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PRICE FIVE CENTS.



PENDLETON, Or., May 30 .- (Special.)-The floods which have been sweeping over

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It will, without doubt, exceed \$100,000. and hurdles, but was so fatigued when the final heat of the 220-yard hurdle came Although the rain has ceased and the ness, without a single street light, normal conditions are of All the busines more being resumed. houses not supplied with gas have re-sorted to lamps and candles. The water in Mill Creek has fallen three feet since 4 o'clock and it is believed all danger is Early estimates of the loss do not seem exaggerated, although it is next to im-possible to judge exactly. Wherever one goes evidence of the water's ravages are apparent Sidewalks lie in the middle of the street, crossings are out of position and lawns and shrubbery are torn up. Fences, sheds and buildings were washed away in great numbers. So far as can be scertained there was no loss of life. All memorial services were postponed and business was suspended. At an early hour this morning the banks MIL Creek were lined with thousands of per-sons watching the water. The people were unable to realize the effects of the torrents until too late to many losses. Reports from Milto cott and neighboring towns state same. The power plant of the Northwestern a horse and dangerous to any traffic. Where the gas company laid its mains a few weeks ago are great trenches and holes, while the surface of the streets is S0,000. A great part of their reserve plant on Mill Creek above this city is ba-damaged. The preliminary excavation the new water supply system for city is rendered practically valueless. badly the The basements of the business houses and residences in the city were flooded in many sections, bridges were washed out and all business is practically paralyzed. All day long three engines of the ity fire department have been lined up long Alder street, pumping the water out of the basements of several business The hardest blow to the city is the damage done to the electric light sys-tem. Manager Allen, of the Northwest-ern Gas & Electric Company, said this morning that, from what information he has received from the power plant, it would require fully 60 days again to place the in operation. He thinks that they can supply a limited amount of light and power within two weeks from their old reserve plant on Mill Creek. The cripping of the power plant of the Northwestern Gas & Electric Com-

damage cannot be safely estimated, but

DUBLIN, May 20.-The committee of the National Civic Federation on the op-eration of public ownership, which ar-rived at Queenstown May 25 from New

Moores did splendid work in the sprints

office since 1865, and has been a Sonator from Illinois since 1883, has the hardest battle of his life this year. Governor Deneen and ex-Governor Richard P. Yates lead the opposition to him. Yates expects to be the Senator, and the fight is re-Norwood car, northbound. Immediately

Gregoman.

Tuesday. It will not return to Seattle, tried to pass between a Mill Creek but will come to Portland. The ves-Valley car, southbound, and a Vine and sel is practically new and fast. It has accommodations for 35 first-class after the collision the storage tank of passengers. The steamer Enterprise is

unty are receding no means abated. Danger of further damnge has passed, unless the river should ence to rise again. The heavy clouds have broken and the moon can be faintly seen struggling through the mist. The Umatilla River is falling slowly, and all past. indications point to the passing of the crisis of the flood.

It is now time for the residents of flooded districts to begin to total their losses, and these will run over the county into six figures, if not into seven, but there is "et too much water sweeping through the lowlands for any estimate to be made.

Darkness Hides Flood's Work.

Pendleton is a city of inky darkness to night, and in the downtown district a melancholy silence prevails. Crosswalks In the business district have been torn away by the flood, and are sprawling here and there where the retreating waters flung them aside, while the streets are filled with holes and hidden caves, belly deep to horse and dangerous to any traffic

cut and scarred by the rushing "currents. The water has now gone from the streets, however, drained off by the breaking of the lower leves, which flooded the entire western end of the town, toppled one two-story \$4000 residence owned by Irving Ladow into the river, and damaged many more.

Goods in Basements Rufned.

All the basements of the downtown business-houses are flooded, and thousands of dollars' worth of merchandise and stocks, from plows to rice, have been ruined. The upper levee stood the test, and, though severely strained, saved the town from being buried under from two to four feet of water

Six blocks of the lower levee washed out, and the whole valley forming the west end of the town is a lake from hill to hill.

Power Plant Badly Damaged.

