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GRANDE RONDE OVERFLOWS BANKS; LOWLANDS COVERED

No Serious Damage Resultant Unless
Stream Rises Another Foot.

Grande Ronde river waters have overrun their natural confines today in this valley as the direct result of a sudden swelling of the stream yesterday afternoon and evening. This morning the stream, now a roaring torrent, sank a few inches but late this afternoon is swelling again and probably by the time the snow melted, by the day warmth up the river this forenoon reaches lower levels, the stream will be higher than yesterday evening. It has been at the danger mark for 24 hours and from its present depth can swell but little more before doing serious damage. The Perry dam is intact, holding the immense quantity of water well. If it goes out, large sections of La Grande will be flooded and terrific damage to bridges created as the large quantity of logs held in check by the dam would come down with disastrous effect to the bridges down stream. Today there is no dangerous consequences—the situation rests in the fact of whether or not the river will swell materially higher than now. If it does, danger and damage are certain fruits.

River Floods Road.

Just above the quarry at Oro Dell, between the west end of the quarry and the railroad bridge viaduct, the county road is flooded and has been since last evening with varying degrees of water. This forenoon about a foot of water covered the road for some three hundred yards, but teams were able to get through with difficulty. Teams from Starkey crossed through but anticipate trouble in getting home.

Five Points Bridge Weak.

Several teams that came down early this morning reported the wooden bridge over Five Points just at the confluence with the river, to be going out rapidly and fear was expressed by the drivers as to their ability to return this afternoon. It was not believed the bridge would last the forenoon out. This loss will be trivial however, except for the inconvenience caused.

Flooded own River, Too.

Wherever, at points down river from La Grande, sloughs and low banks prevail, the water has run over and a glimpse at the valley from elevations reveals unnatural lakes and streams over a large area, that do no harm at their present stage, but forebode what will happen if the

water goes two or three feet higher. Even less raise will cause trouble.

Irrigation Ditch Menaces.

Trouble in La Grande which existed this morning was due, to the irrigation ditch that has its intake just below the Oro Dell bridge, and runs toward the city on the north side of the track, crosses under the railroad near the stockyards and runs east on the south side of the track to Third and then cuts over under Jefferson, under Fourth and down the tin sewer in the alley near Jefferson.

The headgate is a makeshift proposition, with water running in at the sides and through the gates. This fault was remedied by noon.

Building Second Gate.

Street Superintendent Stoner this morning hurried a crew of men to the headgate of the irrigation ditch and reinforced the gate with rocks, and then proceeded to build a secondary gate a few feet back of the original gate which will form a dead water pool and prevent swelling of the ditch water. As long as that holds, the lower section of the city is perfectly safe, but should the entire headgate give way, a space six feet wide and five feet high will let in the swiftly flowing river.

Other Dangers Prevail.

The repair that was given the headgate remedied that fault by noon and prevents all inconveniences but the greater danger in prospect is for an added foot or two feet of water to the height of the stream. In that event the river will overrun its banks at the Oro Dell bridge and the irrigation ditch will form the channel for the flood. A portion of this would cross under the track and eventually reach Chinatown, the Japanese colony buildings, the restricted district and go down Jefferson and nearby territory.

Another portion of the water would keep on the north side of the track, flooding the railroad yards, and injuring property on a level with the yards along the north side of the track. This exigency will arise only if the river continues to rise to a point two feet higher than it is now. Danger down river is trifling now and as no logs are running it is not likely that bridges will suffer materially. There is some rotten bulwark at the Oro Dell power dam that might wash away and strike the piers of the Palmer mill railroad and county bridges, tearing them out or forming backwater that would be serious.

Along the east bank of the river in the region of the Palmer mill boarding house and adjacent homes the river this morning was within one foot of the top of the riprap and for several hundred yards the river will spread out on the flat where scores of houses are built. There is no danger at that point unless the river continues to go up.

Traffic continues over the bridge at the Palmer mill.

