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## FURY OF FLOOD

Five Thousand Topeka People Homeless.

## WORST IS YET TO COME

One Section of the City Is Surrounded by Water.

## ALL KANSAS IS SUFFERING

Homes Are Being Abandoned Everywhere—Railroad Traffic Is Practically Suspended—Cloudbursts Add to Horror of Situation.

Instead of the danger from floods in Kansas being past, the situation is now appalling. Heavy rains and several cloudbursts have brought the streams up again, and people everywhere are being forced to abandon their homes. Railroad communication is practically at an end, and it is impossible to say when trains will be moving again. The Des Moines River is again rising, and 500 more people were made homeless yesterday.

TOPEKA, Kan., May 29.—The high water at 11 o'clock tonight has surrounded the whole of North Topeka, and hundreds of houses are deserted. People are moving out from that part of town as fast as possible, and great distress prevails. At this time nearly 5000 people are homeless. It will be necessary for every inhabitant of the North Side to leave there by morning, and this will leave over 10,000 people without homes. The people south of the river are trying hard to take care of the flood refugees. The Courthouse, Statehouse and other buildings have been opened for their reception, and a fund started for their relief. Railroad traffic from this city is practically at a standstill.

The water plant is being worked under great difficulty, and it is feared that by

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tomorrow this will have to be abandoned. If this is the case, the entire city will be without fire protection.

Reports from Wamego and other points along the river report a great volume of water coming down this way. Wamego reports a rise of two feet in the Blue River and three feet in the Republican River. This will reach Topeka by morning, and the large concrete arch bridge will have great difficulty in holding its own.

For six hours today, the flood plowed like a river through Abilene, filling 300 cellars and driving 100 families to places of refuge. The Rock Island, Union Pacific and Santa Fe tracks were washed away, two lumber yards burning from the contact of lime with water, and several buildings collapsed. Nearly all the business houses are flooded. Scores of people were rescued in boats today, after having spent a whole night in trees. Merchants are all moving their stocks to higher places, but it is generally believed that the worst is over.

**Salina Is Isolated.**  
Salina is isolated, and cannot at this time be reached by wire. The Western Union telegraph office in Salina has collapsed, and no news can be sent out from there.

At Lawrence the Kansas River continued to rise rapidly all day, and in the last three hours has come up nearly three feet. The water stands 15 feet deep on the dam there, and has caused the water works, electric light plant and brick factory to close down.

At Marysville the water is the highest ever known, and is getting higher. One hundred people at Wamego are homeless, and had to be moved out of their houses in boats. In many places the water is up to the second-story windows. Word was received there tonight that a rise of three feet was coming down the Republican River, and a rise of two feet down the Blue River. The river at Wamego is rising two inches an hour. Over 500 head of cattle have been drowned, and washed down the river.

From Marion comes the report that the Rock Island depot is flooded, and had to be abandoned late tonight.

Many square miles of country near Emporia are under water.

**Higher Than It Has Ever Been.**  
At Americus the river is four feet higher than it has ever been. The Missouri, Kansas & Texas road has not moved any trains south of Emporia all day.

Council Grove reports that a large part of the country is flooded.

At Marquette the Smoky River is higher than ever known before. Lindburg is surrounded by water.

At Concordia many have been driven from their homes by the Republican River. Over five inches of water fell there today.

At Newton the streets were flooded to night by a cloudburst. A tornado passed through that county tonight, doing much damage.

A tornado struck Strong City tonight, demolishing the High School building and the Baptist Church.

The Kaw River is five miles wide at St. Marys, and the town is half submerged. The Kaw River bridge there is partially washed out, and the river is rapidly rising.

Late this afternoon the Kaw River bridges at Maple Hill, Rossville, Silver Lake, Bellview and St. George were washed out. The new steel bridge at Willard is damaged beyond repair. Several hundred cattle have been drowned.

**Cloudburst Swells the Flood.**  
A startling story comes indirectly from Manhattan that a cloudburst in that vicinity has started a four-foot volume of

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## TO WORK AGAIN

Fair Ground Operations to Be Resumed.

## A PRESIDENT IS CHOSEN

State Commission Organizes for Business.

## CONFERENCE WITH DIRECTORS

Choice of Director-General Comes Next—Consul Miller May Help to Get Chinese Exhibit—Invitation to Canada.

The directors of the Lewis and Clark Fair instructed the buildings and grounds committee yesterday to proceed with the work at the grounds. This was done at the suggestion of Judge Rufus Mallory, and means that Engineer Huber will commence grading early next week.

Work at the grounds was stopped at the request of the executive committee, which desired a conference with the members of the state commission before proceeding. Yesterday the commissioners expressed themselves as satisfied with the plans for proceeding with the work and showed that there will be unity of action along the lines of Consulting Architect Olmsted's recommendations.

