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GALES STRIKE TERROR TO BIG CITY CENTERS

INDIANAPOLIS SUFFERS FROM
TERRIFIC GALE THAT IS
RAGING THERE TODAY.

DEATHS RESULT FROM CROSSED TELEPHONES

Indianapolis and Chicago Are Centers
of Terrific Storms—Lake Shipping
in Danger and One Steamer Believed
to Have Gone Down—Crippled
Service Prevails Generally.

Indianapolis, Jan. 31.—A howling
blizzard is raging here. Trains are
12 hours late and interurban traffic
is demoralized. Street car service
is nearly out of commission and wire
communication is more completely
crippled than by the floods last March.

Joseph Walsh put a telephone receiver
to his ear and was killed, indicating
the seriousness of the situation here.
A live wire was blown across the
telephone and telegraph as well as
long distance service. It is very cold
and the territory embraced is growing
larger.

Gale Sweeps Chicago.
Chicago, Jan. 31.—It is blowing
heavily here and a fierce gale is
sweeping over Chicago. Railroad
schedules are demoralized and street
cars are run irregularly. Fears are
felt for lake shipping.

It is believed that one vessel was
lost off the Lawrence avenue dock.
A siren was heard before dawn but
by daylight it had ceased to sound
and nothing has been seen of the
boat. Tugs have been sent to investigate.

The storm is general throughout
the West.

BASKETBALL TEAM HERE

Milton High Unable to Cope With the
Union Team at Union.

Handicapped by the slippery floor,
which Union players understand and
visitors don't, the Milton high school
team which plays the La Grande high
tonight, met defeat last night and
arrived from Union, and is quartered
at the Foley today. The game tonight
will have an important bearing on
the Eastern Oregon championship.
Members of the team are: Smith,
Sykes, Rink Clark Everetts and
Still.

INJURED MAN SUFFERS

T. M. Hughey Recovers Very Slowly
From Recent Injuries On Street.

Although several weeks have elapsed
since T. M. Hughey, aged 76 was run
down by a team while he was crossing
a street of the city, he is recovering
very slowly and in much pain. He
was evidently injured more severely
than at first thought, and recovery
has not been as rapid as desired.

BANQUET THURSDAY NIGHT

Methodist Church Basement to Be
Used For Luncheon.

Committee No. 1, of the Commercial
club, which is the rival of Committee
No. 2, which gives a banquet later,
has picked February 5 as the time for
its banquet. It will be served a 6
o'clock, charges are to be 50 cents per
plate and the purpose is to discuss
1915 traffic questions as regards the
Panama Fair visitors coming through
La Grande. The business men should
notify Joe Williamson at the Commercial
club as early as possible of their
intentions to attend.

January Is Queer Month

SIMILAR YEARS HAVE BEEN
RECORDED.

11 Above Lowest Mark

January Had Similar Records In 1905
and 1908, It Appears.

January has been an unusual month
in some climatic respects. The most
unusual feature of the weather was
that during the thirty days there
was not one perfectly clear day. Several
half days on which the sun shone
are recorded, but not one of a full
days duration. The precipitation was
less than most people imagine—
but two inches of rain fell during the
month. The snow fall too, was out
of the ordinary, but eleven and one-
half inches are recorded. The mean
temperature for the month was 34.
The mean maximum temperature was
39 and the mean minimum was 29.
The lowest for one day was 11 above
zero, and the highest was 53, making
this month similar to the months of
January in the years 1905 and 1908.

There is no likelihood that the temperature
will go below zero this winter,
because the records show that all of
the below zero days have come in
the fore part of this month.

Goundhog day is on the second day
of February. From present indications
he will not see his shadow and will
go back into his hole, and pleasant
weather will follow. Spring will
not be delayed and plows and harrows
will be in the field at an early
date. If the weather should be clear
on that date and the old prognosticator
should see his shadow he will make
a hasty bow and retire to his sleeping
boudoir to remain there until six
weeks of bad weather have blown
over. Whatever truth there may be
in this old adage, so much is certain,
that the happenings after shadow
weather have always been wet, cold
and dreary.

