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BIG STORMS IN THE EAST

Fierce Storms Sweep Through Mississippi Valley States, Killing Many People.

SMALLER TOWNS ARE REPORTED OBLITERATED

Cyclone Belt of Southern States Are Swept for Sixth Time in Year—At Least Six Hamlets Are Reported Obliterated—Forty Are Known to Be Dead—Property Losses Are From One to Two Millions—Blizzard Is Still Raging in North—Two Are Dead in Chicago—Large Property Losses There.

Memphis, April 29.—For the sixth time in a year the cyclone belt of Tennessee, Missouri, Arkansas, Mississippi and adjacent states were swept by a series of storms, leaving forty dead and hundreds injured, six hamlets destroyed and property loss amounting to a million dollars. A Golden, Mo., four were killed and every building there was leveled. The same number is dead at Horn Lake, Miss., which was destroyed, and five are dead at Young's crossing, Tenn. Towns are Obliterated.

Medina, Tenn., reports two killed and Locke, Tenn., entirely obliterated. A dozen buildings are demolished at Raleigh, Tenn., and three are killed at Henderson, Tenn. West Marion and Wheatly, Ark., each report one dead.

The latest reports from Texas City state that town was totally destroyed and 16 killed. At noon authorities estimated that the total loss resulting from the storm was between one and two million dollars. Reports say that the blizzard is still raging in Wisconsin and Minnesota.

Strikes Lower Mississippi. Late reports indicate that twenty thousand are injured and a great many killed in the lower Mississippi valley, and scores of Arkansas and Tennessee towns devastated.

Two Dead in Chicago. Chicago, April 30.—Two are dead, and fifty injured, some fatally, as the result of a storm here last night. Wires are down in every direction and communication with outside points is intermittent. Immense damage was done throughout Illinois and Indiana. Twenty five houses in Chicago were wrecked.

Two boys the sons of J. S. Ryers, are missing and it is feared that they are killed. HENEY THOUGHT TO BE ON VERGE OF COLLAPSE. San Francisco, April 30.—Honey is believed to be on the verge of a nervous collapse. For a week he has been in poor health. It is thought that the persistent worrying tactics of the defense of the Calhoun trial brought him to where a break down is imminent. When the proceedings were resumed today Henev turned the greater part of his work over to Assistant John O'Garra and J. Harrigan. Members of the old boodling board of supervisors took the stand, and told of accepting a bribe for their vote on the trolley franchise.

SEATTLE WANTS SPOKANE IRRIGATION CONGRESS. Washington, April 30.—Government officials who were asked to decide the Seattle-Spokane controversy at the next meeting of national irrigation congress, refused to be drawn into the quarrel. The government has notified citizens of the cities governing that the body of the irrigation congress must decide where the next meeting will be held.

It is scheduled for Spokane, but Seattle contends that it should be held in Seattle so that the government exhibit at the exposition could be used at the irrigation congress too. Committee for Chamberlain. Washington, April 30.—Senator Chamberlain of Oregon, was today elected to a seat on the committee of Indian affairs, succeeding Bankhead of Alabama.

GOES TO GALLOWS WITH A SMILE. Sacramento, April 30.—With a smile and refusing the attendance of a priest, Antony Cipola, the Sicilian, was hanged this morning at Folsom prison for the murder of Joseph Pirano. "It's all right, boys," he shouted as the trap sprung.

PENDLETON DEBATES NEWBERG MAY 14

Friday, May 14 has been set as the date for the debate here between the Pendleton and Newberg high school team. This will be the semi-final contest in the race for the state championship and the winner of the debate in this city will be entitled to try for the higher honor. The defeated team will be out of it.

The ship subsidy question will again be discussed and the local team will again defend the negative. They have already won two debates with the same side of the same question.

The date of the contest was not definitely known until a message to that effect was received this afternoon by City Superintendent Landers.

FEATURES OF TARIFF BILL ARE REPORTED

Washington, April 30.—Senator Aldrich announced the text of the maximum and minimum features of the tariff bill agreed upon by the senate finance committee today following a consultation with President Taft, and Attorney General Wickensham during which they placed the stamp of their approval upon the plan. The new section provides that minimum rates be the same as in the Aldrich bill and maximum be 25 per cent ad valorem in addition to the rates specified in the tariff bill.

HOLD UP SPOKANE NORTHERN PACIFIC

CUTOFF ENGINE AND ONE MAIL CAR

Northern Pacific No. 3 Is Held Up Last Night Three Miles Out from Spokane—Men Ride on Top for a Long Distance—Come Down and Cut Off Mail Car—Take a Shot at Fireman—Take Possession of Engine—Posses in Pursuit.

