

HIGH WATER IN THE SACRAMENTO

Situation More Critical Than Ever in the Districts Along the Lower River Course.

LEVEES BREAKING RIGHT AND LEFT NEAR STOCKTON

Vast Tracts of Reclaimed Lands Under Water and Thousands of Head of Livestock Drowned

Stockton, March 1.—The flood from the Sacramento river which yesterday swept south across the wide reclaimed strip of country to Moke-lumne river, is now flowing west to the San Joaquin river, breaking all levees in its path.

Today it flooded the Brack tract of 5,000 acres, Staten Island, of 1,000 acres, Sargent tract of 6,000 acres, and now seriously threatens Bouldin Island.

Each stock has been drowned. Surviving cattle are being removed by steamers from the top of levees.

Sacramento Falling. Sacramento, March 1.—The Sacramento is falling at this point. Water from the Edwards break is receding steadily. The greatest height was attained during the night.

A message from Courland at noon says Grant and Merritt islands are all right and perfectly safe.

The Lisbon district on the Yolo side is safe, and the river is falling there. Backwater in Yolo county is falling slowly.

Water at Rio Vista is reported an inch higher than the flood of 1902, but the town is safe. It could not stand a high wind, however, without great danger.

Several levees up the river on the Sutter side have broke. The levee back of Walnut Grove broke at 2 this morning and a large area is flooded.

Trains are running slowly across the track in Yolo basin, but the water is receding from the track and all is safe again.

SMOOT INVESTIGATION.

Postponed on Account of the Absence of Counsel.

Washington, March 1.—Because of the absence of A. S. Worthington, principal counsel for the defense, and the non-arrival of witnesses from Utah, the Smoot investigation, which was to have begun this morning has been postponed until 10 tomorrow.

The chairman of the state committee on elections announced a desire that committee meetings be held daily. Former Secretary of the Treasury Carlisle and ex-Congressman Taylor of Ohio, are present representing the protestants. Walderman VanCott of Salt Lake is the only representative for Mr. Smoot on hand. Several women are here representing reform organizations.

O. R. & N. PAYS ITS TAXES.

Takes Advantage of 3 Per Cent Rebate in Baker City.

Baker City, March 1.—The O. R. & N. Railroad Company was first before Tax Collector Lachner this morning. It paid the first taxes and probably the largest individual tax on the roll.

The amount of tax due by the company was \$30,127.05, but the exact amount paid was \$19,063.24, it having taken advantage of the law allowing three per cent discount to those paying their taxes on or before March 15.

Montana Pioneer Dead.

Helena, Mont., March 1.—While on his way from Helena to his home in Meagher county yesterday morning, Len Lewis, one of the wealthiest woolgrowers in the state, was stricken with heart disease and died within a few minutes.

Vandine an Epileptic.

Chicago, March 1.—Epileptic experts gave evidence today in the car barners' trial, making an attempt to show that Vandine is afflicted with that disease and is morally irresponsible.

CORBETT WINS FIGHT.

Sullivan Knocked Out in 11th Round at Frisco. San Francisco, March 1.—The champion featherweight, "Young Corbett," was victorious in retaining his title last night, defeating Dave Sullivan, of New York, in the 11th round of a seven-fight fight. Corbett left the ring in the 11th round, on the 11th round, Sullivan received a terrific blow and only the meretricious action of the referee in stopping the contest saved the New Yorker from having his face beaten into a pulp.

SOLDIERS GO TO PHILIPPINES.

Transport Sherman Set Sail Today Carrying Large Number Troops. San Francisco, Cal., March 1.—The army transport Sherman, which sailed today for the Philippines, carries an unusually large number of troops. Besides a large number of casual officers, the passengers include the Twelfth infantry from Fort Douglas, Utah; Whipple barracks, Arizona; Fort Duchesne, Utah, and Fort Bliss, Texas, and 400 cavalry recruits and 100 infantry recruits.

LION KILLS A HORSE.

Brute Has a Car to Himself at San Jose. San Jose, March 1.—The big lion known as Hannibal, got loose in a car this morning and killed a horse, devouring the liver and heart. The lion is now free in a car at the depot and has the railroad men terrorized. The car is a frail cattle car and should the beast try, he could break the door open and escape.

Must Dress With Decorum.

