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OFFICIAL ELECTION RETURNS OF CHOUTEAU COUNTY, 1906.

OFFICES AND CANDIDATES	Alma	Avery	Basin	Belmont	Big Sandy	Box Elder	Buckland	Chester	Chinook	Circle Ranch	Clear Creek	Cleveland	Dodson	East Butte	Egan	Flaxler	Fort Benton	Galata	Gildford	Gold Butte	Harlem	Havre	Highwood	Landusky	Lee	Libby	Lloyd	Lucille	McDonald	Maddux	Marias	Monroe	Nichols	Perrysburg	Phillips	Rapland	Riedel	Sand Cliffs	Savoy	Simpson	Shonkin	Upper Shonkin	Valleaux	Warrick	Whitlash	Zortman	TOTAL
Representative in Congress—																																															
Pray, Charles N. rep	14	5	21	3	55	19	20	22	164	8	12	15	15	10	16	3	189	5	9	32	128	292	29	10	7	7	26	5	32	12	6	2	9	19	12	5	8	18	13	10	21	9	13	39	49	1318
Walsh, Thos. J. dem	2	..	3	2	13	5	2	1	52	6	6	4	11	2	..	5	43	2	1	11	22	115	12	3	..	3	6	2	2	1	..	1	1	2	1	5	..	1	1	11	2	..	2	9	35	410
Hudson, John soc	1	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	10	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	6	24
Calderhead J. H. pop	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2
Associate Justice of Supreme Court—																																															
Smith, Henry C. rep	14	5	14	6	50	19	15	21	146	9	14	13	14	9	15	2	151	7	9	29	118	246	21	6	3	8	20	4	30	10	6	2	9	18	10	5	8	15	12	5	17	6	12	35	40	1128
McClernan, J. B. rep	2	..	6	..	20	3	5	3	57	3	3	3	11	2	1	5	53	..	1	11	23	116	18	4	1	2	8	2	4	3	..	1	1	3	1	5	..	1	1	15	5	..	2	11	33	451
Maury, H. L. soc	1	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	10	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	7
Judge of District Court—																																															26
Kerr, John J. rep	9	..	1	..	32	13	14	6	79	2	8	4	8	..	4	1	39	2	5	14	55	86	8	..	1	1	15	4	17	4	4	2	5	2	2	4	4	4	7	3	3	..	9	1	8	490
Tattan, John W. dem	6	5	21	6	38	9	7	17	143	13	10	13	19	12	12	6	183	5	5	30	93	323	33	13	5	10	18	3	14	9	2	1	5	22	11	6	4	15	6	17	21	8	6	18	76	1231
State Senator—																																															
Everett, T. M. rep	13	5	9	2	46	21	17	19	143	9	11	13	19	9	13	4	154	4	7	31	135	161	23	10	7	8	24	5	27	10	6	2	9	21	11	7	8	17	10	8	18	7	13	33	56	1085
Meili, H. J. dem	2	..	11	3	21	2	3	5	70	4	5	5	8	2	3	4	51	3	3	12	17	235	15	3	..	2	3	2	5	2	..	1	1	2	1	4	..	2	3	10	4	1	2	13	23	508
Thompson John soc	1	..	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	13
Representatives—																																															
Cummings, Thos. A. rep	12	5	6	6	47	17	18	12	123	8	12	9	14	8	13	7	156	4	1	26	97	132	20	4	7	4	19	5	23	8	6	2	10	18	8	3	6	11	12	7	17	8	11	29	43	914
Goff, O. S. rep	3	4	16	2	30	14	14	13	74	5	12	7	9	9	12	2	112	4	10	26	81	271	17	6	1	5	15	4	20	8	3	1	7	15	8	3	5	10	11	6	13	6	12	29	29	964
Newman, Louis dem	8	..	12	4	22	5	3	12	69	4	4	6	13	2	3	2	64	3	5	12	48	252	18	6	..	4	7	2	9	3	..	1	..	3	4	6	2	4	..	12	4	..	3	15	32	688
O'Malley, P. H. dem	2	..	6	..	21	3	2	2	115	3	5	6	13	2	1	4	37	3	..	8	30	60	16	4	1	2	12	2	8	2	..	1	..	3	1	6	2	5	1	11	3	..	2	15	25	445
Bush, J. E. soc	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	1	4	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	23
Hagen Henry soc	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	19	..	..	..	1	4	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	10
County Commissioners—																																															39
Skylstead, Olaf G., 6 yr. term rep	13	5	2	6	43	22	15	19	60	8	9	8	8	10	14	2	152	4	9	26	97	166	19	5	4	9	14	3	17	9	6	2	9	17	10	4	3	12	11	9	18	6	9	33	33	860
Herron, George dem	3	..	22	..	20	2	3	6	153	5	9	9	18	2	1	5	53	3	1	15	33	239	20	7	1	2	17	3	17	3	..	1	1	5	2	5	5	5	2	12	5	..	6	14	48	783
