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FROST BRINGS HALT TO FEAR OF BIG FLOOD

RIVER WENT UP A FOOT DURING YESTERDAY'S BALMY WEATHER.

CONDITIONS IMPROVED BY CLOUDY SKY TODAY

Fears for Disastrous Flood and High Water Allayed by Coming of Frost and Cloudy Weather—Grande Ronde Rising in Valley Today When Mountain Waters Come Down.

LITTLE HARM ANYWHERE

Portland, Feb. 8.—Although streams throughout the northwest are running bank-full, only slight damage is reported. The crest of the flood in the Willamette is scheduled to reach Albany today. The stream has already fallen three feet at Eugene. The Callapooia has wrought some damage at Brownsville. The thaw continues throughout the northwest. Occasional rain is indicated for western Oregon and Washington and colder in the east portion tonight.

Dangers of floodwaters in Union county, so imminent yesterday as to cause serious alarm, were minimized last night by frosts and cloudy weather today. At a time when it seemed the whole mass of snow was about to melt and flood the community, the danger was muzzled and tonight there is no critical situation. In fact it appears certain that the snow will gradually disappear and that the fears entertained yesterday were premature. Even still there is danger from this source, but the halt in melting has been a big benefit.

River Is Rising. Yesterday's thaw in the mountains is being felt along the river today. At Perry the river rose at least a foot this morning and is running over the gates at present, but it is not expected to go any higher at this time due to the sudden freeze last night.

In La Grande the chief effect of yesterday's thaw was a swollen Deal Canyon stream that backed up to several barns along the territory touched by the ditch. O and other streets felt the rise in tide and until the water got back in its right channel there was some little danger threatened to residences in that vicinity. The surplus water is being carried off this afternoon in good shape.

TRAIN REACHES VINCENT. Huge Crew of Men Shoveling—Expedition from Enterprise Talked.

One hundred and forty snow-shovelers, on a train ahead of the regular 32, are endeavoring to get train service into Wallawa county this afternoon. One hundred men left here this morning prepared to battle with slides that have occurred in the canyon in the vicinity of Minam recently. Shortly after noon today, the snow train was past Vincent, and the regular passenger was pulling up behind with 24 more men to shovel snow. Just what the situation is between Milepost 40 and Milepost 48 is not definitely known this afternoon, but if not worse than anticipated, the train will get by Milepost 48, and then it will have clear sailing into the Wallawa terminal. It is now over a week that the county has been marooned.

That some traveling men have gotten through to Enterprise from La Grande by team is the essence of a telephone report received here today. These men are reported to have said that the canyon is filled with slides on the railroad track side. Assuming that this meant no trains for days to come, it is reported Enterprise people are preparing a sleigh expedition to come to La Grande after mail. A. B. Cherry, a La Grande florist was notified today to have a shipment of flowers ready to go out with this expedition.

In view of the rapid progress made by the Joseph branch today towards its goal, it is more than likely that the Enterprise effort will be useless. There has been a brisk demand for

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CHRISTIAN SCIENCE LECTURER ARRIVES

GLOBE TROTTER FINDS FOLLOWERS EVERYWHERE.

Prosperous Churches Found in Frigid Alaska and Torrid South and East.

Christian Science penetrates to all angles of the world—in frigid northern Alaska, up there under the Arctic circle, are prosperous churches of that faith; the Orient, Australia, Manila, the Hawaiis, throughout all the occidental world Christian Scientists live and worship and practice their faith in ever-increasing numbers. So declares W. R. Rathvon, C. S. B., for two years secretary to the late Mrs. Eddy, but now a member of the board of lecturership composed of 17 men of wide experience. He arrived in La Grande today to lecture at the Methodist church this evening on Christian Science. Mr. Rathvon knows whereof he speaks for he has personally lectured in all the points cited, and has seen the propaganda spread, not only in his native land, but has witnessed what he terms the most marvelous religious movement of any time in these out of the way corners of the universe.