Paris, March 1.—An imperial trade has been published at Constantinople, says a private letter received in Paris, in which married Turkish women are commanded to discard all brilliant ornaments such as necklaces and bangles when appearing in public. They must be dressed with decorum, and in accordance with the Mussulman law, the ordinance says, in default of which the husbands of women so offending will be visited with punishment.

FOURTEEN DEAD IN OCEAN FIRE

CAPTAIN OF THE QUEEN MAKES FINAL REPORT.

Two Lifeboats Capsize, Drowning Ten Passengers — Three Waiters Burn to Death—If Passengers Had Remained on Board None Would Have Been Drowned.

Port Townsend, March 1.—It is now definitely known that 14 persons lost their lives in the fire which partly consumed the steamer Queen, about 40 miles off the Oregon coast, opposite Tillamook Rock, on Saturday.

A complete list of the passengers and crew has now been given by Captain Cousins, which shows that three members of his crew were burned to death on board, 10 passengers were drowned by the capsizing of two lifeboats, and one passenger, a Mrs. Adams, of San Francisco, died from exposure after having been rescued from the water.

The members of the crew who were burned to death were waiters, named M. Cummer, H. Douglas and A. Raymond.

The passengers drowned were as follows: Miss Maude Steiner, D. E. Newberry, H. Buckley, A. Nelson, J. Nelson, B. Frates, W. Herriman, A. D. Donnelly, P. Nuhn and M. Flynn. Fire broke out in the steward's quarters and the entire aft portion of the vessel was burned away. The cargo was saved.

WAR IN CITY JAIL.

Plain Drunks Indulge in a Fight With Frills and Thrills. The city jail was the scene of bloodshed last night and peace has not as yet been declared. John Wakize, Jim Bennett and Harry McDonald were all infuriated and hilarious, and were locked up together on the charge of being drunk on the streets. After being left to themselves Wakize and Bennett both wanted the same bed, and as a result had a quarrel over the matter of precedence. Wakize was the better man and presented Bennett with an unrecognizable face in return for his claim to the best bed.

Today Judge Fitz Gerald took a hand and gave the winner 17 days, and Bennett second money in the sum of three days. McDonald, who umpired the battle, also got three days.

PORT ARTHUR EXPECTED TO SURRENDER IMMEDIATELY

Japanese Are Making a Heavy Bombardment of the Stronghold, While the Defense Grows Weaker

Chinese Marauders Are Harrying the Russians in Manchuria—Rioting by Students in Russian Universities, Many of Whom Are Japanese Sympathizers—Ice Railway Across Lake Baikal is in Operation—Three Russian Warships and One Transport Frozen in at Vladivostok—Chinese Are Reinforcing on Gulf of Pechili.

Vienna, March 1.—A terrific bombardment of Port Arthur by the Japanese continues today. It is believed the Japanese will capture Port Arthur before the day is over. The reply from the Russian guns is not so vigorous or heavy as during yesterday's bombardment.

Ice Railroad Open. St. Petersburg, March 1.—Irkutsk advises the first complete train of 25 cars crossed Lake Baikal on the ice railroad this morning, superintended by Prince Khilkoff.

Russian Fleet Frozen in. A letter from Vladivostok, February 17, says 500 Chinese brigands are terrorizing the district of Ninguta, Manchuria.

The warships then in Vladivostok harbor were the Rossia, Gromobol, Rurik and the transport Moskova, all frozen in hard.

A Japanese barber shot a Russian officer dead, then announced himself as captain of the Japanese general staff, and not used to taking insults.

Russians Cruising Off Azores. London, March 1.—A private telegram this evening states a Russian warship was sighted cruising off the Azores watching for contrabands.

Chinese Reinforcing. Peking, March 1.—Chinese troops at Lachu on the Gulf of Pechili, opposite Port Arthur, are being reinforced. General Yulanbikai, with 10,000 men, is near Yang Pink Fu, Pechili province, not far from the Manchurian borders, while General Ma has 15,000 fresh troops arriving for the province.

Reported Repulse of Japanese. Emden, Prussia, March 1.—News is received here that the Japanese attacked Port Arthur today and were repulsed with heavy losses.

Bulgaria With Russia. Sofia, March 1.—King Ferdinand is quoted as intimating in private conversation that Bulgaria should be an ally of Russia, as she was the Bulgarian's liberator.

Blocked in the Canal. Port Said, March 1.—Five Russian torpedo boats have arrived from Suez, reporting the Russian cruiser Aurora blocked in the canal.

