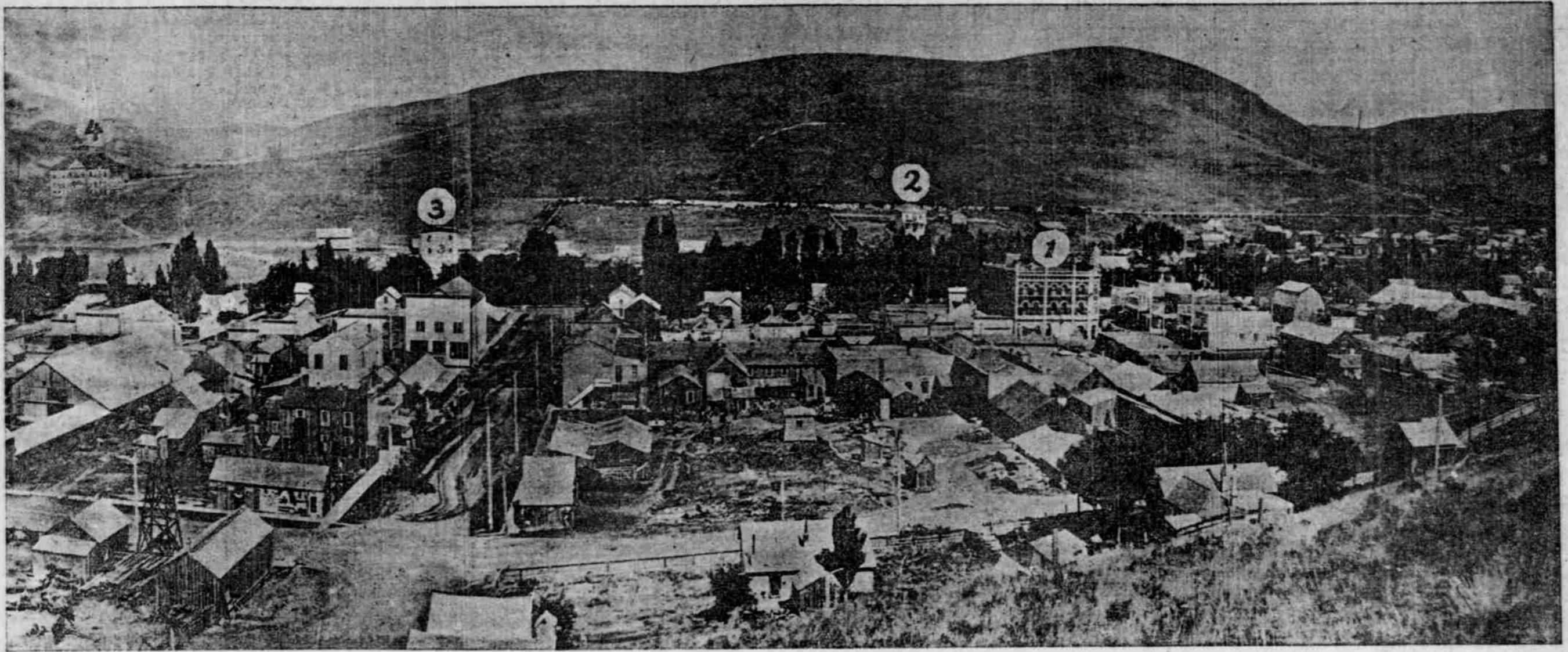


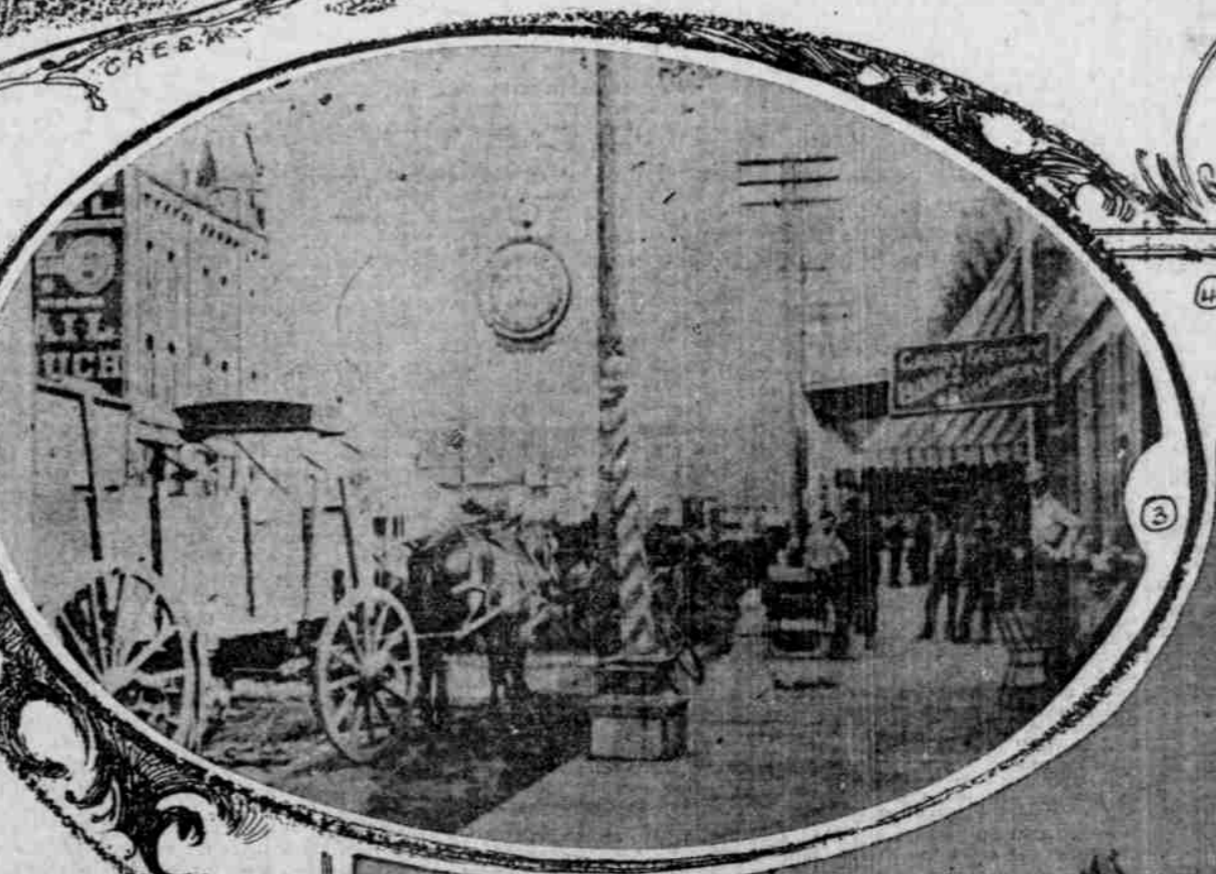
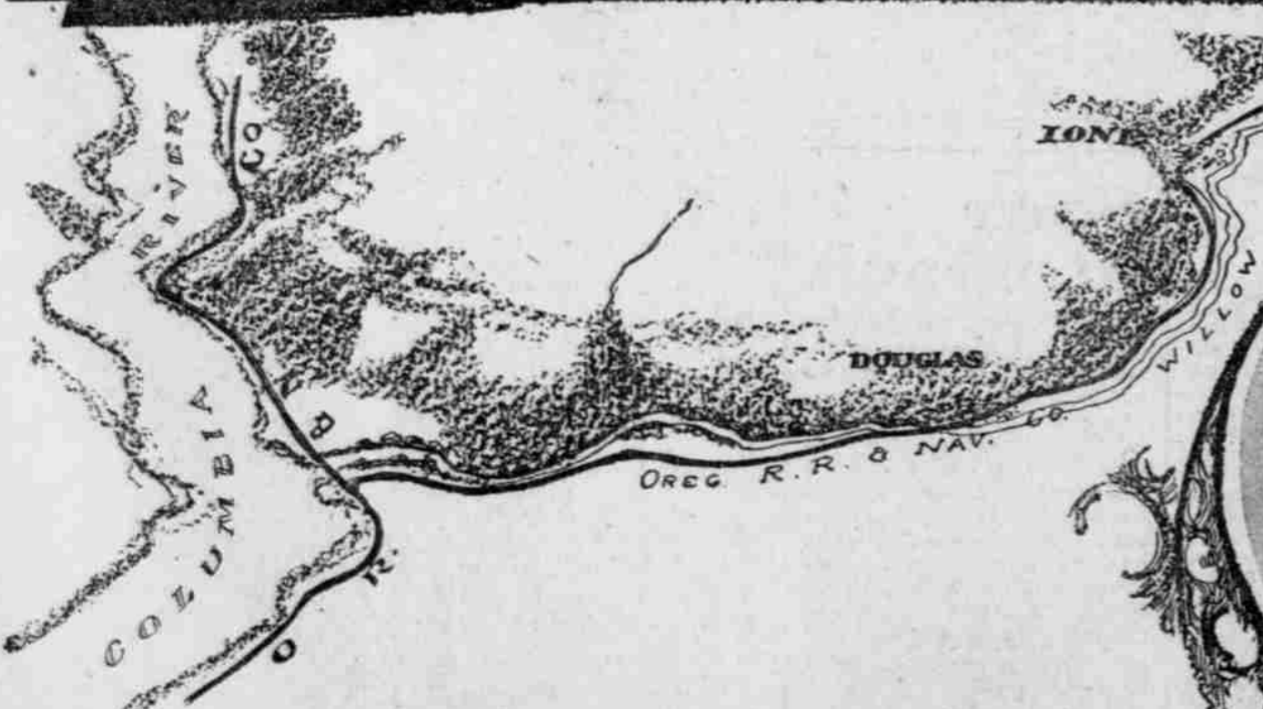
