

HIGHWATER COMING

Willamette Rising Rapidly and Snow Melting.

WIND CHANGES TO SOUTH

Heavy Rain in Upper Valley Causes Rise of Inch and an Hour-Slides and Washouts Block Southern Pacific.

OREGON CITY, Or., Feb. 15.—(Special.)

There is grave danger here of unusually high water as a consequence of the heavy rainfall of the last few days. At this city the Willamette River is about nine feet above extreme low-water mark and is rising at the rate of .1 of a foot an hour.

ALL STREAMS AT FLOOD STAGE

Warm Rain Melts Snow in Siskiyou and Blocks Railroads.

ASHLAND, Or., Feb. 15.—(Special.)—The elements which have been raging throughout Southern Oregon and Northern California for the past 24 hours subsided somewhat this evening. A steady downpour of rain since last night has raised all streams to the flood stage and high water has done damage to a considerable extent in many places.

SOUTHERN PACIFIC BLOCKED.

Jump-Off Joe Creek Overflows Track and Stops Passenger Traffic.

GRANT'S PASS, Or., Feb. 15.—(Special.)—The continuous rains of the last three days have caused a considerable overflow on the line of the Southern Pacific railroad, and at Merlin, nine miles north of Grant's Pass, a wash-out occurred late last night which will result in the closure of the line until the water recedes to a portion of the roadbed.

GREAT DOWNPOUR AT SALEM

River Expected to Reach Stage of 20 Feet Before Declining.

SALEM, Or., Feb. 15.—(Special.)—A heavy rain lasting all day Sunday and Sunday night caused a rise of eight feet in the Willamette river at this city. The water is now 15 feet above low-water mark.

HEAVY RAIN AT ALBANY

Snow in Mountains Stops Sawmill on Corvallis & Eastern.

SLEIGHING AT HOOD RIVER.

Deep Snow Paralyzes Telephone Wires, but Gives Pleasure.

COAST FORK OVERFLOWS BANKS.

COTTAGE GROVE, Or., Feb. 15.—(Special.)—The heavy downpour of rain since yesterday has caused the Coast Fork River to leap its banks in hundreds of places. At 5 P. M. it has not receded since 5 o'clock, and the river is receding. No damage is yet reported from the storm.

LANDSLIDE BLOCKS RAILROADS.

VANCOUVER, Wash., Feb. 15.—(Special.)—The train from Yaocot was delayed about four hours today on account of a landslide in the new cut near Vancouver Lake. A large crew of men and the steam shovel were put in action at once. The slide is reported to be about a block and a half long.

CRIMINAL TRIALS SET.

County Court Opens and Hears Resolutions on Dead Lawless.

ASTORIA, Or., Feb. 15.—(Special.)—The regular February term of the Circuit Court was convened by Judge McBride this morning and a number of formal orders were entered. The first case was the trial of Anton Kulis, charged with the assault with a dangerous weapon, was set for February 22; the trial of D. C. C. C. Rosenberg, charged with practicing medicine without first securing a state license,

MUST HAVE FIFTH TRIAL

LONG-CONTESTED LAWSUIT SENT BACK TO PORTLAND.

Circuit Court of Appeals Grants New Trial of Henry Smith's Suit Against the Days.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 15.—(Special.)—By a decision rendered by the United States Circuit Court of Appeals today, the case of Henry Smith against J. G. and I. N. Day, as partners doing business under the name of J. G. & I. N. Day, will be tried before a jury in the United States Circuit Court of Oregon for the fifth time.

TERMS OF SALE VIOLATED.

Purchasers of Umatilla Timber Land Sell Wood Wholesale.

PENDLETON, Or., Feb. 15.—(Special.)—Charles Wilkins, agent at the Umatilla Indian reservation, yesterday said that during the past six months he has been witness of a violation of the terms of sale of lands, which practice is a violation of the laws. The lands were sold some time ago in 60-acre tracts at \$25 an acre, but the purchasers were informed that it would be unlawful to convert the timber into wood or lumber until two years after the date of sale.

