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BAD STORMS DEMORALIZE WIRE SERVICE

For the second time this winter heavy snows have almost succeeded in demoralizing the telephone, telegraph, and train service from Dunsmuir north, and crews of men have been at work since Saturday night repairing wires, replacing telegraph and telephone poles, and removing snow from railroad tracks. In the vicinity of Deetz and Weed, sheet has played havoc with railroad communication, but the most serious troubles appear to be between Deetz and Igerna.

It is reported there is six feet of snow on the level at Weed and seven feet at Sisson.

E. T. Ludden, local manager of the Pacific Telephone & Telegraph company, stated this morning that all wires were down immediately north and south of Weed, but the extent of this trouble is not known. It will be 24 to 48 hours before telephone service can be re-established, said Mr. Ludden. The wires from here to Weed are still in service except for the last 2 1/2 miles, where they are flat on the ground. A 70-mile gale was blowing last night in the vicinity of Weed.

Mr. Ludden went out with the repair crews and a telephone message from him this afternoon stated that it was hoped to have a temporary circuit built around the break before night.

Western Union Having Trouble
Don Belding, manager of the Western Union office here, stated that on the main line between Weed and Sisson, 13 poles were forced to the ground, and the wires are in such condition that emergency cables had to be substituted for more than three miles. On the branch line, about 20 poles are down between Weed and Bray. Linemen report five feet of snow in places. A regular hurricane accompanied by falling trees was the cause of this trouble, said Mr. Belding.

Up to 10 o'clock today, the local Western Union office had not received a message since 9 o'clock Saturday night, but 10 men coming up on a special work train repaired the breaks and restored communication and at 10:30 this morning the Western Union office reported that their lines had been repaired, and that telegraph service had been resumed.

Trains on Branch Running
Train service, said the dispatcher at the Southern Pacific station here, has not been impaired except to the extent that trains are traveling slower than usual, this being due principally to lack of wire communication. Snow plows have been keeping the tracks reasonably free from snow, although 2 1/2 feet of snow at Dunsmuir and 3 feet at Siskiyou have taxed the capacities of the plows and their crews.

Power Lines in Good Shape
J. C. Thompson, manager for the California-Oregon Power company, states that the power lines near here have not been impaired at all, and that a crew of power linemen have been assisting the telephone company.

Weed Schools Close
Down at Weed, the snow which had been falling for several days, changed to rain the latter part of the week, and the ground was covered with five feet of slush. On the summit between Weed and Sisson there are five feet of snow, the road between these two points being closed for the first time this year.

Three miles out of Weed the heavy snow broke down the California-Oregon Power company's line, depriving Weed of power. This forced the Weed lumber company plant to shut down. Wednesday night the Weed Lumber company power plant ran out of fuel, the storm being so severe that it was impossible to bring slabs from the yards to keep up the fires. As a result, Weed was in darkness Wednesday night. The Weed schools were closed for nearly a week, the storms being too severe for pupils to attend.

WEATHER REPORT.
OREGON—Tonight and Tuesday, rain in west; rain or snow in east.

U. S. Supreme Court Reverses Landis on Socialist Convictions

WASHINGTON, Jan. 31.—The conviction of Victor L. Berger and four other socialists for violation of the espionage act has been reversed by the supreme court on the ground that Judge Landis should not have heard the cases after his eligibility had been attacked. Those convicted with Berger at Chicago were Adolph Germer, national secretary of the socialist party; William F. Kruse, editor of Young's Socialist magazine; J. Lewis Engdahl and Irwin St. John Tucker. They were sentenced to from 10 to 20 years confinement in military prisons.

MAY PASS BILL BY MARCH 1ST.

PORTLAND, Jan. 31.—High hopes that \$1,200,000 will be appropriated by congress toward completion of the Klamath project are held by officials of the state chamber of commerce as the result of a letter received from A. P. Davis, director of the United States reclamation service.

Mr. Davis said the item already had been passed by the house in full for the original estimate and that prospects that it would go through the senate and become a law before March 1 were good.

Other appropriations for development projects are being severely pruned by congress, according to Mr. Davis' letter. It is not known yet, according to Secretary George Quayle, whether the trimming process will affect the Umatilla project, the second of the approved development plans in the state.

Weather Probabilities

The Cyclo-Stormograph, at Underwood's Pharmacy has registered a 'high' barometric pressure for the last 24 hours, but as it has been fairly constant during that period, but little change in weather conditions may be expected for the next 12 hours.

Forecast for next 24 hours:
Cloudy; unsettled weather; warmer.

