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VILLA JOCKEYS FOR BEST SPOT TO HIT TORREON

SKIRMISHES ARE CONTINUALLY
CROPPING OUT IN MANEU-
VERINGS OF ARMIES.

TAMPICO ALSO SCENE OF APPROACHING FIGHT

Shrapnel Order Expected From El Paso In a Few Days and Actual Bombardment of Torreon Will Commence at Once—Four American Warships at Tampico.

Chihuahua City, Feb. 6.—The rebels are maneuvering for positions around Torreon and constant skirmishes in the vicinity of the city are taking place. General Villa is in charge of the operation, personally. He has ordered five thousand rounds of shrapnel from El Paso, and it is not known whether the attack on Torreon will begin until the arrival of these projectiles.

Rebels Approach Tampico.
Mexico City, Feb. 6.—The rebels are steadily fighting their way to Tampico. They sought to control the causeway which is the only means of entering the city. The rebels are stoutly defending this. Thus far the engagement consisted of three hot skirmishes, and it is thought the main battle will be on tonight. Four American warships are off the shore ready to take foreigners aboard.

Other Battles Near.
Washington, Feb. 6.—The Mexican embassy and the rebel Junta announced simultaneously that a decisive struggle between the Huertistas and the Constitutionalists was at hand. Huerta will probably take to the field within the next ten days, it is stated at the embassy, and will become vigorously aggressive. Persistent and unconfirmed rumors are current that Huerta will hand passports to O'Shaughnessy, and that Lind would be expelled from Vera Cruz "for pernicious activities against the government."

OXYGEN SUSTAINS LIFE

Mrs. William Stine Treated With Oxygen Generator Method.

To carry her over, if possible, the crisis of a very severe attack of pneumonia, Mrs. William Stine, living near La Grande, is being treated by oxygen generator process. The generators were sent out from the Grande Ronde hospital today to assist in the patient's struggle with the lung malady. Mrs. Stine has been very ill for several days.

CHINESE GOODS ARRIVE

Belated Christmas Presents Come From Oriental Shores.

Mrs. A. E. Ivanhoe today received a belated Christmas present from her son Forrest, who is in oriental waters with an American squadron. The present consists of various articles of pure Chinese silks and laces, all hand made by the natives and extremely pretty and rich. The shipment was delayed in transit but nevertheless deeply appreciated.

Wallows Here Tonight.

The Wallowa basketball team will play the high school team here this evening, arriving on the evening train. The game is to take place at the

GRAND DUKE MICHAEL



The Grand Duke Michael Alexandrovich, like several other members of the imperial family of Russia, has established a residence in England and will make his home there for a considerable part of each year. He is the only surviving brother of the czar.

STORM MEETS NEW SCHEDULE

NEW CHANGES IN TIME TABLE BLOW TO BIG SECTION.

Baker and Haines Alone Benefit—Other Town Will Suffer.

Storms of protest went up in commercial circles here today when it was found that the La Grande-Baker local is to adopt a new running schedule, commencing next Sunday. As soon as the news reached all points along the Joseph branch, Union, Cove and North Powder, the storm will grow in volume, for by the change La Grande—the center of two counties in a commercial way, and a dozen other towns, will be the direct sufferer, with Baker and Haines the beneficiaries. Commercial clubs at Baker and Haines raised a protest to the railroad company at the present schedule and kept doggedly at it until, hearing nothing from other cities in counter protest, the company ordered the change. Except probably to one or two individuals, the proposed changes in time were not known. The official announcement reached the city today in the form of new time tables. The company asserts it is perfectly willing to arrange the train to suit the majority, with the proviso that it be back before No. 9 arrives. The new schedule sends the train out at 2:30 instead of 4:45 and makes practically useless the schedule out of here. Connections between all points between La Grande and Joseph where travel is enormous daily, and points east of here are destroyed by the new arrangement, while Union, Cove and North Powder and Telocaset people are denied a major portion of the day in La Grande as No. 17 is very often late and with the local leaving at 2:30 the time allotted for transaction of business in the county seat becomes very small.

It is believed, however, that the train can be brought back by united and persistent requests for such train service. Baker and Haines are benefited by the new change, while North Powder, Telocaset, Union, Hot Lake, La Grande, Island City, Imbler, Summerville, Elgin, Palmer Junction, Wallowa, Lostine, Evans, Enterprise and Joseph are decidedly hurt by it.

gym and will be the second inter-county game of the season. Wallowa has won handily over all comers up to the present.

