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WEATHER FORECAST.

Cloudy, with occasional rain or snow tonight and Tuesday.

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ROB THE NORTH COAST LIMITED

Two Men Dynamite Express Car and Safes Sixteen Miles West of North Yakima.

ROBBERS BELIEVED TO BE HIDING IN YAKIMA.

There Is a Suspicion That the Perpetrators Are Ex-Railroad Men Because of Their Complete Familiarity With Railroad Property and Ways of Handling It—No Shooting and No One Hurt, and the Amount of Booty Is Unknown—Passengers Were Not Molested—Sheriffs of Yakima and Kittitas Counties Are in Pursuit With Descriptions of Robbers.

North Yakima, Dec. 18.—Up to 3 o'clock this afternoon no possible clue to the Northern Pacific train robbers has been found, although it is believed they are in hiding in this city. They are supposed to be ex-railroad men. The robbery occurred at 7 o'clock Saturday night. The North Coast Limited No. 1, westbound, was held up and robbed by two masked men, who boarded the train at Hillside station, 15 miles west of North Yakima. Both the local and through safes were blown open by explosives, but the amount of plunder taken is unknown.

Two men did the job. One was seen climbing over the tender and he covered Engineer George W. Howe with a revolver. The train crew, which was in charge of Conductor Jesse Huxtable, was covered by the bandits, who were masked and heavily armed.

The engineer was ordered to proceed a half mile west from Hillside with the locomotive, mail, express and baggage cars. Then, while one man covered the crew, the other applied explosives to the express car. Both safes were shattered, as was also the car.

The robbers helped themselves to the plunder and then hastened off in the direction of North Yakima. As far as can be learned there was no shooting and no one was injured. The express car was shattered almost to pieces.

The sheriffs of Yakima and Kittitas counties have organized posses and started in hot pursuit within a short time. A fair description of the men was secured. They were of medium height and wore overalls, one having been badly torn.

Officials of the company state they do not know how much money was secured. The contents of the through safe are known only at the end of the line and whas was in the local safe could not be learned. No passengers were molested.

The train had just left the Hillside station, where the bandits evidently boarded it, when the two men crawled over the tender and confronted the engineer and fireman with drawn revolvers. Obeying their commands, the engineer slowed down the train, finally bringing it to a stop. The conductor hastened forward to see what the matter was and found himself looking down the barrel of a gun. He was commanded to throw up his hands, as was the brakeman and other members of the train crew. They were then ordered to uncouple the smoker and passenger cars. While one bandit covered the trainmen, the other stood guard over the engineer and his assistant. As soon as the cars had been uncoupled the robbers boarded the engine and ordered the engineer to start up. When they had proceeded about half a mile west the engineer was ordered to halt.

The men on the engine were then stood up alongside the track and ordered to keep their hands up. One robber watched them while the other used nitro-glycerine on the express car. The explosion that followed was terrific. The car door was shattered and the fragments scattered all about. The safes were both blown up and the booty secured, how much is not known. The messenger had been ordered to remain with the passenger cars, as had the conductor, brakemen and others of the crew, except the fireman and engineer.

The express company refuses to state the amount of booty secured, but it is said to total a large sum. In addition to the money taken a large quantity of Christmas gifts was destroyed. The wreck of the express car delayed traffic several hours.

Jack Crumley is Ill.

Jack Crumley, known in most of the mining camps of the west and through Alaska, who was at one time a sheriff of Lemhi county, Idaho, is seriously ill at the hospital in this city. He has spent the last two or three years in these parts.—Baker City Democrat.

JUDGMENT AGAINST IRON DYKE.

Plaintiffs Expect to Recover About $200,000, Including Costs.

Baker City, Dec. 18.—Mandate affirming the action of the court in the case of F. F. Curtze et al, respondents, vs. the Iron Dyke Copper Mining company et al, appellants, was received this morning by County Clerk Combs from the supreme court. Under the mandate the respondents recover $191,117.30, and the sum of $8000 attorney's fees, and the appellants are ordered to pay the costs in both courts, amounting to $509.45.