Promise to Bring Back Explanation Of Lava Bed Doings

The expedition to the lava beds, planned by F. W. Ritchie, Ed Bloomingcamp, and Neil Campell for yesterday did not materialize owing to weather conditions, but they expect to get started today and will be gone three or four days, during which time they will investigate thoroughly the stories of fires and volcanic eruptions.

An employe of the Southern Pacific railway company, said today that severe electrical storms had been in progress in the general vicinity of the lava beds during the past week and that it was the belief of some people who had been watching what appear to be forest fires, that lightning, and not volcanic disturbances had caused the fires.

Mr. Ritchie promises that when he and his party return they will bring with them the true story of the mysterious fires and subterranean rumblings.

ENGINEERS TO MEET.

SPOKANE, Wash., Jan. 31.—The annual meeting of the Washington State Association of the American Association of Engineers will be held here March 26, it has been announced. Upwards to 800 members of the state association, it is estimated, will be represented at the meeting from Spokane, Seattle, Tacoma, Yakima, Everett, Olympia, Aberdeen, Bellingham and other cities.

Three Fire-Fighters Killed, 18 Hurt, As Burning Wall Falls

PROVIDENCE, R. I., Jan. 31.—Three firemen were killed and 18 were seriously injured when the wall of a burning building fell here today. Two of the injured were expected to die.

THIEVES TAKE JEWELRY FROM GRIMES HOME

The residence of James Grimes, 1125 Pine street, was entered Saturday evening, probably between 6 and 8 o'clock, and a watch and chain belonging to William Sanders and a chain owned by Lyle Himmelwright were stolen from a chiffonier in Mr. Sanders' room. A watch, the property of Mrs. Grimes, lying on a shelf in the bath room, was not taken, although tracks indicated that the thieves had been in that room. None of the Grimes family or persons who room in the house were at home between 6 and 8 o'clock, the time the robbery is said to have occurred.

Tracks which are believed to have been those of a man and woman were seen about the house, the snowfall making these tracks very plain. However, no dependable clue to the identity of the thieves has been found. Mr. Sanders reported the robbery to the police today.

County Nurse At Work In Earnest

Miss Lydia Fricke, county nurse, has settled down to her duties in earnest, her gradually increasing acquaintance with local people and places assisting her greatly in her work. Twice this week Miss Fricke has answered calls from the country, once at Fort Klamath and once at Chiloquin. Every Saturday, unless emergencies arise, she can be found in her office in the chamber of commerce rooms, and persons having business to transact with her can communicate with her by phone or call to see her personally.

CALL SCHOOL SITE ELECTION

Announcement is made by the board of directors of School District No. 1, that a special election will be held at the Central school, February 18, at 2 o'clock p. m. for the purpose of voting upon the purchase of a school site for the Shippington and Pelican Bay districts.

The site under consideration consists of two blocks—3 and 4 of Klamath Lake addition—and is located about midway between Shippington and Pelican Bay. The land is back from the lake shore a considerable distance and is elevated and has good drainage, says Mr. McCarthy of the Bellman & Co. agency, who have an option on the site. The price fixed in the notice of election is approximately \$3000. There are no buildings upon the land at present.

MARY MACSWINEY TO SPEAK IN BUTTE.

BUTTE, Mont., Jan. 31.—It has been announced by members of the Abraham Lincoln branch of the American Association for the Recognition of the Irish Republic that Miss Mary MacSwiney, sister of the late lord mayor of Cork, will be in Butte on St. Patrick's Day, March 17, to deliver an address.

Message to Business Men In Dean's Talk

The address of Dean Robbins of the University of Oregon school of commerce at the chamber of commerce rooms at 8 o'clock tonight contains interest for all the community, according to Secretary T. L. Stanley, but is designed to appeal especially to business men.

The subject is "The Duty of the Business Man to the Community." Dean Robbins spoke to the high school assembly this morning.

RECOMMEND CLEMENCY FOR EUGENE V. DEBS.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 31.—Commutation of the sentence of Eugene V. Debs has been recommended to President Wilson by the department of justice, to take effect February 12.

LONG-BELL CO. BUILDING BIG LOGGING TOWN

Installation of a town of several hundred homes, as headquarters for the logging operations of the Long-Bell company in cutting their 100,000 acre tract, east of Bray will be completed this year, it is reported in lumber circles. A recent issue of the American Lumberman contained an account of the proposed development. The town will be located on Antelope creek, about eight miles east of Bray, California. The logs will be shipped to the Weed Lumber company's mill for manufacture, the Weed corporation being a subsidiary company of the Long Bell concern.