Perhaps the heaviest loser, aside from the O. R. & N., is the Northwest Gas & Electric Company. By the wrecking of its power station on the Little Walla Walla, the towns of Milton, Athena, Freewater, Weston, Adams, Helix and others, will be deprived of light and power. The flumes and headgates, part of the station and much of the machinery have been ruined. The dynamos are soaked and submerged, the transformers are hurled into the bed of the river, and it will take \$50,000 to rebuild, and perhaps 60 days to resume operations.

The worst hit of all is the O. R. & N., while long reaches of track have been washed away. The bridge across the Umatilla just above Pendleton is damaged, and it will take weeks and hundreds of thousands of dollars to repair the damage.

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any has stopped operations in the fol-owing establishments which depended-

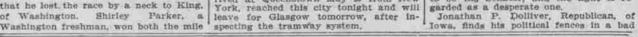
upon electric power: Gilbert Hunt Company, Dement Bros. Choert Funt Company, Dement Bros. mill, the jute mill at the positentiary, Walla Walla Brick & Stone Company, city pumping stations, Walla Walla Creamery and a dozen other smaller in-stitutions in this city. The Athena Mills at Athena, Or., and numerous institu-tions in Umatilla County, will have to remain ide

Two bridges in the residence part of the clip went out this morning, and be-fore daylight Alder street was a raging river. The residents along that street began leaving their homes soon after minutet.

Several buildings along the bank and it may be three weeks before trains can get through to the East without transferring. Beginning at Bingham Springs, bridge after hridge went out.

All establishments in the city depending upon electric power are at a stand-still, except the newspaper offices, which today installed gasoline engines and will not miss an issue. The greatest handicap is in the matter of light, as a large por-

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THE PLUTOCRATIC IDEA OF WHAT WILL HAPPEN IF MR. BOURNE SHALL BE DEFEATED



the automobile exploded, throwing the about the same size and has about the burning oil over both cars as well as the automobile

Dr. J. C. Atkins, Bertha and Eugenia Coulson, sisters, and Chauffeur Walter Levall, colored, who were in the auto-mobile, were seriously burned. Dr. At-kins was burned about the face and head and probably will die. Thirteen passe on the Mill Creek Valley car were slight ly burned. Both cars and the automobil-were completely destroyed.

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same capacity and accommodations as has the Hilone. The vessel will make

the trip to Honolulu from Portland, then to San Francisco and return to this city.

Business men who attended the meeting with Captain Matson yesterday afternoon are enthusiastic over the establishment of the new line. Much enthusiasm was shown at the meeting. when it was stated that the line would be put in operation, and all those pres-ent assured Captain Matson that his company would receive their heartiest support. He was much gratified over the encouragement he received, and stated that he was greatly pleased with the outlook.

Captain Matson did not arrive in Portland until late Tuesday night, and Mr. Mears did not have much time in which to call a meeting of the business men of Portland. But he did exceedingly well considering the circumstances, and the assemblage was thoroughly representative of the business interests of the city. Yesterday being a holiday it was impossible to communicate with all or the meeting would have been much larger.

Credit Due Mr. Mears.

Mr. Mears was largely instrumental in securing for Portland the line. Last week he was in San Francisco and called upon Captain Matson for the express purpose of interesting him in such an enterprise. He explained in detail the advantage of a line running from Portland instead of the Sound, as Captain Matson had first contemplated. Captain Matson then stated that he had long been considering the advisability of establishing a line from this port and that he would visit Portland this week and make known his plans. Business men have long contended that Portland should reach out and secure part of the trade of the Ha-waiian Islands, which they regard as a legitimate but a neglected field for this city, the same as is Alaska, Captain Matson is of a similar opinion. It is believed that extensive and remunerative trade relations can be established with the Hawallan Islands:

Large Interests in Hawall.

Captain Matson is representative of and in heavily interested in the Honolulu Plantation Company, which will do much of its trading in Portland as soon as the new line is established. It is understood that the steamship company and its affiliated concerns in the Hawalian Islands will purchase large consignments of goods. Thus the burden of furnishing all the cargo for vessels of the line will not devolve upon the merchants of Portland.

"We come to Portland with the intention of making the line permanent, but of course it is not a certainty that we will do so," said Captain Matson at the Hotel Portland yesterday afternoon. "We be-

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