



TO AVERAGE CONN

Reward Offered for Lake County Murderer.

STATE WILL PAY \$2500

Governor Chamberlain Would End Reign of Terror.

AFTER SLAYERS OF SHEEP

For Arrest and Conviction of Men Engaged in Outrage at Silver Lake \$300 Apiece is Pledged From the State's Treasury.

VIOLENT DEEDS IN LAKE.
February 2—Band of 3000 sheep slaughtered by masked men near Silver Lake; clove and guns were used.
March 4—J. C. Conn, a wealthy Silver Lake merchant, went out after breakfast, from his home at Silver Lake, to visit a horse that had been poisoned, one of a valuable team. Seven weeks later his body was found in the pasture, within a short distance from town, perforated by two bullets. The verdict of suicide, brought in by a coroner's jury, was unsatisfactory to Conn's friends. They allege he was murdered to cover up the crime of the sheepslayers, about whom Conn was supposed to know too much. He had been subjected to a number of petty persecutions, particularly after a trip to Lakeview, where he consulted with his brother Lyle, who is prosecuting attorney.
April 28—A party of nine men rode up to a band of sheep belonging to Parker, Price & Mulkey and O'Farrell. They wore barley sacks for masks. Out of 2700 sheep were killed outright; the balance scattered to make food for coyotes.

MAY CHANGE SITE

National '05 Board Considers Subject

INFORMATION ASKED FOR

If Peninsula Overflows It Will Be Abandoned.

FULL BOARD MEETS MONDAY

It Will Determine Just How Much Space the Oriental and Other Exhibits to Occupy Government Building Will Require.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, May 20.—Until it has more definite information as to the topography of the Lewis and Clark Fair grounds, the Government Board will be unable to determine the number and location of the buildings to be erected by the Government with the \$50,000 appropriated for this purpose by the last Congress. The building committee of this board had its first meeting with Supervising Architect Taylor today, but accomplished nothing. The board regards the peninsula site as an ideal location for the Government buildings, but has been advised that the peninsula is low and subject to overflow. If this is the case that site must be abandoned. The board knows nothing of the character of the alternate site adjoining state and other buildings, and has wired Portland for information. Similar requests have been made of Commissioner Henry E. Dorsch at St. Louis, who may be later summoned to Washington. When this information is at hand, the committee will definitely determine the location of the Government buildings.
It developed at the meeting today that the board does not know how much space will be required for the Government, Oriental and other exhibits to be housed in the Government buildings. To determine this, a meeting of the full Government Board has been called for Monday.
The only thing so far determined is that the Government will duplicate at the

NEW FOE TO HILL

Bird S. Coler Becomes Lieutenant of Murphy.

BITTER TOWARD M'CARREN

He Thinks He Should Have Been Sent to St. Louis.

PARKER MEN ARE CONFIDENT

They Expect Their Candidate to Lead on First Ballot and Win on the Second—Odell Preparing to Wage Lively Campaign.

NEW YORK, May 20.—(Special.)—Governor Odell, having disposed of all the 30-day bills which were left for his consideration by the Legislature, has now become Chairman Odell, of the Republican State Committee, and is preparing to wage the liveliest kind of a campaign to carry New York State for Roosevelt and whoever may be named as his running-mate.
The Governor-chairman believes in an early start to the campaign, and is already at work fixing up weak places in his political fences. The State Committee has organization headquarters and directors on duty all the year around, which is probably one reason why they are always in shape to make a fight.
That he has lively times ahead of him Governor Odell fully realizes, but despite this, he views the situation with great complacency. The Democratic internal warfare is getting more bitter every day, and the possibility of nominating a man who can command the united support of the various factions is admittedly well-nigh hopeless.
Democratic War Waxes Fierce.
Tammany Chief Murphy has done what it was intimated in these columns some months ago that he would do—he has carried the war into Brooklyn, and is determined that no matter what may be the result to the party he will down Senator McCarren, his bitter enemy and Hill's friend.
Already several Deputy Commissioners, strong friends of the Brooklyn leader, have been summarily removed, and those who remain are treated like office boys. Murphy would prefer that they should resign, but on advice of McCarren they refuse to do so and await removal. In consequence all their actions are reported to headquarters by eager spies, and their life is made a burden.
"Why, only the other day I got a formal call-down from my chief," declared one deputy whose salary is \$5000 a year and who is an active district leader. "He wanted to know why I'd been out to lunch for over two hours the day before, and

PLACE TAKEN OUT OF POLITICS

Oregon Forestry Appointment is Made on a Merit Basis.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, May 20.

Refuse absolutely to appoint any supervisors who are not No. 1 men, and where we have good men in the service who can be promoted to these positions, promote them."

