

W. W. Patch Announces Candidacy for President of Water Users Ass'n.

MISERY AND SUFFERING IN TEXAS AND MIDDLE WEST AS RESULT OF FLOODS AND UNEXPECTED STORMS

THE GOVERNOR OF TEXAS TAKES CHARGE OF RELIEF WORK WITHIN THE STATE

Denver's Snow Storm Ends Today. After a Fall of Nearly Four Feet in Four Days—Food and Coal Famine Is Felt, Business Is at a Standstill, and Trains, Telegraph and Other Communication Affected.

United Press Service. BRYANT, Tex., Dec. 6.—So far the death list in the present flood is seventy-two, and it is growing daily.

A number of residents of Hearne who have been engaged in rescue work have not been found, and it is feared they have perished.

Governor G. B. Colquitt is directing the relief work.

Motor boats are being used to get the people who sought safety in trees.

A number of people who were seen in abandoned houses cannot be found.

Some farmers sent their families to safety in boats, but refused to leave themselves, in order to be able to attend to their cattle.

Linemen are desperately working to restore communication, but with little success.

United Press Service. DALLAS, Dec. 6.—Stuart Anderson, wife and four children were drowned at Marlin, and their home destroyed by the flood, in sight of a large crowd.

United Press Service. DENVER, Dec. 6.—The snowfall has stopped. Since Monday 45.7 inches fell. The city has suspended all business, and is trying to remove the mountains of drift.

On account of the inability of wag-

ons, etc., to operate, there is danger of a coal and food famine.

It has been impossible to hold



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funerals for four days. There have been no mails received here.

Twenty passenger and numerous freight trains are stalled near the city.

The sun appeared today.

To Teach County Officials. SALEM, Dec. 6.—That every county official may know exactly what his duties are, State Insurance Commissioner J. W. Ferguson, who will also be state accountant after the first of the year, is having the laws pertaining to each county office classified and compiled.

This is the first time such a codification has ever been made. Each county official will have in compact form all the laws relating to his office.

Divers are now equipped with a telephone, so they are at all times in communication with the surface.

Bid Made for Hatchery

Stone Says This Was Last Act of the Commission

"There appears to be some misunderstanding as to the bid just made by Game Warden Finley for the Spring Creek hatchery site," said Commissioner Charles F. Stone today. "This bid was authorized by the commission before they split up at Portland last week, so the act is legal.

"This, by the way, was the last official act of the former state fish and game commission."

At the final meeting of the commission, the hatchery site matter was taken up, and Mr. Finley was instructed to make a bid for its purchase.

This bid, accompanied by a certified check for one-tenth of the amount, was sent to Washington.

The matter has to be taken up with the department of the interior, as the land desired is on the Klamath Indian reservation. Ever since the fish and game commission was created, efforts have been made to secure the Spring Creek site for a central hatchery.

It is understood that the hatchery may be operated jointly by the state and the government. In that case, Klamath county will supply all parts of the East with trout fry.

ELKS TO HONOR THEIR DEPARTED

MEMORIAL SERVICES WILL BE HELD TOMORROW EVENING AT HOUSTON'S OPERA HOUSE—MULKEY WILL SPEAK

The annual memorial services of the Elks Lodge will be held tomorrow evening at 8 o'clock at the opera house. The address will be delivered by Hon. H. F. Mulkey of Medford, and the eulogy will be given by Judge Herbert S. Gale. All members of the Elks Lodge will meet at the hall and march in a body to the opera house.

NEW GARAGE IS NEARLY FINISHED

LAKEVIEW'S LATEST BUILDING WILL BE FIRE PROOF IN EVERY RESPECT—MODERN MACHINERY BEING INSTALLED

The new garage being built at Lakeview by Dr. B. Daly for Gordon & Baldwin, is rapidly nearing completion. The building is of concrete, with an oil room in a brick vault with fire proof doors.

A fire wall, extending six feet above the building protects it on all sides. The main door in front is sixteen feet wide, with a side door of four-teen feet.

New and modern machinery is being installed in the machine shop. When finished it will be the best equipped garage in Southern Oregon.

NEW FOOTBRIDGE FOR HOT SPRINGS

DANGEROUS AND MUDDY CROSSING OVER CANAL IS REMEDIED BY THE BUILDING OF BRIDGE FOR PEDESTRIANS.

"Do we like our new bridge? Well, say, pard, we are thinking some of turning it into a toll road."

So spake Bob Alexander, the sage of Hot Springs Addition, when asked how the people in that part of town liked the new method of crossing the government canal at Esplanade.

On account of the elevation of the canal, there is a slope on each side of the bridge, and going towards Hot Springs, it is steep enough to cause many autos to take the grade "on the high."

In addition, there was no raised walk for foot travelers, and they were compelled to walk through deep mud in the winter. To remedy this, the city has just built a separate bridge across the canal for pedestrians, high, dry and safe.

Twenty-five years ago Argentina had to import its flour. Today it sells wheat to the world, the annual harvest value amounting to more than \$500,000,000.

