

WEATHER REPORT.

Rain or snow tonight and Tuesday; warmer.



ALL IS BUSTLE IN HERMISTON

Commencement of Preliminary Construction Work Sets Town Agog.

SECOND CAMP TO BE ESTABLISHED IMMEDIATELY

Three Crews Engaged in Making Final Surveys—Cost of Dam Will Be Near Million Dollars—Concrete Core Will Cost \$100,000—Work Starts on Extension of East Side Project.

All Hermiston is agog over the commencement of the preliminary construction work on the west Umattilla extension by which sixty thousand additional acres of land are to be reclaimed by the government.

In speaking of the probable cost of the construction work Saturday, a topographical error made the total estimate for the building of the dam \$100,000 when it should have read \$600,000.

Present Project Extended. Another source of satisfaction among the Hermiston folk is the beginning of work which will mean the annexation of four or five thousand additional acres to the present project.

More Homesteads. The project dwellers are expecting at any moment a proclamation from Secretary of the Interior Ballinger opening the fourth unit to settlers.

TWO SEATTLE MEN KILLED BY FALL

Seattle, Jan. 16.—John Anderson, a saloon proprietor, and Ben Christensen, a bartender in his employ, were instantly killed when they fell from a third-story window of a hotel at Second avenue and Lexington street.

DECLARES BALLINGER UNFAITHFUL SERVANT

Washington, D. C., Jan. 16.—A resolution declaring Ballinger an unfaithful public servant and asserting he should not be retained in office was introduced today by Senator Purcell.

BANK SWINDLER IS UNDER ARREST

Hot Springs, Ark., Jan. 16.—Charles Everett, who is wanted on various charges of forgery preferred by various New York banks, was arrested here today accused of passing a forged draft for \$1800 on the Peoples Savings bank of Seattle.

GOVERNOR'S NEPHEW COMMITS MURDER

Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, Jan. 16.—F. D. Urdike, nephew of former Governor Haskell, is sought by the police today for the murder of A. C. Christensen, a civil engineer, and the fatal wounding of T. D. Anderson, a plumber.

WEST ASKS FOR MORE ASYLUM GROUND

GOVERNOR SAYS BUILDING SITE IS TOO SMALL

Salem, Ore., Jan. 16.—The state board, headed by Governor West, today decided to reject the lands purchased at Pendleton for the branch insane asylum.

WANT LEAVE PENDLETON

In a phone message with Governor West this afternoon Dr. C. J. Smith was informed that the state board has no intention of taking the branch asylum from the vicinity of Pendleton.

TAMMANY APPARENTLY IN LOSING STRUGGLE

Albany, N. Y., Jan. 16.—The general impression prevails today that Edward Shepard will be the next United States senator, despite the opposition of Tammany Hall.

BOYS WITH MATCHES END OWN LIVES

Fresno, Cal., Jan. 16.—A special from Madera says that Harold Miner, aged 8 years and Otis Russell, aged 13, were burned to death when a 50-gallon gasoline tank was set afire by matches with which the boys were playing and exploded.

NORTH IDAHO CITIES HAVE MORE HAN 5000

Washington, D. C., Jan. 16.—The population of Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, is 7291; Lewiston, 6043; Pocatello, 9,110; Twin Falls, 5358.

CHARGES STIR NAVAL CIRCLES

Rear Admiral Accused of Revolting Crime by Other Officers of Flagship.

COURT MARTIAL OR GRAND JURY AWAITS

Commander Edward Barry of Pacific Squadron Summarily Relieved of Command—Accusers Peered through Port Hole of Captain's State Room and Witnessed Offense.

San Francisco, Calif., Jan. 16.—Either a court martial or grand jury investigation confronts Rear Admiral Edward Barry, commander of the Pacific squadron, who before night will be succeeded in his command by Rear Admiral Thomas, as a result, it is said, of charges of moral turpitude which have convulsed naval circles the country over.

This announcement was made today by District Attorney Fickert, following a consultation with Thomas. Fickert said the court martial will be given first chance and then the courts will take cognizance if the military does not act.

Still commanding the flagship West Virginia, Barry is absent today on a 24-hour coaling test. He will return this afternoon and be relieved of his command.

DEPARTMENT NOT TALKING

Washington, D. C., Jan. 16.—Little information could be obtained at the war department regarding Barry. Impression is general that a court martial will be ordered.

OFFICERS WILL MEET

San Francisco, Jan. 16.—The officers of the Pacific squadron will meet, probably tomorrow to decide whether Barry will be court-martialed or be subjected to the civil courts.

OFFICIALLY RETIRED

Washington, Jan. 16.—Admiral Barry was retired officially from the navy today and his retirement approved by Taft.

SHIPMERS TELL OF LOSS INCREASE WOULD MEAN

Washington, D. C., Jan. 16.—Declaring that the proposed rate increase of railroad freight rates would cost them not less than twelve millions annually, western shippers are today bitterly attacking the proposed advance at the final hearing of the matter before the interstate commerce commission.

