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## FIRST FLOOD IN HISTORY OF LOWER MISSISSIPPI VALLEY

Weather Bureau Predicts That It Will Be Still Worse Tomorrow.

### HEAVY RAINFALL IN STREAMS' WATERSHEDS

Thousands Are Rendered Homeless at Hickman, Ky., by Freshet.

Associated Press to the Coos Bay Times.)  
WASHINGTON, D. C., April 2.—A special forecast today by the weather bureau predicts floods in the lower Mississippi valley will be the most serious in its history. Heavy rain in the Tennessee, Cumberland and Ohio watersheds have caused the Mississippi to rise rapidly. At Cairo, Ill., a stage of 54.5 feet is predicted for Wednesday with 56 feet in four or five days. At Memphis a stage of 44 feet is predicted in five or six days with a higher stage if the levees break.

### FEARS ICE GORGES

Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)  
WASHINGTON, D. C., April 2.—President Taft sent a message today urging an immediate appropriation of a half million dollars to strengthen the levees and try to prevent further flood damage in Mississippi and Missouri rivers. President Taft would use the appropriation if granted, for destroying the huge ice gorge in Missouri river between Yankton and Vermillion, S. D.

## COMER BRINGS IN GOOD LIST

Comer Arrives From San Francisco Today—Washington Due Soon.

The Homer arrived in this morning from San Francisco with a good list of freight and a fair list of passengers. She will take coal, oil and miscellaneous freight out here and will probably sail the afternoon tomorrow.

## LEAVE TODAY ON REDONDO

Comer Sails This Morning for San Francisco—Returns Saturday.

The Redondo sailed this morning for San Francisco. Her outgo was largely lumber from Smith mill. She had a capacity of passengers.

The Redondo is scheduled to sail for San Francisco for Coos Bay tomorrow afternoon at 3 o'clock.

## TO REGULATE EXPRESS RATE

House Committee Reports Bill Giving Interstate Commerce Committee the Power.

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 2.—The House interstate and foreign commerce committee reported favorably today on a bill to amend the law giving the interstate commerce commission authority over express companies. Provision will be made for rate zones, the charges varying according to the distance that a package is carried from the point of origin. A close working agreement also would be provided between the express companies and the rural free delivery system of postoffice department.

The bill would govern the transportation of packages not exceeding 11 pounds weight and with a valuation of \$50 or less. No allowance is made for the expense of transfer from one express company to another. The rates would be fixed as follows:

- Between any two points in the United States more than 2000 miles apart 12 cents a pound.
  - Not more than 2000 miles apart, 10 cents a pound.
  - Not more than 1200 miles apart, seven cents.
  - Not more than 800 miles apart, five cents.
  - Not more than 600 miles apart, four cents.
  - Between points not more than 250 miles apart, two cents a pound.
- It is provided, however, that no express company shall be compelled to accept and transport any package at a charge of less than 10 cents. Shippers sending packages to farmers on rural routes will be obliged to pay postage over the rural route. Penalties for violation of the provisions of the act are provided for.

## LOT OWNERS FACE TROUBLE

Error in Old Survey of West Marshfield Results in Bad Mix-up.

Owners of property along the north boundary of Western Addition, the north plat of West Marshfield at present, are greatly perturbed today over the discovery that through an evident error in the old survey their property is seriously affected. The discovery was made by Fred K. Gettins in making a survey of the tract which E. G. Perham recently purchased from the Southern Oregon company. He finds that the lots of most of the residents of the north part of West Marshfield overlap into Mr. Perham's property.

For instance, all but eight feet of the lot which E. A. Eickworth and wife recently purchased lies in the Perham tract. The Gordon Smith and Mrs. Hampton homes are in a similar predicament. So is a lot belonging to the Marshfield Investment company and many others.

Just how the matter can be straightened out is a problem. To correct the error in the old survey would necessitate the moving of scores of buildings probably.

The matter is now being investigated by the property owners and Mr. Perham with a view of amicably adjusting the mix-up.

### LET LAWYERS WORK

Supreme Court Jurists to Make Attorneys Systematize Briefs.