The early work of the crews under the direction of Engineer Huber will be of a preliminary nature and would have to be done, no matter what suggestions were finally adopted for carrying out the Exposition plans. This is grading and otherwise preparing the grounds for decorations, improvements and the buildings.

The executive committee of the board of directors was instructed also to take up the question of selecting a director-general at once. The question was brought forward by a water bill, insignificant in itself, but suggesting the lack of attention to details by some responsible head. After a desultory debate in which many suggestions for delay were made and John Barrett urged an early selection of a director-general, the directors concluded that this action should be taken. As a result, the executive committee will look over the country and endeavor to locate some person competent to take charge of the Exposition's affairs.

At present the engineer in charge of the work at the Fair grounds comes nearer being a director-general than any other official. He was selected after instructions given at a February meeting, and will naturally continue in his present capacity.

**State Commission Organizes.**  
The directors held a short conference with the members of the state commission yesterday afternoon. During this conference the tender of office room in the old Bank of British Columbia building was made by the directors and the com-

missioners on their part expressed a desire to co-operate heartily with the directors in carrying out the plans of the board.

Earlier in the afternoon the commission organized by electing Jefferson Myers of Salem, president. Mr. Myers received six votes and Professor Young three. One blank ballot was cast. All the commissioners save F. A. Spencer, of Portland, attended the meeting. Mr. Spencer is absent in Europe. The commissioners designated committees to formulate by-laws and search for office rooms. No secretary was elected, but eight applications were filed with Henry Reed, secretary of the Lewis and Clark Board, who acted as temporary secretary. An adjourned meeting will be held this morning to complete the details of organization.

President Jefferson Myers made a speech explaining that he felt the responsibilities of his position and earnestly urging hearty co-operation with the Lewis and Clark directors to bring about the best results. He later repeated these assurances of help to the directors.

**Exhibits From China and Canada.**  
A lengthy communication from Consul Miller, at Niu Chwang, China, suggesting plans for aiding the Exposition was laid aside. Acting President Scott explained, in connection with Mr. Miller's letter, that a request had been made of the State Department that Mr. Miller be permitted to aid the Fair in the Orient by urging a Chinese exhibit and preparing to induce special features from that country.

It was ordered that an invitation be presented to the Dominion of Canada to make a display. This was done at the suggestion of Commissioner McIsaac, who had been sent by the directors to Vancouver to urge the Provincial government of British Columbia to make a display. Samuel Connell, of the directors, declared the directors of the St. Louis Exposition had urged the advantage of naming a director-general early and volunteered to give the result of further conferences with men connected with the St. Louis exposition.

**JOHN BARRETT GIVES ADVICE.**  
**Warns Fair Directors Against Pitfalls and Suggests Attractions.**  
John Barrett, Commissioner-General of the St. Louis Fair, pointed out some of the mistakes the Lewis and Clark Fair directors might make, and advised the officers yesterday of plans that would lead to the success of the Fair. Mr. Barrett spoke to the directors after a joint meeting with the state commissioners, basing his remarks upon the experience of the Louisiana Purchase directors. The advice he offered was welcomed with a burst of applause, and afterward a vote of thanks was extended to Mr. Barrett.

Particular stress was laid upon the necessity for providing entertaining features that would bring the people of the immediate vicinity to Portland to the Fair at all times and not permit a lonesome and deserted appearance to characterize any of the days during the exhibition. These entertaining features must be moved to the people of the Northwest. Mr. Barrett pointed out, while on the other hand the people of the East must be shown plainly the resources of the Northwest, for they will have been informed relative to foreign exhibits.

The importance of inviting foreign governments, at an early date, to participate in the Fair was dwelt upon. He urged that the Governor be requested to ask the Secretary of State to convey this invitation, since it would have greater weight if coming through official circles.

"The importance of presenting this invitation early can be well understood," Mr. Barrett stated, "when it is recalled that the different foreign governments will probably refer these requests to their commissioners at St. Louis. When the St. Louis Fair opens, these commissioners will be kept very busy and will be unable to come West or to give very much

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## NOT FOR ENTRY

Lands Withdrawn For Forest Reserve.

## IN NORTHERN WALLAWA

On Recommendation of the Geological Survey.

## SETTLERS' RIGHTS ARE SECURE

Action Taken to Prevent Speculative Entries Should the Purpose of the Department Be Ascertained in Advance of Action.