Sullivan Jere, 4 yr. term rep	11	5	5	1	41	20	18	17	37	10	4	6	7	10	12	4	157	4	7	22	92	281	16	6	7	8	7	5	7	9	4	2	9	12	11	3	4	9	12	12	22	8	5	35	39	873
Dowen, Thomas, 4 yr. term dem	5	..	19	5	25	2	4	8	187	5	14	12	20	2	1	3	63	3	4	20	54	157	24	6	..	3	24	2	27	4	2	1	1	10	1	6	4	9	1	9	1	..	10	13	39	794
Ross, Alexander, 2 yr. term rep	15	5	24	6	52	19	14	17	145	5	12	13	16	10	13	1	105	4	10	26	116	307	19	6	5	3	26	5	33	8	4	2	9	18	7	11	8	15	12	8	5	2	11	29	45	1116
Lepley, Charles dem	1	..	1	..	13	2	6	6	70	9	4	4	11	2	3	5	113	3	..	16	21	60	21	6	2	8	8	2	1	6	2	1	1	3	6	..	..	2	1	11	18	6	3	16	29	443
Sheriff—																																															
McDonald, Frank rep	14	4	4	6	46	18	17	20	114	14	11	12	11	10	12	7	150	7	6	29	112	246	30	5	7	9	16	4	27	12	4	2	9	19	11	7	3	14	12	11	22	7	10	36	44	1191
Pepin, Exor A. dem	3	1	20	..	24	7	5	5	106	1	7	6	15	2	4	..	82	..	5	16	42	171	8	8	..	2	16	2	7	2	2	1	1	5	2	4	4	5	1	10	2	1	5	14	51	682
Treasurer—																																															
Lockwood, D. G. rep	15	5	3	6	36	20	20	14	132	9	4	12	12	9	5	5	104	..	2	25	108	79	31	8	7	6	18	4	22	5	4	2	9	20	4	6	3	15	11	8	13	6	8	30	41	897
Hudson, L. O. dem	1	..	19	..	35	5	2	11	92	6	14	7	12	2	11	3	122	7	8	18	39	347	9	4	..	5	12	3	12	8	2	1	1	3	9	5	5	3	2	14	11	2	7	18	46	943
Clerk and Recorder—																																															
Leet, W. R. rep	13	5	18	6	49	23	16	20	204	12	14	16	17	10	15	7	192	6	10	35	84	243	24	9	7	10	30	5	32	12	6	2	9	21	12	11	8	17	12	10	23	6	13	36	57	1387
Fox, Jas. E. dem	2	..	3	..	20	2	4	5	20	3	4	2	9	2	1	1	28	1	..	7	66	130	15	3	..	1	2	2	2	1	..	1	1	3	1	..	..	2	1	9	1	..	2	10	27	394
Assessor—																																															
Griesbach, Henry rep	16	5	1	6	45	15	18	21	108	13	4	5	12	10	14	6	195	5	10	38	106	157	30	1	7	10	14	4	19	11	4	2	10	17	12	6	3	14	11	9	24	8	11	44	38	1118
Moran, James T. dem	..	..	21	..	23	8	3	4	119	2	14	12	15	2	2	2	36	2	..	7	37	229	11	11	..	1	19	2	14	3	2	1	..	6	1	5	4	4	2	11	..	..	4	5	46	692
County Attorney—																																															
Carnal, Florian A. rep	14	5	22	6	46	18	17	21	73	11	8	6	12	10	13	1	147	7	9	36	119	349	17	8	7	8	19	4	27	13	4	2	9	21	10	5	5	13	11	1	19	5	10	35	44	1147
O'Keefe, R. E. dem	1	..	3	..	21	6	4	4	148	3	9	11	11	2	3	6	69	..	1	8	29	70	23	5	..	3	14	2	6	1	2	1	1	4	2	6	2	5	1	17	5	1	5	13	42	570
Superintendent of Schools—																																															
Atkinson, Agnes H. rep	13	5	19	5	57	15	17	19	113	11	10	15	21	10	14	3	147	6	7	34	124	310	16	8	6	10	21	5	28	10	5	1	10	21	10	9	6	14	12	13	21	5	12	30	57	1305
Williams, Myra L. dem	3	..	5	1	13	10	5	5	107	3	8	3	6	2	2	2	81	1	3	11	2,	91	25	5	..	1	11	2	4	4	1	2	..	3	3	2	2	4	1	9	3	2	3	19	30	524
County Surveyor—																																															
Merrifield, A. W. rep	15	5	8	6	54	19	18	23	179	11	9	17	22	9	13	4	178	7	8	38	133	240	27	9	7	9	23	4	24	13	6	3	9	22	13	9	8	12	12	14	21	8	9	37	64	1270
Coroner—																																															
McKenzie, D. S. rep	14	5	19	6	51	15	17	22	146	8	12	15	16	9	11	2	153	7	8	37	121	261	25	9	5	8	20	5	28	10	6	3	..	20	10	7	6	14	12	8	19	6	13	37	55	1171
Amendment to Constitution—																																															
For the Amendment	17	..	22	..	55	19	18	..	185	12	12	12	22	8	15	4	160	7	5	38	112	276	20	10	7	..	27	6	30	2	1	3	10	25	4	9	1	14	11	19	19	8	12	41	60	1347
Against Amendment	..	..	2	..	5	..	1	..	20	..	2	1	2	1	1	..	30	..	5	2	12	15	4	1	..	..	..	1	3	11	2	..	..	..	1	1	3	4	..	1	2	..	1	2	12	150
Total number of ballots	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..

