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WHEAT BEATEN DOWN BY HAIL

Terrific Storm in Umatilla County.

DAMAGE IS UP IN THOUSANDS

Cloudburst Carries Away City Water Works at Athena.

ALL OVER IN TEN MINUTES

Extent of Storm Reaches Into Idaho and Washington-Railroad Track Washed Out Near Uniontown-Sky Is Clearing.

STORM GENERAL IN EXTENT IN OREGON.

Umatilla County-Heaviest hall-storm in history of county; thousands of dollars damage to grain; at Athena, city reservoir gues out, Wasso County—Heavy rains, with several small cloudbursts; no dam-

Clackamas-Lightning sets fire to barn and hophouses; worst storm since 1855. Gilliam County-Hail, thunder and

lightning; slight damage to grain. In Washington.

Whitman County-Railroad track washed out by cloudburst; wind and dust storm at Pullman.

Cowlitz County-Tree struck by

lightning; boy stunned.

PENDLETON, Or., Aug. 24.-(Special.)-Probably the hardest hall storm that ever occurred in Oregon and also a cloudburst visited two different sections of L'matilla County almost simultaneously this after roon, causing many thousands of dollars' damage. Hundreds of acres of the finest wheat was beaten into the ground by the hall until it is impossible to tell what part of the field has been threshed and which has not, while the cloudburst washed away bridges, chicken-houses, woodsheds, farm machinery, chickens, pigs, at least one cow, and destroyed

many acres of alfalfa hay. The hall storm struck the wheat belt at the Umatilla River near Thorn Hollow, about 15 miles east of Pendleton, and swept northward across the county beween Athena and Weston for a distance of ten miles or more. The path of the storm was only about three-quarters of a mlle wide, but the entire strip of counfrom three to four inches, and completely devastated. Some of the hallstones were two inches long and the orchards that lay their fruit and leaves.

All Done in Ten Minutes.

harvest crews in fields, and there was not time to unhitch the teams from the combines and headers. Two disastrous runaways resulted, but no loss of life has so far been reported.

Though the damage done was so complete and extensive the hail all fell in about 16 minutes of time. This was followed by a terrific downpour of rain and dry gulches were turned into raging torrents in the space of a few min utes. Farms were flooded and at least one family was compelled to abandon its The dam forming the reservoir for th

Athena waterworks went out, and the town is threatened with a water famine. the thousands it is impossible to form anything near like an accurate estimate. Representative Barrett, telephoning from Athena tonight, says it is undoubtedly the worst storm of its kind in the his-

Heavy Damage to Hay Fields.

The cloudburst occurred on the head of West Birch creek several miles south of Pilot Rock and the little valley of that stream was completely flooded. The water run through dwellings, washed away Rain began to fall at 7 o'clock this mornall small outhouses and drowned all the to the present crop of alfalfa. The losers are probably the J. E. Smith Livestock Company and the Cun-

ningham Sheep & Livestock Company. the latter having between 50 and 100 acres of alfalfa ruined. The flood reached Pilot Rock, but beyond the washing out of a county bridge and a footbridge, no damage was done at that point. Several ridges further up the stream were

washed away.

Rain fell in this city and, as far as can be learned, throughout the county, nearly all the afternoon, bringing all harvesting operations to a standstill and greatly damaging the standing wheat. It is thought that only little more than half the crop has been harvested. Fortunately for the Athena farmers, whose ranches were in the path of the hailstorm, they had nearly finished threshing, but up along the river, where it first started and where it was the worst, the work of harvesting had just begun.

Continued Rain Means Harm.

It is still cloudy and threatening late tonight and it is feared that more rain The grain has already had all the rain it will stand, and every drop that falls from now on will do damage,

With wheat at 70 cents, the farmers have been unloading their crops in large quantities during the last two days, and it is estimated that 1,000,000 bushels have changed hands in that time in this county alone. A few growers are still holding for 75 cents, but the majority have signified a willingness to let their grain go at present prices.

WIND STORM AT PULLMAN

Continued Rains Will Hamper Harvest Operations in Grain Belt.