The new town will be called Garner city, taking its name from a large peak in the neighborhood, Mount Garner. Accommodations for 500 loggers and their families are planned, with churches, stores, a theater, electric light plant, municipal water system and all modern improvements.

Garner City will be connected by a branch line with the Southern Pacific at Bray. Work is under way on the branch road and considerable work was done on the town site last fall. It is said the road will be ready for hauling early this spring and the first logging camp will be established. As cutting progresses spur tracks will be pushed further into the timber from the Garner City base and new camps established. It is estimated that it will take 20 years to cut over the tract.

The Long-Bell company, which heretofore has operated extensively in the southern pine belt, where it maintains 11 mills, but recently turned its attention to western timber. Among its timber purchases are approximately 85,000 acres north-east of Chiloquin and 45,000 acres in the western part of the county, which will be manufactured with Klamath Falls as a center.

Another big tract was purchased near Cowlitz, Washington, and recent announcement was made that a large mill would be installed there this year.

Income Appraisers At the City Hall

George G. Hewitt and J. J. Wilkinson, agents of the income tax department of the internal revenue service, today opened headquarters in the council chamber of the city hall. They will assist the public in making out income tax returns, explain the exemptions and deduction features and in all ways possible facilitate the payment of the tax. The office in the city hall will be maintained until February 8, and will be open daily from 8:30 to 5.

CLASSES NOW HELD IN NEW CATHOLIC ACADEMY.

Classes are now being held in the new Sacred Heart academy, the transfer of fixtures, seats, and other school equipment having been made on Friday and Saturday. Everything is running smoothly today.

The sisters with the boarders are still occupying their old quarters at the corner of Seventh and Pine streets, but will move into the academy the last of this week.

MARKET REPORT

PORTLAND, Jan. 31.—Livestock, steady; eggs, weak; butter, firm.

RETURN FROM PHILADELPHIA.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Howard and daughter, Mary, who have been living in Philadelphia for the past several months, have returned to Klamath Falls to again make this city their home.

ENGLISH SOLDIERS ARE SEIZING UPON LAND

LONDON, Jan. 31.—Former soldiers who were promised gifts of land after the war but who have failed to receive it, are forcibly taking it in some of the Hebrides islands, off the west coast of Scotland. The dissatisfaction over failure to obtain land appears to be spreading among the islanders.

Bill Would Lop Off All Extra Revenue Of County Officers

SALEM, Jan. 31.—A bill proposing to cut off all income received by county officers aside from their salaries, especially extra revenue derived by sheriffs and clerks for collection of certain fees, will be introduced shortly by the committee on county and state offices, or possibly by Senator Bell of Lane county, individually. The bill would require the county officers to account for and turn over to the state treasurer all fees.

PROPOSE TO CUT ATTORNEY'S PAY

SALEM, Jan. 31.—A bill standardizing the salaries for district attorneys in all the counties of Oregon has been introduced in the house by Representative Herbert Gordon of Multnomah county and Thomas Kay of Marion county, both members of the joint ways and means committee.

The district attorneys associations recently formulated a schedule which provided for raises in salaries for these officials in all of the counties of Oregon, but the Gordon and Kay bill makes cuts from present salaries in some instances, although in the majority of counties increases are proposed.

The schedule following shows the first figures as the present salary and the second figures as the salaries proposed:

| Counties. | Present | Proposed |
|------------|---------|----------|
| Baker | \$2,400 | \$2,000 |
| Benton | 1,200 | 1,500 |
| Clackamas | 2,100 | 2,500 |
| Clatsop | 1,800 | 2,199 |
| Columbia | 1,200 | 1,500 |
| Coos | 1,800 | 2,000 |
| Crook | 1,500 | 1,000 |
| Curry | 600 | 900 |
| Deschutes | 1,000 | 1,500 |
| Douglas | 2,100 | 2,100 |
| Gilliam | 1,500 | 1,000 |
| Grant | 1,500 | 1,000 |
| Harney | 1,500 | 1,000 |
| Hood River | 1,200 | 1,500 |
| Jackson | 2,400 | 2,199 |
| Jefferson | 800 | 1,000 |
| Josephine | 1,299 | 1,200 |
| Klamath | 1,899 | 1,500 |
| Lake | 1,800 | 1,999 |
| Lane | 2,199 | 3,000 |
| Lincoln | 900 | 1,000 |
| Linn | 2,199 | 2,400 |
| Malheur | 2,199 | 1,500 |
| Marion | 2,100 | 3,000 |
| Morrow | 1,299 | 1,000 |
| Multnomah | 4,000 | 5,000 |
| Polk | 900 | 1,500 |
| Sherman | 1,500 | 1,000 |
| Tillamook | 1,200 | 1,200 |
| Umatilla | 2,400 | 2,700 |
| Union | 1,800 | 1,800 |
| Wallowa | 1,299 | 1,200 |
| Wasco | 1,800 | 1,800 |
| Washington | 2,199 | 2,500 |
| Wheeler | 1,500 | 1,000 |
| Yamhill | 1,200 | 2,100 |

The bill provides that the district attorney of Multnomah county shall be entitled to one deputy at \$2400 a year, three at \$1800 a year each and three at \$1200 a year each.