EASTERN OREGON SHIVERS IN ZERO WEATHER BLASTS

Chilly Wave Centers In Mountains With Val- ley Towns Touched

MERCURY REGISTRATIONS LAST NIGHT.

La Grande—One degree above.
Meacham—Twenty-six below,
midnight, 22 at 5 a. m. today
and two below at 7 a. m.
Kamela—Twenty-two below.
North Powder—Twelve below.
Mt. Glen—Four below.
Ladd Canyon—Between five
and eight below.
Cove—Ten below.
Denver—Sixteen below.
Omaha—Six below at noon.

Brushing against zero weather, mercury in the government instrument sank to one degree above early this morning, commencing to rise about 6:30 and standing at 3 above at 7 A. M. During the day the rise was somewhat noticeable but apparently today will set a mark almost equal to yesterday's. Yesterday the variation in degrees was ten. Between 7 A. M. and 7 P. M. yesterday the maximum was 17 and the minimum seven. This small variation makes of yesterday the coldest day of the winter and last night was the coldest night by eight degrees.

Weather Observer Benham predicts today will show even a less variation until the evening proves warmer than the balance of the day. Ed Bussey says the weather will moderate today, that this will be the coldest weather of the present cold snap. "Ed" has predicted most of the snows of the season and has hit the mark with so much accuracy that there is likely to be something in his prediction. He is one of the men who have been watching the weather in this valley for many years and seems to know.

Minor Fires Come.

Two minor fires, direct result of overheated stoves, occurred the past 24 hours. Last evening about 8 o'clock, a chimney fire in the W. H. Casey home on Oak and Adams, called out the fire department but no damage was done. This morning the old standby box No. 33, brought in an alarm of a chimney and roof fire in a building between W and X on North Fir. C. R. Hibberd is reported to be the owner of the place. Little damage was done.

FIRST GUN FIRED IN 1915 COAST TRAFFIC CAMPAIGNS

First guns were fired last night by members of the La Grande Commercial club to reap some benefit of the tourist traffic to the coast in 1915. The figurative explosions of powder came at the first of a two-series luncheon given by two different committees of the club this month. The repast was served shortly after six o'clock at the Methodist church basement and an even 100 partook. It was not generally understood that ladies were welcome, but in spite of that fact, some 20 or 25 ladies were seated at the table.

Four snappy, brief speeches were

Omaha, Feb. 6.—Nebraska is shivering in the coldest weather this winter. The temperature here is six below today at noon, with a drop of ten below expected tonight. Suffering among the poor is intense. At Chadron it is 29 below, and Valentine 18 below.

Traffic Hurt In Chicago.
Chicago, Feb. 6.—Railroad traffic is hampered by one of the worst blizzards of the winter which is sweeping over the entire middle west. Zero weather is predicted for this city and heavy snowfall has delayed street car traffic. A gale is blowing from the northwest and threatens to make the city dark by noon.

Colorado Suffers Severely.
Denver, Feb. 6.—The mercury registered 16 below this morning and makes this the coldest weather of the present winter. The predictions are that some of the winter last year will be duplicated.

St. Paul Is Hit Hard.
St. Paul, Feb. 6.—A terrific blizzard swept the city this morning and the mercury is falling rapidly. Zero weather is predicted for tonight.

PALMER BUTTONS HERE.

Efficiency and Thrift With Writing System Rewarded by Founder.

City Superintendent of Schools Jno. Girdle is in receipt of award buttons given by the Palmer school of writing for efficiency in writing the Palmer method. He has 16 for the central school, 19 for the Rivera school and 14 for the North side school. This is taken as evidence that the system recently introduced and so successfully taught by Miss Bonner, who superintends the writing in the La Grande schools, is proving successful.

Upon starting in with the system the pupil is required to submit five drills. If these show progress the writer is awarded a button.

Upon completing 170 drills the writer is awarded a diploma by the Palmer system.

The teachers have taken to the work with a great deal of earnestness and are striving for diplomas. Much interest is shown in the work and with a few years of this work the school will boast some expert penmen.

heard by the diners. Toastmaster John Collier, vice president of the club, had four new faces to introduce. A. W. Perley, safety first and efficiency man of the O.-W., was the first speaker, succinctly telling how commercial clubs in Southwestern Washington have federated and meet at stated intervals as a federation to continually boost for Southwestern Washington. He quoted statistics to prove that the O.-W. in both the Lewis & Clark and Seattle expositions carried thousands upon thousands

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CAPTAIN M. M. NEELEY



Captain Neeley is the new congressman from the First West Virginia district, succeeding John W. Davis, who was appointed solicitor general of the United States.

