

HEAVY COAST RAINS DO MUCH DAMAGE

Several Drowned, Buildings Inundated, Railroad Traffic Tied Up in Most Severe Storm of Years.

Three people are reported drowned and many people driven from their homes, buildings damaged, steam and electric railroad traffic tied up or seriously interrupted in California as a result of this week's storm.

Los Angeles county road damage is estimated at half a million dollars. There were several Salt Lake railroad washouts between Los Angeles and San Bernardino, and a landslide on the new grade of Cajon Pass of the Santa Fe, but that road is still carrying its own traffic and Southern Pacific and Salt Lake also through the old grade.

Santa Barbara, Ventura and Oxnard were cut off for more than fourteen hours.

The Southern Pacific lost the coast line and its valley branch south of Mojave.

The entire western seaboard of the United States has been in the grip of the worst storm recorded this season. The snowfall in the Sierras is unusual and heavy traffic on the Southern Pacific, east is snowbound, and all Western Pacific traffic was annulled. The coast line of the Southern Pacific is closed and passengers were taken home by steamers.

For several days northern California was practically cut off from the rest of the world except by telegraph.

Rising water in the Kern river drove 50 families from their homes. The flood softened the Santa Fe tracks and trains were sent over the Southern Pacific north from there.

Every section of Oregon and nearly every town reports damage by the gale which raged for three days.

Theodore F. White, a paving contractor of Los Angeles, and former assistant surveyor general of Arizona, was drowned in the floods of Little Creek at San Bernardino. He was at one time president of the Chiracua Cattle company of Arizona, and during the supervision of cattle interests became a territorial officer.

PRESCOTT TO HAVE FRONTIER CELEBRATION

A frontier day celebration of the kind which resulted in the California rodeo and the Cheyenne round-up receiving world-wide prominence is planned for Prescott next summer. There will be no repetition of many of the events of last year's program; everything will be upon a greater and more gigantic scale.

Where purses and prizes were spelled in figures anywhere from \$50 to \$100 last year they will assume proportions in the four figures. Where last year there were hundreds of people coming in upon special trains there will be thousands this year.

That is, of course, providing the Chamber of Commerce after due consideration, decides to "take the chance" of pulling off the event upon the scale proposed by one of the foremost handlers of such events in the country—"Doc" Pardee, late of Oklahoma.

"Doc" Pardee has been present at both meetings of the frontier day committee and offered valuable suggestions. But it was not until at the Chamber of Commerce session that the true proportions of the proposed celebration were given publicity.

Chairman Haworth proposes that the celebration be of four or five days duration. A \$10,000 guarantee to meet all expenses is deemed an essential factor.

CLASS IN AGRICULTURE STUDY POULTRY YARDS

A few days ago the class in agriculture of the Normal visited the poultry plant of F. O. Allen, in the west end of town for the purpose of studying at first hand the conditions necessary to run a profitable poultry business. The class was surprised to find that in spite of local difficulties like cold winters and expensive feed, here was a flock of hens that were paying for their board and making for their owner a nice little profit besides.

Mr. Allen set out in 1909 with a rooster and six hens. From that small beginning, and without previous poultry experience he has built up a flock of 160 thrifty fowls. Although none of the birds have been entered at fairs, except the head of the flock, who has won prizes at Philadelphia, good breeding is evident. The best strain of Rhode Island Reds obtainable was used for foundation stock. The secrets of success in this case might be briefly stated thus: Good blood was used to begin with; the houses are warm, yet well ventilated through a system worked out by the owner himself; every hen has to scratch her grain out of straw litter a foot deep; the feed given is of the greatest possible variety, bought mostly in ton lots, and mixed at home; diseased chickens are promptly beheaded and burned; and last is eternal vigilance in the little details, so necessary to success. Anyone interested in seeing how the hens are persuaded to lay when snow lies deep on the ground and eggs are worth fifty cents a dozen, would no doubt be welcomed at Mr. Allens' and be shown through from oat sprouter to scratching shed.

Electric Road for Parker

With the throwing open early this spring of the Colorado River Indian reserve, many large undertakings are under consideration kindred to the land movement at and adjacent to Parker. The more important for the present is that of the building of an electric railroad with Parker as the operating base. In this project are interested Thomas Taylor and David Connor of Jerome, and W. H. Tarpe of Prescott.

The articles of incorporation of this new line have been indorsed by the Arizona Corporation Commission, as well have resolutions been passed by the board of supervisors of Yuma county granting permission to this organization to carry out its pursuit and designating Parker as the principal place of business.

According to advices received from Washington, it is probable that within the next few days congress will complete the provisions under the Carey act, authorizing the lands in the Colorado Indian reserve to be thrown open to the public. After this action is authorized, the state land commission is to assume charge of the disposition of the domain, which approximately is 170,000 acres, lying along the Colorado river in the Parker section.

More Homes in the Spring

The Flagstaff Realty and Insurance company have closed deals for several pieces of property within the past few days, including a transfer of house and lot from Dave S. Lewis to Harry Coalter and wife, located near the Normal.

