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CALIFORNIA SUFFERS LOSS OF MILLIONS

STORM ABATES AND RELIEF IS NOW IN SIGHT FOR THE SUFFERERS.

FIFTY STALLED TRAINS GETTING UNDER WAY

Splendid Farms Awash, and Damage in Santa Barbara Alone Amounts to a Quarter Million Say Conservative Estimates—Eight Known to Have Been Drowned in Floods.

SNOW FALLS IN PORTLAND

Portland, Jan. 27.—At noon today a half inch of snow had fallen. This is the first snow for Western Oregon and Washington this year.

San Francisco, Jan. 27.—California is recovering from one of the worst storms in her history. Reports today are encouraging, however, though it is estimated that damage throughout the state has already reached five million dollars. Eight are known to have met death and railroad traffic has been stalled but is resuming today.

South End Hurt Hard

Los Angeles, Jan. 27.—A million is the conservative estimate of damage to Southern California alone in the three days' storm. The backbone of the storm is apparently broken today.

Eight people were drowned during the storm and hundreds were compelled to leave their homes. Rivers and mountain streams are out of their banks, and towns are flooded, while ranches worth millions are awash. Fifty trains were stalled in the interior and thousands of people were fed by the railroads. The loss at Santa Barbara alone is estimated at a quarter million.

Sacramento Sees Improvement

Sacramento, Jan. 27.—Most recent reports made by the weather bureau regarding the flood situation is, river stage here at 10:30 showed only one-tenth of an inch rise. American, Yuba and Feather rivers and tributaries falling. Levees holding and danger of flood is passed.

GRADUATES ORGANIZING

Northwestern School Graduates Form New Association.

The alumni and students of the North-Western School of Chiropractic, met in Dr. Darland's Chiropractic parlors Monday at 8 P. M., and organized the 'North-Western Chiropractic Association. This association is formed for the benefit of its members and Chiropractic in general. Officers elected were Dr. C. A. Wagner, president; Dr. Helena Love-Williamson, vice president; Mr. W. A. Dunn, secretary; Miss Anna C. Carlson, Sr., treasurer; Dr. Ernest E. Daniels, Dr. Alvin S. Lowman, Mr. Junius E. Woodie, Mr. Theodore A. Johnson, and Miss Anna C. Carlson, Jr., were elected members of the board of directors. Mr. Thos. Will-

Stray Elk Wiry Beast

JOSEPH "POSSE" ATTEMPTS TO ROPE ELK.

Day's Work Is In Vain

Elk Which Belongs at Belle Meadows Still at Liberty.

Joseph, Jan. 27.—(Special).—Nineteen riders started out yesterday morning to rope the cow elk which jumped the 10 foot fence and got away at Joseph last spring when being loaded into wagons to be transferred to the elk ranges at Belle Meadows' pasture. Before 9 o'clock they jumped the elk on Elzy Davis' place and the fun was on in earnest. The elk played with the men for two hours in the brush and finally took up Hurricane creek for a distance of three miles. Walking up the creek she turned and went down on Alder Slope. Several were almost near enough to throw the rope but at 2 o'clock all decided to return to Joseph and the stray elk is still at liberty.

SPECIAL TRAIN BRINGS QUINT

UNION COMING WITH BAND THIS EVENING.

Vitally Important Game Between Inter-City Teams at Gym. Tonight.

Unprecedented interest in basketball prevails in Union and La Grande today. This evening Union will send a special train carrying rooters and the Union band, to La Grande for the game with the M. I. A. A week or more ago, Union defeated the local team by a very decisive score on the Union floor, but the floor there is so slippery that one unused to it has no means of locomotion and in that game the La Grander were forced to skid about aimlessly while the Union players tossed baskets right and left. There is no disputing the fact that Union has just about the fastest team that ever hit Eastern Oregon for her tossers have the expanded pill from the center of the floor with unerring accuracy. What the M. I. A. A. will be able to do with them on a floor where both teams have an equal footing, remains to be seen this evening.

Band, Train, Coming

Assistant Passenger Agent, Jim Miller of the O.-W., was in Union last evening providing for the special train which Union demanded. It will arrive in time for the game which is called for 8 o'clock.