MINING MEN OF WEST TO MEET IN PORTLAND.

PORTLAND, Jan. 31.—Mining men from all parts of the west and Canada are expected to attend a session of the International Mining Convention to be held here April 6-9. Convention officials look for 1,500 delegates.

Henry M. Parks, director of the Oregon bureau of mines and geology is making local arrangements for the convention. John E. Miller, manager of the exhibition of mining machinery to be held in connection with the convention has arrived here to begin arranging a display.

NEW BALL LEAGUE

TWIN FALLS, Idaho, Jan. 31.—Organization of a new baseball league in southern Idaho is being considered. The towns mentioned for places in the organization are Boise, Nampa, Caldwell, Twin Falls, Burley, Pocatello and Idaho Falls. The new league, it is believed, would make an effort to enter organized baseball.

DOG RACE ON

ASHTON, Idaho, Jan. 31.—Ashton's annual dog race will be held this year on Washington's birthday. It was decided recently. Several local teams already are practicing for the race.

KIDNAPPED L. A. WOMAN FOUND BY OFFICERS

(By Associated Press)
LOS ANGELES, Jan. 31.—Mrs. Gladys Witherell, who disappeared last Tuesday, was found early today at a prisoner in a small house on a sheep ranch near Corona, 70 miles southeast of Los Angeles. She was unharmed. A. J. Carr and Floyd Carr have been arrested. Officers stated that they confessed an ill feeling toward the woman's father-in-law and the kidnapped woman, and for revenge wanted to obtain \$20,000 from them as ransom.

A telephone operator's quickwittedness led to the discovery of Mrs. Witherell. She received a call for the residence of O. S. Witherell and delayed making it until the police had been sent to the bay station, where they arrested A. J. Carr just as he concluded a conversation which he had promised relatives in a letter sent Saturday. The police and Mrs. Witherell's husband and father started for the kidnapers' house at 2 o'clock, surrounded it, broke in the door and windows, and found the woman in a room lying upon a cot with two blankets. Floyd Carr was seized as he came from a closet.

THEATRES WILL AID HOOVER SAVE INFANTS

Thursday, February 3, will be a real movie day in this city, the Monday and the Star theaters, the schools, through Superintendent J. P. Wells, the newspapers, and charitable inclined people in general joining in the movement to help swell the Eastern and Central European Baby Relief fund being raised in what is commonly known as the Herbert Hoover campaign.

Telling the story from the beginning, the motion picture industry has been asked to raise \$2,500,000 for this fund, and instructive and humorous pictures have been sent to every theater in the San Francisco district, gratis, with the proviso that the theaters show the pictures without charge for their services, and that they elicit the support of advertising mediums, schools, and civic organizations. All this has been done here, and the price of admission for children has been set at 10 cents, and for adults at 25 cents.

Superintendent J. P. Wells has agreed to dismiss school both in the morning and in the afternoon on that day, so that the shows, which will be different in either theater, can be liberally patronized.

The show at the Mondale will be given at two o'clock in the afternoon. There will be 8 reels, 5 reels being devoted to a drama entitled "Treason." Supplementing this drama will be three comedies, "Chip off the Old Block," "Black Feet and Flat Heads," and "Love in Armor." These reels will be brimful of interest, announces Manager White, of this theater. But this does not tell it all. The "Melody Maids," now here for a week's engagement, will put on a song and dance turn, with special music, their services being donated for the good of the cause. There will be only one performance, but it will be a stellar affair from beginning to end. Ten cents for children, and 25 cents for adults, and every cent of the gross proceeds will be sent directly to the relief committee in San Francisco.

The Star theater will give its show, eight lively reels, at 10 o'clock in the morning. "Unknown Quantity" is the name of the big end of the attraction but Manager Terwilliger assures everybody that the show itself will not be an unknown quantity, as it has been tried and has not been found wanting. Good comedies and other pictures support this show. There will be only one performance.

Admission to both theaters will be 10 and 25 cents, and as much more as anyone cares to give.