Three residence lots from C. J. Babbitt to Pius Falder at Dale and North Humphrey streets. Mr. Falder intends building a home on this property in the spring.

Three lots near the Normal from Geo. Babbitt to Gus Dahl. The purchaser will build as soon as the spring season opens.

MUCH BUSINESS FOR U. S. COURT IN MARCH

Murder, white slavery, selling liquor to Indians, cattle thieving, box car breaking and many miscellaneous misdeeds will occupy the time of the United States court at its Prescott session, which is to open on March second. Marshal Dillon has sent into the Washington office recommendations concerning the hiring of a hall in which to hold the coming session of Uncle Sam's own tribunal.

The docket will be well filled. An accumulation of suspects has been in the making since the last big term in Phoenix in the fall. The only murder case however, is that brought against the six Navajo Indians, who rewarded an unlucky medicine man with death for his inability to cure and incurable disease.

Santa Fe Entertainment

Another Santa Fe entertainment is advertised for Monday evening February 2, at the Normal school auditorium, entitled "American Types in Verse and Story." It will be an evening of Costumed Interpretations of Great Works and Characters of History, by Prof. Dwight Everett Watkins, of Knox College, Galesburg, Ill., assisted by Miss Lee Anna Hague with Selected Readings.

Golden Jubilee Convention

Mountain Lodge No. 15 Knights of Pythias are preparing a special ritualistic service commemorating the semi-centennial of Pythian Knighthood for the Golden Jubilee convention to be held at the lodge rooms on February 10th. A special musical program is being arranged and the services will be followed by a banquet by the members of the lodge and invited friends.

ARIZONA LEADS IN OFFICERS OF STOCKMEN CONVENTION

Four Footed Champions Sold Under the Hammer at Championship Prizes. Many Arizona Stockmen in Attendance.

The American National Livestock Association closed its seventeenth annual convention in Denver with the selection of San Francisco as the place for the 1915 meeting and the re-election of H. A. Jastro of Bakersfield, Cal., as president. Other officers were chosen as follows:

First vice president, Dwight B. Heard, Phoenix, Ariz.

Second vice presidents, J. B. Kendrick, Sheridan, Wyo.; C. M. O'Donnell, Bell Ranch, N. M.; N. M. Parsons, Salt Lake City; I. T. Pryor, San Antonio, Tex.; C. B. Rhodes, Orchard, Colo., and Wallis Huidekeper, Wallis, Mont.

Treasurer, John W. Springer, Denver.

Attorney, Sam H. Cowan, Fort Worth.

Secretary, T. W. Tomlinson, Denver.

Resolutions were adopted concerning grazing and forestry regulations and agitating protection for American ranchmen in Mexico and covering other matters of interest to stockmen.

Among these were resolutions opposing any change in the regulations of the bureau of animal industry regarding management; demanding the reduction in west-bound rates on livestock from the inter-mountain regions; protesting against the elimination of grazing lands in forest reserves without a full investigation; approving the establishment of a regional bank

MRS. MARY J. SPEAR PASSES AWAY MONDAY

On Monday evening Jan. 26th Mrs. Mary J. Spear died after a very brief illness.

Less than a week before her death she had walked quite a long distance to call on friends. "Grandma Spear" as she was best known by most of the people here, will be greatly missed. Very few days passed that she was not seen on our streets greeting her friends with a happy smile and a warm hand shake. She was a devout member of the Episcopal church, and there were very few services held there or at the other churches, that she did not attend even when stormy weather was a sufficient excuse for younger people to stay away.

Interment was from the Episcopal church Wednesday afternoon, Rev. J. M. White, of Winslow, officiating. Flagstaff Lodge of Odd Fellows and Rebekahs accompanied the remains to the cemetery.

Mary Jeffs Spear, was born in South Hampton, England, Sept. 10th, 1838. Came to Chicago when about 10 years old where she lived one year moving to Allegan, Mich., where she was married to Charles Spear 54 years ago. In 1892 they moved to Chicago where they resided until 1907 when they came to Flagstaff and this has been her home since. Charles Spear died Jan. 21st 1911, while visiting their daughter in Ventura, Calif.

There are five children, Mrs. Emma Howard, Jackson, Michigan; Mrs. Harriett Hopkins, Ventura, Calif.; Rebecca, Frank and Charles of Flagstaff. There is one sister, Mrs. Sowensby, living in Chicago, Ill.

W. Y. Hunter, of the Hunter Drug Co., will leave soon for a month's visit to his old home in Madison, Fla. It will be his first visit home for several years and will undoubtedly enjoy the trip to the southland at this season.

MATHEWS AND KNIGHT DISMISSED BY JUDGE

The decision in the prize fight case in Prescott has been handed down by Judge Smith and the defendants, Danny Mathews and Phil Knight, dismissed. The decision in substance is as follows:

1. Attorney General Bullard's contention that there was a prize fight conducted at Dougherty's Hall on the night of January 9th was upheld.

2. Because of the peculiar circumstances in connection with the numerous arrests of the two defendants, coupled with the extreme unlikelihood that a jury would convict them, they (Danny Mathews and Phil Knight) were released from custody.

