

RIVER WATERS RUSH

January Johnstown at Kendrick On the Potlatch.

Angry North Palouse Swept Out a Mill Dam at Colfax and Scattered Logs.

January floods in the swift rushing streams flowing from the Coeur d'Alene mountains through the high plateaus of the Palouse and Potlatch regions are happily not of annual occurrence, but the warm, heavy rains of Thursday and Friday of last week produced one which wrought disaster along the canyon of the Potlatch for more than twenty miles. While the waters were high in both branches of the Palouse, with their junction at Colfax, and a portion of the northern part of the city—a residence district built upon the river flats—was submerged, the damage was small, except to Wm. Codd, the sawmill man. About forty feet of the milldam went out Saturday night, when the river reached its highest stage, and 200 or 300 sawlogs escaped. Probably 100,000 feet of logs were carried out of the boom, but all were not lost, as many can be recovered, though at some expense. The damage in this respect may reach near \$1000. The breaking of the dam saved the usual inundation of Poverty flat, but poured the water over the lowlands in the vicinity of the Pacific Coast elevator and the old creamery. Water covered the floors of a few houses, but high water was expected Saturday night by the residents of the district and those houses in most danger were deserted. Boats and gum boots were in demand Sunday morning in some instances, but no thrilling escapes from watery graves are to be recorded.

The North Palouse was about as high as known for ten years, while the South Palouse was about 18 inches lower than the high water mark within that period. Both were not on high horses at the same time. The south branch was at its highest stage Friday forenoon and quickly receded; while the north branch reached its highest during Saturday night.

The water of the South Palouse crept into the basement of the Great Eastern store in the Fraterville block and damaged goods to the extent of \$25, but this was the only loss outside of north end residences.

A washout on the O. R. & N. railway occurred along Alkali flat, near Texas City, delaying trains by forcing a transfer for two or three days. Slight damage was also done to the track between Pullman and Moscow.

LIFE LOST AT KENDRICK.

Three Little Girls Drowned in the Swirling Torrent.

At Kendrick, Idaho, on the Potlatch river, three, and possibly four lives were lost. Friday evening, just as darkness fell, the 15 carloads of steel rails dumped into the river in the recent wreck there, had caught a huge mass of drift. The citizens were not yet alarmed at the water stage, when suddenly a small Johnstown was precipitated upon them. The obstruction turnd the channel of the river through a railroad embankment, and without warning a wall of water waist high and carrying cord wood, drift and other debris, swept down the main street of the town. In a twinkling what had been dry land was a raging, racing torrent. High land was but a few yards away, yet many narrow escapes were had in the rushing, debris-laden waters. But for timely aid from those first escaping numbers would have lost their lives.

Three Little Sisters Drowned.

Chas. Hamlin, street commissioner of the town, had perceived the danger a few minutes before the break. He hurriedly placed his wife and three little girls—Mattie, aged 6; Emma, aged 5, and Clara, aged 3—in a vehicle to carry them to safety from their home three blocks west of the St. Elmo hotel. With them were Mr. and Mrs. N. B. Hunsperger and child, formerly of Elberton, and Johnny Morgan was driving the team. Mr. Hamlin proceeded up town to warn people. The rig had got to within one block of the St. Elmo hotel, when a wall of water three or four feet high, carrying cordwood, drift and a large section of sidewalk, struck it. The horses were crowded to deeper water in the gutter and the vehicle overturned. W. R. Graham rescued Mr. and Mrs. Hunsperger, who were locked in each other's arms, and clinging to their child. Mrs. Hamlin was saved by Tom and Lou Hunter, but she was forced, with others, to pass the long night in a house in the middle of the stream. The three little sisters were swept away. At last reports but two of their bodies—those of the youngest,—had been recovered. Tom Blanchard, an Englishman and a miner, started down the street while the flood was raging and has not since been seen.

But four houses were actually swept away, but about thirty were thrown from foundations. Four families are destitute—houses and all gone.

Great Damage to Railroads.

Railroad men assert that it will be months before the damage to the railroad can be repaired so that trains can reach Lewiston. Bridges, trestles and track are swept away. At least ten miles of track between Volmer and Julietta must be rebuilt, and much of it between Julietta and the mouth of the Potlatch is entirely gone. Not even the grade is left. County bridges are also gone and wagon grades swept away.

The flood was caused by a warm and extraordinarily heavy rain falling upon the snow in the mountains at the sources of the rivers and creeks.

Hoss of Another Color.