PULLMAN, Wash., Aug. 24.-(Special.)-A very heavy rain at intervals during the afternoon, together with a less violent rain, which is falling at this writing. 9 P. M., has caused much concern for the crops. A downpour began shortly after noon, following a severe wind and dust storm. For a while the rain ceased, but this evening the clouds are again precipitating rather unwelcome moisture. So far, no damage has been done the standing grain, but with the most favorable weather it will not be possible for harvest ing operations to resume until Monday Not more than 50 per cent of the Whitman County wheat crop has been harvested.

The storm appeared to have extended over a portion of Latah County, Idaho, and the great grain belt there is in danger if the rain continues. Colfax reports gentle showers during the afternoon, but a clear sky tonight, which would indicate that the storm was only

RAILROAD TRACK WASHED OUT

Wall of Water 100 Feet Wide and Three Deep Sweeps Canyon.

UNIONTOWN, Wash., Aug. 24 .- (Speial.)-A cloudburst on the Genesee branch of the Northern Pacific Railroad at 2:30 o'clock this afternoon tore out about 300 ber to 19. feet of track and the passenger train narrowly escaped being caught by the raging waters. The train was unable to get this afternoon. A construction train arrived about 8 o'clock tonight and will work all night to repair the track so that

traffic may be resumed in the morning. The cloudburst was preceded by a rain of an hour. It is not thought the storm was general. The general course of the storm was from the southwest to the northeast. The place where the cloudburst struck was about a mile and a half ships. It will start some time in Deeast of Leon, which is two miles east of this place. The rush of water which came down the canyon was about 100

feet wide and three feet deep. Four miles south of here considerable damage was done to grain by hall, most | tion of the route by which it will reof the grain in the path of the storm was blown down and badly beaten into the ground. Near Leon 13 sheep belonging to Mrs. Herman were killed by the heavy

hall. HEAVY DOWNPOUR IN WASCO fleet."

Cloudbursts in Interior Do No Damage-Grain Still Unthreshed.

THE DALLES. Or., Aug. 24 .- (Special.) After 48 hours of oppressive heat, a thunder storm broke over The Dalles about daylight this morning, drenching everything and cooling the atmosphere howers fell until noon. Several small loudbursts are reported in different portions of the county, none doing any con-

siderable damage. with much anxiety since continued rain fall at this time, while the harvesters are in the fields, might cause wholeand cloudy with prospects of more rain

Rain Puts Out Forest Fires.

ing, and up to dark, 0.77 inch had fallen, the second largest precipitation on one day for the year to date. The rain came at an opportune time, as many forest (Concluded on Page 5.)

WHOLE FLEET TO COME TO PACIFIC

Sixteen Battleships to Sail in December.

EIGHT DESTROYERS FOLLOW

Possible Whole Force May Remain on West Coast.

POLICY URGED BY DEWEY

Efforts of Politicians to Secure New Fleet May Be Built for the Atlantic Coast.

PACIFIC BATTLESHIP FLEET.

Į	Vessels-		Guns.	Speed.	
	Connecticut	16,000	24	18	
4	Maine	12,500	220	18	
1	Kansas	17,650	24	18	
I :	Vermont	17,450	24	18	
Yell B	Minnesota	17.650	24	18	
10 3	Louisiana	16,000	224	18	
•	Ohio	12,500	20	18	
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•	Hilmois	Carlotte Co.	2.0	1.0	
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•	Kearsarge	11,020	44	10	
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	Totals	226,000	200		

WASHINGTON, Aug. 24.-The torpedo flotilla which will go to the Pacific Coast when the battleships sail in December consists of eight vessels, the Hull, Truxton, Whipple, Hopkins. Worden, Stewart, Lawrence and Mc-Donough. Whether all will be fit for

the voyage is doubtful. The flotilla will be commanded by Lieutenant H. I. Cone, who commanded the Dale to Ching four years ago.

The number of battleships which will go to the Pacific is 16, not six, as stated in last night's dispatches by an error in transmission. Ships already on the Pacific will increase this num-

. The official statement of the Presi dent after his conference yesterday with Acting Secretary of the Navy through to the south, and came back here Department, Rear-Admiral Brownson chief of the Bureau of Navigation, and Rear-Admiral Evans, who will com-

"The conference this afternoon be tween the President and the three officers of the Navy was called to decide details in connection with the Atlantic fleet going to the Pacific.

