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NORTH BANK TRAIN STRIKES A LANDSLIDE

ENGINEER BIGBY KILLED FIVE OTHERS INJURED

At 11 o'clock last night, train No. 4, which left here at 5:40 p. m. for Spokane over the North Bank road, struck a slide in the rock cut three miles west of Sandal, about 140 miles from this city, and the engine, baggage car and three deadhead Pullman tourist cars were derailed.

Engineer C. A. Bigby was killed and Fireman J. F. Bear, Baggageman F. A. Kohler and mail clerk H. C. Pettit were injured. The engineer fell under the locomotive, was caught beneath the boiler and roasted to death. Fireman Bear and Mail Clerk Pettit jumped, but failed to clear the wreckage and were pinned under the mail and express cars when they piled up over the engine. A tramp and a colored porter were bruised but none of the passengers were injured.

Wrecking trains were sent out from Vancouver and Pasco as soon as word of the accident was received and arrangements were made to bring the dead engineer and the injured fireman, baggageman and mail clerk to Vancouver.

The train hit the rock with great force and the engine fell on its side in the rock cut, the baggage car was badly damaged and one of the Pullman cars was completely demolished. The second Pullman had both ends stove in and the third car was more or less wrecked. Had the Pullmans been occupied, a number of persons would undoubtedly been killed or badly injured.

Traffic Delayed by Wreck.

Because of the wreckage on the line train No. 2, which left Spokane at 8 o'clock last night, was detoured from Pasco by way of the Northern Pacific and the O. R. & N., getting in here several hours late today.

According to late reports received at the office of General Superintendent Russell, Bear, the fireman, was injured in the back. Messenger Kohler had his skull cut and his left knee, right shoulder and right hand wrenched. Pettit, the mail clerk, was bruised about the head. W. Cochran, a tramp traveling on the blind baggage, got both legs badly lacerated, his face cut and his teeth knocked out. Porter G. S. Scott, colored, of one of the tourist cars, was slightly bruised about the chest.

The body of Bigby and all the injured excepting Scott and Pettit, the mail clerk, are being taken to Vancouver on a special train. Scott was able to go on to Spokane and Pettit decided to stay with his registered mail and will go on to Spokane.

Bigby, the dead engineer, lived at Twenty-sixth and Harney streets, Vancouver, Wash., where he owned and ran a butcher shop and grocery store. He leaves a wife and two daughters.

Pettit, the injured mail clerk, lives in Portland, but his address is unknown to the superintendent of the mail service here. He is a comparatively newcomer in the Portland headquarters.

PROGRESSION ALONG LINES OF SANITY

Taft Pokes Fun at Unreason of Those Who Would Go Faster Than Treasury Can Possibly Pay—New Pledge for Conservation.

(United Press Leased Wire.)

San Francisco, Oct. 6.—President Taft in his address at the Fairmont hotel last night touched upon the recent conservation congress and dismissed one of its incidents as a joke. In the course of his speech, he said:

"I know there was a convention up at Spokane, or somewhere (laughter), and a resolution was introduced that we should issue $1,000,000,000 worth of bonds for reclamation; $1,000,000,000 of bonds for irrigation; $1,000,000,000 of bonds for the improvement of rivers and then there were two other billions, but I have forgotten just what they were to be applied to. (Laughter.)

Of course such propositions send a chill down the back of a member of the appropriations committee, like my friend Senator Perkins, and down the back of everybody connected with the expenditure of money in congress, as goose flesh, when you even mention it. (Laughter.)

"Therefore I warn those who are very earnest in this matter that they must be reasonable and wise as serpents in making their suggestions in respect to the matter, so as not to frighten those who feel charged with saving us from financial disaster." (Laughter.)

Pledged to Conservation.

This followed an earnest plea by the president for the conservation of natural resources, irrigation and reclamation. He again pledged himself to these issues and promised his hearers that his administration would do all within its power for the advancement of all these three measures. He said his trip through the west had impressed upon him more than ever before the need and the possibilities of such works.