Kelly Hoss was given his name at Oregon City, Oregon, 42 years ago, but has carried it as long as he can bear it. In a petition to the superior court praying that it be changed to Perry Kelley, he recites that, by reason of the peculiarity of the name, he has been, and is repeatedly, made the subject of ridicule and made to suffer keenly from chagrin and shame, and is constantly made a subject of reproach by his associates. The court granted his prayer and he will henceforth be known as Perry Kelley.

Edward Ballaine, Insane.

Edward Ballaine, aged 28 years, of near Endicott, was examined in the superior court Saturday on a charge of in-

sanity and ordered committed to the Medical Lake asylum, whither he was taken by Deputy Sheriff Steward.

The unfortunate young man is a brother of J. E. Ballaine. Mr. Ballaine's malady is epilepsy, due to a severe spell of typhoid fever suffered by his mother a few months prior to his birth. He has been afflicted since infancy, and the family had him constantly under medical treatment, but without success. His mother but recently returned with him from the east, where she had taken him for expert treatment.

Resigned as School Director.

Robert Mills has sold his interest in the Colfax Drug store to his former partner, C. F. Stuart, having permanently located at Garavanza, a suburb of Los Angeles, California. For the same reason Mr. Mills has filed with the Colfax school board his resignation as a member of that body.

Large Wheat Sale.

Another large individual sale of wheat was made last Friday at Colfax. Adam Stoneberger, an extensive farmer near Riverdale, sold to the Pacific Coast Elevator Company at 38 cents, sacked, in the warehouse—\$7220. The grain is being shipped to Portland.

POULTRY SHOW NEXT MONTH.

Extensive Preparations Being Made for a Grand Exhibit.

The second annual show of the Whitman County Poultry and Pet Stock Association, to be held at Colfax February 7 to 10, will be one showing the great improvement made in the poultry stock of the county in recent years, and more especially since the successful exhibition of last year. Last year's show not only pleased the fanciers of the county upon their mettle, but the fine birds on exhibition stimulated many who had previously given no thought to the poultry possibilities to improve the grades of their fowls. The result was more far-reaching than most people imagine. This will be demonstrated at the coming show, which will be far ahead of even the successful one of last year.

The association has placed the promotion and management of the coming poultry exhibition in the hands of S. C. Lyle, one of the most prominent and enthusiastic fanciers of the county. He is devoting his entire attention to the success of the show and deserves the hearty co-operation of all in the furtherance of a project which means so much to a prominent and fast growing industry of the Palouse.

The association has been particularly fortunate in its choice of a judge. Thos. Hewes of Trenton, Mo., a poultry expert of national reputation, will serve in that capacity. He will also judge the exhibits at Spokane, North Yakima and Tacoma.

LOCAL BREVITIES.

Ortis Hamilton and J. O. Housekeeper will open a skating rink at the armory Saturday afternoon.

Connections with the new sewer lines are being rapidly made. The hospital connections will be completed today or tomorrow.

C. V. Roberts has been appointed postmaster at Elberton, to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Postmaster Anderson Wait.

B. F. Nicholas, manager of the Great Eastern store, has purchased the residence property of Dr. Coffey in South Colfax. The price paid was \$2000.

Roland, son of Mrs. T. B. Ray, died at the family home at Colfax Monday morning. He was 18 years of age and had been an invalid for about three years.

The populists will hold another of those interesting gatherings they call central committee meetings at Colfax Saturday. It is an adjournment from the late lizle.

The term of A. S. Hamilton as postmaster at Diamond expired nearly a year ago. Harry Kirkham has been recommended to the postoffice department as his successor.

The First National Bank of Colton will cease to exist January 25, but it will be succeeded without interruption by the First Bank of Colton, a state concern, with \$25,000 capital and under the same management.

The circus given Thursday night of last week by the Episcopal ladies was an amusing novelty to the large crowd in attendance. It carried all the attractions of a real circus and was greatly enjoyed. The musical features were splendid. About \$50 were cleared.

Smallpox Near Palouse.

Auditor Corner was notified Tuesday of suspected smallpox in a family named Bunch on the Farnsworth place, one mile southwest of Palouse, and at Brownlee's, three miles northwest of that town. Dr. W. N. Divine of Elberton, physician at the county poor farm, was sent to investigate. He reports that he found a man named Alexander with a well broken out case at Brownlee's. His family of five and Brownlee had been exposed. At Bunch's he found two sure-enough cases. Both places were quarantined. There are 15 cases about Moscow and about 30 at Spokane.

