

THE COLFAX GAZETTE.

TWENTY-SIXTH YEAR.

State Historical Society
405-6 City Hall

COLFAX, WASHINGTON, FRIDAY, JUNE 19, 1903.

PRICE FIVE CENTS.

NORRIS & ROWE'S BIG SHOWS

The one great tented amusement enterprise that fulfills every promise

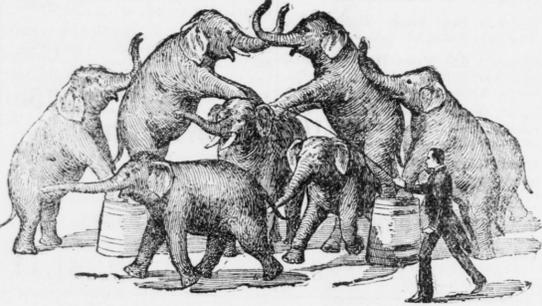
WILL EXHIBIT IN COLFAX

Wednesday, July 1, 1903

Performances at 2 and 8 p. m.

NEW GRAND SPECTACULAR PARADE
AT 10:30 A. M.

500 Performing Animals consisting of Trained Elephants,
Camels, Llamas, Lions, Pamas,
Seals, Sea Lions, Zebras, Monkeys, Ponies, Etc.



Olympian Hippodrome Sensational Cycle Whirl, Costly Zoological Annex Bicycle Experts, Royal Matsuda Troupe of Japanese Performers, Marvelous Acrobats, Aerialists, Tumblers and Contortionists, 20 Rollickin, Romping, Mirth Provoking Clowns. See the Baby Camel, the only one ever born in America.

100 NEW SENSATIONAL FEATURES

PRICES: Adults, 50c; Children 25c.

Brown & Kimball

We Sell GILBERT'S CELEBRATED Dress Linings

FOR
Summer Dress Goods
Shirt Waists
Ladies' Furnishings
Clothing
Shoes
Gents' Furnishings
and Groceries

We are always glad to see you and to show where you can profit by our prices.

Bring Us Your Produce. Phone Main 621.

Insure Your Crop

We write the most liberal policies and settle promptly in case of Loss.

LARUE & BANKER

COLFAX, WASH.

STUART'S CASH DRUG STORE

SOLE AGENTS FOR

Defender Photo Supply Co.'s

Developing Paper

Argo—Disco—and Metalotype

A large stock of Printing Frames, Developing Trays, Lanterns, Etc., just received. Prices lower than ever.

J. A. Perkins & Co.

J. A. PERKINS
W. J. DAVENPORT

LOANS negotiated on improved farms in the Palouse country. No delay in closing loans.

CITY PROPERTY FOR SALE. Office in BANK OF COLFAX
GENERAL FIRE INSURANCE AGENTS.

ALL OVER THE UNION

The Important News of a Week in Condensed Form.

Happenings and Matters of Interest Reported from All Sections of the Country.

Wednesday, June 10

Almost two-thirds of East St. Louis, Ill., is under water from two to five feet deep. Five thousand men have been working constantly for several days under the leadership of Mayor Cook in their attempts to strengthen the levees.

Two hundred and fifty pounds of giant powder exploded at the shaft house of the Fortune mine at Leadville, Colo., and entombed five men. All were rescued alive with the exception of Superintendent Barker, who was found dead at the bottom of the shaft with his head cut off.

Jessie Morrison has arrived at the Kansas penitentiary to begin serving her 25 years' sentence for the killing of Mrs. Olin Castle at Eldorado. This trial was one of the most noted cases ever tried in the courts of Kansas.

Many of the witnesses who are now testifying in the trial of Curtis Jett and Tom White at Jackson, Ky., for the killing of Attorney J. B. Marcum, are making statements that they have withheld their knowledge of the affair through fear of their own personal safety.

Governor Bailey of Kansas will call a special session of the legislature of that state to relieve as best they can the distress caused by the late floods there. It is understood that the governor has already been assured by members that they will be glad to meet in extra session, if by so doing they can be of any service to the sufferers.

Between 30 and 40 warrants have been issued for physicians living in New York City who are charged with cheating the city out of an anti-toxine by making affidavits at the department of health that they were poor patients.