"The fleet will consist of 16 battle cember. The course of the fleet wil be through the Straits of Magellan and up the Pacific Coast to San Francisco. "The fleet also will, in all probability, visit Puget Sound. The questurn to the Atlantic has not as yet

"The destroyer flotilla will leave for battlerhip fleet, but the destroyers and

The choice of the route by the Straits of Magellan means defeat for a number of politicians who had exerted their influence to secure the adoption of the Suez route, as they were opposed to having the fleet steam around Scuth America.

The President's silence as to the review of Admiral Dewey's recommendation that it remain in the Pacific and that a new fleet be built up to protect the Atlantic Coast. If he can secure the retention of the present fleet in Pacific waters, he would considerably weaken the opposition of those Eastern statesmen to the continued enlargement of the Navy, for the Atlantic ports would clamor for protection.

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FAIRBANKS LOSING GRASP

INDIANA FRIENDS OF OPINION THE DELEGATION MAY SPLIT.

Tide Against Favorite Son Having a Walk-Over in Home State.

INDIANAPOLIS, Aug. 24. - Friends of Vice-President Fairbanks are acknowledging, since the Columbus Provincetown utterances of President Roosevelt, that they will have to fight next year for delegates to the Republican National Convention, notwithstanding the fact that the organization now and for years has been one of the Pacific about the same time as the Fairbanks' own making. This may or may not mean an open battle, but in torpedo boats will not accompany the any event, whatever the delegation from Indiana may be, there will go with it a strong Taft sentiment.

Many well-directed efforts have ben made by Fairbanks' leaders to sentiment in Indiana, but reports from time to time have been conflicting, it being declared to be pronounced at times in certain sections, then to appear to die out, later to be revived by some unexpected utterance or act of

the President, From this the Fairbanks leaders concluded that it could not prove forcertainly would not be represented by an organization. Within the past two weeks, however, this feeling has been disturbed visibly in an unforeseen way.

Amzi Smith, Man of Great Memory WASHINGTON, Aug.

During the past year there have been five charge of the document room of the cases of typhold fever developed on the Senate, died tonight of typhold fever. tug Samson. Two deaths have occurred the had a remarkable memory for faces, and at the present time two members of facts and the location of thousands of

THE PRESIDENT

Says He Protects the Corporations.

PURPOSE OF GENTRALIZATION

Shield Railroads From Attacks of the States.

TAFT WEAK MAN

Democratic Leader Says Roosevelt Is Easy Victim of Railroads and Waves Tattered Banner of State Rights.

OMAHA, Neb., Aug. 24 .- (Special.)-W. J. Bryan describes Secretary Taft as weak and ineffectual in his reform policies, and President Roosevelt as an easy victim of the ratiroads, which are seeking Federal protection from the annoyances of the states. In a Chautauqua address at Atlantic, Ia., and in no sense-inspired by the Pres-Mr. Bryan charged the two Republican leaders with robbing the Democratic nest of its feathers. The address was a direct reply to the Columbus speech of the Secretary of War.

"Mr. Taft's speech," said Mr. Bryan, "is not likely to please any one. He uses too much denunciation to please the trust magnates, but, when it comes to discussing remedies, he is so weak and ineffectual as to disappoint reformers. Mr. Taft does not go quite so far as the President. Where he favors tariff reform he qualifies it by postponing it."

Taft Weak on Railroads.

On the question of railroadd regulation Mr. Bryan said:

"The present laws affecting rallroads are not effective. Yet Mr. Taft says nothing regarding the reduction of rates. He regards the present laws as effective except so far as they would reduce the watering of stock. Mr. Taft is more clear on the things he opposes than regarding the things he favors. Mr. Taft is not strong on either the trust question or the railroad question. Like his position in the matter of the tariff, his remedies are so qualified as to give little hope to the reformers. His discussion of the trust question shows that he has no well-

Leaving Mr. Taft and turning his guns on Mr. Roosevelt, Mr. Bryan said:

Grow Feathers for Roosevelt. "An Eastern cartoon recently pictured me as a bird. It also pictured President Roosevelt as a bird. The cartoonist had the President sitting on the nest while speech of Secretary Taft and the I was nearby, sitting on a limb of the tree. The funny part of it was that the President had stolen all my feathers bu one to feather his nest and I seemed to be wondering whether he was going to take even that one. If he doesn't, I suppose Governor Cummins will. But I am ready to grow feathers if the Republican party wants to use them."

