

which would be under water from this project, now yield, under careful cultivation, from six to eight tons of alfalfa each year.

Other Values Equal. It is held by high financial and statistical authorities that all other valuations will equal that of the farms, this estimate being the value of the town and railroad properties and other property not distinctively farm property and dependent upon it and developed with the improvement of the lands.

The \$2,700,000 which will be spent on the project will be spent in the Malheur valley. This amount many times exceeds the present value of all the property in the irrigable region. Ten per cent. interest on this amount for one day is just \$700, and it is easily seen that every day's postponement of the project means a loss of \$700 per day to the valley.

SAW THE MURDER.

Witness Calls for Help and the Perpetrator Escapes. New Ulm, Minn., Nov. 2.—Dr. L. A. Gebhard, a dentist aged 20, was murdered in his office last night.

Brooks called for help and the murderer jumped through a window and escaped. There is no clue to a motive of the murderer.

'KID' SHERIDAN DEAD.

Convicted Missouri Brawler Will Appear for Trial. St. Louis, Nov. 2.—John A. (Kid) Sheridan, former member of the house of delegates whose trial for bribery in connection with the suburban deal has been delayed on account of his illness, died this morning.

Sheridan was convicted and sentenced to five years, but the supreme court remanded the case.

HELIIX BARN AND CONTENTS BURN

LOSS WILL AGGREGATE FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS.

Accidental Overturning of a Lantern Caused the Disaster—Horses, Grain, Hay and Harness Destroyed, and Much Other Chattels—Insurance Was Far Beneath the Value, and the Loss Falls Heavily on Louis Muller.

The barn of Louis Muller, on his farm five miles west of Helix, was burned last night between 8 and 9 o'clock, and was a total loss.

The fire was caused by the accidental turning over of a lantern used by a hired man while engaged in feeding the stock.

The loss will aggregate over \$5000, with only \$1000 insurance.

The barn was about five years old and one of the best arranged and largest structures of the kind in the Helix country.

Trial Trip Armed Cruiser. Rockport, Mass., Nov. 2.—The armored cruiser West Virginia is making a trial trip today over the ther Cape Ann course.

Portland Jail Broken. Portland, Nov. 2.—Five prisoners broke from the county jail in the heart of the city last night.

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WYOMING BANK CASHIER SHOT

Made Unsuccessful Attempt to Get the Drop on Would-Be Bank Robbers.

ROBBERS ESCAPED WHILE UNDER FIRE.

Sheriff's Posse Is Hot on Their Trail and Overtook Them on Gray Bull River—One of Them Is Supposed to Have Been Injured, But No Officials Were Hurt—Robbers Escaped a Second Time on Stolen Horses and Have Disappeared, But With a Great Certainty of Being Again Overtaken.

Cody, Wyo., Nov. 2.—Two unknown cowboys who have been loafing around this place for the past week this afternoon walked into the First National Bank of this place and with drawn pistols ordered hands up.

The robbers who were in full retreat when they left the bank, then climbed upon their horses and fled at full speed, entirely bootless, having not secured a dollar.

The cashier, I. O. Middaugh, not content with the retreat of the robbers, followed them into the street and was shot through the chest by one of the robbers, and instantly killed.

The outlaws put up a stiff fight and got away, one being injured. A hundred shots were fired. The horses of the bandits were killed.

In the encounter with the robbers last night one of the outlaws was wounded, but no officers were hit.

LABOR LEADERS ARRESTED.

Charged With Using the Mails to Work a Fraud. Omaha, Nov. 2.—Henry Hauffaire, recording secretary, and John Cushing, president of the South Omaha Trades and Labor Council, are under arrest charged with using the mails to defraud.

It is alleged they sent out circulars asking money to pay the fines of men convicted during the recent meat strike, the money to be paid Hauffaire, who had no authority to receive it.

Pasquale Gets Five Years.

Walla Walla, Nov. 2.—Joseph Pasquale, the Italian who killed Dominico Valerio, will have five years in prison to meditate on his rash deed.

Chicago Grain. Chicago, Nov. 2.—December wheat opened \$1.11 1/2, closed \$1.12 1/2; May opened \$1.11 1/2, closed \$1.12.

Vesuvius in Eruption.

Naples, Nov. 2.—Vesuvius is again showing signs of activity. The crater is emitting a dense column of dust.

Pope Had Heart Failure.

Rome, Nov. 2.—The pope had an attack of heart failure during the night. Dr. Lapponi gave immediate relief.

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LOSE 2000 MEN AND TWO FORTS

Former Were Captured in Northern Manchuria, the Latter at Port Arthur.

ALL QUIET BUT ALERT AT GIBRALTAR FORT.

Money Circles of London Are Greatly Alarmed and Hope for Peace at Any Price—Coroner's Verdict in the Inquest at Hull, England, Is Non-Committal in the Extreme—Progress Being Made Toward the Convention to Investigate the North Sea Incident—Generals for Manchuria.

Rome, Nov. 2.—Dispatches from Manchuria state that the Russians lost 2000 men and four guns in the fighting Monday last.

It is also said the Japanese captured forts 15 and 16 at Port Arthur.

ALL QUIET ALONG THE SHAKHE.

St. Petersburg, Nov. 2.—Sakharoff reports the night passed quietly along the Shakhe river. Yesterday there were a few indecisive bombardments of outpost stations.

Holding Onto Troops.

Gibraltar, Nov. 2.—The fiftieth company of artillery, which was preparing to embark for Sierra Leon, has been ordered to remain here.