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 2.—The United States supreme court intends in the future to do a little less work and have the lawyers do more. A new rule has been adopted requiring attorneys who submit briefs to the court to include an index of their arguments and an alphabetical table of all cases cited.

### CHOICE GOODS ON SALE

The Red Cross Jewelry Department is offering Hawks' and Libby Cut Glass, Pickard Hand Painted China and Sterling and Plated Silverware at 25 per cent discount. These goods will be on sale at a discount for only nine days longer.

## LET US TALK IT OVER

WHAT is Coos Bay going to do about a celebration this year? Not necessarily a Fourth of July celebration but a festival of some sort should be held each year on Coos Bay. Every city and every town ought to have a local holiday and pageant on some fixed day and season of each year.

It should not be trumped up and hollow, meaningless thing. It should celebrate and emphasize some worthy event. Happy is the town that has had an event in its history whose celebration can be made the subject of perpetual uplift.

Seattle has its "Potlatch," Portland has its "Rose Carnival," San Francisco its annual fall festival and while Coos Bay cannot yet make pretensions to metropolitan glories, it should have its annual holiday, and playtime for its neighboring cities and its own citizens as well.

We want a noble pageant, something that shall take hold upon and express the public spirit, the moral sentiment, the hopes, aspirations and the pride of the people. It brings out the taste and administrative ability of the young folks, ties them to their home city and adds the spice of life that so many run away to the big cities in chase of. The pleasant memories of one pageant is hardly worn off before preparations for the next year must begin, and each year must always be finer than the one before. It fosters original poetry, song and art at home. The ordinary, every day folks have an enormous love for such things and their taste is for the best.

In getting a subject for our pageant, we should stick to the white race and the history of the white race. Scores of eastern cities go back to the Indians for their subjects, the same as we go back to the negroes for our popular songs. Now, what possible uplift can we get from the Indians and Negroes? Get something from local history, if possible; falling that, try the state, the nation or the race; or if history seems stale, tax the future.

Coos Bay's splendid harbor and water course promptly suggests a water carnival, but it should be done on a scale that would prevent it from being tawdry or cheap. The previous celebrations have been successful and public interest should not be permitted to become indifferent.

There are many other features on Coos Bay that may be utilized as the basis for a local celebration. There is a Fruit Fair, a Berry Day, a Forest Festival, a Coal Palace, a Dairy Day, any one of the many industries that contribute to our prosperity.

The Times would be pleased to hear from some of its readers with suggestions.

## STRANGE MURDER TALE IS TOLD

Seth Nichols, Sailor, Arrested in New Hampshire, Confesses to Slaying Dr. Knabe in Indianapolis.

(By Associated Press to The Coos Bay Times)

PORTSMOUTH, N. H., April 2.—The photograph of Seth Nichols, the sailor, who according to the police has confessed that he murdered Dr. Helen Knabe in Indianapolis last October for \$1500, and a copy of his alleged confession were mailed to the authorities of that city early today. Nichols will be held here until the Indianapolis authorities have time to act. Nichols who is said to be a deserter from the United States cruiser Dixie, came here last week and was arrested on the charge of carrying a loaded revolver. The police say that yesterday he confessed to the murder of Dr. Knabe, telling them he would go insane if he did not get it off his mind. Nichols has a sister in Indianapolis. While in New York he met a stranger who offered him \$1500 to commit the murder. He accepted and went to Indianapolis where he was joined by the man. On

the night of October 23 they went to Dr. Knabe's apartments. There, Nichols said, an unknown man handed him a knife with which he cut Dr. Knabe's throat while she was asleep. He left Indianapolis the next day.

### THINK IT A DREAM

Little Credence Placed in Nichols Confession at Indianapolis.

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., April 2.—The police place little credence in the story Seth Nichols told to the Portsmouth, N. H., police. Various circumstances indicate the story is an invention. Nichols' sister, Mrs. Robert L. Blakeman, said today that she had reliable information that her brother was aboard the U. S. S. Dixie at the time of the death of Dr. Knabe. She says her brother is not dependable and that his story is a wild dream.

Mrs. William Knight, an aunt of Nichols, said the sailor was insane and that her name, suggested as the one he applied to the alleged instigator of his confession, was a complete fabrication.

