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WORST STORM OF YEARS GRIPS A LARGE AREA

RAILROAD AND STREET CAR
TRAFFIC OF MANY STATES
IN THE EAST IDLE.

OCEAN-GOING VESSELS SUFFER SEVERE DAMAGE

Deep Snow Falls In Many Sections
and Cold Generally Fierce—Moder-
ates Slightly In New York—Two
Deaths In Pittsburg—Scranton Is
Among Cities Suffering.

New York, Feb. 14.—A fierce bliz-
zard has swept the Atlantic coast.
Trains stalled, and wires are down
while street car systems are demol-
ished in New York, Eastern Pennsylvania,
New Jersey, Delaware, Maryland, and
as far south as Georgia. Off shore,
many ships are in distress.

In New York city more than seven
inches of snow have fallen and still
more is coming down. At Boston
and Washington six inches fell. At
Rochester, Syracuse, Buffalo and other
smaller towns, drifts are piled
high.

The temperature is rising and is
relieving destitute suffering some-
what all over the district.

The tramp steamer Katherine Bark,
is ashore off Cape Charles and Vir-
ginia life savers have gone to the res-
cue. Another vessel is in distress in
the same vicinity, but her identity
was not determined this morning.
The schooner Marie, has sent dis-
tress signals from Nantucket sound.
The British steamship Tafna is ashore
off the Georgia coast.

Scranton Is Storm Center.
Scranton, Pa., Feb. 14.—Fifteen
inches of snow fell here and more is
coming. It is the worst blizzard in
14 years and the weather bureau pre-
dicts two feet of snow before tomor-
row. Railroad and trolley traffic is
paralyzed.

Two Deaths In Pittsburg.
Pittsburg, Feb. 14.—Two deaths and
three prostrations from cold is the
record here. Ten inches of snow
fell up to 11 o'clock today. Tele-
phone, telegraph and traction com-
panies are badly crippled.

RAILROAD OFFICERS HERE

Well Known Group of Officials Pay
La Grande Visit Yesterday.

A big group of railroad officials
were in the city last evening after
a tour of inspection that took them
through Eastern Oregon. They stop-
ped in La Grande last evening, call-
ing on friends and the professional as
well. In the party were the follow-
ing well known railroad chiefs:

William G. McMurray, general pas-
senger agent; H. C. Oliver, traveling
freight and passenger agent; W. R.
Skey, special representative, and R.
B. Miller, traffic manager for the
same company. All have offices in
Portland.

While here the passenger people
took up the matter of co-operation
between the local Elks and the rail-
road to bring the Northwest dele-
gation of Elks through Eastern Ore-
gon when they go to the grand lodge
at Denver. The plan is to have all
Elk trains stop in La Grande and
local Elks and the Commercial club
are working hand in hand with the
company to keep the big specials from
going the other route to Denver. The
campaign is in full blast and it is
believed that between Oregon Elks
and the company the delegations can
be swung this way.

Saloon Opens In Lostine.
Acting upon the recent decision of
the supreme court declaring the late

local option
city council
license to Wm.
Enterprise Chieftain.

By the conditions of the license,
the proprietor pays a quarterly tax
of \$250, and the license is issued for
that time only. Tables, chairs, and
all games are excluded from the bar
room. The closing hour is placed
at 10 p. m., with the opening limit at
5:30 a. m. All screens or obstruc-
tions at windows have been removed,
and the old business passed out of
existence February 9th, giving place
to a licensed saloon.

Rumors of a pool hall and soft
drink house are rife at present.

SPELLING MATCH HELD.

Academy Students Show Apt Ability
To Spell Big Words.

A big spelling match was held at
the Academy yesterday afternoon be-
tween the fourth, fifth and sixth
grades, in which Lucile Wagmood
won first honors. For the lesson as-
signed consisting of over 300 words,
she had a perfect score. This is all
the more remarkable as the lesson
contained many words of more than
ordinary difficulty. Ralph Kuhn won
first honors among the boys, being
the last on the floor, but second hon-
ors as to the whole. Dorothy Casey
was third and Marie Fitzgerald
fourth, all with good scores. The con-
test was conducted by the Superioress
Sr. Aquinada. It will become a
weekly affair.

TRAIN WORKS INJUSTICE.

Union People Cannot Get Home From
La Grande Until Late.

