

## DESCRIBES TRAIN STALLED IN SNOW

Man Who Struggled Out From Destroyed Passenger Train Tells of His Harrowing Experience.

EVERETT, Wash., March 2.—Joo. S. Rogers, a real estate man, who with nine others struggled through the snow from the stalled Spokane train which was early yesterday destroyed by an avalanche at Wellington, today told the following story of the situation of the stalled passenger train in which probably fifty persons were killed.

"I left Soap Lake just a week ago by the Great Northern. By the time we reached the mountains the train had about 150 passengers aboard. About 6 o'clock Wednesday morning we were stopped at the East Portal of the Cascade tunnel. We stayed there until Friday, getting our meals, two a day at a bunk-house.

"On Friday night we left the East Portal, and a few hours later an avalanche wiped out the station and bunk house, killing two men. We pulled through the tunnel as far as Wellington, about a half mile beyond the west portal.

**Three Trains Stalled.**  
At Wellington there are three tracks. On the track nearest the mountain-side stood Superintendent O'Neil's private car, two box cars, the engine and three of the electric motors used to haul trains through the tunnel. On these cars were the superintendent, train crews and porters. On the second track from the mountain side stood my train consisting of engine, baggage car, two coaches, two sleepers and an observation car. On the third track stood the fast mail train, on which were sixteen or eighteen mail clerks. About 16 track laborers were also sleeping on the train in the day coaches.

**No Fuel.**  
"We all ate at Ballet's hotel in Wellington and while food was plentiful, fuel was not, so the train was not run back into the tunnel.

"Years ago the railroad climbed over the mountain on a switchback. Sunday we noticed on top of this switch-back far above us an enormous cap of snow hanging precariously on the side, and clinging to the sparse timber. The same day I saw a slide coming down the east side of the hotel, carrying timber with it in a great avalanche of snow and that night there was a slide at the east portal which filled a fifty foot gulch. We began to fear for the safety of the train.

**Was Spirit-Dampener.**  
"The menace immense snow cap was a pall on our spirits. It was the most enormous accumulation of snow ever known in the mountains, according to the hotel-keeper. During all this time it snowed continuously with terrific winds driving the drifts."

Monday noon the party of ten started out for Seenie, and after an all-day battle with the snow, reached Skykomish and safety that night. In the party with Rogers were: E. A. Sperber, Vancouver, B. C.; R. C. McKnight, Vancouver, B. C.; Samuel Field, Vancouver, B. C.; Charles Inohn, Portland; Frank Ritter, South Bellingham; August Van Larken, Seattle; Giuseppe Dinatalo, Portland; H. L. Wertz, Hillyard, Wash., and E. W. Bowles, Vancouver, B. C.

Rogers' story is the most accurate description obtainable of the situation in Wellington when the slide came and makes it evident that Spokane local, No. 25, fast mail No. 25, an exclusive mail train, and the superintendent's were all swept into the canyon by the great slide.

**Caldwell Suffers.**  
BOISE, Idaho, March 2.—Traffic on the main line of the Oregon Short Line is entirely suspended today on account of washouts near Glenn's Ferry, which will prevent operations of trains for the next 48 hours. All eastbound trains are held at Nampa and westbound trains at Glenn's Ferry. Boise is entirely cut off from the east and will be without mail service for two days.

The loss suffered at Caldwell by the flood which yesterday and last night swept through the town, is today estimated at more than \$100,000.

Let this day's want ads. be useful to you!—Let them find you a buyer, or seller, or employer, or employee, or landlord, or tenant!  
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## MRS. GILBERT STILL LIVES

Pioneer Lady Reported Dead Some Weeks Ago Very Much Alive and is Rapidly Improving in Health.

Mrs. Denise Gilbert, the death of whom was reported to have occurred at her homestead in the Siskiyou several weeks ago, is still in the land of the living, or was on February 28.

Under that date she writes to Miss Virgie Galtwinkle of Medford that she is well and in good health. She had seen the report in the valley papers that she was dead, but refuses to believe it, and says she is quite a lively looking corpse.

Mrs. Gilbert is the widow of the late A. Gilbert, an Indian war veteran, and was one of the pioneers of the valley. Her many friends here will be glad to know that the report of her death was an error.

## DECREASE IN THE NUMBER OF SALOONS

Complete Liquor License Statistics Given in Census Bureau Report—Saloons Decreased 6 Per Cent.

There was in 1907 a decrease of 6 per cent in the number of saloons throughout the country, according to the United States census bureau's forthcoming report on the statistics of the 158 largest cities which had a population of over 30,000 each that year.

The report prepared by E. H. Malin, chief of division, contains complete statistics of the number of liquor licenses in force at the close of the license year in each of the cities and the number of inhabitants to each dealer selling liquor by the drink.

