting it entirely. The drama in question was "Mrs. President." Where the lines were considered offensive to public decency, the chief suppressed them entirely, but where the lines were satisfactory and only the dramatic action was too much, the chief allowed the actors to recite their parts but with the stage darkened so that the audience could not see what accompanied the lines.

LANE REQUESTS WITHDRAWAL OF RICH ORE LANDS

RED PLAGUE SUFFERERS FIND FRIEND IN SECRETARY OF INTERIOR.

POOR MAN'S REMEDY AS WELL AS RICH

Secretary Talks Feelingly of Battle Science is Making For. Fathers, Mothers, Brothers and Sisters, Suffering From Apparently Incurable Disease.

Washington, Jan. 26.—Two hundred thousand victims of the "Red Plague" found an ardent champion in Secretary of the Interior Lane when he came out flatly before the house Mines' committee and recommended the withdrawal of all radium bearing lands, declaring that the fight for the setting aside of these lands is "so strongly tinged with human feeling that it is really a battle for our mothers and fathers, brothers and sisters to protect them against the ravages of cancer." Lane backed his contention with the statement that "radium" should not be merely the millionaires' remedy but within the reach of the poor man. Furthermore, he announced that his policy was in the nature of a public duty which he would prosecute to prevent the monopolization of radium and the lands from which it is gleaned.

DELIVERY WILL GATHER GIFTS

NEEDY OF CITY WILL BE TAKEN CARE OF.

Charitable Women Ask That Articles Be Given Delivery Boys.

An appeal is made by the charity committee of the ladies aid society of the city for articles of clothing for the city's deserving poor. An investigation has been carried on for some time and nearly all of the cases have been brought to the attention of the women who have this matter in charge. They beg the public to give such articles of clothing as they can spare to any of the delivery boys of the Lynch delivery or to Bohnenkamp's or to Snodgrass' delivery, any one of whom will deliver articles to the office of J. D. Lynch where they will be gotten by the society and distributed to the most needy.

The work has been done in a thorough manner by the women, and the dispensations are likely to go to the homes where they will be of the most service.

UNION CARDS ARRIVE

Local Barber Shops Now Carry Union Label, First in Town.

All La Grande barber shops now display union cards. All full-fledged barbers have been granted cards and the barbers' union local is the first in the city. Brotherhoods of course exist, but no labor unions other than the barbers have a local union. The barbers here are affiliated with the international order.

RAILROADS DON'T HOLD SOLE RIGHT TO ICE FRUIT CARS

Washington, Jan. 26.—California fruit shippers have won an important victory in the decision of the supreme court, against the Southern Pacific and the Salt Lake railroads, in a case in which the fruit growers disputed the right with the railroads to ice cars. The supreme court sustained the decision of the Interstate commerce commission ordering the reduction of charges on icing refrigerator cars, and denied that the railroads had an exclusive right to ice cars. This means that men may ice cars themselves for fruit which they ship or may contract with other firms outside of the railroad to do the same and thus put the railroad on a competitive basis with the rest of ice dealers.

The decision is far reaching and will likely effect other roads. While the application is to these roads only the court has thus established the precedent which will be a guiding star in further disputes.

Whether the railroads carrying the bulk of oranges and other citrus fruits

from California have the exclusive right to refrigerate cars and may prevent shippers from pre-cooling and pre-icing cars at a lower rate was the prime question in the icing case. Both the I. C. C. and Commerce court decided in favor of the shippers. On July 5, 1909, the Sante Fe, Southern Pacific and Salt Lake railroads amended their refrigeration rules to provide a reduction to \$30 for the use of refrigerated car pre-iced and pre-cooled at the shipping warehouse, the car being sealed and not re-iced in transit. The rate for "standard" icing, (refrigeration after the cars are loaded, with replenishing of ice on route) was \$62.50 from the coast to Chicago. The \$30 rate was declared unreasonable by the I. C. C. and ordered cut to \$7.50 per car. On May 4th the railroads attempted to withdraw the entire pre-icing privilege. They filed an injunction suit to set aside the Commission's order. By pre-icing the shippers would save about \$600.00 a year.