"So I think this trip has been full of information for me," he said. "It has made me much more alive to the immense importance of the conservation of our natural resources and especially to the importance of dealing properly with our arid lands.

"The federal government has, of course, resources greater than most corporations. How far the federal government ought to go in this matter may be a subject for discussion.

"Just Enough Paternalism."

He outlined his plans for this work and his proposition for protecting the waterpower sites of the government by imposing conditions, to be readjusted from time to time, such that the person or corporation obtaining the sites might share the profit with the government. He said:

"I am not a paternalist, and yet I am not a doctrinaire of the 'laissez faire' school. I think a judicious mixture of paternalism, where it trains the children of the government in the way in which they should go, is proper. If we limit our expenditures on this head as they are limited in the reclamation act, to the proceeds of the sales of public lands and to the proceeds of lands, as is now proposed, I don't think we shall have carried the matter to such an excess as will demoralize our people."

POSSES GIVE UP MEYERS CHASE

Strange Action of Authorities Astonishes Salem—No Reward Offered for Capture Other Than That Posted by Mayor Rodgers.

Salem is somewhat astonished at the turn that the Meyers case has taken. The posses have returned and there is no apparent effort to bring the murderer of Patrolman Eckhart to jail, where he belongs. He is roaming aimlessly about the country, a dangerous menace to law abiding citizens.

(By Journal Leased Salem Wire.)

Salem, Or., Oct. 6.—Both posses on the track of the fugitive George Meyers, returned to Salem yesterday with the confession that they had been completely baffled. The city was surprised. The trail of the murderer was lost near Silver Creek falls. Chief of Police Gibson and party returned shortly after noon with the information that Sheriff Minto and his party had lost the trail. During the evening Sheriff Minto returned with the word that the hunt had been given up because of lack of information regarding the probable whereabouts of Meyers.

The last positive information of Meyers' whereabouts was obtained from a rural mail carrier who had met Meyers at a watering trough about two miles east of Victor Point on Saturday. Meyers had then inquired the way to Sublimity and after that had been completely lost to the searchers. This meeting at the watering trough was only a few hours after Meyers had stopped at the home of Peter Luth and obtained his breakfast and after he had been seen at the Victor Point store 10 miles from Salem.

Could Not Find Meyers.

The cabin on the Meyers homestead near Silver Creek falls was visited by the officers but no indication that Meyers had been there was found. It is thought he became aware of the proximity of the officers and changed his plans since which time absolutely no word of him has been received.

Neither the state or Marion county has seen fit to offer a reward for the capture of Meyers. The only reward offered so far is $100, of which $50 is offered by Mayor Rodgers of Salem, $25 by Chief of Police Gibson and $25 by Sheriff Minto for information leading to the arrest of the fugitive.

Fear Another Murder.

Fearing that Meyers might resist arrest and perhaps commit another murder, J. L. Combs was dispatched to Silver Creek from Silverton Monday by Henry W. Meyers and Milton L. Meyers, Merchants of this city and brothers of George Meyers, to endeavor to find their brother and persuade him to stand trial for the crime, as after obtaining legal advice they believe their brother would escape the gallows. Combs is a friend of George Meyers and it is believed by the brothers he would listen to Combs' advice. No word has been received from Combs since his departure last Monday.

In the meanwhile the hunt for the murderer has been suspended as far as the officers are concerned because no information has been received on which they can rely or which would enable them to grasp any tangible clue as to the location of the fugitive.

NO BATTLESHIPS FOR THIS COAST

President Taft Plainly Defines His Policy Relative to Fleet.

(United Press Leased Wire.)

San Francisco, Oct. 6.—Two points in President Taft's address here last night are the subjects of much conversation in business circles today—his indorsement of a ship subsidy and his plain insinuation that the Pacific coast need not expect a battleship fleet in the Pacific from his administration under present conditions.

