

ENTIRE EAST IN GRASP OF STORM KING

Heaviest Snow of Winter Piling Up Drifts In Central West -- Traffic Demoralized.

CHICAGO, Feb. 18.—One of the heaviest snow storms of the winter is raging today. A thirty-mile gale is piling the snow in deep drifts.

TOPEKA, Kan., Feb. 18.—A blizzard prevails over Kansas today. In Jewell county the worst storm in years is reported.

KANSAS CITY, Feb. 18.—A heavy wet snow is falling in Western Missouri today.

LINCOLN, Neb., Feb. 18.—Railway and streetcar traffic is demoralized by the heavy fall of snow in this section of Nebraska. The storm continues. Snow is drifting badly.

OMAHA, Neb., Feb. 18.—A foot of snow, which has drifted from four to six feet in many places, greeted the people of Omaha today. Traffic in the city is practically at a standstill. The storm is general in the state and is the worst in many years.

DES MOINES, Ia., Feb. 18.—The blizzard which started last night still rages. Traffic is delayed. An ice gorge six miles long above the city threatens destruction. Dynamite is being used with poor success to break the ice.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 18.—Storms may accentuate flood conditions in the Ohio valley.

Society night at the Medford rink will be Thursday of each week until further notice. Music by the Medford Band will be provided. Admission 50 cents; skates, 50 cents.

NORTH SCHOOL CHILDREN GO OUT ON STRIKE

WATER COMMITTEE OF COUNCIL BUSY SEEKING SUPPLY

Members of Committee Leave Tomorrow to Inspect Various Sources in Butte Creek Country—Hope Visit Will Result in Obtaining Supply.

Messrs. Merrick, Wortman and Ebert, the city council's special committee to secure an adequate water supply for Medford, leave tomorrow to inspect Butte creek and the sources in that vicinity. A thorough investigation will be made, including the north fork of the creek, as well as Big Butte.

No stone will be left unturned by this committee to secure water. Last week they made a thorough inspection of Wagner creek, which was finally rejected. The committee expects to be able to report soon.

NEW FINISH GOVERNOR FORCES PLOTTERS TO MOVE

ST. PETERSBURG, Feb. 18.—Since the appointment of General Von Bockenmann to be governor of Finland, the province is no longer a haven for the terrorists, and plotters, who are moving to Sweden in large numbers. The work of the Russian police is greatly facilitated.

LAND FRAUD TRIALS TO BE RESUMED IN APRIL

Trials of land-fraud cases will be resumed April 15, with Judge Wolverson presiding, when Horace Grovelly McKinley will be tried for forgery. T. C. Becker will probably conduct the prosecution, although this is not definitely settled. F. J. Hony will return to Portland to try Binger Hermann, and possibly J. N. Williamson, but other than these Hony will not participate further in the prosecution of the men he caused to be indicted.

When setting 22 cases for trial Saturday evening, Hony dismissed the indictments against Charles F. Lord and Charles Hayes.

DEMAND REINSTATEMENT OF PROFESSOR SHIRLEY

Scholars Refuse to Attend School Under New Instructor, Who Was Transferred By Board.

School children of Medford attending the eighth grade of the North school are on a strike. They demand the reinstatement of Principal J. W. Shirley, their instructor, and refuse to attend school unless he is reinstated. To this end the striking pupils are circulating petitions which are being signed by business men asking for Professor Shirley's reinstatement.

The Medford school board transferred Professor Shirley to the fifth grade at the West school, and engaged H. H. Stein, formerly an employe at Garnett's hardware store, to supplant him. Professor Shirley looked upon his transfer as an undesired humiliation and refused to take charge of the fifth grade, appealing his case to the county and state superintendents.

Lack of Discipline. Members of the school board state that Professor Shirley was apparently incapable of maintaining discipline among his students, and that frequent meetings of the school board were necessary to adjust grievances with parents and investigate complaints. For being unable to control the unruly boys under him and not for any fault found with him as a teacher, his transfer to manage smaller scholars was determined upon as a solution of the difficulty and a new instructor engaged in Shirley's place. Mr. Shirley was not consulted in the matter and given no hearing before the board.