ACTION ON MAYOR'S VETOES.

One on Fire Escapes Sustained, but City Hall Will Be Bought.

ASTORIA, Or., Feb. 15.—(Special.)—The City Council this evening sustained the Mayor's veto of the ordinance regulating the number of kinds of fire escapes to be placed on all public hall buildings. The objection to the ordinance was that, under its provisions, fire escapes would extend to the street level.

COLVILLE FORMS COMMERCIAL CLUB.

COLVILLE, Wash., Feb. 15.—The business men of Colville to the number of 20 have organized the Colville Commercial Club, with the following board of trustees: J. H. Young, M. J. Maloney, R. E. Lee, W. R. Baker, S. Dilsheimer, Jacob Stitzel and W. C. O'Connell. The officers elected were: Jacob Stitzel, president; C. W. Winter, vice-president; H. R. Crotter, secretary, and T. A. Winter, treasurer.

Vancouver Clerks Banquet.

VANCOUVER, Wash., Feb. 15.—(Special.)—The members of the Vancouver Retail Clerks' Association gave a banquet and entertainment at Sohen's Hall to-night. An interesting programme of speeches and music was rendered after which refreshments were served.

Zeyss Divorce Suit Compromised.

SALEM, Or., Feb. 15.—(Special.)—The divorce suit of Dora Zeyss vs. Ed Zeyss, in which a large amount of property was involved, was today compromised and dismissed, the wife withdrawing her petition. Mr. and Mrs. Zeyss formerly lived at Corvallis. The suit was brought upon the ground of desertion.

New Captain in Charge.

ABERDEEN, Wash., Feb. 15.—(Special.)—Captain H. M. Jones, formerly of San Francisco last night to take command of the schooner Halcyon, Captain Schroeder, who brought the ship to Hoquiam, having suffered the amputation of a leg on account of gangrene.

For Roosevelt and McBride.

GARFIELD, Wash., Feb. 15.—Mayor Edward G. Paires has organized a Republican club in this city to be known as the Roosevelt Club. It has 30 members, but the Mayor will not give up until he gets an even 100.

Brief Pacific Coast News.

The Bona of Contentment mine, in the Williams District near Grant's Pass, has been sold to Johnson, Carterline & Co. of Portland.

Will Make Good Roads.

Clark County Commissioners Will Buy Machinery and Use Gravel.

VANCOUVER, Wash., Feb. 15.—(Special.)—The chief topic of discussion at the meeting of the Clark County Commissioners today was the purchase of machinery for the purpose of making good roads. It was decided to purchase a steam roller and a motor grader.

NINETY-NINE YEARS IN PRISON

Butte Murderer Twice Attempts to Escape Sentence by Suicide.

BUTTE, Mont., Feb. 15.—Albert J. Beckman, who on October 15 last shot and killed Helen Kopy, because she rejected him after accepting presents from him, was found guilty by a jury in Judge McClerman's court tonight of murder in the second degree.

Artist Turns Crazy.

He Carries a Knife and Accuses Everybody of Attempted Poisoning.

COLFAX, Wash., Feb. 15.—(Special.)—E. T. Sherman, an artist who conducted an art store in an iron building near the Hotel Whitman, was arrested tonight on a charge of insanity. When searched he was found with a murderous-looking knife hidden in his clothing.

More Gamblers Fined.

District Attorney Hailey Hauls Seven More Into Court.

