

Eastern Oregon Weather
Tonight and Thursday cloudy and threatening.

PENDLETON, UMATILLA COUNTY, OREGON, WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 6, 1904.

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RAILROAD COLLISION IN KANSAS KILLS TWENTY

Fast Running Chicago and San Francisco Limited Collides Head on With a Freight.

Long List of Injured, and Every Person on the Passenger is More or Less Hurt—Accident Occurred But a Few Miles West of Topeka—Many of the Killed Have Not Been Identified—Engineers and Firemen of Both Trains Manage to Escape Almost Uninjured.

Topeka, Jan. 6.—Fourteen passengers were killed in a collision of a Rock Island, Chicago & San Francisco limited and a freight at 1 this morning, five miles west of the city. Twenty people are seriously injured, five fatally, and none on board the train escaped injury. A relief train has arrived here with 20 of the most seriously injured, and two corpses. A second train is coming with the dead and injured. Another report says 29 were killed. The passenger was running 40 miles late at a 40-miles-an-hour rate. It was run by Willard. The engineers and firemen of both trains jumped and were unhurt. The locomotives and first cars were telescoped. The force of the collision was so great the smoker jumped high in the air and landed on the roof of the first chair car. The second chair car was telescoped into this. The engines were completely driven into each other. Twenty Dead. Of 20 dead recovered the following are identified: John Black, Chanute, Kan.; Thos. Small, Topeka; Z. A. Wright, Kansas City; Jane Griffin, Claremont, Mo.; W. Martin and William Wells, De Kalb, Ill.; Gall Fuller, Jacksonville, Ill.; Mrs. Henry Kliser and child, Germany. Six unidentified children and five unidentified women. Destruction to Cattle. The freight had several cars of cattle which were slain, injured and strewn over the wreckage. Orders Misunderstood. Conductor Nagle's statements show a misunderstanding of orders caused the wreck. Thirty passengers were injured badly enough to require medical and surgical aid.

MAY SHIFT CONVENTION. Prohibitionists Will Follow a Cash Bonus of \$12,000.

Chicago, Jan. 6.—Oliver W. Stewart, chairman of the Prohibition national committee, is awaiting word from Kansas City regarding the cash guarantee promised by that city when awarded the Prohibition national convention. When the committee met in this city last month and decided upon Kansas City as the meeting place for the national convention next June the representatives of that city promised a fund of \$12,000 for the convention and were given until today to raise the amount. In the event of Kansas City failing to fulfill the obligation a sub-committee of the national committee will meet and select another place for the convention. Buffalo stood second on the vote which decided on Kansas City, and probably would be chosen in the event a change is made though Minneapolis, Indianapolis, Columbus and Milwaukee would also be considered.

SEATTLE POULTRY FAIR. Six States Are Represented in the Exhibit of Fowls.

Seattle, Jan. 6.—One thousand fowls of fancy breed cackled and crowded in the Armory today at the opening of the annual exhibition of the Seattle Poultry association. The expert fanciers present pronounced the show the best of its kind ever held in Seattle, if not in the entire Northwest. A half dozen states are represented among the exhibits, which include all varieties of chickens, geese, turkeys, ducks and other domestic fowl, as well as guinea pigs, rabbits and pot stock. The show will continue for one week.

LAWSUITS OVER TAXES. Law of 1903 Makes it Impossible to Collect More Than 10 Per Cent Interest.

Salem, Jan. 6.—It is anticipated that no little litigation will arise as a result of the sales of Marion county property on the delinquent tax roll, which took place at the court house on Saturday afternoon. Every piece of property on the list was sold, the rate of interest having been bid ranging from 15 to 1200 per cent, the latter only occurring in one or two cases. According to a law which was enacted at the regular 1903 session of the legislature, the highest rate of interest which can be charged is fixed at 10 per cent, and it is believed, when an attempt is made on the part of the purchasers of delinquent property to collect a higher rate of interest the owners of the property will appeal to the courts under the new law.

DAMAGE SUITS FOLLOW IROQUOIS FIRE

Chicago, Jan. 6.—The first suits against the city and Iroquois management were filed today by Ivy Owens, whose mother and sister lost their lives. Ten thousand dollars is demanded in each case. David Jones, superintendent of the Fuller Construction Company, who after the fire was extinguished went to the theater and broke out all the ventilators, according to charges made by the police, surrendered to the authorities this morning and is being held pending formal charges. The coroner announces everything is ready for the inquest, and 140 witnesses are subpoenaed. Orchestra Escaped Easily. Chicago, Jan. 6.—George Dusenbury, head usher at the Iroquois, who is charged with having the doors locked, and several other attaches of the playhouse, were examined by the fire inspector today. The witnesses show that the orchestra played a waltz through after the fire started and then escaped with ease through an exit under the stage. Two more bodies were identified this morning, leaving only two others unclaimed.

