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Illinois Troops Ordered Home. SPRINGFIELD, Ill., June 15.—Acting Governor McKendall, at noon today, received a telegram from Mayor Cook, of East St. Louis, stating that the troops were no longer needed there.

LIFE LOSS 300

Vast Deluge Falls on Heppner, Or.

CAUSE: CLOUDBURST

Ruin and Death in Resistless Cataclysm.

NOWARNING TO FATED TOWN

Gigantic Wall of Water Moves Down Willow Creek.

BUILDINGS GO, MANY PERISH

Rare Deeds of Bravery Result in Rescue of Drowning Persons—Sad and Terrible Close to Saltry Summer Day.

By A. Crofton. IONE, Or., June 15.—(Staff Correspondence)—A cloud which burst on the hills a mile south of Heppner at about 5:30 o'clock Sunday afternoon let loose a hungry flood of water, which swept down the hillside in a wall 30 feet high and 300 yards wide.

Immediately after the fatal flood had wiped the major portion of Heppner out of existence, swift couriers on horseback sped to warn the residents of the Valley toward the Columbia of the coming peril.

David McAtee, a business man of Heppner, whose residence is on a bench above Heppner, was an eye witness of the disaster.

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rain storm, accompanied with much wind and lightning. I was standing in front of the house, and noticed that a cloud of remarkable dimensions shrouded the top of the hill on the east side of the canyon.

Palace Hotel Stands. The Palace Hotel was the first building to stem the tide, and all the guests were saved; but houses below the Palace Hotel were thrown out into the street, overturned and wrecked.

George Conser's house was next, but the family succeeded in saving their lives by rushing to the upper story, the house being carried down the creek three-quarters of a mile.

PENDLETON, Or., June 15.—(Special.)—The first news of the terrible disaster at Heppner was brought to this city this evening, when A. P. Bradbury, R. D. Ball and J. J. Kelly, all traveling men, arrived in the city.

The Oregonian has made most complete preparation to obtain all the available news of the Heppner disaster. At its request, Malcolm A. Moody, of The Dalles, ex-Representative in Congress for the Second District, went to the front as its representative at noon yesterday on the relief train leaving The Dalles.

Mr. Matlock's story. "On Sunday afternoon," said Mr. McAtee, "there had been a pretty severe storm, accompanied with much wind and lightning."

Crippled Man Saves Baby. The Malloy house was carried 150 yards and was found lodged against a store, and Mr. Malloy, a crippled old man, was found safe holding a baby. Jim Matlock's house was next. Mr. Matlock was drowned, but his family was saved. Dr. Higgs' house also went. Here one child was drowned but the rest of the family

THE DEAD AND MISSING

- IONE, Or., June 15.—(Special.)—A list of the dead or missing, as near as could be ascertained last night, is as follows: JAMES MATLOCK. MRS. TOM MATLOCK. J. S. HOCKETT AND TWO CHILDREN. SON OF WILLIAM AYRES. W. WALLIN, WIFE AND DAUGHTER. MANDY JONES. MRS. JAMES JONES. A. C. GEIGER. PERCY DAWSON. BABY AND TWO BOTS. MRS. NORA FLEMING. MRS. ADA CURTIS AND BABY. MRS. C. E. REDFIELD. BLANCHE REDFIELD. — KERNAN. VASHTIA ANDREWS. PEARL JONES AND FAMILY. JAMES WILLIS. FRED KRUG, WIFE AND FOUR CHILDREN. MR. AND MRS. DAWSON AND FOUR CHILDREN. STOLTZER FAMILY. TOM HOWARD, WIFE AND THREE DAUGHTERS. M'BRIDE FAMILY OF SIX. HARRIMAN, WIFE AND FATHER, of Long Creek. — LIFRIT AND CHILD. ABE WELLS AND WIFE. MRS. ASHBAUGH AND SIX CHILDREN. DR. M'EWORD. — CHEBEMAN. GEORGE THORNTON, WIFE AND CHILD. MRS. KEITHLEY AND GRANDSON. MR. AND MRS. GUNN. MRS. PADBERG. MAUD LEFFLER AND MOTHER. GROVER WRIGHT. MR. AND MRS. LONG AND FIVE CHILDREN. ORA ROBERTS. MAUDE KEITHLEY. MRS. ROBERT HYND AND TWO CHILDREN. FRED OXLEY. ALICE BOYLUS. WILBER BEARD AND FAMILY. FLORENCE FRENCH. ZEDDA M'DONALD. NELLIE HOWARD. FRED WILLIS. ED ROOD, WIFE AND BABY. PLES LOONEY. MRS. HANBY. R. C. HART AND WIFE. JENKINS FAMILY. CHARLES MACCLARY'S CHILD, of Pendleton.

DEATH IN FLOOD

Wild Torrent Engulfs Hundreds.

MAD BATTLE FOR LIFE

Survivors Are Helpless to Give Succor.

SAFETY LAY ONLY IN FLIGHT

Women Torn From Babies, Fathers From Families.

HEROISM OF LESLIE MATLOCK

Mounts a Horse and Speeds Down Valley to Spread Terrible Warning to Unsuspecting People—Gathering of Dead.

Matlock's Brave Ride. The people did not realize what had happened until the flood struck the town.

The flood came on about 5 o'clock Sunday evening. The day had been very hot and sultry, and heavy clouds gathered on the mountain crest above the city. But little rain fell in Heppner, none at the beginning of the flood.

Leslie Matlock, a young man there, was the hero of the day. When the flood first

came he mounted a horse and rode at break-neck speed down the canyon to front of the rushing waters to notify the people of Lexington. A small town nine miles below. He had to go over a rough and stony road. The night was dark and stormy.

Three People Rescued. The frame building lodged against the hotel and a bridge was made of ladders to the roof and three people were rescued. Then came another building to the corner of the hotel.

HELP FOR HEPPNER. How Portland is responding to the cry for help from the suffering citizens of Morrow County.

FIRST NEWS FROM HEPPNER. The first authentic news from Heppner was received by The Oregonian yesterday afternoon at 8 o'clock.

HEPPNER, Or., June 15, via Echo.—Two-thirds of Heppner was swept away yesterday afternoon by a terrible flood. Fully 250 people were drowned. It is hot weather today, and we cannot secure the bodies of the dead on account of debris and no workmen.

ried Mrs. Elizabeth Matlock from her floating house to a place of safety. He was in the thickest of the flood all the time, and says that the force of the water was something terrible.

Major Williams and the police department issue a call for assistance and set the police to work collecting funds, about \$1200 being collected last night.

HEPPNER SUFFERS MOST

Thriving Town, Founded in 1872, in The Path of the Flood. The Association will make a canvass of the business men today, and it is expected that their requests for money will be readily met.

AID TO NEEDY

Portland Takes Action Promptly

RELIEF TRAINS GO

Men and Doctors Dispatched to Heppner.

MONEY BEGINS TO POUR IN

Police Canvass the City and Raise \$1163.

MERCHANTS NAME COMMITTEE

Evening Telegram Has Nearly \$1000 on Hand—Chamber of Commerce Stands Ready to Extend Generous Assistance.

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The Chamber of Commerce holds a called meeting and tenders its services, but decides to wait until today, when fuller details as to the needs of the situation can be secured, before taking active steps.

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The Evening Telegram starts a subscription and secures more than \$1000 in money in a few hours.

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