

GOOD EVENING THE WEATHER

Rain tonight and Sunday; sparsely winds.

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100 SLAIN BY PISTOL WINS TORNADO OVER CHAIR

City of Meridian, Mississippi, Devastated by Storm—Buildings Crushed and Business Section in Ruins.

TOWN OF MARCON IS COMPLETELY WIPED OUT

Aid Is Rushed to Stricken Place From All Parts of the State—Legislature Adjourns and Members Hasten to Scene—Debris Catches Fire, Cremating Many.

(Journal Special Service.) Jackson, Miss., March 3.—A tornado swept Meridian, Mississippi, at dusk last night and it is believed that over a hundred were killed and as many more injured, many of whom will die, while the property loss will reach \$1,500,000. The storm cut a path a block wide and 14 blocks long, mostly in the business district. The negro quarter and manufacturing suburbs also suffered severely. Fire broke out in the ruins and added its horror to the situation, many being cremated. All wires were prostrated and communication is still slow. Aid from all parts of the state is being rushed to Meridian. The legislature has adjourned and its members are hurrying to the devastated town to assist in the relief work.

The identified dead are: E. D. McGinnis, conductor; W. R. Nelson, former chief of police; Mrs. Ella Singleton, daughter and grandchild; Maggie Slaughter; Claude Williams; John Smith, engineer; Policeman Terry.

The soldiers in charge at Meridian are unable to control the frenzied people seeking their relatives. Rescue brigades are searching every building in town. The town of Marcon, 20 miles from Meridian, is reported as completely wiped out. The ruins burned and many are reported killed. A communication is being restored the reports of loss of life grow. There is no authentic information as to the exact number.

Damage by Storm. The tornado struck Meridian at 5:35 o'clock. It was preceded by a heavy rain storm, during which storm clouds developed in the south and moved on the city, striking the business center with full force, and within a couple of minutes devastating four squares, demolishing between 30 and 40 buildings, killing many instantly and injuring many others. From the business center the tornado jumped to the east end, where many residences were blown down and damaged. Fires followed in the debris.

A majority of the victims are negroes, a negro tenement district in the suburbs having been wiped out. The fire department and the heavy downpour together extinguished the flames before much damage was done. The city was in darkness throughout the night on account of the destruction of the electric light plant. The path of the storm was about 500 feet wide and the area of the damage more than a mile in width.

Among the buildings destroyed are two large wholesale stores, one smaller one, Y. M. C. A. building, electric lighting plant, the Georgetown cotton mills, the New Orleans & Northwestern freight depot, Thornton's transfer stables, Mayer-Neville Hardware company, Tom Lyle & Co. Joseph Moore, dry goods and groceries; Grand Avenue hotel, the union and Queen & Crescent depot and the negro tenement district.

Rescuing the Injured. Meridian is the county seat of Lauderdale county, 96 miles east of Jackson. It is an important manufacturing center with a population of about 20,000.

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Saloon-Keeper Hansard Attacks State Prohibition Secretary Rutherford at Lebanon, Or., but is Routed.

DR. BOOTH STEPS IN WITH A REVOLVER

Ill Feeling Roused by Attempt to Stop Sale of Liquor in Prohibition Town—Both Parties to the Quarrel Are Arrested and Fined by the Magistrate.

An attack was made on Attorney F. B. Rutherford, secretary of the Prohibition state committee, at Lebanon, Oregon, a few days ago by Hansard, a saloon-keeper. The latter seized a chair and attempted to hurl it at Rutherford. It is claimed, but was forced to desist by Dr. Booth, who drew a revolver and drove Hansard out of the house. Hansard was arrested for assault and fined \$25. He then had Dr. Booth arrested for exhibiting a deadly weapon in a threatening manner and the doctor was fined \$25.

The trouble occurred at the residence of Dr. Booth, a leading physician of Lebanon, and grew out of efforts on the part of the doctor and Mr. Rutherford to have Hansard refrain from selling liquor until a case against him for violating the local option law should be settled by the courts.