Many Pranks Played. There has been more or less trouble in maintaining discipline at the North school, where the older boys seem to have above the average share of animal spirits. Some of the boys were suspended from school last year for unruly pranks and others have been in trouble frequently since. Among the boys was Harry Porter, son of School Director Porter, who was spanked with a wooden paddle by Professor Shirley for bad behavior last fall. At the Christmas tree celebration the instructor was presented with a beer bottle and only a week ago came the end-play incident, when the sons of Councilman Merrick were suspended, but afterward reinstated. The children's petitions will have no bearing upon the actions of the school board, state its members, as it would be destructive of all discipline to grant it.

School Directors' Statements. "Mr. Shirley was simply incompetent to maintain discipline," stated Director Porter. "There was no fault with his teaching, but he kept the board in hot water all the time, and we had to hold special meetings frequently. He was unable to control his pupils. Mr. Shirley can appeal all he wants to. Our action is final." "Mr. Shirley was transferred because of his failure to properly control students and maintain discipline," said Director E. N. Warner. "We did not mean for him to quit teaching or to remove him, but transferred him to pupils easier to keep in line. The petitions will have no effect on the school board."

Shirley Tells His Side. "I don't believe in rushing to the papers with my troubles," said Professor Shirley, "but I don't think I have had a fair deal by the school board and think my transfer the result largely of spitework. Naturally, I would not accept a position beneath that which I was engaged for." "I was not given a hearing by the school board. No charges were preferred against me and I was never summoned in my own defense before the board. The transfer was a surprise to me, and I have appealed my case to the county and state school authorities." "I have nothing to do with the petition the school children are circulating in my behalf."

Superintendent Signs Silent. Superintendent M. R. Signe refuses to discuss the case, as he was not consulted in the matter. His resignation, to take effect at the end of the present school year, has already been presented the board, and he is not a candidate for another term. One thing seems certain—Professor Shirley is much beloved by his pupils, though, as members of the board state, the pupils found it not too late in the day. The notice Professor Shirley received from the board contained the following: "We believe that you have failed to maintain proper discipline. For

Pupils Circulate Petition Asking School Board To Put Old Teacher Back At North School.

"He's the best teacher we ever had. He hasn't been treated fairly and we're not going back to school unless he is put back," exclaimed pretty Berna Roberts and Ivy Bock Tuesday morning as they were circulating a petition for the reinstatement of Professor J. W. Shirley as teacher in the eighth grade and principal of the North school. Determination was written upon the faces of the girls and their eyes snapped as they talked of the wrongs they alleged had been heaped upon the professor.

Entire Class Is Out. "The whole class is out, except four or five, and they sympathize with us, and only stay in school because their parents make them," continued the fair young strikers. "And we're going to stay out, unless we get our teacher back. We never had any trouble with him. We all like him. He's just fine."

Almost the entire eighth grade class at the North school is circulating petitions for Professor Shirley's reinstatement. And the petitions are being generally signed by taxpayers and residents generally. Those circulating them are hard to resist. It's easier to sign.

But Few Pupils Remain. Monday the students walked out when they found they had a new teacher. There were but six or seven who remained. Tuesday some of those joined the strikers, while most of the others openly express their sympathy for the absentees. Those remaining in school are Walter and Emerson Merrick, sons of Councilman Merrick, who were recently expelled for having playing cards in their possession and afterwards reinstated; Ina Cochran, daughter of School Director J. H. Cochran; Armond Taylor and Ethel Ebert.

Among those circulating petitions for Professor Shirley's reinstatement are Berna Roberts, Ivy Bock, Ruby Burke, Wray Curry, Allen Denton, Charles Hayden, Currie Bundy, Harry Shouls, Bush McKewer, Kitty Clarke, Mary Stevenson, Myrtle McKee, Mabel Peil, Ward Kaiser, Vera Hendrickson, Meta Bish and Harry Hull.

