

NEWS OF THE RAILWAY WORLD

NORTHERN PACIFIC OFFICIALS FIGHT TO KEEP FLOODS FROM CLOSING LINE

High Water Assumes Dangerous Aspect and Numerous Washouts Are Reported--Branch Lines Are Tied Up and Communication With Hamilton Is Broken.

The danger from high water, which began to be noticeable on Monday, has assumed threatening proportions in several places and railway officials are working hard to keep the line open.

Serious trouble has been reported from points east of Deer Lodge. The Butte, Anaconda & Pacific, over which No. 2 was detained last evening, is tied up and Butte is cut off from Garrison.

The blowing out of the ice jam at Garrison has caused a smaller jam to form at the Gold Creek bridge, but this has not yet developed serious proportions.

Water is flowing over the tracks at Haskell and small washouts are reported from that district. The slide reported late last evening from Donlan has been removed and the track is clear at that point.

The Bitter Root branch is in considerable trouble and communication with Hamilton has been cut off. No trains will be run up the branch for approximately two days.

Wires are down between Wallace and here. The break is supposed to be on Wallace hill. No trains were gotten through to Wallace yesterday and numerous washouts are reported between Lothrop and St. Regis junction.

Water is flowing in the yards at Arlee, but no important damage has been reported from that place. A considerable washout has been reported at Chester and has done a good deal of damage to the roadbed.

Speaking yesterday of the proposed change, Traveling Traffic Agent Merrill, said to a Missoulian man: "On the new card, the limited will be strictly a limited train each way.

"To maintain the high degree of comfort which characterizes the Northern Pacific's trains, and to accommodate people of other cities along the line, there will be observation cars added to the equipment of trains 3 and 4; these trains will have one passenger coach each, as the limited has now, but in other respects will be duplicates of the new limited trains.

ONLY THREE STOPS ON THE RUN

NORTH COAST LIMITED CARDED FOR BUTTE, MISSOULA AND SPOKANE ONLY.

On the new timetable of the Northern Pacific, which goes into effect March 6, the North Coast Limited will have but three carded stops between St. Paul and the coast.

By this I mean that a Missoula man may buy a ticket to St. Paul or to Seattle for use on this train, but he cannot buy one to Butte or Spokane that will be good on No. 1 or No. 2.

Chief Clerk Bunny of the superintendent's office said last evening: "We are devoting all our efforts toward keeping the line open between Helena and Paradise and unless we get a heavy rain tonight, we feel confident that traffic will not be blocked on the main line.

"In need of any of these, it will pay you well to investigate our clearance prices.

SLIDES AND WATER CAUSE TROUBLE

MUCH DIFFICULTY CAUSED PU- GET SOUND BY WEATHER CONDITIONS.

Present conditions on the Puget Sound railway are not very encouraging. Washouts have started and are causing delays. Another slide was reported yesterday at Drexel, close to the one which happened there a few days ago.

A washout has been reported about one mile east of Frenchtown and No. 1, which went through as far as Superior yesterday, is being held there. All available men were pressed into service at Alberton and a gang was sent to the scene of the trouble, and reports late last night were to the effect that the road would be in condition again there this morning.

Watchmen are patrolling all the endangered portions of track and all that can be done to protect these points is being looked after.

SLIDE'S DEATH TOLL TO REACH EIGHTY-FOUR

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as if the car was lifted bodily from the tracks and for a while poised in midair. Suddenly it toppled over the edge and rolled down the steep embankment.

Men set to work at the wreckage. They had no lights and carried on their work by the flare of the lightning which was almost incessant. This morning the severed hand of a woman was found.

Fireman S. A. Bates, one of the injured, was buried under snow six hours. Other survivors heard his shouts and dug him out before the first party of rescuers arrived.

Station Agent Flannery of Wellington, dug Blackburn out of the snow and started to carry him to place of safety. A small slide struck them and Flannery was knocked down.

EXPRESS COMPANIES WIN A BIG VICTORY

Sioux Falls, S. D., March 2.—Judge Carland, of the federal court, today rendered a decision which is a complete victory for the express companies doing business in South Dakota.

San Francisco, March 2.—The inquiry authorized by the last legislature into the high cost of food in California and the operations of alleged combines of dealers in fish, raisins and other lines of trade was begun today by a legislative committee.

INJURED EMPLOYE SUES PUGET SOUND

Frank Lio values a rib and a few internal injuries at \$5,000, according to the complaint in a damage suit he instituted in the district court yesterday afternoon against the Chicago, Milwaukee & Puget Sound Railway company.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE TO HELP RAILROAD

The Northern Pacific has established a publicity and information department, which is operated as a division of the land department under the jurisdiction of Land Commissioner Thomas Cooper.

Would-Have Cost Him His Life. Oscar Bowman, Lebanon, Ky., writes: "I have used Foley's Kidney Remedy and take great pleasure in stating it cured me permanently of kidney disease which certainly would have cost me my life."

Glenwood Park Lots At a Bargain

Lots 5 and 6, block 4, Glenwood Park Addition, beautiful level lots, close in, city water will be on these lots in the early spring; they will surely increase in value.

Jas. M. Rhoades REAL ESTATE AND INSURANCE DEALER. 115 Higgins Ave. Hammond Bldg.

BITTER ROOT BRANCH BADLY WASHED OUT

Hamilton, March 2.—(Special.)—The worst washout on the Bitter Root branch is between this town and Darby. A strip of roadbed 230 feet long and from 25 to 30 feet deep has been cut out by Horn creek and the rails are all gone on one side and are dangling in the air on the other.