New Year Prohibition. Lebanon has local prohibition. Despite this, Hansard opened a saloon and proceeded to dispense liquor. The temperance advocates of the city sent for Mr. Rutherford and he and Dr. Booth were appointed a committee to wait up on Hansard and endeavor to have him close his place of business until the circuit court settled an action brought against him for violating the law.

Hansard was asked to come to Dr. Booth's residence for the interview. When the saloonmen and several companions entered Dr. Booth's house Hansard immediately seized a chair, it is asserted, and jumped at Rutherford, wearing, it is would brain him. Dr. Booth jumped between the two men and warned off the blow. Seizing a revolver from a drawer, the doctor pointed it at Hansard and drove him from the house. The saloonkeeper was promptly followed by those who had accompanied him.

Hansard Fears Violence. The prohibition sympathizers were wrought up to such a pitch of indignation that Hansard walked 16 miles during the night to neighboring town, it is said, for fear that he would be violently handled. A small mob of Hansard's followers gathered at Dr. Booth's residence during the night and made threats, but did not attempt to carry them out.

The following day Hansard was arrested for assault upon Mr. Rutherford and the court fined him \$20. Hansard immediately swore out a warrant for Dr. Booth, charging him with exhibiting a deadly weapon. The doctor contended that he drew the revolver only for the protection of life on his own premises. He was fined \$25. A few days later Dr. Booth's son, it is reported, met Hansard on the street and thrashed him.

MOTOR CAR IN OHIO ON WESTWARD JOURNEY

(Journal Special Service.) Elyria, O., March 3.—The Strang motor car, following the railroad tracks to San Francisco from New York, is making good time and acts like an automobile. Its owner, William B. Strang, says that if the San Francisco trip is successful the car will take the place of locomotives for short freight lines and of trolleys on short lines.

FAIRMOUNT HOTEL CHANGES HANDS

Mrs. Theresa Oelrichs Trades Off Mammoth Building for Other Property.

LARGEST SINGLE SALE YET MADE IN CALIFORNIA

Six Million Dollars Involved—Law Brothers Will Undertake Management of Hotel, Which Will Be Second to None.

(Journal Special Service.) San Francisco, March 3.—The Fairmount hotel property, owned by Mrs. Theresa A. Oelrichs of New York, which cost when completed \$3,000,000, has been sold to Herbert E. Law and Dr. Hartland Law, two San Francisco capitalists. Mrs. Oelrichs has accepted in payment for the Fairmount hotel property, the Rialto office building, on the southwest corner of New Montgomery and Mission streets, owned by Herbert E. Law, and the Crossley building, on the northeast corner of New Montgomery and Mission streets, owned by Dr. Hartland Law. It stated that the Law brothers will themselves undertake the management of the Fairmount and that they will make it second to none in the world as a hotel.

Mrs. Oelrichs has made a shrewd turn in relinquishing the furnishing and operation of the immense hotel. A property such as the Fairmount requires strict personal attention from the owners, and Mrs. Oelrichs is unable to give this to the property. This is the largest single sale ever made in the state of California, involving as it does \$6,000,000. The Fairmount occupies an entire block on the summit of Nob Hill, between California, Sacramento, Powell and Mason streets. The Rialto building is a nine-story steel structure, while the Crossley building is six stories. Both are manifest income producers.

SURRENDERING POLICIES IN INSURANCE CONCERNS

(Journal Special Service.) New York, March 3.—Fully 100,000 holders of policies in the four big insurance companies have surrendered them as a direct result of the recent exposure of crooked management. All these had paid premiums for not less than three years. On an average they paid premiums between four and five years. The average face value of the policies is \$1,500, yet the average amount refunded by the companies is under \$300 for each policy surrendered. The reduction in life insurance carried by the four companies is known to be very large from this class of policies alone. A large number of policies less than three years old have been surrendered, but the holders received nothing on these.

