

14-FT CHANNEL GULF TO LAKES NOW IS DEMAND

Delegates to Waterways Association Disregard Presidential and Other Intimations That Less Depth Would Do as Well.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., Nov. 26.—A 14-foot channel from the Great Lakes to the Gulf of Mexico is the demand of the delegates at the convention of the Lakes to the Gulf Deep Waterways Association, in convention here. The delegates stood pat today regarding presidential and other intimations that a waterway of less depth and experimental waterway on other rivers should be tried, the delegates stuck to the original demand for "fourteen feet through the valley."

"The voice of the people and the will of the people refuses to accept rainbows, false promises and evasion," declares a resolution recommended to the convention by the resolutions committee. There is little doubt that it will be adopted.

The resolution is taken as a veiled attack on the partiality for the Ohio river, shown by President Taft and displayed after he had sailed with a large fleet of river boats from St. Louis to Chicago to attend the convention of the waterway association. After that trip he recommended that the Ohio waterway be first completed as an experiment. The delegates demand the deepening of the Mississippi.

FOOT OF SNOW COVERS KLAMATH

Electric, Telephone and Telegraph Wires All Down—Atmosphere No Cold, Temperature Being But Little Below Freezing.

KLAMATH FALLS, Or., Nov. 26.—The snowstorm of the past three days was something unusual for Klamath Falls for this time of year. After several days of more or less rain which thoroughly saturated the earth, it began snowing Tuesday morning and all day this continued to come down. Tuesday night the snow turned to rain and all night long it poured down in torrents, melting off the previous day. Early again Wednesday the snow started to fall and continued without abatement until about 10 o'clock Thursday night with the result that there is close to a foot now on the ground. Had there been no rain mixed with the snow there would probably be close to two feet of the "beautiful" snow.

As a result of the snow the electric, telephone and telegraph wires have been completely demoralized all over the country. Yesterday morning word came in from out in the valley along the rural lines that these were down, and men have been sent out, both from the telephone and power companies, to repair the damage. This morning it cleared off after a heavy fog early and today the sun has been shining brightly most of the day with little indication of further continuation of the storm. The atmosphere is not cold the temperature being very little below freezing.

PIONEER SETTLER VISITING MEDFORD

Mr. and Mrs. John Swenning of Lorella, Klamath county, are here on a visit to relatives and friends. Mr. Swenning is a pioneer of the Klamath country and the old homestead in Langell valley still bears the marks of bullets fired by the hostile Modocs in an endeavor to capture Mr. Swenning and his family. "Then Ijuns came up out of the tales, said the old gentleman, in telling of the incident," and they come party near gittin' me before I could get to the house. Then I seen an Ijuns sneakin' up through the grass, and as a way of warnin' the others not to get too close, I took a shot at him with an old Sharps .45 I had. Then the bunch jumped up and charged and it kept me and the rest of the family busy for a few minutes. Did I kill that first Indian? Young feller, I didn't have to go and look."

Hacking for health.

WELL WATER SAID TO BE DANGEROUS

City Health Officer Shearer Issues Note of Warning Against the Use of Water From Wells Throughout the City.

After a thorough investigation of the subject, involving much hard work and careful study, and having numerous analyses made of the city water supply and of various well waters, selected at random, Dr. J. E. Shearer, the city health officer, has made the following statement regarding sanitary conditions in Medford:

The most careful research, every phase of the matter being considered, leads conclusively to the decision that the source of infection in the city recently has been the well water, which some people insist on using. It should be evident to everyone that in a city which has become as populous and as closely settled as Medford now has, the shallow wells which have been almost universally constructed here are bound to become contaminated both by seepage from the surface, from stagnant pools, and from the soakings of storms, and also by the flow in the gravel bed which underlies the city and draws he poisons from the old toilets and cesspools which penetrate the same gravel bed. Every dwelling should be connected with a sewer where it is possible, not only for the protection of the owner and his family, but for that of his neighbors and the community as well, and if the intelligence of any of our people does not convince them that the use of water from their shallow wells must be injurious, such wells should be filled up, so that a spread of disease should not punish many for the lack of intelligence of the few. These old wells are useless and serve only as a burial place for mice, rats and other dead animals, and as catch basins for disease breeding refuse, and generators of noisome odors.

While the subject is under discussion, it might be as well to reiterate that has been said in the past as to "cleaning up" many fifth spots in the city. Several alleys are in a shocking condition and should be cleared of filth at once and the refuse burned. All places where domestic animals are kept should be most carefully cared for; suitable tight-bottomed receptacles should be provided for earing for refuse temporarily; chicken houses and the like should be cleaned and kept clean, and all filth should be removed and destroyed promptly.

Let us cultivate a spirit of emulation; try to keep our premises in even better sanitary condition than our neighbor's. Cleanliness is next to Godliness, so let us keep clean, and it will do us good, morally, mentally, physically, intellectually and spiritually, and when our city is once cleaned up and kept clean, infectious diseases will vanish as quickly as a one frost, and good health will become as permanent as our beloved mountain, Roxy Ann.

FACTORY BURNS: 20 DEAD.

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Some of the firemen who were struggling to hold the life nets in position were struck by the falling bodies and were injured.

Many Girls Die. Most of the employees in the building were girls and at least eight of the 20 known dead are girls. It is believed that many girls whose bodies have not been recovered perished in the fire.

Although the fight was apparently hopeless, the firemen worked heroically to save the victims. They fought each other to be first to enter the building, and many of them were dragged insensible from the main doorway by their companions.

The firemen endeavored again and again to force their way into the building through the main entrance. A few persons were rescued in this way, but the terrific heat was too much for the men to face and they were finally forced to retreat.

Bodies in Street. The bodies of the victims were piled in high street in front of the building and many of the injured lay in the sidewalk while the firemen worked to conquer the fire.

A score of persons are missing and it is believed their bodies lie in the foundations of the box factory. No fireman was severely hurt, although a number of them had narrow escapes.

A few bodies have been recovered from the ruins, blackened and charred beyond the possibility of identification. Most of the dead are girls and women.

Building Old. The building occupied by the box company was very old. The police and firemen say that the fire is

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capas were old and of an obsolete pattern. The stairway inside was winding and the structure was built of highly inflammable material.

Twenty minutes after the fire broke out the whole building was in ruins. The conflagration started on the top floor, according to the police. The upper floor was occupied by the Wolf company, underwear manufacturers. The remainder of the building was occupied by the paper box factory.

Many Incinerated.

Firemen believe that many of the bodies of those killed were incinerated. The building was located in the heart of the manufacturing and shopping district.

Survivors of the fire assert that it was caused by the explosion of a gasoline lamp on the third floor.

Many of the employees, among them 15 girls, jumped from the fourth story windows. Twenty-four persons were injured in jumping, two of them dying en route to the hospitals.

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OFFICIALS ON ANXIOUS SEAT.

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