

### OLD DONATION CLAIMS CAUSE OF CROOKED ROADS

The old donation land claims on which the settlement of the Willamette valley was founded are the real reason why our roads and highways are so crooked," commented County Engineer Hedda Swart.

"When the first settlers came in here along in the 40's of the last century they were squatted and put up their shack wherever they happened to land and it looked the best to them. When there were enough settlers here for the government to take notice, the donation land claim act was passed. Under this the settlers were allowed 640 acres for a married man or 320 acres for a single man. However, the settlers could pick their own claim, where they wanted it, allowing the settler so many corners. Naturally the early ones here picked out the cream of the land here and there and there was no system or symmetry to it. The country was not laid out in section lines but in farms of all kinds of shapes.

"Why, there was one donation land claim down near St. Paul, the John McKay claim, which had 19 corners. This was more corners than the government would allow but the government couldn't help itself. Claims had been taken all around this one and this was what was left. It had a handle on it like a fan and the boundary lines around it followed a zigzag trail to fit into the boundary lines of other claims already taken up. This claim had more corners than any other donation claim in the county. McKay, as it was, with his wife only got 620 acres instead of 640.

"When road building started it naturally followed the claim boundary lines and so the roads went back and forth as the boundary lines happened to run. Back east the state were laid out in section lines and the roads followed the section lines so they ordinarily run straight. But it's not so here. That is one reason why we have to do a lot of ironing out of corners and curves. When the market roads were first laid out they followed the lines of the old roads which followed the claim lines."

### MISSION SOCIETY AT HAZEL GREEN ACTIVE

Hazel Green—The Women's Missionary society will hold their regular meeting Thursday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Pearl Van Cleave. The leader for the meeting will be Mrs. Elizabeth Davis and the subject will be "I am Come a Light Into the World."

The worship service will include a medley of Christmas carols and various prophecies concerning Jesus.

The Women's Missionary society's annual program will be given Sunday morning, December 15, at the church. The entire worship and church service will be given by the members of the society.

### MUSICAL PROGRAMS OF CLUBS SUBJECT

Hubbard—At the business meeting of the board of directors of the Marion County Federated Community clubs the exchange of musical programs by the different communities was discussed.

The board of directors expressed

itself in favor of this idea. At the same time plans were made to hold a meeting in the near future in one of the rural districts for the purpose of discussing cooperative farm work in all its phases.

The discussion will be led by George Hubbs, Silverton, vice-president of the federation.

### PREDICTS LIVELY MOVEMENT IN REAL ESTATE

"I look for one of the biggest movements in Salem property next summer that has been seen for many years," said a prominent realtor Monday. "I refer particularly to residence property and also adjoining farm property for that matter.

"And I have a pretty good reason for making this prediction. Salem has a large number of people right now living in rented houses who have been in Salem but a few months. They have come here from various places in the east. I know of a score or more such families and other realtors are in touch with a great many more of them. They all have more or less money and all came out here to invest in Salem property.

"But the easterner moved more cautiously now than he used to in investing money in the west and in determining where he wants to make his home. These people have come out here attracted to Salem, they like it and they are going to settle down here and buy property. But they are trying it out for a summer and winter until they are thoroughly satisfied that this is the place they want to live. By next spring most of them will be ready to invest in property either in the city or in this neighborhood in the country.

"There was a time when often an eastern farmer would sell out and buy property out here before he had ever even seen it. But that time is past. They give out to the coast, go up and down the coast from one end to the other, pick out the place that looks best to them and then don't invest until they have thoroughly satisfied themselves by a residence there for awhile. But a lot of these people are going to buy homes here next summer and a lot of them are going to buy farms. More of them are coming in practically every day who will do the same thing.

"As far as downtown property is concerned, there are not so many people who own downtown property in Salem who want to sell it. But I think there will be some pretty important movements in that before the coming year is out."

London (AP)—Numerous ships which have been battered by the terrific storm which has been pounding the British Isles and the continental seaboard for the past week, began limping into port Tuesday.

The great storm Tuesday afternoon, seemed to have spent its force and comparative calm prevailed over the stricken area. There was warning, however, that further disturbances were likely to approach from the Atlantic.

Meanwhile at least 111 lives are known to have been lost on sea and land while reports from France said it was feared the storm had taken a toll of 71 French seamen.

In all 69 ships were wrecked or damaged in the storm which has been one of the worst to strike the eastern Atlantic in the past century.

