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MIDWEST SWEEP BY BLIZZARD AND SLEET STORM AGAIN TODAY

Cold, Snow and Icy Rain Cause Heavy Damage and Much Suffering.

THOUSANDS OF CATTLE MAY BE LOST

Poor People In Many Cities Said to Be In Misery As Result of Weather.

(By Associated Press.)
KANSAS CITY, Feb. 15.—Kansas, Oklahoma, Iowa, Arkansas and Texas are in the grip of the second blizzard of the winter today. Trains are behind their scheduled time and telegraph and telephone service is almost demoralized. Temperatures have dropped thirty to fifty degrees, the mercury registering below zero in many places. Heavy loss among cattle is feared in Texas and there is great suffering among the poor in cities.

CHICAGO IN ITS GRASP.

Sleet Storm Moving Eastward at Rapid Rate.

(By Associated Press.)
CHICAGO, Feb. 15.—The sleet which has tied up the Middle West, is moving eastward, leaving suffering and destruction in its wake. The middle states and gulf states will next feel the full force of the storm which is scheduled to hit the Atlantic region tomorrow. A cold wave is in prospect for some days in the north.

BREAKWATER BREAKS RECORD

Capt. Magenn Makes Run Between Bars In Thirteen Hours and Thirty Minutes

The Breakwater Saturday broke all her records for the run between the Columbia and Coos Bay bars, making it in thirteen hours and thirty minutes. The running distance is about 180 miles and making it in sixteen hours is usually considered a good run. The best previous time of the Breakwater was thirteen hours and fifty minutes.

The Breakwater left here Saturday afternoon about 3 o'clock with unusually favorable weather conditions. No one said anything about trying to break the record but Capt. Magenn has standing instructions to make the best possible time on the entire run and especially while at sea. The sea was so smooth that few on board realized the speed that the steamship was making. When the message was received at the local office from Capt. Magenn announcing the broken record, it rather surprised the local officials.

DISCUSS NEGRO QUESTION.

Call Issued For National Convention In New York.

(By Associated Press.)
NEW YORK, Feb. 15.—Signatures of many prominent men and women have been attached to a call issued for a national Lincoln conference on the negro question. The question put is:

"How near has the nation lived up to the obligation imposed upon it by the emancipation proclamation?"

The call goes on to say that if Lincoln could return in the flesh he would be disappointed as the result of conditions as they exist, and goes into various features of alleged discrimination against the negro.

The most recent models of electric mine locomotives haul five times the load of a mule team in two-thirds less time.

LYON MAKES GOOD REPORT

Lobbyist at Washington Writes of Prospect to Increase Dredging Fund.

Dr. J. T. McCormac, president of the Chamber of Commerce, is in receipt of a letter dated February 6, from Walter Lyon, former secretary of the Chamber of Commerce, who is in Washington lobbying in the interests of Coos Bay, relative to the endeavor being made to transfer to the dredging fund the \$25,000 remaining of the original appropriation to the jetty fund.

Mr. Lyon has enlisted the aid of Senator Bourne and all that is possible to bring about the desired result is being done. Mr. Lyon's letter to Dr. McCormac is as follows:

"I see by a copy of The Times forwarded by Miss Henderson that Major McIndoe has notified you that the dredge fund is almost exhausted and that you had called a meeting to consider the matter. The unexpended balance in the jetty fund should be available shortly now.

"While discussing the transfer with Senator Bourne in the hall of the capitol yesterday afternoon, Congressman Burton chanced to come along and he promised to take the matter up as soon as he possibly could get to it, and surely before the general rivers and harbors bill is reported. At Senator Bourne's request a written request in the name of the Chamber of Commerce, and covering the situation as to the fund, was furnished and he followed Burton up last evening. This morning, I found the enclosed note from Bourne's secretary at my room, so it is reasonably certain that the authority for the transfer will go through with the general bill. Will ask some member of our delegation to wire progress of the measure to the Chamber of Commerce, which, you will understand, is to keep you posted as to the time the government funds will be available.