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Canyon County District Courtroom, Where Alleged Dynamiters Will Be Tried.



Canyon County Court House at Caldwell.

MEN WATCH GIRL HEROINE

Fourteen-Year-Old Esther Allen Rescues Little Sister From Watery Grave.

BYSTANDERS MAKE NO EFFORT TO SAVE CHILD

Little One Sinks Beneath Surface Twice and Is Pulled Out Unconscious Through Bravery and Heroic Efforts of Older Girl.

(Journal Special Service.) Oakland, Cal., March 3.—While two young men stood by, unwilling to risk their lives to save a helpless child from drowning before their eyes, 14-year-old Esther Allen, daughter of Thomas J. Allen, a copyist in the office of the county recorder, yesterday afternoon plunged into the deep pool at Fourteenth and Peralta streets, and rescued her 8-year-old sister Ruth. In a hard struggle the heroic girl brought the child safely to shore, after her head had twice disappeared beneath the slimy waters of the pond.

But for the bravery of the sister the little girl would have been drowned, for when she was taken from the water she was unconscious. With several companions the two sisters were playing near the pool, and in response to a challenge of her older playmates Ruth started to cross the pool on an old streetcar rail. While over the deepest part of the pond the child missed her footing and, with a scream for help, plunged into the water.

Attracted by the screams of the children, the two young men, who were passing in a buggy, ran to the spot, but neither made any attempt to go to the rescue of the child. Twice the little girl's head disappeared under the surface.

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Washington, March 3.—As a small bundle lay in the aisle of the house today it looked like a bunch of "yellow backs," the same as Sibley of Pennsylvania and other millionaires carry. Representative Wharton of Illinois put it there.

Representative Mudd of Maryland, who saw it, laid hand on the "yellow backs" like a ton of rocks. When he saw it was only "Cassie Chadwick money," worth 10 cents a roll, he swore and dropped it. Then Butler of Pennsylvania went through a similar performance. He laughed.

Then Uncle Joe Cannon, the speaker, came down the aisle. The "yellow backs" attracted his attention. He adjusted his glasses on the bundle, like a mariner taking observations. That he was satisfied was evident, for he sprang on the package like a hawk on a tame sparrow. There was a twinkle in his eye. As he crushed the mass of paper in his hands he took a sly look over the floor and into the galleries to see if he had been noticed. He smiled again, dropped the roll and sped to the cloak room.

Blown to Bits by Dynamite. (Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Arlington, Or., March 3.—Thomas Johnson, employed by Contractor A. E. Grant on the north bank line, was instantly killed at a grading camp this morning while thawing powder. Both legs and arms were blown off and his face was mangled beyond recognition.

Always a Bad Actor. Adams formerly ran an express wagon on Cripple Creek, before working in the mines and joining the union. He was always a very bad actor. He was arrested with Parker and Davis Kennison for causing the wreck on the Florence Cripple Creek railroad in February, 1903, and also for blowing up the shaft of the Vindicator mine in the same year, when Charles McCormick and a miner named Melbeck were killed. Adams escaped conviction each time by proving an alibi. He was working at the time in the Strong mine, his name appearing on the timebook. He disappeared after the Independence depot disaster on June 6, 1904, and has not covering on a ranch near Haines, Oregon, where he was arrested on February 19.

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Brother an Informer. Adams will probably not be taken before the grand jury, as it is not necessary to secure his indictment. He has a brother in Cripple Creek, conducting a milk ranch, who believed that Steve had reformed, from which source the information was obtained locating the Oregon suspect and such other knowledge as was used to extort a full confession. Adams named every member of the Western Federation constituting the secret inner circle formed "to put the fear of God in the hearts of the federation's enemies."

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INNER CIRCLE NO WATER IN EXPOSED THE STOCK

Steve Adams Makes Full Confession—Caused Wreck of Cripple Creek Road and Blew Up Vindicator Shaft.