Globe Trotting His Business.

Of late years, especially since the death of the founder in Boston, at which time he was present at the deathbed, Mr. Rathvon has traveled and lectured in numerous countries. A few years ago he and Mrs. Rathvon, who by the way is here with him today, spent four months on such a tour, three of them on the ocean. His sea voyages have a co-incidental feature in that he was a passenger on the ill-fated Lusitania when she made her last Christmas voyage. Mr. Rathvon had been lecturing in England when the war broke out, and came home at Christmas time. When the liner went to her doom a few trips later Mr. Rathvon was heading for Alaska to lecture at the several churches in the fastnesses of the arctic circle.

At the Sommer hotel today Mr. Rathvon issued, through the Observer, a cordial welcome to the public to hear him tonight. "I assure your people," said the Denver man, "that we shall not attack or embarrass anyone. It is a tenet of our faith that all men be allowed to worship as they please. We don't proselyte. At considerable expense to themselves the La Grande church has invited me to lecture here tonight—we don't press our services, and go only when asked to come. Our lecturers, follow, and don't lead, the spread of Christian Science.

How Christian Science spreads, and how churches are established in way places, off the commercial paths of the world Mr. Rathvon explained thus: "Men already of our faith penetrate to remote districts on commercial bent. In the beginning perhaps but a single family is reading the Boston-prepared lessons and books of the church; then others come, and neighbors interest themselves; the teachings are adopted by new families and in time there is a substantial colony. Cures are effected and the work goes on. Scarcely a man lives today who hasn't heard of a Christian Science cure, and oftentimes it is a friend or a relative who has been healed; therefore the man is interested.

"What I want to impress is that what healing we do is not accomplished by man but by God, through prayer. No effort has been made to teach our doctrine to Oriental races, and in such cases as where adoption of it by occidentals has taken place, the person in question is able to talk English. Our lectures in the Orient are to Occidentals found there."

There will be no charge to hear this gentleman, who is one of the foremost men in that church.

Speaking of the large number of men who belong, brought Mr. Rathvon to the expression "Vast as the membership is, there are no great men in it, great as the world classifies greatness. This doesn't mean that men of only common calibre adopt the teachings, but means that we are all just common folks."

FOREST FIRE LOSSES.

During Year 26,763 Acres Were Burned Over in Oregon.

Salem, Ore., Feb. 8.—Timber fires in 1915 burned over 26,763 acres, doing damage to the extent of \$9,353,50 the annual report of State Forester Elliott says.

Besides this damage to merchantable timber, \$19,755.50 was lost by forest fires which burned houses, orchards, fences and logging equipment. There were 1255 fires of which 371 are believed to have been incendiary. Total expenditures for fire patrols and fire fighters were \$118,056, spent by the state, government, individuals and associations.

High Official Coming.

General Scott of Seattle will be in La Grande Thursday to address the Salvation Army, and there will be an enrollment of new members the same evening.

PESTILENCE LURKS IN SHADOW OF BIG FLOOD

Hundreds of Mothers and Children are Marooned on Housetops Without a Morsel of Food

Memphis, Feb. 8.—Clarendon and Arkansas City, has appealed to Memphis to send every physician to check the threatened typhoid epidemic resulting from the floods. Sewers have caved in and sanitary conditions are bad. Seven hundred women and children are marooned in tops of buildings and some are without food.

Deaths from the floods total 28. After devouring canned sardines, a negro family of eight died of ptomaine poisoning.

Hundreds fought in Arkansas City throughout the night to save their lives.

MORGAN LAKE PLANT COMPLETED

Three weeks after the former plant was destroyed by fire, the Eastern Oregon Light & Power company resumed operation of the plant rebuilt on the ruins. The Morgan Lake auxiliary is therefore in use today and though the results of the curtailed scourge of electricity has only been nominal, there will be no further discrepancy in the service from that score. The plant is new in all respects as the destruction of the old plant was complete.

SAM COCHRAN SICK.

