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PORTLAND, OREGON, THURSDAY, MAY 15, 1913.

### PRICE FIVE CENTS.



In Omaha 1200 houses and buildings were wrecked, a bridge was blown away and scattered damage

Farnum and Bemis Park districts of Omaha were hit hard. The prop-erty damage in the Omaha district was estimated at \$5,000,000 to \$12,-000,000.

Among the Nebraska towns hardest hit were Yutan, where 16 were killed; Berlin, where 7 died and 17 were hurt; Benson, Dundes and Florence. On the same night other towns in the Central West swept by the storm, 12 being killed Council Bluffs, Ia. At Terre Haute, Ind., 19 were killed and 250 injured in the tornado when the southern section of the city was

the live poultry dealers of this city. SEWARD, Neb., May 14 .- A tornado The dealers say the growers have which took a toll of ten lives, injured entered into a combination to stuff 20-odd persons and destroyed more than their chickens full of gravel and cement until a six-pound chicken consists of a third of the town passed through about four and a half pounds of chick-Seward shortly before 6 o'clock tonight. en and a pound and a half of gravel

Twenty-two realdences, including stuffing. They declare the growers several of the best in the town, were starve the fowls for a few days and entirely destroyed and many more were then give them poor food in which entirely destroyed and many more were gravel and cement has been mixed, and partially wrecked, but the business portionary today the dealers here agreed to buy tion of the place did not suffer greatly. no more.

The identified dead are: Mrs. David Hoover. Mrs. William Heffinger.

Mrs. Chris Westerman and baby Mrs. B. L. Wasserman.

ESTATE SHARE AT ISSUE J. Schultz, Burlington section fore-

2114.0 Six-year-old daughter of Schultz. Mrs. R. Imlay. Mrs. Samuel Crim.

Mrs. Edwards.

Oscar Cogar.

The known injured are: Mr. and Mrs. Steinbeck, Mrs. Frederick, Mrs. Meinke, allowed to share in the estate of son of J. Schultz, Mrs. E. Holland, son of B. L. Wasserman.

Homes Crushed Like Eggshells.

The tornado formed northwest of the city and swept across the country, taking many buildings along its course. It struck the western or residence portion of Seward and swept everything in its path clear. It came on the town so suddenly that only part of the people had opportunity to run to cellars or other places of refuge. Those killed generally were caught in the wreckage of their homes, which were crushed to pleces like eggshells,

The tornado after passing through Seward continued on its course to the northeast, doing great damage to rural homes. Reports tonight say that the towns of Lushton, Grafton, Utica and McCool were in the path of the twister but all wire communication to those points was destroyed.

#### Effect Seems Widespread.

An appeal was sent to Lincoln be fore the one remaining telephone wire was lost for physicians and undertakers and they left on a freight train at 10:30 o'clock.

Reports from surrounding sections indicate that the effects of the tornado were felt over a wide range of territory, but until telephone communication is restored the number of casualties will not be known.

by a hall and rain storm, which added than a minute after the shots were

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cisco over the Benicia Short Line, and, ture served to defeat the bond issue. is said, is willing to withdraw its previous demand for any exclusive LONG TRUDGE PAYS BET clai order for 10 o'clock tomorrow "LOADED" FOWLS REFUSED privileges over the Southern Pacific Company or the Southern Pacific Rail. Pennsylvanian on Way to Portland Buyers Say Live Chickens Are Adulroad Company's property, thus opening the way for the Western Pacific and terated With Gravel. Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe to claim a share of the business on the Benicia NEW YORK, May 14-(Special)line and a share in the use of the in-There was a near-riot in West Washdustrial tracks thereon. ington Market today, where for two of the Chamber of Commerce and now Price Cut Down \$12,000,000. days crates of live chickens have been piling up until they overrun the side-In devising the new plan, however, walks. More chickens were coming in the Union Pacific cuts down its offer Portland, Me., to Portland, Or., leading This is the only office to be filled at steadily in the live poultry wagons of (Concluded on page 2.) a donkey. the New Jersey and Long Island dealers, but not a chicken was bought by

morning.

Leading Donkey.

trains from Sacramento to San Fran- by a toll bridge and wants a new struc- resolution was reported favorably by

NEW YORK, May 14 .- (Special.)-Paying an election bet, Benjamin H. honor over Tillamook, the only other ready to step down." Anderson, formerly general secretary city which was nominated.

C. L. Shaw, of Albany, was re-elected of Butler, Pa., is walking today from member of the executive committee

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GOVERNOR JOHNSON - I'VE OFFENDED HIM. NOW YOU LICK HIM.

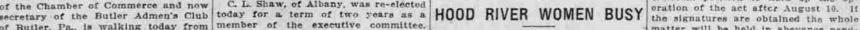
resign. They have got to show me at referendum petition which Theodore the election." which the resolution was made a spe-"I have no fear of a recall election he would circulate against the measshould I be compelled to face one," ure as soon as it was signed. Admin-says Mayor Hindley, "but if there are istration leaders in the Legislature

Oregontan.