Thursday, June 11

The first serious demonstration in the Arizona miners' strike has occurred in the case of the Detroit Copper company mill at Morenci by an armed force of strikers who overpowered the guards, State militia and government troops have gone to the scene and have taken possession of the mining camps and further disturbances are not likely to occur.

It is generally conceded that the crisis of the flood at East St. Louis has passed. The loss of life is not as large as was at first anticipated and there is a feeling of renewed confidence in all lines of business.

Fireman Laidley of Los Angeles was instantly killed and Engineer D. I. Daze of the same place was badly scalded by the explosion of the engine of a freight train at Bakersfield, Cal.

The treasury department at Washington has purchased on account of Philippine coinage 150,000 ounces of silver for delivery at San Francisco, at an average of 52.77 cents an ounce.

The grand jury has returned a true bill against William B. Hays, mayor of Pittsburg, Pa., charging him with misdemeanor in discharging Samuel Moore from the city's employ.

Three thousand flood sufferers from Venice, Madison, Granite City and East St. Louis are being sheltered and cared for in St. Louis. Government tenders are bringing refugees from the flooded districts by the hundred.

Friday, June 12

One feature of the trial going out of the Marcum assassination at Jackson, Ky., was the drift of evidence towards a conspiracy implicating county officials and others and tending to show that Jett and White were hired to kill Marcum, who was the attorney for parties contesting the election of county officials.

The miners' strike in Arizona is settled. The miners have accepted the company's proposition of nine hours pay for eight hours work. Troops will leave the camps at once. There are now no disturbances of any character.

Two men are dead, one missing and several injured as a result of an explosion of a large quantity of powder in the drying house of the Weldy Powder company near Monterey, Pa.

At Lake Landerdale, N. Y., lightning shattered the chimney of the district school house. The fluid ran through the building and the teacher and one pupil were badly hurt. Twenty-five pupils were rendered unconscious. Eight physicians were in attendance at a picnic nearby and hurried to the scene and cared for the injured.

The flood at East St. Louis is gradually receding, but the damage has not ceased as yet. It is impossible for any business to be transacted in that place and the uninjured people are all at work trying to aid as best they can the sufferers.

A number of the large hotels in Chicago are badly crippled by the recent strike in that city among the cooks and waiters. This strike gives promise at the present time to be a long drawn out affair. They are demanding an increase in wages.

Saturday, June 13

Shamrock III, the new Lipton yacht which will race for the American cup, has arrived off Sandy Hook, N. Y., and will cruise in the waters where, it is expected the race will take place, for a number of days prior to the event.

With 10,000 refugees and sufferers to feed and shelter, East St. Louis is still battling with the flood, which entirely surrounds the city, two-thirds of which is under water. The river continues to fall, but the back water which inundates the city remains stationary.

The Union Pacific has run its first train through to Topeka since the beginning of the flood, May 29. The line is now open to St. George, 45 miles west. From St. George west to Junction City the road bed is still impassable.

Five persons were burned to death in a flat building in New York. It is believed that the fire was of incendiary origin. There have been a number of incendiary fires in the same locality and

several lives have been lost.

Plans have been adopted for the formation in Pittsburg, Pa., of one of the greatest combinations in banking interests ever taken in the country. The new institution will be backed by one of the most active and aggressive of the strong financial groups of capitalists west of New York.

As the waters recede from the flooded sections of Kansas, Iowa and Missouri, bodies of persons drowned are being discovered. Many buildings have to be blown up with dynamite in order to investigate the ruins.

Sunday, June 14

The Earley hotel at Jackson, Ky., a three story building owned by Capt. B. J. Ewen, the principal witness against Jett and White on trial for the assassination of J. B. Marcum, has been burned to the ground. There were 15 guests in the hotel, but all escaped without injury. It is thought that friends of the prisoners set fire to the building. No insurance.

The thirteenth annual convention of the Modern Woodmen of America will be in session in Indianapolis this week. Thirty-three states will be represented. The subject of chief importance to come before the convention will be the adjustment of rates.

The river at East St. Louis is still falling, but the danger line will not be passed for several days yet. There has been some trouble over the cutting of dykes in that vicinity. It is alleged that the dykes were cut to allow the back water to go out when the river receded.