Youngster Has Been Critically Ill Several Days.

Master Sam, son of Attorney and Mrs. George T. Cochran has been battling with sickness. Though not particularly alarming his illness is reported quite critical and necessitates constant attention, day and night.

UNION CASE BEFORE COURT

FRUIT PACKING SQUABBLE IS FIRST TO COME UP.

Litigation Involving Attached Cattle Succeeds it on Docket.

Disputes over prune packing at Union, the sum total involved being less than \$40.00, constituted the material before the opening of circuit court yesterday and again this morning. K. J. Martin of Union appealed a decision in the justice court from Union in which he had sued F. P. Lanus for hire of some packing tables, board for a man and fees for overseeing the packing. The justice court decided against Martin. Defendant Lanus contends that he made a final settlement with Martin for the work done. R. J. Kitchen is attorney for Martin and L. Z. Terrall and C. J. Shelton form counsel for the appellant.

Second Union Case Called.

The second case to come before the court this term also hails from Union. H. S. Stevens is suing Cyrus Williams for an alleged breach of contract. It is contended that Williams had a contract to move some of Stevens' cattle to Idaho, but that six days after the cattle were to have been moved, a third party, Frank Wigglesworth attached the cattle in question, and sold them to pay a debt. Damage to about \$300 is asked from Williams by Stevens because he hadn't moved the cattle on time, but the defense is that Stevens had promised to have the cattle inspected preliminary to shipment but failed to do it, and the further fact that the cattle were mortgaged and couldn't therefore, be lawfully shipped to another state. Attorneys Terrall and Kitchen are handling this second case which was called this afternoon after the first had done to the jury.

LUMBERMEN TO GATHER.

Postponed Annual Meeting Set for Tomorrow Afternoon in This City.

After a postponement or two, the annual meeting of members of the Eastern Oregon Lumber Producers' association will be held in La Grande tomorrow. Lumbermen of repute from not only Eastern Oregon mills but from Spokane, Bend Boise are booked to be present on that occasion. The session takes up at 2 o'clock tomorrow.

LITTLE GIRL IMPROVING.

Yolande Scott of Canada Gaining Strength Rapidly.

Little Yolande Scott, who with her parents was caught in La Grande in early stages of the present storm, and who was operated on at the Grande Ronde hospital by a local surgeon for appendicitis, is today reported well toward recovery. It will be remembered that one hardship followed another in her case, even to the extent that the sleigh pressed into service to take her from the railroad to the hospital turned over in the deep snow.

PAY-UP WEEK PLANS MATURE

COMMERCIAL CLUB BACKS MOVEMENT.

Scheme Is to Emulate National Movement February 21.

Preparations for carrying on "Pay up week" an institution that is national and will be conducted everywhere the week of February 21, have been taken by the La Grande Commercial club. Committees have been appointed to carry out the preliminary plans and exploit the purposes which concisely stated are that tremendous amount of money will be put in circulation if everybody pays part or all of his bills that week. The movement is not local but national and is already three or four years old. The men who have the exploitation in charge include Frank Conner, H. Haskell, Harley Richardson, J. M. McCarthy and F. B. Currey.

COURT MARTIAL ORDERED.

San Diego Officer Charged With Fomenting Discord.

Washington, Feb. 8.—Secretary Garrison has announced that he has reached a decision to courtmartial Lieut. Colonel Goodier, of California, charged with fomenting discord among officers at the San Diego aviation camp. The decision was sent to the President for approval.

OUTLOOK IS BRIGHTER.

Lusitania Case Assumes More Hopeful Prospect Is Report.

Washington, Feb. 8.—The White House has announced the diplomatic situation arising from the Lusitania torpedoing, look hopeful. This followed a conference of the President and Secretary Lansing.

TORPEDO BOATS ACTIVE.

Russians Said to Have Inflicted Damage on Turkish Boats.