MANY DEATHS DURING WEEK

MRS. GEORGE PEACH LEAVES A
SORROWING FAMILY.

Mrs. McAlister Body Home—Several
Deaths During the Week.

The death of Mrs. George Peach,
which occurred last night, is a sad
happening. There are four children
living of the six which have been born
to them. The oldest is eight and the
youngest a mere baby of six months.
Death came as a result of typhoid-
pneumonia.

Mrs. Peach was Ethel Minnie Price
before her marriage to Mr. Peach,
and was born in the vicinity of Walla
Walla, June 30, 1872. She was married
March 4, 1897. She is survived
by her husband and the four children,
four brothers and three sisters, several
aunts and uncles and many cousins.

Death came at her home eight miles
east of La Grande.

The bodies of Mrs. D. A. McAlister
brought here from Riverside for burial,
and Mrs. George Peach, who died
last night, are lying in the Henry &
Carr undertaking parlors. The funeral
of Mrs. McAlister will take place
tomorrow at 2 P. M. from the Baptist
church and that of Mrs. Peach will
be held on Monday at 11:00 a. m.
from the Island City church, burial
in the Peach cemetery.

The week has been marked by an
unusual number of deaths and much
sickness. The deaths of Melva Dool-
ey, the nine-year-old daughter of
Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Doolley, of this
city and the little six-year-old daughter
of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Baker, both

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BURLESON ASKS CONGRESS TO BUY TELEGRAPH LINES

Immediate Action For Acquirement Of
Telegraph Lines Urged As Only Pan-
acea For Present Evils

Washington, Jan. 31.—Government
ownership of telegraph and telephone
lines were recommended in a report
to the senate by Postmaster General
Burleson in answer to a senate resolu-
tion requesting information regard-
ing government ownership of public
utilities.

The recommendations were:
"The only way to afford the people
complete and modern postal facilities
which the government makes it a
duty of the government to provide,

is to put into effect the following
recommendations: That congress de-
clare itself for purchase of the tele-
graph and telephone and radio com-
munication monopoly or of all such
other means of transmission as may
hereafter develop; that congress ac-
quire, by purchase, the net work of
commercial telephone and telegraph
lines, farmers' lines excepted."

It is generally believed that the re-
port has hastened the day when the
government will take control of these
lines.

HUNTER CAN'T KILL HIMSELF

Veronica, Ore., Jan. 31.—Putting
two cartridges into a rifle that he
might kill himself, rather than starve,
Wesley Eastahd of Nehalem, was lost
in the woods and became so weak that
when he tried to discharge the gun
he was unable to raise the rifle to his
head.

He was found late yesterday after-

noon and taken to a homesteader's
cabin. Eastahd became lost last
Monday while trailing a deer. He
shot the animal and ate the venison
raw until it nauseated him. He fired
off fourteen of the sixteen cartridges
that he had with him and saved the
last two to put an end to his misery.

IMMENSE CAR ORDER PLACED

Order has been placed, it is an-
nounced, for the following equipment
on account of the Union Pacific sys-
tem lines, delivery to begin about the
middle of April: Four thousand
double sheet box cars, 100,000 pounds
capacity; four hundred stock cars of
same size as heretofore used, 80,000
pounds capacity; six hundred all-steel
auto cars, fifty feet long inside, 100-
000 pounds capacity. All cars have

steel underframe, as heretofore.

It will be observed that the only
all-steel cars are six hundred of the
special design for automobile service.
Placing the order at this time involves
expenditure of between five and one-
half and six million dollars, and may
be taken as indication of the confi-
dence railroad people have as to the
future and will of course be pleasing
to lumber manufacturers too.

FREE MOVIES MONDAY

Efficiency Pictures to Be Shown By
Railroad Company Men.