For Beating a Board Bill.

J. A. Black, a pugilist, is in the county jail, having been bound over by a Pullman justice to the superior court to answer to a charge of defrauding a hotel keeper. M. C. True of Pullman charges him with beating a \$22.50 board bill. Black was arrested at Colfax Sunday evening by Deputy Sheriff Steward and was returned to Pullman for preliminary examination. He was placed under \$500 bonds and was unable to furnish them.

To the Supreme Court.

The case of the state against Andrew Knight, charged with resisting an officer in forcing Tax Collector Frank Hickman to desist from seizing his furniture for taxes, was before the superior court Thursday, but by consent of all parties Judge McDonald made no ruling in the case and it will go before the supreme court for adjudication.

Lecture at Church.

Dr. George F. Hall will lecture Thursday evening, January 26, at the Christian church upon the subject of "Happy Homes and How to Make Them." Dr. Hall is a lecturer of note who has several times pleased Colfax audiences.

Lovers of good cigars smoke the "Brunswick." Best money can buy.

Wanted—a girl to assist taking care of a baby. Apply to Mrs. Julius Lippitt.

LONG STERN CHASE

But a Badly Wanted Man is at Last Run Down.

Believed to Be a Burglar and Taker of Horses in Many Counties.

In the person of John Weston Sheriff Canutt succeeded Monday in picking up a very slippery individual long wanted, not only in Whitman county, but in Adams, Stevens, Lincoln and probably other counties of the state.

For months the Whitman county officers have been chasing Weston and his partner, Charlie Gibbon, alias Ed. Cole. The sheriffs of other counties have been doing the same; but he has always been well mounted and as mobile as a fighting boer. Many times just as Sheriff Canutt and his men thought they were going to lay the heavy hand of the law upon him, Weston has faded away like a mid-summer night's dream. He has roamed Oregon, Washington and British Columbia during the time. But persistently the officers have thrown the net around him, and when he appeared Monday in Spokane Sheriff Canutt knew what he had. This was at once done to arrest him. This was at once done. Monday evening Sheriff Canutt went to Spokane after the prisoner, returning Tuesday and safely lodging him in jail.

Wanted for Several Crimes.

The particular warrant upon which Weston was arrested is for the burglary of the store of W. J. Boatright & Co. at Johnson nearly a year ago. The officers, from their extensive investigations, believe Weston and his partner, Gibbon, were the men who did this. The store was broken into and pack horses loaded with the plunder, which was composed of provisions, clothing, shoes, neckties and even ladies' corsets. The pack train was loaded at the rear door of the store. Later, a portion of the goods were found cached along the rimrock on Snake river, and with them was a pack saddle which has been identified as one loaned to Weston by a friend. There are also evidences of Weston's connection with the burglary which the officers do not now deem wise to give out.

The prisoner is also wanted by Sheriff Canutt to answer for the disappearance of the Nickerson and McCance horses from near Sunset last summer. He is also wanted by the sheriffs of Adams, Lincoln and Stevens counties on horse stealing charges, and it is believed the Okanogan jail is also yawning for him.

Running from Bullets.

Gibbon, Weston's partner, is believed to now be across the British line. The last trace of his whereabouts was had three weeks ago, when he was flying across Okanogan mountains with the sheriff of that county shooting at him every jump till he got over the mountain and out of sight.

Whitman county officers have ridden many a mile on the crooked trails of Weston and Gibbon and have explored many a fast and hidden retreat to effect their capture and are sorry to lose Gibbon, but they probably have.

Waived Examination.

When arraigned in Justice Kirkland's court Wednesday morning for preliminary hearing, Weston waived examination and was held to appear in the superior court January 22. Bonds were placed at \$1000 and were not furnished.

W. F. Botcher, a farmer near Rosalia, and John Dodson were present as witnesses for the state. It is understood that they will testify to Weston stopping over night at Mr. Botcher's place; that he presented them with a necktie each and later told them that he was interested in the robbery of Boatright's store. These neckties are now in possession of the officers.

The prisoner is on crutches from an injury to his hip. He says the injury was sustained by a horse falling on him.

SUED THE SHERIFF.

John Dodson Asks Five Thousand Dollars Damages.

John Dodson, through his attorney, M. O. Reed, has started a damage suit against Sheriff Joseph Canutt for \$2500—\$250 for expense and trouble and \$2000 for the injury to his person and injury to his feelings. The complaint in the case was served Thursday afternoon on the sheriff. Wrongful and unlawful imprisonment is alleged.