MONOPOLIES WILL FEAR "DRAGON"

Washington, Jan. 26.—The administration anti-trust policy is directed only at such business methods as are directly in the nature of a monopoly. This was made plain to callers at the White House. Wilson held that some had reason to feel alarmed because the bill would prohibit holding companies and would effect such companies that organized subsidiary companies for the purpose of meeting state legal conditions. None of the trust bills contains anything that will bar from business anything not of itself monopolistic. So far as the interstate commerce commission is concerned

the president indicated that it would be the "dragon" which certain business interests would have to fear, when that body at the direction of the department of justice, investigates and reports to the attorney general who will act as he sees fit. The president made it plain that at no time has any one else been considered for the position of governor of the Canal zone but Colonel Goethals.

He also indicated that he would have more to say as time went on concerning the intentions of the new bills regulating trusts.

LAND OFFICE IS BUSY

Many Entries Have Been Made in Last Three Days.

Business at the local land office has been very brisk since the first of the year and many people have taken advantage of the new rules governing the length of residence and other regulations that will make homesteading fairer. The following have made application at the local office in the last few days: Clarence Reid, Heppner; Elias Kuhn, Wallowa; Jno. W. Hiatt, Beach Creek; Miranda I. Parr, Martha E. Criswell, Jno. A. Durst, Mrs. Sadie Allen, Geo. A. Tanler, all of Lang Creek; Mrs. Pear Durst, Hamilton, Ore.; Anna R. Niederer, Summerville; Fred J. McMonies, Pendleton.

VESSEL GOES ASHORE

Steamer From Sakagway to Vancouver Transfers Passengers.

Seattle, Jan. 26.—A message received this noon said the Canadian Pacific Steamship Sophia southbound from Sakagway to Vancouver is ashore in Albert Bay of Vancouver Island. The steamer Alki from Seattle is reported to be taking passengers off the ill-fated craft. How many are on board is not learned.

Mrs. Mardiek Ill.

Mrs. Frank Modiek of this city, wife of Frank Modiek an employee of the George Anderson dry goods store, was taken to the hospital this morning suffering from a serious complication. She will submit to an operation this afternoon, which will be performed by Dr. Bacon.

GALE HITS PORTLAND

Ships Are Warned to Remain in Harbor Until Storm Abated.

Portland, Jan. 26.—A gale which reached the velocity of a miniature hurricane at 1 A. M. held Portland and most of the western part of Oregon in its clutches, for a period of 15 hours. At seven A. M. the worst part of the storm passed northward. All shipping was warned to remain in port in Portland. A thirty-six mile wind blew out several plate glass windows, telephone and telegraph service all along the coast is crippled.

HOUSES WASHED AWAY

Forty-two Inch Main Washes Mother and Child Into Gulch.

Tacoma, Jan. 26.—Three houses were swept into Gallagher's gulch and three persons were injured when a 42-inch water main on south 30th and I street burst and shot great streams of water and washed several hundred feet of earth away. Mrs. Nellie Foster and her baby were swept into the canyon with the wreckage and the home was badly damaged. Both have been rescued. A torrent of water flowed from the breach until the main was closed at the stop cock.

Feminist Victory in Italy

Rome, Jan. 26.—The feminists of Italy, in which the progress of feminism has not been as marked as in the northern countries, today are rejoicing over two new victories. A license was granted to the first woman notary today, when Signorina Elona Sadowska succeeded in wrestling for

COLLISION IS FATAL TO MANY PASSENGERS

EXTRA FREIGHT CRASHES INTO PASSENGER ON MICHIGAN CENTRAL.

MANY PATIENTS DYING FROM SERIOUS WOUNDS

Crash Comes Suddenly and Both Engines Are Jammed Together Requiring Great Force to Draw Them Apart. Emergency Brakes Set Too Late—Investigation is Called.