PENDLETON, Feb. 15.—(Special.)—The Circuit Court convened today, Judge Ellis presiding, and much of the day was taken up with gambling cases. District Attorney

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EVENTS LEADING UP TO WAR IN FAR EAST

- 1900—Russia annexes extreme Eastern part of Manchuria, thus securing the port of Vladivostok.
1901—Russia occupies more Manchurian territory.
1902—Russian colonies established in Manchuria.
1903—Clear Alexander III issued a rescript for the building of the Trans-Berberian Railroad.
1904—Treaty of Shimonski, making peace between China and Japan. France, Germany and Russia compel Japan to withdraw her claims as to portions of the Liaoning peninsula, and Japan yields to superior forces.
1905—Private treaty between China and Russia, the latter promising to defend China against the world; Manchurian Railway agreement perfected.
1907—Russia gets possession of Kiao-Chow; Russia takes the opportunity to seize Port Arthur and Tientsin.
1909—Boxer rebellion gives further opportunity to Russia to fasten her grip on Manchuria.
1901—Protests by Japan and other powers as to Russian encroachments on Chinese territory.
1902—Treaty of alliance between Great Britain and Japan is signed January 30. China Russian treaty signed April 16.
1903—Russia signs rescript for the evacuation of Manchuria.
1904—Russia, by declaring the province to be an integral part of China; China's commercial treaty with Great Britain signed September 3.
1905—Russia falls to keep pledge to evacuate Manchuria, and April 23, demands new conditions as to the carrying out of the Manchurian treaty.
June—Japan and United States object to new conditions, and Russia later says she has demanded no new conditions. Russia begins movements on the Liaoyang River and other points.
July—Japan protests and presses Korea to open the port of Wiju to foreign trade. Great Britain and the United States concurring in the demand.
Pavlov, Russian Minister to Korea, makes threats.
August—Japan proposes a modus vivendi the 12th, and negotiations are opened.
Japan presses Russia for fulfillment of all treaty conditions.
September—Russia gives new pledge that Liu Chang and Mukden would be evacuated October 8, but later denies it, taking up timber concessions.
October 4—China signs commercial treaties with Japan and the United States.
October 15—Japan agrees to recognize dominant interests of Russia in Manchuria, but wants Chinese sovereignty unimpaired. It also demands recognition of Japanese influence in Korea and the opening of Yonampo and other ports, besides a neutral zone on both sides of the Yalu river.
October 30—Reoccupation of Mukden by Russia is reported.
December 10—Japanese Diet opens and the Government is censured for the inadequacy of its measures.
December 17—Russia makes reply to Japan's last note, but it excludes Japan altogether from the Manchurian question.
December 21—Russia is asked to reconsider its reply.
December 25—The Japanese ordinance is issued in Japan, giving the Government unlimited credit.
December 29—High court of war is held with the Emperor in the chair. Admiral Togo is put in command of the fleet; he captured the Taku forts in 1900.
1904—January 5—Japan sends final note to Russia, intimating that her demands must be accepted or war will result.
January 9—Review of troops is held at Tokio and great enthusiasm is shown.
January 15—Russia delays answer and Japan shows impatience.
January 20—Minister Kurino makes inquiries at St. Petersburg as to when a reply to Japan's last note may be expected.
February 3—Russia's reply is sent to Tokio, but proves unsatisfactory.
February 5—Baron de Rosen, Russian Minister, is notified at Tokio that Japan demands to sever diplomatic relations with Russia.
February 6—Minister Kurino, Japanese Envoy, demands his passports at St. Petersburg and receives them. Baron de Rosen is notified to quit Tokio.
February 8—Japan declares she will take military and naval steps to protect her interests in the East.
February 9—Japan attacks Russian fleet at Port Arthur.

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The Alcaldie loaded at the Michigan mill, in Aberdeen, with a cargo of lumber for Manila and was towed to the anchorage in the lower harbor Saturday. A violent storm sprang up during Sunday and increased until the schooner began to drag her anchors. Finally she broke loose, using both anchors and 105 fathoms of chain, and was blown out to sea. The wind changed to the southeast, and after drifting around for several hours in the fog and darkness, she went ashore on the North Spit. She carried 400,000 feet of lumber worth about \$200. It is reported that the captain's daughter was remarkably calm during the terrible disaster and stood the trip well. The crew was brought to Westport this afternoon, having been taken from the vessel by the lifesaving crew.