Further injustice to Union county
people from the present arrangement
of the La Grande-Baker local is be-
ing borne to mind today by the Union
Saturday delegation which is in the
city. They have no way of getting
home until the regular train, leaving
here at 8:30 tonight. The Union junc-
tion local cannot meet the Baker local
on its present schedule because it
goes to Cove about that hour. A crowd
of Union people are over from Union
today but before they get home to-
night it will be 10 o'clock at the best.
If the local train were on its regular
schedule of 5 o'clock or 5:43 they
could complete their shopping today
and get home for supper.

MASS MEETING PLANS GROW

Music to Be Interspersed With Parent-
Teachers' Gathering.

It is impossible to give the com-
pleted program for the mass meeting
next Tuesday night at the auditor-
ium, on account of some uncertainty,
relative to the presence of those who
have been asked to participate. As
far as known the following will take
part: Musical numbers, High School
Glee Club, Mrs. James Corbett, El-
sworth Ellis, Iolanda Klees; Speakers,
E. E. Bragg, Bruce Dennis, Rev. E.
B. Fyke, Geo. Cochran, Father Dris-
coll, John Girdler, Jno. Hadaller, Rev.
W. C. Drahm, Geo. Stoddard, and Mrs.
A. E. Ivanhoe.

The order will appear on either
Monday or Tuesday.

BIG SHIPMENT OF GUNS MADE

Rebel Attack On Mazatlan Commences
With Vigor, Say Reports.

Mexico City, Feb. 14.—Several
thousand rebels under General Angeles
have begun a fierce attack on Mazat-
lan. It is reported that Huerta is
getting 10,000 rifles and 10,000,000
rounds of ammunition from the Rus-
sian government, which is helping
him. Federals are much elated.

Bennie Cecil Is Well.

Little Bennie Cecil, who has been
in the Grande Ronde hospital for
about 75 days, suffering from an ab-
scess of the lung, was sufficiently re-
stored to return to his home in Elgin
this morning. Mrs. Cecil has been
with him most of the time and she
wished the Observer to thank the
citizens of La Grande and the em-
ployees of the Palmer Lumber com-
pany at the Junction and all who aid-
ed her with assistance rendered her
during the trying ordeal.

GOVERNOR HITS LAND BOARD FOR DILATORINESS

DECLARES IN FAVOR OF HELP-
ING IRRIGATION PROJECT
IN CENTRAL OREGON.

ADVISES DISCONTINUANCE OF SETTLER'S MORTGAGES

Money Appropriated By the Last Leg-
islature Is Recommended For Irrig-
ation Project In North Central
Oregon—School Fund, With Land
Security, Should Be Loaned.

Portland, Feb. 14.—In a speech be-
fore the irrigation congress, Governor
West severely criticised the alleged
dilatory tactics of the state land
board, and declared that he favored
helping the settlers in Central Ore-
gon by an irrigation project. He pro-
posed that mortgages given by set-
tlers for money loaned them by an
appropriation of the legislature, be
discontinued, and that the money be-
longing to this fund be used in financ-
ing a North Central Oregon project.
He advocated lending school funds
on this land which he declared con-
stituted the best kind of security.

Home to Meet Pupils.

Mrs. Hattie McDonald is home from
the lake today to meet her pupils in
music. She is taking a short course
of treatment at the lake.

BAGGAGE RATE SUBJECTED TO OFFICIAL TEST

NATIONAL ORGANIZATION CAR-
RIES FIGHT ON EXCESS
BAGGAGE TO COURT.

MINIMUM EXCESS CHARGE OF 25 CENTS UNMOLESTED

Interstate Commerce Commission
Hears Arguments Against Existing
Rates On Excess Baggage—Insur-
ance Rates Also Criticized As Being
Much Too High.

Washington, Feb. 14.—Excess bag-
gage rates now operative on 69 rail-
roads in the United States were char-
acterized as an unjust tax on com-
merce at a hearing before the Inter-
state Commerce commission here to-
day. At present the usual rate is
16-2-3 percent of one passenger fare
for every 100 pounds of excess and the
commission was asked to enforce a
graduated rate that should range from
8 to 12 1/2 percent of the passenger.
The present minimum charge of 25
cents was not attacked. The National
Baggage committee is the petitioner,
representing through its allied orga-
nizations, 35,000 business houses and
400,000 commercial travelers, on
whom the alleged unfair rates fall
most heavily. The Merchants' As-
sociation of New York, the Chicago As-
sociation of Commerce, and the St.