Proceedings Board of Canvassers

Fort Benton, Mont., Nov. 13, 1906.

Board met at 12 o'clock noon as a board of canvassers, for the purpose of canvassing the results of the election held Nov. 6, 1906. Present, Geo. F. Lewis, chairman, A. H. Reser, W. E. French, commissioners, and the clerk. The results of the canvass were found to be as shown in the table herewith, and those persons were declared to be elected to the various county offices for which they were candidates who have the highest number of votes cast for them for their respective offices as shown by said table.

The vote for township officers was as follows:

HARLEM TOWNSHIP.

Justices of the peace—D. Jones 124; George W. Vennum 102; Vernon Butler 1; Charles Sadler 2; J. C. Cronk 2; Wm. Hart 1; W. T. McDaniel 1; Conrad Peters 1; G. M. Stow 1; J. Manning 1.

Constables—Ed. Larock 135; J. Neibaur 138; M. Buckley 1; W. D. Dodge 2; Ed. Fox 1; J. McConnell 3; H. W. Taylor 2; J. F. Sipple 1; J. C. Cronk 1

LANDUSKY TOWNSHIP.

Justices of the peace—G. L. Bowles 38; D. L. Baird 57; J. Davis 1; F. Roberts 1; W Sturman 29.

Constables—James Davis 33; J. R. Morrison 1; Edward Moore 36; Warren 1.

CHINOOK TOWNSHIP.

Justices of the peace—I. S. Frey 209; S. Houston 186; D. L. Blackstone 1; H. O'Hanlon 1; E. R. Wailes 1; C. E. Morris 1.

Constables—H. Miewald 13; M. H. Taylor 12; H. O'Hanlon, 15; A. E. Lewis 1; J. McCoy 1; J. Merideth 1; W. Miniken 1; J. Ross 1; Munson 1.

HAVRE TOWNSHIP.

Justices of the peace—W. B. Pyper, 241; E. M. Allen 198.

Constables—Geo. Bickle 274; W. H. Gross 226; C. Crawford 129; G. Francis 150.

BIG SANDY TOWNSHIP.

Justices of the peace—Al. S. Christie 9; I. M. Rogers 2; J. Lehfeldt 1; E. B. Newhall 1; C. Hokanson 1; W. M. Robinson 1.

Constables—H. P. Burke 3; S. A. Miller 2; R. E. Cowan 1; I. M. Rogers 4; C. B. VanAlstin 1; John Huff 1

SWEET GRASS TOWNSHIP.