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Mr. Bryan related the story of how Joseph's brothers hated him so that they drove him out of the country. Afterwards, when the famine came, find out the extent of the Roosevelt they had to go to Egypt for corn. There they found Joseph. He had the United States."

"Well, in one respect, I'm like Joseph." said Bryan. "I've got He also referred to the fact that

Senator Beverlage, Governor Cummins Speaker Cannon and ohters had called him a dreamer. He related stories to midsble under any circumstances, and show what dreamers had accomplished and how they made their dreams be come realities, and ended by saying that he pleaded guilty to being a dreamer.

Dealing with the speech of the President, Mr. Bryan declared National incorporation to be the biggest step toward centralization ASTORIA, Or., Aug. 24.-(Speical.)- | Smith, aged 64, for many years in that has ever ye been suggested, and added that centralizaton of power meant the doom of states' rights in

counterbalance the proposition to deprive the states of their power to regulate the railroads and other corporations doing buisness within the state.

Protection of Railroads.

in next week's Commoner Mr. Bryan will deal still more specifically with the proposal of the President to extend the Federal supervision over interstate cor porations. Mr. Bryan quotes from th President's Provincetown speech the sec-tion in which he advocates a National incorporation law and supervision and con trol similar to that now exercised by the Federal Government over the Nationa banks, and says:

"Here is the secret, it is out at last The states are annoying the corporation and the corporations demand Federal pro tection from the state Legislatures. The President thinks action most pressing as regards those corporations which, because they are common carriers, exercise quasi-public function.

"If it was the people he wished to protect, he would recommend Federal remedies that would not interfere with state remedies. But the railroads, not the public, demand the removal of authority to Washington "Democrats can be depended on to op

pose with all their might this movement towards centralization." SAYS REJECT CONSTITUTION

Taft's Advice to Oklahomans Does

Not Express Roosevelt's Views. OKLAHOMA CITY, Aug. 24,-Secre tary Taft, in a speech tonight in Con vention Hall to 10,000 persons, advised citizens of Oklahoma and Indian Ter ritory to reject the constitution re cently adopted by the convention at Guthrie. He declared that the next Congress would pass a new enabling

Mr. Taft emphasized that he is not representing President Roosevelt; that the views he expressed are his own

The vigor of his remarks against the constitution surprised party leaders. He discussed National issues along the lines of his Ohio speech.

The presence of Mr. Taft has drawn the greatest crowd this city has ever known. Many visitors were unable to secure accommodations and remained awake last night or slept in doorways. A committee of Republicans met Mr. Taft at the station and conducted him to a hotel, where he conferred with the Republican leaders of Oklahoma and liscussed conditions.

After the conference the Secretary was taken in an automobile about the This afternoon a monster parade city. with Mr. Taft as the principal figure, was held.

Much and Fearfully Altered Makers Cannot Recognize It. GUTHRIE, Okla., Aug. 24 .- (Spe-

cial.)-So fearfully has the original parchment copy of the proposed constitution for Oklahoma, on file in the office of Territorial Secretary Fulton, been interlined, cut and slashed and altered in handwriting that it is not most thorough of handwriting experts could not unravel many parts of it. Page 39 of this parchment copy, for

example, which deals with foreign porations, contains seven interlineations, three in different handwriting and all different from the body of the instrument, while two entire lines and several pieces of lines have been marked out by straight lines drawn through them. At least two dozen other pages of the document present a similar appearance. Even the body of the constitution is not in the same handwriting throughout, but was handwriting throughout, but transcribed by Joseph E. Johnston, of Alva, convention clerk; C. C. Clothier, of Guthrie, employed to do county division transcribing; Miles E. Lasater, of Pauls Valley, chairman of the re-vision committee, and L. S. Mosher, of

Guthrie, longhand expert.