Paris, Feb. 8.—Russian torpedo boats sank forty Turkish sailing vessels, and bombarded three naval convict yards on the Anatolian coast, dispatches said today.

TEMPORARY CAPITAL NAMED.

Town Northwest of Mexico City Is Carranza Headquarters.

Washington, Feb. 8.—Queeretaro, 110 miles northwest of Mexico City is named the temporary Carranza capital, the Mexican embassy is informed. After the republic completely organized the capital will be established at Mexico City.

New Warehouse for Salem.

Salem, Ore., Feb. 7.—Announcement has been made by the firm of D. A. White & Sons that they have completed plans for a brick and concrete warehouse to cost approximately \$4000.

COMPANY COAL TO MEET CALL

IN CASE OF EMERGENCY, RELIEF PROVIDED.

No Danger of Coal Famine Prevails in Face of Company's Policies.

There is little likelihood of a coal famine in La Grande, regardless of what thaws and subsequent floods may bring forth. Realizing that if precautionary methods were overlooked trouble might follow, the O.-W. has issued an official communique to the effect that should coal dealers run short, a car or cars of company coal will be turned over to their disposal. Because there is considerable coal stored up for the company's use, the order issued by Superintendent Boltons precludes likelihood of any serious inconvenience from the lack of coal.

Wholesalers and others are taking advantage of the shipping facilities afforded now to replenish depleted stocks and to lay up enough to carry the city over a protracted period of blockade should one develop when the snow really begins to move.

NYSSA IS FEEDING CENTER

Pacific Livestock Company Buys \$44,000 Worth of Hay For Cattle

Ore., Feb. 4.—Thousands of sheep are being wintered in the Nyssa district, more this year than usual. Among those who are feeding sheep this winter and who will do their lambing here are: Hub Ward, 8,000 sheep; McConnell Bros., 5,000; Tensen Bros., 2,000; Deseret sheep company and Hostrom & Company, several thousand each. In the Kingman colony south of Nyssa, Hub Walters is wintering 6,000 sheep, Hoskins & Smith 5,000, and Rufinio Arrien 4,000 head.

O. M. Doubleday, the Boise sheepman has 8,000 ewes that will begin lambing about February 10. His lambing camp is two miles west of Nyssa.

The Pacific Livestock company is said to be feeding 8,000 head of cattle this winter in the territory between Nyssa and Ontraio. The company bought \$44,000 worth of hay with which to feed their cattle. This concern owns more cattle than any one concern in the United States. Their cattle are scattered through Oregon and California.

Ex-Steward Takes Own Life.

Eugene, Ore., Feb. 7.—Scott Inman, who had been out of employment since coming here from Portland several months ago, committed suicide by jumping off the Ferry street bridge into the Willamette river Saturday afternoon. He and his brother-in-law, H. L. Burt, had gone to the river to see how high the water was and while Burt was a few feet distant, Inman climbed on the railing and jumped. He leaves a wife. Inman was steward on the river steamer Bailey Gatzert for a number of years previous to coming to Eugene.

Rabid Cows Are Killed.

Monmouth, Or., Feb. 7.—Three dairy cows, owned by a farmer near Falls City, were recently killed because they were infected with rabies. Four weeks ago the cows were bitten by a mad dog and from that time on were watched until the symptoms of the disease appeared, before being shot.

TO INCREASE STOCKYARDS.

Facilities at North Portland Will Be Enlarged.

Portland, Ore., Feb. 8.—Only bad weather stands in the way of the immediate beginning of construction work on the Portland Union stockyards. The capacity of the yards will be increased at least 25 per cent this year to meet the great growth of business.

A new administration building will be constructed to house company officials and commission merchants. New sheds will be built to shelter the animals. These will be located north of the present ones and will shelter 25 per cent more cattle, sheep and hogs than can now be accommodated.