A statement has been made public by a committee of building constructors, Knights of Labor, of New York, favoring the master builders' manifesto to do away with indiscriminate strikes called by walking delegates and submit grievances to arbitration.

The bodies of Frank Okerman and Hans Onstead, who were drowned in the Missouri river at Great Falls, Mont., last Tuesday, have been found at Fort Benton, 65 miles down the river. The bodies had traveled that distance in one hour less than five days. They had gone over six falls and miles of rapids.

Monday, June 15

About 35 miles distant from Miles City, Mont., a man by the name of Finn Kennedy has discovered a deep hole in the ground near a coal bank, from which issues smoke and vapor. It is so hot that it is impossible to hold one's hand over it without being burned. It is thought to be a coal vein on fire.

The entire "graveyard" shift at the Toltec tunnel near Silverton, Col., numbering three men, were killed by an explosion of giant powder which they were thawing preparatory to going to work. All of the dead men were married.

The first international convention of cement workers is in session in San Francisco. There are over 100 delegates present from all parts of the United States and Canada.

The flood is receding rapidly from East St. Louis. All along the river front a stream of back water is pouring into the river and daily more ground is being exposed in the flooded districts. Railroad traffic is gradually being restored.

Within an hour of the time set for her marriage Miss Hattie E. Thomas of New Orleans committed suicide by taking laudanum. She left a note asking her family to pray for her.

Reports say the sheriff's force from Glasgow, Mont., have the outlaws, Hardee and McKinney, surrounded in the bad lands and that they will make the capture at an early date. These are the men who broke jail at Glasgow and killed a deputy sheriff.

Tuesday, June 16

In a short time about \$700,000 will be spent on improvements to the Presidio buildings at San Francisco. A number of new structures will be erected and the grounds greatly improved for the accommodation of United States troops.

So many of the waiters and other striking hotel employees have returned and asked to be reinstated that nearly all of the restaurants and hotels in Chicago, which have had their doors closed for several days, have again opened or announced their intention of so doing.

These are the last days of the home-seekers' rates from the east to the northwest and the transcontinental lines are having all they can do to take care of the large number of people who desire to come to Washington, Idaho and Oregon.

Former Lieutenant Governor John A. Lee of Missouri has testified before the grand jury in effect that he had been offered \$1000 a month to place himself beyond the reach of the grand jury until the boodle inquiry was ended in St. Louis.

President Mitchell's advice has prevailed and all talk of strike in the anthracite region of Pennsylvania has been silenced. The convention of anthracite miners is in session at Scranton.

Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets are just what you need when you have no appetite, feel dull after eating and wake up with a bad taste in your mouth. They will improve your appetite, cleanse and invigorate your stomach and give you a relish for your food. For sale by Elk Drug Store.

Constipated Bowels.

To have good health, the body should be kept in a laxative condition, and the bowels moved at least once a day, so that all the poisonous wastes are expelled daily. Mr. G. L. Edwards, 142 N. Main St. Wichita, Kansas, writes: "I have used Herbine to regulate the liver and bowels for the past ten years, and found it a reliable remedy." 50c at Elk Drug Store, Colfax.

J. W. Poteet, proprietor of the Colfax Candy Factory, will be pleased to meet old and new customers at his new location, formerly The Palm.

Wanted—Girl for general housework. Apply to Mrs. U. L. Eitinger, South Colfax.

For Sale—Two registered Durham bulls, one yearling, one 3 year old. F. M. Martin, Cheney Wash.

For board and lodging, the Bakery Restaurant.
FIRE INSURANCE, H. W. GOPP.

CITY IS BLOTTED OUT

Awful Destruction Follows a Cloudburst at Heppner.

Hundreds Perish in the Flood—Immense Damage to Property—No Chance For Escape.

At 5:30 o'clock Sunday evening a cloudburst occurred a few miles above Heppner, Oregon, and swept down the valley of Willow creek, which flows through that town, carrying death and destruction in its wake. The flood of water came down the gulch so quickly that there was no time for warning to the doomed inhabitants of the prosperous little city, and hundreds of people perished in the twinkling of an eye. Heppner is so situated that the cloud, bursting as it did, just above the town, cut off all avenues of escape; and the mighty rushing waters carried everything before them. The residence portion of the city, which was located along the creek banks, was completely destroyed and large business houses were moved from their foundations and wrecked.

