

THE NEED OF A SPECIAL LEGISLATIVE SESSION IMPERATIVE

THREE SECTIONS OF JETTY WASHED OUT

Government Work at Mouth of Columbia Damaged by Storm Which Causes Great Loss.

Landslide at Bugby Covers Railway Tracks Compelling Transfer of Passengers--More Than Three Inches of Rain Fell in 29 Hours.

Three sections of the jetty at the mouth of the Columbia were washed out by the fierce storm of the last two days. In addition to the destruction of the outer end of the jetty, the piling at several places near the shore was badly twisted and displaced, so that it will probably be impossible to run rock cars to the outer end for some time to come.

Owing to the interruption of communication, no details have yet been received in Portland. The amount of damage can only be conjectured, but it will amount to thousands of dollars.

Captain Langitt has word at 3 o'clock this afternoon from G. B. Hegardt, engineer in charge of the jetty, that the damage is much more serious than at first reported.

One of the heaviest rain storms of the year is raging today throughout the Willamette valley, along the Columbia river and the coast. Reports from all parts of Western Oregon show an unusual precipitation and the Willamette river at Salem and Albany is rising rapidly.

From 5 o'clock yesterday morning until 10 o'clock this morning 3.15 inches of rain fell in Portland.

Reports received at the weather office for the 24 hours ending at 3 o'clock this morning show a precipitation at Albany of 1.64 inches; at Salem, 1.10 inches. There is no report from Eugene and the line to Cape Flattery is down.

The local street railways have experienced little trouble, although the car tracks are covered with water. At the end of the Jefferson street line of the Portland railway, just at the foot of the Portland Heights cable line, the turn table and tracks were covered this morning with a foot of mud.

At noon the Western Union reported all wires working and the Postal Telegraph & Cable company reported the line to Astoria up. In both directions communication is uninterrupted, but a few lines are down in the extreme north.