BURY SORROW IN UNITED STATES

Standard Oil Co.'s. New York, Jan. 6.—The United States Steel Corporation at a meeting of the directors today passed the common dividends, but declared dividends on the preferred stock. The net earnings for the past quarter were approximately \$14,800,000, as against \$31,300,000 last year. The diversion of funds for absorption of small rivals and new oil fields accounts for the apparent decline in profits.

GRAND DUKE OF HESSE IS COMING INCOGNITO.

Is One Sequel to a Famous German Scandal—Since His Divorce the Duke's Daughter Has Died—Kaiser Highly Pleased at His Coming. Berlin, Jan. 6.—The Kleine Presse today says the Grand Duke of Hesse, after visiting England, will tour America in an effort to forget his domestic griefs. He was divorced from his wife two years ago and given the custody of his daughter, Princess Elizabeth. The latter died while with him in Poland recently. The grand duke expects to visit New York and several larger Eastern cities, then San Francisco, from where he will return to the St. Louis Exposition, after which he will go to Washington, Philadelphia and Baltimore. Before deciding on the tour he asked the kaiser's permission, who in reply said he was delighted when any ruling German prince desired to see and study America and American conditions. The duke will travel incognito and entirely without ceremony.

DAYLIGHT HOLD-UP. Manufacturing Jeweler Robbed of Four Thousand Dollars.

Chicago, Jan. 6.—D. Freeman, a manufacturing jeweler, was held up by two unmasked men at 9 this morning in his office on the 16th floor of the Masonic Temple and locked into a washroom. The robbers looted the safe of \$4,000 worth of cash and jewelry, of which \$3,300 was in \$100 bills. Freeman's cries brought help an hour later. Unmarried Men Hunt Work. Salt Lake, Jan. 6.—The United Mine Workers' Union has withdrawn support from the unmarried strikers, urging them to seek work elsewhere.

MORE STEAMERS FOR PORTLAND. China Commercial Steamship Company Starts Two New Vessels to the Orient.

Agent F. F. Wamsley, of the O. R. & N., has just received circulars from General Freight Agent R. B. Miller, announcing that the Chinese Commercial Steamship Company has arranged to run two more steamers between Portland and the Orient, giving Portland a steamer every two weeks. Beginning on February 25, the Clavering will leave Portland regularly for the Orient and on March 26, the Lotian will follow, for the same destination. On the same line are now the Ching Wo and the Althoff, running out of Portland on regular schedules. The Portland and Asiatic company also operate the Indrasahma, the Indravelli and the Indrapura, between Portland and the Oriental ports, and this addition of two large vessels to the service will give Portland the best steamship service on the coast. Between the two companies Portland will have a vessel out every two weeks, loaded with freight for the Orient and way ports.

OLD EMPLOYEES ARE ILL. Three O. R. & N. Conductors Are Out of Service With Sickness on the Mountain Division.

Three of the oldest passenger conductors on the Pendleton-Huntington run are out of service this winter with sickness and three young men are in Hot Springs, Ark., for Mr. Brown's health; Conductor Martin Anderson, who has been in St. Vincent's hospital for some time, is now at Hot Lake, in search of health, and Conductor A. P. Nash is very ill with rheumatism at his home in this city. Conductor W. H. Kelsey is the only regular man running on the mountain division at this time. The extra men on these runs are Frank Coykendall, J. L. McCrary and Fred Waffle, all young men who began braving out of La Grande a few years ago, and who are now on regular freight runs. They are the next men for these passenger runs when vacated and are always assigned to them as extra men in the absence of the regular conductors.

TROUBLES OF FAR EAST UNSETTLED

Cleared \$500,000. New Orleans, Jan. 6.—W. Brown, leader of the bull ring in cotton, has within the past four days bought 125,000 bales when the bears attempted to break the market. The rise today alone nets him \$500,000. Brown is still more bullish today and says cotton will go 16 cents before he has any fear of a break. The bear element is demoralized.

PRESS CENSORSHIP IS ESTABLISHED IN JAPAN.

