

HEAVY STORM ON THE NORTH PACIFIC COAST.

Snow Falling in Washington and Rain Throughout Oregon.

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The River at Puyallup, Washington, Out of Its Banks, and the Ranch Lands Covered With Water - Storm Signals Along the Coast, and North-Bound Vessels Warned to Expect Heavy Weather.

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 21.-A storm of considerable energy is central tonight over the northern half of the Pacific Slope. Heavy rain or snow has fallen from Northern California northward. Seattle reports heavy snow, with a pressure of 29.48 inches, and Astoria nearly an inch and a half of rain, with a pressure of 29.32 inches. Over Washington the pressure has fallen nearly half an inch in the past twelve hours. The temperature has remained nearly stationary over the entire country west of the Rocky Mountains.

Conditions indicate continued stormy weather along the Pacific Coast, with high southeasterly winds, changing Sunday to fresh westerly. Southeast storm signals are displayed along the coast from San Francisco northward, and all north-bound vessels are warned to expect heavy weather.

SNOW IN WASHINGTON.

TACOMA (Wash.), Nov. 21.-Twelve inches of snow fell in this city up to 6 p. m. to-day, when it changed to rain, which is still falling heavily at midnight. It is feared that the floods will now return with greater violence than ever. Communication with Seattle is interrupted, but it is known that the storm is general throughout the State. At Puyallup the river is out of its banks, and ranch land are covered with water.

CANADIAN PACIFIC OPENS.

VANCOUVER (B. C.), Nov. 21.-A train arrived over the Canadian Pacific this morning about 1 o'clock with some twenty-five passengers who had been held at North Bend by slides, but who walked over the slides and reached a connecting train.

FAIR WILL CONTEST.

Judge Slack Orders the Compromise Deed Produced.

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 21.-The object of the filing of Mrs. Craven's suit against Richard V. Dey to quiet title to the property on Pine and Sansome streets was made apparent this morning when Mr. Delmas appeared before Judge Slack with a request that Mr. Dey be compelled to produce the deed of compromise alleged to be in his possession, by which Mrs. Craven's claims were to have been settled for \$500,000.

Mr. Delmas has been trying to get at that compromise agreement for some time. He claimed to-day that it was surely relevant to the issue at bar, seeing that Dey was being sued by Mrs. Craven as a trustee holding this property, subject to the settlement of all claims upon it.

SUIT AGAINST DUNHAM.

Jacob Sheshler and Wife Want Damages for Their Daughter's Death.

SAN JOSE, Nov. 21.-Jacob Sheshler and Elizabeth Sheshler, parents of Minnie Sheshler, the domestic who was killed at the time of the murder of the McGinley family, to-day began suit in the Superior Court against James C. Dunham, the murderer, for \$25,000 damages. It is set forth in the complaint that the girl was the sole support of her aged parents, and at the time of her death her services as a domestic were worth \$25 per month, the greater part of which she devoted to their support and maintenance. Miss Sheshler was helping her parents to pay off a mortgage on a small home in this city.

BICYCLE MEET.

A Great Crowd Attends the Opening of the Velodrome Track.

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 21.-A great crowd attended the opening of the Velodrome bicycle track in this city this afternoon. The weather was good and the programme superb. Summary:

Match race, professional, one mile paced, purse \$300, W. F. Foster won, C. S. Wells second. Time-2:17 1/2. One mile, professional, W. A. Terrell won, H. F. Terrell second, J. E. Edwards third. Time-2:18 1/2. One mile, amateur, J. R. Kenna won, H. W. Squires second, S. W. Leitch third. Time-2:07 3/5. One mile, professional handicap, H. Downing (55) won, W. E. Becker (20) second, W. A. Terrell (scratch) third. Time-2:23 2/5. One mile, amateur, against time, succeeded in lowering the coast tandem record for half a mile, covering the distance in 57 1/5 seconds.

RACING AT OAKLAND.

Winners of the Five Events Run Yesterday.

OAKLAND, Nov. 21.-Weather wet, track slippery. Five furlongs, D. J. Tobin won, Tropical second, Altivo third. Time-1:46. Six furlongs, selling, Chas. A. won, Elmer F. second, Don Pio third. Time-1:54. One mile, selling, Peril won, Earl Cochran second, Quicksilver third. Time-1:19. One mile, Semper Lex won, Salisbury II. second, Thornhill third. Time-1:46.

A MILLION DOLLARS SPENT FOR PINS.

Scandals Unearthed by an Inquiry in Public Departments at Rome.

Which May Lead to Legal Prosecutions of Exalted Functionaries.

Systematic Corruption Said to Exist in Many of the Leading Departments, One of Which is Believed to be Sig. Crispi's Own Foreign Office-Fabulous Sums Spent, and Nothing to Show for It.