Huerta's Troops Deserting to Enlist Under Carranza Flag



With the successes of the Carranza forces in Northern Mexico, the strength of Huerta's military force is gradually diminishing, due to wholesale desertions by the federal troops. Most of these go to fight for Carranza and the constitutionalists.

As the rebels draw closer to the city it is expected that there will be still more desertions from Huerta's army.

In the upper picture is shown a federal cavalry detachment, and below a battery of artillery, taken on the parade ground at the National Palace in Mexico City.

FRATERNAL MEN ENJOY BANQUET

MEMBERS OF I. O. O. F. GET TOGETHER IN HOME-COMING AND PLEASANTLY PASS THE EVENING HOURS

The annual home-coming celebrated by Klamath Lodge No. 137, I. O. O. F. at their regular meeting Friday night was one of the most enjoyable gatherings that body has had in some time, and was attended by approximately seventy-five members of the order.

The regular order of business was finished early, and the brethren gathered round the banquet board to enjoy a genuine Dutch Lunch, followed by cigars and after-dinner talks.

Among those who were introduced by the Noble Grand, acting as toastmaster were: Rev. E. C. Richards, R. W. Tower, Frank Armstrong, Andy Kershner, George Humphrey, Dr. F. M. White, Dr. Geo. H. Merryman, Fred Peterson and Dick Willis.



Fred Houston, Who will make "some noise" at the Elks "Big Noise" December 18th and 19th.

JURY CONVICTS JOSEPH JOHNSON

ONLY A TEN MINUTE DELIBERATION TAKEN IN THE CASE OF YOUNG MAN CHARGED WITH BURGLARY

After a ten minute deliberation this afternoon, the jury empaneled in the case of Joseph Johnson, returned a verdict finding him guilty.

Johnson, with Arthur White, was arrested at Chiloquin, a short time ago, charged with burglarizing the tent of Joe Martin, and taking \$40 from his clothes.

They both entered pleas of guilty, but Friday they changed the plea to not guilty. White will be tried Tuesday.

CUSTOMS MEN CONFISCATE ARMS

LARGE CONSIGNMENT OF GUNS, ETC., ARE SEIZED, BUT MANY CLAIM THAT PROCLAMATION WAS MADE TOO LATE

BELFAST, Dec. 6.—Obeying the proclamation recently issued against the importation of arms into Ireland, the customs officers today seized and confiscated large consignments of rifles, bayonets and ammunition.

The leaders of the anti-home rule movement ridicule the proclamation, and claim that the Ulster volunteers are already organized, armed and thoroughly equipped.

Large quantities of ammunition were smuggled out of this city last night and concealed in the country.

The liberal press of Ireland and England applaud the proclamation.

It is said that 30,000,000 broom handles are used annually in the United States—one for each man, woman and child.

CO-OPERATION IS LACKING, SAYS THE ENGINEER

WILL OUTLINE A DEFINITE PLATFORM AND WORK IT ALL OUT

In a Statement Today, Mr. Patch Declares He Can Reduce Present Expenses of the Association Just One-Half, and Will Endeavor to Bring About the Proper Relation Between Town and Country People

W. W. Patch is to be a candidate for president of the Klamath Water Users Association.

Announcement to this effect was made today by Mr. Patch, who has just been relieved of the management of the Klamath project by J. G. Camp.

"The official actions of the Klamath Water Users Association, especially those of the directors, have always been contrary to any idea advanced by the residents of the city," said Mr. Patch. "This is particularly true in regard to any idea advanced by the Chamber of Commerce."

"Between these two organizations, really the most important in the county, there is great need of a better feeling. Harmony between these would be one of the biggest factors imaginable in building up the country. I am satisfied that there is practically no understanding between those now in charge of the Water Users Association and the townspeople. There are too many private axes being ground to permit of the most beneficial results."

"I am going to be a candidate for president of the association at the next election. I will soon outline my platform, which will be largely one to get matters down to a practical basis and promote the proper feeling of co-operation for the good of the county, and if I am elected, I will follow this out, and see if I can't stop

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Open River Is Expected

Lane Thought to Have Received But One Petition

Despite the fact that Secretary of the Interior Lane this week refused to grant Klamath county lumber interests the right to drive logs on the Sprague and Williamson rivers, local people believe the order will eventually be made for this concession.

"The greater number of petitions that were made out were sent to the Oregon senators, Chamberlain and Lane, on account of their party affiliations," said a prominent man today.

"So far as I know, Congressman Sinnott received only a copy of the resolutions of the Chamber of Commerce and the Sportmen's Association.

"The big petitions were mailed to Washington only a few days ago, in fact, I do not think that they have been received there yet. These may cause the secretary to change his mind.

"The biggest petition is signed by more than 500 residents of the county. This sets forth the fact that the timber on the reservation is largely

duly ripened, and that it is for the best interests of the Indians and all concerned to remove it before the trees begin to deteriorate in value.

"This also points out the fact that the use of the rivers is the only practical method to get the timber to the mills.