The president talked at length upon the merchant marine and suggested that a mail line subsidy, to be supported from the $8,000,000 or $10,000,000 this country makes yearly on foreign mail, should be tried and later, if it proved successful, further subsidies should be provided.

After outlining his plan, he said:

"Let's try it and see how it works out."

Regarding a battleship fleet for the Pacific coast, Taft said:

"If you will guarantee that all the attacks are coming from this side, the government will send you the fleet."

He said he believed the opening of the Panama canal would double the efficiency of the present navy by making the sailing distance so much shorter between Atlantic and Pacific ports.

He said he was sure the Panama canal would be opened by January 1, 1915, and added:

"I am hoping fervently that it will be a considerable time before that."

ESTIMATES OF EXPENSES FOR 1910

If the estimates of various municipal departments for 1910 are allowed in their entirety the city will expend $1,697,813 during the coming year. In compliance with the orders of Mayor Simon several months ago, the heads of departments have filed with the city auditor statements showing the amount each one thinks he will need to run his particular department.

Chief Deputy Auditor Grutze is now engaged in the arduous work of preparing a report showing the expenditures of last year and a comparative statement showing the amount of moneys that will probably be available at the first of the year and the difference in this and last year's estimates.

Mayor Simon will examine the estimates submitted to him and from them prepare his annual budget to be sent to the city council so that the tax levy for next year may be fixed by that body. Last year the tax levy was 6.6 mills and this year from all indications it will be slightly less or at the most will not exceed 6.8 mills.

This prediction is based on an estimate of $250,000,000 worth of taxable

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WATER ISSUE AGAIN STIRS HOOD RIVER

Council Considers Ordinance Providing for Bond Election.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)

Hood River, Or., Oct. 6.—A large number of citizens last night attended the council meeting as sensational developments were expected relative to several communications that have passed between the mayor and the state health board bearing on the municipal water question.

Drs. Pierce and Yenney, members of the state health board, were recently in Hood River investigating the water system at the instigation of the water commission appointed by the Hood River Improvement league. They reported their findings to the president of the league and it is to this method of procedure that the mayor takes exceptions, accusing the health officers of holding secret conferences with the members of the water company and their financial backers.

Dr. Yenney charged the city council with negligence in not protecting the water system from possible contamination in ordering contiguous districts sewered.

An ordinance was introduced last night providing for another bond election for the purpose of bringing in the Tucker spring. The ordinance provides for a bond issue of $90,000 with which to bring the water to the city and install a competitive system.

The water commission appointed by the members of the Civic Improvement league to find a solution for the water question, composed of a committee of seven of the most prominent business men of Hood River, will report at a meeting of the league tomorrow evening, and will recommend action on the water question.

DAIRIES MUST CLEAN UP OR CLOSE UP

State Board of Health Will Begin Crusade at Once and Fire Will Be Centered on Places Found in Worst Condition.

"Worst dairies must clean up first" is the dictum to dairymen issued today by Dr. Robert C. Yenney, state health officer and secretary of the state board of health, which recently assumed the leadership of the fight to give Portland a decent milk supply.

"That is to say," continued Dr. Yenney, "that the state board of health, working through various agencies and by its own efforts, will concentrate the attention of inspectors upon the dairies which have been operated for many years in an appallingly unsanitary manner. But the mandate to clean up will go to all dairies alike. It will simply be easier for the places that have been operated somewhat in reference to the laws of sanitation to conform to the regulations issued yesterday by the state board.

"But dairies where there are hopelessly unsanitary conditions and unhealthy or diseased cows will be quarantined and their operators forbidden to continue the sale of milk or milk products until they have conformed to the regulations of the board.

"This action may work a hardship at first, but none of us believe that it will ultimately prove a hardship, even to the dairyman, and that in the end it will result in quicker adjustment of evil conditions and exterminate Portland's milk plague sooner than any other means we might employ."

Acts on Precedent.

