

WEATHER REPORT

Showers or snow flurries tonight and Sunday.

COUNTY OFFICIAL PAPER.

INDIANS ARE IN SORE STRAITS

Uncle Sam's Wards on Colville Reservation are Poor and Suffering.

SPECIAL AGENT SENT TO MAKE INVESTIGATION

Jack McCrossen is Securing Evidence by Orders from Washington, on Cause of Distressing Conditions Among Red Men—White Men Have Reduced Them to Poverty and Lift Them No Hand to Assist Them to Live.

Spokane, Feb. 19.—Sent by orders from the national capital on a special mission of investigation, Jack McCrossen has been in Spokane this week taking depositions from men in this city as to conditions which actually exist on the south half of the Colville reserve.

After completing his examinations of the books, the records and the witnesses at that point, it is expected he will proceed to the Nespelem valley on the south half of the Colville reservation, there to take the testimony of the Indians themselves.

Poverty in Midst of Wealth. For some time past reports have been drifting into Spokane that conditions are not what they should be on the Spokane reserve. In the fertile valley of the Nespelem are gathered several hundred Indians, Colvilles, Nespelems, and Nez Perces. Awarded clear title to the large tract of rich farming land they occupy, still they are said to be in distressing poverty.

Though much of the land with light expense could be irrigated and brought up to a valuation of hundreds of dollars an acre, it is claimed little or no attempt has been made by their white guardians to secure irrigation or to teach the natives how to farm the ground in its present state.

It is claimed the Indians have even been encouraged to sell the horses and cattle which one aided them to gain a living, thus making room for other herds owned by white stock raisers of the Big Bend country. At the present time they are said to be practically penniless, not knowing how to gain a decent livelihood by farming, and without other means of support.

Meanwhile, it is asserted, large herds of cattle from the Big Bend have been pastured on the Indian lands during the last three years. For every head of cattle thus pastured, grazing fees must be paid. This money is supposed to go to the Indians, but it is claimed the red men have not yet received one cent of the \$50,000 or more gathered in as grazing fees during the last three years.

Where the money is now, and why it has not reached the Indians is one of the questions which, it is understood, Jack McCrossen is to answer.

102 YEAR OLD PIONEER IS DEAD IN SEATTLE

Seattle, Feb. 19.—Michael Regan, aged 102, is dead. He came from Ireland when John Quincy Adams was president, fought through the civil war and helped to build the Union Pacific and Central Pacific as a laborer. He also commanded scouting parties which defended the builders from the Indians.

STEAMSHIP GOES DOWN WITH ALL ON BOARD

London, Feb. 19.—The steamship Hohenzollern, bound from Bremen to London, was wrecked in Dumorely Bay and her crew of twenty lost. The vessel was driven on rocks during a gale last night and was unable to launch life boats.

Wrecked Steamer to Be Raised. Juneau, Alaska, Feb. 19.—Passengers from the wrecked steamer Yucatan arrived here today. The steamer can be raised and this action will probably be taken by the Alaska Steamship company.

Veteran Actor Is Dead. New York, Feb. 19.—Neil Burgess, the veteran actor, died today after a year's illness. Burgess is best known as the creator of the comedy role in "County Fair."

KILLS HIS THREE MOTHERLESS CHILDREN.

Birmingham, Ala., Feb. 19.—George Stephens, a railroad engineer, today shot and killed his three motherless children, fatally wounded their colored nurse and then committed suicide. It is believed morphine is responsible for the deed.

HARRIMAN'S WIDOW IS A LIBEL SUIT WITNESS

New York, Feb. 19.—Mrs. Mary Harriman, widow of E. H. Harriman, will be the principal witness in a supreme court action for alleged slander brought by Mary Burton against Mrs. Olivia Anotoinette Herbert. The damages demanded are \$10,000.

