

BARRIER OF SNOW SEPARATES WEST FROM EAST TODAY

Worst of Storm Is Between Denver and Cheyenne; Blizzard Covers Wyoming and Reaches to New Mexico.

SOUTH TEXAS FLOODS ARE SWOLLEN BY RAIN

Workers Unable to Get Home in Denver and Sleep in Public Buildings.

(United Press Leased Wire.)
 San Francisco, Cal., Dec. 5.—A storm zone, extending from northwest to southeast practically across the country, had nearly though not quite cut off wire communication between the eastern and western states today, and was greatly delaying railroad traffic.

From the northward well down toward the Texas line the storm was one of snow. Across central Texas it took the form of torrential rains, with floods covering thousands of acres.

Workers were practically the same at Cheyenne and intermediate points as at Denver, and the weather department was predicting 10 hours more of the storm.

From Cheyenne west to Sherman, Wyo., the wires were down and as far as Laramie the blizzard raged in full violence. West of Laramie, however, the storm was not severe.

To the south of Denver 18 inches of snow was reported, at Colorado Springs drifting badly. Even northern New Mexico felt the icy touch. Although no matches reported four to 18 inches of snow in the north and east and heavy rains and falling temperature in the central and southern counties.

Texas flood conditions were improved today in the central part of the state, but in the north they grew worse, the Brazos river continuing to rise between Hearne and Richmond.

The towns which suffered most recently were... (Continued on Page Five, Column Two)

TOTTERING!



UNITY OF EFFORT FOR NORTHWEST IS TALKED AT SENATOR'S DINNER

Chamberlain Dines N.-W. Delegation in Congress; Teal Is Toastmaster at Event.

(Washington Bureau of The Journal.)
 Washington, Dec. 5.—Senator Chamberlain's dinner to the northwest representatives from the senate last night but in the end the senate prevailed over good cheer and oratory, and broke up the dinner while a number of speeches were still undelivered.

The need of a quorum sent an emissary of the sergeant-at-arms to demand the presence of the senators. He arrived at the dinner while Senator Washburn was speaking and as soon as he sat down they were rushed in taxis to the senate chamber.

In an introductory speech, Senator Chamberlain said this was the first time representatives from the northwest had ever got together in this manner and he hoped that it was an indication that hereafter they would always be found working together for the common good of the section from which they came.

C. S. Jackson of Portland was one of the speakers. He pleaded for efficiency and economy in the expenditure of public funds, told of the tremendous resources tributary to the Columbia river and Portland and enlivened his speech with many witty references and anecdotes. Senators Lane and Garrison spoke on problems of the north-west and their solution and others made interesting addresses. J. N. Teal, as toastmaster, mingled wit and story with a serious presentation of the great development projects in which Portland is vitally interested. It was with evident reluctance that the assemblage dispersed when the senators were obliged to withdraw.

GAILLARD GIVES LIFE FOR PANAMA CANAL

Work in Culebra Cut Finally Proves Fatal to Noted Army Engineer.

COMMISSION OF FISH AND GAME IS INTACT, CRAWFORD'S OPINION

Governor Expected to Appoint Three New Members Within Next Day or Two.

(Salem Bureau of The Journal.)
 Salem, Or., Dec. 5.—Holding that members of the State Fish and Game commission cannot vacate their office by resignation until their successors are appointed and qualified, Attorney General Crawford today rendered an opinion to the effect that the commission is still intact.

This opinion will prolong the life of the old commission but a day or two, as within that time Governor West says he intends to appoint three new members on the commission. It develops that the governor has never accepted the resignation of George H. Keiley, who was appointed on the commission by the other four members, and M. J. Kinney, the alleged trouble maker, still remains on the commission. This will make a full commission of five members.

Two of the new members will be appointed from eastern Oregon and one from western Oregon.

ASKS INVESTIGATION OF CELILO PROJECT

Chamberlain Resolution Proposes Inquiry Into Navigation Possibilities.

(Washington Bureau of The Journal.)
 Washington, Dec. 5.—Senator Chamberlain has introduced a joint resolution authorizing the secretary of war to detail two engineer officers to act with engineers from the interior department or the states of Oregon and Washington, as a board of consulting engineers in connection with the investigation of the Columbia river project near The Dalles with the intent of taking into account the various uses of the water for navigation, irrigation and power purposes.