An examination of the stranded schooner made today by Captain Harris, who was taken to his vessel by the lifesaving crew, disclosed the fact that her hull is burst and nothing can be done to save her. The Alcaldie was a wooden schooner of 31 gross tons and was built in 1882 at Port Blakely. A. Anderson, of San Francisco is the managing owner. She was valued at \$20,000.

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Death of Colfax Pioneer.

COLFAX, Wash., Feb. 15.—(Special.)—Mrs. Smith, wife of Silas M. Smith, a pioneer of this county and wealthy stockman and fruit grower of Riparia, died today in St. Ignace Hospital, after an operation for appendicitis. Mrs. Smith was the daughter of J. R. Lee, a pioneer fruit grower of this county, and was born and raised in Whitman County. She was about 70 years old and left a husband and two young children, a father and several brothers. She had only been ill since Saturday and was brought to Colfax last night. Her death was a shock to the entire community.

Explosion Lamp Burns House.

LA GRANDE, Or., Feb. 15.—(Special.)—A residence in the eastern part of La Grande was totally destroyed by fire about 3 o'clock tonight. Mrs. Smith was the owner of the house. The house was owned by Mrs. William James of this city and was occupied by a family named Woods, recently from West Virginia. The explosion was caused by the explosion of a coal-oil lamp and the family barely escaped in their nightclothes. No one dared enter the house on account of several pounds of gunpowder and 50 cartridges, loaded guns, etc., lying about.

Northwest People in New York.

NEW YORK, Feb. 15.—(Special.)—The following Northwestern people registered at New York hotels today: From Portland—Mr. W. H. Wellington, J. Scott; from the Imperial, J. C. Dunning. From Everett, Wash.—A. St. Denis, W. J. Russell. From Tacoma—At the Manhattan, L. G. Patterson and wife. From Seattle—At the Morton, R. Praeger; at the Aetor, E. Portway; at the Everett, M. J. Sullivan; at the Fifth Avenue, O. N. Ramsey.

To Organize Clackamas Miners.

OREGON CITY, Or., Feb. 15.—(Special.)—A. L. Morris and William H. Dodge, secretary and assistant secretary, respectively, of the Oregon Miners' Association, both of Portland, were in the city today and will attend a meeting to be held here during the week by local mining men for the purpose of organizing a local branch. With the resumption of mining operations on an extensive scale in this county considerable interest is being manifested in mining circles.

Another New Town Founded.

COLVILLE, Wash., Feb. 15.—(Special.)—The latest town to be designated on the Stevens County map is Jerome, situated at a point formerly known as Elbow, on the Columbia River and in the extreme southwest corner of the county, just north of the Spokane Indian reservation. At present the new town is supplied with a sawmill, general store, hotel accommodations and a steamer landing, and it promises to become a lively trading point.

Street Railway for Baker City.

BAKER CITY, Feb. 15.—The Baker City Electric Street Railway Company has been organized to construct the road for which Letson Balliet obtained a franchise. Balliet bought rails and ties, but did not work and his franchise expired. The new company has been granted a new franchise, expiring next fall, and will begin construction this Spring.

Change of Socialist Editors.

SPOKANE, Wash., Feb. 15.—(Special.)—The New Time, the Spokane Socialist paper, has a new editor. H. Walsh, of Calgary, Alberta. He assumes charge at once. H. W. Marigold, who has edited the New Time since he has been in charge, resigned to devote his time to his novel "Will Stephens." The novel is to be published by a Chicago firm.

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The beginning of activity among party managers has started movement among candidates for office and from now until the county convention is over there will be a lively scramble. From present indications it looks as though the strongest fight for county offices will be made Saturday, February 27.

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for the defense. Mr. Abel was taken down with measles, with which his family is afflicted, on Sunday night. Forty witnesses on hand were obliged to go home. Ten of the jurymen had been selected after several venues had been exhausted.

De La Mar Wins His Big Suit.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 15.—The suit of the Utah-Nevada Mining Company against Joseph R. De La Mar for \$5,000,000 was judged against the plaintiffs today by Judge Morrow of the United States Circuit Court, on the ground that an oral agreement involving realty is invalid. Judge Morrow, however, granted until tomorrow to hear the attorney for plaintiffs on a motion for an appeal. The transaction took place in New York and involves valuable mines in Nevada.