Spokane, Wash., April 30.—A special from Hauser Junction, Idaho, says:

Northern Pacific train No. 3 was held up at exactly 10:25 p. m. last night three miles east of this place by two men, described by Conductor A. F. Miley as being, one a very large proportioned man, the other of ordinary build.

They cut the engine and one mail car from the train, took shots at the fireman, missing him by a very narrow margin, and ordered him off the engine. One of the men put a gun to Engineer Whiteley's head, commanding him to go ahead until he told him to stop. The other bandit took the place of the fireman and as they passed through Hauser at 10:30 p. m. he was throwing coal into the firebox in an inexperienced manner. Together with the fact that there were no markers on the rear of the train and the engine crew disregarded the signals, which was unusual, it was at once surmised by the operator that it was a holdup. He immediately notified the dispatcher in Spokane to that effect, which proved to be correct.

Officials in Spokane, as well as Rathdrum, were at once notified and while the mail car was being robbed between Trent and Yardley, posses were forming at either side of the bandits to overhaul them. The engine and mail car ran by signals at Trent, 10 miles east of Spokane and had not yet shown up at Yardley, 40 minutes before midnight.

Suspects Arrested. (Later)—Four suspects were arrested as the result of the holdup last night on the Northern Pacific passenger three miles west at Rathdrum. Two bandits separated the engine and mail car from the train, and compelled the engineer to run down the track, and stole a valuable mail, over-looking valuables in one corner. They rifled a sack of registered mail for Seattle and other points. Haste caused the robbers to leave the express car behind in uncoupling. Passes are scouring the country. It is believed that the robbers are hiding in Spokane.

Hilliker Returned to Washington. Oakland, April 30.—F. H. Hilliker, accused of embezzlement in Washington, is enroute to Spokane today in custody of Sheriff Pugh, indicted of the theft of eighteen thousand dollars while agent of the defunct Pacific Livestock association in Spokane.

Alleged Defaulter Arrested. Oakland, April 30.—Earl E. Bonardus, the paying teller of the bank of Germany, in this city, is in jail as the result of alleged defalcation of two thousand dollars. The amount is covered by bonds.

THROW BABIES FROM WINDOW

New York Tenement is Destroyed by Fire and Over Twenty Killed and Injured.

BABIES THROWN FROM WINDOWS TO FIREMEN

Fire Destroys Tenement in the Italian Quarters of New York City—Mothers Throw Babies From Upper Windows to the Firemen Below—Two Slip Through the Officers Hands and are Killed—Five More are Saved in This Manner—Officers Rescue Thirty-one Huddled Together in a Room.

New York, April 30.—Eight are killed, six missing and 4 in the hospitals as the result of a fire which destroyed a tenement in the Italian quarter today. Two babies were killed and five saved when their mothers threw them from the upper windows into the arms of Officer Erosner. The two killed slipped through the policeman's arms.

After catching the babies Bossner joined Officer White in a dash through the flames and smoke to the upper floors, where they found 31 panic stricken Italians huddled in one room, all of which were rescued.

OREGON-IDAHO DEVELOPMENT CONGRESS AT WEISER

Weiser, Idaho, April 30.—No division in sentiment regarding state-aided railroad construction is apparent among the delegates to the Oregon-Idaho development congress assembling here today. William Hanley of Burns, Oregon, is talked of as successor to President Lowell, resigned. Weiser made elaborate preparations for entertaining the congress. Streets were decorated and every train bringing delegates is met at the depot by a band. The first round built under the new Idaho district law will be an extension of the Pacific Idaho Northern to Grangeville Hill lanes, giving Idaho competition with the Harriman monopoly.

DAUGHTER BORN TO QUEEN OF HOLLAND

Hague, April 30.—A bulletin issued at noon today states that Queen Wilhelmina of Holland is resting easily today following the birth of a daughter. No complications are expected. There is great rejoicing as the birth prevents the possibility of the passage of the reigning dynasty to the German house, which was feared by the Dutch.

FORMER BANK PRESIDENT NOW BREAKING ROCKS

San Quentin, April 30.—Dalsell, Brown former president of the California safe deposit and trust company is now breaking rocks with a gang of convicts. He was transferred to the rock pile because his eyes were failing under the strain of work in a jute mill.

Gotch Outclasses Roller.

Kansas City, April 28.—Frank Gotch wrestling champion of the world threw Dr. B. F. Roller of Seattle last night in straight falls, in 27 minutes 55 seconds and 18 minutes and 29 seconds, respectively. The first hold was a combination croch and half nelson, the same that beat the big Turk, and the second a reverse nelson.

