

# DONATIONS FROM THE PEOPLE OF PORTLAND

### The Journal, Evening Telegram and Many Business Houses and Leading Citizens Contributed to the Relief Fund—Many Are Benefited.

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grain of Matlock. Before daylight the water began subsiding. No telephones were working to Heppner, but the courier's story of death and suffering quickly spread. Relief parties were organized at once and the work of recovering the bodies began. Every ranch within 20 miles was called on for help. Tons were selected as headquarters and the work of relief was directed from here. Every horse that could be saddled or could stand up to the collar was pressed into service.

#### Many Willing Hands Idle.

Tools were scarce, hence many willing hands were idle. There was no way of getting to the disabled town except by a wagon road, as the railway was washed out and the rails twisted like rope for over a mile.

A relief train from The Dalles of 12 cars, horses, wagons, supplies and men reached here at 7:10 last night, one hour ahead of the Portland special. Not half the people who came from The Dalles, Arlington and Heppner Junction could go on. It is 18 miles to Heppner, and supplies were needed badly. All night long horses were kept on the go making the round trip, and this morning they were a jaded lot of animals. Tired-out nature has demanded rest.

#### PROMPT ACTION OF CHIEF EXECUTIVE

SALEM, June 16.—When the news of the awful disaster at Heppner reached Salem last yesterday, Gov. George E. Chamberlain telegraphed to Hon. G. W. Phelps, Representative from Morrow County, tendering the aid of the state to the stricken town. The Governor's telegram is as follows:

"G. W. PHELPS, Heppner, Or.—The sympathy of the state is with the people of Heppner. Can we render any assistance or aid in the way of supplies or tents? Wire names of persons to whom 'GEORGE E. CHAMBERLAIN.'"

#### LOST RELATIVES IN THE HEPPNER FLOOD

The terrible harvest of death which occurred in the Heppner flood has brought its gloom of sorrow to several Portland homes, where lived relatives and friends of those whose lives were blotted out in that overwhelming horror.

Mr. Ralph Brackett, who is cashier of the local office of the Postal Telegraph Company, lost a sister-in-law and two nephews, the wife and children of C. Rhea, the Heppner banker, who was in Portland attending a meeting of the Masonic Lodge and left yesterday morning for the scene of the disaster. According to advices which Mr. Brackett has received from Heppner, the body of Mrs. Rhea was recovered, but so far search has failed to bring to light the remains of the unfortunate children. When the first advices of the disaster were received Mr. Rhea immediately left for his home and subsequently his worst fears were realized, for his home was the first to be struck by the surcharged

#### THROUGH JOURNAL COMES AN APPEAL

(Journal Special Service.) HEPPNER, Or., June 16.—The situation develops the urgent need of many working men with tools. An enormous amount of work is necessary in rescuing the bodies and those now employed are absolutely exhausted. Many are refusing to work further. Mayor Gilliam and Chairman Conser of the relief committee repeat their appeal for more to come unless ready to work and are supplied with provisions. Assistant Superintendent D. W. Campbell of the O. R. & N. after talking over the track with The Journal correspondent, believes no train can be brought into Heppner in less than two weeks. Portland can well place her bounty just now by arranging to send workmen equipped with complete outfits of food, blankets and tools. The Heppner people are working like Trojans, assisted by all the ranchers of nearby towns. The Mayor of Heppner and the chairman of the relief committee have formally authorized The Journal correspondent to send out the foregoing appeal.

river and was swept away like cardboard. His wife and two children went down to their death in the awful current, having no chance to save themselves. He wired the sad news to this city.

T. Rhea, who is a brother to C. Rhea, and a well-known cattlemen, being widely acquainted in Portland, lived in Heppner also, but his home was situated on the high ground at the foot of the hills and escaped comparatively unharmed. The members of his family were

Mrs. C. Rhea, who was among the dead, was a sister to Mrs. R. Brackett of Portland. If the bodies of the two children can be found it is likely that the three will be buried together. The bereaved husband is widely known in Portland and, in fact, over the entire Northwest, and has the sympathy of a host of friends.

#### RAILROAD OPEN TO LEXINGTON AT 3 P. M.

Telegraphic advices received at O. R. & N. headquarters this morning from Superintendent J. E. O'Brien conveyed the information that the railroad line would be open as far as Lexington at 3 o'clock this afternoon. Wagon roads that are in fairly good condition extend from Lexington to Heppner.

"I will make Lexington the base of supplies for several days," Mr. O'Brien telegraphed, "until the five miles of track that have been washed out between this place and Heppner can be repaired."

It is nine miles from Lexington to Heppner, and it appears from Mr. O'Brien's message that four miles of track is intact.

