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WHOLE COUNTRY GRIPPED IN STORMS THAT CRIPPLE COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

Storms are raging today from coast to coast—even at sea grief is reported. Snowslides that buried parts of trains, storm beaten ships limping into port and stalled trains and suffering from the storm crowded the news wires from everywhere. Washington state is gripped in a severe blow, a snow slide in the Rockies tearing one train off the track and tossing it down the mountainside.

STORM HINDERS POWER LINES.

Prolonged wind, causing trouble with the main power lines from Baker county, today hindered electrically-driven plants in La Grande. With the emergency plant out of commission due to the fire, the company was unable to keep a constant flow of electricity. The Observer's usual run of news is curtailed as a result of handicapped composition facilities and this issue is several hours late. Today's wind storm, mixed with snow, has been one of the worst of the year. Only in rare instances did farmers venture to town.

At 4 o'clock this afternoon the dispatcher's office here was unable to say when No. 17 would be released. The storm is one of the worst in a decade. The Elgin branch passengers will likely be returned to La Grande some time between 5 and 6 tonight.

This has been a day of grief in railroad operation. No. 17, west bound, was this morning held at Baker and No. 6, east bound, due at La Grande at 11:45, was held up here, while a freight train was stuck with snow fore and aft in the canyon above Union.

Two rotaries and a force of men and most of the local officials have been engaged in the rescuing of the marooned freight and the two main line passengers have been compelled to wait the clearing of the road between La Grande and Baker.

Branch Train Also Stuck.

The train on the branch line is also stuck in a snow slide in the canyon beyond Rinehart. The disaster is along the steep bluff in the Grande Ronde canyon where an immense slide has practically buried up the entire train. A couple of coaches have been in readiness to go out to the branch line train and bring the passengers back to La Grande. It has been necessary in the meantime to await the arrival of a rotary from Pyles canyon so as to be able to reach the train below Rinehart. In addition to the rotary a force of about sixty men was assembled to assist in the work of reaching the crew and passengers on the branch.

With all the varied difficulties encountered, there has been no accidents or injuries and the only bad feature of it all is that which is in the way of inconvenience and delay to the passengers.

West End Is Clear.

The road west from La Grande is clear and No. 6 reached La Grande exactly on time. There has been no wind to pile up the snow on the mountain district and on the other side of the mountains there has been a "chink" and the snow has practically all disappeared. In fact it is said that in places the water is running over the track in the vicinity of Gibbon.

Shipping Is Hurt.

New York, Jan. 22.—The liner New York arrived from Liverpool, two days overdue, after encountering unusual storms. The storm was the worst Sunday night when the vessel would lift to a 51-degree angle. Gales flooded the promenade deck and swept away seven life boats, twisted the steel davits. It was the worst storm many of the sailors had ever seen.

EIGHTH GRADE GRADUATES

List of Students in the County Eligible for High School.

Examinations have been finished for those pupils of the eighth grade in Union county who will now be permitted to enter the regular high school course. The examinations were in charge of School Superintendent Ivanhoe, who was assisted in the work by Mrs. Ruth Jackson, Miss Edith Bork and Miss Janet Jones. The list for the county is as follows:

District 1, La Grande—Gladys Ainsworth, Roxa Brown, Harold Bearden, Lloyd Chandler, Theodore George Dallas Green, Walter Galloway, Harris Hombel, Doney Lester, Harry Proctor, Vern Walker, Daryl Allen, Olaf Annes, Zilpha Allen, Harvey Carter, Albert Carpenter, Owen Collins, Florence Dickerson Roxy Fleener, Annie Firkins, Stella Golden, Edith Miller, Stanley O'Brien, Grant Swalberg, Floy Webb, Cecil Young.

Sacred Heart Academy—Kathryn Donovan.

District 5, Union—Willard Miles, Golden Geersten, Lionel Holmes, Margaret Busick, Harold Hall, Benwell Stonedahl, Frank Hart, Millie Gassett, George Glover, Paul Worsham, Lois Rowan.