(United Press Leased Wire.)
 Baltimore, Md., Dec. 5.—Colonel David Gaillard, aged 60, one of the chief engineers engaged in the work of building the Panama canal, died today at Johns Hopkins hospital here. He suffered from hardening of the arteries of the brain, brought on, physicians said, by his work in the Culebra cut of the canal.

DE LAMA IS SENT TO EUROPE SEEKING BIG LOAN TO PAY TROOPS

Dictator's Family Reported to Have Been Sent to Vera Cruz; Revolt Is Imminent.

(United Press Leased Wire.)
 Mexico City, Dec. 5.—In sending Finance Minister Adolf De la Llama to Europe for a loan, men very close to President Huerta admitted today that the dictator had played practically his last card.

Unless De la Llama succeeds and succeeds soon, they owned Huerta's position would become untenable. Internal sources of financial supply were confessed to have been squeezed virtually to the last cent. If Huerta could collect taxes throughout all of Mexico the situation would be different, but from the vast extent of territory under rebel control he gets nothing.

The unpaid troops were in a savage frame of mind and a revolt among them at any time would surprise nobody.

It was recognized that De la Llama is as good as a man as could have been chosen for the money seeking mission. His relations are close with ex-Minister of Finance.

JOHN D. SPRECKELS SUED FOR DIVORCE

Wife Alleges He Is Quarrelsome and Fault-Finding; Humiliates Her.

(United Press Leased Wire.)
 San Francisco, Dec. 5.—Suit for absolute divorce from John D. Spreckels Jr. of San Francisco and San Diego was filed today in the superior court here by Mrs. Edith Marie Spreckels, through her attorney, Joseph T. O'Connor.

The divorce is sought on the ground of extreme cruelty. Among other things, Mrs. Spreckels alleged that her husband for several years had been quarrelsome and fault-finding; that he remained away from home for two weeks at a time, and that his conduct to herself and friends had caused her great pain and humiliation.

OREGON DEVELOPMENT MEETING AT ROSEBURG VERY EARNEST AFFAIR

Speakers From Valley Cities Pledge Their Communities to Work for Mutual Good.

(By Fred Lockley.)
 Roseburg, Or., Dec. 5.—Standing room only was the sign hung out at the meeting of the Greater Oregon Development association here last night.

Judge W. M. Colvig of Medford, who presided and introduced the speakers, gave a brief history of the movement. "We first called a small convention at Medford," said Judge Colvig, "to advance certain movements for the benefit of the whole state of Oregon. We held the next meeting at Grants Pass and today the movement has grown to fill our delegates' grand your largest assembly hall in Roseburg. We should hold the next meeting in some of the prosperous Willamette valley cities and then in the metropolis of our state."

"We are alive where I hail from. We are used to flying with our own wings. We have just voted a half million dollars to build a paved road over the Siskiyou. In 1915 we do not want the visitors to the exposition at San Francisco to skip from one big city to another. We want them to do more than hit the high spots. We want them to see the valleys and the mountains."

AGED GROCER FIGHTS BURLGLARS WITH FAMILY

Wife and Daughter Badly Beaten; Man Shot Four Times in Scrimmage.

(United Press Leased Wire.)
 Los Angeles, Dec. 5.—With four bullet wounds in his chest and neck, received during a defense of his family and little grocery from a pair of masked burglars, Ole Hall, 70, is near death today at a hospital here. His wife, who also was in the thick of the fight, is in a serious condition from the beating and kicking she received, while his daughter, Pearl, 18, was badly battered and cut about the face and head.

CITY MARSHAL SHOT BY AN ALLEY THUG

Gervais Official Returned Fire and May Have Wounded Assailant.

(Special to The Journal.)
 Gervais, Or., Dec. 5.—Firing from the dark recesses of an alley one of two unknown men shot City Marshal John Zoller in the neck late last night, and the wound may prove fatal.

Marshal Zoller was making his usual rounds in the business district, and seeing the two men in the shadows of the alley he started towards them. He had taken but a few steps when he was dropped in his tracks by a bullet. Zoller was crowded into the ground about his assailants escaped.