Louis Men's League are among the
other bodies represented by the com-
mittee.

Figures were cited at today's hear-
ing to show that the railroads col-
lected \$7,173,402 last year on excess
baggage and that this was not more
than a normal return on the amount
of labor performed and the capital
invested.

The usual amount of baggage car-
ried without extra charge is 150
pounds per passenger, no single piece
to weigh more than 250 pounds though
in some states the roads carry 200
pounds without additional charge. In
Canada no extra charge is made
where the baggage does not weigh
more than 300 pounds. Until 1908
the general rate was 12 1/2 per cent of
one fare for every 100 pounds of ex-
cess, but as passenger rates were
cut very materially about that time
the percentage was increased accord-
ingly.

In summing up before the commis-
sion the attorneys for the complainant
said that the railroads carry an ex-
press package for about 50 percent
of what the express company receives
for transporting it, but that they make
a much larger profit on excess bag-
gage for a similar service. For ex-
ample the new express rates per 100
pounds from New York to Chicago
is \$2.40, of which the railroad gets
approximately \$1.20. But for trans-
porting 100 pounds of excess baggage
it collects \$3.25. Similarly it gets
\$5.55 for carrying 100 pounds of ex-
cess baggage from New York to New
Orleans, but if the same weight were
sent by express the railroad would get
but \$2.20 and the express company a
like amount.

Objection was also made to the
present insurance rate for excess bag-
gage. At present it is 10 cents on
every \$100 with a minimum charge of
25 cents. The commission was asked
to establish a minimum of 10 cents
such as the express companies now
have.

Another complaint is that of the
Jewelers' Protective union which ob-
jects to the order of the railroads
that "commercial baggage," as dif-
ferentiated from "personal baggage,"
shall not contain goods for actual sale
but only small samples or patterns.
This will come up for oral argument
shortly.

JOINT CANDIDATE OUT

Union and Wallowa Representative
Job Has Aspirant.

Inter-county politics is warming
up. The joint representative to-
getherness held by Representative
McDonald, is being sought by a Wal-
lowa dentist. He is the first to an-
nounce his aspirations for that job,
and as Wallowa county has always
been conceded the right for that po-
sition it is likely that those who op-
pose him, if any do, will hail from
the confines of his own county. The
Sun remarks in connection with his
candidacy:

The first republican to win his
castor in the political ring as a can-
didate for joint representative from
Union and Wallowa counties, is Dr.
C. A. Maher, dental surgeon of Wal-
lowa. Friends of Dr. Maher in both
Union and Wallowa counties have
been for some time insisting that he
enter the race, and the doctor has at
last acceded to their wishes. Dr.
Maher has been a resident of Wallowa
for about two years and during that
time has made a vast number of ac-
quaintances throughout the county.
He has always been a republican and
is a deep student, and, having been
interested in political affairs in Wy-
oming before coming to Oregon, has
made a study of state affairs here.

In an interview today he stated
that he believed in safe and sane
methods of administering the state's
affairs and that if he were elected
he would endeavor to safeguard the
best interests of his constituents.

"The farmers are the 'back-bone'
of the state," he said, "and their
interests should be given first con-
sideration. If I am elected, I shall
make an effort especially to protect
the farming people, determining what
is for or against their interests by a
careful consideration of each and ev-
ery method introduced."

Dr. Maher has not pet hobbies
which he believes will carry him to
victory, but bases his hopes upon his
policy of conservatism, and upon the
optimistic views of his friends.

JURY RETURNS A VERDICT FOR F. P. CHILDERS

SALE OF PROPERTY BY OR-
CHARD COMPANY HELD UN-
FAIR TO CREDITORS.

CRIMINAL DOCKET IS HEAVY FOR THIS TERM

Crimes Against Morals Are In Major-
ity and Hold Grave Concern For
Community—Cases Are Dismissed
For Want of Proof—Expense of the
Term Great.

The case of *Zimmerle vs. Childers*,
which has just been tried for the sec-
ond time in the circuit court, resulted
in a verdict for the defendant. The
jury took the view that the transfer
of property belonging to the Grande
Ronde Orchard company to Zimmerle,
who was at that time treasurer of
the company, was not fair to the cred-
itors of the company and therefore
sustained the contention that it was
made contrary to the prior rights of
creditors of the company.