More than one-fourth of such dealers in the 158 largest cities were reported from New York and Chicago; the cities of over 300,000 population with the smallest number of saloons were Washington, 521, and Pittsburgh, 815. In cities of this class the largest number of saloons in proportion to the population were in Milwaukee and New Orleans, where, in the former, there was one dealer selling liquor by the drink to every 142 inhabitants and, in the latter, to every 200 inhabitants. The number of inhabitants to every dealer in Philadelphia was 761, and in Boston 735.

The other cities having less than 200 inhabitants to each dealer were Galveston 134, East St. Louis 143, Mobile 153, Houston 158, Hoboken 168, Sacramento 188, San Antonio 179, La Crosse 183, Springfield 188 and West Hoboken 191.

The smallest number of saloons in proportion to population is shown for the cities of Pennsylvania and Massachusetts, and the largest for those of Texas, Ohio and Wisconsin.

In comparing the number of retail liquor dealers in 141 cities reporting for both 1907 and 1905, it is shown that here was a decrease of 6 per cent in the number of saloons in 1907. The decrease was general in nearly every part of the country, except the Rocky mountain and southwestern states.

## SECOND FIRE IN WEEK IN FRISCO HOTEL

SAN FRANCISCO, March 2.—An investigation was started today to ascertain the cause of the fire which last night was responsible for damage aggregating \$50,000 to the Bancroft hotel and its contents.

This is the second fire in the building within a week. The first blaze was caused, it is said, by a defective switchboard.

The fire last night started in the storage room of the Chase-Phillips building and before it could be extinguished the fourth floor of the structure was gutted.

The \$150,000 stock of the Butler-Schutz company, wholesale milliners, on the third floor, was badly damaged by water.

## Investigate Sutton's Death.

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 1.—It was reported today that Senator Chamberlain of Oregon and Representative McCredie of Washington, have definitely decided to introduce a joint resolution in congress Wednesday of next week asking for an investigation into the death of Lieutenant James S. Sutton at Annapolis in October of 1907.

An evening of profit as well as pleasure at the First Methodist church.

## Butte Falls Items

We have been receiving heavy rains the past few days. A couple of inches of snow fell Saturday morning, the 26th, but soon disappeared. Frost is out of the ground now and do not expect the snow to remain with us long any more this season.

The farmers have begun to get ready for spring plowing. Mr. Ben Frodenburg started to plowing this week.

The right of way of the Pacific & Eastern has been cleared into town. Brush all burned and the sawlogs cut and rolled out of the way. Everything is all ready for the graders. It is reported that a grading camp of 200 men will soon be established close to town and the work rushed to completion.

Mr. Thompson of the Thompson grading camp, located about three and one-half miles below town, reports work progressing rapidly, although under great inconvenience. He says that camp No. 1 will have completed their work by May 1, and the other camps will finish soon after.

B. H. Harris is pushing the work on the electric tram road from the mill to the Pacific & Eastern road at the edge of town. The right of way has been cleared, some grading done and ties in place. The town is to be wired at an early date so as to give us electric lights.

The water works will be completed as soon as the roads are in shape so that the pipe can be hauled in. We will have an ample supply for all purposes for years to come of the finest drinking water that flows with a good pressure for fire purposes.

Adams & Briggs, our real estate dealers, report that a colony of about 15 families are expected to leave Riverside, Cal., for Butte Falls at an early date. B. H. Harris has agreed to give two lots, one for a church and one for a parsonage, to the first denomination that will erect a church building thereon this spring. This colony is coming with the intention of erecting a church. We welcome all such citizens.

B. H. Harris reports the machinery on hand for the dry kiln and that same will be rushed to completion so that dry lumber can be had for building purposes.

Medford and Butte Falls business men are subscribing quite liberally to the bank stock with the intention of erecting a two-story building with hall for lodge purposes on the second floor and starting an independent bank. Both are needed here.

The Odd Fellows and Woodmen of the World are each preparing to organize a lodge. The Odd Fellows are to meet Thursday night, March 3, to take the preliminary steps.

The Butte Falls Athletic club gave another of their enjoyable dances on Saturday evening, preceded by a basketball game between Butte Falls and Dudley. Butte Falls won by two

points. It was a fast, exciting game. Both teams did good work. The club will give a dance on March 17. Particulars later.

W. W. Parker was down from his ranch getting supplies from our merchants. He reports high water up his way, with some of the bridges impassable.

Druggist Briggs has put in a peanut roaster and will supply his customers with hot peanuts hereafter.

Mr. Cook of Rancheria has gone to the valley for a load of freight for Merchant Briggs. Mr. Cook just returned from Medford with a load of goods for P. Hughes. He reports the roads very bad, owing to the heavy hauling that has been done this winter.

S. H. Claspill is making the second trip this week to the valley for supplies. It is very expensive getting merchandise in at this time of year and takes four horses to do what two generally do easily.