According to the complaint, Miss Burton became housekeeper for Mrs. Harriman at her Arden residence. She was there during the illness of Mr. Harriman. Later, she asserts, Mrs. Herbert made statements to Mrs. Harriman that reflected upon the character of her housekeeper. As a result, the plaintiff claims that she was forced to leave.

Miss Burton declares that her reputation has been injured to such an extent that she cannot now secure employment in the first class places that were formerly available.

WESTERN UNION TELEGRAPH OFFICIAL HAS RESIGNED

New York, Feb. 19.—John C. Barclay, assistant general manager of the Western Union Telegraph, has resigned. No reason has been given. Barclay is well known and is classed as one of the greatest authorities on telegraph matters.

PEACE AND QUIET PREVAILS IN CAIRO

STATE TROOPS PREVENT FURTHER OUTBREAKS

Militia Guards County Jail and Will Remain Until After Funeral of Victim—Negro is Hurried Out of City.

Cairo, Ill., Feb. 19.—With the state troops on guard at the county jail, and every precaution taken to prevent an outbreak, this city is quiet today. Troops will be kept here until after the funeral of Halliday, who was killed by deputies yesterday. The other victims of the officer's volley will recover.

John Pratt, the negro accused of purse stealing who was the cause of the outbreak was hurried from the city last night with eleven other negro prisoners, under a strong guard of soldiers. Their destination is unknown.

It was learned this afternoon that the negro prisoners have been taken to the penitentiary at Chester for safe keeping. It is declared there is still danger of trouble here and it was feared the presence of the negroes at the jail might cause a night attack.

SEANTOR TILLMAN IS SLIGHTLY IMPROVED TODAY

Washington, Feb. 19.—Senator Tillman is slightly improved today after a fairly restful night. His power of speech is entirely gone.

McVeagh Will Resign.

Washington, Feb. 19.—The resignation of Franklin MacVeagh, secretary of the treasury, is predicted here today. The secretary has been confined to his home for a month because of ill health from overwork.

Rear Admiral Urielsebree Retires.

San Francisco, Feb. 19.—Rear Admiral Urielsebree today hauled down the flag from the cruiser California and closed his naval career. He will be succeeded by Rear Admiral Giles D. Harber.

Platform Men Strike.

Philadelphia, Feb. 19.—The platform men of the Philadelphia Rapid Transit company struck today, following the dismissal of other employees.

COUPLING OF CARS IS NOW LESS HAZARDOUS

Washington.—The Interstate Commerce Commission has issued figures relating to railroad accidents, to coupling and uncoupling of cars, as showing beneficial results of the operation of the safety appliance law. The figures show that in 1893 the number of men employed in coupling and uncoupling cars in the United States was 349 for each man killed in the service, while in 1908 the number employed for each man killed was 983 an increase in safety amounting to 181.66 per cent. The number employed for each one injured in the coupling of cars in 1893 was 13, while in 1908 the number was 62, an increase in the factor of safety so far as injuries are concerned of 376.92 per cent.

The number killed for each 1000 employed in 1893 was 3 and but one in 1908. The number injured for each 1000 employed in the service in 1893 was 77, in 1908 it was 16, a decrease in this hazard amounting to 79.22 per cent.

The department has issued tables on railroad accidents from all causes and this report shows that while deaths and injuries to trainmen in all accidents other than coupling have steadily increased, the deaths and injuries to trainmen from coupling accidents have progressively decreased.

FIGHT GOES TO CALIFORNIANS

Quarrel Over Site For Jeffries-Johnson Battle Is Over, Gleason Wins.

WILL BE HELD EITHER IN FRISCO OR OCEAN VIEW

Tex Rickard After Vain Attempt to Stage Championship Battle in Utah Throws Up the Sponge and Will Let California Have the Honor—Rickard Will Have to Withdraw Before Frisco, Will Grant Permit—Ocean View Probable Scene.