Rain had been falling almost all the afternoon and the people of the quiet little city were at home enjoying their Sunday dinner. A deafening peal of thunder aroused the inhabitants and they looked out of their windows and doors just in time to see the great wall of water upon them. Before they had time to think of escape their homes were picked up by the mighty waves and carried hither and thither in the madly racing flood. Human language is entirely inadequate to describe the scenes which followed. Desolation and death stalked about upon every hand as the floods, which lasted less than two hours, receded. Miles of the O. R. & N. railroad track were washed out and telegraph and telephone lines went down, cutting the survivors off from all communication with the outside world, save only by couriers on horseback.

It is estimated that between 400 and 500 people perished in the disaster, the like of which has never been known in the northwest. A conservative estimate of the loss of property places the destruction at close to \$1,000,000. Fine farms and cattle ranches, city residences and business property, which once lined the beautiful and productive valley of Willow creek, are now desolate wastes piled high with drifted debris. From among the ruins wrought by the waters the bands of rescuers are bringing the bodies of men, women and children drowned by the awful flood. Never in the history of a wreckage of a flood was such great disaster wrought in such a short time.

The torrent which brought death, ruin and destruction to this quiet but prosperous town, came from Willow creek. This canyon, which is to the south of the town, never carries water only in the springtime. It was perfectly dry up to only a few minutes before the flood came. The cloudburst came six miles above, and it was of such magnitude that when it came down it covered an area of three square miles.

Willow Creek canyon is fed by numerous small gulches, and this aided to fill the canyon with an ocean of water. The water moved in a solid body. The mouth of the canyon, just at the town, is exceptionally narrow, and when the water reached there it piled mountain high, resting for a moment, then lunging forth. It gave no warning, and while Sunday evening, the hand of death was on them.

The greatest ruin was near the creek proper. Homes, stores and all buildings which stood near the creek were so completely demolished that nothing of them could be found save the scattered boards which had been whipped into fine kindling wood. Buildings which stood far away were driven with violent force onto other buildings and in turn were demolished nearly beyond description. Nearly every house standing on the creek was destroyed, and of the few that remain only a portion of the upper stories is left. In some cases only shattered roofs are seen. Livery barns, saloons and stores were thrown with violent force into residences, crushing buildings before them. Numerous buildings are telescoped, parts of implements are in residences, chairs are found in barns, and hay lofts are found in upper parts of houses as the result of the violence with which things were driven before the flood.

Jam after jam was created by the larger buildings and trees which stood in the path of death and ruin. In the feet high, rest for a moment and then leap forth to another place. Buildings were shattered like matchwood, poles and green trees to the thickness of 20 inches were snapped off as easily as the breaking of a pipe stem.

The leaping of the water and the violent and rapid shifting of the timbers are what created such a long list of dead. People trying to make their escape were in many instances killed instantly and not drowned. Some people who were within one step of safety were knocked to the ground, others, just as they were grasping a helping hand, were swept from their feet and lost in the tide. Although the roaring of the flood deadened almost every sound, shrieks of sorrow and terror could be heard faintly on every side.

Probably the most sickening point at the present time is at the morgue, Robert's hall. Every few minutes a new victim is brought to the place in rough heavy wagons, which are constantly driving to the great piles of debris. When brought in the victim can only be recognized as that of a human body. The bodies are covered with mud, slime, grass and weeds. Fully 50 men and women await at the hall to hurriedly dress the bodies, which are immediately carried away to the cemeteries. People looking for missing relatives are in waiting, and as the wet earth is gradually cleaned from the faces of the victims shrieks of pain, agony and terror can be heard from men and women. Brave women are giving assistance at the morgue. People who at other times would swoon before such sights, do the work calmly and with only an expres-

sion of agony and sorrow on their thin faces. The bodies are quickly bathed, wrapped in coarse white cloth, placed in rough boxes and then carried to the burying ground, where a large crew is engaged in digging graves and covering the boxes. Before many of the bodies are allowed to be taken away the relatives will cut a lock of hair, take a piece of the destroyed clothing or secure some other article, which is to be held by the remaining members of the families as something to remember this horror stricken occasion.

Willing Workers in Plenty.

