

LIST OF DEAD AT CARTAGO GROWS

IT IS NOW ESTIMATED THAT 2,000 LOST THEIR LIVES

ONE THOUSAND DEAD AT PARAISO

The Destruction of Life and Property Is Appalling—Relief Is Rapidly Pouring In

SAN JOSE, Costa Rica, May 9.—What at first appeared to be an earthquake confined to Cartago has developed into one of the greatest catastrophes that has ever visited Central of South America. Thousands of lives have been lost, and the list of dead is constantly growing. In Cartago the loss of life will reach 2,599, if this will not be greatly exceeded. A hurried examination after the earthquake caused the officials to believe that the loss of life would not reach 500, but this has been so greatly exceeded that no surprise will be manifested if the number killed will not be greatly in excess of that now reported.

Nine hundred bodies have already been recovered, and the recovery of bodies buried in the ruins is still in progress. The government has taken a firm hold of affairs at Cartago, and everything is now operating with military precision. Looting has been effectively stopped by the prompt execution of those caught in the act.

It was positively learned today that the towns of Paraiso Orizal and Peacoco suffered heavily. One thousand lives are reported to have been lost in Paraiso, and this number will be reached in the other towns.

The call for help which has been sent out to the world is being answered promptly and generously. Nevertheless the suffering among the residents is very great. To add to this the heavy downpour of rain that has followed the earthquake has added to the difficulties of recovering bodies, burying the dead, caring for the wounded and feeding the homeless. Food supplies are very scarce, and clothing is badly needed.

COUNTY SEAT ELECTION WAS HELD IN 1884

Secretary of State Furnishes Necessary Information

The question as to whether an election was held for the purpose of locating the county seat of the time this county was created, has been definitely settled by the receipt of a telegram from the Secretary of State of Oregon. In this message he states that an election was held in 1884, at the general election of that year, at which the following votes were cast for a county seat:

Linkville	249
Bonanza	40
Lost River	2
Naylox	1

This definitely disposes of a question that has been bothering both sides of the controversy since the injunction proceedings started. If an election had not been held and Klamath Falls had never been officially declared the county seat, it would have thrown the affairs of the county into such a chaotic condition as would be almost appalling.

PRIZES OFFERED FOR POTATOES GROWN BY BOYS

The Klamath County real estate dealers held their regular monthly meeting at the Livermore Monday, at which a series of prizes were decided on for the best result of potato growing by persons under 18 years of age. The contestants must make entry and state location of their ground by the 15th day of June. Prizes will be given to the amount of \$100, the first prize being \$40. There will also be second, third and fourth prizes, besides special prizes for the largest potato and the best half bushel. The amount of ground is limited to an eighth of an acre, or 5,000 square feet.

MOTHERS' DAY SERVICES

The Mothers' Day services at the Christian church Sunday night were a source of great pleasure to all attending. As each person entered the church he was given a white flower, in remembrance of the day. A very entertaining and instructive program was given, participated in by the young and old members of the congregation. Mr. Valandigham delivered a brief sermon, touching upon the idea sought to be brought out by the observance of the day. His remarks touched a tender chord in the hearts of his hearers, and clearly showed that the fond memories of the days when they gathered around mother's knee had not been forgotten.

WASHINGTON LETTER

Secretary of the Treasury MacVeigh, whose health has recently threatened to break down, has taken steps to "conserve his natural resources," and put into effect a new program for the "day's work" which he expects will relieve him of considerable strain. The head of the treasury, with all of its ramifications through the customs and internal revenue services, the financial administration of the government receipts and disbursements, the control of national banks and the thousand and one other things which are imposed upon the director of this wide-reaching department, must necessarily be a busy man if he only hits the high spots. This is especially true when it is considered how much of his time is consumed during the day by callers of various descriptions. There are always senators and members of the House of Representatives wanting to see him about matters directly affecting the interests of their constituents, whether they relate to appointments in the government service, the troubles of those already in office, or the details of the construction of the latest public building appropriated for by congress. To these his doors must always be swung wide open. And when are added to them the multifarious calls of business men wanting to discuss policies of the department; of friends who come merely to "pay their respects"; of newspaper men looking for latest developments in this, that or the other subject of public interest; and other chiefs of division who want to see him to talk over the decisions in their respective branches of the service, these receptions alone constitute a tax upon any man's vital energies, without counting the revision of the mail which grows out of these visits. Secretary MacVeigh insists not only upon knowing what is being done by his subordinates in the department, but upon revising the letters which the various chiefs prepare after their consultations with him on important questions. He does not skimp through them, either, but reads them carefully, and is mighty particular as to the choice of diction employed.