No. 43 Gets Weekly Prize.

The weekly prize in the automobile contest, which is given each week to the number showing the greatest gain during the week is awarded this week to No. 43.

No Appointments Today.

The anticipated postoffice appointments by President Wilson failed to materialize today. No explanation is given for the delay.

WHAT HE EXPECTED AND WHAT HE GOT.



THREE FIRES INJURE UNION

PRUNE DRIER DESTROYED AS
OTHER FIRES RAGE.

City Marshal Badly Hurt While on
Way to Help Fight the Blaze.

Union, Ore., April 12.—(Special)—Three fires within as many hours was the unusual experience of the people in Union yesterday. Mr. Winters, the engineer at the planer, saw a fire start in the planer and put it out in a few minutes. He looked across the street and saw that the prune dryer was afire and as a high wind was blowing, in a few minutes the building was wrapped in flames. The alarm was given and the firemen responded at once but could do but little in subduing the flames and the building was soon in ashes. The heat from the fire was so intense that no one could get near to do anything. In a short time another alarm was turned in and Mr. Nelson's barn was discovered to be on fire. It was burned to the ground but the loss is covered by some insurance. It is not known whether the prune dryer was insured or not as it is owned by an eastern company. The company had made several hundred dollars worth of improvement the past year, and if not covered by insurance, this will be a big loss to the community unless it will be replaced as thousands of pounds of prunes are dried here every year.

City Marshal Hurt.

Marshal Casper had quite an accident while riding on the hose cart to the fire. He was thrown from the wagon and the hose car ran over him and his shoulder was thrown out of place. He was very badly bruised up and does not care to repeat his experience.

Nominations Sent in.

Washington, D. C., April 12.—President Wilson today sent the following nominations to the senate: Dudley Malone, New York, third assistant secretary of state. John Bassett Moore, New York, counsellor of the state department. Colonel Hugh Scott will be brigadier general.

WILSON WINS FIRST ROUND

OPPOSITION TO FREE SUGAR IS
GIVEN BEATING.

Enemies From the South Are Snowed
Under in Test Vote.

Washington, April 12.—First blood for President Wilson's tariff revision plans was drawn in the house Democratic caucus this afternoon when the amendment to the proposed sugar schedule, offered by Representative Broussard, was overwhelmingly defeated. The Broussard amendment would have reduced the sugar duty but ten per cent, under the present tariff and was snowed under by a vote of 85 to 16.

Today's vote was the first test of strength between the friends of the president's tariff reforms, and opposi-

FINAL ADJUDICATION OF GRANDE RONDE RIVER RIGHTS STARTED

Instructions dealing with the manner of filing claims for water in the Grande Ronde river, these instructions being preliminary to final and equitable adjudication of water rights were given out this morning at the court house by Water Superintendent Geo. T. Cochran. A large number of water users from surrounding districts attended and were shown how to best file their claims, and just what the state statute provides as the manner of obtaining titles which within the course of a year or so will be promulgated for "keeps."

Similar instructions and hearings have been held at the several towns of the valley this month.

Many Visit in City.

B. Jensen of Pendleton, C. S. Moore of North Powder, D. C. Osburn of Union, J. W. Covender of North Powder, J. Brant of North Powder and Mrs. R. A. Shelton of Union are among the guests that stopped at the Savoy last night.

H. M. Rey of Baker, J. R. Hodson of Portland, H. C. Fish of Chicago, E. Meyer of Delta, Colo., W. T. Kennelly of Portland, H. Huffman and wife of Union, and A. Peel of Spokane are among the guests at the Sommer.

HUNGER STRIKE WINS RELEASE OF PRISONER

MRS. PANKHURST IS TAKEN FROM
JAIL, TOO ILL TO STAND
ALONE.

FINAL TESTS IS A FAILURE

Delicious Viands Placed Where Odors
Would Reach Her Last Night, With
out Effect—Taken to Private Hos-
pital—Is Still a Prisoner and May
Be Returned to Prison When Well.

