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## BRIDGES AND TRACKS ON BRANCH ROADS ARE GONE

After several days of strenuous labor with a large force of men on the Walla Walla branch of the O. R. & N., the melting snow of Monday filled up the streams again last night and washed out every vestige of the work of repairs which had been done, relates the Pendleton E. O., of Tuesday.

Near Havana, where the most serious damage was done in the first washout, all the new grade was washed away last night and it was impossible to run trains over the branch this morning.

A work train under the direction of General Superintendent M. J. Buckley has been engaged today in making repairs wherever possible to prevent further damage, but the damage to the track is almost as serious as at first.

Water rushed down the canyon on College Streets this afternoon and covered the stockyards and flooded Bluff Street. At the Thompson Street crossing

of the O. R. & N. water ran over the track all afternoon.

### WASHINGTON LINE DAMAGED

The Washington division of the O. R. & N. was also badly injured last night and traffic was seriously interfered with between Umatilla and Wallula. A large force of men was rushed their last night to repair the damage, but it is not known how long it will require to place the grade in condition for traffic.

All along the Walla Walla branch the water is very high again and the conditions are so uncertain and threatening that it is impossible to guess when trains will be running.

The train which was scheduled to leave for Weston this morning was abandoned on account of the damage at Havana and no attempt will be made to operate trains until the high water subsides.

## TO OVERHAUL THE OREGON

(Scripps News Association)  
Brooklyn, Feb. 20.—The famous battleship Oregon is expected here tonight or tomorrow morning for complete overhauling in the navy yard. She will be modernized at an expense of over one million dollars. She will be changed on the same lines as her sister ship, the Indiana, and will be provided with elliptical turrets to prevent her from keeling when all four of her twelve inch guns are pointed over the side of the ship.

Following are some interesting figures in regard to the ship which won a world wide fame for its wonderful trip around the cape: Its length in load water line is 348 feet its extreme breadth 89 feet The mean draught which the famous boat takes is 24 feet six inches.

The normal coal supply varies at about 400 tons, with a bunker capacity of 1,449 tons.

The number of the torpedo tubes is 13-19 Her armor, side turrets and barbets consists of eighteen, fifteen and seventeen inches steel respectively.

## EVELYN STILL ON THE STAND

(Scripps News Association)  
New York, Feb. 20.—The Thaw trial commenced promptly at 10:30 with Evelyn on the stand. She displayed considerable nervousness as she took the witness chair. Jerome presented a number of photographs of the witness while posing for model artists. A discussion of the pictures and clothing in which she posed, one being in a kimono that Thaw gave her in Philadelphia before coming to New York, followed. She stated that she never posed with more than her neck and shoulders exposed.

At this time one of Jerome's assistants entered with great heaps of photographs of the former model.

Jerome then asked Evelyn about her relation with James A. Garland while she was seeking a divorce during the spring of 1905, several months before Evelyn met White. She admitted that she sometimes spent Sundays on Garland's yacht and that her friendship continued until she met White, when it ceased abruptly.

Jerome suddenly asked for an adjournment which was taken until 12 o'clock.

## SMOOT WILL RETAIN HIS SEAT IN THE SENATE

(Scripps News Association.)  
Washington, Feb. 20.—A flash from the senate chambers filed at 4 o'clock, says Senator Reed Smoot retains his seat in the senate. The original resolution which declared Smoot not entitled to the seat as amended by the Hopkins amendment was defeated by a vote of 47 nays to 28 yeas.



the Mormon Senator from Utah. This move will, it is understood, receive the support of the Republicans. Its effect will be to place the question of expulsion squarely before the Senate, and the indications are strong that the resolution providing for expulsion will be rejected or tabled by the vote of a large majority of the Senate.

### TERRIBLE WORD BATTLE

Washington, Feb. 20.—The final debate on the Smoot case was heated this afternoon. Dubois declared that Hopkins in a previous speech had declared that Mormonism was above all Christian religions. Hopkins leaped up with his eyes blazing. "I'll not yield", shouted Dubois who has lead the opposition during the past four years. Hopkins shouted "it's absolute misrepresentation."

Senator Knox made sarcastic flings at the sanctity of the home. He exclaimed "You may have the Mormon vote but you have lost the moral support of Christian men and women of the United States."

Senator Beveridge then contrasted the Smoot ouster trial with the Captain Dreyfus case in France. He declared there was no blacker wrong than to ruin the reputation of a man or woman. He insisted that this or no other public policy could justify such damnation or error.

Senator Carmack took the floor. He argued that this action of the Mormon church, in sending Smoot to the senate, was an offense against good morality and characterized it as another example of the brazen affrontery which the church resorts to in defying public sentiment.

Then came Foraker again with the statement that no testimony exists which will justify expulsion.

(Scripps News Association)  
Washington, Feb. 20.—By agreement entered into between Senator Smoot's friends and the members of Senate on Feb. 20, the Senate will this afternoon vote on the resolution declaring him not entitled to his seat. The programme of dealing with the report of the committee as tentatively discussed when the matter last before the Senate, provides that a Democratic Senator, presumably Mr. Bailey or Mr. Overman, will propose to replace the committee resolution, which provides that Mr. Smoot's seat shall be declared vacant, with a substitute which shall declare in favor of the expulsion of

## HILGARD RESIDENT MAKES EFFORT TO COMMIT SUICIDE

After a week of heavy drinking, James Beibur, well known in La Grande and Union county for many years, tried to hurry the effects of alcohol yesterday by taking carbolic acid. Mr. Beibur makes his home at Hilgard and while in an apparent fit of temporary insanity, made several efforts to procure the deadly poison from the Hilgard store. He was refused the drug, and later sent a friend to get it for him. However, he was foiled in his attempts to take his own life.

The citizens of Hilgard concluded to turn the matter over to the authorities, and last evening telephoned for Sheriff Childers. Mr. Childers went to Hilgard and returned with the would be suicide. Beibur is being held at the county jail for mental examination. Mr. Childers is of the opinion that Beibur is not permanently demented but was crazed by drink and grew tired of living.

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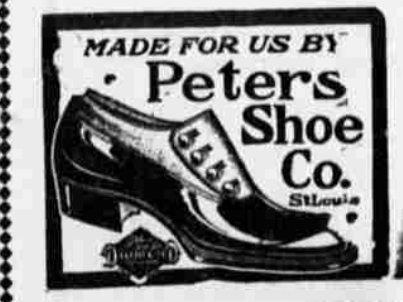
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