Then, too, he has found time to give his personal supervision to the "rehabilitation," which is his favorite method of expressing it, of the customs service at New York; to the reorganization of the customs condition at other ports.

Under this mighty press of business it is scarcely to be wondered at that recently his health threatened to fail. But he has accepted the warning, and is now arranging to curtail the amount of business that he must do. Another consideration that has led him to do this is the social duties which occupy his evenings. Scarcely any man in Washington entertains more than does Secretary MacVeigh. He is always giving dinners or receptions to his friends or attending similar functions of an official or social character.

A barb-wire fence with which to keep out the Mexican cattle tick is the queer expedient for which the bureau of animal industry is trying to secure congressional permission. The fence needn't be made of a mesh small enough to keep out the insects, but there must be a barrier to keep the tick-infested Mexican cattle off of Uncle Sam's territory. Otherwise the American cattle grower finds his herds full of the pest. The bureau of animal industry has asked congress to grant an appropriation to do the fencing clear along the international border line wherever natural conditions do not constitute an impassable barrier for cattle.

THE SECRET SERVICE IS WORRIED OVER TAFT'S PLANS

WASHINGTON, D. C., May 9.—The secret service is greatly worried over President Taft's program today, and will guard him closely. He will go to New York, where he will open the Actors' Fund fair. Then he will motor to Passaic, N. J., which is considered the headquarters for the anarchists of this country. The secret service men will not breathe easily until he is once more away from that city.

MRS. MARGARITE NEIPOTH

Mrs. Margarite Neipoth died Friday night at her home near the Meadow Lake sawmill. Death was due to a complication of diseases. The funeral will be held at 2 o'clock tomorrow afternoon, interment in the city cemetery.

The deceased is survived by her husband, who is one of the employes at the Meadow Lake mill. They came to this city quite recently from Michigan.

After exhaustive research an English architect has decided that the leaning tower of Pisa was built at the angle it stands today as a feat of architectural bravado.

MADE TWO TRIPS FOR THE MONEY HE SAYS "IT BEATS EVERYTHING"

BEST WENT TO MERCHANTS AND EXPENSES FOR SWINDLER

On Each of Which He Succeeded in Shaking Down the President of the Bank

After weeks of the most painstaking investigation and research, the Herald is now in a position to furnish all of the facts in connection with the robbery of the American Bank by F. B. Houston.

Houston came to Klamath Falls for the purpose of looking over the field as a safe place in which to operate. He was not here very long before he sized the situation up and decided that the fight that was being waged by the Hog Combine and the citizens of the town offered the best avenue through which he might operate. Of course, Melhase was easily the easiest thing in the city for him to pick out as a victim, and it did not take Houston long to get him rigged up right. The story of how he convinced Melhase that the Herald should be purchased and shipped out of town, has been told in detail before, as well as the easy manner in which Melhase rose to the bait. But it was only half told. Heretofore it has been supposed that the bank's loss was in the neighborhood of \$6,000. The facts are that the loss amounts to \$8,965. And here is how the additional funds were secured.

After Houston had the cards stacked for the purchase of the Herald, he secured \$5,300 in cash with which to close the deal. This money he put in his pocket and went direct to the Herald office. After remaining there a few minutes, he evidently got remorse of conscience for not getting more out of Melhase, and accordingly returned to the bank and told him that the Herald had gone back on the original deal and that it could not be bought for the amount previously agreed upon; that they demanded \$2,500 more. Houston then, with a majestic oration, declared that he would have the thing if it cost him \$20,000. "Here, Melhase, you let me have the money right now and I will go back and close the deal or know the reason why. I'll rub the money under his nose and he will have to sign the papers or there will be trouble right on the jump. I'm not going to be monkeyed with." And Melhase fell! It was just so easy, that it would be a safe bet that Houston is today still kicking himself that he did not make a bigger haul.