It is decreed that the judgment is a lien upon the property covered by the mortgage set forth in the complaint which includes the Iron Dyke, Shaftner, Fraction, Violet, Madie, Sampson, Segley and Copper Giant claims; the land known as the Dowd tract; the Deacon ranch and all implements and accessories thereto; the Homestead ranch, occupied by Frank E. Pierce; an assay outfit and effects on the Homestead ranch; a railroad engine known as the "Charles M. Reed," and a combination coach which are on the track at or near Huntington; right of way from Huntington or Nagel to Ballard's landing on the Oregon side of the Snake river, which was secured by the Northwestern Railway company, and property in the hands of the receiver.

The mortgage is decreed foreclosed and the sale of such property as necessary ordered, to pay the amount of the judgment and interest on the total sum at 6 per cent from August, 1904, and the costs of the action.

FINED COMBINE MANIPULATORS

SAID TO HAVE OPERATED CHICAGO BRICK TRUST.

Ten Defendants Were Mulcted in the Sum of Two Thousand Dollars Each for Violating the Illinois State Anti-Trust Laws—Among the Defendants Were Agents of the Brickmakers' Union—Work of Securing a Jury for the Trial of the Trust Packers Was Resumed Today in Chicago.

Chicago, Dec. 18.—The "brick trust cases" were called today in Judge Smith's court. The accused were accused of violating the state anti-trust laws. They did not deny their guilt and were fined $2000 each, as follows.

The Illinois Amareican and Chicago Brick companies, George C. Prussing, President Mines, Edwin J. Tomlins, John Gray, Sales Agents companies, Patrick McMann and Charles Nank, agents of the Brick Workers' union.

Working to Get a Jury.

Chicago, Dec. 18.—The attempt to secure a jury in the packers' cases, is continued today.

BIG LOG DELIVERY IN ASOTIN.

Two Thousand Sheep Sold, and a New Flouring Mill at Anatone.

The Blue Mountain Lumber & Manufacturing company is now receiving more than 3,000,000 feet of logs more than Anatone and Cloverland, says the Asotin Sentinel. The Anatone mill will receive about 2,500,000 feet, while 600,000 feet will be delivered at Cloverland. The logging is now under full headway, there being about seven inches of snow on the ground, thus furnishing excellent sleighing. The company finds a ready market for the cut and has recently furnished several large orders to Lewiston contractors.

Lester Coffin, the Lewiston sheepman, was here yesterday and received 2000 sheep from Henry Knopes. The sheep were purchased for feeding purposes and will be taken to the Charles LaFord place five miles above Asotin and placed on feed for 60 days.

The frame work for a flour mill, with a capacity of 50 barrels a day, is nearly completed at Anatone.

OLD MAN FOUND DEAD.

Henry Shouemaker's Death Caused by Heart Failure.

Henry Shouemaker, an old man living four miles from Pilot Rock was found dead in his chair yesterday. Death was apparently caused by heart disease. Coroner Henderson was notified of the case, but as the circumstances indicated that death had come from naturel causes, no inquest was held. The funeral will be held at Pilot Rock tomorrow.

DEER TOO THICK TO BE TRAILED

Meadow Creek Country, Idaho, Also a Land of Cougars.

In the Meadow Creek country in Idaho, it is reported that deer are so thick that they cannot be tracked. The snow has such a light crust that it will not hold a man up and hunters cannot travel fast enough to track a deer. In the morning after a snow the meadow appears to be one mass of deer tracks, so thick are the deer. Cougars are plentful there also, and last year one man killed 13 of them.

THREE CHICAGO BANKS ANNOUNCE INSOLVENCY

Private Speculation and Unfortunate Investments the Cause. Are Associate Banks, and Clearing House is in Charge.

Other Banking Houses Guarantee to Pay Every Claim—Total Liabilities of the Three Institutions Are $26,000,000—The Clearing House is in Charge of All Assets—Claimed That Depositors Will Be Paid in Full But the Stockholders Are in Jeopardy—Walsh Has Resigned the Presidency of Chicago National — New York Bankers Do Not Anticipate Serious Trouble, Through the Failures Have Had a Bad Effect in Speculative Circles.

Chicago, Dec. 18.—John R. Walsh's banks, the Chicago National, the Home Savings and Equitable Trust, the insolvency of which was announced this morning, are associated banks.

Chicago was besieged by depositors at an early hour this morning, in an angry mood. The Home Savings was especially the object of demands by small depositors. The bankers of Chicago have guaranteed to make good every liability and pay every claim.