Washington Cabinet Believes a Russian-Japanese War Probable—Japan Embarking Troops for Korea—Lloyds Marine Insurance High. London, Jan. 6.—The Japanese embassy denies that a Russian reply to the Japanese demands has been received at Tokio. Press Censorship. Tokio, Jan. 6.—A press censorship regarding troop movements and warships was established today. Believes War Probable. Washington, Jan. 6.—Nearly the whole cabinet meeting today is discussing the gravity of the far eastern situation. The cabinet generally believes there will be war. Japan Embarking Troops. Paris, Jan. 6.—A dispatch from Tokio says preparation for the embarkation of two divisions of troops continues to go forward. They will probably be sent to Southern Korea.

GUARDING THE PALACE. Seoul, Jan. 6.—A heavy guard has been placed around the king's palace, although everything is quiet today.

LOYDS HAS RAISED INSURANCE.

London, Jan. 6.—A hundred and twenty British sailors and 10 officers left Genoa today to take the two newly-acquired Japanese cruisers to Yokohama. Lloyds is now charging 55 per cent on Oriental-bound shipping.

NEAR THE BREAKING POINT. Tokio, Jan. 6.—Semi-official statements show that Japan and Russia are nearer the breaking point than ever. Russia has declined Japan's propositions and has submitted a counter proposition calling for a neutral zone and practically claiming Manchuria.

ON THE RUN. Perry Heath Said to Be Dodging Subpoenas in Salt Lake.

Salt Lake, Jan. 16.—Perry Heath returned here Tuesday and drove hurriedly to Senator Kearns' house and dropped out of sight. Two secret service men are watching the house. It is rumored they will arrest former Postmaster Kearns of this city. Two Washington secret service inspectors have subpoenas for Heath to testify in the postoffice scandal.

WALLA WALLA COUNTY CITIZENS ASK FOR AID TO REPAIR RIVER BANKS.

Walla Walla, Jan. 6.—John Thoney, Charles L. Whitney and Harry A. Reynolds, appeared before the board of county commissioners today and presented a petition signed by 81 taxpayers and people residing near the junction of Mill and Yellowhawk creeks, asking the county to appropriate the sum of \$300 to assist in repairing the banks of those two streams in order to prevent them from overflowing in the spring. It was stated that there was great danger of the banks washing out and in that event all the water would be turned into the Yellowhawk. This would cause that stream to overflow and do much damage to the farmers residing along the stream. After considering the matter the commissioners offered to give \$200 if the city would contribute the same amount, and the parties interested would raise \$200. It is estimated that the cost of making the repairs will be about \$600.

IOWA POULTRY SHOW. Convention of Fowls and Poultrymen at Des Moines.

Des Moines, Ia., Jan. 6.—The poultry show which opened in Des Moines today under the auspices of the state association is one of the largest exhibitions of the kind ever held in the West. The exhibits are both numerous and of the highest class and include prize winning chickens, ducks, turkeys and other varieties of domestic fowl. The judging and award of prizes was begun today under the direction of A. L. Pedrick and W. F. Russell, well known judges of Ottumwa. The exhibition is to continue until the middle of the coming week. Chicago Wheat. Chicago, Jan. 6.—Wheat opened 88 1/2, closed 88 1/4.

PROBLEMS FOR CITY COUNCIL

First Business Meeting Tonight, at Which They Will Be Considered.

SECOND DEPUTY MARSHAL WILL BE "DOC" HOUSER.

A Small Deficit is Shown in the Current Accounts of the City for the Past Year—There Are Sewer Warrants Out to the Amount of \$10,000, While the City's Bonded Indebtedness Amounts to \$150,000.

The new council will hold its first business meeting this evening at 7:30, at which the reports of the officers for the year will be read and passed upon, and the business of the city in general for the year that has just closed will be looked over and the accounts audited and straightened into shape where they can be wound up finally. At the meeting this evening M. J. Carney will be installed as marshal, and William Scheer as deputy marshal. Mr. Carney will also recommend Doc Houser, the brother of Zoe and Perry Houser, as his second deputy. The new man has been for some time employed as one of the cutters in the Houser butcher shop, and in the estimation of Mr. Carney will make a good marshal. At the meeting tonight the recorder's report for the year will be submitted and from it will be gleaned the financial condition of the city at the present time, as well as the way in which it has been running for the last 12 months.

A Small Deficit.

The total expense of the city for the year has been \$31,633.17. In this is included a real estate purchase of \$1,028, and a purchase of five apparatus amounting to \$1,654.96, and since these are still in the possession of the city and form assets for the city, the real or dead expenditure of the city will amount to \$29,060.21. This is balanced by a total receipt account of \$30,793.76. In fact, the city has run behind in its account for the year, though part of the expense will not be a loss in the long run, but will perhaps more than pay for the difference at this time. At the beginning of 1903 the city had in its general fund \$3,708.02, and from this had to be paid \$2,279.70 in interest and the health physician's bill of \$250, which left \$5,179.32 in the fund for the use of the city during the year.

