

MANY DEATHS FROM SEVERE WEATHER

LARGEST CITIES IN THE EAST REPORT GREATEST LOSS FROM THE COLD.

General Snowfall Throughout All West Central States Added to Misery—In Canada Northwest 38 Below—Train Service Delayed in Dakotas—Seven Inches of Snow in Tacoma.

New York.—A total of 11 deaths from the extreme cold weather was the record in this city Saturday for the winter's coldest day here. Although the thermometer had sunk to eight degrees at about 10 o'clock, from a maximum of 15 in midafternoon, the suffering was not so intense because of a marked let-up in the furious gale.

The sudden cold snap has driven so many thousands of destitute and homeless to seek shelter in the municipal lodging houses, the coveted places, and even the morgue that the leaders of the mission appealed to the churches to open their doors to the homeless.

Chicago Reports One Death.

Chicago.—While Chicago, as well as the rest of the middle West, continued to feel the cold and there was much suffering reported, charity in the city went far to relieve the homeless. One death was reported in the city. The Chicago weather report indicated a temperature of 7 degrees below zero.

A general snowfall through Illinois, Iowa, Michigan and Missouri added to the misery.

The general temperature range in the Canadian northwest was 38 below.

The cold wave which covered the northwest and the entire Mississippi valley is causing severe distress in many of the big middle western cities.

In Montana, according to the railroad officials, there has been a great deal of snow, but the weather is comparatively mild and trains in that state are running well.

Most of the delay is caused in the Dakotas and Minnesota, where it is bitterly cold and where the snow has drifted over the tracks in immense hills, which are being slowly penetrated by the snowplows.

Not for many years has there been so general a paralysis of telegraph and telephone wires as resulted Saturday night from a sleet storm in western Oregon and Washington. Portland was almost cut off from the world. Reports received from Portland points north and south of that city indicate that everything outdoors is coated with ice, which will destroy trees and shrubbery in the manner of the so-called "silver thaw" of several years ago. Seattle experienced a very slushy day with enough snow to paint the ground white, while Tacoma has seven inches of snow. Snow is general over Oregon, Washington and Idaho. There was no disturbance at sea. No damage is reported except at Portland.

Few Low Records.

Chicago	7 below
Duluth	38 below
Texas	18 below
Oklahoma	10 below
Nebraska	20 below
Missouri	10 below
Spokane	6 below

WASHINGTON-IDAHO STATE LINE

Pamphlet Issued by the Geological Survey Sent Free.

Olympia.—I. M. Howell, secretary of state, is in receipt of a pamphlet entitled "Retracement of the Boundary Line Between Idaho and Washington," issued by the United States geological survey.

This resurvey was not taken with the contemplation of finding any errors in the old survey of 1873, but rather to "ascertain, mark and reestablish that line."

The length of the line surveyed is 178 miles, and extends due north from the junction of the Snake and Clearwater rivers to the international boundary line. The bulletin contains a map showing in detail the important points in the entire 178 miles. Secure copies by making application to Secretary Howell direct.

GOVERNORS' TRIP A GOOD IDEA

So Says Ohio's Governor at Banquet in New York City.

New York.—Governor Judson Harmon of Ohio was the guest of honor at a dinner of the Lotus club Saturday night, and in his address took the recent visit of the western governors to New York and other eastern cities as the basis for argument for wiping out all sectional lines. He urged that it would be a good thing for the eastern governors to return the visit. The address made no reference to the political situation.

WASHINGTON STATE

A new courthouse is proposed in Chelan county.

A Chautauqua will be held at Walla Walla this summer.

Five companies of Puget Sound are now in an electric merger.

United States District Judge George Donworth of Seattle has resigned.

For the first time in several years the Pend O'Reille river is frozen over solid.

According to assessor's report, the total valuation of all property in Stevens county for 1911 is \$7,855,175.

Constitutionality of the act creating the industrial insurance commission will be argued in the federal court in April.

A lumber company has acquired title, for \$22,800, to 1540 acres of timber land in the northern part of Spokane county.

A lumber company is contracting the logging of 6,000,000 feet of yellow and white pine logs for the Beyersdorf mill at Diamond lake.

State permanent funds on January 1, this year, aggregated \$9,270,701, of which all but \$264,130 had been invested in interest-bearing bonds.

The United States submarine boat F3 was launched recently from a Seattle shipyard, where three other vessels of the same class are to be constructed.

The sale of the Holdings of the Hoosier Land company of New York city, consisting of 27,321 acres of timber land in Kittitas county, to New York capitalists, is confirmed.

J. M. Johnson is now agent for the Colville Indians. Captain John McA. Webster was relieved of part of his duties as agent for Indians in eastern Washington and northern Idaho.