Guarding Gibraltar.

Gibraltar, Nov. 2.—The Isla, Boomarang and Alinaroma left today with a torpedo boat flotilla to patrol the Straits of Gibraltar.

English Statesmen Confer.

London, Nov. 2.—Premier Balfour this afternoon had a conference with Prince Louis of Battenberg, head of the naval intelligence bureau; Lord Selbourne, first lord of the admiralty; Foreign Secretary Lansdowne.

Monied Interests Scared.

London, Nov. 2.—It is learned that Lord Lansdowne has reported the progress of negotiations with Russia to the cabinet, although a complete agreement has not been reached.

The business community is still uneasy. Consols closed at 3-16 down. Leopold Rothschild and other great financial interests have been making the strongest kind of representations to both London and St. Petersburg in the interests of peace.

Excitement Has Abated.

Gibraltar, Nov. 2.—All excitement caused by the mobilization yesterday has abated, and the crisis is believed to be over.

Final Draft Being Made.

London, Nov. 2.—The cabinet met this morning at Balfour's home. It is believed the final draft of an Anglo-Russian convention is under consideration.

Inquest and Verdict.

Hull, Nov. 2.—The coroner's inquest into the firing on the trawlers by the Russian warships began this afternoon.

The fishermen testified that owing to the continual play of the Russian searchlights they were able to see clearly a long distance. They saw no craft resembling torpedo boats.

No Fears of a Crisis.

London, Nov. 2.—The Russian embassy this afternoon issued the following: "Nothing has occurred in the negotiations to raise fears of a new crisis. The two governments are studying, elaborating the details of the international commission inquiry.

SEVENTEEN WERE KILLED AT SALEM

Walls of Waterworks Reservoir Give Way and Flood North Carolina Town.

THIRTEEN RESIDENCES DESTROYED IN A MOMENT.

Million and a Half Gallons of Water Devastated Over a Mile of Territory—Cause Not Known and Responsibility Not Yet Fixed—No Warning of the Catastrophe, and People Were Drowned in Their Beds—Heavy Masonry Moved and Bodies Were Carried a Mile.

NO WARNING OF DISASTER.

Salem, N. C., Nov. 2.—The north wall of the brick reservoir of the Winston water works burst at 5 this morning killing 10 or more persons, white and colored. The water swept away a number of dwellings. The cause of the disaster is not ascertained.

SALEM, NOV. 2.—SEVEN ARE KNOWN TO BE DEAD AND MANY ARE MISSING.

When the wall of the reservoir collapsed it buried the home of Martin Peoples, with his family. Thirteen residences were destroyed.

A million and a half gallons of water escaped, devastating over a mile of territory. The colored settlement in the vicinity of the reservoir is entirely wrecked. Negroes and whites are both working to rescue the victims.

THE CAUSE OF THE DISASTER.

The cause of the disaster is the overflow of the reservoir. It is not known who is responsible. The reservoir burst without warning, and victims were drowned while sleeping. One couple floated on a bed for 500 yards and neither was injured.

THE KNOWN DEAD ARE: MRS. PEOPLES, MRS. JOHN POE AND DAUGHTER, THOMAS SOUTHERN AND FIVE NEGROES.

SEVENTEEN DEAD.

Salem, Nov. 2.—It is believed the dead will reach 17. Many victims were pinned under the debris of wrecked houses, and many bodies were washed into Belton pond, a mile away. The pond is being dragged for bodies.

Masonry from the reservoir weighing tons was carried half a mile. One child was rescued from a tree half a mile from the house.

OTHER RECOGNIZED DEAD ARE: MRS. VOGLER, MRS. SOUTHERN AND SON, MISS OCTAVIA BAILEY, LUCILLE MALONE AND CAROLINE MARTIN, THE TWO LAST NAMED BEING COLORED.

WOMAN'S GHASTLY CRIME.

Man Disembered and Robbed, and Murderer Escapes. Vienna, Nov. 2.—A ghastly murder in the populous suburb of Mariahilf is the sensation of the day.

It seems to be established that the woman, Francisca Klein, alone committed the crime. She decoyed Sikora into her lodging, strangled him, cut off his limbs and then placed the portions in a sack, which she hid behind a sofa where they were found.

After murdering Sikora, Francisca went to his apartments and by means of keys taken from his dead body, robbed his safe of money and stocks to the amount of several thousand dollars.

She fled, and her husband's body was found in a sack in the apartment of a couple named Klein.

Suicide at Asylum. Salem, Nov. 2.—Charles Werdan, an inmate of the asylum, aged 26 years, committed suicide at that institution yesterday morning by hanging himself.

Jewish Riots. Lemberg, Galicia, Nov. 2.—Riots have occurred at Lief in consequence of the mobilization of the reserves.

Mobs at Bugustaw, Waasykow and Kanlow are reported to have attacked the houses and shops of the Jews. Troops interfered and a number were killed.

Oregon Wool is Now in Demand. It is reported that the 1905 wool clip of Wallowa county, is being contracted at from 16 to 18 cents per pound and that a large proportion of the clip is already sold at those figures.

Buyers are scouring the country in every direction and the keenest competition among buyers and commission companies exists.

In speaking of the wool situation in Umatilla county, A. H. Sunderman, the well known sheepman, says: "Owing to the scarcity of wool in the markets of the world and especially in the markets of the United States, wool prices and sheep prices promise to be excellent next year, no matter who is elected president."