When Weston was captured John Dodson and Wm. Botcher were wanted as witnesses. Sheriff Canutt says Dodson told him Weston gave him some neckties and that he took them from Boatright's store, and that he was being placed in jail. Soon thereafter an information was filed direct in the superior court against Weston and he was arraigned. At this time Judge McDonald held Dodson under \$200 bonds to appear as a witness in the case. His friend Botcher expressed a willingness to give the bond, but before it was done Judge McDonald revoked the order holding Dodson. Mr. Reed at once demanded Dodson's release, but the sheriff refused it until he was officially satisfied that the order of the court had been revoked, when he at once released Dodson.

The complaint alleges that the warrant from Justice Kirkland, upon which Dodson was first taken into custody was illegal.

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CITY COUNCIL.

All Street Grade Debtors Are To Be Sued.

The city council, at its Monday evening meeting, adopted a recommendation of the finance committee respecting a compromise as to street grade warrants, and ordered payment of the following, with interest at 8 per cent from October 18, 1899: Warrant No. 78, street grade No. 3, \$116.50; No. 103, grade No. 3, \$75.33; No. 185, grade No. 8, \$144.75. Also the following without interest: Warrant No. 203, grade No. 4, \$140; No. 186, grade No. 8, \$480. Also that the judgment against F. M. Bowman be cancelled so far as the city is concerned, but saving the city attorney's right to whatever costs taxed therein or attorney's fee.

The following officers were reappointed, being the only applicants for the respective positions: City Marshal, J. B. Mackay; police justice, A. E. Kirkland; superintendent and engineer of waterworks, George P. Howard.

The services of O. H. Stratton, as city engineer were dispensed with from January 1.

The city attorney was instructed to enter suit against all persons now owing street grade assessments.

The bond of Treasurer Davenport was received and referred to the finance committee. The treasurer reported water rent collections for December at \$428.55.

Police Justice Kirkland reported the collection of fines, penalties, etc., for the quarter ending December 31 at \$420.

The application of P. Lefrancois for a liquor license was taken up, his bond approved and license ordered issued.

Bids for city printing and advertising were considered as follows: For advertising, Colfax Gazette bid, 25 cents an inch; The Commoner, 25 cents an inch. Job printing, H. Bramwell bid 35 cents per thousand and composition and 5 cents per 100 impressions. The bid of Bramwell was accepted, and the others laid over.

Bills amounting to \$841.61 were ordered paid.

DEATH OF MRS. W. A. INMAN.

Passed from Life Tuesday Morning At Her Colfax Home.

Mrs. Hannah A. Inman, wife of Prosecuting Attorney William A. Inman, passed from life at the family residence in South Colfax Tuesday morning, January 16, 1900, at the age of 51 years, 10 months and three days, a victim of apoplexy and heart failure. Her death had been expected for three days before the summons of the Death Angel came, and her daughter, Mrs. H. P. Blair of Spokane, and sons, Frank of Spokane and Roy of Walla Walla, were present when the end came. The eldest son, Cook, arrived from Seattle Tuesday night, too late to see his mother alive.

Mrs. Inman was one of the pioneer ladies of Colfax, and during her long residence in the city had surrounded herself with many warm friends, upon whom her loss will fall heavily. In church, Women's Relief Corps and Daughters of Rebekah circles her removal from earth will be particularly felt, being a leader in all. She was a consistent Christian woman, a member of the Congregational church, from which the funeral services were held Wednesday at 1:30 p. m., Rev. H. P. James officiating. Burial was in Colfax cemetery.

The funeral was conducted by the Rebekah lodge and was attended by members of that order, the Woman's Relief Corps, Grand Army, and a large concourse of friends.

Ten New Members.

Members of Colfax Lodge No. 14, A. O. U. W., had a big time Tuesday night. Ten new members were initiated. After the ceremonies a big banquet was served at the Bakery restaurant, at which over 100 were seated. Master Workman Chas. Platt was presented, in a neat speech in behalf of the lodge by Daniel Frew, with a handsome gold headed cane. Mr. Platt was as surprised as he was pleased and responded in a happy manner.

Marriage Licenses.

J. M. Bateman, Huntsville, and Cora Pearl Adams, Pullman; J. L. Harris and Olive I. Thompson, Johnson.

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Lost—About December 20, a promissory note for \$91.00, drawn in favor of A. Kubn by W. M. Lee, dated about May 20, 1899. Finder will please return same to Charles Torrance, Diamond, Wash., or leave at Gazette office.

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