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## SITUATION ON BEAR CREEK IMPROVES

### HAS BEEN ON THRONE 8 YEARS

King Edward Starts on Ninth Year of His Reign Today—Is In Good Health

Waters Fall in Stream Wearing Away of Bank Ceases—No Further Damage is Expected

The situation on Bear creek has materially improved during the past 24 hours and no further damage is expected unless something unforeseen in the matter of high water occurs. The wearing away of the bank by the high waters has practically ceased and the work of the men who are endeavoring to change the current of the stream is having its effect. They are making a cut which will turn the water to a great extent away from the bank on the lower side and it is expected that before the water rises again they will have accomplished their work of turning the water.

#### As to the Loss.

There is a diversity of opinion concerning the amount of land that has been taken away by the high water. It was pointed out on Thursday and Friday where the land reached to before the flood, and the land taken away was estimated by the majority of those who gathered to watch the flood that over three acres had been carried down stream. Mr. Collins on Saturday morning stated that most of the onlookers thought that the land can further out than it really did, and that but little over an acre had gone down stream. He is thoroughly conversant with the lay of the land before the flood and says that the soil did not extend to the bushes which are now standing in the stream and which were pointed out as the edge of the old channel, but that it was back a considerable distance. It is upon this that he estimates the loss at a little over an acre. He states, however, that the people were sincere in their estimates of three acres, only that they were not correctly informed as to the distance that the land extended.

#### Much Advice Offered.

"The people," said Mr. Collins, "had a hundred different ways of stopping the damage that the water was working, but when it came to stopping it they all failed to make good. If advice had done any work, no land at all would have been lost."

As soon as it is possible there will be a dike constructed in the stream, which will in the future keep the water within bounds, so that there is no reason to anticipate trouble from floods. This will make the property on the East Side safe and property values should keep their original figures.

The damage which has been done has all been confined to a small corner of the property on that side of the creek, and though it seriously damaged the property belonging to those on the edge of the creek, those who live below them and back a little distance have at no time had anything to fear, as the flood would have to keep up for weeks before reaching them, a thing that is most improbable and might be said to be impossible—certainly there is no precedent for anticipating anything of the kind.

#### LATE LOCAL NEWS.

Joseph Mags, court commissioner at Grants Pass, spent Saturday in Medford. Peter M. Kershaw is back from a short business trip to the north. He reports four inches of snow in Grants Pass.

Manager Hazelrigg of the Medford wishes to announce that all of those who held tickets to "Brewster's Mill House" can get their money back by calling at Huskies' drug store, or they can trade their tickets for those to the next show, which will be no next Friday evening.

L. K. Siletz of Cleveland, O., has arrived for the purpose of taking up his residence some of the soil of the Rogue River valley if he can succeed in finding a place suitable to his liking.

#### Faithful Dog Saves Master From Death

GRAND JUNCTION, Col., Jan. 23.—Four men were killed and over a score narrowly escaped death under a huge avalanche of snow which swept down upon the camp of miners at Orum. Forty horses were buried under the snow, Emil Johnson, one of the miners, and his faithful shepherd dog, who dug his master out of the snow after he had been rendered unconscious and then attracted rescuers to him by his dismal howls.

## PUTNAM WINS LARGE PRIZE

San Francisco Sculptor Known in Medford Takes First Place Over 23

SAN FRANCISCO, Calif., Jan. 23.—In an open competition participated in by 23 of the most prominent sculptors in the country, M. Earl Putnam and A. Putnam of San Francisco have been awarded first prize for a design for the proposed monument to Commodore John DeLong, which is to be erected at Monterey, where the Commodore on July 7, 1861, took possession of California for the United States.

#### Congress Appropriates.

This committee was selected by the war department last year, after Congress had appropriated \$10,000 for the erection of the monument.

Of the appropriation, \$1,000 was set aside for the obtaining of a suitable design and other preliminary expenses. The competitors were required to submit a model of a monument that could be built for the remaining \$9,000 and still leave a sum artistically to a stone base 24 feet square, which the Monument association desired by the various countries and to ready constructed on the Monterey grounds.

Mr. Putnam is known in Medford having visited this city recently. His brother, George Putnam, and son, Mrs. M. M. Putnam, are residents of Medford.