The state board of health has as precedent for its action recent action taken in Iowa where all dairies not up to a prescribed standard were closed until they had cleaned up. The action at first caused a great amount of complaining, particularly among the dairymen, and from those individuals who expected to obtain a degree of political patronage from championing the cause of unsightly or unsanitary dairies, but as the good results of the action began to be shown consumers and producers were compelled into admiration and favor. This is the result anticipated in Oregon.

In order to get the regulation of dairies into working form one of the first actions taken will be to list the dairies as to location, condition, number of cows and their condition, the name of the operator and the name of the owner. A disposition is shown on the part of the state board of health to make owners of dairy barns who rent their property to tenants responsible for such structural features of these barns as preclude the most effective sanitation or ventilation. The dairymen, whether owners or lessees, will be made responsible for the cleansing of the cows, barns and surroundings and for the health conditions in the dairies.

Cooperation Invited.

To bring order out of existent chaos and to systematize its efforts the state board of health has invited the cooperation of every person in reporting unclean dairies or impure milk. These reports will be given immediate attention, will be followed by an inspection and scoring of the dairy which will be closed if found below the standard set by law.

In addition each dairyman will be provided with the government score card which enables them to score their own dairies and by this means learn if they will pass inspection. Two notes attached to these score cards bear significant interest to dairymen. They read:

If any filthy condition is found, particularly dirty utensils, the total score shall be limited to 49. If the water is exposed to contamination or there is evidence of the presence of dangerous disease in animals or attendants, the score shall be 0.

The first requirements of the state board are that manure shall be removed daily or oftener to a location at least 100 feet from the barn, that the stable floors shall be kept constantly clean, that cows shall be kept clean, also the milkers, and that milk and cooling rooms be screened from flies.

Evidence that dairymen are much interested in getting right before the state board of health has been abundantly forthcoming during the past two days in the form of inquiries made of Dr. Yenney, asking for inspections which shall result in detailed statements of deficiencies, and asking fur-

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ARE CHECKS FORGED IN PRISON?

Bogus Paper with Handwriting Resembling That of O. R. Blystone, Sent Up for Forgery, Being Presented to Portland Banks.

Is O. R. Blystone, now serving a term in the Oregon state prison, still floating bogus checks, and passing them out to his friends?

This is the question up before the American Bank & Trust company, Sixth and Oak streets, and the other banks of Portland who have taken in checks that have been found to be worthless. It was upon conviction in a similar charge that Blystone was given a year in the penitentiary, and the checks now rolling into the American Bank & Trust company greatly resemble Blystone's methods. Blystone was sent to the penitentiary.

The names signed to the checks received the past few days have been the Markley Commission company, the Pacific Bridge & Grading company and the Columbia River Salmon company. Neither of these concerns have accounts at the bank, and more than $500 has been secured upon such checks.

The strongest suspicion that the work is being done by Blystone is that in each case the handwriting compares exactly with that of his—and that the same kinds of checks are used as were used by him on previous occasions. In some cases an attempt has been made to alter the handwriting, but the bank officials declare that all have been drawn by the same man.

The amounts are generally $40, but in a few cases they have been for $50. The checks used by Blystone were printed on blue paper and the bank discontinued using this color of check immediately upon his conviction, and is now using pink checks.

If Blystone is still forging the checks, the officials hold that he is passing them out to friends who visit him. The local bank receives all the checks in exchange at other banks where they are cashed. The latter banks go back upon the person who cashed them, and in this way the original indorser can be traced, but in the cases already investigated, the man who issued the check proved to be a stranger.

CENTRAL BANK GROWS IN FAVOR

Complete Plans for Institute Cannot Be Perfected for Some Time.

(United Press Leased Wire.)

Washington, Oct. 6.—Although the monetary commission has decided to recommend the establishment of a central bank, it is practically certain that no attempt will be made to secure legislation at the coming session of congress. Experts say it will be impossible to complete all details and plans for the institution during the life of the present congress, which expires in March, 1911.