Justices of the peace—L. E. Burson 81; John McDowell 63; L. Embretson 1.

Constables—J. Cameron 56; A. Hicks 35; W. McLaughlin 43; M. J. Haley 3.

FORT BENTON TOWNSHIP.

Justices of the peace—N. T. Chemidlin 191; M. Spangler 105; R. S. Culbertson 3; W. O. Dexter 9; Wm. Rowe 1.

Constables H. Loringer 1; H. Eversmeyer 2; G. Dutro 1; M. D. Redwood 1; E. Frank Sayre 1; J. Murphy 1; W. D. Dexter 2; G. L. King 2; Thos. Coatsworth 2.

HIGHWOOD TOWNSHIP.

Justices of the peace—W. S. McCord 36; Frank Glab 15; J. Cheatham 3; R. W. Buckland 2.

Constables—E. E. Briggs 13; H. J. Thaxter 1; J. A. Bright 1; Frank Adams 1.

After certifying to the result of said election the board adjourned until Dec. 3, 1906.

W. R. LEET, Clerk.

LOSS IS ENORMOUS.

Floods In Washington Damage Railroads and Other Property.

PORTLAND, Nov. 15.—Several lives reported lost: 40 persons said to be marooned on an island in the Cowlitz river, in southern Washington: the town of Catlin swept away by the same river: railroad traffic between Puget sound and Portland at a standstill: the railroads of western and northwestern Washington in the same condition: the Union Pacific and Oregon Railway & Navigation track temporarily blockaded by a mud slide at Dodson: the telegraph and telephone companies between here and Seattle out of communication and wire traffic to eastern Oregon and Washing at a standstill; hundreds of thousands of dollars' damage in the rural districts back of the sound country, in the Yakima country and in southeastern Washington—briefly summarizes the conditions brought about by the storm in Washington, the creeks and rivers of which are thundering torrents, the results of the torrential downpour of the past three or four days.

On the Cowlitz, which tonight is the most serious menace, the town of Catlin has been washed away. Happily, in this case, the inhabitants had sufficient time to get to the high lands. In this same district there is a rumor that 40 farmers who had taken refuge on an island are in serious danger unless the Cowlitz stops its rise.

The business section of Auburn is still intact, but under water. The residence district is entirely flooded and in many parts of the city the flood has risen so high that people have fled to the hills for safety. Several two-story frame houses swept away by the raging torrent have floated down both the Green and White rivers. They were empty.

Though the rain is still pouring in torrents, huge bonfires are lighting up the hills in the farming country and scores of families are driven from their homes and are fighting desperately to save their stock and some of their possessions. The damage to farming land and the destruction to crops, which had been stored for the winter, will be enormous.

Mayor Charged With Grafting.

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 15.—The grand jury this afternoon found five separate indictments against Mayor Eugene Schmitz and Abraham Ruef, on the charge of extortion. On each charge the bail was fixed at $10,000 bond and $5,000 cash.

The first alleged crime was in connection with the "Poodle Dog" restaurant and the indictment recites that Ruef and Schmitz demanded money from the proprietor, Tony Blanco. The demand was made, it is stated, on two occasions, and two indictments were returned.

Extortion declared to have been practiced upon Ed Marchand, proprietor of Marchand's restaurant, was the basis of two more indictments. A demand was made upon Joe Malfanti, another restaurant keeper, is the alleged offense on which the fifth and last indictment was found.

The indictments were returned by grand jury foreman, B. P. Oliver, who presented the documents to Judge Murasky, who read them and placed them on file. He then proceeded to fix the bail for each charge.

Many Suicides In New York.

NEW YORK, Nov. 15.—One hundred and ninety-one persons committed suicide in New York city during the three months previous to July 1, last, says the report of Health Commissioner Darlington, sent to Mayor McClellan yesterday.

Sixty-seven persons were killed by electric cars during the quarter, 41 of the total number in Brooklyn. The total number of deaths by accident and negligence during the three months was 965.

Two persons over 100 years old died, Rebecca Mochaler, 101, and Rose Laemine, 103.

Convicted of Rebating.

NEW YORK, Nov. 15.—The New York Central & Hudson River Railway company was convicted in the United States court today of granting rebates of $26,050 to the American Sugar Refining company, and the trial of the latter company, for having accepted that sum as rebates, will begin tomorrow in the same court.