Clarke's School Apportionment.

VANCOUVER, Wash., Feb. 15.—(Special.)—Notice has been received from the State Superintendent of Schools that the apportionment for the state schools for the present quarter has been made. The total sum apportioned among all the schools of the state was \$22,810. Clarke County received of this amount \$232.45, being ninth on the list of counties in proportion of school attendance.

WAR WORKS RUIN TO CROPS.

ALBANY, Feb. 15.—(Special.)—The Albany Driving Association, composed of the horse-fanciers of this city and vicinity, has organized a track under control of the Southern Pacific depot, and will build a half-mile track for speeding purposes. The land will be fenced, stables erected and all arrangements of a good racing park adopted. W. H. Hogan is president of the association.

CONTEST IN SANTO DOMINGO COMPELS EVERY MAN TO TAKE UP ARMS.

NEW YORK, Feb. 15.—General Jimenez forces, numbering 450 men, with one cannon, have been at Navarrete four days, cables the Puerto Plata, Santo Domingo, and San Juan.

PROGRAMME OF STREET IMPROVEMENT.

ASTORIA, Feb. 15.—(Special.)—The street committee of the City Council has filed a list of 23 streets in various portions of the city, which the intention is to improve during the coming summer. The committee announces that these improvements are to be made, but no other thoroughfares will be touched unless the owners of property in the vicinity file petitions with the Council.

SWIFT TAX COLLECTION IN MARION.

SALEM, Or., Feb. 15.—(Special.)—Sheriff Colbath today made his first payment of 1904 taxes into the county treasury. The amount was \$25,000. In the one week he has found guilty and will be sentenced \$25,000, which exceeds the first week's collections in any previous year.

Cable to China Repaired.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 15.—The Commercial Cable Company is advised that the cable which was interrupted between Hong Kong and Poo Chow is repaired, restoring normal means of communication between these points and also with Shanghai and Japan.

Not the Original Senator Mitchell.

PENDLETON, Feb. 15.—(Special.)—Senator Mitchell, a Umatilla Indian, charged with stealing a horse owned by J. S. Holmes and afterwards selling it at Atholville, Oregon, was sentenced today to ten years in the State Circuit Court.

DEATH OF AN AGED CITIZEN.

VANCOUVER, Wash., Feb. 15.—(Special.)—B. B. Rhodes died of cancer yesterday afternoon at his home on Burnett street, aged 92 years. He was an old and well-known resident of Clarke County. The funeral was held today.

MURESCA WINS BY SHORT HEAD

SIX FURLONGS EVENT IS FEATURE OF RACING AT INGLESIDDE.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 15.—Rain fell at Inglewood today and made going prevalent. The players were again in line, as four favorites and a second choice reached the wire first. One of the best finishes of the afternoon occurred in the fourth. Mimos and Muresca were head and head all the way, Muresca securing the decision by a short head. Results: Futurity course, selling—Polonus won, Jean Gravier, second; Dr. Sherman third; time, 1:14.

AT LOS ANGELES.

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Feb. 15.—Three favorites, two well-played second choices and a third choice won today at Ascot Park. Weather cloudy, track good. Results: Half-mile—Wood Claim won, Jerome second, Peggy Mine third; time 0:59. Seven furlongs, selling—The Lefevan won, Candidate second; Outburst third; time 1:34. One mile, selling—First Chip won, Constellation second, Pierce J., third; time 1:45.

AT NEW ORLEANS.

NEW ORLEANS, La., Feb. 15.—Crescent City results: Six furlongs, selling—Belle Mahone won, Tully H. second, Balm of Gilead third; time, 1:14-5. Six furlongs—Old Silver won, Aggie Lewis second, Little Jack Horner third; time, 1:14-4.

Eastern and California Races. By direct wires. We accept commissions by phone from responsible parties at Portland Club, 120 1/2 street.