YAMHILL SLAYER IS OUT ON BAIL

Grand Jury Indicts Jesse Townsend for Manslaughter; $1500 Bond.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)

McMinnville, Or., Oct. 6.—Jessie Townsend, murderer of James Lawrence, was this morning indicted by the grand jury for manslaughter. He is out on $1500 bail. His bondsmen are R. S. Talbott and Hube Sitton. Townsend has retained Attorneys McCain and Vinton and Judge Pipes of Portland to conduct his defense.

PRESIDENT LEAVES SAN FRANCISCO FOR YOSEMITE'S VALLEY

(United Press Leased Wire.)

San Francisco, Oct. 6.—President Taft is on his way to Yosemite National park. With the San Francisco committee, the president and his party left the St. Francis hotel a few minutes past 8 o'clock. Guarded by a squad of mounted policemen, they proceeded to the transport dock, where the government tug Golden Gate was boarded.

On the trip across the bay to Oakland mole, where the president's special train was waiting, Taft laughed and chatted with Mayor Edward R. Taylor and

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SIXTEEN DAYS ON FIG DIET, WITHOUT WATER

(United Press Leased Wire.)

Avalon, Cal., Oct. 6.—After living for 16 days on a fig diet, without water, John Brinkley announced today that he had gained eight pounds during his fasting period. Brinkley, who is known here as "Chicken John," undertook his fast to prove the nutritive value of the fruit of the fig tree.

STATE DIVISION CAUSE IS LOST

Los Angeles Secession Convention Is Lacking in Delegates.

(United Press Leased Wire.)

Los Angeles, Oct. 6.—State division agitators are today recuperating from the setback their plans have received from the various civic and commercial organizations of Los Angeles and other southern California cities.

Eight local bodies and several from neighboring cities were asked to send delegates last evening to a state division convention which met in the headquarters of the chamber of commerce. Five of the Los Angeles organizations failed utterly to respond and but a small proportion of the out of town delegates were in their places. Venice, Santa Monica, Pomona and Watts were the only outside municipalities represented.

Owing to the failure of many prominent local commercial organizations to cooperate, the meeting was adjourned without taking a vote on the passage of resolutions or taking definite action of any nature favoring a separate state of southern California.

AIRSHIP OF NO VALUE IN WAR

So Says Ship Builder—Believes Electric Gun Will Be Weapon of Future.

(United Press Leased Wire.)

New York, Oct. 6.—Louis Nixon, one of America's foremost ship constructors, does not believe the aeroplane will ever become a factor in modern warfare. He is convinced that an aircraft offers no danger to the latest warships. He believes that the time is not far distant when an electric gun will be invented which will fire a thunderbolt that will shock to death every man that happens to be in its path.

This, he said, was the direct menace of the future. He declares that this gun was sure to come, when electricity should be better understood than it is at present.

In Nixon's opinion the aeroplane may be so perfected as finally to become practical for purposes of observation, but he does not believe it will ever become an instrument of destruction.

"No need of improvement," says the Morning Mossback.

COTTON DECLINES $2 IN THE N. Y. MARKET; CROP WILL BE SHORT

(United Press Leased Wire.)

New York, Oct. 6.—Following the issuance of the government's October report, showing the most unpropitious condition for a year or more, cotton has declined $2 a bale in the New York market.

Experts say they are not alarmed over the situation but admit that if the commodity should drop another 40 points, as it has done in the past few days, they will be seriously apprehensive of the speculative situation.

Among those identified with the bull movement on the cotton exchange it is predicted that this year's cotton yield will not exceed 12,500,000 bales. When the sensational movement started about six weeks ago the estimate of the crop was higher that it is now. It was predicted then that the crop was not below 13,000,000 bales. On this basis of expectation the price continued to rise, at times by leaps and bounds, until the bale was worth to the producer more than $70 against the price at which he sold it at the corresponding period last year.

The present decline is attributed to the liquidation of heavy speculative actions by the outside public. This has been added to by unusually heavy hedge pressure.

It is reported here that James A. Patten, the Chicago plunger, has made a lot of money on the present decline and that he has taken his profits and retired from the market.