The additional \$2,500 was paid over and he then left the bank and started for the Herald office, but he never reached it. He began making his arrangements for leaving the city. The currency he kept with him, but he had \$2,000 in gold and this was not an easy thing to carry around all day, so he went to Greeley's plumbing shop and asked that he keep the money in his safe for him until evening. Greeley readily consented and Houston returned shortly after 6 o'clock that day and got the swag.

His spirits were too high for sleep, so he did not retire that night, but spent the time until the departure of his train in having one grand old time.

The remaining \$1,165 that the bank is out went to pay the checks that were issued to Winters, McHatten, the Portland Store and other firms in the city, together with a few hundred dollars that Houston drew after he bought the Herald. This latter money was to be used to pay his expenses on his trip to Ashland.

The sole responsibility for the loss rests on the shoulders of Melhase. And he admits it. Notwithstanding that the loss was a body blow to him, he has kept a stiff upper lip and taken his medicine. Though he has guarded his secret with what he believed to be the utmost cunning, he will be as greatly surprised to see the details in the columns of the Herald as he was when Houston skipped. And he will be still more surprised when he learns that all of the information herein contained was furnished by himself.

McLellan and Morrissey signed articles Monday to appear here in a go on the 25th of this month. D. W. Burling signed and posted the forfeit for McLellan, J. V. Houston signing for Morrissey. McLellan is now training Sullivan at Kennett, and will come to Klamath Falls on the 15th, and finish his training here. He has with him a 115-pound man that is going to fight an unknown, who is now in Morrissey's camp at Crystal Springs. There is talk of a ten-round preliminary between McLellan's brother and Ed Newbanks of this city.

The Southern Pacific baseball team dragged the Shippington team in the dust Sunday by the score of ten to three. Throughout the game the interest was maintained, as both sides did good playing and some strong batting.

WONDERS WHERE THE HERALD SECURED INFORMATION

People Generally Recognize That the Herald Is the Only Newspaper in the City

Fred Melhase admits that the facts published in Friday's Herald are correct. In commenting on the publication of the story he is reported as having said: "Well, it beats everything how they find out things. You just can't beat those tam fellows." That is quite true, Mr. Melhase. The Herald cannot be beaten.

Throughout the city the story was provocative of one broad smile. And who could not smile? It was bad enough for Houston to get the original \$5,300, but to be able to go back and get \$2,500 more, and that in cold cash, was a little too much for even the sourest disposition in the city.

One gentleman who has not been in the city very long, and who has followed with interest the fight that has arisen out of the removal of the courthouse, remarked after reading the article:

"There is something else back of all this fight on your paper and the people are beginning to sit up and take notice of it. They are beginning to ask why certain men band together and raise a fund of several thousand dollars to be used for no other purpose than driving out of business one of the leading institutions in the city. They are wondering why they wish to crush a paper that has the courage to stand up for what it believes to be right. The story that the other paper was in existence simply to publish the news will not go down. Too many instances have already come to light to prove that that statement is false. The best one is this case right here. Mr. Melhase is a stockholder in the company; he was one of the incorporators, and if he desired his paper to publish the news, then why did it suppress it until the Herald came out and publish it? Even then the people had to wait for weeks before the real facts could be dug up by the Herald. The people are waking up to a situation that is much more grave than appears on the surface. I was in doubt at first, but time has proven that the Herald is right, and I hope it will win."

That voices the sentiment of the people of the city and county. They are waking up to the fact that the Herald's fight is their fight. They are supporting it and supporting the business men who advertise in it. Their support gives it the largest circulation in the city and their support means that the advertisers in this paper will be the ones who will get the results.

JAMES J. HILL WILL AID IN OREGON DEVELOPMENT

PORTLAND, Ore., May 9.—The visit of James J. Hill and party to Portland during the past week has been of great significance. Accompanied by railroad officials, Louis W. Hill has left Portland to make a tour of the state. He will cross Central Oregon and see for himself what the tonnage possibilities of that great region are. After this trip it is expected that a definite announcement will be made as to the expected east and west lines across the state.