UNKNOWN SCHOONER REPORTED IN TROUBLE

No Signs of Life Aboard and Masts Are Stripped of Rigging.

(Special to The Journal.)
 Aberdeen, Wash., Dec. 5.—Word was brought here today that a four masted schooner is wrecked near Destruction Island, about 50 miles north of Grays Harbor. The vessel's name is unknown.

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DEATH-TRAP MINE IS UNSEALED; NONE ENTER

Salt Lake City, Utah, Dec. 5.—Deputy sheriffs today unsealed the Utah-Apex mine, into which they had been driving poisonous gases in an effort to asphyxiate Ralph Lopez, murderer of six men. The air was so foul, however, that they dared not enter to look for Lopez's body.

DAILY WATER CODE AMENDMENT LOST BY VOTE OF 3 TO 2

Council Declines to Make the Property Responsible for Rates, After Tumultuous Session in City Hall.

(United Press Leased Wire.)
 Washington, Dec. 5.—A hot fight to prevent the injection of the water power question into the proceedings developed today in the session of the Rivers and Harbors congress here.

COMMISSIONERS SHOUT IN ORDER TO BE HEARD

Chamber Crowded With Persons Opposing Measure, Who Hiss and Cat Call.

At one of the most tumultuous and disorderly meetings ever witnessed in the council chambers, the city council today voted down the daily amendment to the water code, which provided for quarterly payment of water bills after service, and their charge against the premises and not the tenant.

The vote—three to two—was taken while 500 property owners, landlords and their agents hooted, cheered and hissed so loudly that the commissioners were compelled to shout their vote so the secretary, sitting at the table with them, could hear.

Owing to the general hubbub, Mayor Albee, on the suggestion of Commissioner Brewster, forced the ordinance to a vote without hearing a number of people present to explain the viewpoint of the water consumers.

H. D. Wagoner, who essayed to lead the water consumer forces in opposition to the property owners, got a one minute opportunity to talk. He was hooted down, however, and finally, losing his temper, charged the citizens present with being as bad as the I. W. W. This was a signal for renewed disorder and finally the mayor was compelled to call a halt, and Wagoner, shaking his fists and muttering threats, was forced to retire and the council proceeded to vote.

Those voting against the amendment were Albee, Bigelow and Dieck. Daly and Brewster stood pat and voted "yes." Even after the mayor had announced that the ordinance was being taken, the crowd refused to leave, apparently fearing that the matter might come up for reconsideration, and when the council reopened the session after half an hour's recess, the council chambers were just as crowded as at the beginning of the meeting, and very few left until final adjournment at noon.

Until Wednesday the commissioners individually were in favor of the daily ordinance, and had so expressed themselves.

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VOTING PLACES SAME AS IN LAST ELECTION

Redistricting Precincts Does Not Take Effect Until After Balloting.

The special municipal election to be held next Tuesday for the purpose of voting on a number of amendments to the city charter will be at practically the same polling places and under the supervision of the same officials as was the November election.

Owing to the recent decision declaring void the 1913 registration, only those registered under the act of 1899 as amended will be entitled to vote. Therefore the new districting of the city until after Tuesday's election. Under the new districting there will be about 325 election precincts in the county, nearly double the present number.

In Tuesday's election election officers will be instructed that the day boards are to give way to night boards when their hours of service have expired. Heretofore there have been instances where day judges and clerks would "show away" the night force in order that they might earn double pay. This was possible through a lack of knowledge of their rights on the part of night officials.

If it should happen that there is any vacancy in the night board at 8 p. m., the hour of going on duty, the vacancy may be filled from the day board, but under no other circumstance.

Lost Purse Returned to Owner

Many people seem to think that the average person has not a very high standard of honesty. If you are one of that class this may interest you.

On Tuesday Mrs. Hugh Brandon, who lives at East Twentieth and Hawthorne, lost her purse containing \$16 in cash, a fountain pen, etc. She ran a little while in The Journal Tuesday afternoon and on Wednesday morning her purse was returned with the contents untouched. The finder could easily have kept the money and run no risk; instead of that she placed honestly above everything and returned the purse.

Before you play the cynic again and laugh at the thought of the average person being honest, think of this and measure your words.

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