SUPREME JUDGE M'BRIDE WILL ASSUME NEW OFFICE IN PENDLETON

When the supreme court sits in Pendleton next Monday morning, one familiar figure will be absent from the bench. That figure will be Justice Bean, who after twenty years upon the supreme bench of the state of Oregon, has stepped up to the federal judgeship. His resignation went to Governor Benson today and when the court meets here Monday, his place will be filled by Judge McBride, his newly appointed successor. According to a Salem dispatch, Judge Bean received a message from Senator Bourne yesterday afternoon, which notified him that his nomination had been confirmed by the senate. He therefore hurried to finish up his supreme court work and tendered his resignation to take effect Monday.

ORDERS BIG CUT IN RATES

Railroad Commission Finds Rates of Pacific Express Company Unjust.

MEANS BIG REDUCTION PORTLAND TO PENDLETON

Railroad Commission Makes General Reduction of Rates on the O. R. & N.—Affects All Cities Between Huntington and Portland—The Dalles Is the Only Exception—Order Becomes Effective in Twenty Days—Oregon Rates Higher Than Other States—Express Company May Not Resist.

Salem, April 30.—The railroad commission today issued an order making wholesale reductions in rates enforced by the Pacific express company. "Merchandise class" rate between Portland and Huntington, now four dollars per hundred, was reduced to three dollars, and a rate of \$2.25 between Pendleton and Portland will be substituted for a \$3 rate; and the rate from Baker City is reduced from \$3.75 to \$2.80; La Grande from \$3.50 to \$2.55.

The reduction applies to all points on the O. R. & N. road in a corresponding degree, The Dalles being the only exception. The order becomes effective in twenty days after the order is served on the company.

For several months the commission has been investigating comparing the rates of the express company in Oregon and rates enforced in other states. It was learned that rates are far lower in Missouri and Texas, and other states than in Oregon. The commission has determined that the rates in Oregon are unjust and unreasonable.

It is believed that if the express company regards the new order as reasonable they will not resist it, but if the reduction is greater than they anticipated they may seek an injunction.

A similar investigation is being conducted by the commission relative to the rates of the Wells-Fargo Co. on the Southern Pacific road.

PORTLAND LIQUOR PETITION FOUND TO BE DEFECTIVE

Portland, Oregon, April 30.—The discovery has been made that the Gothenburg initiative petition does not contain an enacting clause, and is therefore vitally defective. Without an enacting clause, even though the proposition be passed by the people, the measure would be ineffective, is one contention, although others assert that the adoption of the measure by the people makes it effective, despite the absence of the enacting clause.

Naturally, a fight will be made by the backers of the Gothenburg measure to keep the measure on the ballot should the city attorney recommend that it be ignored, and in the event of its adoption by the voters he Gothenburg crowd will bring the question into the courts. Notwithstanding that the Gothenburg people paid 10 cents for each name placed on the petition, there is no assurance that enough of these names will stand the checking test. It is known that many of the names superficially examined will have to be rejected by the clerks when the list is gone over. Should the list of names fall down, there will be no occasion for Barbur to place the measure on the ballot with or without an enacting clause.

BRONCO BUSTING EXHIBITION GIVEN

An impromptu bronco busting exhibition was pulled off on Webb street about 6:30 last evening. Johnson Chapman, a well known Umatilla brave, had been in town most of the afternoon and had succeeded in getting near something stronger than "near beer." As a result he was feeling pretty gay when he got ready to leave for home.

Mounting his horse, he proceeded to "scratch" the animal with the result that Indian and horse were both soon on the ground. Both picked themselves up without much difficulty and the horse was again mounted. This time the animal gave about three jumps and pitched his rides over his head. A third time the Indian got up and straddled the cayuse only to again be landed in the street.

The third time was enough however and when the Indian again mounted, he was careful not to touch his steed with the spurs and rode out of town.

ROOSEVELT TO SPEAK FIRST IN CALIFORNIA

Berkeley, April 30.—Ex-President Roosevelt will make his first public speech when he returns from Africa in the Greek theatre on the university of California campus, according to announcement confirmed at the university. President Wheeler of the university will join Roosevelt in Berlin in the fall.

MILTON GREEKS ARE THREATENED

NURSERY EMPLOYEES ARE NOTIFIED TO LEAVE TOWN

Notice is Found Tacked to Door of House Where the Greeks Lived—Given Until Saturday to Leave Town—Employers Say That the Notice is a Bluff—Thought that the Local People Resent Presence of the Foreigners.

Milton, Ore., April 30.—(Special)—Excitement is intense here among citizens as the result of threats which have been made against the lives of five Greeks employed by the Milton Nursery company, by unknown parties signing themselves "Lawful Citizens of the United States." The only reason known for the threats is that the men are foreigners and, it is claimed, work for less wages than Americans.