While in Portland Mr. Hill talked freely of the Oregon Electric and United railways, interurban systems running out of Portland, and says he will extend them down the Willamette valley. He also confirmed his purchase of the Pacific and Eastern, but said it was yet too early to talk of a connecting road clear across the state. The Deschutes road will, of course, go ahead as fast as possible, he said, and besides all this railroad activity in this state, Mr. Hill proposes to do a great deal in securing publicity for Oregon throughout the East and Middle West.

The sale of the holdings of the Northwestern corporation properties throughout Oregon, Washington and Idaho to H. M. Bylesby & Co., large eastern investors, announced recently, was confirmed the past week when the final options were closed in Philadelphia. This means the coming of a great amount of new capital to the Pacific Northwest, where it will be used developing water powers and gas and electric plants.

Beginning May 16th, there will be a series of good roads meetings throughout the state that will continue until June 10. Mr. Maurice W. Eldridge, one of the best known authorities on good roads, and a government expert, will be sent out from Washington to deliver lectures. He will start at Ontario and will hold meetings in the principal cities along the O. R. & N. as far west as Portland, when he will visit the Willamette valley and Southern Oregon,

holding the final meeting at Ashland. The lectures are to be given under the auspices of the State Good Roads Association, and a decided impetus to the work of the organization will probably result.

That the Oregon irrigation projects will be pushed to completion is the message of encouragement given by Arthur P. Davis, engineer of the United States reclamation service, who was in Portland during the week. He is on a tour of inspection of projected irrigation works throughout the West. Mr. Davis says he has every reason to believe the \$30,000,000 bond issue for reclamation will be approved. This will be distributed among twenty projects, and will mean \$1,500,000 for each of the Oregon projects, including Umatilla, Malheur and Klamath.

The Portland Commercial Club, which recently presented to President Taft a beautifully bound book of pictures of Oregon scenery, together with photographs taken at Portland at the time of his late visit, has just received a letter of thanks from the President. He says he will never forget features of his reception in this city.

EPWORTH LEAGUE DELEGATES VISIT MERRILL

Twelve members of the Epworth League left as delegates to Merrill Sunday afternoon at 2:30 in a four-hour coach, making the drive and arriving in Merrill at 5:15. On arrival they were cordially received by the reception committee and taken to the home of Mrs. Harter and served with light refreshments. Later in the evening they were given a banquet at the home of Mrs. Harter, at which the success and welfare of the League were pledged in bright toasts and responses. From the banquet all went in a body to the First Methodist church, where the successful meeting was opened by the president, Miss Patterson. After the meeting Rev. Mr. Craig announced the regular service would be dispensed with, and an informal reception was held in honor of the visitors.

Leaving Merrill at 9:15 p. m., the delegates arrived in the Falls at 2:30 a. m., having thoroughly enjoyed the hospitality of the people of the Meadow City. Those attending from here were: Florence Foster, Laura Nelson, Hazel Summers, Jennie Applegate, Mattie Foster, Annie Applegate, Dr. W. A. Leonard, Floyd Alfred, C. C. Mutschenbacher, Roy Nelson, Vernon Motschenbacher and R. H. Olds.

The younger members of the Catholic church were given a picnic Sunday afternoon by Father Cunningham and the older members of the congregation, and a most enjoyable time was had. Ice cream, cake, candy and other refreshments were served and many games played, and the youngsters returned to their homes filled with happiness, as well as ice cream. This is the first of a number of such entertainments that will be given during the summer. The membership of the congregation has grown very rapidly during the past few months, as evidenced by the fact that fifty children attended the picnic. Plans are already being considered for the erection either of an addition to the church or the building of a new edifice, one of which alternatives must be followed in the near future.

The first logs that J. C. Smith is to furnish the Moore mill under his 3,000,000-foot contract, were sent over the rapids Monday from Upper Lake. Considerable interest has been taken in this work, as it is the beginning of what may develop into something big, provided the first attempt is crowned with success. Lake Ewauna is recognized as an ideal place for mill sites, and if the logs can be boomed over the rapids there is nothing in the way to prevent the continuance of such an enterprise and the locating of all the big sawmills on Lake Ewauna instead of the Upper Lake. Mr. Smith states that he does not expect to meet with any difficulties in the carrying out of his part of the contract.