ACCOUNTANT PERFECTS JOB

PRIVATE ACCOUNTING OF THE BOOKS IS CLOSED.

Adjustment of Differences, If Any Exist, to Come Shortly.

Public Accountant Goudy, who was brought here by Ray W. Logan, ex-city treasurer, for the purpose of auditing Mr. Logan's books during his administration of that office, has finished his work, according to announcement made today. The auditor's report has not been made public but it is understood that it does not agree entirely with the city's audit of the Logan administration.

The present city administration, it is believed stand by its audit of the treasurer's accounts, and adjustment of the discrepancies of the books, whether they be great or little, will occur at once. Mr. Logan was city treasurer for about four years during a greater part of which time Howard Davis was his deputy. The books have been audited by Mr. Goudy from the time the Logan administration began.

During the dispute over the records the city has rested in its desire to be fair. However, the bonding company has been ready at any time to settle the whole matter on the city's figures, but the desire to see fair play given to everyone concerned and not make a settlement until every figure in the books has been examined into, has prompted the city to wait until the work of Mr. Goudy had been completed.

It is firmly expected that full and complete adjustment of this matter will be made public within the next day or two. The city is now sending its own accountant over the entire book list, the work having been halted at the conclusion of the audit of the cash books.

No Baker Chautauqua.

Baker, Feb. 5.—(Special).—There will be no Chautauqua in Baker this coming summer, that is, the Baker Commercial club will not promote the proposed meeting. The Chautauqua idea was held to be a good one, but the proposition submitted was not thought to be suitable or likely to prove as high class an attraction as the club desires to stage.

GOLD BULLION CACHE SPRINGS NEW STAMPEDE

KANSAS TOWN EXCITED OVER
DISCOVERY OF GOLD BUL-
LION BY DIGGERS.

WEALTH IS REMNANT OF 1865 INDIAN MASSACRES

One Batch Found Yesterday and Today Another Comes to Light—Many Thousands of Dollars Found in Hogen County—Other Deposits Sought By Excited Kansans.

Larned, Kan., Feb. 6.—Gold bullion to the amount of \$30,000 was uncovered in Hodgeman county today, according to reports received here. Yesterday bullion to the value of \$6800 was found. It is believed Colorado miners buried the gold during the Indian massacre in 1865. More than \$900,000 is said to have been buried at that time. Much excitement prevails in the neighborhood of this city and many persons have begun to dig for other deposits of gold nuggets.

It is rumored that some persons whose relatives were known to have lost their lives in this massacre will make a claim for a part of the gold.

TRUE BILLS RETURNED.

Three additional indicted and Arraigned for Early Pleadings.

Three additional true bills have been returned by the grand jury. Fred McColloch, an alleged horse buyer, was indicted in connection with the check deal recently, Reuben Cisco was indicted for obtaining money under false pretenses in the sale of some wood cutter's tools, and Harry Mowbray for larceny in a dwelling. They were arraigned today and will plead tomorrow. Tom Mylin has been given additional time to plead.

The circuit court house was the scene of much activity this morning. The Powder valley bank vs. Huddleston & Son was still under consideration and a verdict was expected this afternoon. The case of Becker vs. McKenzie is scheduled to follow the conclusion of the case just mentioned. This case comes from Summerville and grows out of the foreclosure of a chattel mortgage. The complaint states that the property had been sold illegally. The jury will be impaneled this afternoon and evidence concluded tomorrow.

"Movies" Car Moves.

The instruction car which has been here under the direction of Mr. Perley and Mr. Houchins left this noon for Hot Lake where an exhibition will be given tonight. From there the car will go to Baker tomorrow and to Haines and other places along the line. The Cove people have made an offer to Mr. Perley if he would come to their town and make the lecture, but so far no definite arrangements have been made.

West Supports Republican.

Salem, Feb. 6.—Governor West announced today that he would wipe out party lines and support District Attorney George V. Brown, republican, of Reseburg, for attorney general of the state. This decision comes as the result of the latter's aid in the prosecution of violators of the liquor law in Douglas county.