Dist. 15, Cove—Bina Burford. Dist. 16, Cove—Margaret Meroney. Dist. 23, Elgin—Ernest Elliott. Dist. 24, Union—Colia Edvalson. Dist. 26, Elgin—Chas. Witty. Dist. 29, Elgin—Rex Roulet, Carl Long.

Dist. 31, Telocaset—Gordon Ray, Dewey Ray.

District 38, Union—Bessie Velora Lay.

District 43, La Grande—Hazel Wright.

District 48, Hilgard—Edward Gettle Myri Bartmess, Sebastian Gettle.

District 65, Perry—Naomi Morris. District 72, Union—Atha Evans.



The jurors who are hearing the evidence at Providence, R. I., against Mrs. Elizabeth T. Mohr, and two negroes on the charge that the three killed her husband, were taken to the scene of the tragedy in automobiles. The doctor was shot to death on a lonely road near Providence and his housekeeper, Miss Berger, was badly wounded.

SUIT BROUGHT AGAINST CITY

L. D. HOWLAND, ENGINEER, COMPLAINANT.

Courts to Hear Aftermath of Dispute Over Engineer's Wages.

Suit has been brought against the city as the aftermath of the disagreement over wages to be paid the supervising engineer during the construction of the Beaver creek dam last summer. L. D. Howland sues to recover \$1250.00, costs, and attorney fees. The city tendered him \$250 as a fee and this he refused, bringing the suit noted when the city refused to pay his claim.

War Bulletin

London, Jan. 22.—England expects an attack by German dreadnaughts armed with seventeen-inch guns, capable of throwing a ton of shells twenty miles. The critics say these guns are larger than anything in the British navy, hence the Teutons may risk a sortie and challenge the British fleet.

Overatures for Peace Reported.

Rome, Jan. 22.—Austria has made fresh overtures for peace with Serbia following the failure of negotiations with Montenegro, it is reported from Athens. Montenegrins are reported to have annihilated an Austrian detachment attempting to stop the retreat to Soutri.

DEDICATE NEW CHURCH JAN. 30

GENERAL PUBLIC INVITED TO ATTEND CEREMONY.

K. of C. to Attend Services in Body—Bishop in Charge.

On January 30th dedication of the Catholic church, "The Lady of the Valley," will occur and the Catholic people of Grande are preparing for an event of great interest.

The dedication services will take place at 10 o'clock in the forenoon, attended by the general public. All members of La Grande Council Knights of Columbus and visiting Knights will attend the service in a body. Rt. Rev. Bishop O'Reilly of the Eastern Oregon Diocese, will conduct the dedicatory program.

After the dedication the Knights of Columbus will convene for initiation of the largest class ever conducted through the work in Eastern Oregon. Pendleton, Baker and La Grande councils will participate in the initiatory under supervision of J. H. Peare, district deputy. State Deputy W. A. Barrett of Albany is expected to be present.

In the evening the Knights of Columbus banquet will be held in the Odd Fellows hall.

uniforms of the Carranza government.

Officials have announced that Villa—reported captured a couple of days ago—has 400 men and is encamped 12 miles from Madera. The American colony of Mormons at Casas Grandes is alarmed at the report that Villistas are headed in that direction.

Munition Ship Afire.

New York, Jan. 22.—With fire blazing in the forward hold, the Norwegian steamer Synna, said to be loaded with ammunition, raced into quarantine this morning. The fire was finally brought under control.

Game Tonight Cancelled.

On account of the lack of train facilities, the basketball games announced elsewhere for this evening, have been postponed.

Seward Dock Fire.

Seward, Alaska, Jan. 21.—During zero temperature last night, fire broke out on the Seward dock and destroyed the dock, both warehouses and the contents of the West warehouse.

GEORGE BECKER DEAD.

George Becker, wealthy Cove rancher who a couple of years ago moved to La Grande and has lived on First street since then, died this morning of pneumonia. He was taken ill with la grippe some little time ago and apparently recovered, but his health was undermined and when the pneumonia fever fastened its grasp upon him, he was unable to withstand it. He is survived by sorrowing widow, two daughters, unmarried, and three full-grown sons who have been farming the Becker ranch.