The defendant lost in the nisi prius
court and appealed. The case was
remanded to the lower court for re-
trial by the supreme court, the de-
cision being based upon errors in trial
court. It is not likely that the case
will be appealed to the supreme court
again.

The criminal docket is unusually
heavy this term of court and with
cases that cast grave reflections upon
public morals.

A partial list of the cases set for
trial or in which the defendant plead-
ed guilty, or in which the indictment
was found faulty, follows: State
vs. Harry Mowbray, larceny in a
dwelling; Frank McCollough, charged
with obtaining money under false
pretenses, pleaded guilty and was
sentenced to from one to five years
in prison; Ruben Cisco, charged with
obtaining money under false pre-
tenses; the case was dismissed, as
the facts will not substantiate the
charge. Cisco may be indicted under
another charge. E. S. Harney, is
charged with lewd cohabitation. The
original indictment of polygamy is
dismissed. Thomas Jones and Alvin
Orton are charged with the crime of
statutory rape, because the young
woman in question is below the age
of 16. The last two are from Cove.
Clyde Macey, charged with attempted
rape, a North Powder case. Dan
Kennedy, charged with larceny in a
dwelling house. There are some
other indictments that can not be pub-
lished at this date but is ascertained
that they will be cases of viola-
tions of the liquor law and cases of
rape or lewd cohabitation.

The witnesses who have been in at-
tendance upon court two days, for
the case dismissed this morning, on
account of improper indictment, were
allowing their witness fees and mile-
age.

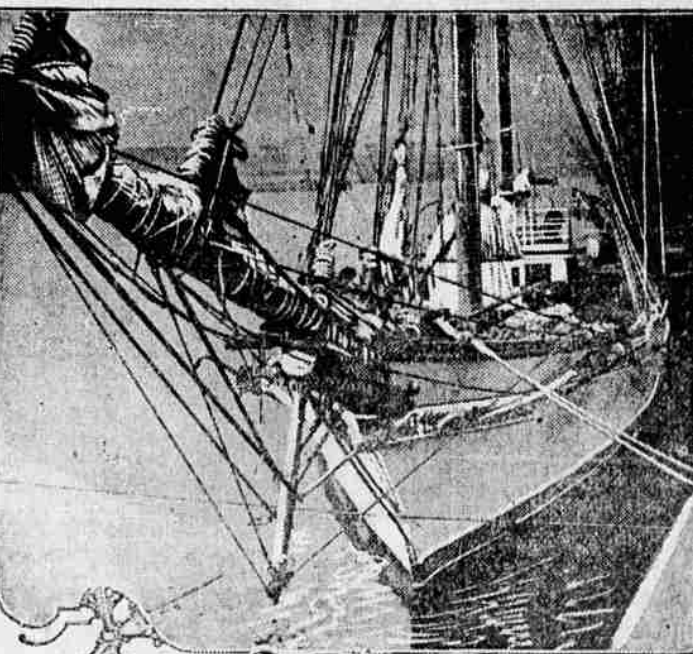
The court's time was taken up this
morning with a hearing of the case
of *Toy L. Young vs. Ed. Wulfe*. The
defendant agreed to purchase land
from the plaintiff and backed out.
There was an agreed forfeit of \$50
in case the intending purchaser did
not perform his part of the contract.
The suit was brought to recover this
amount. The jury retired this noon.
Up to the time of going to press no
verdict had been returned by them.

EARTHQUAKE IN CANADA

Province of Quebec Feels Tremor

That Rattles Big Buildings.
Montreal, Feb. 14.—An earthquake
rattled the furniture and jarred the
buildings and awakened a large part
of the population in the province of
Quebec last night. No serious dam-
age was done.

Scientific Vessel Carnegie Home From a Notable World Tour.



Photos by American Press Association.

The nonmagnetic vessel Carnegie, which has been making a world tour
for scientific purposes and financed by Andrew Carnegie, has returned to New
York and is at Erie basin. The expedition accomplished many things of great
scientific value and located the magnetic pole. In the illustration is shown the
Carnegie and an Eskimo family in Iceland which supplied food for a party
from the ship in an emergency. The craft traveled 35,000 miles.