This is President Roosevelt's language in instructing Land Commissioner Richards as to the policy to be pursued in the appointment of forest supervisors. Acting under this authority, and under the provision in the sundry civil bill, which specifically states that forestry appointments shall be made absolutely on merit and without regard to political influence, Commissioner Richards today recommended the appointment of Adolph Aschhoff, of Hood River, as a supervisor of the northern division of the Cascade reserve to succeed H. Isenberg, removed. The Oregon delegation unanimously recommended T. H. McGreer for this position, but McGreer, under the law, could not be considered alongside Aschhoff. The latter is now head ranger in the Cascade reserve, and is the man who performed the duties supposed to have been performed by ex-supervisor Isenberg. He has had the management of the northern division in hand for some time. He has averted war between the sheep and cattlemen, and has, in every way, conducted the office in a manner to bring forth commendation from the department. He is specifically recommended by Forest Superintendent Sheller and by Inspector Langille. This office has been taken out of politics, which in part accounts for the disregard of the delegation's recommendation. McGreer, however, in filing an application, was requested to answer set questions. His replies show him without practical knowledge or experience in forestry matters and not the sort of man to hold this responsible position.
Secretary Hitchcock will approve Commissioner Richards' recommendations and appoint Aschhoff.

ROUSH OF WATERS

Cloudburst Causes Flood in Colorado.

SEVERAL TOWNS INUNDATED

Houses Float Among Trees, and People Cry for Help.

LIVES ALREADY SACRIFICED

Crops Have Suffered Greatly, Stock Has Been Drowned, and if Big Reservoir Breaks Situation Will Be Apalling.

DENVER, May 20.—A cloudburst at the head of the Cache la Poudre River caused that stream to overflow its banks, and messenger reports received here indicate that great damage has been caused by the flood and several lives lost. The rush of the flood caused the dam which holds the water of Livingston Lake, 65 miles above Fort Collins, to break, and this added volumes of water to the flood which swept down the Cache la Poudre. At Fort Collins the river is now over a mile wide, and already a number of the frame dwellings of the residents of the Russian colony of 600 have been swept from their foundations. About one-half of the people succeeded in getting out of their houses before the flood was upon them. The remainder, however, are tonight in a perilous position. Their houses can plainly be seen floating about among the trees, and shouts and other signals of distress were heard. A few of the houses have entered the current of the river and been swept down stream, and perhaps shattered or sunk and their occupants drowned.
It is definitely known that two lives have been lost, one a man at La Porte, and a Russian child at Fort Collins. Fears are entertained for the safety of Chris Mason, his wife and five children, who live in the bottoms and a half mile above Fort Collins. Their place must be surrounded by water and perhaps submerged. Rescue parties are in readiness to leave Fort Collins with the first break of day. The floods in the Cache la Poudre and other streams are due to heavy rains today.
Reaches to Eaves of Houses.
Livermore, Bellevue, La Porte, Wellington and a portion of Twelve Mile are under four to five feet of water, and in some cases the water reaches to the eaves of the houses. Five iron wagon bridges and two railroad bridges in the vicinity of Fort Collins have been swept away and two miles of the Colorado & Southern tracks washed out. Several thousand acres of beets and vegetables have been destroyed, and hundreds of head of livestock drowned. The water system of the City of Fort Collins has been seriously damaged, and all of the irrigation canals and ditches badly washed. Twelve big reservoirs along the Cache la Poudre are threatened with destruction. A foot of water covers the floor of the sugar factory. Wreckage of houses, household goods and carcasses of dead animals are being carried by Fort Collins.
From Greeley, about 25 miles east of Fort Collins, comes the information that a number of wagon bridges between there and Fort Collins have been washed away, and the Colorado & Southern Railway bridge at Timnath, about midway between the two towns, is wrecked. No trains were sent out on that line tonight.
The Colorado & Southern from Fort Collins to Greeley is a branch line. Although the crest of the flood was not expected to reach Greeley until midnight, ranchmen and other dwellers along the bottoms moved to the high ground.
The Cache la Poudre River runs through one of the most thickly-settled and richest agricultural districts of Colorado. A large portion of the northern part of the state is irrigated from this stream, and a number of immense reservoirs have been constructed for the purpose of storing the water. Should the force of the waters' rush weaken these sufficiently to cause a break and release the stored water, the result could be nothing but disastrous. Wire communication with the flood section is stifled, and all the towns along the upper river have been entirely cut off.

BACK WHENCE THEY CAME!

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DENVER, May 20.—A telephone message to the Associated Press from its correspondent at Cheyenne, Wyo., says that the Crow River, which runs through Cheyenne, is running bank full as a result of heavy rains today. Eight to 12 miles of the main line of the Union Pacific Railway and several miles of the roadbed of the Colorado & Southern Railroad have been washed out. The river in Cheyenne has spread out over the lower sections, now flooding the dwellings and business houses. Telegraphic wires between Denver and Cheyenne are disabled.
Six persons are known to have been drowned, namely, two Clayton children, Private Hughes, of the Thirtieth Artillery, and two men, a woman and a child, whose names have not been learned.
The Union Pacific track at Buford, 20 miles west of Cheyenne, is washed out in many places. Two of that company's

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