HAVEN ROSS WAS NOT KILLED IN MONTANA, AS REPORTED

"Haven Ross, a Pendleton young man, was reported to be shot and killed dead, but it is not true," is the opening statement of a letter received yesterday by the East Oregonian from Miss Lena Miller, Big Timber, Montana.

THOMPSON IS LEFT OUT

Man Who Made Rusk's Election Possible Given No Chairmanship.

SPEAKER NAMES HIS HOUSE COMMITTEES

Eaton, Defeated by Rusk and Leader of Insurgents, Named As Head of Enrolled Bills Committee—Ferguson, Southern Oregon Candidate, given Most Important Position on Ways and Means.

Salem, Ore., Jan. 16.—Rusk named the house committees this afternoon. Contrary to expectations, W. Lair Thompson, whose support made Rusk's election possible, got no chairmanships.

Eaton is chairman of the enrolled bills committee; Leinenweber, engrossed bills; Clemens of Portland, chairman of the committee on rules; Pierce of Coos and Curry counties, on fisheries, and Eggleston on ways and means.

SENATOR LODGE FORCES GROWING NERVOUS

Boston, Mass., Jan. 16.—Although proclaiming to the world that Lodge will be re-elected senator on the first ballot tomorrow, evidence that his supporters are nervous was indicated today by the announcement that Congressman Gardner would arrive this afternoon to campaign for Lodge.

PROMINENT PEOPLE SIGN PETITION TO PRESIDENT

Six Reasons Given Why Big Ditch Should Be Left Unprotected—Would Be Safer Than If Protected by Forts.

GAS LEAK EXPLOSION KILLS FOUR PERSONS

Niobrara, Neb., Jan. 15.—Four persons were killed and four injured in an explosion which occurred here at 7:30 o'clock last evening. The fire which resulted from the explosion burned to the ground a three-story frame building owned by Michael Kendall.

SIMON MAKES LONG FLIGHT IN OKLAHOMA

Oklahoma City, Okla., Jan. 16.—Rene Simon made the longest flight at the aviation meet here yesterday, staying in the air five minutes, 16 1/2 seconds.

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"LIE OUT OF IT" SAID MRS. SCHENK

Wheeling, W. Va., Jan. 16.—"Lie out of it and everything will be all right," was the advice given Mrs. Klein, the detective nurse, by Mrs. Schenk, when the discovery of the affair was imminent, according to the nurse, who again took the stand today against the accused wife of the millionaire.

The nurse said that three days prior to Mrs. Schenk's arrest she was left alone with her husband a few minutes when his condition was the most critical and she said they had high words. When the nurse returned the man's condition was worse.

SLAYERS OF KETCHEL ARE NOW ON TRIAL

Springfield, Mo., Jan. 16.—The trial of Walter Dipey and Goldie Smith, accused of the murder of Stanley Ketchell, the pugilist, was begun here today. The defense will attempt to show that Dipey shot Ketchell while latter was attempting to force his attentions on the Smith woman.

MANY ARE AGAINST FORTIFYING CANAL

Both West and Patterson were to have been taken before the grand jury to be called January 23 and a speedy trial was predicted for each.

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THREE BLACKS ARE LYNCHED

Mob of Fifty Masked Men Storm Kentucky Jail and Hang Negroes.

JAILER HIDES KEYS BUT FINALLY YIELDS

One of Victims Had Murdered Colored Woman While Other Two Were Accused of Insulting White Women—One Killed Because He Threw Kisses at Women on the Streets.

Shelbyville, Ky., Jan. 16.—Fifty masked men stormed the Shelby county jail here early yesterday seized and lynched three negroes, two of whom were charged with insulting white women, and the third under sentence to hang for the murder of a negro woman.

Bodies of two of the negroes, Gene Marshall and Wade Patterson, have been found, but that of the third, Jim West, is still unaccounted for, although he was seen in the hands of the mob with a rope about his neck.

According to Ernest Hornback, deputy jailer, the mob appeared at the jail at 2:16 o'clock yesterday morning and it was 3:25 when they took the three negroes away.

The two bodies recovered were found about a quarter of a mile apart. That of Marshall was found hanging to the bridge over the Emminence pike near the jail, while that of Patterson was found in Clear Creek. Patterson, it is said, attempted to escape from the mob, when he was shot and his body thrown into the creek.

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Their festivities last 14 days, commencing at 1 o'clock Sunday morning, when the arrival of the new year is heralded in with all the firecrackers that can be collected together in one bunch.

It is a quaint and curious custom of the Chinese to keep open house during the most of this time, and have ready at all times on their tables, a plentiful supply of food, consisting of all their delicacies and sweetmeats, so sweet to the taste of oriental races.

Everyone is invited to attend and join in their festivities and every Chinese house has a regular contingent of American friends who take advantage of taking new friends to witness their curious ceremonies each year.

Some thing unusual is being planned for the opening and closing night. In years past, hundreds of people have gone down to witness the close of the new year, for the fire-works are really on a large scale, local celestials having gained a great reputation in this line.

There are nearly 3500 miles of electric wire in the Singer building in New York City.