Arrangements have been made
whereby W. A. Perley, here in the
city with the instruction car of the
O.-W., will give a moving picture
show to citizens of the city free of
charge in the Commercial club rooms
on Monday, February 2, at 7:45 P. M.
The car is on the tracks in the yards
but is not able to accommodate the
crowds that have sought admission
to this most interesting display of
facts concerning the great problem
of transportation and safety to the
public. Mr. Perley was onetime com-
missioner of railways in the state of
Washington and is conversant with
the subject from, not only the angle
of the public, but from that of the
railroads as well. He is presenting
in connection with the moving pic-
tures a few accurate statistics given
by some of the leading economists of
the country, including President Had-
ley, of Yale, and the noted English
expert who came to this country to
study our railroad system. The pic-
tures are intensely interesting and
will give the man or woman who travels
behind the iron horses of speed an
idea of what it means to transport
thousands of lives over some of the
mountainous stretches of the west
safely and expeditiously.

In view of the great amount of agi-
tation for an increased freight rate
the shippers of this city will have an
opportunity to hear from a special
agent of the company what it means
to deprive a company of a reasonable
profit. The great subject of this lec-
ture is safety. There is another that
will mean dollars and cents to the
consumers of coal, for the course in-

cludes instruction on fuel economy,
and is intended primarily for the men
who shovel coal into the fire boxes
of O.-W. engines. But this expert in
coal waste can tell the average man
some of the most interesting things
about his own home, that will mean
a saving to him.
No charge is made for admission.
It is free as the air and all are wel-
come.

NEW LUMBER FIRM

Local Timberman Is Part of Company
Formed at Baker.

Baker, Jan. 31.—(Special).—Arti-
cles of incorporation of the Stoddard
Lumber company have been sent to
the secretary of state, and on their
return, officers of Baker's newest cor-
poration will be elected and organiza-
tion perfected. The new corporation
is a consolidation of the Stoddard
Brothers Lumber company and the
Shockey and McMurren Lumber com-
pany, of this city. It is capitalized
at \$400,000 and the incorporators are
A. S. Shockey and Joseph Stoddard,
of Baker, and George Stoddard of
La Grande. The present Stoddard
Brothers Lumber company was in-
corporated under the laws of Utah
and will be dissolved, under the new
incorporation law in this state.

COMMISSION NOMINATIONS IN

First Appointments Have Been Sent
to Senate For Commission.

Washington, Jan. 31.—The nomi-
nations of Winthrop Daniels of New
Jersey, and Henry Hill of Colorado,
to be members of the commerce com-
mission have been sent to the senate
for confirmation. These are the first
names that have been sent in.

Winter Job Up In Smoke

HOME READY FOR OCCUPANCY
BURNED UP.

Loss Is Partly Covered

North Side Resident Builds Home On-
ly to Find Ashes Today.

To have spent his entire time this
winter building for himself a cozy
and comfortable home, living in a
tent the meanwhile, and then have
the new home burned down just when
the finishing touches were put on it,
was the depressing experience of Mr.
Simpson, of North La Grande, this
morning. Fortunately, a blanket in-
surance will protect him in the loss
of the material burned, but will not
recompense him for his labor during
the winter.

An alarm was turned in from box
33 this morning at 3:15, and the de-
partment made a hurried run to the
extreme limits of North Fir street.
On arrival there the department found
that they could be of little or no as-
sistance, inasmuch as the building
had been almost consumed before the
alarm had been sent in. They ran
out 1500 feet of hose to save the tent
which was built alongside the newly
erected house, and other property in
the vicinity.

The house was the property of Mr.
Simpson and had not yet been plaster-
ed. Painters had just begun to put
on the filling coat and plasterers were
about to begin their work.

Blanket, or builder's insurance, to
the amount of \$1500 was on the new
building and the actual loss is covered
by this insurance.

MONROE'S DEAD LIST SETTLED

CAPTAIN BLAMED FOR MOVING
AWAY AFTER CRASH.

Claims Monroe Would Not Have Sunk
So Soon—Could Have Saved More.

Norfolk, Jan. 31.—Survivors of the
ill fated Monroe, rammed by the
steamer Nantucket, are doing well.
Hilda Thacker, an actress, and Mrs.
T. J. Woods, of Norfolk, are still very
ill and fears are entertained for their
recovery. The revised list shows
that 19 passengers and 22 of the
crew perished.