Manchurian Marauders. St. Petersburg, March 1.—Port Arthur advices state the Manchurian railway has suffered considerably by the continued acts of marauders. Two hundred twenty locomotives and a number of cars have been disabled.

Suppressing Chinese Papers. London, March 1.—The Central

CONGRESS AND TRUSTS. Investigate Railways and the Beef Trust.

Washington, March 1.—Cowherd, democrat of Missouri, introduced a resolution in the house directing the committee on commerce to investigate charges by shippers of livestock that are not fairly treated by the railways of the West.

The committee on interstate and foreign commerce ordered a favorable report on the resolution of Secretary Martin to ask the department of commerce to investigate whether the beef trust is violating the injunction resting against it.

HORSE THIEF ESCAPES. Carries Out a Nervy and Unusual Scheme.

Sacramento, March 1.—W. C. Howell, confined in the jail at Gridley, charged with horse stealing, burned his way out through the roof last night with a lighted candle. He stood on a chair and wet the roof so it would not burn too fast.

Snowstorm in New York. New York, March 1.—The severest snowstorm of the season has stalled all trains between Utica and Oneida, where the fall is three to five feet deep.

FARMERS ON THE WARPATH.

Northern Pacific Has Ordered the Mutual Telephone Lines Cut Where They Cross the Tracks.

Colfax, March 1.—Farmers owning dozens of co-operative telephone lines throughout Eastern Washington, are on the warpath, because the Northern Pacific roadmasters have ordered the wires of these telephone lines cut, wherever they cross the tracks of the company.

The country in this vicinity is covered with a network of these farmers' lines and while they are elevated on very high poles wherever they cross the railroad tracks, the company has demanded the removal of all the wires from its right of way along the county roads, and has particularly ordered every line cut where it crosses the right of way. There promises to be something sensational doing in the co-operative telephone business here.

Diphtheria at La Grande. La Grande, March 1.—The 8-year-old son of W. S. Berkeley died yesterday evening with diphtheria and another child in the same family is dangerously ill with the disease. Several other cases are reported in the suburbs, but all are in a mild form.

Truck Drivers Strike. Kansas City, March 1.—Over three hundred union truck drivers struck this morning for the closed shop, as the principal contention. Seventy policemen, hired by the Employers' Association, are on duty.

Harper Operated On. Chicago, March 1.—President Harper, of the University of Chicago, was successfully operated upon this morning for appendicitis.

Kaiser is Going South. Berlin, March 1.—The kaiser leaves Bremerhaven March 12 for a trip to southern Europe to regain his health.

Vannovski Dead. St. Petersburg, March 1.—Former Minister of War Vannovskii died last night.

Deporting Americans From Korea. Washington, March 1.—Minister Allen, at Seoul, Korea, cables the state department that pursuant to arrangements with the Japanese minister, returning Japanese transports will bring Americans from Ping Yang. The Americans in Seoul and vicinity have already been sent to the Philippines.

Allen says Russian scouts on reaching Ping Yang Sunday noon, were pursued by Japanese.

On to Manchuria. Paris, March 1.—Authoritative Tokio advices say the Japanese general staff left Japan today for Chemulpo, indicating that all troops necessary for a forward movement are landed in Korea. They expect Russians to put up a stiff front against an advance.

Frost-Bitten Russians. London, March 1.—The Reuter's Cologne correspondent says Russian officials confirm the reports of thousands of Russian soldiers being permanently unfitted for service as the result of being frost-bitten.

Pro-Japanese Students. Berlin, March 1.—The Tageblatt reports riots among the students of the universities of Odessa, Kiev and Kharoff as the result of different opinions of the war. Sanguinary conflicts occurred, with the pro-Japanese in the larger number. The authorities are passive.

DOG TAX AND DOG-GONED TAX. Marshal Carney is Swift in Collection of Both.

Between the tax on dogs and the tax on heads, Marshal Carney is a busy man these days. This morning he put four men on duty as special police, and up till noon they had rounded up a large number of homeless dogs and had collected 26 licenses from those who do not wish to see their pets go to the block of the executioner.

It will be an easy thing for anyone wishing to have a dog to get one, for there is a large and varied assortment in the pen at the corner of Webb and Cottonwood, and from this assortment a person can have his choice on payment of the price of ransom.