WIRES GO DOWN.

The chances that Missoula might be isolated from the world, in so far as communication by wire is concerned, seemed gloriously good last night. The wires of the Western Union and the Postal were down on the east, and The Missoulian's Associated Press dispatches came from the Spokane office of the great news service.

N. P. TRAINS STALLED BY WASHOUT TROUBLE

All trains arriving in Missoula last evening were tied up here for the night. The cause of the tieup was a washout on this side of Garrison. Water was running over the tracks and officials thought it wise not to take any chances on the roadbed during the dark.

FIFTY PASSENGERS AND CREW WALK

Fifty passengers arrived from Wallace on one of the delayed trains late last evening. The train on which they started left Wallace in the morning and, arriving at St. Regis, was sent over the cutoff to Paradise. When about four miles from Paradise it ran into the slide at Quinn's and the passengers walked the remaining distance into Paradise.

NO TROUBLE.

South Bethlehem, Pa., March 2.—Confidence in the ability of the authorities to maintain order and protect the men brought an increased number of workmen to the Bethlehem Steel works today. No violence was reported and there were no crowds of strikers near the plant.

ARRESTED FOR ASSAULT.

Bozeman, March 2.—John A. Lux is in jail here on the charge of attempted assault. In the justice court Lux pleaded guilty and was bound over to the district court.

BRIDGE CARRIED OUT BY SWOLLEN RIVER

Tacoma, March 2.—A county bridge over South Prairie creek, below Wilkeson, went out today, causing a loss of about \$1,000. The county commissioners say the loss in the eastern part of the county will amount to several thousand dollars.

AMUSEMENT HOUSES ARE AMALGAMATED

St. Johns, N. B., March 2.—An amalgamation of Canadian amusement houses is announced. A syndicate will take over the theaters controlled by Bennett, Shubert, John Clark, Keith and Conside, John Cort, Walker of Winnipeg and Sparrow of Montreal.

NO MORE TROUBLE FROM DYSPEPSIA.

Indigestion, sick headaches, biliousness, constipation, poor appetite or heartburn if you will only use the friendly aid of Hostetter's Stomach Bitters. Take a dose before each meal for a few days and notice the improvement in your general health.

Missoula Mercantile Co.

IT is a fact that this store is selling the best clothing in the country at the lowest prices ever known in town, and selling suits and overcoats at such a rate that you'll have to step lively if you want to share in the remarkable opportunities the Sale present--in fact, it now looks as if our clean-up of winter goods shall be accomplished much earlier than ever before.



One thing about this Sale, and a mighty good thing for men who have attended it earlier, is that every garment offered is a good style and the man who gets the last suit or overcoat will get as good value for his money as did anyone at any time during the Sale; of course, some sizes are missing even now, but you may be lucky enough to wear a size we still have--better step in and see.

\$8.95 For any Suit regularly priced at less than \$20.00. \$11.95 For any Suit regularly priced at \$20.00 or over. Any Overcoat in the Store 1/2 Price Any Fur or Fur-Lined Coat 25% Less

Men's Furnishings Wonderful savings on all articles of Men's Furnishings--shirts, neckwear, hosiery, underwear, fancy vests, hats, gloves, etc. If in need of any of these, it will pay you well to investigate our clearance prices.

A Few Splendid Dinner Sets Marked at Half for Quick Selling

Look over your dinner service after you read this and see if it would not be economy to cast it aside for one of these sets, rather than replace the broken pieces. We have only a few of these sets left and to secure one means that quick action is necessary on your part.

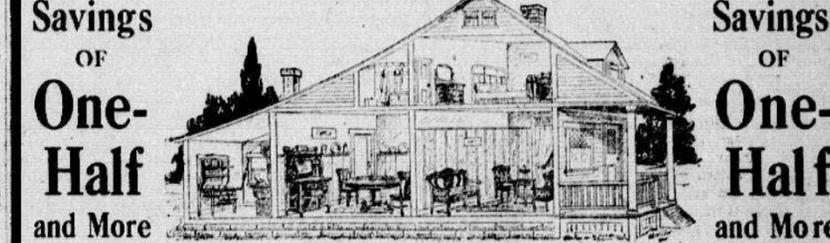
47-Piece English Porcelain Dinner Set Regular Price \$12.25 \$6.15



54-Piece Haviland China Dinner Set Regular Price \$35.75 \$11.90

These Sets are of Johnson's English Semi-Porcelain and are strictly high-quality goods; the decoration is of a neat red rose design and each piece is gold trimmed. Each set includes: 6 Teacups and Saucers, 1 Bowl, 6 Dinner Plates, 6 Pie Plates, 6 Sauce Dishes, 6 Individual Butters, 1 12-inch Platter, 1 14-inch Platter, 1 Covered Vegetable Dish, 1 Open Vegetable Dish, 1 Butter Dish, with cover, Pickle Dish, and strainer.

The Advantage of This Housecleaning in Our Furniture Store



If you are in need of a single item of furniture or expect to be, even if several months hence, here is your good opportunity. It is our housecleaning time, the time when we close out at almost any price the sample pieces of furniture that have been on our display floor for the last six months to be replaced with samples of new lines.

Table listing furniture items and prices, including chairs, pedestals, music and parlor cabinets, center tables, fireless cookers, iron and brass beds, rockers, kitchen furniture, and dressers.