San Francisco, Feb. 19.—Tex Rickard today threw up the sponge. In an interview this afternoon he declared that San Francisco or Ocean View, would be his first choice for the championship fight. In order to secure a permit from San Francisco it would be necessary for Rickard to withdraw his interest in the fight. This he refuses to do, so it is probable the fight will go to Ocean View, which is within 40 minutes' ride of the city.

San Francisco, Feb. 19.—Tex Rickard arrived from Nevada today and within the next twenty-four hours a definite announcement of the battleground for the Jeffries-Johnson fight may be expected. Gleason and Rickard go to Ocean View this afternoon to inspect the fight sites. If they arrive at a decision an announcement will be made tomorrow afternoon when Jeffries gives an exhibition at Recreation park. The general belief today is that Rickard has given up hope of taking the fight to Salt Lake, and it will be held in San Francisco or vicinity.

PACKERS PREPARE DEFENSE FOR INDICTMENT RETURNED

Chicago, Feb. 19.—Directors of the National Packing company, are preparing to meet soon to formulate a defense to the indictment returned against them in Jersey City, charging them with conspiracy in restraint of trade. General Counsel Clews for the packers, declared today that the indictment was a complete surprise to his clients. They did not know they were being investigated by the grand jury.

BANDIT RAISULI IS GUTTED WITH MANY LIVES

Tangier, Feb. 19.—Authorities announced today that the recent report of the death of the bandit Raisuli is erroneous. It is declared the desperado himself is responsible for the report and it is believed he is planning some fresh coup.

Dr. W. J. May of Radium Springs, is a guest of the Hotel Pendleton.

LONG PENDING INDIAN CASES TO BE THRESHED OUT AT LAST

According to a letter just received by Judge Stephen A. Lowell from United States Attorney John McCourt, there is at last to be a session of the federal court. This letter says that Federal Judge R. S. Bean has consented to hear arguments or take evidence in all Indian cases pending before the court, while he is in Pendleton for the April term.

Though this is the second year that the law providing for the holding of two terms of court in Pendleton each year, there has never yet been a real term of the court held here. Last April the United States marshal appeared, called court to order and then adjourned it. When December, the month named for the holding of the second term, drew near, it was reported that though the failure of local attorneys to notify the clerk of the court that they had matters to present, the court was simply called and adjourned as before.

But judging from the letter referred to above, there is really to be a term of the court here in April. The news will be received with joy by the local attorneys, nearly all of whom have had cases pending in the federal court for from one to ten years. Aside from the fact that the attorneys are anxious to get the cases straightened out there are several important questions coming up in connection with the cases, some of which have never been determined.

One of these is the application of the law of descent as it applies to Indian marriages which were made in accordance with the Indian custom after the allotments were made.

GLAVIS STEPS OFF THE STAND

At Resumption of Investigation Vertrees Announces He is Through With Him.

ATTORNEY GENERAL OF HAYTI IS WITNESS

At Completion of Cross Examination of Glavis, Hoyt, Formerly Federal District Attorney in Seattle, Takes Stand and His Spot Light Thrown Upon Him—Was Frequently Counseled by Glavis—Ballinger's Name Marked Out.

Washington, Feb. 19.—When the Ballinger-Pinchot hearing was resumed today, Vertrees announced he had finished the cross examination of Glavis, Attorney General Hoyt of Porto Rico, was the first witness today. He was formerly federal district attorney at Seattle and was frequently counseled by Glavis during the Alaska coal lands investigation.

Hoyt stated he had marked the record in several cases, "omit Ballinger's name as per stipulation," having agreed to this because the public might think Ballinger was mixed up in some fraudulent matters.

FICKERT WOULD DISMISS INDICTMENTS OF BRIBERS

San Francisco, Feb. 19.—Indictments against John Martin, F. H. Drum and Eugene Desaba, officials of the San Francisco Gas and Electric company, returned against them by the Oliver grand jury, were recommended for dismissal today by District Attorney Fickert on the ground of insufficient evidence. Judge Lawlor refused to accede to the request. The men are charged in the indictments with having offered bribes to supervisors to vote against the reduction of the gas rate.