Officials of the Old Dominion line
blamed Captain Berry, of the Nan-
tucket, for backing his ship away
from the Monroe after the collision
and say that if he had remained
where he was after the crash came
and left the two vessels together, the
Monroe would not have gone down
so soon and more lives could have
been saved.

ELEVATOR BADLY INJURES MAN

With a part of the lower right jaw
together with four teeth crushed out,
a long right-angle gash on his head
and another in the left upper part of
the forehead, Wm. Hammock, a tem-
per of this city, was brought to Dr.
Richardson's office this afternoon to
have his wounds dressed. He had
just delivered a load of gravel to the
Grande Ronde Meat market and was
in the building watching the elevator.
When this descended he looked down
into the shaft and the platform caught
him between the floor and the elevator
platform. The skull does not seem
to be fractured, but the wounds on
the head, about eight inches long and
the lacerated lip and smashed lower
jaw will be of a most painful nature.
The lip had to be sewed on both sides
and the flow of blood from the broken
bone was persistent. He showed re-
markable nerve and scarcely winced
when the stitches were made. The
accident happened at 3 o'clock.

FIRST SIGNS OF POLITICAL LIFE SHOW UP

EARLY APPROACH OF COMING
CAMPAIGN BRINGS POLITI-
CIANS TO LIMELIGHT.

PRESENT ENCUMBENTS GENERALLY AMBITIOUS

Few Men, Other Than Those Holding
Office, Have Taken Positive Stand
On the County Job Questions—The
Clerkship May Be Hotbed of the
Race—Minor Parties Talk Tickets.

Politics of a county and district
complexion is being gently stirred in
a preparatory way to a busy cam-
paign before the primaries. Up to
date few candidates have broken
loose with avowed intentions and de-
clarations, but the time is not far
hence when the starter's gun will
bang and of course the political
sprinter who gets on the mark first
will at least have the longest period
of exploitation. Those who enjoy
the distinction of being first on the
mark includes a portion of the present
incumbents in county offices, and
probably one or two others. I. R.
Snook is contemplating entrance for
the county clerkship, for which position
Ed. Wright, present incumbent,
is also an avowed candidate for re-
election. In fact it is the clerkship
that the chief political noise is now
about. W. W. Randall is, and has
been considering the race in a casual
sort of a way but has not come to
any definite conclusion.

If other candidates are out for
this same office they have not made
their little doff of skypiece to the
body politic of the state. The democ-
rats, so far as known, have no candi-
dates for the clerkship, and if the
three enumerated run all of them
republicans—it should develop a pretty
sort of race.

Party lines are almost nil; albeit
a great portion of the candidates will
designate a party relationship, and
avoid the independent route later, but
as far as a party ticket is concerned,
there will be little of moment unless
the progressives decide to put a tick-
et in the field. Local Bull Moosers
aver with considerable vehemence
that this will be done. But it is a
safe prediction that it will be a mat-
ter of individuals rather than real
party-presented candidates all down
the line. To have no party affilia-
tions means independent race in the
general election.

Prohis will probably not have a com-
plete ticket in and the ETAOIN
plete county ticket, nor will the social-
ists. Both of these parties will
have some candidates in the field.

Present Incumbents Ambitious.

Almost to a man the present in-
cumbents in office are either going
to declare their candidacy at once or
have such a step seriously in mind.
Circuit Judge J. W. Knowles is
finishing up a six years' term and is
going to run again, as a republican.
Neither republican nor democrat has
yet put in an appearance as an op-
ponent to the highest judicial honors
in the district. There will be no
squaring away for the political test
of strength in the new office of coun-
ty attorney. The term expires this
year but District Attorney Ivanhoe,
from whom the county attorneyship
is developed, is a republican and Gov-
ernor West is a democrat, the rela-
tionship being shown because the gov-
ernor fills by appointment all county
prosecutor jobs until 1916. Poor
chances for a republican. Q. E. D.
This little bit of political jugglery

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