"Jones of Washington, has to the present time steadfastly declined to make any recommendation as to this transfer. He, however, promised yesterday to have inserted in the general bill an item for dredging, general in character, without specifying the different harbors. That will leave the dredge Oregon as it is, in charge of the engineer, which is preferable to naming the different ports where it shall operate. The chief engineer is not averse to allowing refund where reasonable, but application will have to come up through the district engineer in charge.

"Expense of those smoke stacks certainly ought to be refunded. In fact, it would seem reasonable that the private fund should be reimbursed for all money paid out for anything but actual dredging. Will take that up with Major McIndoe in person, however, rather than by correspondence. Am notifying him that dredging funds are on the way.

"You have observed by the press that there is to be no rivers and harbors bill for new projects. The turning down of that, the army and navy bill, and the bitter fight with the president has made an unusually turbulent session, and it will be more so from now on with everybody clamoring for his appropriation."

The note from Senator Bourne's secretary to which Mr. Lyon refers in his letter is as follows:
"Congressman Burton, chairman of the Rivers and Harbor Committee, promised Senator Bourne this afternoon that he would insert in the bill the diversion of the available balance, so that it would be available for the work of dredging the inner harbor, in accordance with the recommendation of the War Department."

That Street Railway Franchise

SEYMOUR BELL, WHILE at Salem last week, wired the North Bend Harbor to the effect that he would within ten days after being given a reasonable thirty-year franchise from Marshfield, begin work and have a street railway in operation within one year, to any part of the city that will be a paying investment and that will accommodate the greatest number. Now, the question is, what is a "reasonable" thirty-year franchise? What may seem reasonable to Mr. Bell may seem unreasonable to the property holders along the proposed route and to the majority of the citizens of Marshfield. We believe that nearly everybody here desires a street railway, connecting with other towns on the Bay. It would be a great factor in the development of the bay and would be a benefit in ways too numerous to mention. But the people very naturally want to know what are the provisions of the franchise. No sane business man buys property without seeing an abstract of title, although he may have the utmost confidence in the man who offers it for sale. Let the people know the terms of the proposed franchise, and our belief is that they will not be unreasonable in their demands. Everybody is aware that in a comparatively new section like Coos Bay, an enterprise such as the one proposed will probably be a losing venture for some time, and capitalists who invest their money will want to see their way clear to get it back with interest. Under these conditions some concessions are necessary. On the other hand, the people should protect their rights, not only on their own account but for the benefit of those who come after them. A corporation is without soul, and when it has the people in its grasp it shows no mercy. It's up to the people to safeguard their own interests, and at the same time to deal fairly with those who are willing to invest their capital.—Editor Bennett in Coos Bay News.

PLAN FOR THE PORT COMMISSION

North Bend Commercial Club and Marshfield Chamber of Commerce Agree Upon Basis For Getting Benefit of New Law.

At a meeting of the executive committee of the Marshfield Chamber of Commerce, held for the purpose of discussing the port commission subject, a committee consisting of Dr. J. T. McCormac, Henry Sengstacken, and F. S. Dow was appointed to confer with a like committee from the North Bend Commercial Club, and a second meeting at which the North Bend body was represented, is being held this afternoon, when the question was more thoroughly discussed. It was decided at the meeting here that the first thing to be done is to fix the proposed boundary line of the district and then obtain the names

of eight per cent of the legal voters to a petition to the county court to call an election and vote upon the proposed district.

When this is done, it is then in order to nominate or have the governor appoint five commissioners from the newly organized district.

The basis or agreement so far understood between the Chamber of Commerce of Marshfield and the North Bend Commercial Club, is that Marshfield should have three of the members and that two should be appointed from North Bend. A letter to this effect has been sent to Governor Chamberlain.