RELINQUISHMENT FOR SALE

160 acres of land near railroad, cabin and barn, for \$300. Running stream. I have about eight homesteads, level and good running water. For particulars write to

JOHN KNOTT
CRESCENT, OREGON

GOOD SEED RYE

400 bushels of good seed rye for sale, \$1.75 per hundred at ranch. 2-3-1f JOHN DE PUY, Hopkins Ranch, near Midland.

A FFW BARGAINS.

Five lots, sign. location, \$1500 Can loan \$750 on the deal. A nice cottage with bath, large lot, \$1700. A good buy. A large residence, fire lot, \$3500 Three cottages on three lots, Room enough for another cottage; \$2254 MASON & SLOUGH

HIS SON MAY COME, HOWEVER

PRESIDENT STEVENS WRITES HE CANNOT COME HERE

He Is Now on a Tour of Inspection That Will Bring Him to Northern Klamath Boundary

J. J. Hill will not come to this city, as was very much hoped would be the case when it was announced that the Empire Builder was to make an excursion into Central Oregon. It would seem, however, that the man who has made the Northwest is beginning to feel the weight of years and cannot stand the strenuous life he so much enjoyed. He abandoned the trip into the interior, leaving that to his son and the younger members of the party. He, with Stevens, visited various points in Washington.

When it was learned that Mr. Hill would touch the northern part of the county, President DeLzell of the Chamber of Commerce wired President Stevens as follows:

"Klamath Falls, Ore., May 5.—John F. Stevens, President Oregon Trunk R. R., Portland, Ore.: Citizens of Klamath County and business men of Klamath Falls cordially invite Jas. J. Hill and Louis W. Hill to include Klamath Falls in itinerary of Central Oregon trip or to make a special trip to this city and accore our people an opportunity to meet with them and yourself.—W. A. DeLzell, President Chamber of Commerce."

In reply he received the following message from Mr. Stevens:

"Lyle, Wash., May 5.—W. A. DeLzell, President Chamber of Commerce, Klamath Falls, Ore.: Jas. J. Hill will not be able to visit your country this trip. Have advised Mr. Louis W. Hill of your invitation.—John W. Stevens."

So far no word has been received from Louis W. Hill.

John Quirt died at 10 a. m. Monday morning, death being due to a complication of diseases. He came here from San Francisco to enter the employ of Erickson & Peterson. The remains will be buried in this city.

J. M. Pine, who has been ill for some time, is improving rapidly, being able to sit up today.

Watch Carelessness

Nobody deliberately allows his watch to fall or intentionally abuse it.

But thousands allow their watches to run, or TRY to run, when they ought to be laid up for repairs.

What is the result? Permanently injured watches.

We maintain a perfectly equipped department here. It is no trick at all for us to handle all kinds of repair work.

We can start working for you almost any minute you say.

Test our ability to render you good service at

WINTERS WATCH HOSPITAL

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION

Lakeview 02885. Not coal land. Department of the Interior, United States Land Office at Lakeview, Oregon.

March 7th, 1910.

Notice is hereby given that William Sargeant, whose postoffice address is Klamath Falls, Oregon, did, on the 27th day of December, 1909, file in this office Sworn Statement and Application, No. 02885, to purchase the SE 1/4 Section 35, Township 37 S., Range 9 E., Willamette Meridian, and the timber thereon, under the provisions of the act of June 3, 1878, and acts amendatory, known as the "Timber and Stone Law," at such value as might be fixed by appraisal, and that, pursuant to such application, the land and timber thereon have been appraised, June 14th, 1909, the timber estimated 787,000 board feet at \$75 per M., and the land \$92.00; that said applicant will offer final proof in support of his application and sworn statement on the 20th day of May, 1910, before C. R. DeLap, County Clerk, at Klamath Falls, Oregon.

Any person is at liberty to protest this purchase before entry, or initiate a contest at any time before patent issues, by filing a corroborated affidavit in this office, alleging facts which would defeat the entry.

ARTHUR W. ORTON,
Register.