The jury was out about two hours and immediately upon the announcement of its verdict of "guilty," counsel for the defendant company moved to set aside the verdict, which Judge Holt promptly denied.

"We never know," said Mr. Choate, in addressing the court, "either as lawyers or judges, what a law really means until the supreme court of the United States has spoken."

He maintained that contracts made by the defendant under the old interstate commerce law, granting lower rates than the regular schedule and carried out subsequently to the passage of the Elkins act, did not constitute a violation of act 5: that the practice of rebating, or granting lower rates, was not then looked upon as a criminal offense. At that time, he argued, there were many powerful corporations more skilfull in evading the existing interstate law than the carriers themselves. Mr. Choate maintained that there is no authority for construing a criminal law as a retroactive.

Look Out For This Bad One.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 14.—The United States secret service announces the discovery of a new counterfeit $10 "Buffalo" note. This counterfeit is apparently a photograph-lithographic production printed on two pieces of paper with a silk fibre distributed between them.

The face of the note is grayish black. The numbering, seal and large X are of good color and workmanship. The check letter and plate number do not appear in the lower right hand corner. The back of the note is a dark bluish green.

By itself this counterfeit is apt to deceive, but when handled with genuine notes the marked difference in the color of the black should lead to its immediate detection.

Thousands Murdered Every Year

CHICAGO, Nov. 15.—"During the last five years, 45,000 persons were murdered in the United States. More persons were murdered last year than died of typhoid fever. This awful total has been due to the way in which the law was administered. And the law itself is bad and insufficient. It is burdened with restrictions and technicalities and in almost every case the criminal has nine chances of escaping to one of being found guilty."

So declared Judge Marcus Kavanagh, last night, in an address before the alumni of St. Ignatius college, gathered at a banquet at the Great Northern hotel. He spoke on "Enforcement of the law in Large Cities," and vigorously assailed the operation of the courts under the jury system.

That the United States is the most criminal country in the world, the jury system the most loose and antiquated and the law open to attack were among the assertions made by Judge Kavanagh. Figures and crime statistics of the great countries of the world also were given and it was shown that, while England and Wales had only 317 murders last year, in the United States 8,760 persons died by the hand of the assassin.

Honey Vinegar.

One of the latest food products coming from Holland, that land of agricultural industry, is honey vinegar, which is now manufactured there on a commercial scale. The particular characteristics of vinegar from honey are its argreeable aroma and pleasant taste.

TO DISSOLVE OIL TRUST.

Federal Authorities Commence Important Suit At St. Louis.

ST. LOUIS, Nov. 15.—The United States government today made the initial move to dissolve the Standard Oil so called monopoly by filing in the United States district court at St. Louis a petition in equity against the Standard Oil company of New Jersey and its constituent corporations and partnerships and seven defendants, including John D. Rockefeller and William Rockefeller, asking that the combination be declared unlawful and in the future enjoined from entering into any contract or combination in restraint of trade.

The suit is brought under the Sherman anti-trust act, which the Standard Oil and its constituent companies and the seven individual defendants are charged with violating. In a formal statement by Attorney General Moody, he says that criminal prosecution is reserved for future consideration.

The investigation into the methods pursued by the Standard Oil company began early in 1905 and the results were laid before congress last May by President Roosevelt, who accompanied the report by a special message, denouncing the apparent methods pursued. The president asserted at the time that suit would be instituted in the United States courts to abolish the combination, and the filing of the suit today marks the initial step.

The defendants are entitled to one month in which to enter their appearance and 60 days in which to file answer to the allegations in the petition.

Will Abolish Passes.

CHICAGO, Nov. 15.—Sentiments expressed at the meeting of the western passenger committee yesterday indicate that the railway pass will vanish entirely from the west on January 1. The new rate law prohibits its issuance for interstate travel after that date to anybody but railway officials and employes of common carriers and the western railroads manifest a strong disposition to discontinue issuing it for state business. The committee will meet again on November 22, when the question will be settled.

In the discussion at the meeting it was made clear that the roads probably would continue to give passes except for the apprehension that the recipients would use them for interstate travel, and thereby subject both the giver and the recipient to prosecution and imprisonment under the interstate commerce act.

New Variety of Alfalfa.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 16.—After twice risking his life and once nearly losing it, in interest of agricultural science, Prof. N. E. Hansen of the South Dakota experiment institution of the department of agriculture has found in Siberia a new alfalfa plant that it is believed will be suited to the semi-arid regions of the United States.

