

# East Oregonian

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## WOODS DO GREAT DAMAGE

Property Destroyed by Rush of Waters and Ice Fields.

## THREATENED TWENTY MILES OF ICE.

Polis Cut Off by Flood—Lawbridge in the World at Cleveland—Freight Train From Their Moor—Flood in Forty Years Pittsburg—Two Hundred Homeless at Findlay.

Jan. 22.—Twenty miles down the Ohio in the big gorge at Colt Island morning. Several barges.

and Fire Alarm. Pa. Jan. 22.—This city ship of the most destruction in its history. A general alarm sounded at noon and department was called out.

Polis in Bad Shape. Jan. 22.—The first in the flood were at 5:30 p. m. when John Sobie and drowned while trying to a houseboat.

western part of Indiana cut off this morning. The river bridge is tottering. From Terre Haute and the Wabash this morning are dynamiting the ice ridges to save them.

tion at Cleveland. Jan. 22.—Three big steel the Moore, Lades and later heavily loaded, their moorings this morning of the flood from and were swept down the Superior street via completely blocked the east side of the viaduct.

the east abutment. was badly crushed and a hole torn in her bow later line. On the way struck the fireboat, Cleveland her so badly she reached to keep her from

up against the lodged the viaduct, which is the bridge in the world, but lately closed to traffic.

the heavy. morning the Cuyahoga above normal and dies an hour. The flats held where are the lumber mills.

in Forty Years. Jan. 22.—Telegraphic weather forecasts predict in the gorge of the. The police department business houses and threatened districts

in 40 years is expected from the entire state. A rush of waters. afternoon the water passed and is raising rapidly. Western railway in

at Findlay. Jan. 22.—Many streets also a portion of the. Two hundred families rescued. The damage and the electric power houses are under

owned at Findlay. laborers were swept and drowned. John and man, trying to reach a swollen creek and

Helpless Vessels. Jan. 22.—At noon 20 being helpless in Black jammed against them is 10 feet above the. The damage will amount to \$500,000. Rain is still

to Portland. Mary Parker and Mary in a few days for Portland have rented office to locate, retaining their

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## NATIONAL GUARD. Inter-State Association Is in Session in Florida.

St. Augustine, Fla., Jan. 22.—The advance guard of delegates has arrived for the sixth annual convention of the interstate national guard association, which is to be held in this city during the first three days of next week. It is expected this meeting will be the largest and most representative gathering of national guard officers ever held.

There are many matters in connection with the militia legislation now pending in congress and in contemplation which will occupy the attention of the guardsmen, and it is believed that some important changes in the new national militia law will be suggested. The association numbers among its members the leading spirits in national guard circles throughout the country, and it has played a prominent part in securing the numerous reforms which have been effected in the militia system during the last two or three years.

## LIFE SENTENCE FOR MRS. BOWERS

FORMERLY OF PORTLAND. WOMAN WAS FOUND GUILTY

Convicted of Poisoning Her Husband August Last—Jury Which Returned the Verdict Also Established the Sentence—Defendant's Sister Was Discharged.

San Francisco, Jan. 22.—The jury in the case of Martina E. Bowers, on trial on the charge of murdering her husband, Martin Bowers, brought in a verdict last night of murder in the first degree and fixed the penalty at imprisonment for life.

The much tortured and pain wracked Martin L. Bowers died on the 25th of last August. The four ounces of arsenic found in his stomach after death was relied upon by the prosecution as their best piece of evidence, but many thought it would be difficult to convict Mrs. Bowers with this fact, as Mrs. Zylpha Sutton, her sister, who was identified as having bought the poison, was subsequently discharged from custody by Police Judge Cabanis.

There is a feeling that Mrs. Bowers' defense has been weak and inconsistent throughout. The defendant took the words from the jury in the same manner with which she has endured the entire trial—with much stolidity. It was one source of relief to the two sisters that the punishment had been fixed at life imprisonment, leaving her, at any rate, as much time as could be desired in which to apply for a new trial, with no dreadful sentence or the hangman's noose ahead of her.

## THIRD ANNIVERSARY.

January 22, 1901, Queen Victoria "Passed Over." London, Jan. 22.—The third anniversary of the death of Queen Victoria was observed today at Windsor, London, and elsewhere by the depositing of wreaths on statues erected to her memory and by memorial services.