One hundred and fifty seats have been reserved in the high school gymnasium for the visitors and their band. That the crowd will be immense is a foregone conclusion and early comers will get the best seats of course.

Fully 100 rooters besides the band were guaranteed to Mr. Miller last evening and advises today indicate the crowd will be even greater than that. The game is a vital matter to Union which has championship aspirations, backed by a string of victories this winter.

iamson, Mrs. Loretta P. Stroba, Mrs. Josephine A. Woodie, Dr. May Leavitt-Dunn, and Miss Lilly Carlson were appointed as a committee to draw up by-laws.

PLUT LEADERS HURRIED INTO DEATH PRISON

ATTACK ON HUERTA DISCOVERED AND ARRESTS OF LEADERS FOLLOW.

COLONEL ROBLES HAD MURDER COUP HATCHED

Huerta Speedily Sending Conspiracy Leaders to Prison, Some of Them Going to Famous Cells From Whence Few Have Come Alive—Catholic Leader Among Arrested.

Mexico City, Jan. 27.—Arrests continue today in connection with the plot discovered yesterday to assassinate President Huerta. Colonels Seavalar and Robles, the latter chief of police of Mexico City under Madero, are the leaders it is alleged, and these two have been sent to Fort-ress Res San Juan De Ulua, Vera Cruz, from whence prisoners seldom emerge alive.

General Rascon was the Catholic party presidential candidate at the last election. General Fernanda Con-zales is among the prisoners.

It is said that Robles planned to give Rascon and Seavalar control of 400 policemen to attack the national palace next Sunday and capture Huerta and the coup was to end up with the "accidental" killing of Huerta, as was Madero, it is understood.

Men Secretly Executed

It is reported that Gonzales and five others were secretly executed because of complicity in the plot to murder Huerta. He is said to have ordered the execution of everyone concerned. Developments indicated that the president had a close call. The conspirators had arms and am-

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Mrs. D. A. McAlister, wife of Hon. (Bud) McAlister, died this morning at Riverside, California, where she had gone in search of improvement to her health, in company with her husband and daughter, Mrs. Willard Moss, of Island City. She was taken to the home of her son Charles, in Riverside, and it was there that death came. In three years more she would have been married 50 years.

Nancy J. McAlister was married in 1867 to Mr. McAlister, and to them

BUD ANDERSON SUED FOR \$5000

Oregon City, Jan. 27.—Alleging that the pugilist, Bud Anderson, alienated the affections of his wife, Guy H. Pace of this city, a barber, brought suit for \$5000. In August of last year Pace secured a divorce from his wife and in his complaint alleged the same grounds. Nothing has been learned from Anderson concerning the truth or falsity of these allegations, and no statement has come from him regarding the matter. He has not yet been served with the complaint and it is not known whether he will fight or let judgment go by default.

Trouble seems to be heaping upon

CLATSOP CAN PUT \$400,000 INTO HIGHWAYS

SUPREME COURT UPHOLDS VALIDITY OF PLAN TO BUILD ROADS.

ACCUSATION HURLED BY PARKER WORTHLESS

Clatsop County, at Mouth of Columbia, Intends to Spend Nearly a Half Million—Bond Election to Be Held at Once and Proceedings Will Be Held to Be Veld.

Salem, Jan. 27.—Clatsop county's \$400,000 bond issue for county roads, is held valid by the supreme court. The county can now proceed to sell bonds and expend the proceeds.

F. L. Parker attacked the validity of the issue on the ground that the sum exceeds two percent of the assessed valuation and because registration of voters and the election held under the provision of the law later declared unconstitutional by the high court, modifies the lower court's opinion to some extent.

munition ready and were awaiting the call to do the deed.

Washington Looks For Downfall

Washington, Jan. 27.—Officialdom is of the opinion that Huerta's downfall is at hand. This is said to be the president as expressed to members of the foreign relations committee last night. This opinion is general in administration circles, and is taken almost as a positive fact. The president is expected to remove the embargo from arms purchased by the rebels in the United States. It is believed this will speedily settle the difficulty.

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Rev. Jones Instituted

Baker, Jan. 27.—Rev. Owen Jones was formally instituted as rector of St. Stephen's Episcopal church last Sunday evening.

Two Cabinet Heads Come

SPECIAL CAR ATTACHED TO NO. 9 TONIGHT.

