

## IRRIGATION MEET

### State Convention Scheduled for Baker City During Present Month.

## MEAT REVIVAL INTEREST CONFIDENTLY LOOKED FOR.

### Proper Development of the Reservoir, Summer Fallow, Winter Feeding and Artesian Systems, a Revolution in Farming Will Follow in Eastern Oregon.

The time is drawing near when the annual meeting of the State Irrigation Association will be held in Baker City, and the interest consequent among the people of the Columbia river basin, who are concerned in the deliberations of that body, is increasing. The meeting was set for the executive committee of the association to meet in June, and on the day has not yet been definitely announced it is expected to be made public.

W. Hartman, the president of the Columbia River Basin Association, comprising Umatilla and Morrow counties, is very enthusiastic about the cause of irrigation and holds, in spite of the cold blasts thrown on the proposition from some sources, that it is destined to revolutionize the industry and condition of the inland Empire.

### Deal by the Government.

Hartman has all confidence in the fairness and ability of the government engineers now engaged on geological survey, and is certain that their reports will be in accordance with the facts of the case as shown by the conditions of the land and the facilities for procuring water. He thinks the question all rests upon the favor or disfavor of the government report and has no doubt but what the ultimate decision reached by them will be in accordance with the dream of the people of the country.

The spirit of Umatilla county is all in regard to irrigation and the people have great hopes for the final success of the project.

The unfavorable decision of the commission, however, considered as a mere delay, and to be deplored continually, need not of necessity derange the plans of the irrigationists. If the present should fail to attempt the construction of this section of the state on a large scale, it would be well and desirable that the people interested should keep the issue alive and try to view the results to be obtained in order that private capital may come to the assistance of the government and make it one of the most fertile parts of the Northwest. A meeting was set for Baker City, and those attending could see the final results of irrigation and the way it will work in the condition of the country.

## Four Available Systems.

One of the outcomes of the investigation will be in all probability, the plan of winter irrigation. In the winter time all the available water of the Umatilla is used, but in the summer it is properly controlled. By winter irrigation is meant the flooding of the ground by means of ditches or levees, during the flood season, the method enough water will be put into the ground so treated to produce two good crops. The summer irrigation is a proof of this condition. Where the land is well pulped and allowed to fallow it absorbs the moisture of two or three crops can be raised. If now, the water can be run upon the ground enough will be accumulated to raise good crops with judicious handling.

Winter well is another factor considered upon. One well has been drilled in Morrow county with a depth to water about 60 feet, and wherever these wells can be drilled the land is sure to yield. Irrigation as far as climate is concerned, it is in altitude not so much as the cold nights will retard the growth, and the evenness of the ground all considered would make the country far excel. But certainly sure, the people must not become impatient and clamor for immediate results. Born as the fabled mills of the gods grind slowly, so does the government do its work leisurely but with a certain and definite result. The government is in charge of the investigation

tion will make no hasty examination or come to no rash conclusions, but when they have decided, their work will have been performed carefully, consistently and to the best of their knowledge and effort. In the meantime it behooves the people at large, the inhabitants of the semi-arid belt, who are so anxious for the benefits of irrigation to come to them, to watch and prepare for the final outcome, and above all, to await in patience but not in sloth or inaction, for the time to come when the scheme of irrigation will have been proven to be practical and then be ready to accept the assistance offered by the government and by private enterprise and make the inland Empire the garden spot of the state and the great center of wealth and culture of the Pacific Northwest.

## FLORIDA'S ORANGE CROP.

### Effects of the Great Freeze Outgrown and Large Crop is Expected.

Washington, D. C., June 1.—Advices from Florida are to the effect that the results of the big freeze of a few years ago, in which a very large proportion of the orange trees of the state were killed, are rapidly passing away, and that Florida will shortly be prepared to furnish even a greater number of oranges than before the disaster. It is said that this year's crop will be worth about \$2,700,000, and will exceed the crop of last year by about 1,000,000 boxes.

The reports are also favorable to the growth of pineapples, many square miles of territory having been placed under cultivation. The shipments of pineapples this season have reached 2,000,000 boxes, which are valued at \$3 per box.

## Naval War College Opening.

Newport, R. I., June 1.—The officers of the navy appointed to take the course this year at the naval war college, reported today to Captain French E. Chadwick, president of the college. The session will be formally opened tomorrow by Secretary Moody of the navy.

## In Memory of Brigham Young.

Salt Lake City, June 1.—Today was the 103d anniversary of the birth of Brigham Young and the anniversary was observed in the customary manner by the descendants and admirers of the great Mormon leader. The chief feature of the observance was the holding of a family reunion at Saltair.