At noon a memorial service was held at Frogmore Mausoleum, Windsor. Dean Elliot conducted the service in the presence of the King and Queen, the Prince and Princess of Wales, Prince and Princess Christian and other members of the royal family. The sarcophagus of Queen Victoria and the Prince Consort were decorated with plants and white flowers.

Chicago Wheat. Chicago, Jan. 22.—Wheat opened 91%, closed 90%.

## FOR LOCAL OPTION. Attempt to Have a New Liquor Law Go to Referendum Vote.

Four petitions were filed in the office of the county clerk this morning by Rev. G. W. Lighty, which are the first of the kind that have ever been brought to the clerk's office in this county.

The petitions have attached to them the draft of a new law which the local option people wish to have passed, and which they would bring before the people at the next election in June. The bill proposes for controlling the liquor traffic in each district by leaving the question to the voters of the district. If they wish to have saloons they can vote to have them, but if, on the other hand, they wish to do away with them, they can vote to have a nuisance and drive them to close.

There have been 78 names secured to the petitions that are now in the hands of the county clerk. He will verify the names by looking at the official roll of registration in the clerk's office, and if the names are not those of legal voters, the petition will be dead.

Leon Cohen in New York. A private letter from Leon Cohen announces that he has arrived in New York City and should be addressed in care Mills & Guib, Broadway and Grand.

## ALABAMA OPENS SEASON WITH VIOLENT CYCLONE

Thirty Persons Killed at Moundville and Vast Damage to Property There and at Other Points.

Floods of Rainfall Add Terror, and Piles of Debris Blockade the Railroads—Wrecking Trains and Scores of Nurses Sent From the Larger Towns—Houses Destroyed in Suburbs of Memphis and Falling Walls Cause Deaths and Property Losses at Vicksburg.

Birmingham, Ala., Jan. 22.—Cyclones are reported from several places in Alabama this morning.

At North Birmingham five stores and several residences were blown down and a number hurt.

Moundville is also wrecked by a storm and a dozen are reported injured. No deaths are so far reported. Tornado and rain prevailed over the entire northern portion of the state between 2 and 4 this morning.

Loss of Life. Last reports show a heavy loss of life at Moundville, 70 miles north of here in last night's cyclone.

Conductor Capeshart, of the Queen Crescent railway, wired from Akron that he could not pass Moundville, owing to wreckage on the tracks. He declares all the inhabitants of the town were killed. It is believed, however, this report is exaggerated. Capeshart backed his train to Akron and sent a message by a roundabout way.

A special wrecking train has left here with doctors and nurses for the scene. Later—Another message from Akron says the entire northern portion of Moundville, which is practically the entire residence section, was destroyed and the population killed.

Moundville Destroyed. Birmingham, Jan. 22.—A dispatch from Tuscaloosa, 16 miles from Moundville, at noon, says Moundville was totally destroyed. A negro section laborer brought the news here

## BEET SUGAR MASS MEETING. Expert Cultivators and Manufacturers Coming to Echo.

Tomorrow morning the citizens of Echo and the residents of that vicinity will meet in mass meeting to consider the proposition of beet culture as presented by F. R. Bramwell and George Stoddard, the managers of the La Grande beet sugar factory. In the past few days there have been a number of prominent and progressive farmers from Echo and vicinity in Pendleton, and all of them have stated that they will give the plan of the factory people all the consideration possible, and in all probability will enter into a contract or agreement with the La Grande institution to put in a trial crop of the beets.

J. Caviness, of La Grande, will perhaps be with the men from the factory, and will tell the people of Echo his experience in the beet culture business. Mr. Caviness is the largest raiser of beets in the state, and is fast becoming one of the richest men in this part of the state as the result of culture of his beet land. He now has 250 acres in beets near La Grande, and which he farms himself, and besides this amount he has a large acreage for which he receives a net rental of \$15 an acre. He has taken the prizes for both the largest sugar percentage and the largest yield to the acre. In the sugar belt he is considered to be the most successful and practical of the beet farmers, and has raised the value of his land from a nominal sum to where it is now paying 10 per cent interest on a valuation of \$150 an acre. Mr. Caviness will tell the people of his success and how it was achieved, and will explain the manner of raising beets successfully.