FIVE MORE TESTIFY AS TO LAND FRAUDS

Boise, Feb. 19.—Five more witnesses testified in the Kettencamp land fraud trial today that they were approached by Dwyer, whom the government alleges was the agent of Kettencamp, and were asked to make filings on timber lands. One said Dwyer assured him they could file under an assumed name.

BLUE JACKETS ATTACKED BY SCARLET FEVER AND MEASLES

San Francisco, Feb. 19.—There is an epidemic of scarlet fever and measles at the naval training station at Goat Island. The training ship Independence was placed under quarantine with 221 apprentices aboard today. Also 34 blue jackets from Mare Island have been sent to the hospital.

GREEK MONARCH FAVORS ARMY AGAINST THE NAVY

Constantinople, Feb. 19.—King George today signed a decree recalling all Greek diplomatic representatives in foreign posts, with the exception of those in this city and Washington. The move is taken to mean the military league, which is at daggers points with the navy, is well entrenched in the king's good graces in the fight for the control of the Greek domestic affairs. It is reported today that the Greek fleet has mutilated as a result of a command by the military league that all ships be disarmed. The vessels steamed out to sea to prevent execution of the order. Communication with Athens is interrupted and verification impossible.

SEATTLE MAN MARRIES ALMOND EYED MAIDEN

Seattle, Feb. 19.—Sam Mitchell, a lodging house proprietor and Mrs. Fuera Terada were married today, the first instance in King county of an American man wedding a Japanese woman. Four years ago Mitchell saw the little woman and vowed he would marry her if ever he got a chance. Later the woman's husband lost his mind, returned to Japan and died. The couple met again and the wedding followed.

WOOL SALES DAYS HAVE BEEN SET

SEASON OPENS HERE WITH SALE MAY 24

Schedule of Sales Adopted by Executive Committee After Conference With County Organizations and Wool Buyers.

Through agreement between the executive committee of the Oregon wool-growers' association and the wool-buyers, the schedule of wool sales dates for the coming season has been formally adopted. The schedule as announced today by Dan P. Smythe, secretary of the state association, is as follows:

- Pendleton, May 24; June 10. Pilot Rock, May 27; June 11. Echo, May 25. Heppner, May 31; June 17. Vale, June 12. Ontario, June 14. Shaniko, June 7; June 21; July 7. Enterprise and Wallawa county, July 12.

In order to make the sales dates satisfactory to the woolmen in various districts the local associations were asked to suggest dates to the executive committee. This was done and then the complete schedule was drafted by the executive committee after conference with the representatives of the Boston woolbuyers association.

Under the sales day system the woolgrowers offer their clips for sale upon the sales days and the buyers make sealed bids upon the different clips. The growers have the privilege of rejecting any or all bids.

WHO WANTS TO GO ON SPIN THROUGH RAPIDS?

Niagara Falls, N. Y.—Fifteen hundred dollars in gold awaits the man who is daring enough to go through the Whirlpool Rapids, below Niagara Falls in a motor boat. A Cleveland man has announced that he will donate \$500 and a boating magazine has added \$1000 to this amount.

A committee of prominent men, to be selected later, will receive the money and hold it until the feat is accomplished if any one daring enough to attempt it comes forward. It is expected that arrangements of some kind will be made soon to hold the contest next summer.

The Maid of the Mist in 1861 went through the Whirlpool Rapids and emerged from the turbulent waters at Lewiston, the only damage resulting being the loss of her smokestack.

Mr. Benton, who is chairman of the Executive Committee of the National Power Boat Association, which comprises three-fourths of the power boat clubs in the United States, believes sufficient progress has been made in the construction of power boats to make a trip of this kind not only possible but probable.