The alfalfa Prof. Hansen has discovered has a yellow flower instead of a blue. It is a native of the dry steppes of Siberia, and grows well where the mercury falls to 39 to 40 degress below zero. The country is exceedingly dry and yet the new alfalfa is an excellent forage plant. Prof. Hensen has secured the seed and it will receive a thorough test in the near future by the department.

Biggest Flag In World.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 17.—The largest flag in the world, a giant star spangled banner, is to hang in the great court of the postoffice building as soon as a contract for its manufacture can be awarded and the mammoth bunting can be sewn together.

Sixty feet long by about thirty-five wide is the approximate size of this banner. A few measurements of the court of the building will have to be made before the bunting is cut.

The banner is to be made of American wool bunting and the actual cost of construction is to be about $200.

Railroads Will Raise Wages.

CHICAGO, Nov. 16.—The Record-Herald today says: The railroads of the entire country stand ready to accept the standard of wages set by the Pennsylvania and to grant their employes an increase of 10 per cent. in lieu of their demands.

The "melon" which the railroads are willing to cut and distribute among more than 1,295,000 employes would aggregate between $81,000,000 and $82,000,000. This sum the railroads are ready to give the large army of employes, providing the latter will accept it and cease, for the time being, any further demands for increases in all branches of the railway service.

Several railway magnates have already taken action in the matter and have decided to grant the increase if the matter can be arranged amicably with their employes.

The magnitude of the concession to labor was understood when it was stated that it will amount to a dividend of nearly 1.4 per cent. on the capital stock of the entire railroad systems of the country and to nearly 37 per cent. of the annual dividends declared and paid on that stock for the year 1905.

There has not been concerted action on the part of the railroads, but the question of increase of wages has been the subject of discussion in many meetings which have been held among the western executive officials at Chicago and of the eastern men at New York.

President Inspects Culebra.

PANAMA, Nov. 16. — President Roosevelt left his hotel at 7 o'clock this morning with Mrs. Roosevelt to make an examination of the Culebra cut. He will return to La Boca at noon and make a trip to Toboga. Later the president will return to the hotel, where he will receive the heads of the canal commission.

Last night President Roosevelt and President Amador and their wives attended a reception at the Commercial club. Representative Jose Lefevre welcomed President Roosevelt in behalf of the people of Panama and the national assembly.

THOUSANDS ARE HOMELESS.

Many Residents of Flooded District Seek Safety In Hills.

SEATTLE, Nov. 16.—Homeless and suffering from hunger and exposure, and in hourly dread that the rising water will overwhelm them, thousands of residents of the fertile valleys lying between Seattle and Tacoma are camping today in the foothills nearby, with what few provisions and effects they could carry in a hurried flight.

Six deaths have been thus far chronicled as due to the floods which have followed the rapid rise of the river in King county. Three of the men who met death in the flood were trying their utmost to prevent log jams that would endanger the residents of towns further down the river.

Black, White, Green, Cedar, Stuck, Snoqualmie and other streams having their source in the foothills of the Cascade mountains have risen over night and have flooded thousands of acres of land and caused incalculable damage.

How many farmers' families have lost some of their members through the rapid advance of the treacherous waters will not be known until the water subsides. All the valley towns are under water, the depth ranging from 8 to 20 feet. Railroad communication has been cut and the towns cannot be reached except by message over the long distance telephone wires.

With the water already standing in the streets at such a depth that it is no longer safe for residents to remain in the first stories of their houses, the men are organizing in each town and either removing the helpless ones to the second story, or carrying them away to places of safety.

Reports from North Yakima confirm the statement that the Natchez river has changed its course. Hundreds of families are washed out and thousands of acres of orchards are submerged. The reports indicate that the Northern Pacific is so badly washed out that it will be months before it can operate. The washout will necessitate practically a reconstruction of the line from the summit of the Cascades to Tacoma

Millions For Pipe Line.

PITTSBURG, Nov. 16.—Announcement was made today that the National Lumber company, a subsidiary company of the United States Steel corporation, had received an order for 430 miles of eight-inch pipe for a pipe line to connect the Indian Territory oil field with the refineries at Port Arthur, Tex. The outlay for the pipe line, it is said, will amount to about $6,000,000.

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