While watching the funeral procession of Dennis Rose, whose death resulted from the kick of a horse, Pat Donahue, a Dayton truck operator, was kicked in the face by a horse, dying a few hours later.

Benumbed with the cold while stealing a ride on the pilot of the engine up the Snake River line recently, Patrick Boyle fell before the wheels of the rushing engine and was cut and torn to pieces.

When a shotgun slipped down between several logs on his sled at Moab and was accidentally discharged, E. S. Mackay, aged 63, received the full charge of shot in his left hip, shattering the bones.

James Brown, charged by information filed in the superior court of Stevens county with first degree assault upon A. A. Stevenson at Springdale last August, has been brought back from Portland for trial.

At a recent meeting of the commissioners of Franklin county an appropriation was made to advance two great projects—development of the Columbia river and government irrigation for Franklin county.

Mrs. Sarah B. Ferry, aged 85, widow of Elisha P. Ferry, first governor of the state of Washington and one of the governors of the territory of Washington, died Saturday morning at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Eliza Ferry Leary, of Seattle.

Each shooting with poor aim in the growing dusk, Sunday evening, Dan Rubertt, Austrian bartender, famed as a gun man and "killer," and Mrs. Eli Radovich, an Austrian woman, fought a pistol duel in the street. She may die, he wasn't hit.

While journeying from Sherlock, on the Nesqually river, to Seattle in a small open boat and camping at night on the open beaches of Puget sound, an old man, said to be a blacksmith, was frozen to death on the beach near Steilacoom, recently.

The bodies of Mrs. Mary P. Hyde, nee Rosslow, who died at Lemon Grove, Cal., December 23, and Miss Louise Rosslow, who passed away in her berth while returning to Spokane bringing the body of her sister, arrived in Seattle Tuesday on the steamer President.

Pleading guilty to burglary, Paul Starke and Frank Warner, alias "Alabama Dutch," were each sentenced to from 15 years in prison, and Harry J. Eastman, ringleader of a band of thugs who operated in Seattle during the last few months, drew a sentence of five to 14 years.

The Very Rev. Emil Kauten, formerly rector of Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic church, Spokane, and for the last 10 years chancellor of the diocese of Seattle and chaplain of the Providence hospital, Seattle, died Sunday morning at Seattle. He was one of the most widely known and popular Catholic missionaries in the northwest, having served the church in this section since coming to America, 36 years ago.

The commissioners of Pend Oreille county will hold a special meeting January 16, at which time they will make final arrangements for the calling of a special election on the proposal to bond the county for \$110,000 for taking up outstanding warrants on the current ex-

pense fund. This amount will cover the portion of Stevens county debt assumed by the new county, \$16,000, also the cost of equipping the new county, building of the jail and vaults, transcribing of the records and all costs of operation to date.

LA FOLLETTE BLAMES WALL ST.

Says Panics Would Not Have Occurred if Receivership Suits Started.

Danville, Ill.—That Wall street is responsible for every panic the country has suffered and none would have occurred if the federal government, when the first symptoms appeared, had threatened to sue for receivership for the principal banking institutions unless they stemmed the disaster, was declared by Senator Robert M. La Follette in the closing address of his campaign in Illinois.

Water should be squeezed out of overcapitalized corporations, he said, and the government should prevent their combining with banks to exploit the public for profit.

HORTICULTURAL MEET.

W. P. Sawyer Elected President—Next Meet at North Yakima.

Clarkston, Wash.—North Yakima was unanimously elected as the place of holding the next annual meeting of the Washington State Horticultural association.

The presidency of the association also went to the famous Washington fruit district, W. P. Sawyer of that city being unanimously chosen.

L. H. Tischer of Wenatchee was elected first vice president and J. D. Daggett of Waitsburg second vice president. L. M. Brown, who has accomplished good results as secretary of the association, was reelected. E. P. Wgtson of Clarkston was chosen treasurer.

THIS YEAR'S CALIFORNIA EXCURSIONS GREAT SUCCESS.

The special train excursion to Los Angeles, Cal., which will leave Spokane via O. R. & N., Friday, January 19th, is proving very attractive to a great many people of Spokane and the Inland Empire. People from Northport, Marcus, Libby, Colville, Chewelah, La Crosse, Fairfield, Pullman, Moscow, Reardan, Almira, Spangle, Palouse City, Wenatchee, North Yakima, Walla Walla, and a great many others have reservations made. The party promises to be a big, as well as a pleasant one. Farmers, merchants, bankers, mechanics and capitalists are on the list.

Parties in Walla Walla district have a special from Walla Walla that will connect at Wallula Junction with the excursion train which leaves Spokane Jan. 19, at 11 p. m.

These excursions are winners, both from standpoint of convenience to patrons and publicity. It's quite an advertising feature for the Inland Empire to take an elegant special train of Pullman sleepers, diners, observation car, etc., through California, and they, on their part, do their utmost to entertain the visitors.