## GET CHEMICAL ENGINES HERE

New Scheme for Better Fire Protection in City—Council Meeting.

In order to secure better fire protection for the districts of Marshfield where there is little or no water protection now, Mayor Straw last evening suggested to the city council that three chemical engines be bought and one placed in South Marshfield, one in West Marshfield and one in Ferndale. The council and the idea and referred the matter to the council to confer with the fire department officials about it. Mayor Straw said that several had suggested the idea to him even prior to the last two fires and said that he thought it was well worth considering. He pointed out that the residences in the vicinity of the E. D. McArthur and F. E. Allen homes in South Marshfield were utterly without fire protection and said that the destruction of one home would entail a loss greater than the cost of three chemical engines, the latter only costing about \$700 each.

Councilman Ferguson said that his neighborhood was in a similar predicament and that if the city wanted to put one down there, he would furnish the ground for a site free and see that the people were educated in its use.

Mayor Straw said that he would have Chief Keating of the fire department confer with the fire and water committee of the council about it.

### Tribute to Lawhorne

If Street Commissioner Lawhorne had been present at the council meeting last evening, he would have heard that the finest bunch of tributes paid to his work that probably has ever been given an employe of the city of Marshfield or any other place. However, he wasn't

## STRAW VEToes 90-DAY LIMIT

Mayor Opposes Ninety-Day Residence Restriction of Voters Here.

Mayor E. E. Straw last evening presented to the council his veto of an ordinance fixing residence requirement for voting in Marshfield at 90 days. His veto message was brief, merely stating that he wished to have the city requirement the same as the state's. He stated orally that he had been advised that if the city attempted to fix additional restrictions, it might lead to confusion that would cause considerable trouble later.

The discussion of the veto was brief, owing to there being only four members of the council present, J. T. Merchant, who is in California, and A. H. Powers being the absentees. In order to act on the veto, it would require at least five votes to pass the measure and consequently it was decided to table the veto until there was more of the council present.

Councilman Savage expressed himself as in favor of Mayor Straw's veto and the fixing of the 30-day residence regulation.

Councilman Coppel stated that the ordinance was merely to give the people of Marshfield an opportunity to vote on the question, leaving it to the voters of the city to determine whether a 90-day or a 30-day residence should be required of voters at municipal elections. So far as the state law was concerned, Mr. Coppel stated that merely applied to precincts and did not apply to wards in cities. However, in view of the fact that there were only four councilmen present, not enough to pass the measure over the mayor's veto, Mr. Coppel moved that the veto be tabled.

### Other Business

The cost of paving Anderson avenue between Broadway and Third

## NEGRESS CONFESSES TO MURDER OF THIRTY-FIVE BY ODD CULT

## BARNES WINS IN NEW YORK

Republican State Chairman Re-elected—Butler to Preside at Convention.

(By Associated Press to the Coos Bay Times.)

NEW YORK, April 2.—William Barnes, Jr., of Albany was reelected today chairman of the newly elected republican state committee which met here for organization, as prescribed by the new primary law. The committee ratified the election of Nicholas Murray Butler, as temporary chairman of the state convention to be held in Rochester April 9 and 10. It is learned that Butler will also be elected permanent chairman. The resolution declaring no candidate for public office should be endorsed by the state committee was adopted unanimously.

### ARE AGAINST PRIMARY

Minnesota Republican Committee Turns Proposition Down.

(By Associated Press to the Coos Bay Times.)

ST. PAUL, April 2.—The presidential primary plan was turned down at a meeting of the State Republican Central Committee here today on a motion to table the resolution providing for the plan. The vote stood ayes 28, nays 7 and not voting 2.

### FOR MISSISSIPPI LEVEES

President Taft Will Urge Special Appropriation by Congress.

(By Associated Press to the Coos Bay Times.)

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 2.—President Taft promised the Louisiana delegation today to send to congress at once a special message for an appropriation of \$500,000 to strengthen the levees along the Mississippi to prevent further flood damage in the states bordering on it.

## MORE FIGHTS NEAR BORDER

Mexican Federal Scouts Repulse Revolutionists—Threaten Americans.

(By Associated Press to The Coos Bay Times.)