At present the chief worry so far as Great Britain was concerned was the extent of the flooding of the Thames and other rivers. The swollen Thames in its upper reaches has gone to a higher level than the 1928 floods and is rapidly approaching the same level near London.

Police have been detailed to keep special watch on the embankment near the Tate art gallery in London near the point where a break occurred in last year's flood with heavy damage and loss of life. The concrete wall nearby has been cracking and the embankment road was closed to heavy traffic.

While scattered reports of distressed vessels still continued from nearby areas, there was a smoothening down of the angry waters and the tempestuous channel was reported fairly calm.

All but one of a fleet of trawlers from Lowestoft came back to port Tuesday showing evidence of a severe battering for the past four days of terrific weather in the North sea.

Among ships reporting trouble were the Swedish Frieda which was temporarily repaired after a bad collision with an unidentified craft and was being brought to port, all

### STORM TOLL IS KNOWN TO BE OVER HUNDRED

Others were the Green steamer Zacharia, the steamer Valacia, and was "holding its own" off Cape Finthe Italian Leonardo da Vinci which later.

The French steam trawler La Gasconne made port with six survivors of the Italian steamer Chieri which was overwhelmed by a big wave at 10:30 p.m. Sunday 20 miles off Ushant light.

The City of Hamburg, Germany, suffered considerably in the gale. There was much damage along the waterfront and two persons were killed. The coast of France suffered heavily also. At Dunkirk, Calais and Boulogne much property was damaged and lower parts of Calais were flooded.

**NINE KILLED**

Brussels (AP)—Nine persons were killed and 40 injured when a workman's train left the rails Tuesday at the entrance to Namur station.

hands safe; the Spanish Mar Rojo, which proceeded safely after being in danger of hastings; the 8000-ton west African passenger and freight steamer Aha, last reported in distress Saturday near Brest, and unreported since.

Police patrol eyes home of James Norris

Chicago, (AP)—Discovery of a dynamite bomb in the dining room of the Lake Forest mansion of James Norris, wealthy broker with connections here and in New York, just as he and several guests were about to sit down to dinner had led to a guard of five private detectives armed with shotguns patrolling the estate Tuesday.

Police guards were protecting Norris who owns the controlling interest in the \$7,000,000 Chicago Stadium and Sydney S. Strotz, also a wealthy broker and an heir to

the fortune of the late C. N. Strotz.

A butler discovered the bomb on a window sill just as Mr. and Mrs. Norris and their guests, Mr. and Mrs. Strotz were about to sit down at the dining table Sunday evening. The fuse had burned half way along and gone out.

The men took the explosive, which police said would have killed every one in the room and wrecked the house, had it exploded, out of the room without saying anything to their wives. Norris telephoned for police aid and the heavy guard was posted.

Police also searched the stadium Tuesday on the theory that the plot grew out of Norris' connection with the big Westside structure. A bitter struggle for control of the stadium resulted in the ouster of Patrick T. "Paddy" Harmon as manager recently.

Norris, formerly a New York broker, came to Chicago less than a year ago. He purchased the Lake

### POLICE PATROL EYES HOME OF JAMES NORRIS

retiring president is J. F. Ulrich. Ulrich gave his retiring address as president. A sales clinic on conditions in the real estate market was headed by L. E. Oberer, and a general discussion of the real estate brokers law was also had.

Forest estate from Joseph Cudahy. Gardeners working on the estate had seen no one lurking about during the day, leading the police to believe that the plotters raised a window and placed the bomb on the sill at dusk, probably about the time the Strotzes arrived.

### KARLE BECKE TO BE BOARD HEAD

The Salem Realty board Monday night at its annual meeting at the Marion hotel, elected Karle Becke president; S. M. Earle, first vice-president; L. A. McAllister, second vice-president; W. M. Pennington, secretary; W. G. Krueger, treasurer; E. B. Grahenhorst, Paul Hendricks and William McGilchrist, Jr., members of the executive committee. The

**FALL AT HONOLULU IS FATAL TO RUSSELL**

Honolulu, T. H. (AP)—Falling 500 feet over the sheer Nuuanu Fall cliff near here, William F. Russell, 23, of Montclair, N. J., was instantly killed Monday.

Russell, who was attached to the coast artillery unit here since last May was a former honor student in chemistry at Cornell and Michigan universities.

Russell's body was found several hours after his death and it was believed he had gone too close to the edge of the cliff while hiking and had lost his balance and fallen.

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