

## DEATH LIST IS MUCH INCREASED

### REPORTS FROM SMALL TOWNS BEING RECEIVED

Ninety Bodies Have Been Identified in Omaha—Soldiers, Militiamen, Police and Firemen Continue to Search the Debris for Victims. Eight Known to Be Dead in Berlin, Nebraska.

### KNOWN DEAD

- ◆ Omaha, Neb., 110.
- ◆ Ralston, Neb., 7.
- ◆ Desota, Neb., 2.
- ◆ Yutan, Neb., 15.
- ◆ Berlin, Neb., 7.
- ◆ Mead, Neb., 2.
- ◆ Plattsburgh, Neb., 1.
- ◆ Council Bluffs, Iowa, 14.
- ◆ Weston, Iowa, 2.
- ◆ Gillett, Iowa, 2.
- ◆ Logan, Iowa, 2.
- ◆ Beebe, Iowa, 2.
- ◆ Rock Bluffs, Iowa, 1.
- ◆ Glenwood, Iowa,
- ◆ Neola, Iowa, 3.
- ◆ Harlan, Iowa, 1.
- ◆ Bentley, Iowa, 1.
- ◆ Bartlett, Iowa, 3.
- ◆ Terre Haute, Ind., 29.

### TOWN DEVASTATED

OMAHA, Neb., March 25.—A message from Berlin, Neb., says that the town has been devastated. Eight people are known to have been killed and a score injured.

OMAHA, Neb., March 25.—Shelter stations have been established here, and 2,179 homeless people are being cared for there. Two hundred and sixty-three people are reported to be in destitute circumstances.

Fourteen of the dead have not yet been identified. The bodies are in the morgue. Relatives and friends of the missing are flocking there to view the remains.

Soldiers last night arrested men who gave their names as John Fletcher and Arnold Dillon. They are charged with looting. The authorities are preparing to prosecute them.

Scores of funerals are planned for today, tomorrow and Thursday.

Two inches of snow on the ground is hampering the rescue work. A regiment of militia is patrolling the stricken districts. Every church, hall and empty store room is being used to shelter the homeless.

Only one-fifth of the wrecked homes have been examined for bodies.

### Mayor Takes Action

TERRE HAUTE, Ind., March 25.—Twenty people are dead and over 200 injured as a result of the cyclone here Sunday night. Five people are missing, and it is feared they are dead.

Mayor Gerhart has been forced to issue a threat to prosecute storekeepers caught charging exorbitant prices for food.

Members of the state militia are searching the debris.

### KIT CARSON'S SON STARVES

RENO, Nev., March 22.—Baffled in his attempts to get food by the loss of his savings of eight years, amounting to \$320, Lewis C. Shilling, 81 years old, sole survivor of the Alamo massacre and adopted son of Kit Carson, was gripped by starvation and is dead here today. Shilling passed away in an old shack where he had subsisted on crackers and water until he could sustain himself no longer.

Shilling lost the money on a recent trip to California, and had to borrow coin to return to his shack here. Shilling was adjutant to General Phil Sheridan in the Civil War. He had a notable career as a scout and frontiersman.

### GAME LAWS TO BE ATTACKED

SALEM, March 24.—Amor A. Tussing of Brownsville and ex-Judge H. H. Hewitt of Albany, were here comparing the present game laws with the new game code enacted by the last legislature. They asserted that the referendum will be invoked against the game code. It will require 6,312 signatures to invoke the referendum.

### ALASKA WOMEN TO GET BALLOT

JUNEAU, Alaska, March 24.—Governor Walter F. Clark signed the bill giving the ballot to the women of Alaska. This was the first bill passed by the Alaskan legislature, and will become effective in ninety days.

The bill passed without a negative vote in either house. Since the passage of the bill members of the legislature have received congratulatory messages from suffrage leaders throughout the United States.

## CHAMPION SWIMMER



## THOUSANDS HOME UNDER WATER IRON DOORS DO NOT WORRY LAD

PHONETON, Ohio, March 25.—Almost the entire city of Dayton, Ohio is reported under water as a result of the breaking of the levee of the Miami River. Thousands of people have been forced to flee.

Wild rumors are current as to the enormous loss of life, but it is not believed that these will be substantiated.