The petition reads as follows: "To the Honorable School Board of the Medford School District: We, the undersigned citizens of Medford School District No. 49, being well satisfied with the management and discipline of the school under Professor J. W. Shirley, hereby petition your honorable body to sustain said professor in the management and discipline of the school and to retain him in the employ of the district and in the position of the district and in the position he has been filling until such time as you are satisfied that they are not giving general satisfaction to the patrons of the school."

Among the signers are Mayor J. P. Bobbly, C. H. Pierce, W. H. Bradshaw, W. B. Jackson, Charles King, L. L. Jacobs, M. Bellinger, M. Parlin, Dr. E. H. Pickett, J. P. Murphy, W. F. Isaacs, Ed Van Dyke, I. D. Phipps, W. H. Koster, W. I. Yawtor, P. E. Reider, J. S. Orth, W. T. York, Dr. E. R. Seeley and many others.

MITCHELL MAY BE ILLINOIS GOVERNOR

CHICAGO, Feb. 18.—John Mitchell, president of the United Mineworkers of America, has been brought into the political arena and he is already being mentioned as a candidate for the Democratic nomination as governor of Illinois.

In both labor and political circles it is conceded that Mitchell has an excellent chance to win the plum if he will consent to the use of his name before the convention. He has been introduced to all the big Democrats in the state and they regard him as good timber, but Mitchell is saying nothing.

One reason unknown to us you have had the respect and confidence of a large number of your pupils."

WOMAN ROUTES THIEF STEALING HER STOVE PIPE

Burglar Caught by Mrs. Loar While Making Away with Chimney—He Jumps Fence and Flees Into Darkness—Butche Shop Also Entered.

Mrs. Rosa E. Loar, who conducts a boarding house on the corner of Eighth and D streets, armed with a poodle dog and a match, put a burglar to flight last night and saved the family stovepipe from adorning the chimney of someone else.

Mrs. Loar caught the thief in the act. She heard a noise, and taking her dog and a match to ascertain the cause, she saw the intruder crouched by the wall. She asked him what he wanted. He said he was tired and had stopped to rest, but instantly recovered, for, jumping up, he threw the joints of stovepipe in all directions, dashed forth, leaping the fence and disappearing in the darkness.

Sunday night some midnight marauder cut the screen out of the rear of Wortman & Gore's market, pried open the cash drawer, which was empty, and also failed to secure anything in the cash register.

NEWPORT PREPARES FOR OLD VETERANS

NEWPORT, Or., Feb. 18.—The annual reunion of the G. A. R. for the state of Oregon will be held here June 24 to 27, inclusive. Business men here and citizens generally will unite in the undertaking to give the old veterans a hearty welcome and the most hospitable entertainment. The hotels will make low rates and camp grounds will be provided for those who prefer a season of tent life. There were many competitors for the honor of entertaining the encampment, but Newport's attractions as a coast resort won the day.

It is estimated that 500 visitors will be here on account of the event.

JAPAN TO REPLY ON EMIGRATION PROBLEM

TOKIO, Feb. 18.—The reply of Japan to the memorandum from the American government of January 25 will be handed to Ambassador Thomas J. G'Brien on February 19. The document outlines plans proposed for the future control of the emigration of Japanese to America, and includes many concessions. Japanese officials believe that the reply will be satisfactory to the United States.

SCHOOL CHILDREN USED FOR UNIVERSAL PEACE

STAMFORD, Conn., Feb. 18.—Dr. Wilson L. Gill, president of the American Patriotic League, has made a new move for universal peace. He proposes to inaugurate a system of correspondence between the children of the public schools of various nations to bring about a more intimate knowledge of the peoples of the world. He proposes to begin a correspondence between the school children in this city and the normal school in Tokio.

TORACCO TRUST FIGHTS EIGHTY MILLION FINE

LEXINGTON, Ky., Feb. 18.—An announcement has been made that the American Tobacco company, known as the tobacco trust, will put to a test in the higher courts the indictments returned separately against its agents. Attorneys say that if the anti-trust law is upheld through all stages of the litigation, and that if maximum fines are imposed, they will be higher than the one assessed in the case of the Standard Oil company by Judge Landis at Chicago. The minimum fine could be \$8,999,999 and the maximum \$9,999,999.