Merchant Marcy reports business good and hard to keep supplied.

Ira Turgate and Charles Edmondson were at Eagle Point and Medford this week for supplies for their respective places of business. Charlie has added butter, eggs, bird and smoked mackerel and salted meats to his stock of fresh meat, which is welcome news to his customers, as these articles have been rather scarce here of late.

Our new mill is being pushed to completion, machinery is being placed and everything is moving smoothly under the management of Frank Netherland. The logging crew under Will Hughes is working every day that the weather will permit.

The Crater Lake Lumber company has quite a crew clearing and preparing their logged off land for orchard. They expect to set out a great deal of orchard. This section will eventually be the cream of the Rogue River valley for fruit and land is very low in comparison with other parts of the valley. The Crater Lake company has their mill about ready to start up and will have everything running full blast within a short time.

We are sorry to report that Foreman Ed Walker's baby is quite sick, but hope for its early recovery. Ed was about ready to step down and give the boy his position, but decided he had better wait until finer weather.

It is with sadness that we report the death of your recent correspondent, Leonard Briggs. He was an honored citizen and spent a long and useful life, but, as your Eagle Point correspondent gave a biography of his life a few days ago, we will not repeat it. Mr. Briggs' family wish to hereby express their appreciation of the many kindnesses shown during his illness.

## ASSESSOR GRIEVE STARTS '10 WORK

Only One Deputy Now, But Will Put on Larger Force April 1 When Work Will Be Undertaken in Earnest.

W. T. Grieve, county assessor, was in this city Wednesday starting the work of assessing the county for 1910.

Mr. Grieve will personally do the work in this city and in Jacksonville, and announces his intention of making as nearly as possible an equitable assessment.

At present he has only one deputy at work in the field, W. A. Patrick, who has charge of Ashland and Barron precincts. It is useless to put out a full force now, owing to traveling conditions, and it will probably be April 1 before more deputies are placed in the field. In the meantime the work in the two big towns will be well under way. As soon as the weather permits a large force will be thrown into the field and Mr. Grieve expects to finish the assessment of the county by July 1.

## GIRL ESCAPES CLUTCHES OF CHICAGO WHITE SLAVERS

ST. LOUIS, Mo., March 2.—It was reported to the police that Estelle Sanders, aged 12, returned to her home today after escaping two men, who, she said, chloroformed her and held her a prisoner for 24 hours.

She claimed that the men started to take her to Chicago to sell her as a white slave and that she escaped from them by jumping from the train just as it was leaving the station.

According to her story they met her on a street and overpowered her and she was hysterical when she reached home.

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## NEW BANK FOR JOSEPHINE CO.

Valley Savings Bank Incorporated at Grants Pass—Hewitt Behind the Institution.

GRANTS PASS, Or., March 2.—Yesterday there was filed in the county clerk's office at Grants Pass articles of incorporation of the Valley Savings bank. The incorporators were Seymour H. Bell, H. E. Gale and Robert G. Smith. The business of the corporation will be the conducting of a savings bank and general banking business in Grants Pass, Or. Mr. Bell, the moving spirit of the matter, is connected with the Hewitt Land company of Tacoma, Wash., and is vice-president of the Bank of Oregon of North Bend.

The president of the new banking institution will be Henry Hewitt of Tacoma, Wash., who is connected with several banks in the northwest. He is also reputed to be the largest individual owner of timber lands in the United States. He is also the chief owner of the St. Paul, and Tacoma Lumber company, and Wilkinson Coal & Coke company and the Hewitt Land company, Washington corporations. His investments are varied covering timber lands, banks, railroad and mining enterprises.

Beginning years ago on the sound, by his efforts and ability Mr. Hewitt has amassed a large fortune. For years he was one of the large loggers of the state of Washington. Through this and his other enterprises he has been one of the most important factors in the building up of the industries and wealth of the Sound country. Several years ago he organized the Wilkinson Coal & Coke company, which is the pioneer coke producer of the Pacific coast. About ten years ago he began investing in the state of Oregon, and has made large investments in Baker, Grant, Tillamook and Coos counties.

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## MOHAWK VALLEY DAMED BY HEAVY FLOODS

UTICA, N. Y., March 2.—Many small towns in the Mohawk valley were badly damaged by the overflow of the Mohawk river.

Residents of the village of Herkimer, east of here, were rescued from the upper stories of their houses early today by means of boats. Heavy damage is reported from the little town of Ilion and also from Mohawk.

## Heavy Damage by Rain.

WASCO, Or., March 2.—Heavy damage has been done to private and municipal property in Wasco by flood caused by the excessive rains of the past few days and the Chinook which has melted the snow. No passenger trains or mail has reached here since last Friday, owing to washouts on the Columbia Southern between Biggs and Grass Valley.

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