## 10 ARE DEAD IN THREE WRECKS

One in California, One in Pennsylvania and One in Texas—Many are Injured in Each Wreck

SANTA BARBARA, Jan. 23.—Four men were killed yesterday when a landslide near Puma, 20 miles south of this city, buried an engine and one car full of sleeping workmen. Many are supposed to be injured.

Although the particulars are meager, it is said that only one American, a foreman, is dead, the other dead being Greek laborers.

Traffic is tied up on the coast line between this city and the south as a result of the slide.

#### Wreck in Pennsylvania.

SUMMER HILL, Pa., Jan. 23.—Three are dead and six injured, one probably fatally, as the result of a rear-end collision between the two sections of the St. Louis express westbound on the Pennsylvania road early this morning.

The wreck was due to the dense fog which prevailed at the time of the collision and which hid the warning lights. Those killed were asleep in berths on the first section.

The impact put out lights and a panic ensued, causing many to be injured.

#### Wreck Near El Paso.

EL PASO, Jan. 23.—A head-on collision between freight and passenger train in Dead Man's cut, 14 miles east of this city, was due to the dense fog which prevailed at the time of the collision and which hid the warning lights. Those killed were asleep in berths on the first section.

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Two relief trains have left this city for the scene of the wreck. Particulars are meager.

#### SAYS NORTHERN END OF COUNTY IS NEGLECTED

WOODVILLE, Ore., Jan. 23.—To the Editor: I notice in item in the last issue of your paper advertising one general road under for the whole county, but would it not be better?

I think not.

Our road system in this county is steadily growing worse. Ten years ago when there was about 40 road districts in Jackson county we had very good roads in this section, but now we have eight or ten districts, and each super visor has about ten times as much road bed to look after as he can do justice to, and therefore our roads are turned over to inefficient deputies or under super visors, and in this section we have not seen a road supervisor since Mr. Prentiss resigned last spring. Pollution in this section has never been worked out, and on the Evans creek road you cannot get out with a loaded team, and it is almost impossible to pass over the road with a light conveyance of any kind.

#### BUILDS HOUSE IN BEAD.

We notice the other day where one man has built his house right in the middle of the marshland and made a pretense of building a new road around the mountain, and it has slid in and filled up the road. We understand that nearly every citizen has signed a petition to the county court to have the road opened, but nothing has been done.

I understand that Judge Seal gained considerable support on the pledge that he would improve the roads, and when the roads districts are smaller, so that the super visors could oversee the work and keep the roads at least possible, he seems to have forgotten all his promises made that he has not yet done.

Perhaps he will do something for us just before next election.

#### Should Aid County Districts.

It seems very unfair to me to take the money that is paid in for road tax in the outlying districts and build roads around Medford, Central Point and Ashland. In my opinion such present

are in a position that could be held

for the remaining roads and still con-

serve the community.

It is of little benefit

to us when it is expended on roads 20 or 30 miles away, where it should not go, as we do not travel the roads that run from home very often.

Please publish this, as we need some

help for our roads in this end of the

country, and it seems that we are get-

ting along.

A. SUBSCRIBER.

## BRANDENBURG TRIAL BEGINS

Man Who Wrote Letter Purporting to be That of Cleveland Being Tried

NEW YORK, Jan. 23.—After several delays, the trial of Brangton Brandenburg, the journalist who is charged with grand larceny in the second degree in connection with the suit to the New York Times of an article purporting to have been written by Grover Cleveland, will probably begin Monday, that date having been fixed by Judge Dowling.

District Attorney Jerome will prosecute Brandenburg and will fight any attempt to secure a further delay in the trial of the case.

"There is no reason," said Mr. Jerome, "why this trial should not go on at once. It is a very simple case. There is no doubt in my mind as to this defendant's guilt. I have so advised him and offered him a plea, but he has not accepted. There is no doubt as to the outcome of the case.

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## CRATER LAKE ROAD BILL DRAFTED

Man Who Wrote Letter Purporting to be That of Cleveland Being Tried

Provides \$100,000 for Construction of Boulevard—Will be Introduced in Legislature

The following is the text of the preliminary draft of the bill which will be introduced in the legislature next week to provide for a state appropriation for a highway to Crater lake.

#### A BILL

For an act appropriating the sum of one hundred thousand dollars to aid in