ALFONSO NOT KILLED BY ANARCHIST BOMB

MADRID, Feb. 18.—There is no truth in the report from Paris last night that King Alfonso was assassinated. It was probably the outgrowth of the bomb explosion at Barcelona yesterday, which was the work of anarchists. Several were killed or injured. Alfonso was at Seville.

ENTOMBED MINERS IN COAL PIT ARE RESCUED

SEAMOKIN, Pa., Feb. 18.—All but one of the 28 men and boys entombed yesterday in the Mideally colliery, were rescued early today. One man fell down a shaft after the accident and was killed.

Madre Reserve Increased.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 18.—The president has signed a proclamation creating gold coins amounting to nearly \$100,000,000 to the United States national bank, to be withdrawn at once. All the banks that within the limit of this proclamation are in Maine county, except a bank near in the northern part of Lane county.

FINAL SURVEY OF P. & E. IS UNDERTAKEN

Corps of Fifteen Men Start on Location Work for Extension of Road to Great Timber Belt.

Chief Engineer Morris and a survey corps of 15 men started Tuesday morning to make the final survey and location for the Pacific & Eastern railroad to the timber belt. They expect to be out all summer, construction work following location.

Edgar Hafer, one of the owners of the road, has returned from a trip over the preliminary route, which he approved, and he states that construction work will be begun as soon as possible upon the extension from Eagle Point to Butte Falls.

Heavy traffic upon the line has been resumed and the train will hereafter make regular trips.

STONE SPEAKS AGAINST ALDRICH BILL IN SENATE

WASHINGTON, Feb. 18.—Speaking in the senate, Stone of Missouri today declared that while the recent financial panic was in part due to the shortage of available currency, the concentration of money at given points had much to do with it. There was, he said, too much of this money in New York. He regarded the Aldrich bill as a makeshift.

WOMAN AND HER SON PERISH IN THE FLAMES

JOHNSTOWN, Pa., Feb. 18.—Fire started in the home of Mrs. Edward Lutzburg at Barnesboro, resulting in the death of the woman and her son. The property loss is \$40,000, including several stores and a hotel.

YORK, Pa., Feb. 18.—Fire destroyed the home of Isaac Herrington today. Mrs. Herrington and her grandchild were suffocated.

GOVERNMENT IN SHAPE TO ARM STATE MILITIA

WASHINGTON, Feb. 18.—Acting Secretary Oliver announces that the war department is at last in a position to completely arm the organized militia of the country, 100,000 strong, with the new high-power army rifle of next year. The weapon is officially known as the model of 1907 re-entrant rifle for the ammunition of 1906, the distinguishing feature of which is the new sharp-pointed light steel-cased bullet with its enormous range and flat trajectory. Governors of states may have the new rifle for the militia upon requisition and turning in the King Jorgensen guns of the type used in the Spanish American war—the first magazine shoulder arm regularly issued to the American army.

NEW YORK, Feb. 18.—W. Morse, the former banker and citizenship promoter, indicted for perjury, today pleaded not guilty. He was released on \$10,000 bail. The jury indictment grew out of the loan of \$100,000 to E. R. Thomas.

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., Feb. 18.—The Republican state central committee today passed resolutions endorsing Joe Cannon for the presidency.

ALBANY, N. Y., Feb. 18.—The court of appeals has sustained the conviction of Chester Gilbert, who killed his sweetheart.

SEE 'OLD ARKANSAW' AT THE MEDFORD TONIGHT

The natives of the Ozark mountain regions of Arkansas are a rude people who waxes bitter about what goes on in the outer world. A play founded on these people is coming here, and that fact makes the following story doubly interesting. During a blizzard in 1903 a newspaper straggled into the hanged region of the Ozarks. The natives got hold of it and lost no time in finding a man who could read, all being anxious to hear the news. One man asked the reader, "What are they doing down there in Washington now?" The reader replied, "They are doing a lot of things. Congress has just passed a law adding two more months to the year, and they are back water months." The questioned jumped from his seat, saying, "Gemmeny what! and I am out of a job!" The play referred to above was written by Fred Raymond and is called "Old Arkansaw."

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