## ARE NEGOTIATING IN CHICAGO

### TWENTY THOUSAND STAY IN OR GO OUT TONIGHT.

## Restaurant and Hotel Employees Confronted With Issue—Laundry Union So Far Has the Best of the Contest.

Chicago, June 1.—The restaurant and hotel men this morning asked longer time in which to consider the demands of the 20,000 unionists. Their decision will probably be rendered tonight.

Two large laundries signed the scale this morning and resumed work. Only 150 men are still idle.

## PRESIDENT AT CHEYENNE.

### Attending a Branch Busting Show at the Fair Grounds.

Cheyenne, Wyo., June 1.—The Roosevelt party was driven around this city this morning. At 10 o'clock was the broncho busting show at the fair grounds. Mr. Roosevelt was presented with a \$500 saddle horse and accoutrements. When presented, the horse knelt and bowed to its new master.

## Spencer is Guilty.

Spokane, June 1.—The jury in the trial of Ed Spencer, returned a verdict of murder in the second degree, for the killing of Ella Mundt in this city last January. The verdict also contained a recommendation for mercy, on the grounds that Spencer was temporarily crazed by absinthe when he did the killing. The penalty is from 10 to 20 years.

## Bookbinders Strike.

San Francisco, June 1.—Two hundred and fifty women and girls employed as bookbinders, went on strike this morning, asking for minimum wages of \$10 per week. They now receive \$8.

## Encampment at Huntington.

T. F. Howard returned from Huntington Sunday morning, where he organized an encampment of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows Saturday night. The new encampment started out with a membership of 20, and an excellent territory to draw from, which insures a strong and active membership at that place. Mr. Howard says it is very hot in Huntington.

# FLOOD AND FIRE COMBINE TO DEVASTATE TWO STATES

### Eastern and Central Kansas and Iowa, With Hundreds of Large and Small Towns, Experience Heavy Losses of Life and Property.

### Not in Historical Times Has a Catastrophe of Such Magnitude Befallen

### Central Iowa and Central and Eastern Kansas and Western Missouri—Hundreds of People Drown and Burn.

Kansas City, Mo., June 1.—The river has reached 35 feet above low water this morning, having risen four feet and five inches during the night. A cold, drizzling rain continues. The Hannibal & Milwaukee bridges the last links connecting the city with the outside world, are still standing. The known death list this morning is four, but 20 others are believed to be drowned.

The fires in the flooded section are all out. There are no cars, lights or water. A thousand industrial concerns have been suspended.

## Forty Thousand Homeless.

The papers have so far issued their usual editions, but threaten to suspend on account of no paper, the meat and vegetable supplies are almost exhausted. The saloons have been closed by police orders. The city is orderly. Forty thousand people are homeless in Argentine, Armourdale and Kansas City, Kan. The destitution is extreme.

Wagons loaded with supplies reached Armourdale refugees by a narrow neck of land, relieving families at that point. Buildings in the west, bottoms manufacturing and wholesale district are continually collapsing. Armourdale is practically off the map, whole blocks of three-story buildings having crumbled away.

The river has cut a new channel where the town was, and only the tops of great packing houses remain and they show signs of crumbling. Harlem is gone. It is impossible to estimate the damage or loss of life with accuracy this time.

## Guarding Abandoned Property.

At 10 o'clock the Thirteenth regiment is still guarding abandoned property. Orders have been issued them to snoot thieves on sight. There is imminent danger of all telegraphic communication being cut off within a few hours. Systematic rescue work began this morning of those penned in the tops of the big buildings in the bottoms. A narrow neck of land to the south is now all that prevents the city being an island. A portion of the Hannibal bridge has just gone out.

The last of 100 men imprisoned in the Schwarshild packing house were just landed at the bluffs. The steamer Columbia started at 9 o'clock in an endeavor to reach Parkville where there are 200 people on the roofs and in trees, according to information brought here by men in rowboats.

## Suffering and Losses in Kansas.

Topeka, Kan., June 1.—Three steam launches did excellent rescue work today. By 9 this morning all who had been clinging to tops of trees were removed to safety. Some of those seen in trees when darkness settled last night are believed to have fallen off exhausted. Many others were rescued during the night. Conservative estimates of the property loss this morning make the total \$2,170,000.

The list of missing is continually increasing.

## ONLY WHITE LABORERS.

### No Japanese, Chinamen or Negroes Will Work on the New Sewer.

The rumor that the J. H. Sutherland company would employ Japanese labor, and which was spread over the city so earnestly last Saturday, has been proven to be a canard, originating in the idle brain of some one who saw a Jap on the street and put two and two together. F. B. Clopton, the chairman of the sewer committee, received a telephone message from J. H. Sutherland this afternoon, denying in emphatic language any such an intention.