EXPLODED BOMB AT INDEPENDENCE DEPOT

Was a Member of Clique Organized to Put the Fear of God in the Hearts of the Federation's Enemies—Whereabouts Disclosed by His Brother.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Boise, Idaho, March 3.—At a conference between prosecuting Attorney Lawley, Governor Gooding and Detective McFarland it was agreed to give out the bare statement that Steve Adams had made a full confession, but to state no details. This morning it was learned that the confession was made Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday to McFarland, who secured information while at Denver used to avert the confession. The story told by Adams covers 24 typewritten pages and is now locked in a safety deposit box to which Attorney Hawley alone has access. The confession does not cover the Steunenberg assassination, in which Adams is not concerned, but it verifies all of Orchard's statements concerning the workings of the "inner circle," of which Adams was a member.

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Piper, the Oregonian Witness, Admits That Reorganization Eliminated It, Even According to His Own Account.

SCOTT AND PITTOCK THE LONE DEADHEADS

Paid No Private Gas Bills for Probably Twenty Years, Until Adams Cut Them Off Free List—Complaints as to Charges Heard by Investigators.

The charge that the stock of the Portland Gas company is largely water was completely exploded last evening, when the special committee of the city council resumed its investigation. No absolutely was the charge disproved that Henry E. McGinn, special prosecutor for the Oregonian, was forced to abandon this line of attack altogether. To substantiate the charge, Edgar B. Piper, managing editor of the Oregonian, had been placed on the stand, but at the conclusion of his cross-examination it had been demonstrated beyond cavil that the stock as well as the bonds of the gas company represent actual bona fide investment, dollar for dollar. As Mr. Piper was leaving the witness stand C. E. B. Wood of counsel for the gas company remarked dryly: "In your paper you have published a number of articles about the 'greedy gas gratters' and the 'watered stock' of the gas company. My honest belief is that if you had known as much then as you know now, you would never have said anything of that kind."

A shout of laughter and applause broke from the crowded gallery and lobby as the witness, without reply, made his way to his seat.

Free Gas for Scott and Pittock. Still greater amusement was excited when the testimony of C. F. Adams brought forth the fact that Harvey W. Scott and H. L. Pittock, owners of the Oregonian, enjoy the distinction of being the only individuals in Portland who have been supplied with gas free of charge, and that this was continued for many years.

"Has your company ever given away any gas?" asked J. N. Teal attorney for the gas company.

"Only to charitable institutions and to two individuals," replied Mr. Adams. "Who ever got any free gas?"

"Nobody outside of Harvey W. Scott and H. L. Pittock."

A tumult of laughter and hand clapping interrupted the proceedings, and it was with difficulty that order was restored.

"No one else ever got any free gas?" persisted Mr. Teal.

"Not to my knowledge," was the reply. Judge McGinn strove to lessen the force of this testimony and asked: "Since when did you furnish free gas to Mr. Scott and Mr. Pittock?"

"I don't know when it began," replied Adams, "but I know when I stopped it. I stopped it in 1902."

"Do you mean to say that you furnished the Oregonian Publishing company with free gas?" demanded Judge McGinn.

"I do not. I mean that free gas was furnished to Mr. Scott and Mr. Pittock."

Deadheads for Twenty Years. Judge McGinn endeavored to obtain an admission that it was because the Oregonian was a large consumer that Scott and Pittock were made "deadheads," but this the witness denied.

"Well, it was out of consideration for the fact that the Oregonian was one of the largest consumers that you did not send Mr. Scott and Mr. Pittock their little bills, wasn't it?" asked Judge McGinn, persistently.

"No sir, that was not the case," said Adams flatly.

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Camp of Ezra Meeker at Seventh and Mill Streets. Mr. Meeker is Crossing the Continent Marking the Old Oregon Trail—Photograph by Journal Staff Photographer.

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