The poll tax is another thing of the same kind. The marshal is rounding up the men who are not licensed to run loose with no cost to the community and each is paying his \$2 as he is captured. The only hard thing about it is the capturing; but in spite of this the officer has a large pocketful of money as the result of his day's work.

Plans have been approved by the secretary of agriculture for the construction of three new laboratory buildings for the department in Washington, at a cost of \$1,500,000.

PROSPECTUS FOR COUNTY COURT

Tomorrow Will Open an Unusually Busy and Important Session.

LONG LIST OF BILLS WILL BE CONSIDERED.

One of the Most Important Will Be the Bill for Printing the Delinquent Tax List—The Wild Horse Cut-off Also Demands Action, and That Part of the Session Devoted to That Issue Will Be Extremely Interesting—It Has Good Prospects.

The county court will convene tomorrow morning at 9 o'clock for the regular March term, which this time will be an especially busy and important one.

At this time will come up for settlement the bills for the past two months, but a very few of which are now in the hands of the clerk. They are, however, coming in at a rapid rate, and inside of two days will be ready for the commissioners' action.

The bill for printing the delinquent tax list will come up this week also, and be settled, and it is expected that some interesting action will be taken by the court when it comes to this item.

The Wild Horse Cut-Off. Perhaps the most important thing to come before the court at this session is the petition of W. H. Harrah and others for the cut-off to the Wild Horse road. This road has attracted a great deal of attention throughout that part of the county affected by the change, and great interest is manifested by the farmers in the action of the court.

It is thought that the court will take favorable action on the petition, provided it is shown that the road will not be excessive in cost. If the cost is too heavy the county will hesitate before pledging itself to build it, but even if the price to be paid is high and the men who wish the road will promise to bear enough of the burden to make it reasonable for the county government, it is almost a certainty that they will give their consent, for the new road would be a great advantage to the farmers.

Those who are working for the road think that it could be built at little expense, claiming that the part where the expense will be the greatest will nearly pay for itself in the rock that can be sold to the builders of this city. And this aside, the farmers who will be benefited by the change will be willing to contribute enough to build around the bluff, even if the county were not to stand a cent of the cost.

There are one or two road petitions to be acted upon, and a few minor matters to come before the session this time, but nothing of great importance to the county.

CAMPAIGN BY THE WOODMEN

MANY NEW MEMBERS BEING BROUGHT INTO THE ORDER.

An Open Meeting and Celebration to Be Held April 8, at Which Noted Speakers Will Be Present—Will Be Followed by a Banquet—All the Committees Are Hustling.

The Woodmen of the World are having a great campaign for new members, and a great many are being brought into the fold. The campaign committee, consisting of J. H. Lowrey, J. P. Walker, W. B. Hale, Lee Drake and A. Zeuske, have been hard at work, and have provided for an open meeting to be held on the evening of April 8, at the court house, to which the public will be invited. Noted speakers have been invited to be present and talk on the order and its benefits, and C. V. Cooper of Portland, the head banker of the order, will be present, as will W. C. Hawley of Salem, C. F. Kuepff and A. D. Stillman, all head officers in the order.

At the close of the meeting on that evening there will be a banquet given to the new members and the visiting officers of the order by the local lodge, which will be elaborate. A good program is being prepared for this event, also, and it is expected that it will surpass anything of the kind attempted in the city this year.

WEIDERT FARM SOLD. Ben Stanton Purchases One of the Best Wheat Farms in the Vansycle District.

Mrs. Julia A. Weidert has sold to Ben Stanton her valuable wheat farm, consisting of 290 acres near Vansycle Canyon, the consideration being \$37.24 per acre, or \$10,500.

There are 270 acres of this land in cultivation and it is considered by Umatilla county people to be one of the best wheat farms in that district. There were many buyers for this place, Tassie Stewart of Milton, offering Mrs. Weidert \$35 an acre for it, and other farmers offering prices nearly as high as that offered by the fortunate purchaser. Mrs. Weidert, it is said, will now purchase a farm in the vicinity of Walla Walla, where she will make her future home.

Brother of Ples Armstrong. E. Armstrong, a brother of Pleasant Armstrong, who was recently hanged at Baker City, was fined \$10 at Athens yesterday, for striking William Wells with a beer bottle. In the struggle a plate glass window was broken and Armstrong was fined \$15 for that.

Africans in Revolt. Berlin, March 1.—German West African advices are that native troops in the Cross and Nasaang rivers region have revolted and killed four Germans and burned their factories.