#### VAINLY WAITING FOR DEAD BODIES

HEPPNER JUNCTION, June 16.—Willow Creek at Heppner Junction has

#### Pianos Possessing Most Unusual Interest.

Webers Used by Members of the Grau Grand Opera Company and Many Other Famous Musicians Who Contributed to the Brilliance of the New York Season Just Past, Now Displayed at Eilers Piano House.

Commencing tomorrow, Monday, morning, an exhibit of extraordinary interest to professional musicians and music-lovers generally will be held in the city. It is an exhibit of pianos which will be nothing less than the display of nearly two carloads of the very choicest pianos that have been used during the past season by the Grau Grand Opera Company of New York. These instruments were secured by the Messrs. Eilers on their recent trip here, and without question, the choicest that have ever come to Portland.

Probably there is no city in the United States, according to the Eilers, that has as many fine resident musicians and wherein so large a percentage of the population are enthusiastic music-lovers as we have here. The best musical talent in the world is thus drawn to Portland, and the season just about to close has witnessed many of the most successful musical events by home artists, as well as by those from abroad.

Grand opera, however, such as is produced in New York, and in but very few other Eastern cities, is, on account of its great expense, and owing to our limited population, not yet possible here. During the past three seasons Maurice Grau has brought to America the greatest array of musical talent that has ever been assembled in Christendom; artists coming from the musical centers of every civilized land. Among them all the Weber pianos are yet possibly the most brilliant and discriminating audiences ever assembled in America or Europe. These instruments have been their companions in their work and pleasure and, owing to the sympathetic and voice-supporting tone quality for which Weber pianos have long been distinguished, they have no doubt contributed greatly to the glorious triumphs achieved by these artists. They are most handsome and well made, and two of them may show here and there a slight mar in casework, they are not only every bit as good as, but probably better than new, in that they have been developed by the careful and conscientious usage they have received.

The collection includes two carloads of baby grand and upright Webers.

We have here now the Weber pianos that were used in New York by: Sorani—Mmes. Bauermeister, Gaskel, Marilly, Nordica, Reuss-Beise, Fritz Schell, Emma, and the late Mrs. Mezzo-soprano and contralto—Mmes. Bridwell, Louise Homer, Kirby-Lynn, Tenors—Messrs. Dietrich, Gilbert, Burgstaller, Gerbasser, E. de Marchi, A. Reiss, Th. Saligman, Baritone—Messrs. Bispham, Begun, Campanari, D'Amico, Dr. Hertz, Muhlmann, Van Roy, Scott, Bass—Messrs. R. Blass, Elmblad, Jones, Ed. Rieker, and also six Conductors—Messrs. Alfred Hertz, Flon and Luigi Mancinelli.

In spite of the unusual value attached to these famous instruments, the prices at which these instruments are for sale will be found greatly below the regular retail value. The entire lot, including the manufacturers' very substantial reduction in cost was made to Eilers Piano House. Full descriptions and prices will appear in our announcements this week. Eilers Piano House, corner Park and Washington streets.

fallen seven feet since yesterday and the present high condition of the stream indicates what it must have been after the Heppner disaster. All day men with a boat hunted the rough surface of the creek waiting for bodies to move down in the hope of intercepting them before they reached the Columbia and were lost forever. The water watch was unsuccessful. Dozens of people are stopping off here every half day, taking chances of getting into the actual scene on a construction train. The last train left before 10 o'clock today.

Injured, But Escaped Alive. HEPPNER, June 16.—Edward Rod, Mrs. Edward Slocum, Thomas Matlock, Whit, Molden and Samuel Willis were all injured in the Heppner disaster, but escaped with their lives.

Tents for Sufferers. Tents, the property of the Oregon National Guard, have been offered as temporary shelter for the sufferers, and will be forwarded to Heppner tonight.

#### VANDALS AT WORK IN STRICKEN VALLEY

Vandalism is said to be running rampant in the Willow Creek Valley. In spite of all precautions taken by police, railway detectives and secret service officers, many depredations are reported to have been committed.

Twenty-two tramps were taken from the trucks of the late train last night. The criminal element is also flocking into the Valley from Spokane, Walla Walla and other places.

The condition of the telegraph lines between Portland and the stricken Heppner country, but few messages were received at the office of Superintendent O'Brien, of the O. R. & N. this morning. The important dispatch came from Chief Engineer Kennedy, who left on the special train yesterday afternoon.

The message was dated early this morning from Ione and stated that the company's road crews are all swept out and that it will take at least three days to repair them. The entire party of railroad officials was then at Ione but expected to leave at once for Lexington.

Lexington Heard From. At 11 o'clock this morning a message was received at the O. R. & N. office from Lexington direct. Superintendent O'Brien notified his office that the party had reached that place. A temporary telegraph wire has been strung from Ione to Lexington. He also stated that railroad service will be resumed to that place tomorrow. The track between the two places has been gone over and but few repairs will be needed. A supply and relief train will force its way to Lexington as soon as the tracks are open.