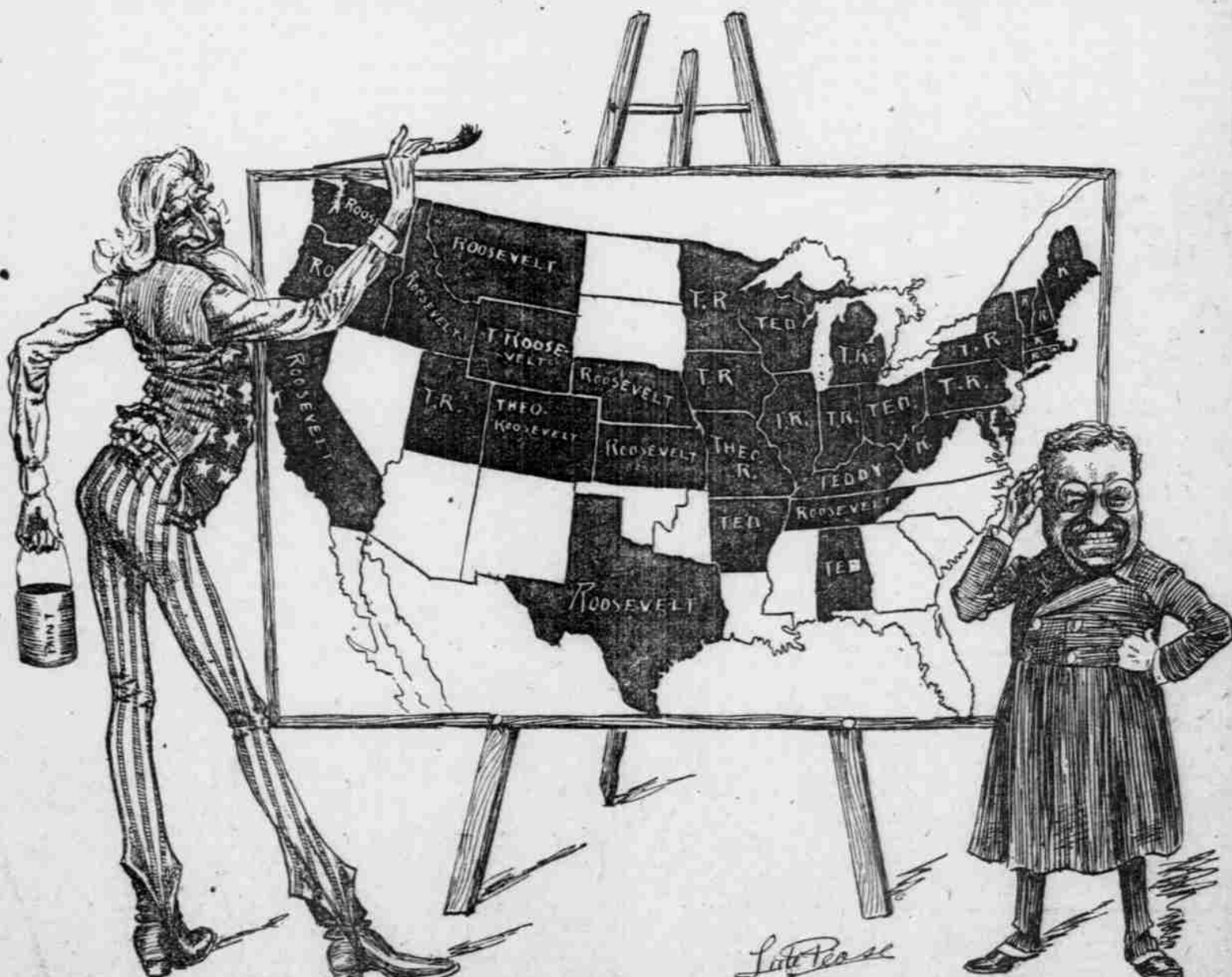
The lands withdrawn for forest reserve include 357,000 acres in Northern Wallawa County and are: Sections 1, 12, 13, 24 and 25, township 2, range 44.  
All of townships 3 and 4, range 44.  
All of townships 2, 3 and 4, range 45.  
All of townships 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6, range 46.  
All of townships 3, 4, 5 and 6, range 47.  
The west half of township 2, range 48.  
All of fractional township 5, range 48.  
In Morrow County 60,000 acres are taken from entry as follows: Townships 6 and 7, south, range 26 east.  
The north half of township 8 south, range 26 east.

**OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, May 29.**—The Geological Survey having recommended the creation of a forest reserve in extreme Northeastern Oregon the Interior Department has withdrawn from all entry a tract of about 357,000 acres in the northern half of Wallawa County with a view to its examination to determine the advisability of converting it into a forest reserve.

The withdrawn lands are sections 1, 12, 13, 24 and 25 in township 2, range 44; all of townships 3 and 4, range 44; townships 2, 3 and 4, range 45; townships 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6, range 46; townships 3, 4, 5 and 6, range 47; the west half of township 2, range 48, and all of fractional township 5, range 48. The withdrawal, which lies north and east of the fertile Wallawa Valley, is for the most part mountainous and fairly well covered with a timber growth. Rising within its limits are Joseph Creek, and numerous other tributaries of the Snake and Grand Ronde Rivers. The withdrawn lands will be examined during the present Summer if possible. Meanwhile persons who have settled upon any lands within

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