The funeral services have not been definitely fixed.

ANOTHER AMERICAN IS SHOT

El Paso, Jan. 22.—The corpse of Bert Akers, a cattleman, and the 24th Mexican banditry victim in two weeks, has reached here. While hunting for stolen cattle, Mexicans, armed with rifles, killed Akers. With Douglas Lawrence, he reached San Lorenzo last night. Several Mexicans appeared from different directions and fired. Lawrence fled, the bullets whizzing after him striking the horse twice. Akers was killed.

Lawrence told officials that several of the bandits were dressed in the

OUT OF ASYLUM AND INTO MA TRIMONY.



Francis Gilbert Dona. Mrs. Ida von Clausen Dona. When Ida von Clausen of New York, who had been confined in an asylum got out on a writ of a court, she promised she would remain in the custody of her brother. But she eluded him and ran off to get married. Since then she has been honeymooning, and this photograph of her and her husband at Atlantic City is the first taken since she ran away. Mrs. Dona once tried to sue President Roosevelt because he had failed to compel the United States minister to Sweden to present her at court.

PASSENGER TRAIN ROLLS OVER CLIFFS

NUMBER OF DEATHS RESULTING NOT DEFINITELY DETERMINED.

DEBRIS BURIED UNDER SNOW IN CANYON BOTTOM

Sleeping Car Escapes Disaster—Train was Standing Still When Avalanche Struck Her—Three Recovered Alive and More May be Safe in Submerged Coaches.

Leavenworth, Wash., Jan. 22.—Two passenger coaches were hurled three hundred feet to the bottom of a mountain gulch, and the human cargoes were buried beneath tons of rock and snow when a gigantic land and snow slide broke loose at the entrance to Horseshoe tunnel this morning.

Reports That Twenty Are Killed.

The number of dead is variously estimated at from five to twenty. The railroad company declares that five were killed, but reports from the accident indicate that at least twenty have lost their lives.

Searching parties were more than an hour locating the smoking car, which was buried at the bottom of the gulch. The smoking car is known to have contained fourteen persons. The dining car was also hurled over the embankment.

Sleeper Didn't Go Down.

The sleeping car was bowled off the tracks but didn't tumble into the gulch. The train was standing still when the avalanche struck while workmen were engaged in clearing away a smaller slide.

Further Slides Feared.

A rescue train left Leavenworth at noon, carrying a hundred workmen to help rescue those buried with the two cars. Further slides are feared. Telegraph connections were severed shortly after the first details of the accident reached here. The operator at Alpin declared that a second slide was starting.

Three Recovered Alive.

From Cashmere it is reported that three persons have recovered from the wreck alive this afternoon.

GOOD ROADERS MEET.

By-Laws and Constitution Adopted Last Evening.

Temporary officers and directors elected at the Good Roads meeting conducted by the Commercial club a few days ago, met last night to adopt the constitution and by-laws. The permanent officials will not be named until Friday of Farmers' week when special speakers will be provided from the government and O. A. C. road bureaus. A committee on arrangements consisting of George H. Currey, George Cochran and M. K. Hall were named to look after the details of that meeting. The membership committee consists of F. B. Currey, who is temporary secretary, Colon R. Eberhard and A. V. Andrews, C. S. Dunn presided at the meeting.

The by-laws set out that the purpose of this association shall be "to promote the building of good roads in Union county, to devise ways and means of securing the construction of good, permanent roads, to assist and aid in creating and devising a systematic plan or system of such permanent roads, to aid and assist the county court of Union county, on good road questions, and to form an organization to carry out whatever plans concerning the securing of good roads that may be adopted by the county court of Union county, or this association."

Del Jackson Improving

Engineer Frank Pike brings word from Pendleton that Del Jackson is improving from his recent injuries. He is the railroad man who was accidentally injured in the cinder pit at Pilot Rock Junction and was subjected to the freezing cold for a number of hours. Mr. Pike, who called on the injured man, says that there is still a numbness in the side of the face which was bruised in the fall, but otherwise the recovery is rapid.