Mr. Sutherland stated that he never had hired a Chinaman or Jap in his life and had no thought of doing so at the present time. He further said that the work would be done as far as possible by Pendleton labor. He will employ only white help and will get as much as possible

## Vigilance Committee Organized.

Two thieves were caught looting in North Topeka and their boats were riddled with bullets. A vigilance committee has been formed.

All those suffering from contagious diseases have been isolated in temporary hospitals around which lines of soldiers and special policemen were placed this morning to enforce quarantine.

The chief of police this morning places the loss of life at 175, but admits it may be either half or three times this number. The earlier estimates of the number were not overdrawn. There are between 8,000 and 10,000 destitute.

It is probable Governor Bailey will be asked to appeal for help. Neighboring towns have been appealed to to hurry provisions in as famine threatens. Heavy rains fell last night and the river again shows signs of rising even higher. Cold north winds add to the misery of the refugees.

## Under Martial Regulations.

Kansas City, Mo., June 1.—At 10:30 the rescuers now believe all imprisoned by the flood in the west, bottoms have been taken off in safety. Military lines now extend around the flood district, and no one is allowed to pass them without authority. Hundreds of vagrants have been rounded up and three thieves arrested. Street cars are attempting to run with horses. The property loss is estimated this morning at between thirty and fifty million.

## Government Assistance.

Washington, June 1.—General Corbin this morning by wire ordered Fort Leavenworth to send 200 army tents to Kansas City to the Kansas flood sufferers.

## Scared at St. St. Louis.

St. Louis, June 1.—The rising waters cause grave apprehension already along the danger line. The water is several inches deep in the main streets of East St. Louis.

## Wholesale Drowning Reported.

Kansas City, June 1.—It is believed 40 were drowned near Fowler's packing house during the night and 24 from the Union Pacific bridge. Twenty thousand dollars was raised here today to assist the destitute.

## Telegram From Roosevelt.

Cheyenne, June 1.—President Roosevelt wired the governor of Kansas: "Am inexpressibly shocked at the reports of the dreadful calamity that has befallen Topeka. If there is anything the federal authorities can do, let me know. Roosevelt."

## Textile Workers on Strike.

Lowell Mass., June 1.—The mills this morning opened with a very small percentage of non-union textile workers. The strikers are perfectly orderly.

## More Promising for Des Moines.

Des Moines, June 1.—The river is falling at the rate of an inch an hour. The suffering is still acute.

## Returned to Pendleton.

Miss Beula Dial, of Spokane, is the guest of Miss Ethel Kimbrell, at her home on Aura street. Miss Dial was formerly a resident of this city, having spent her girlhood here.

## FOUNDER OF UNITARIANISM.

### Celebration of the Ordination of William Ellery Channing.

Boston, Mass., June 1.—Today, which was the 100th anniversary of the ordination of William Ellery Channing, the founder of Unitarianism in this country, witnessed the unveiling of a handsome statue of the famous clergyman, erected at the corner of Boylston and Arlington streets, near the Arlington Street church, of which Dr. Channing was pastor for many years. The statue, which is the work of Sculptor Herbert Adams, of New York, is a gift to the city from the late John Foster, a life-long member of the Unitarian church and a great friend and admirer of the famous clergyman.

The unveiling of the statue was accompanied by interesting exercises, including addresses by President Eliot of Harvard, Rev. Dr. Edward Everett Hale, Lieutenant Governor Curtis Guild and others.

## TURKESTAN ALFALFA.

### Idaho Parties Attention Taken by an Item in the East Oregonian.

Some time ago Thomas Gahagan, on returning from a trip to Walla Walla, brought with him a sample of Turkistan alfalfa, grown on unirrigated hill land above the city, and mention was made of the fact in the East Oregonian, telling of the plant and the facility with which it grows in dry soil without water.

Mr. Gahagan is now in receipt of a letter from J. P. Stevenson, of Gooding, Idaho, requesting full particulars concerning the alfalfa, its hardiness and adaptability to various climates and asking where and for what seed could be procured. Mr. Gahagan has written to the inquirer giving all the information asked.

## Homeward Bound.

North Platte, Neb., June 1.—President Roosevelt emerged from the Rocky mountain country today and speeding across the plains of Nebraska begins the final stretch of his long trans-continental trip. The only stop of consequence is scheduled for this place, where hundreds of visitors gathered early in the day to bid the president welcome. The presidential special will enter Iowa early tomorrow morning and before midnight the Mississippi river will be reached. The following day will be spent in Illinois and will be the last day of speechmaking for the president. From Illinois the run to Washington will be made straight through without stop.