This document is becoming known as "the patchwork constitution," although it is the one that W. J. Bryan

SKYSCRAPER FOR CLUBHOUSE

Leading Chicago Republican Club to Erect \$2,000,000 Building.

CHICAGO. Aug. 24.—(Special.)—The Hamilton Club, the great Republican organization, is having plans drawn for a skyscraper temple, which will be the largest clubhouse in the world owned by a political organization. It will cost about \$2.000.000.

about \$2,000,000. The Hamilton Club pays especial at-tention to the entertainment of Presi-dents and other noted party leaders.

Noel Gets Nomination.

of Holmes County, was nominated for Governor in the Democratic primary Thursday, Earl Brewer, his opponent, tothe congestion of evils arising from corporate greed,
"No threat of the punishment of the all Democrats to vote for Mr. Noel. eded his nomination and asked nurses heroically rescued all 26 pa-

MEMPHIS, Tenn., Aug. 24 .- El F. Noe.

BY BIG EXPLOSION

No Trace of Powder Works Men Found.

BUILDINGS ARE LAID IN RUINS

Shock Causes Panic Many Miles Distant.

BAY CITY FEARS QUAKES

Giant Powder Works at Sobrante Destroyed With Terrific Effects. Stampede in Cannery Causes Injury to Many.

BERKELEY, Cal., Aug. 24.-The nftroglycerine mixing-house of the giant powder works at Sobrante, 12 miles north of here, on the bay shore, blew up about 11 o'clock today and sent two men to their death and injured some 19 others.

The dead: Richard Thompson, foreman, 28 years

William Doane, aged 30. Immediately after the explosion the

acid tanks caught fire and the flames spread to the nitro-glycerine mixinghouse, where three tons of nitro-glycerine in great vats blew up with a terrible detonation, scattering flames and debris in all directions. So terrific was the force of the explosion that Thompson and Doane were literally blown to atoms and not a vestige of their bodies was found over which to hold an inquest.

Three boildings were laid in ruins and all that remains is a pile of twisted from and dehris. Thousands of gallons of acid in the lead tanks in roaring flames, added to the catastrophe. The property loss will reach \$50,000. The concussion caused by the explosions was terrific. Every win-CONSTITUTION A PATCHWORK dow in Giant and San Pablo, a mile away, was shattered and persons were thrown to the ground by the force of the explosions. One of the big tanks of the Standard Oil Company, a mile distant, was ripped open and thousands of gal-

lons of oil flowed into the road. The Giant Company is an independent concern and is not owned by the powder trust. No definite cause is given for the explosion.

STAMPEDE IN FRUIT CANNERS

Explosion Strikes Panic Into Italians and Many Are Injured.

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 24 .- The explosion which occurred at 11:30 o'clock this morning in the powder works at Sobrante, caused a panic and the injury of a number of people in this city. When the explosion was heard by 1000 employes of the California Fruit Cannery Association, who were at work in the big establishment of that company at the foot of Van Ness avenue, they thought it was caused by an earthquake, and made a mad rush to escape into the streets. During the stampede a number of people were thrown down and trampled upon. No one was killed, but at least 13 persons were badly burt. Seven Italian women were removed to the Central Emergency Hospital, the other women were taken to their homes, and three more injured were treated at the cannery, When the shock of the explosion was

first felt, several Italian employes went into the street to investigate the cause. On returning to the building they said it was an earthquake, and this stayted the stampede. During their efforts to get outside a few men drew their knives and wounded several people. Others Jumped into a chute weed to send cause down and chute used to send cans down and were landed in a heap at the bottom. The officials of the company say that the reason the shock seemed so severe to the employes is that the building is built on mud ground. They say that no damage was done to the

Women Nurses Show Heroism. MIDDLETOWN, N. Y., Aug. 24 .- In a

fire in a hospital here tonight one at-tendant was suffocated. The women

HARRY MURPHY GIVES HIS IDEAS, IN A SERIES OF PICTURES, OF THE MORE PROMINENT NEEDS OF PORTLAND



SPEEDLESS AUTOS.















