ONTARIO — The Pivot Point of the Great Interior of Eastern Oregon

The Orillia Star.

Representative Newspaper of Ontario and Malheur County.

VOLUME XVI

ONTARIO, OREGON, THURSDAY, MARCH 23, 1917

NO. 13

TORNADOES AND FLOODS THROUGHOUT MANY EASTERN STATES

Destroyed Thousands of Lives and Rendered Hundreds of Thousands Homeless — Property Losses Run into the Millions of Dollars

MANY TOWNS SWEEP AWAY BY RAGING WATER

The Nation Appealed to for Aid — Sufferers Without Food, Water and Clothing

The world has seldom experienced such a devastation as occurred in the past few days in Eastern Nebraska, Western Iowa, parts of Illinois, practically all of Indiana and Ohio and the immediate section of the Mississippi and Ohio.

On Sunday Omaha was struck by a tornado and heavy rains, destroying hundreds of lives and several million dollars of property. Eleven towns in five days, caused the breaking of dams and levees throughout Indiana and Ohio, practically every section being affected, and all rivers are at flood stage.

Some of the small towns have disappeared, many, with the townspeople scattered, but all the homes, and the store men, complete.

PRINZ RETURNING FROM HIS EASTERN VISIT SATURDAY

On Monday Prinz returned to the heart of a small town in the middle of the state.

During the present stage of the war, the city of Omaha, the largest city in the state, and the heart of the Nebraska section, is being surrounded by a large number of soldiers and sailors, who are being sent to the front. The city is being guarded with a large number of troops, and all the roads leading to the city are blocked.

DREAMLAND THEATRE ADDS NEW FEATURE

Principal Events of Each Day to Be Shown — Other High Class Attractions

The Dreamland Theatre has made a number of improvements this week, and is again offering a new feature, which is expected to attract a large number of patrons.

IMPOSSIBILITY OF RUNAWAYS

There was a rush of traffic this week in Ontario and the Oregon country, with a large number of people attempting to leave the state and go to the west.

Sales Day Here is Very Successful

Articles Sold Brought Good Prices — Sales to be Held Twice a Month

The principal events of each day to be shown are located in different parts of the country, and are expected to attract a large number of patrons.

BEAVER RIVER POWER COMPANY WANTS FRANCHISE HERE

David Basing, assistant general manager and Charles Price, of the Beaver River Power Co., are in the city of Ontario, investigating the possibility of obtaining a franchise to build a power plant in the state.