3. Boxing conducted under certain rules and regulations is not prohibited under the statutes of the state, thus contradicting the construction advanced by the Attorney-General.

Under Judge Smith's ruling in the test case of the prizefight law in Arizona the only species of boxing matches that may be held in the state are those in which there are no referee, prizes, seconds, knockout blows, or blows liable to cause injury.

Under the above only amateurs are allowed to handle the gloves and even these are liable to a felony if one of the participants is knocked out or injured. It was held that any contest under the Marquis of Queensbury rules is a violation of the state law. It was held that it might be possible under certain rules and regulations to hold boxing exhibitions.

Robbery at Putney

Unknown parties robbed the postoffice in the store at Putney, 20 miles south of Ash Fork Wednesday night and secured about \$120 in gold, currency and silver. A lot of two cent stamps were taken, also a check of M. A. Perkins, drawn on the Prescott National Bank and payable to Z. Sheffield for \$37.50.

Two men answering the description of the Ash Fork holdups were seen near there the day of the robbery and may be the ones who committed the crime. \$40 of the amount stolen was postoffice money. A reward is offered for their capture.

Married Yesterday

Albert Thorner and Miss Nina Piper were united in marriage yesterday afternoon at four o'clock at the home of Judge Harrington, who performed the ceremony.

The wedding was a quiet affair and only a few friends of the happy bride and groom were aware of the fact that a wedding was to take place. Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Hunt and Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Thorner were witnesses to the event. They will make their home in Flagstaff and have the good wishes of all their friends.

Standard Oil Coming

The Standard Oil company has asked permission of the town council to locate, erect, operate and maintain warehouses and tankage for the storage and distribution of petroleum and its products. The site will be east of town, outside of the fire limits and they will use the Flagstaff station as a distributing point for Northern Arizona.

Bradstreet's Man Enjoys Snow

J. H. Van DeWalker, superintendent of Arizona for Bradstreet's came up from Phoenix yesterday morning and returned last evening on No. 3. Mr. Van DeWalker enjoyed the novelty of being in the snow and invigorating climate during his short stop here. He says the recent rain in the southern part of the state is heralded with much joy.

BIG FALL OF SNOW MAKES ALL JUBILANT

Nearly a Foot of Snow in Flagstaff, Combined with Heavy Rains South Insure Good Range

The threatening storm of the past two weeks, finally arrived with a result of nearly a foot of the beautiful. The fall was heavy in the mountains giving an assurance of plenty of water and feed for the coming season. The report of the of the weather man for the week ending Wednesday shows a mean temperature of 32 degrees, being 5 degrees above normal. The highest temperature was 41 degrees on the 22nd and the lowest was 15 degrees on the 28th. The precipitation amounted to 1.85 inches.

The sleighing is good and the merry jingle of sleigh bells is not uncommon. Everyone who has any kind of an old sleigh is out enjoying true winter weather.

Tuesday and Wednesday's trains east bound were all late on account of washouts in California and at Seligman. No. 10 of Tuesday was annulled and the Wednesday morning trains did not arrive until that afternoon.

M. I. Powers returned from a trip to Kingman Wednesday and reports heavy rains throughout that section. The stockmen are jubilant in that vicinity over the storm and the prospects for excellent range this summer is good.

Manager Clark of the Telephone company has been having his troubles this week. Many of the toll lines were down and the heavy snow caused considerable wire trouble. Extra linemen were put into service, and the damage has been rapidly repaired. At Winslow the wind was very heavy and many poles were broken down.

H. E. Campbell came up from Phoenix and says that while the capital city received very little rain the desert surrounding had a fine precipitation. The grass is starting and the range outlook is very bright and looks for a prosperous season should the weather hold warm. Severe cold weather at this time would probably cause heavy losses.

In Yavapai county according to old time authorities on the climate, this is said to be the first January in over a score of years where rain was known to fall so steadily and for so many days. The benefits to rangemen and dry farmers are incalculable, and every foot of the county is being benefitted for the first time in many months.

JOHN WILSON, PLUMBER VS. JOHN WILSON, HOBO

John Wilson or "Jack" as he is commonly known, of the firm of Wilson & Coffin, received a clipping from a Topeka paper a few days ago along with anxious inquiries from a sister who resides there. The article says:

"Five intellectual hoboes, men of education and true philosophers, spent last night in jail. The prisoners in the jail were never before treated to such outbursts of learning and the weary pilgrims beguiled many an hour last night telling of their travels in many lands. According to Charles Lytle, city detective, the prisoners are still talking of the learned tramps.

"The first 'bum' to come into the station and ask for shelter for the night was a man who gave his name as John Wilson. Wilson was walking from Kansas City to Flagstaff, Ariz. According to the statement told to the officers, he had worked ten long years in Flagstaff and had saved \$4,400. Last month he came to Kansas City. The wiles of the southwest metropolis were too much and he gambled away the entire fortune. He is now making his way back to his home to try and make up for the savings of years which were lost in a week."

It can be readily seen that relatives of Mr. Wilson became anxious and hastily wrote here to ascertain why he should be in such circumstances and in that portion of the country. Needless to say Jack lost no time in putting matters straight.