

Worst Ever, Say Flood Districts

Much Suffering Will Yet Result and Loss of Cattle Will Be Heavy.

Highest Water on Record

All Past Records Have Been Broken in California. Crops Ruined and Thousands of Acres of Farm Lands Inundated.

SACRAMENTO, March 25.—With practically all of the down-river islands under water, the worst flood in the history of the rich agricultural district, not excepting even those of 1842 and 1864, is now a matter of record. On the Sacramento side of the river, Grand, Sutter and Sherman islands are the only ones not inundated, and on the Yolo side, Merritt stands as the single rock which has withstood the ravages of the waters.

Even the Pearson district, where the heaviest signs ever made by the river ranchers to save their lands has been going on for a week, is now submerged, and while at Randall Island the front levee was still standing at last reports, the struggle has been given up.

White from all points comes the word that "the worst is over," a vivid picture can be drawn of the awful destruction which has ruined crops and put land worth millions of dollars temporarily out of commission.

The steamer Pratte, laden with a second mission of relief and she is momentarily expected to return with a cargo of the stock rescued from the Pearson district.

The water was reported to be four feet deep and rising rapidly. The horses in widening and it is feared that there may be a destruction of human life before the flood subsides.

Trains Are Running Again

Shasta Route to Oregon, However, Is Not in Operation.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 25.—The railroad situation is more favorable today, though few trains are running. The railroad situation is more favorable today, though few trains are running on regular schedules.

Los Angeles reports that with the exception of the Salt Lake road, the railroads are running more regularly than for several days past.

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Numerous Sites Are Offered

State Board to Select Land for Institute for Feeble Minded.

SALEM, Or., March 25.—(Special.)—At a special meeting held this afternoon of the members of the board for the feeble minded institute, a voluminous list of tracts of land sites for the construction of the new buildings was presented by the members of the board.

Must Have Patience

Washington Railway Commission Gives Oregon Inside Advice.

SALEM, Or., March 25.—(Special.)—A communication received by Governor Chamberlain today from the Manufacturers' Association of Seattle, Wash., furnishing certain data for the use of the Railroad Commission of Oregon, has the following to say with reference to the Railroad Commission.

Smelter Men Get Increase

Four Hundred Men Given Advance of 15 Cents a Day at Tacoma.

TACOMA, Wash., March 25.—(Special.)—Manager Rust this afternoon agreed to grant an increase of 15 cents a day to all men employed in the yards and in the lead and copper smelting departments who were receiving \$2.75 a day or less, effective Tuesday, March 26.

To insure protection to the men who returned to work at the smelter, the authorities have increased the number of deputy sheriffs on duty at Ruston from eight to twenty-five.

Arrested for Gambling

City Marshal of Echo Is Himself in Tolls of the Law.

PENDLETON, Or., March 25.—(Special.)—Jack Noble, City Marshal of Echo, and Mill and Walter Gillette, of the same town, were arrested today for gambling and playing cards in a saloon.

Church Not for Secular Uses

ABERDEEN, Wash., March 25.—(Special.)—Ollie Clow and Florence Scott, women of the seafaring, swallowed anti-septic tablets on Sunday, with intent to commit suicide.

Closing Scene Saturday's Tragedy

OREGON CITY, Or., March 25.—(Special.)—The funeral of the late William W. Henderson, who killed himself and wife and children in the city of Oregon Saturday morning, will be held from Holman's undertaking rooms at 11 o'clock tomorrow morning.

Death Ends Life of Shame

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Injured by Fall From Horse

COLFAX, Wash., March 25.—(Special.)—Ernest Kinnard, proprietor of the Colfax cab-stand, was very seriously injured at Colfax today while riding a fractious horse.

Their Troubles Increase

STEAMBOAT OWNERS MUST PAY MORE FOR COAL.

Engineers Demand 25 Per Cent Increase in Wages, and Declare They Will Strike.