DEL RIO, Tex., April 2.—The Mexican federal scouts from Las Vegas, opposite Del Rio, repulsed a band of revolutionists in a skirmish Sunday night but lost several killed and wounded and all their horses. The rebels left seven dead on the field. The revolutionists several days robbed American cattlemen on the Mexican side and threatened death to those who undertook to protect their interests. After the battle Sunday they threatened to attack Las Vegas.

### AID IS PROMISED

President Taft Hears Pleas From Residents of Texas.

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 2.—President Taft promised Representative Garner of Texas today to take up with the war department the question of protection for the citizens of Del Rio, Tex., on the Mexican border. Garner presented letters and telegrams from officials of the town showing their alarm over the conditions south of Del Rio and asking for aid.

### PROTEST IN ARIZONA

Mexicans Object to Proposed Legislation There.

(By Associated Press to the Coos Bay Times.)

RAY, Ariz., April 2.—Two thousand Mexicans attended a mass meeting here last night to protest against the bill pending in the Arizona legislature, that would exclude non-English speaking workmen from engaging in underground labor in this state. A majority of the Mexicans were born in Arizona. They denounced the measure as contrary to the provisions under which Mexico ceded this section of the country to the United States and sent a petition for a moderation of the measure to Governor Hunt and the legislature.

Mystery of Killing of Many in Southern States Is Unveiled by it.

## BELIEVED "VOODOO" WOULD PROTECT THEM

Calmly Tells of Series of Assassinations as Though They Were No Crime.

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)

LA FAYETTE, La., April 2.—Clementine Bennabet, a half blood negress, told a story here today that the police authorities say they accept as clearing the mystery of the killing of twenty negroes in Southwest Louisiana and which, it is said, gave clues that will fix the guilt of fifteen other assassinations of blacks in Louisiana and Texas. From Clementine's story, it appears that she led a mysterious negro cult, the members of which performed rites of "human sacrifice."

The negress claims she killed seventeen of the victims with her own hands.

The police declare Clementine told the story of wholesale slaughter with no apparent apprehension that the taking of human life was a crime.

Without reservation she told her part in the thirty-five assassinations but declined to reveal the names of the members of the mysterious cult that helped her. The murders have been committed in the last year. Before engaging in any of these crimes, Clementine armed herself with a "Voodoo" which she got from a preacher and which she and the other members of the band were assured would protect them from the law.

While the exact reason of the murders was not explained to the satisfaction of the authorities, it is believed that Clementine and her companions were degenerates and that their weakened brains were evidently affected by the exhortations they had heard in the "Church of Sacrifice" of which Clementine was the directing head.

## NINETY-SIX IN U. S. SENATE

Four Additional Members From Arizona and New Mexico Take the Oath.

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 2.—The Senate today became a body of 96 members. New Mexico and Arizona contributing the four additional senators. Thomas B. Catron and Albert B. Fall of New Mexico, republicans, and H. M. Smith and H. F. Ashurst of Arizona, democrats, took the oath of office.

## ALLIANCE IN AND OUT TODAY

Arrives from Eureka and Sails a Few Hours Later for Portland.

The Alliance arrived in early today from Eureka and sailed a few hours later for Portland. She had a fair incoming passenger list and a good list for Portland.

She is scheduled to sail from Portland Friday evening at 6 o'clock for Coos Bay.

Among those arriving on the Alliance from Eureka were R. H. Bland, C. J. Driscoll, E. A. John, A. M. Behrindt, J. M. Hint, D. W. Henderson, A. L. George, J. H. McIndyrs, P. Paito, H. Burbett and Albert Johnson.

Among those sailing on the Alliance were the following:

- John Hodson, R. C. Thompson, S. H. Brake, Chas. Kenland, G. L. Voeth, L. W. Fressler, J. A. Taylor, W. H. Jamison, A. A. Metcalf, Maria Waiters, May Laird, Boll Howars, A. J. Edwards, Dan O'Brien, W. Shumwak, C. H. Ludenon, O. Elkins, H. Hagdahl and C. A. Brode.

REMEMBER—those who come first get the choice China, Cut-glass and silver. RED CROSS JEWELRY DEPT.

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