London, April 12.—Exhausted and unable to stand alone, Mrs. Emmeline Pankhurst was released from Holloway prison today. She has refused to eat a morsel of food since put in the prison. Suffragette leaders received the woman at the jail entrance and took her to a private hospital and would issue no statement but asserted her condition was "precarious." For nine days she subsisted entirely on cold water and though still technically a prisoner and must serve her three years at hard labor, she won her point set when sentenced that she would "rot before eating in prison."

She was released in pursuance of the government's policy not to place the life of a suffragette prisoner in jeopardy. A final effort to make the woman eat last night was made. Savory roast beef, hot vegetables and delicious viands were placed so that the odors would reach her nostrils but the scheme failed. She can be put back in prison when she recovers, and this process may be kept up for three years.

ants, and the Wilson men emerged from the battle with colors flying.

The proposal of Representative Hardwick, of Georgia, for immediate free sugar will be put to a vote late this afternoon.

HIRAM P. MAXIM.

Famous Inventor's Son, Who
Himself Invented Noise Silencer.



GAY REVELRY IN SMART CAFE ZONES PROBED

VICE CRUSADE TURNS CHICAGO
UPSIDE DOWN FIGURA-
TIVELY.

SOCIETY BELLES NABBED

Women From Good Homes Caught in
Fashionable Cafes Where Tango
and Turkey Trot Is Ruling Enter-
tainment—Police Swoop Down on
Rector's and The States, Catching
Great Herd.

Chicago, April 12.—Snatched from their revelries at some of the gayest cafes and bundled into automobiles and hustled to the La Salle hotel where they were forced to testify before the senate starvation probers, a score or more of Chicago's smart set stand out prominently today as one of the biggest sensations of the city's history. The raid of the subpoena servers occurred at midnight, throwing hundreds of revelers into panic. Prominent society women were forced to stop dancing the tango and the turkey trot and forced to tell the probers what part fast life plays in the social evil.

Rich Women Testify.

Witnesses included the wives of millionaires, cabaret singers, and frequenters of night life. The guests and managers of Rectors and The States were served with subpoenas.

Cabaret Dancer Heard.

The first witness was "Natalie," a 19-year-old cabaret dancer at Rectors. The act consists of a series of dances with the flimsiest clothing. She danced the tango and the turkey trot, she adding "there was nothing improper in my dance. It might be improper for persons without artistic temperament."

Martin Gerrard, "Natalie's" dancing partner, testified the dance might be licentious unless carefully done. Mrs. Maud Joseph, one of the committee's investigators testified that while "Natalie" danced "she was a sight."

Managers Warn Spies.

Managers of both the fashionable cafes said the guests want the tango and turkey trot and desire that lewd songs were sung by the performers. Two women from Peoria were the most embarrassed of the witnesses. Mrs. "T. J." admitted she saw a girl raise her skirts but didn't catch the words of the song, adding: "I belong to the vice crusaders at Peoria."

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LUMBERMAN MEETS DEATH

HIT IN NECK BY BROKEN PULLEY
YESTERDAY.

Thomas Helfner, at Palmer Junction,
Meets Instant Death.

Palmer Junction, Ore., April 12.—(Special)—Thomas Helfner, a laborer working at the donkey engine in camp here, was instantly killed yesterday morning. A pulley broke and struck him in the jaw, breaking his neck.

POPE SUFFERS HARD RELAPSE

PAPAL PHYSICIANS ARE HASTILY
SUMMONED.

Bronchitis and Influenza Show Effect
on Pontiff Again.

Rome, April 12.—The pope suffered another relapse this afternoon and the papal physicians were hastily summoned and found the pope suffering from acute bronchitis and a recurrence of the recent attack of influenza. Marchia Fava later issued a bulletin diagnosing the condition of the pontiff and declared he has considerable fever but seems to be in no immediate danger of death.