On Way To Portland

Cabinet Officers Will Pass Through La Grande Tonight.

Secretary of the Treasurer McAdoo and Secretary of Agriculture Houston will pass through La Grande this evening on their way to Portland to conduct hearings for regional banks. The men, with their retinue of lieutenants, occupy the private car "National" and will be attached to No. 9 at Huntington this afternoon.

Traveling Passenger Agent Miller, left this morning for Huntington and will personally supervise the bringing of the train with the cabinet members to Portland. Several hearings have been held by these men in the middlewest, and the claims for recognition by the Northwest cities are now to be heard.

McAdoo and Houston in Portland

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REVISION OF CHARTER NEAR

COMMITTEE HAS BUT ONE POINT TO DISCUSS.

Prompt Filing of Report on Needed Changes is Expected.

But one point of the 14 or more to be re-arranged, remains for consideration by the citizens' committee appointed a week ago to draft the needed charter amendments. The point still unsettled is the matter of requirements for voters, a point of law recently touched upon by the supreme court in regard to various "dry" and "wet" elections throughout the state. When the actual law in the matter has been determined, the committee will file its formal report setting out the needed changes, first in the wording of the present charter and secondly in the manner it should read.

NEGRO HANGED TO POLE

Irate Citizens of Oklahoma Lynch Negro Who Killed a White.

Oklahoma City, Jan. 27.—Ben W. Dickerson, the negro who murdered W. A. Chafin a traveling salesman, was lynched early this morning at Noble.

A mob of white men overpowered the jailer, hanged Dickerson to a telephone pole and riddled the body with bullets.

Radium Offers Made

Buffalo, Jan. 27.—An offer of a fully equipped plant for the public reduction of radium-bearing ores was made by telegraph to Secretary of the Interior Lane. The offer was made by Stephen Lockwood who ten years ago in an experimental plant extracted radium for the first time in the history of the United States.

Man Wanted in Canyon City Arrested

Los Angeles Jan. 27.—C. E. Potts a collector, arrested here today at the request of Canyon City, Or., authorities, who telegraphed they wanted him in connection with the murder of his wife six months ago.

PANAMA IS PUT UNDER CIVIL GOVERNMENT

CANAL ZONE WILL HAVE NEW CODE OF LAWS BY THE FIRST OF APRIL.

GOETHALS IS SLATED FOR IMPORANT POST

Cabinet and President Make Official Order Which Ends Regime of Army—Nomination of Goethals is to Follow in Few Days—Mitchell Will Not Interfere.

Washington, Jan. 27.—President Wilson issued a formal executive order establishing civil government in the Canal zone. The nomination of Goethals is expected to follow soon.

Secretary of War Garrison declared that the nomination of Colonel Goethals to be civil governor of the Canal zone would be announced in a few days. The president and members of the cabinet approved the plan creating civil government for the zone today. It is expected that the new order of things will go into effect about April 1.

Mayor Mitchell of New York, will visit Washington in the near future for the purpose of attending a banquet and is expected to confer with the president concerning Col. Goethals. It is voiced that he will not throw anything in the way of the president to forestall the appointment.

COMMISSION IS EXACTING

Railroads Must Prove They Have Nothing Free of Charges.

Washington, Jan. 27.—The interstate commerce commission has served notice on the railroads that it would not authorize an increase in freight rates unless it was assured that the commission was performing no service free of charge or for less than the services are worth. The management of each road must be prepared to show that it requires a reasonable contribution to its revenues for every service they perform, and that even with this full exaction, their revenues are shrinking. "The railroads have asked for an increase of five percent. It is argued by men who are familiar with the situation that short hauls are now high enough but that long hauls could stand an increase with no detriment to the shipper.

The president made it known to visitors on last Saturday that he had not recommended an increase in rates. It is not certain whether he would after obtaining full information regarding the facts.

CONTROL BOARD EXONERATED

West, State Secretary and Treasurer Held to Be Blameless.

Salem, Jan. 27.—Because Attorney General Crawford failed to make a showing that the state was damaged Circuit Judge Kelley dismissed the suit brought by Attorney General Crawford to recover approximately \$16,000 from the governor, secretary of state and treasurer, which was alleged to have been mispent from the state penitentiary revolving fund.