Sewer Warrants \$10,000.

The sewer construction has been the great item of expense. In the first place, it was eaten up most of the general fund, and there are now \$10,000 worth of sewer warrants out on interest. This is in fact all of the warrant debt that the city has, and this has been so fixed that it will be easy to handle and will not embarrass the administration in any way.

Bonded Debt of \$150,000.

The city now has a bonded indebtedness of \$150,000. Of this amount \$75,000 is in bonds to cover the general debt, and these papers were issued in 1898 for 20 and 30 years. The levee bonds amount to \$40,000, and are to be called in 1907. The water commission is handling the bonds issued against the water works of the city. The sum is \$45,000 and the bonds are to run 20 and 30 years from 1899.

The last bond issue was that of the sewer construction, which call for \$30,000, and which brought the city at their sale \$33,012. Added to this bonded debt is the warrant debt of \$10,000, which is to be paid at the rate of at least \$2,000 each year, and more if the council sees fit.

Total cost of the sewer is given at \$48,571.46, and the \$10,000 that is held against the city in warrants for the last payments in this construction is all the live debt that the city has to handle.

From this report it will be seen that the city is in fairly good condition financially and under careful management will have no trouble in making up the losses of the past year and adding to the treasury such sum as will help in a great degree the final settlement of all the debts.

NOT O. R. & N. SURVEYORS.

Idaho Town Excited Over Report of New Survey in Their Locality.

Grangeville, Idaho, Jan. 6.—The report that O. R. & N. surveyors were in the field surveying the road across Camas prairie was denied here today. It is believed that on account of several men who have formerly been employed by the O. R. & N. company now members of the surveying crew engaged in the survey for the Lewiston & Southeastern electric line, the report was started that the railroad company was again in the field.

PROFESSIONAL INVESTIGATION

Extreme to Get Hold of Postal Frauds.

PERRY HEATH A PARTY TO FRAUDS.

Committee Has Taken Up Canal Treaty, But No Action for Some Time—Impeachment of Federal Judge Wayne is Demanded—Contest in Louisiana.

Jan. 6.—The Carmack calling for a congressional investigation of the postoffice department a flurry today when it was referred to the committee on postoffices. Carmack more thorough investigation Lodge declared congressional investigations clumsy and worthless.

aggressively charged Perry responsible for corruption in the department and said: "subordinates indicted, but allowed to escape?" He Bristow report aloft and said this is truth. Perry Heath originated the postal reform beginning to end. If he were, we want to know it. If it is he ought to be punished.

Up Treaty Question.

Jan. 6.—The senate on foreign relations this for the first time took up canal treaty. of Mississippi, and Clark, of both ill, are absent. of Senator Morgan's proposal a lengthy discussion of pertaining to the isthmus is expected the committee unable to report for a consideration.

Nominations.

resident sent in the nomination of Captain O'Neill to be rear admiral Commander Delino and to be captains. house committee on elections January 15 for the hearing of holds Butler contest from St.

committee on judiciary decided to send a sub-committee to Florida to investigate the leading to the impeachment of Judge Wayne, which was demanded.

WEATHER MODERATED.

with Last Night Due to Cold in New York.

B. WADE QUITE ILL.

condition necessitates appointment of trustees. Wade has been ill for several days and his physicians have advised to keep as quiet as possible. He is not seriously ill, but requires the consequence of this he has resigned his position as the cashier of the First National Bank, and has left T. C. Taylor and W. F. to look after his personal affairs.

Deed of Trust Filed.

afternoon a deed of trust was filed in the office of the recorder by Mr. and Mrs. Wade transfer of P. Matlock and T. C. Taylor. Wade, all personal and real property, and all kinds whatsoever, by them, any and all property, and all of their personal property, with the exception of what is exempt to them. At the time they appointed Charles H. of this city as their confidential attorney, giving him the power of and empowering him to and to execute deeds and other and to transact business for as he sees best.

action is taken as a consequence of the illness of Mr. Wade, and the power to handle his private business while he is ill, in their opinion best for all concerned.

Wade's difficulties are in no way connected with the First National Bank, as they are of a private and relate to his own personal business exclusively. The business will be handled by the attorneys named in the papers this afternoon until Mr. Wade is sufficiently to take charge.