BOTANISTS TO EXPLORE MOUNTAINS OF CUBA

New York.—A party of four explorers whose work is likely to prove of considerable importance to the entire scientific world, has just left New York. The destination of the party is Southern Cuba, and the nature of the exploration will be botanical. The party will devote its efforts largely to the province of Santa Clara, where the Trinidad Mountains, near the South Coast, offer an almost untried field to the botanist. The work is expected to complete the botanical exploration of the West Indies, which was undertaken several years ago, under the auspices of the New York Botanical Gardens.

The man who is on top can afford to look below and lend a helping hand.—Florida Times-Union.

SOCIALISTS ARE BELLIGERENT

In Germany and Spain They Are Threatening Serious Crises.

PRUSSIAN LEADER ATTACKS EMPEROR AND CHANCELLOR

Creates Great Uproar in Reichstag by Threatening Speech—Says Action of Government Will Provoke Revolution Which Will Sweep Away All Obstacles to Popular Government—Socialist Meeting in Madrid Threatens Serious Disorders.

Berlin, Feb. 19.—A great uproar in reichstag today when Dr. Franz, a socialist leader, attacked the emperor and Chancellor Venhelligweg in a speech. "The Prussian government in suppressing the public demonstrations with such methods as have been employed during the last week will yet provoke a revolution," he said. "If a revolution starts, the socialists will sweep away the chancellor and all obstacles to popular government." The socialist members, stirred to resentment by attacks made on crowds by the soldiers during the last week, wildly cheered their leader.

Spain Has Troubles, Too.

Madrid, Feb. 19.—Serious disorders are feared tonight at the public meetings which are planned by socialists and republican agitators. The malcontents will demand religious liberty, amnesty for political offenders, abolition of military government and the reopening of suppressed lay schools. The military authorities have issued a warning to socialist leaders and the latter say they will carry out their plans even if bloodshed results.

YOUNG GIRL REACHES HAVEN OF MATRIMONY

Seattle, Feb. 19.—Gertrude McCann, aged sixteen, of Roseburg, Ore., and Charles A. Aldrich, assistant engineer of the steamer Indianapolis, were married here late yesterday. Gertrude and sister came here Wednesday and wandered up and down the water front looking for the Indianapolis. A policeman took them to the station and found the steamer undergoing repairs. Aldrich was brought to the station, the couple "mugged," after which a minister was called and with the patroness and the matron as witnesses, the ceremony was performed.

ANOTHER CLAIMANT FOR MT. TAMALPAIS VICTIM

Des Moines, Feb. 19.—Minnie Deems of Alameda, California, wrote the police here that she believed the woman murdered on Mount Tamalpais was Anna Neilson of Des Moines. The police immediately began an investigation. It was learned that the girl married a man named Barusch at Davenport and from there went west. They have been unable to find a trace of her so far.

CHILDREN START ACROSS CONTINENT WITH \$7500; LOST

San Francisco, Feb. 19.—For five days John Sturm has been awaiting the arrival of his three motherless children who left Pittsburgh some time ago for this city with seventy-five hundred dollars in their possession. Sturm lost trace of the children and the police are seeking them. It is believed they have met foul play.

SAYS POLICE COURTS ARE NESTING PLACES FOR CRIME

San Francisco, Feb. 19.—A criticism of the local police courts as a nesting place of crime was contained in the final report of the Scott grand jury published today. The police courts are attacked for their dilatory methods and for giving aid to criminals by showing undue leniency.

TWO LEWIS MEET IN THIRD BATTLE TONIGHT

Paris, Feb. 19.—Harry and Willie Lewis, the American middle weights will meet at the Cirque tonight for their third fight. Harry is the favorite in the betting.

CROCODILES ALMOST GONED BY ROOSEVELT

Geokorpi, Soudan, Feb. 19. In a vain effort to save the life of his negro porter who fell into the Nile river, Kermit Roosevelt ventured into the crocodile-infested river. The surians apparently did not see Kermit, but dragged the body of the porter under and devoured him.