The people of Echo are making preparations for the reception of their visitors and for the accommodation of the crowd of farmers who will be present.

## I. O. O. F. GRAND MASTER. Joseph Micelli Will Visit Local Lodges Next Wednesday.

Joseph Micelli, of Roseburg, who is grand master of the I. O. O. F. of Oregon, will visit this city Wednesday next, when he will pay a joint visit to Integrity and Eureka lodges. Mr. Micelli is touring the state on his annual tour of inspection, and at this visit he will make his annual inspection of the local lodges, which will make a special effort to show honor to their guest while he is in the city.

## FORESTERS' CAMP. Organization in Pendleton Starts With Fifty Members.

A camp of the Foresters of America was organized last night with about 50 members to start with. Several years ago there was a branch of the Foresters in Pendleton, but the interest in the lodge waned and at last the lodge died. The action taken last

sight was to institute a new lodge. The officers elected last night were: Chief ranger, Thomas McMahon; sub-chief ranger, Hans Anderson; financial secretary, S. H. Forshaw; recording secretary, C. Bloom; trustees, Dr. McPaul, A. C. Koepfen and H. C. Bismuth; senior woodward, Adam Leonard; junior woodward, Ralph Cooper; lecturer, John Doyle.

## REPORT OF THE PEN.

Superintendent of State Prison Makes Quarterly Statement.

Salem, Or., Jan. 22.—Superintendent C. W. James of the penitentiary, Saturday filed his report for the quarter ending December 31, 1903, showing an increase of 22 inmates in the institution for the last quarter over the previous one. The total number of convicts at the close of this quarter is given as 311, while that of last year was 289. Sixty-three were received during the quarter and 39 discharged, and two were transferred to the asylum. The earnings of the institution at the receipts for the quarter, including United States prisoners, were \$549.13; convict labor in Northwest Stove Foundry, \$2,975.20 and convict labor, digging connection to the main sewer (288 days at 40 cents.) \$115.20, aggregating \$3,459.53; while the expenditures, including the salaries of all officers and employes, supplies, etc., amounted to a total of \$19,433.78.

## MONEY RND WATCH WERE "CRIBBED"

BURGLARY YESTERDAY MORNING QUITE EARLY.

Clyde Frazier Was Robbed While Sleeping, of His Timepiece and Ninety Dollars in Cash—No Clue to the Robbers—Took Place at a Thompson Street Lodging House.

Clyde Frazier, a carpenter, last night reported to the police that he had been robbed of his watch and \$90 in money, and there is no clue by which the officers can hope to locate the criminal.

Mr. Frazier rooms at the house of Mrs. Eliza Olcott, on Thompson street, and the money was taken from the bureau drawer and the watch from the top of the dresser while Mr. Frazier was sleeping, early morning yesterday. During the night he looked at the watch and when he got up it was gone. It has a gold hunting case and is valuable.

Several days ago Mr. Frazier drew \$90 from his account at the bank for the use of a friend who, it was thought, would be compelled to go to Portland to undergo treatment for his eyes. Later it was decided that there was so much improvement that the trip would not have to be made, and the money was returned to the loaner. He had not been able to place it in the bank on account of his hours of work, and on Wednesday put the purse containing the amount in the drawer of the bureau, intending to deposit it in the morning. When morning came the money was gone.

## TOO-LA-LEET LA AT SALEM.

Judge Hartman Holds That He is a Government Ward.

Too-la-leet-la, the Umatilla brave, who was escorted to the asylum a few days ago by Sheriff Taylor after having gone insane while serving a sentence in the jail here for larceny, has arisen to the dignity of being a pay boarder at the big institution at Salem.

By a law passed at the last session of the legislature it was required that the relatives or the guardians of all insane persons who were financially able to do so, should pay a monthly board of \$10 for the person committed. The asylum authorities asked the county to put up for the fare of the Indian, but Judge Hartman refused to do so on the ground that the man was a federal charge and also a federal prisoner, and for that reason the government will be asked to pay for his support.