Private speculation and operations in railroads, coal lands, quarries and other side lines are said to be the cause of the financial disaster.

Comptroller of the Currency Ridgely has been in the city three days. Sunday afternoon he called a meeting of other bankers at the office of President Forgan of the First National. It lasted from 3 p. m. to 3:30 this morning. The announcement was made at 4 that the National had $16,000,000 deposits and the Home $4,000,000, belonging to 8000 depositors.

The total liabilities of the three institutions are $26,000,000. The directors and Walsh wish to turn in securities for $3,000,000, and guarantee the remainder.

The banks opened at the usual hour thsi morning but the depositors received no money, the clearing house being in charge.

Will Pay Depositors in Full.

Walsh arrived at his office at about 9 o'clock, but refused to talk. His brother-in-law, Col. J. C. Cooper, president of the National Horse Exchange, said depositors will be paid in full, but he didn't know how the stockholders will fare.

Chief Collins is present with a detail of police, directing the excited crowd. Two lines are formed, mostly of depositors in the savings institution.

The last statement showed the resources and liabilities of the Chicago National to be $19,854,198.98; the Home Savings, $3,948,477.13.

Yalsh was born in Ireland in 1837 and came to Chicago when young. He was a clerk for J. McNally, a news dealer, and finally formed the American News company. He is interested in numerous enterprises.

The comptroller of the currency places the blame for failure principally upon railway investments. Walsh has been a factor in politics. He has been ill for three months.

Walsh Resigns.

Wash resigned the presidency of the Chicago National at a meeting of the directors this morning.

Bank Has Not Failed.

National Bank Examiner Charles H. Bosworth, with a clercal force from the clearing house, has taken the place of the resigned president. All members of the clearing house committee and Bosworth were elected directors.

Ridgely has issued a statement: "Misunderstanding appears to exist. The bank has not failed, has not closed its doors. It is embarrassed by investments of large amounts of assets in unavailable securities. It is open for business and every dollar will be paid immediately."

The depositors got their money as readily as the run continues, but sought information, which was denied.

The Heaviest Losers.

The heaviest losers is the estate of Martin J. Russell. Mrs. Russell had invested heavily in Walsh's private ventures.

"Situation Relieved."

Washington, Dec. 18.—Ridgely, at Chicago, has telegraphed Secretary Shaw the situation was relieved by the clearing house committee and examiner Bosworth's appointment to run the three banks, and guarantees the other banks will pay all liabilities.

Affected New York Speculators.

New York, Dec. 18.—Bankers do not anticipate trouble here as a result of the Wash bank failures. The failures have had a bad effect in speculative circles. Stocks are weak and lower, average losses ranging from 1 to 2 per cent.

Amalgamated copper had a bad few minutes and dropped to 97, when 10,000 shares were dumped, presumably by Lawson, and then dropped to 93 1-2. The market was demoralized. Then copper rallied, gaining 5 per cent.

Stocks had almost wholly recovered before the closing.

TOWNSITE IN LITIGATION.

Suit Brought to Recover Half the Realty of Caldwell.

The Boise Statesman refers to a legal controversy at Caldwell, Idaho, as follows:

Arguments in a suit to set aside deeds to nearly half the townsite of Caldwell, valued at approximately $300,000, were made yesterday in the United States court before Judge Beatty by Attorneys J. J. Blake and C. C. Cavanah, counsel for Iddius Larson and Sterling W. Brown, who are suing the Caldwell Land Co., limited, to quiet title. The defendants were represented in court by W. E. Borah. The arguments were directed toward pointing out relevant points in the testimony, which was taken in the case by a referee some time ago. The record is voluminous.

A number of years ago the land in controversy was transferred to the defendant company through the probate court, being owned by the plaintiffs, who were at that time minor heirs to an estate of little value. Now that the property has become worth a large sum of money an effort is being made to have the deeds set aside.

Sheep and Cattlemen in Controversy.

That a fight is on between the cattlemen and sheepmen of Asotin county over the grazing privileges in the Wenaha forest reserve is shown by the fact that a petition is being circulated by the cattlemen for the signatures of farmers and residents of the county asking the secretary of the interior to refuse sheepmen the privilege of running their stock on any portion of the reserve lying near the headwaters of Asotin creek or its tributaries. This petition is supposed to be the outcome of the joint meeting held in the court house here last Saturday at which time no agreement could be reached as to a division of the range. The cattlemen claim that there are too many bands of sheep feeding on this part of the reserve, and that cattle are gradually being crowded out by the encroachments of sheepmen.—Asotin Sentinel.