Trains have not been able to reach nearer than ten miles of Dayton since o'clock this morning, when the levee first broke.

Residents had been warned, and it is almost certain that all escaped.

COLUMBUS, O., March 25.—Governor Cox has received a report from Dayton, stating that the Leonard building on Ludlow street, a four-story brick structure, collapsed today, carrying to death scores of persons who were working in the offices in the building.

The governor has wired to the Red Cross Society at Washington for aid for Dayton.

**Special Train Sent**

CINCINNATI, O., March 25.—Mayor Heer of Middletown, Ohio, today wired Mayor Hunt of Cincinnati as follows:

"Rush boats on a special train. This is necessary to save lives."

A special train was hurriedly dispatched.

HAMILTON, O., March 25.—Five people are known to be dead and several others have been reported drowned in a flood which has submerged half of this city.

**Bodies Recovered**

DELAWARE, O., March 25.—Seven people are known to have been drowned when the Miami River overflowed.

McGillivray believes he can beat the best Eastern swimmers at 500 yards, and has undertaken the task. Those who have watched him in the Illinois Athletic Club, of which he is a member, believe he is now at his best.

## "SIR" HARRY TO RETURN TO U. S.

### CASE AGAINST NOTED CROOK IN SOUTH AFRICA IS CONSIDERED WEAK, AND HE MAY BE TAKEN TO OAKLAND FOR TRIAL

OAKLAND, March 25.—"Sir" Harry Westwood Cooper, better known to the Bay district as Dr. Milton Abraham, ex-convict, soldier of fortune, adventurer, forger, bigamist and notorious thief, may yet face an Oakland judge on three charges of law breaking. Chief of Police Petersen has been informed by Warden Hoyle of the San Quentin penitentiary, that the state department has received advices from Natal, South Africa, to the effect that the case against the adventurer there is considered weak, and it is believed that he will be cleared of the forgery charge against him.

Petersen has communicated with the South Africa authorities, instructing them to hold Cooper for trial in this city in the event that he cannot be convicted in British courts. In the event Cooper is held for the Oakland police, Petersen will go to South Africa for him.

If brought back to Oakland, Cooper will face three charges. He will be charged with having secured \$1,000 from Mrs. Herman Milbrath under false pretenses; with contracting a bigamous marriage with Mrs. Anna Milbrath and with having forged a \$15,000 draft which he attempted to cash at the Central National bank.

After being paroled from San Quentin several years ago, Cooper came to Oakland as Dr. Milton Abraham. He lived with one wife while he courted two other women, Miss Daisy Climm and Miss Milbrath, both of whom were nurses in St. Anthony's hospital. He suddenly eloped with Miss Milbrath, and it was then discovered that he had attempted to cash a \$15,000 forged draft and that he had secured \$1,000 from his mother-in-law on the representation that he had fallen heir to an enormous estate in England.

After his character was made public and with the police of the entire world seeking him, Cooper made his way to South Africa, where he forged checks for \$5,000 and fled to Australia, where he was captured.

### Farmers, Attention!

I am making up a list of irrigated lands, dry lands and stock ranches, and will publish a description of each one in a small folder. If you want your land on this list, please bring or send me the information at once.

### CHILCOTE

622 Main St. Phone 66

### For Sale

Broken and unbroken horses; also six-yearling mules. Prices reasonable. Winters & Fleet, Lorella, Ore.

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MORTGAGE loans on irrigated lands in Klamath county; 8 per cent interest. Hay & Johnson, 208-10 I. O. O. F. building, Klamath Falls.

EFFORTS TO KEEP INCORRIGIBLE IN PRISON FAIL—OFFICERS WILL NOW DEVISE NEW METHOD OF PUNISHMENT

PORLTAND, March 25.—After three sensational escapes by Leo Bergren, the youthful robber and shoplifter who was sent to the state training school last week, Superintendent Baker of the detention home decided that another boy would never get away from him as did Bergren, by cutting a panel out of the door of his prison room. So he had the room fitted with an iron door similar to those used on cells. When Horace Farley, an Albia gangster and all-around incorrigible, was finally caught he became the first inmate of the room with the iron door.

Superintendent Baker locked him in and went away, thoroughly satisfied that his prisoner would not escape. But the heavy iron door proved no barrier to Farley. He simply lifted the thing off its hinges and vanished into the night. He is still at large. Now the superintendent realizes its defect, which is to be remedied at once. The door was so heavy that he did not think a boy would even attempt to lift it.