The North Bend Chamber of Commerce also has sent a communication to the governor advising the chief executive of what has already been done and to that letter the governor has replied stating that in his opinion it would be a good plan for the two chambers to get together and suggest the names of the members of the proposed commission.

LOSES ACTION FOR BACK PAY

C. J. Brusckie of Marshfield, Fails to Recover \$6,100 From Corbin Co.

PORTLAND, Ore., Feb. 15.—After deliberating about four hours, a jury in the Federal Court, late returned a verdict in favor of defendants in the case wherein C. J. Brusckie of Marshfield, Ore., sought to recover \$6,100 from the Pacific Coast Lumber & Furniture Manufacturing Company, of Berkeley, Cal., on account of back salary alleged to be due plaintiff while acting as its general manager.

In his complaint, Brusckie alleged that he had been employed by the lumber company as general manager of the manufacturing plant at Berkeley and the lumber mill at Corbin in November 1900, at a salary of \$500 a month. He says he only received \$400.

The lumber company denied in its answer that Brusckie had been employed as general manager at \$500 a month, and contended he had been employed as superintendent at a salary of \$200 a month. The company also stated that at the time Brusckie was employed as general manager he was a member of the corporation. Judge E. B. Watson and John T. Hall of Marshfield, were attorneys for Brusckie, and H. M. Calk and J. T. McKee were counsel for the lumber company.

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HOT TAMALES at Corthell's.

HOLABIRD IS BEHIND PLAN

Harriman's Confidential Man Interested in New Klamath Falls Projects.

KLAMATH FALLS, Ore., Feb. 15.—Arrangements have been made for the erection of a \$50,000 hotel and sanatorium on the hot springs tract in this city. Colonel W. H. Holabird, of the personal staff of E. H. Harriman, and manager of the Pelican Bay resort, has induced Mr. Harriman to give \$20,000 toward the proposition, and from other parties he has secured the promise of \$30,000 more. In addition to this, he has made arrangements with a responsible lessee to take charge of the place and to invest \$50,000 in furnishings. It is the understanding that work on the building is to begin in the spring.

Colonel Holabird is also promoting the establishment of a large clubhouse in the north end of the county, in the vicinity of the Harriman summer home. Mr. Holabird has been very closely identified with the development of the Klamath country for the past five years. He has been instrumental in getting many projects before the people, and it was through his efforts that Mr. Harriman first came to Klamath county. Since the announcement has been made public that Colonel Holabird is back of the hotel and the sanatorium proposition, the people here feel assured that the matter will be executed as planned.

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PAY TRIBUTE TO HEROES WHO WENT DOWN ON THE MAINE

MORE SUPREME COURT JUDGES

Houses Passes Measure For Two New Ones—Other Proceedings.

SALEM, Feb. 15.—The House passed the Senate bill creating two more supreme court judges for this state, making a total of five judges for Oregon's supreme court. Commissioners King and Slater, both democrats, who have been acting with the supreme court for the past two years in passing upon cases before the court, will be appointed by Governor Chamberlain to fill positions created until the next general election in November, 1910.

Forty thousand dollars is appropriated by H. B. 150, submitted by the Eastern Oregon delegation, to pay bounties for the destruction of predatory animals, and it passed the House with only nine dissenting votes. Several members spoke in favor of the bill, saying that ferocious wild animals kill more game than all the hunters in Oregon. The scalp bounties provided are as follows: Coyotes, \$1.50; wolves, \$5; wolf pups, \$2.50; wild cats, \$2, and cougars, \$10.

False Registration Bill.

Abbott's bill, amending the direct primary law to prevent the members of one political party from participating in the primary nominating election of another passed the House this afternoon. There were 41 ayes and 16 noes. Democrats voted no.

The bill provides that at the time an elector registers he shall be required to make affidavits reciting what candidates he supported in the preceding election for president and vice-president, congressman and governor. This affidavit, it is provided, shall be in addition to the number of questions touching on his qualifications as a voter, that he is now required to answer. The bill carries no penalties.