OLD ISSUE OF JURISDICTION REVIVED

Once more the famous Columbia George case has been brought into court, and if a suit started Saturday is successful, proceedings will doubtless be taken to secure his freedom on the ground that his conviction was by the wrong court.

The suit filed Saturday afternoon is that of R. J. Slater vs. Columbia George, Uam-ma and O. C. Edwards, agent on the Umatilla reservation. The purpose of the suit is to have the court appoint a receiver to handle the leasing of the alloted land of Columbia George; to use the proceeds derived therefrom in paying off two notes amounting to $3000, held by R. J. Slater, and to further use such funds in retaining counsel to combat proceedings in behalf of the imprisoned Indian.

According to the complaint the two notes were given the plaintiff as attorney's fees, one for $500 being issued in 1901, and another for $2500 in 1904. No part is said to have been paid excepting $130 on the first note.

Owing to decisions recently given by the supreme court of the United States, the complaint states that there is "very grave doubt" as to the legality of the conviction of Columbia George, and the latter is said to wish proceedings undertaken in his behalf. He was convicted of murder in the first degree in 1901, and is now held at McNeil's Island. He was tried in the federal court, and the contention is that the state court should have had jurisdiction instead.

RATES WILL ADVANCE.

Shippers Fear That Monopoly of Oriental Traffic Will Be Disastrous.

Washington, Dec. 18.—Shipping ex[illegible] east as well as in the west, are all stirred up over the new coastwise navigation laws applying to commerce with the Philippines, which will go into effect next July.

"It is about as foolish a piece of legislation as could be devised," declared Henry W. Peabody, the noted Boston merchant, at the Arlington this morning. "It will prohibit all ships save those that fly the United States flag from trading between Philippine and American ports, and will result in the levy of widely exorbitant carrying rates. No such monopoly should be tolerated, and probably the law will be abrogated."

Wallula Woman Dead.

Walla Walla, Dec. 18.—Mrs. Elizabeth Hibbs, a prominent Wallula woman, widow of the late William Hibbs, died at 509 Jefferson street at 5 o'clock this morning, an hour after she had arrived in Walla Walla to receive medical treatment for diabetes, from which she had been a sufferer for several months. Mrs. Hibbs was taken critically ill yesterday and this morning she was brought to Walla Walla by her brother, Barton Morehead, the two arriving on the 4 o'clock train. At 5 o'clock Mrs. Hibbs expired. The body will be shipped to Wallula tonight, the funeral to occur tomorrow at that place. Mrs. Hibbs is survived by several children.

ALL ENTRYMEN ARE PROTECTED

MEASURE DESIGNED TO COVER OVERLAP CASES.

Mere Entrymen, as Well as Those Having Patents Will Be Secured in Their Rights by the Law Which it Is Hoped Will Be Passed—Bill Was Introduced December 5—Will Eliminate Conflict of Interests, But it Must Be Accepted by the Northern Pacific Before it Becomes Operative Statute.

By the act that has been introduced in congress for the relief of settlers on land involved in the Northern Pacific overlap case, all entrymen are to be protected, as well as settlers. A draft of the bill has just been received here and shows that it does not provide merely for those who have patents to their land, as was stated by a Northern Pacific representative who was here recently.

The bill for the relief of the settlers and entrymen was presented to congress by the president at the request of the interior department. On December 5 it was read and referred to the committee on public lands and ordered printed. The following is the bill as introduced:

Be it enacted by the senate and house of representatives of the United States of America in congress assembled: That the provisions of the act of July 1, 1898, which provided for the adjustment by the land department of conflicting claims to lands within the limits of the grant to the Northern Pacific railroad company be, and they hereby are, extended to include any bona fide settlement or entry made subsequent to January 1, 1898, and prior to May 13, 1905, in accordance with the erroneous decision of the land department respecting the withdrawal on general route of the Northern Pacific railroad between Wallula, Wash., and Portland, Oregon, where the same has not since been abandoned.

Sec. 2.—That this act shall become effective upon an acceptance thereof by the Northern Pacific railroad company being filed with the secretary of the interior.