Young Farley was sentenced to the reform school by Juvenile Judge Gatten, and will be sent to Salem as soon as located. He is 15 years of age, and has an extremely bad record, his delinquencies include stealing and cigarette smoking. When Deputy Probation Officer Fisher went to his home to get him he vanished into the attic and wigwagged his fingers at the baffled officer, knowing that it would be impossible for a full grown man to squeeze through the hole leading to the garret. Patrolman Lillis and Truant Officer Krum next tried to land the boy, but their efforts ended in ignominious defeat. The little fellow simply outwitted them. He did the same to various other policemen who tried to get their hands on him.

**Floods in Ohio**

CLEVELAND, March 25.—Meagre reports indicate that the Ohio flood has been one of the worst in the history of the country. Many deaths are reported. The damage will reach into hundreds of thousands of dollars, and thousands of people are homeless.

**Indiana Suffers**

INDIANAPOLIS, March 25.—The worst flood in the history of Indiana is now raging in a score of cities as a result of two days' rain. Four people are known to have been drowned. Thousands are homeless.

DETROIT, Mich., March 25.—A 60-mile an hour blizzard is in progress in Northern Michigan. All of the wires are down and few details are available.

INDIANAPOLIS, March 25.—Ten thousand families are homeless, industries have been forced to suspend operations, and transportation lines are unable to operate as a result of one of the worst floods in the history of the state. The property will run into the millions.

Four people are known to have been drowned.

Several sections are isolated, and other fatalities are feared.

**Wabash Rising**

TERRE HAUTE, March 25.—Floods are now adding to the tornado horror. The Wabash is three feet over the danger line, and is still rising. Two thousand people are homeless in Taylorville, a suburb.

KOKOMO, March 25.—There is eight feet of water in the streets here. Thousands of homes have been submerged. The property damage will be over a million dollars.

**REGISTER ONCE IS NE WFEATURE**

SALEM, March 24.—Attention is directed to the new registration law enacted by the recent legislature by an interpretation of it made by Attorney General Crawford.

Under the new law, which takes effect June 1st, the attorney general points out that the county clerks must be prepared at all times to register voters, beginning with the day the law goes into effect. The county clerk must appoint precinct registrars who will be authorized to take registrations. Then when a voter is once registered it will not be necessary for him to register again unless he changes his address.

The law provides that the registration shall cease thirty days before the primary or general elections, and fifteen days prior to a special election, and that a person who is not registered cannot vote.

One registration is sufficient for both general and city elections.

Dr. A. Grant Evans, who has been here for the past ten days conducting civil meetings, left Monday for his home in Los Angeles.

should be a greater differential between carload and less than carload shipments, if Klamath Falls is to become a distributing center for this great inland empire. If we are to build up wholesale houses here to supply the markets of the interior, we must have a lower carload rate, as at the present time the difference is so small that it leaves us at the mercy of the wholesale houses in the big cities. Another thing we need is a more equitable rate on outgoing shipments, so that our farm and mill products can be shipped to the outside markets."

Robert A. Johnson, vice president of the Chamber of Commerce, believes that the organization has found the right man in Mr. Darling to look after securing better railroad rates. He said:

"I think the greatest work the Chamber of Commerce could do at this time was to get some one who knows something about railroad rates to compile data showing a comparison of rates in the Bend country; also Medford, Ashland, etc. Do you know that the rate from Medford and Ashland to Chicago, on lumber, is much cheaper than to Klamath Falls? Why should this be?"

"If a comparison of rates were made up showing just where Klamath Falls gets the worst of it we could then shoot this at the Southern Pacific, asking them to let us know definitely what they are going to do; then take it up at once with the interstate commerce commission, and bring all the pressure possible to bear. Railroad rates and railroad development are our future. This is the big work before the Chamber of Commerce. What is the use of getting farmers on our lands when they won't be able to sell their stuff except in the local market?"