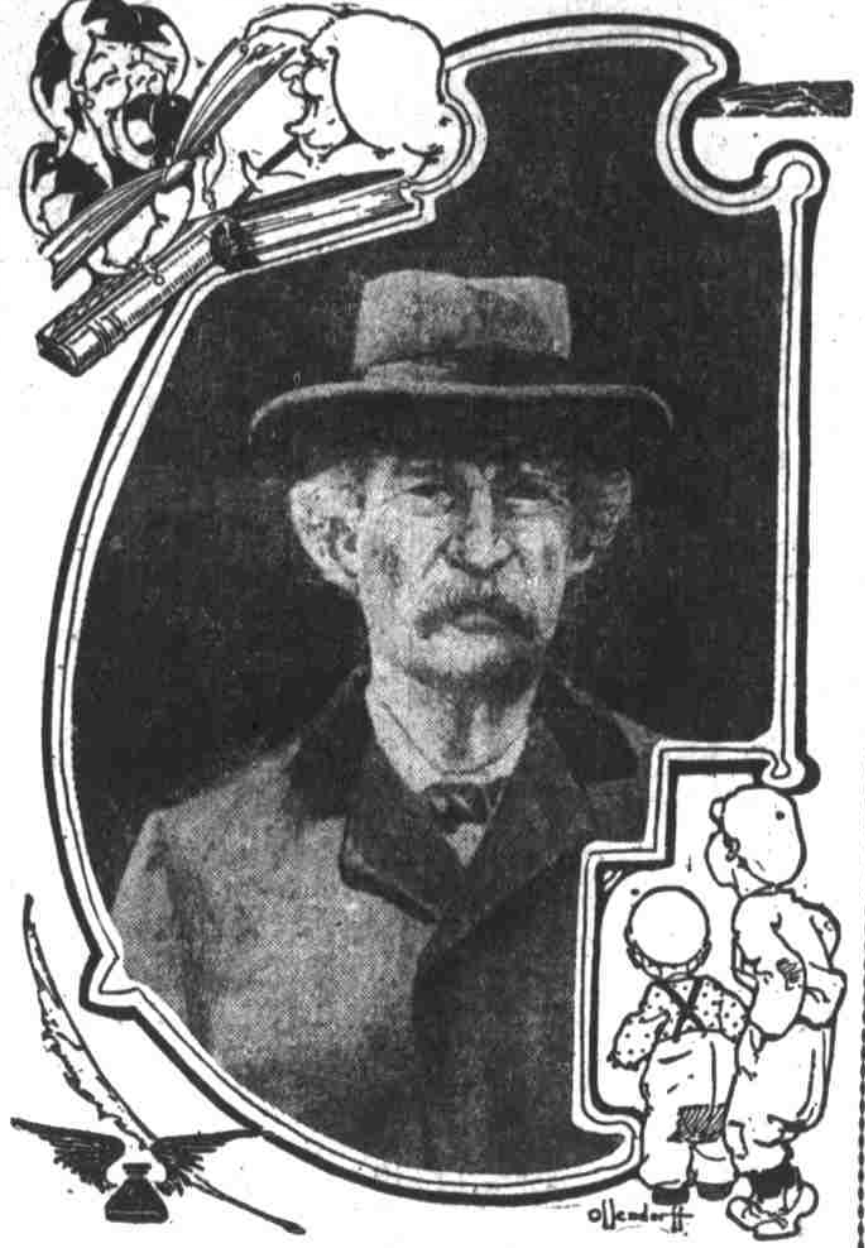
HENRY M. BARRETT ONLY A CLERK

Postmaster Bancroft Authorized to Reduce His Pay \$400 and to Relieve Him of His Position as Superintendent of City Delivery.

Washington, D. C., Nov. 6.—In view of charges of incompetency and inattention to duty made by Postmaster Bancroft of Portland against Henry M. Barrett, superintendent of city delivery, the postoffice department yesterday authorized Bancroft to reduce Barrett to a clerkship in sub-station B in Albina, and to reduce his salary from \$1,400 to \$1,000.

Thought it was known that before leaving his position, Barrett, in order to preserve his disqualification to consider any action detrimental to Mr. Barrett, or to forward any political machinations

EMINENT HUMORIST NEEDS THE MONEY



MARK TWAIN. New York, Nov. 6.—Mark Twain announces from across the Atlantic that during his year sojourn in Italy he will probably write another book on the style of some of his more recent humorous works.

PANAMA SECURES INDEPENDENCE

President Roosevelt Announces Policy of the United States in Regard to New Republic--The Canal Question.

Washington, Nov. 6.—President Roosevelt this afternoon authorized the following announcement contained in a telegram sent by the state department today to Consul Ehrman at Panama: "The people of Panama have by an apparently unanimous movement dissolved all political connection with Colombia and have resumed their independence."

London, Nov. 6.—The attitude of the United States in her dealing with the Panama affair is regarded here as legitimate and even praiseworthy. The matter is one for the United States to deal with exclusively, and it is believed that thorough justice will be meted out to the contending parties.

Washington, where he was instructed today. He leaves tonight for Colon on the president's fast yacht Mayflower. Upon arrival he will immediately assume command of the American fleet now rendezvousing at Colon and Panama.

The Manifesto. Panama, Nov. 6.—A manifesto was published by the revolutionary junta last night and addressed to the people of Panama as members of a new republic. It deals largely with the canal situation and of the failure of the Hay-Herran treaty to be accepted by the Colombian government.

Washington, Nov. 6.—The bureau of navigation announces through Admiral Glass that his squadron is expected to arrive at Panama this evening. The president today assigned Rear Admiral Coghlan familiarly known as "Hoch Der Kaiser" in command of the naval forces at Panama. Coghlan was summoned by the secretary of the navy to

WHAT THE SITUATION CALLS FOR

- A DANGEROUS EMERGENCY CONFRONTS THE STATE, MANY OF ITS COUNTIES, MUNICIPALITIES AND SCHOOL DISTRICTS. IT THREATENS TO THROW SOME OF THEM INTO LITERAL BANKRUPTCY. THIS EMERGENCY SHOULD BE LOOKED SQUARELY IN THE EYE AND AN HEROIC REMEDY PROMPTLY APPLIED.

A REVOLT IN ZION

Members of Dowie's Congregation to Found Colony Here

OPPOSE NEW CREED

Expect to Bring 150 Families and to Found a New City of the Righteous in the Northwest--Looking For a Location.

Disaffected members of the church of John Alexander Dowie, self-styled Elijah II, are coming to Oregon to found a new community, and seven former followers of the "prophet" were in Portland last week seeking a location. They are men of means, who expect to secure about 5,000 acres of land and to bring from Zion City, Ill., about 150 families.

The creed of Dowie has been revised, but not to the liking of all Zionites, and there is friction in the "city of the righteous," because of the factions. The dissatisfied ones declare that Elijah has misrepresented conditions; has failed to make good his promises, and they are through with him and his rule.