OFF TO CALIFORNIA.

Some to Visit, Others to Remain Permanently.

Quite a number of Pendleton people left on the westbound train this morning being bound for California. Mr. and Mrs. F. S. Younger, who were in the party, will be joined in Portland by Ernest Younger, and they will reside permanently in southern California. Also Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Sullivan and daughter Faye, left to make their future home there. Others to leave this morning were Elmer Snyder and family, Carl Hansen and James Cameron of Helix. The two last named will spend the winter in San Francisco.

NEW PRECINCT CREATED.

Formed From Northeast Portion of North Milton.

This afternoon the county court granted the petition from residents of North Milton asking for the creation of a new precinct out of the northwest portion of that voting district. The new precinct is to be known as Ferndale, and the division was made because the voting strength of North Milton was greater than allowed by law.

REIGN OF TERROR IS NOT CHECKED

Troop Train Said to Be Dynamited, and Troops at Riga Join the Rebels.

HUNDREDS ARE FLEEING INTO EASTERN GERMANY.

Bloodshed, Fire and Rapine Rage Back and Forth Through the Saratoff District, Following the Assassination of Sakharoff—A Train Bearing One Hundred Twenty Million Roubles for the Government is Believed to Have Been Captured by the Revolutionists—Slaughter and Terrorism Reported From Many Interior Districts.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 18.—It is reported a military train carrying troops to Oret, was dynamited, and 200 Cossacks killed and many injured.

It is also understood the troops at Riga have joined the rebels. The town is being bombarded and is afire in many places. Hundreds are fleeing to Germany.

An awful reign of bloodshed in the Saratoff district, where Maximovitch is trying to suppress the revolt following the assassination of Sakharoff.

A train bearing 120,000,000 roubles, due at 11 o'clock Saturday night, has not arrived. It was strongly guarded with soldiers, but it is feared is lost.

Casualties reported at Riga, where 700 were killed and 1500 wounded. At Mitau 200 were killed and 600 wounded. At Dorpat 150 were killed and 400 wounded. At Wolmar 200 were killed and 100 wounded. At other places 90 were killed and hundreds wounded.

RACE RIOTS AT SHANGHAI.

Marines Landed, and Many Reported Killed and Wounded.

Washington, Dec. 18.—The state department was informed this morning by cable from the American consul at Shanghai that riots have resulted in the death of several foreigners. Two Chinese were killed and a number of buildings burned. No Americans were reported killed.

British marines were landed from the English ships and the decks cleared for action. Shanghai is practically under martial law. All foreigners are armed. Reports that 330 were killed and many wounded, are now discredited.

SLIGHT FIRE IN GROCERY.

Quenched Before the Department Reached the Scene.

Considerable excitement was caused this forenoon by a central alarm of fire which was turned in about 10 o'clock. However, the alarm was out of proportion to the occasion, for before the department could reach the scene the blaze had been extinguished by a small hose.

It was in the rear of the basement of the Standard Grocery that the fire occurred, and it was caused by coal oil or gasoline becoming ignited. Oil had been stored over the basement and apparently some had dripped down through the floor. Consequently, when a fire was started this morning in the bottling works adjoining the oil became ignited and for a moment the basement was filled with flame. However, it soon abated, and the remaining fire was extinguished by means of a small hose.

In response to the alarm turned in, both of the hose companies in the center of town turned out, as did also the hook and ladder company. However, there was no need for any of their services, and the hose was not even unwound.

SUMMONED TO MONTANA.

Serious Illness at Missoula, of Fred Lockley, Sr.

Fred Lockley, circulation manager of the East Oregonian, will leave tonight for Missoula, Mont., where his father lies at the point of death. This afternoon a telegram was received by Mr. Lockley, telling of the serious illness of his father, and summoning him to his bedside.

Suit on Board Bill.

Suit has been commenced by J. E. Moore, through Attorney Dan E. Smythe, against L. K. Blakeslee to collect the sum of $150 and interest since 1899. The amount is alleged to be due the plaintiff for board and lodging at the Hotel Pendleton, the debt being incurred in 1899.

Marriage Licenses Issued.

Marriage licenses have been issued to John E. Bryant and Myrtle Hancock, and to Louis Clarence La Breche and Frankie E. Estes.