## A TORNADO AT GAINESVILLE

## TALES OF DESOLATION

## GEORGIA ADDS A HORROR.

### Manufacturing and Business Center of the City is Swept by an Awful Storm—Scores of People Killed.

Atlanta, June 1.—A telephone message says a terrific tornado struck Gainesville, Ga., shortly after noon today and that probably 100 were killed. Eight victims are beneath the cotton mills. Eighteen were killed in the center of the town, where they had sought refuge in stores. There were 500 in the mills when the storm came.

The list of injured is very great. The actual number cannot be known until the debris of the mills is cleared away.

## FAREWELL RECEPTION.

### Formal Good-bye to Dr. F. L. Forbes and Wife.

The members of the Presbyterian church and the faculty and students of the Academy will tender a farewell reception to Dr. and Mrs. F. L. Forbes tomorrow evening at the Presbyterian church.

The services of Dr. Forbes and his wife in their efforts to uphold the Academy are much appreciated by those interested in the growth of the school, and they take this means of expressing their regard and tendering their regrets that Mr. and Mrs. Forbes will soon remove from the city.

## Recovering From the Grip.

Miss Flora Walker has recovered from a long attack of the grip, and is once more able to resume her position in the Owl Tea Store. Miss Walker was a member of this year's graduating class at the Academy and was nearly prevented from being graduated by her recent illness, having been out of bed but two or three days before the night of the exercises.

The widow of George Alfred Townsend, the famous correspondent, died in Washington, D. C., yesterday.

## OUT IN PHILADELPHIA

### Eighty-five Thousand Mill Operatives Strike for Shorter Hours.

## VERY LARGE PROPORTION ARE WOMEN AND CHILDREN.

### Nearly All Are Residents of Kensington, a Milling Suburb—The Greatest Protest of Textile Workers That Has Been Made in Many Years in the United States.

Philadelphia, June 1.—The threatened strike of textile fabric employes at Kensington, took place today, for a working week of 53 hours. Nearly 85,000 workers went out. The action was most remarkable in its unanimity, not a single worker showing up at the mills either in the morning or at noon.

One factor that makes for great interest in this strike is the extremely large proportion of women, girls and children who are out. All are members of the Textile Workers' various unions—nominally even when active membership is denied to so many on account of youth.

The issue is made that shorter hours—in this instance the strike is for nine hours per day—are absolutely necessary on account of the known insalubrity of the occupation. The prevalence of pulmonary and nasal diseases among operatives in mills of this character is well known and is in itself a great factor in leading to discontent and contributing to the reasons for a shorter working day.

## FATAL COLLEGE FIRE.

### King Edward and the Queen Sent Messages of Condolence.

London, June 1.—In a fire early this morning at Eaton College, two students perished and several were injured. The king and queen have sent messages of condolence.

## Putting Yachts in Shape.

Bristol Conn., June 1.—Refitting the Reliance and Constitution for next week's races began at the Herff yards today. The latter will be materially strengthened.

## Stricken With Apoplexy.

Washington, June 1.—General Alexander McCook was stricken yesterday with apoplexy and is in a critical condition today.

## Merger Case Postponed.

Washington, June 1.—The supreme court today advanced the hearing of the Northern Securities case to December 14.

## IN A SERIOUS CONDITION.

### Mrs. Finch Does Not Recuperate Rapidly Following the Accident.

Mrs. Finch, who suffered such an unfortunate accident at the Pendleton Steam Laundry some time ago, is still quite sick at the hospital. The wounded hands are healing as nicely as could be expected, but the vitality of the woman is at such a low ebb that she has a hard time rallying from the shock resultant from the accident and the operation.

Mrs. Finch has not been strong for a couple of years and her system finds it hard to withstand the added strain of the accident. While a very sick woman, she is doing well and strong hopes are entertained for her ultimate recovery.

## GOLF FINALS.

### Won by E. Y. Judd, Who is Now the Club's Champion.

The long-delayed final of the Pendleton Golf Club were played yesterday morning and the championship of the club fell to E. Y. Judd.

The contest had narrowed, as the final matches were played from time to time, until yesterday the honors lay between Messrs. Judd and Keller, and in the last play-off the former gentleman won by a score of three up. This gives him the championship of the club and all the glory attendant thereto.

## Removed to Portland.

Fred Storer, who has been employed in Billy Krassig's barber shop for the last six months, has resigned his position to move to Portland where he will conduct a lodging house. Ed Mills of Baker City, accepts the vacancy caused by Mr. Storer's departure.