Dowie knows nothing of the going of the colonists, say their representatives, but, on the other hand, they declare he would be pleased to rid himself of his opponents, as he holds that all not for the prophet are against him.

One-Sided Co-operation. "Dowie's co-operation plan works all right for Dowie," said Mr. Rodgers, "but I fail to see where the rest of us get off. When I first went to Zion City things were different. Then any Christian person could reside there, so long as he observed the laws of the place and paid his tithes; that is, one-tenth of all his earnings."

The question of whether he thought Dowie would return to Zion City, was asked and Mr. Rodgers replied: "Well, yes. He's got a good thing there."

Looking for Lands. The former residents of Zion City have visited Eugene and the southern part of the state, and towns along the line of the Oregon Railroad & Navigation company's line.

THINKS IT MURDER

Coroner Believes Ham Toy Was Killed; No Inquest However

HIS SKULL FRACTURED

Chinese Died After Three Weeks' Solitary Illness--Any Inquiry Useless Expense Declares the Coroner.

"My opinion and that of Dr. Barrett is that the man was murdered, but what can we do about it? I have had several cases where Chinamen were killed in cold blood. The police and I have tried to get at the facts but we found it absolutely impossible. The result was the county was put to an expense and nothing was accomplished."

That Toy Ham, an inoffensive Chinaman, was murdered Coroner Finley believes. Yet he was laid away in Lone Fir cemetery without any official investigation. Whether he was killed or injured himself will probably never be known.

Toy Ham's mysterious death was kept quiet with assiduous care until The Journal learned of the circumstances. Coroner Finley says he did not think it worth reporting. The Chinaman died last Sunday midnight at Good Samaritan hospital to which institution he was admitted four hours before.

Three weeks ago he was taken ill and left, according to Chinese custom, to care for himself in a small room on one of the upper floors of 185 Second street. Saturday night Dr. Harry Lane was called. He saw no symptoms of serious illness but thought the man was on the verge of typhoid fever. He told his friends he must go to a hospital. Twenty-four hours later he was sent to Good Samaritan hospital. Dr. T. W. Barrett

Confers With State Officials. Governor Chamberlain arrived in Salem last Tuesday afternoon and immediately plunged into a careful investigation of the condition of the state's finances as likely to be affected by the supreme court's decision. He conferred with the secretary of state and the state treasurer, and other of the state officials, and was placed in possession of information of the actual state.

Furthermore, he reviewed some legal phases of the question, refreshing his mind as to the statutory and constitutional provisions, and just so quickly as possible arrived at an understanding of the later developments that had come through the pronouncement of the court of appeal.

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GOVERNOR HESITATES

Gov. Chamberlain Fears Much General Legislation

LOOKS INTO CONDITIONS

Would Refuse to Call a Special Session if Convinced That Laws Other Than Tax Act Would Be Touched.

"I have received no request from any senator or representative elected from any county that is presumed to be liable to suffer if a special session of the legislature be not called," said Governor Chamberlain today. "If any of the counties, cities or school districts would be crippled in their corporate functions, I should hear from members of the legislature representing them."

"So far I have not determined what course I shall pursue. I am looking into the matter, and am informing myself as to the condition of the state's finances. I find that the business of the state would go on without interruption or serious inconvenience, even though there were no extra session, and the expenses were provided for by the issuance of evidences of indebtedness."

"Therefore, so far as concerns the state government, there is no pressing need for a special session to correct defects in the tax laws that have been pointed out in the opinion handed down by the supreme court."

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NO LEVY WOULD BE HARD FOR UNION

Union, Or., Nov. 6.—To the Editor of The Journal—The present indebtedness of Union county is about \$210,000. Our county warrants are selling from 95 to 99 cents. If no tax levy is made it will have a bad effect on the finances of the county. The commissioners' court now in session is of the opinion that it will have the effect of slightly depreciating the value of warrants. The running expenses of the county are about \$50,000 per annum for which warrants will necessarily have to be issued, bearing interest at the rate of 6 per cent.

The schools would suffer greatly, as there is raised annually on an average \$20,000 by special school levy and \$25,000 from the school fund which would mean a loss to the various districts of \$45,000. There is raised annually by special tax for the benefit of the city of Union and La Grande approximately \$10,000, and I am informed by Mayor Slater of La Grande and Mayor Brasher of Union that it would be detrimental to the best interests of their respective cities should no tax be levied, as they depend upon these special taxes to meet the current expenses of city government and to pay the interest on their bonded indebtedness.

J. H. MINNAUGH, County Clerk.