Phone Service Restored

Carlton, Ore., Feb. 7.—The snow which has covered the ground almost continuously since December 31 last is fast disappearing. There has been no sleet and no damage has been done to orchards or to electric light or telephone wires. Last Tuesday and Wednesday no telephone service was had with Portland because of trouble in and near Portland, but Saturday one line was open by way of Salem. Hay is getting quite scarce and prices are higher than they have been in some years. No loss of stock has been reported with the exception of a few sheep and goats.

One-Man, One-Door Cars Opposed.

Spokane, Wash., Feb. 7.—One-man streetcars which have recently been introduced on several of the runs of the Washington Water Power company have drawn a protest from the Central Labor council in the form of a resolution to carry the matter to the state public service commission. It is the claim of the labor body that the one-man cars are not safe

GREAT BATTLE IN THE NORTH SEA IMMINENT

GERMANS PREPARE FOR DASH FROM KIEL CANAL SAY REPORTS.

MONSTER GUNS ON SHIPS BACKED BY ZEPPELINS

Prospect for Titanic Test of Strength in the North Sea Looms Big Today. Reports from All Points Indicate that Battle Is Proposed—English Said to Have Fleets Ready.

London, Feb. 8.—A mighty battle in the North sea is imminent, London believes. Dutch rumors that Germans are preparing for a dash, and corroborative reports from other sources strengthened the belief.

The Hague has reported Germans along the Belgian coast have withdrawn and have taken refuge in the Kiel canal. Leaves of absence of all officers are reported cancelled.

Copenhagen reports extreme activity in the Kiel canal. German ships are about to venture forth and risk engagement. Four Zeppelins and a flock of taubes have reinforced the flotilla in the Kiel and it is assumed they will accompany the warships making the sally.

It is reported Germany's dreadnaughts are equipped with seventeen-inch guns. Zeppelins have torpedo tubes. The English fleet is reported ready.

Prince Oscar Hurt.

Berlin, Feb. 8.—(Wireless to Sayville.)—Prince Oscar, fifth son of the Kaiser, was slightly injured in the head and thigh by shrapnel, it is semi-officially announced.

Kitchener's Successor Discussed.

London, Feb. 8.—Lloyd-George, and Lord Derby are mentioned today as possible successors to Kitchener if the latter resigns. Authoritative confirmation of the rumors that Kitchener will quit is unobtainable.

German Raids Successful

Berlin, Feb. 8.—A German air squadron raided the station of popperinghe, and British camps near Dixmude, it is officially announced. The British fliers engaged them, but the teutons returned safely. Two small pieces of conquered trenches were lost in heavy fighting south of Somme last night, but were reconquered after counter attacks.

Misses Mail 3 Days.

Troutlake, Wash., Feb. 7.—The winter so far has been the hardest ever experienced by settlers in this section since 1884. This winter the mail carriers between White Salmon, Glenwood and Troutlake have experienced great difficulty in making their trips by stage and for several days had to go out on horseback and even then they did not get through with the mail. The mail due here last Wednesday, Thursday and Friday did not get through until late Friday night, because the roads were blocked with drifted snow, the drifts in places being 10 feet in depth.

Sale of National Forest Timber.

The Forest Supervisor at Albany, Oregon, has just opened bids for 1,645,000 feet of timber on the Santiam National Forest. The Albany Lumber company of Albany were the successful bidders.

The timber is located on the Santiam River in Sec. 17, Tp. 10 S. R. 6 E. W. M., and consists of 1,432,000 feet of Douglas fir, 108,000 feet of western hemlock, and 105,000 feet of red cedar. The advertised prices were \$155 per M for Douglas fir, \$170 per M for red cedar, and 50 cents per M for hemlock. Two bids were submitted, one by D. S. Livesay of Woodburn, and the other by the Albany Lumber company. The latter submitted the highest bid at the rates of \$170 per M for Douglas fir and red cedar, and 50 cents per M for hemlock.

TO BE HELD LATER.

The Charity Ball, which was to have been held February 9th and was to have been one of the strong social events of the year, has been postponed on account of weather inclemency until later. Date will be announced as soon as committee decides.