Monmouth to Be 1914 Host.

the committee on legislation and the

5000 or 6000 votors in the city who who have remained over at the Capital Monmouth was selected this afterwill ask a public official to stand for are not disposed to believe Beli's plan noon as the place for holding the 1914 re-election because he did what he will be carried out, session. The Polk County city won this deemed to be his duty, then I am It would be necessary to obtain ap-



ing to Begin Soon.

property adjoining the vacated street journed.

secured by them for the site of the Carnegie library, after the citizens Mrs. William Stewart, Mrs. Elmer matter and would not take i Rand and Mrs. O. J. Nelson. Dr. T. L. the question arose of itself. Ellot, of Portland, was also a heavy

subscriber to the fund. The work of constructing the library building soon will begin. The County ing the Interview. Court has appointed the following on "In my reply to the building committee. Truman Butler, E. O. Blanchar, Miss Mary Mc-Laren and Mrs. H. F. Davidson. Miss Della Northey was made secretary of the commission.

# O.-W. R. & N. Passenger Engine

Narrowly Escapes Destruction.

THE DALLES, Or., May 14 - (Special.)-Striking an automobile truck, a part of the load of which was a box gram is: of dynamite, a speeding O.-W. R. & N. passenger train escaped being wrecked here today by reason of the fact that the collision did not cause an explomore than 100 feet on the pilot of the .Mr. Blakeney had just loaded his before final action.

truck with cement and the dynamite, road tracks at First and Washington, in order to get a start, when he saw the train bearing down on him. The automobile was badly smashed,

but the box of dynamite was not thrown from the car.

## 6 CARS OF MOHAIR SHIPPED nized by statesmen in our Nation, and

### Salem Firm Sends Largest Consignment in City's History.

BALEM, Or., May 14. - (Special.) -William Brown & Co., of this city, tohair, valued at \$70,000. The Griswold Worsted Company, of

Darby. Pa., is the consignee,

proximately 20,000 signatures to a referendum petition to hold up the operation of the act after August 10. If matter will be held in abeyance pend-Work of Constructing Library Build- ing the next general election, which

A. Bell, a Democratic leader, has said

will not occar until November, 1914. Under the law there can be, no spe-

HOOD RIVER, Or., May 14 .- (Spe- cial election except by act of Legislacial.)-Members of the Woman's Club ture and no provision for such an elecwho set about to raise \$2000 to buy tion was made by the session now ad-

him. When I fight I fight to the finish. can arise to check its operation from

When the petitions are filed I will not and after that date is the threatened

#### Bridge Will Be Crossed Later.

When asked whether he would make voted against a bond issue, have se- a campaign for the adoption of the act cured \$1950 of the sum. Eight hundred by the people providing the referendollars was given by the four daugh- dum is invoked, Governor Johnson reters of E. L. Smith, Mrs. J. F. Watt, plied that he had not considered the matter and would not take it up until

> "Just now, I am particularly interested in having the East understand the situation out here," he said in clos-

'In my reply to Mr. Bryan I have tried to present California's case in such a way that the people in the Eastern states will understand our

"There has been such an astonishing amount of misrepresentation of the matter by some of the Eastern news-TRAIN RUNS INTO DYNAMITE papers that I hope they will publish this message to Mr. Bryan."

The Governor said he might sign the bill tomorrow or possibly not for sev-eral days. He said he was in no hurry.

California Viewpoint Presented. The text of Governor Johnson's tele-

"Your very courteous telegram relating to the allen land bill reached me late Sunday night. I take it from our conversations and your request made sion. J. W. Blakeney, driver of the to me to withhold executive action un. motor car, barely saved his own life til opportunity was accorded for the by jumping a second before the engine presentation of suggestions from the hit his machine. The auto was carried Federal Government that your telegram embodies what is your wish and the wish of the President to say to us

"In this response, it is my design and had backed the car across the rail- most respectfully to present the situation from our standpoint and the views that actuated our Legislature in passing the bill and that impel me to sanction it.

"For many years a very grave problem, little understood in the East, has confronted California; a problem the seriousness of which has been recoghas been viewed with apprehension by the people of this state. When the present constitution of California was adopted more than 30 years ago, it contained the following declaration:

"'The presence of foreigners ineligiday shipped the largest single con- ble to become citizens of the United signment of mohair ever sent from States is declared to be dangerous to the Pacific Coast. There were six car- the well-being of the state, and the loads, containing 200,000 pounds of mo. Legislature shall discourage their immigration by all means in its power." "Of late years our problem from an-

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lifies Separation. WALLA WALLA, Wash., May 14. -

(Special.)-Eliza George filed a petition in Superior Court today asking to be George W. George, who disappeared in

the Fall of 1905 and who has never been heard of since. The wife obtained a divorce in March, 1907, on the ground

Crowds thronged the market place

and police reserves were called out to prevent the chickens from being stolen.

Divorced Woman Asserts Death Nul-

cannot be estimated. The fire is said to have been started by careless fisher-

of desertion. The son, Frank George, recently asked for letters of administration and the man was declared legally dead. The divorced wife now states that George's death preceded her decree of separation and, therefore, the decree is nullified and she is entitled to share in the property which was left. The property consists mostly of farm lands.

NEVADA SHOOTS MURDERER

First Legal Execution With Bullets Done by Automatic Device.

CARSON, Nev., May 14. - The first legal execution by shooting in Nevada took place at the Penitentiary here today, when Andriza Microvich was put

to death for the murder of John Gregorivich in Tonopah on May 14, 1912. Before facing the concealed rifles of the automatic firing device the condemned man said he believed he was justified

in taking his victim's life. Death by shooting was Microvich's -hoice in preference to the gallows, the

Nevada law providing either means with the selection optional to the con-The tornado was followed in Seward demned. Microvich was dead in less

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