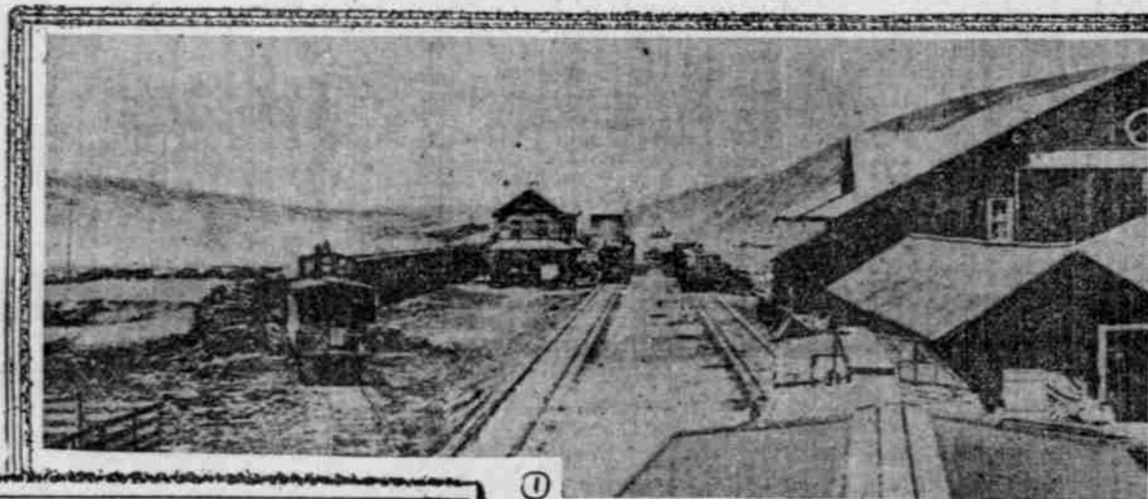
COURSE OF WILLOW CREEK—HINTONS FORK COMES IN BACK OF SCHOOLHOUSE (No. 4)