Jackson, Mich., Jan. 26.—Four bodies have been removed from the wreckage of the Michigan Central passenger train, five miles north of Jackson last night. Rescue workers continued to search in the debris for bodies as several more are missing. More than a dozen passengers have been seriously injured and some of them are dying in the local hospitals. Coroner Marks ordered an investigation of the wreck in order to place the responsibility.

The crash was terrible as both of the trains were going at almost full speed and had not set the emergency brakes more than a few seconds prior to the crash. The entire fronts of both engines were jammed together in such a fashion that it will be hard to separate them.

The dead were among the passengers in the front coaches where the damage was greatest. The smoker was hit hard but several other chair cars were telescoped. It is not known how many steel cars were in this train.

HOUSEBREAKER STEALS PURSE

TEN DOLLARS TAKEN FROM THE THORNE HOME.

While Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Thorne Are at Church, Thieves Enter.

Thieves last night broke into the C. L. Thorne residence at 2008 Fir street and stole \$10. The theft was discovered the moment Mr. and Mrs. Thorne returned from church. A trail of burned matches told the story of how the robbers had picked their way in the dark from the door through which they gained entrance by a pass key, to the different rooms of the house until the pocket books were located. The money was contained in two small pocketbooks which were carried away, though a larger pocket book, with no money in it, was left. So far as known no other articles were taken. The trail of matches was the only thing in the way of a clue and this, of course, gives no guiding hand to the capture of the robbers. The house was pretty well torn up by the hunt for cash.

the first time from the government's board of examining engineers a diploma for a woman engineer. Signorina Sadowska's successful thesis dealt with the construction of bridges of masonry.

BOND BUYERS PERMIT A NEW BOND CONTRACT

DENVER FIRM RELEASES CITY FROM OBNOXIOUS CONTRACT CLAUSES.

CASH BALANCES SHOW CITY HAS MORE WEALTH

City Now in Best of Condition to Proceed With Bond Election—Bond Attorney's Opinion to Come Before Sales Made—Election and Amendments Already Prescribed.

La Grande has broken its fetters with the Denver bonding company which carried a contract with the city of La Grande of such binding qualities that when the new commission took hold of the city it immediately attempted to sever, if possible, certain ties which the commission held to be objectionable. After a prolonged period of correspondence in which the commission and Manager F. J. Lafky took the proverbial "bull by the horns," the bonding company has released the city from several of the ties and the city is now in an excellent condition to proceed with its bond election. The old council found a bond buyer to get the city out of its present debt, believing it to be the old feasible method of rejuvenating the financial situation. The commission was in harmony with that policy—as there can be no other way out—but objected to certain clauses in the contract, which the old council signed. The original contract called for an option on the part of the Denver firm to buy the bond issue at the price bid in by the highest bidder and retain a commission for legal option regardless of the passage or failure of the bond election. Manager Lafky has, it is admitted, scored a decided victory in being able to get the contract amended in the face of the fact that the city was actually bound. As the matter now stands the city has a splendid position.

Saturday evening the commissioners met to O K proceedings as far as gone over.

The bond buyers have released the option right and will now enter the field with other bond buyers and take the bonds only if they bid the highest. Furthermore, the company must give a bond attorney O K on the bond issue, and the company has already outlined to the city just what amendments are necessary to make the charter water proof. When the amendments are made the city will be in position to offer a bond issue absolutely without fear of having it turned down—an unusual situation to be in. The amendments required by the bonding company refer to the boundaries, the bonding clauses and to the qualifications of voters. These made, the bonding company will pass upon the legality before bonds are put up for sale, insuring a sale that might be made will be permanent and not thrown down necessitating further advertisements for bond bids.

CITY BALANCES SHOWN

City Has Shown Advancement in Worth Since a Year Ago. If the city of La Grande was to go out of business, it could pay off all

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