

HEAVY RAINS DAMAGE MANY COUNTRY ROADS

Grades Are Washed Out and Many Sections Suffer From Downpour.

During the heavy rain that fell last week at the head of Carson valley a torrent swept down the canyon leading up the Kingsbury grade. Considerable damage was done to the road. The farms situated at the foot of the grade were slightly damaged, but no lives were lost.

The report was circulated that a boy who was driving a stage down the grade was caught in the torrent and swept to death. This rumor proved without foundation. No one was injured by the flood of water that came down this extremely steep canyon.

Cloudbursts and heavy storms have been reported in several sections. Parties coming in from Ramsey yesterday encountered a very heavy rain, and for a time, it was believed that they would have to abandon their automobile. By hard

work they made their way out and reached Dayton.

Bullion Tax Collector Adamson and wife, who were coming from Mason valley, encountered a part of the storm in Churchill canyon and had a hard time bringing the machine through.

The electric light plant suffered the burning out of a transformer by the action of the lightning. It was necessary to close down the works for a time owing to the trouble.

The storm, while light in this valley, is reported to have been unusually heavy in many places. The headwaters of the Carson had a drenching, while a big storm followed along the Como range. There was also a heavy downpour and electric storm north of Reno. From all appearances there is room for more of this kind of weather.—Carson Appeal.

SUCCESSFUL CROP WITHOUT IRRIGATION

Nevada Farm Demonstrates Feasibility of the Dry Farming System.

At the Rayercraft farm north of this city there is the heaviest crop of grain that has ever been produced on the place. This is strictly a dry farm. Years ago the water right was sold to the railroad people and since that time the farm has been worked on the dry method.

Marion Little, who for years worked the place, always had good crops, but under the new management it has been vastly improved. Land that was formerly regarded as only fit for pasture is now put to use and is yielding a heavy crop of grain.

One party who visited the place this spring informed the owners that the wheat which is growing would

never head properly. Samples of the grain show exceedingly heavy kernels. It will produce more to the acre than several of the irrigated farms in this valley.

At the present time the cutting of hay is in full blast at the farm and an exceedingly heavy crop is being stacked. Modern dry farm methods have been used the past couple of years in working the soil and alkali lands. The alkali lands in this instance are producing the best grain on the farm. Those who are interested in dry farming in this section of Nevada can take some pointers from this farm that will be of lasting benefit.—Carson Appeal.

LIABILITY LAW OF BENEFIT TO NEW COMPANIES

MANY COMPANIES MAY BE COMPELLED TO REINSURE BEFORE YEAR CLOSES.

NEW YORK, July 18.—The liability companies report that the claims and suits filed so far this year in various parts of the country are in some cases double the number of 1910. It is predicted that several companies with a small margin of surplus between their reserves and impairment will find it necessary before December 31 either to raise more money or to reinsure large portions of their lines.

The amended liability laws which have been enacted in several of the states, irrespective of the workmen's compensation laws, have had a most depressing effect upon prospective profits for some time to come, despite the fact that there has been a general advance in rates.

"I believe that the company which is organized no wand enters the field for liability and workmen's compensation business has a great advantage over the established company," said an underwriting authority recently. "It will be several years before the statistical experience of the business is of any value. In the meantime, the older companies are piling up liabilities in the shape of losses for which they have not received adequate premiums.

"So far this year our company's liability business has cost in losses and expenses 120 per cent of the premiums received, and similar conditions prevail in all other companies. The situation is further complicated by the workmen's compensation laws."

GEORGE MOESSER CHARGED WITH HORSE STEALING

Sheriff M. E. Ryan brought George Moesser from Reno Tuesday of last week, having him under arrest on

the charge of stealing horses. He is in jail awaiting his preliminary trial before Justice Weller.

The crime of which Moesser is accused was committed about a year ago, when a band of horses was driven from the Ryan ranch up the Reese river and sold to a man named Holland in Yerington. Holland, it seems, learned that the stock was stolen and paid in full the Lander county owners. In all the intervening time, the reason no arrest had been made, was owing to lack of identification.—Reveille.

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MISS ABBOTT IS WILLING TO TESTIFY FOR COMMITTEE

PRESIDENT UNABLE TO FIND LETTERS FROM BROTHER CHAS. P. TAFT.

WASHINGTON, July 18.—An extraordinary situation has developed from the publication of the so-called "Dick to Dick" letter, purporting to bring the name of Charles P. Taft, the president's brother, into the Alaska coal land controversy.

Miss M. F. Abbott, a youthful writer who was graduated from the Radcliffe college only a few years ago, stands ready to take the witness chair before a house committee and testify under oath that she saw the "Dick to Dick" letter in the interior department files and took it down word for word.

She already has laid before the house committee on expenditures in the interior department, which is investigating the matter, a memorandum which she represents as her original notes on this letter.

On the other hand, Walter Fisher, the newly appointed secretary of the interior, declares that the so-called "Dick to Dick" letter nowhere appears in the files of the interior department and that all the employes in the department who have access to the file, assert that they had never heard of the letter until Miss Abbott published it.

The White House, which has been considerably disturbed over the incident, also discredits the insinua-

tion that Charles P. Taft took any active interest in the Alaskan coal lands situation.

UNDERWRITERS PLEASSED WITH GOV. DIX'S ACTION

NEW YORK, July 18.—The Institute of American Underwriters on Saturday held a special meeting in this city to consider legislation affecting marine interests, and especially the action of Governor Dix in vetoing the Hoey brokers' bill.

His action is received as a victory for the institute, which is composed of the marine underwriters, and who are opposed to any form of law which will give the issuance of policies in this country by unauthorized companies the slightest semblance of legality.

It is now expected that the Sullivan bill, which provides for the licensing of fire and casualty insurance brokers in exactly the same terms as the Hoey bill, but which omits reference to marine business, will be passed and signed by the governor.

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