SEATTLE, March 25.—(Special.)—Satisfied to grant their engineers a 10 per cent wage raise, but bitterly opposing the 25 per cent demanded, and with prospects of a tie-up in consequence, steamship owners are facing a serious state of affairs for the coming season.

Personal Mention

Dr. G. W. Overmyer, of South Bend, Wash., is in the city on business connected with the establishment of a large hospital at Raymond, Wash.

Robert Hoffer, formerly of Portland, but now a business man of Canyon City, is in Portland. He is taking his vacation.

Chicago, March 25.—(Special.)—Portland people registered today as follows: Grand Pacific—Samuel Veatch, wife and daughter.

Oregonian News Bureau

Washington, March 25.—Representative Cushman left for home today after going on the stand to testify to Binger Hermann's good reputation.

Colorado Gets Local Option

DENVER, March 25.—In the presence of a large audience, including clergymen and officials of the Women's Christian Temperance Union, Governor Henry A. Buchtel today signed the local option bill, the first temperance measure ever passed by a Legislature in Colorado.

Do Not Crowd the Season

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Can't Enter Other States Until They Show Clean Bill of Health—Federal Government Will Aid Work of the Inspectors.

SALEM, Or., March 25.—(Special.)—One of the important developments at the meeting of the Board of Sheep Commissioners held at Pendleton last Saturday is the fact that Oregon is a quarantined state, as far as its relations and the sheep industry are concerned.

Rebecca's Elect Officers.
SALEM, Or., March 25.—(Special.)—At the close of today's convention of the district assembly of Rebecca lodges, consisting of Scotts Mills, Mount Jefferson, Jefferson, Tryphena, Silverton and Rebecca Lodge No. 1, Salem, the following officers were elected:

ASKS GOVERNMENT TO AID
Sheep Commission Wants Federal Co-operation in Its Work.

SALEM, Or., March 25.—(Special.)—Governor Chamberlain, in a letter to the sheep commission, asking his assistance in requesting the United States Department of Animal Industry at Washington to co-operate with the commission under the provisions of section 19 of the new law, for the purpose of eliminating contagious and infectious diseases in sheep.

LABOR WANTS EXCLUSION.
Seattle Unions Will Urge Action by the President.

SEATTLE, March 25.—(Special.)—Asserting that the recent communication sent President Roosevelt by the Seattle Chamber of Commerce, protesting against any change in the present immigration laws, looking to the exclusion of Japanese labor from the United States, is not representative of the position taken by the majority of the people of the Pacific Coast, the Seattle Japanese-Correlation League, an organization composed of members of union labor, has forwarded a petition to Roosevelt, asking that steps be taken immediately by the country's lawmakers to adopt such legislation as will bar laboring classes of the Orient from the United States.

HAD BEEN INJURED BY TRAIN

Oregon Farmer Picked Up by Niles More Dead Than Alive.

TACOMA, Wash., (Special.)—With his head badly cut and his shoulder dislocated, Carl Greeley, a farmer from Pioneer, Or., was found lying by the side of the Northern Pacific tracks at Niles, in the Cascade Mountains last evening. The injured man was brought to Tacoma and placed in the hospital.

THIEF MANAGES TO GET LOCKED IN

When Building Is Closed.
SEATTLE, Wash., March 25.—(Special.)—Locked in the cigar store of M. A. Gihst & Co., on First avenue, near Madison street, when the store was closed at 11 o'clock last night, a thief removed the hinges from the door with a screwdriver.

More Arrests in Idaho
Boise Grand Jury Indicts Three on Conspiracy Charge.

BOISE, Idaho, March 25.—(Special.)—The United States grand jury returned another batch of indictments this afternoon, and three men have since been arrested.

Oregon City Pastor Resigns.
OREGON CITY, Or., March 25.—(Special.)—Rev. Henry B. Robins, for two years pastor of the First Baptist Church, last night made the announcement of his resignation during the regular Sunday service.

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