A similar excursion left Spokane January 5th, with seven cars of excursionists from Calgary, Edmonton, Medicine Hat and other Alberta points. There were so many applicants for space on this train that those having it in charge actually stopped selling tickets seven days before the train was to leave. There was 197 people in the party who were in Spokane part of the day January 5th. Those who went on the same excursion last year proved such good boosters for this grand trip, their friends simply filled the train long before it was to leave.

Those in this territory contemplating a California trip this winter cannot do better than to investigate at once, before too late to secure reservations. Rate: \$100 for the round-trip ticket, which includes all meals in dining cars, at hotels; all side trips, carriage, automobile and trolley rides, etc.; in fact, every expense on the going trip. Two tickets entitles holders to a section, and only a limited number will be taken. Train electric lighted throughout. An excellent observation car, two diners and a special baggage car will be carried.

Full particulars, with an itinerary of the trip, may be had by writing the O. W. R. & N. Co., 601 Sprague avenue, Spokane, Wash.

GEN. LEA HAS GOOD REASONS

Declines to Act as Chief of Staff With Revolutionaries.

Shanghai.—General Homer Lea, the American officer who accompanied Dr. Sun Yet Sen to China, it was said for the purpose of taking a responsible position with the revolutionaries as military adviser, has received official notification that there is a penalty of death attached to the participation by an American in the insurrection in China. General Lea sometime ago declined to act as chief of staff.

Burns, Detective, Before Court.

Indianapolis.—The federal grand jury, after hearing brief testimony by Detective W. J. Burns, adjourned its investigation of the alleged dynamiting conspiracy for a few days. Guy Bidinger, a Burns detective, also appeared in the federal building.

NORTHWEST NEWS NOTES

Work has commenced on the steel bridge at Libby.

A Chautauqua is planned for Spirit Lake this summer.

On January 18 a postal savings bank will be opened at Valier, Mont.

Wireless telegraphy will become a factor in the prevention of forest fires in Montana.

One hundred years ago Saturday the first white man arrived at or near what is now Pendleton, Ore.

Tablets sold as a cold cure caused the death of little Edith Antell, aged 2 years, at Bingham, Utah.

Kellogg, Idaho, is to have a weekly newspaper, according to the plans of Walter Moriarity, a journalist.

The Pacific plumbing "trust," against which the government filed suit in Los Angeles last month, dissolved Saturday.

Both Washington and Idaho are in splendid condition financially, with excellent prospects for a great progress in the year 1912.

William Growler, a passenger on the steamer Santa Barbara, en route from Grays Harbor to San Francisco, became violently insane.

Charles Carns and George Fargo, who escaped from the Asotin county (Washington) jail December 29, were recaptured at Ferdinand, Idaho.

The 1912 meeting of the Northwest Livestock association and Livestock show will be held at Lewiston, Idaho, December 9 to 13, inclusive.

A combination of paint and oil establishments on the Pacific coast is in course of formation, involving an outlay of approximately \$20,000,000.

The Great Northern Railway company has let contracts for \$250,000 worth of work in the revision of its main line track west of Crossport, Idaho.

Sheriff Clifford C. Brown of Moscow has gone to New York to bring back to prison Robin K. Bradbury, who twice escaped from the Latah county jail.

The recent fall of snow, unless it melts too soon and is followed by freezing weather, will be a great help to the wheat crops of the Inland Empire.

James Brown, a well-known lumberman and contract logger, was dangerously injured recently by being kicked in the face by a fractious horse a few miles from Sumpter, Ore.

Lieutenant Colonel Charles W. Penrose, commandant at Fort George Wright, near Spokane, has asked for a 60-day sick leave and will leave for California as soon as the request is granted.

Temple W. Alexander, former purchasing clerk of the O. W. R. & N. company at Portland, is charged with embezzlement of \$15,000. He has confessed. He blames "butterfly life." Alexander was recently married.

C. J. Clark, who has been held at Eureka, Mont., pending the outcome of the injuries to William Conklin, who was shot by Clark in an altercation on Christmas night, has been released. Clark was night officer at the time.

Sunday the enormous steel bridge of the Oregon Trunk railway across the Columbia river at Celilo falls was opened for through trains between Portland and all central Oregon points on the Oregon Trunk. The new bridge eliminates the ferry service at Fall-bridge.

Paul J. Berg and his wife, Louise Berg, an elderly couple from MeLeod, Alberta, Canada, were placed in prison at San Francisco following a raid by detectives on their apartments in a hotel where women's wearing apparel valued at about \$1000 and supposed to have been stolen, was discovered.