The first intimation that there was any feeling against the Greeks, who have been residents of this city for the past two years, came this morning when a notice written on a typewriter was found tacked to the door of the house where the Greeks live. In an evident attempt to disguise the authorship and prevent detection the words of the message had been misspelt. The notice was dated Freewater and was as follows:

"Freewater—We will get you till Saturday night to leave town, and let decent men work. If you don't leave by that time we will raise the devil with you. Signed.) "Lawful Citizens of the United States."

With its discovery the Greeks were terrified and hastened to the authorities, informing them of the threats made against them. The authorities are convinced that the notice was written by local parties and that the Freewater date line was merely inserted to ward off suspicion. After consultation with the business men and authorities the Greeks have decided to pay no attention to the threat against them.

ROSEBURG BAD MAN MAY BE WANTED HERE

A message received this afternoon from Portland, says a man giving the name of Frank Miller has been arrested at Roseburg for pulling off a worthless check job and that the fellow is supposed to be wanted in Pendleton.

There are several men who are wanted by the local officers but none of them have been going by the name of Frank Miller. It may turn out however that the Roseburg bogus check artist is one for whom the local men have been searching. More information will probably be obtainable when Sheriff Taylor returns from Salem tomorrow morning.

Indian Land Sold.

Through a sale just consummated by Norborne Berkeley the James and Gus Bushman allotments upon the reservation have been sold to Ben M. Myrick.

Great Britain consumes about \$5,000,000 worth of Danish eggs a year.

LOCAL FARMER IS SWINDLED

Reported to Have Dropped \$5000 to Smooth Swindler Operating in This County.

FULL PARTICULARS OF FACTS NOT AVAILABLE

Exact Amount of the Swindle is not Known—Thought However to be in Neighborhood of \$5,000—Full Particulars Cannot be Learned—First Report of Swindle Comes From North Yakima—Swindlers Supposed to be Pointed That Way—Facts are in Possession of Sheriff Taylor Who is Out of Town.

According to an authentic report which can not be confirmed as to details, some farmer living near Pendleton has been swindled out of a large sum of money. The exact sum is not known but it is believed to be in the neighborhood of \$5,000.

Sheriff Taylor is in full possession of the details but he is in Portland today and it is not probable that he would give out anything if here. Deputies Funk and Blakeley evidently know little or nothing about the case. District Attorney Phelps is also in possession of some facts or alleged facts in connection with the swindle but he is evidently of the opinion that no good can be rendered the public by a publication of the details of the game at the present time.

First public information concerning the swindle came from North Yakima, to which place the swindlers were supposed to be going. As the information was sent to the officers there by Sheriff Taylor there can be no doubt of the truthfulness of the report.

One of the swindlers goes by the name of H. C. Howard and some times uses the alias of Hall. The name of the other fellow is not known.

According to the best reports obtainable locally, the farmer was interested in a land deal. Though the transaction was supposed to be somewhat shady the farmer was to be given by far the most favorable end of the deal. One of the features of the game was for the farmer to show that he had a sum of money equal to that which the strangers had. This being done, the combined sum was placed in a grip before the farmer's eyes and turned over to him for safe keeping while the swindlers came to Pendleton to complete some details of the transaction.

When after a couple of days the strangers did not return, the farmer opened the grip to find he had nothing but some worthless paper, the strangers having worked a slight of hand trick of some kind on him.

It was but a variation of a game which has been worked in every part of the country, particularly the east, for a number of years.

NEW YORK CAPITALISTS INVEST IN COAST BONDS

New York, April 30.—The consummation of a deal whereby J. P. Morgan and company, the First National bank and the National City bank purchased five million dollars worth of unifying refunding five per cent bonds of California gas and electric corporation is believed to be a forerunner of enormous investments of capital on the Pacific coast by New York financiers. Total investments since July reached twenty millions.

WESTON'S WALKS SEPARATES HIM FROM WIFE

St. Louis.—It is reported that Edward Payson Weston, the famous old pedestrian, who is expected to arrive here this afternoon, will meet his wife, from whom he separated 42 years ago, and two grown children, when he arrives at San Francisco, his destination. Weston has declined to discuss the story, which is to the effect that he separated from his wife because she did not like his feats of pedestrianism, which he would not abandon. According to the story, the pair have not seen each other for 42 years. Those who have arranged for them to meet at San Francisco hope a reconciliation will result. Mrs. Weston is now in California.

TRIAL OF KIDNAPER BOYLE POSTPONED.

Mercer, Pa., April 30.—The trial of James Boyle, accused of kidnaping Billie Whitta, was today postponed until Wednesday. Boyle's wife will be tried first, her trial starting Tuesday.