7. BAPTIST CHURCH. 8. HEPPNER HOTEL. 9. S. METHODIST CHURCH. 10. HEPPNER'S WAREHOUSE. 11. M. C. L. CO. WAREHOUSES. —Photo taken by Thomas J. Humphreys, of Heppner.

HEPPNER AND ITS ADJACENT TERRITORY, WITH SCENES IN THE TOWN

- (No. 1) O. R. & N. STATION
- (No. 2) MAIN STREET, LOOKING NORTH
- (No. 3) SCENE ON MAIN STREET
- (No. 4) DECORATION DAY PARADE



will disburse them for the benefit of those who need assistance as a result of the disaster.

HOW THE NEWS CAME OUT.
Horseback Messenger Rides During the Night.
THE DALLES, Or., June 15.—(Special).—The first news of the disastrous cloud-burst on Willow Creek, which has almost completely destroyed the town of Heppner, Or., reached here at 8 o'clock this morning by way of Arlington. Word was brought to that place by B. A. McAtee, who left Heppner last night at 10 o'clock on horseback, reaching Arlington at an early hour this morning. At 5 o'clock yesterday during a terrific thunderstorm, the waters of Willow Creek suddenly rose many feet, and without warning the residence portion of the town, which lies nearest the creek and in the narrowest part of the ravine, was swept away with the inhabitants. Most families were at home for their evening meal at that hour. The flood came down Willow Creek, intersecting it somewhere about Cecils. The

business part of Heppner lies in the wider part of the valley, and here loss of life was not so certain, the flood having an opportunity to spread. One hundred and five bodies had been recovered at 5 o'clock this morning, and the loss of life was estimated at from 200 to 500. Storms have been continuous along the creek since Thursday last, since which time no telephone communication has been had with Heppner.

Upon receipt of the news here, Henry Maier, president of the Commercial Club, called a meeting of citizens at 10 o'clock. A committee was appointed consisting of W. H. Wilson, E. C. Pease, G. C. Blakeley, E. L. Williams and James Kelly. These at once organized a party of relief. The O. R. & N. Co. promptly offered a special train to carry any assistance to the scene. The relief train left at 1:30 o'clock, carrying Drs. Retzer and Ferguson, with four nurses from the hospital, ten teams, a number of saddle horses, a cartload of provisions and bedding, coffins and an undertaker. Among the relief party were: J. Hampshire, E. O. Mc-

Coy, J. Bonn, J. S. Fish, F. A. Van Norden, Frank Menefee, H. Parkins, J. E. Eberle, H. C. Kuck and M. A. Moody. They will go as far up Willow Creek as the track will allow, and from there will proceed up the valley by teams and horseback.

The latest word received here is that over 300 bodies were found during the day and 500 persons are now believed to have perished.

MR. BRADBURY IS SAFE.
How Some Lucky Persons Missed Disaster.
A. P. Bradbury, a commercial traveler of the Pacific Coast Biscuit Company, was known to be in Heppner at the time of the cloudburst, and his mother and sister, who live in Portland, feared that he had been drowned. They received a telephone message from him at Pendleton last evening, however, which banished their fears. He had escaped the flood, and managed to reach Pendleton by riding cross-country, and from there he hastened to telephone his anxious mother and his employers.

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