Thousands of men have reached Heppner, all coming from the surrounding country, some on horseback and many in wagons, as there is no other transportation. A large vigilance committee has been formed and for the time the city government has been placed in its hands. Armed men patrol the path of the rain, urging and commanding idle men to go to work. At first many men did nothing, but as night is the government that nearly all able bodied men are now at work. The work can not be done in a day, but it will require weeks. Although a large amount of work has been done it has practically just been started.

Mayor Gilliam's Estimate.

Heppner, June 16.—Mayor Frank Gilliam makes the following statement: "From results of investigations of the past 24 hours, I estimate that 300 lives were lost in the waterpout catastrophe. The searching parties have been working with might and main to get out the dead, and care for the bodies before it is too late to identify them. We need 100 more laborers and I will have them on the way within another day. Our principal need now is to get the streets cleaned up before the heat breeds pestilence. Provisions have been coming in with commendable promptness and we will be able to provide for the army of workers. A house mover from Pendleton has sent for paraphernalia to clear Main street of the buildings wrecked in it."

Town Will Be Rebuilt.

Heppner, June 17.—Just how many perished in Sunday's flood may never be known. It is probable the number does not exceed 350. It is believed many bodies have been buried in the mud deposited in the valley and may never be found. Reports from Ione this morning state that crops in the valley between that town and Heppner are practically ruined. This, with the damage to the railway, may bring the total property loss up to \$1,000,000. The railway is badly wrecked and may not be opened to Heppner for a week, though a train reached Lexington this morning. At Heppner it is stated there are now plenty of doctors and even more men than are needed to do the work, it being estimated that nearly 1000 people have rushed into the little town since the disaster. More money is said to be wanted and a temporary shelter for the homeless is desired. The town will be rebuilt, except the district along the creek. One drowning is reported between Lexington and Heppner, the victim being Mrs. Frey who lived on a farm.

Leslie Matlock a Hero.

Leslie Matlock, a stockman of Morrow county, is credited with saving the lives of more than 200 people living between Heppner and Ione by his wild ride of Sunday night. With the roaring torrent behind him, Matlock galloped down the banks of Willow creek, shouting: "The flood is coming. Run for your lives!"

He passed one stock ranch after another, where the inhabitants were peacefully gathered beneath their roofs, listening to the patter of the warm rain, so welcome to the stockmen of that region. They heeded the cry of the dashing horseman and without waiting for any valuables rushed for higher ground, only to verify the truth of young Matlock's warning—and still the rider dashed on.

The brave stockman knew that the home of his parents in Heppner had just been carried off by the flood and he was sure he had lost relatives dear to him as life itself, but he also knew that the people along down Willow creek could still be saved, and so he lost no time in making up his mind what to do. Were it not for his presence of mind and self-sacrifice, the list of dead and missing would be much greater than it is today.

The night was dark and the road down the canyon was rough and stony, but still the rider kept on.

"Flee for your lives, the flood is coming; don't wait to save a thing!"

And the roaring torrent close behind, emphasized his pleadings.

He reached Lexington, nine miles away, ahead of the flood. Here a number of cozy dwellings, church and mill lay in the path the torrent must take. Had it not been for Matlock's ride at least 50 residents of Lexington alone would have been carried away with their homes that are now piles of driftwood in the waters of the Columbia river.

Below Lexington many prosperous stock ranches stood, and at Petyville quite a gathering of dwellings are clustered. And the intrepid rider kept on. The night darkened and the rain continued, but there were scores of lives yet to be saved and at Ione Matlock reached a telephone by which the people between there and Douglas were enabled to save themselves in plenty of time. Ione itself had already been warned by the brave Kernan, whose heroism had cost him his life.

WHAT A CLOUDBURST IS.

Frequently Carry With Them Great Disaster.

Definitions of cloudbursts are somewhat of a minus quantity in all meteorological works. Waldo defines cloudbursts as sudden and excessive downpours of rain or hail, which have been carried upward and merely sustained and kept from falling by the ascending air currents, until a large amount has been accumulated aloft, when, by some weakening or breaking of the ascending currents, the whole or part of the accumulation falls to the ground. Cloudbursts are of a most frequent occurrence in connection with tornadoes, when the immense velocity of the ascending current is favorable to the collection of great masses of water.

(Continued on Page 5)