The Senate passed two bills introduced by Senator Abraham, one regulating fishing near fishways, the other removing defects from statute against lewd cohabitation.

Bills Passed by House.

Bean—Creating state insurance commission at \$3,000 per annum.

Bedillion—Authorizing county courts to redistrict county into election precincts at July instead of November term.

Conveys—Authorizing state land board of repurchase lands in school sections within national forest reserves.

Carter—Reducing bond required of assessors in small irrigation districts.

Clackamas delegation—Requiring manufacturing institutions to give employes 30 minutes in every six hours for their meals.

Bills Pass Senate.

Bills were passed by the Senate as follows:

Stannott—Warehouse receipts to show the storage charges.

Bedillion—For additional deputies for the assessor of Coos county.

New Senate Bills.

Among the new bills introduced in the Senate were:

Chase—To provide for the election of three Circuit judges in the Second Judicial District, consisting of the counties of Lane, Lincoln, Douglas, Coos and Curry.

Hart—To provide the manner in which land may be sold if the husband or wife be insane, and for investment of the insane person's share of the proceeds.

Caldwell—Drug stores not to be open Sunday except between 9 a. m. and 2 p. m., unless on call of a physician.

Other Measures.

The House passed a bill putting the state printer on a flat salary of (Continued on Page 3.)

Military, Religious and Patriotic Bodies Unite In Services In Washington.

SIGSBEE IS ONE OF THE SPEAKERS

Retired Commander of Ill-Fated Battleship Lauds 165 Martyrs.

(By Associated Press.)
WASHINGTON, Feb. 15.—Memories of the men who were plunged to sudden death when the battleship Maine went down in the waters of Havana harbor eleven years ago today, was honored by the observance of the day by military, religious and patriotic bodies.

Beautiful and impressive were the ceremonies at St. Patrick's Catholic church, where a military mass was celebrated for the dead heroes. Services also were conducted at Arlington cemetery, where a granite shaft granite shaft towers above the 165 Maine victims. Rear Admiral Sigsbee, retired commander of the ill-fated battleship, was the chief speaker and in stirring words depicted the story of the catastrophe which led the nation to war. Several others delivered brief addresses. Two troops of mounted men from Fort Meyer, fired salutes. A large floral tribute was sent by President Roosevelt and many wreaths were sent by individuals and patriotic organizations.

OPEN CHANDLER HOTEL TONIGHT

Banquet and Reception Mark Formal Opening of New \$75,000 Hostelry.

Final preparations were made this afternoon for the banquet to be held at the Chandler hotel this evening celebrating the formal opening of the new Marshfield hostelry. The lobby, dining room, grill room, women's reception room and writing room on the lower floor present a particularly attractive appearance, decorated with Oregon grape, fir and flowers. The management of the hotel has planned to lay covers for about 300 guests.

C. A. Smith Writes.

C. A. Smith, head of the C. A. Smith Lumber and Manufacturing Company, to whom an invitation for the opening banquet at The Chandler tonight, was sent, has written the Chamber of Commerce from Minneapolis as follows:

"I am in receipt of your invitation to the opening banquet of the Hotel Chandler on or about February 15th. I sincerely do hope to be with you if possible. Whether I am or not, I wish to extend my hearty and sincere congratulations to your Chamber of Commerce, the gentlemen who so nobly have put their shoulders to the wheel in building this hotel so much needed and also especially to the people of Marshfield."

MANY WOMEN ATTACKED.

"Jack the Ripper" Is Terrorizing Residents of Berlin.

(By Associated Press.)
BERLIN, Feb. 15.—Mysterious attacks upon women on the streets of this city, recalling the notorious "Jack the Ripper" cases in other cities, continue. Five women of the working class were wounded in the city and suburbs yesterday, while this morning, the wife of a merchant was wounded by an unknown assailant. None was seriously hurt.

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