NEW YORK, Nov. 22.-A special cable dispatch to the "Sun" from London says the inquiry ordered by Marquis di Rudini into the accounts of certain public departments in Rome has revealed a state of affairs which is worthy of Constantinople, and it will not be surprising if the investigation should result in the legal prosecution of some of the ex-Ministers and exalted permanent functionaries who are more or less directly responsible for scandalous mismanagement, if not actual, systematic corruption. It ought not to be very difficult to make somebody responsible.

The late Minister of Agriculture, for instance, surely finds it an awkward task to justify an annual expenditure of \$20,000,000 in ten years for carpets, seeing that the carpets now on the floors of the Ministry at public sale would not fetch \$1,000; and presumably would have some difficulty in persuading the average household that \$750 is a fair price to pay for a few brass studs used to ornament the furniture.

In another department believed to be Signor Crispi's own Foreign Office, \$1,000,000 was spent in ten years in purchasing pins. The ordinary mild shrinks from the effort to calculate the billions of pins that sum would buy in the open market.

There is a suspicious smack, too, about the manner in which payments to railroad contractors are allowed to get into arrears. As far as the muddled accounts show, there is plenty of money available for railroad construction, but the accounts have remained unpaid, apparently for no better reason than to entice the contractors to interest, with the result that one year alone nearly \$1,500,000 has been paid in interest.

LAND SELECTIONS.

Large Number of Acres Approved by the Secretary of the Interior.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 21.-Secretary Francis has approved the following selections of lands by States: California-List No. 21, 17,988 acres in the Los Angeles District, for school lands; Washington-List No. 21, 5,309 acres in the Olympia District, for charitable, educational, penal and reformatory institutions.

Railroad selections approved: Southern Pacific Railroad branch line, 108 acres in the Los Angeles Land District; Union Pacific Railroad, 6,089 acres, all along the line in Nebraska, and 160 acres to the same road in the Sidney (Nebr.) District; Oregon and California Railroad, 110 acres in Roseburg (Or.) District; to the Northern Pacific in the State of Washington, 160 acres in the Seattle District; 625 acres in the Walla Walla District, 76 acres in the Waterville District and 2,717 acres in the Olympia and Walla Walla Districts; to the same road, 845 acres in the Helena and Missoula Districts, Montana; 40 acres in the Dallas District, Oregon, and 10,107 acres in the Fargo District, N. D.

KNIGHTS OF LABOR.

GENERAL SECRETARY HAYES' ACTION SUSTAINED.

In Suspending the Local Assembly of Washington-Other Matters Acted Upon.

ROCHESTER, Nov. 21.-At the forenoon session of the General Assembly of the Knights of Labor, the Committee on Appeals and Grievances decided the question of jurisdiction between Local Assembly 49 and 220 in favor of the latter.

The Executive Board has suspended for fifteen days two officers of the Washington "Times" (Secretary and Vice-President) for making statements against General Secretary-Treasurer Hayes and General Master Workman Sovereign, and at the end of fifteen days if the statements are not retracted the officers will be expelled from the order. Local Assembly 1304 of Washington was suspended some time ago by General Secretary-Treasurer Hayes, to-day the Committee on Appeals and Grievances sustained Secretary Hayes' action.

At this afternoon's session a new degree for meritorious work was adopted and a ritualistic work for the degree was also adopted.

A telegram expressing fraternal greeting to the Knights, was received from the State Trades Council of Labor of Montana and acknowledgments returned.

The new officers of the order were installed by Retiring General Worthy Foreman Bishop. The Finance Committee reported on the good condition of the order's journal, the "Journal of the Knights of Labor." The committee also reported that it would bring action to recover on the mortgage on the property, which was given by the Knights to the late Richard F. Trevillock of Detroit. The widow of Mr. Trevillock, they claim, began making trouble shortly after her husband's death, and they will now begin an action for the recovery of the amount of the mortgage.

MRS. HUNTINGTON'S DEATH.

She Passes Away at the Rippe Age of Eighty Years.

Mrs. Lucretia Huntington, the mother of Dr. T. W. Huntington of this city, died at Eureka, Humboldt County, on the 14th inst. at the age of 80 years. Born in Vermont, she was married in the State of New York to Rev. C. A. Huntington, who still survives her, and with whom she came to this coast in 1867. She was the mother of nine children, of whom seven are alive, and the grandmother of nineteen children.

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Those having the next best guesses were: One of the Art and Crafts Poster Souvenirs on calling at the Art Gallery, Captain Carrington, Mary C. Crouch, Mrs. Thomas Fox, Carrie Yoerk, Dr. Metcalf, Mrs. H. G. Smith, A. Upson, Mrs. D. H. Miller, Mrs. Robert McCreary, Mrs. E. E. Hamilton, Wallace Sawyer, Alice Montfort, C. B. Devese, H. T. Nicholson, Miss Kennedy and Mrs. Nicolaus.

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