According to estimates compiled by United States Surveyor General Jerome Locke, there will soon be open to entry in Montana 6,107,000 acres of public land, settlement of which has been delayed owing to the fact that the land was unsurveyed. Of this amount, 2,104,000 acres has been surveyed during the last year, and the remaining 4,000,000 acres were surveyed in 1909 and 1910, but the returns have not yet been checked up. The land will probably be opened this year.

John Laird, one of the most notorious boxcar robbers operating in the western country, and going under some half a dozen assumed names, pleaded guilty at Butte to robbing a box car of the C. M. & P. S. railway of 4500 cigars, kid gloves and various other articles, and was sentenced to five years in the penitentiary. In different parts of the country he has been known as J. B. Corrigan, W. C. Wilson, "Fat" Wilson and Fred Strand. He is one of a gang operating between Butte and Spokane.

St. Louis Millionaire Dies.

St. Louis.—Samuel Cupples, aged 80 years, multi-millionaire of this city, whose gifts to Washington university amounted to \$1,000,000, died Sunday night.

FROM MINING CAMPS

Portland.—Track prices: Club, 79@80; bluestem, 82@83; fortyfold, 80@81; red Russian, 78@79; valley, 80@81c.

The Clugston Mining company has been making some valuable finds on its property on Clugston creek, north of Colville, Wash.

The new 80-horsepower engine and six-drill compressor on the Jack Waite mine in the Coeur d'Alenes, started operations this week.

According to reports, the old Gracker-jack mine, now owned by the Mines company, located near Elk City, Idaho, has been sold to California investors for \$200,000.

The Bear Top-Orofino company is setting up a 60-horsepower gasoline engine on its property in Coeur d'Alene, and as soon as it is installed will be able to operate all the year around.

While the prospects of a settlement of the cotton strike are considered improved in England, another labor troubles threatened in the shape of a national strike of miners, who desire to secure a minimum wage.

The Black Horse company, operating in northern Idaho, is setting up a gasoline engine to reinforce its water power. It is rated at 100 horsepower and will be used to actuate a seven-drill compressor, as well as the mill, which has a capacity of 125 tons daily.

One of the biggest boilers in the district is being installed in the power house of the Bunker Hill and Sullivan mine at Wardner. It is a 250-horsepower boiler of the Heine type, a combination of the tubular and water tube varieties.

According to the annual report of the state coal mine inspector, J. B. McDermott, of Montana, the coal production in Montana for the year 1911 was 9,913,397 tons, against 2,970,246 tons in 1910. A total of 3776 men were employed, and the mine value of the coal produced was \$4,903,620.73.

Statistics compiled by the commissioner of conservation in Canada show that the death rate in Canadian coal mines is much higher than in any other civilized country. During the last 10 years the rate in the Fernie district was 4.79 per cent, against a rate of 3.43 per cent in the United States. In all other countries the rate was still lower.

IDAHO COMMISSIONERS MEET.

They Object to Proposals of Idaho Tax Commission.

Boise, Idaho.—The county commissioners' state convention adjourned Saturday to meet here in December. While the body did not go on record, there was a plain majority against the proposed state tax commission. The convention also opposed the proposed \$2500 tax exemption on small homes and voted to cut it to \$1000. The convention also demanded the right to send out of the state for printing matter whenever that could not be secured cheaply and reasonably within the state itself.

Advocated laws forcing family deserters to work on the county roads and providing for the payment of the largest part of the money earned into the family pocketbook, qualifications for state employes rather than political aspirations, economy in management of county business, abolition of road overseers, stringent marriage laws preventing the physically and mentally unsound from entering that relation, six-year terms for commissioners, adequate salaries and the recall, assessment of property ever two years instead of every four, as provided under the new law, exemption of cities and villages from county poll taxes, levy of taxes in September instead of April, as provided by the new law, appointment of probation officers by the probate judge, but with the approval of the commissioners, who shall fix the compensation instead of leaving all of these matters in the hands of the court, and other matters of like importance.

BOSS CROKER'S DAUGHTER SUES

Mrs. John J. Breen of New York Tires of Husband.

New York.—The existence of a divorce suit by Mrs. John J. Breen, who was Miss Ethel Croker, was disclosed by a motion filed by counsel for Breen in the supreme court. Breen, a business man, wants a public trial.

Recently Breen began an action against his father-in-law, Richard Croker, former leader of Tammany Hall, for \$100,000 damages for the alleged alienation of the affections of his wife.

GET NO CLUE TO DARING BANDIT

Robber Who Rifled Mail Car in California Vanishes With Ease.

Redding, Cal.—Postal detectives investigating the recent robbery of the Oregon express mail car by the lone bandit, who escaped when the train reached Redding, have found no trace of the daring robber. The rewards of \$1000 each offered by the Southern Pacific and government officials, have stimulated the search for the bandit.