## MISSOURI HOLDS PORTLAND MAN

### GOVERNOR MAJORS DECLINES TO HONOR EXTRADITION PAPERS. INDICTMENT IS IMMEDIATELY RETURNED

PORLTAND, March 25.—Refusal of Governor Majors of Missouri to honor extradition papers for Lee Hunt, wanted here for embezzlement, and his being promptly indicted by the Multnomah grand jury on a second charge, were rapid developments as an incident to which telegraph wires between here and Jefferson City were kept hot carrying and sending messages for the police department and the Pinkerton agency. White hot charges that the governor took snap judgment and refused to honor the papers without giving the authorities a hearing were telegraphed by Detective Joe Day, who is in Jefferson City to bring back the prisoners. Day says that the executive gave a private hearing to friends of the prisoner, and then announced that the case was closed; that he would hear no more, and that Hunt should not leave the state. He finally consented to allow a hearing, provided new charges were filed.

Hunt was indicted here on a charge of making away with a considerable sum belonging to Ballou & Wright, by whom he was employed. Other charges, held in abeyance, were that he issued a number of worthless checks and cashed them in retail stores through the city. He was arrested in St. Louis, where, it is said, a relative holds an important position in a big bank.

Immediately upon receiving word that extradition had been refused, Captain Baty gathered up the witnesses in one of the bad check transactions and hurried them before the grand jury, where a second indictment was returned and a bench warrant was issued. With this in hand, the police telephoned sufficient information on which to base a fugitive warrant, and Day was instructed to re-arrest his man, who has bail up in the sum of \$1,000.

### DARLING THOROUGHLY POSTED ON RAILROAD FREIGHT RATES

NEVADA FAVERS POKER PLAYERS

CARSON, Nev., March 24.—Governor Oddie signed the act repealing the law permitting finish fights in this state. The act permits ten-round boxing matches on the payment of a nominal license. He also signed a new anti-gambling act, which amends the law by making poker playing a misdemeanor instead of a felony. Percentage games are made a felony. Gambling with cards formerly permitted was made a misdemeanor.

Mr. and Mrs. Otto Hoppe are in from their home at the Clear Lake dam for a few days. Mr. Hoppe has charge of the headgates at the dam.

If you have a timber claim to sell and are willing to make a low price for cash, better see Chilcote at 622 Main street, or phone 20-tf

The card party planned by the Women of Woodcraft for April 1st has been postponed until a later date.

## DRAMATIC TALE TOLD BY CONVICT

### MEMBER OF FAMOUS SONTAG-EVANS BAND TELLS OF EFFECT ON FELLOW PRISONER OF HANGINGS

SACRAMENTO, March 24.—A dramatic story of the effects of executions on the prisoners of San Quentin was told here before the senate judiciary committee by Edward H. Morell, a member of the Sontag-Evans gang of bandits, who served fourteen years in the penitentiary.

"The man, who was my cellmate, worked in the shoe shop directly under the death chamber," said Morell. "He used to hear the thump of the men dropping through the trap just overhead. For days afterward he appeared to be in a daze. The thing grew on him until one day, with a wild look in his eyes, he shook me roughly and told me I'd better get a new cell mate quickly."

"Those thuds are having a strange suggestive effect on me," said he. "They make me want to do murder. If you don't get away I'll kill you some day."

"He died a raving maniac a little later, the result of the horrible suggestion of the execution chamber."

### CONSERVATION OF HUMAN LIFE IS PURPOSE OF MEET

PORLTAND, March 25.—The first conference on the conservation of human life ever held in the Pacific Northwest will meet at Reed College, Portland, May 9, 10, 11. Various organizations and societies are co-operating to make it a great success, and it is expected to prove a strong aid to the movement for better sanitary conditions and the cause of human welfare.

Fifteen rooms at the college will be used for exhibit purposes and an equal number of lecture rooms will be available for meetings. Three assembly rooms have been prepared for stereopticon exhibitions and lectures. Letters inviting co-operation have been sent to 200 organizations throughout the Northwest, and the responses being received are very gratifying. The conference will consider efforts being made to abolish war and child labor, to prevent tuberculosis contagion, to safeguard lives of workmen in dangerous occupations and to better living conditions wherever improvement is needed. To promote temperance, to prevent the spread of disease, to care for juvenile offenders and defectives, to solve the housing problems of cities, to aid immigrants, to promote school hygiene and improve country life conditions. The conference is of the broadest possible scope and it has the support and active assistance of physicians, the boards of health, peace societies, enigines societies, boards of education, etc.