## WOODMEN CAMPAIGN.

J. P. Walker Clerk of Pendleton Camp Fitting up New Offices.

J. P. Walker, clerk of Pendleton Camp, No. 41, Woodmen of the World, has fitted up new offices in room 41, of the Despain building, and is making preparations for the spring campaign of that order. The camp is now in a thriving condition and steps are now being taken for one of the most active membership campaigns in the history of the county.

## MISS DEWEY ACCEPTS.

New Principal of the High School Will Arrive in a Few Days.

The school board has received an answer from Miss Grace Dewey, of Benton Harbor, Mich., who was tendered the principalship of the high school, saying that she would accept the position, and could be in the city by the first of the coming month. The salary paid was not mentioned in the discussion previous, and this was telegraphed to her this morning. If she is satisfied with the salary offered she will be in the city to take charge of her work on the first of February.

## Administratrix Discharged.

In the matter of the estate of Donald P. McIntyre, deceased, Annie McIntyre, the administratrix, was discharged, she having made her final report, and having made a distribution of the property.

Rest has spoiled many a man who was willing to work.

## ARMSTRONG PAYS DEATH PENALTY

The Baker County Murderer Swung Into Eternity--Game to the Last.

LAST WORDS WERE: "I FORGIVE YOU ALL."

Said He Had Full Faith in His Savior and Died in the Hope of Immortality—Received Absolution From a Priest at the Last Moment—Was Dead Five Minutes After Drop Fell—Brothers in Town, But Would Not Attend Execution.

Baker City, Jan. 22.—(Special to the East Oregonian.)—Pleasant Armstrong was hanged in the Baker county jail yard at 7:04 this morning for the murder of his sweetheart at Haynes on Christmas eve, 1902.

He was game to the very last. Just before the trap was sprung he shouted, "I forgive you all." In a rambling speech, plainly showing that the murderer was demented, he said: "I die in the faith of Christ and in the hope of His only true church. I sincerely repent of all my sins, and especially of the great crime for which I must suffer. I humbly trust in the infinite mercy of Christ, my savior, who died for me. Into thy hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit." At the final moment he received absolution from a Catholic priest.

He was pronounced dead five minutes after the drop fell. Enamored of the murdered girl was at the execution and witnessed the preparations with silent wonder, but with no show of delight. When the condemned man dropped, many faces in the crowd of privileged visitors were turned away from the sickening sight. The body dangled, quivering and convulsed for five minutes, when the muscles became quiet and the doctors pronounced him dead.

Armstrong's Brothers in Town. Two brothers of Armstrong were in the city, but declined to be present inside the jail enclosure, until after the body had been taken down, when it was turned over to them for burial. Only a small party of people holding passes from the sheriff witnessed the hanging. It was carried out without a hitch in any of the proceedings.

## FEDERAL AUTHORITY INVOKED.

Order of Elks After the Facts Causing the Clallam Wreck.

Seattle, Jan. 22.—Impressed with the fact that the Clallam investigation is a farce as conducted by the local inspectors, the local lodge of Elks, who lost two members in the disaster, A. K. Prince and Guy Daniels, has wired Congressman Humphrey asking him to take the matter up with Secretary Cortelyou and have the department review the whole proceedings of the investigation.

## STOP SPITTING.

City Marshal Will Enforce the Law Against the Habit.

City Marshal Carney is tacking notices over the city in prominent places, warning people not to spit on the sidewalks under a penalty of a \$5 fine. The streets of Pendleton have been a sight in the past as the result of the spitting habit. As there is a state law against the practice, it is the intention of the marshal to see that the law is enforced.

## CHANGES HANDS.

Lodging and Boarding House Sold to Mrs. Michaels.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Holcomb have sold their lodging house on South Main street and will move onto their ranch west of the city, where they will engage in the hog raising business. The lodging house has been sold to Mrs. Michaels, of Athena, who will take possession of the place tomorrow noon, having reached the city this evening.

Following the drought in Southern California, unprecedentedly cold weather prevails. Frost prevails in the foothills and threatens the lowlands.

## Mining Luck.

Los Angeles, Jan. 22.—William A. Mueller, a draughtsman for the Pacific Electric railway, has received a check for \$50,000 from Cripple Creek. Two years ago he grubstaked his two sons. One was killed by a blast which unearthed a rich vein of ore that brought a fortune to the other brother and the father.