Private information was received to the effect that all relief supplies are being carted from a point a few miles south of Ione direct to Heppner. The wagon road south of Lexington is in good condition and heavy trucking is possible.

A party of O. R. & N. emergency men were engaged this morning in laying wire from Lexington to Heppner. It is believed that telegraphic communication with the unfortunate city will be possible during the afternoon. Mr. Superintendent O'Brien and other

# LOSS OF LIFE IS FEARFUL

LEXINGTON, June 16.—Reports here state that the total number of bodies found at 1 o'clock today is 27. Two thousand men are searching every drift at Heppner. The total number buried are 247. The first fears are being realized. Five hundred persons are undoubtedly dead. The two bodies found at Heppner Junction at the mouth of Willow Creek have not been identified. Up to noon no other bodies have been discovered at Lexington, but not over one-quarter of the drifts have been examined.

members of his official party remained at Lexington until about noon today, when they left by wagon for Heppner. They stay there will be indefinite.

O. R. & N. Losses Heavily. The flood has caused heavy losses to the O. R. & N. Considerable rolling stock was known to have been in the path of the storm which has not yet been accounted for. Wool shipments from the valley towns has been heavy of late and many sidetracks were filled with wool bales.

The track between Lexington and Heppner is reported to be a total wreck. Rails are twisted and distorted and at intervals of every few feet whole sections of the track have been torn up. Most of them had friends and relatives in the valley at the time of the storm. Many called at the Western Union offices and waited patiently for additional details.

During the early morning the railway company was unable to effect any communication whatever with points beyond Heppner Junction, the first authentic message being the one mentioned from Engineer Kennedy which was followed just before noon with the brief dispatch from Superintendent O'Brien.

#### FIERCER HAILSTORM SOUTH OF PENDLETON

A big storm prevailed south of Pendleton last night. A terrific storm of rain and wind was followed by a deluge of water. A number of people going by team to Heppner were caught in the storm and severely bruised and battered by the hail. Several returned to Pendleton, among them Mr. and Mrs. Therkelson, formerly of Portland; Joseph Bell, Henry Swartz and John Greulich. None of them received serious injury. No damage to life or property has been reported yet.

#### DESCRIBES SCENES ABOUT LEXINGTON

LEXINGTON, June 16.—John McAllister, in describing the flood horror at Lexington says: "A wall of water on the crest of which cattle and timbers were turning over and over, came down upon the town at about 6 o'clock. Lexington citizens barely escaped and many homes were wrecked. One incident witnessed where I saw in a partially wrecked building an arm protruding of an old man caught in the wreckage. His head was mashed and disfigured. A gold watch was hanging by a chain from his vest. Many transients will be unidentified men named Abraham, Sick, and wife, were drowned. The doctors say that all dead cattle must be burned and drinking water boiled to prevent the spread of sickness. Many farms are ruined and fields are covered a foot deep with mud. The railroad track for 12 miles is a twisted mass of iron. A large railroad crew is working on repairs."

#### THRILLING TALE OF ONE WHO ESCAPED

(Journal Special Service.) PENDLETON, Or., June 16.—Probably one of the most graphic descriptions of the terrible disaster at Heppner is related by A. P. Bradley, a commercial traveler who witnessed the scenes of horror on Sunday evening and arrived in this city late last night. Mr. Bradley is recounting his experiences this morning said: "I was in Heppner Sunday and on the

afternoon of that day I was sitting in the Palace Hotel, looking out into the quiet streets. Hardly anyone was about, for the rain was falling freely, but quietly. It was about 3 o'clock in the afternoon when suddenly the sky grew darker and finally it became impossible to read in the office room of the hotel. I walked to the door and out into the street. The rain had ceased falling, but the air was heavy with moisture and I observed an immense black cloud whirling about some half mile or more up the canyon. The Palace Hotel stands on safe ground, being on a street graded probably 40 feet above the town proper.

"I had watched the black mass of vapor when there was a roar accompanied by the fiercest flash of lurid lightning I ever saw. When this occurred the storm center seemed not 500 feet away. Then followed a scene that beggars description. From where I stood, there appeared to be a solid wall of water a hundred feet high rushing down the canyon, carrying everything before it. Huge trees were carried on the current and boulders weighing many tons were hurled about like pebbles.

"When the waters were several hundred feet away from the Palace Hotel I became aware that the elevation of the structure would not save it from being flooded. I ran into the hotel and had gained the upper story when the mad waters began rushing by.

Helpless Victims in the Flood. Houses were upon its crest, and in the terrible flood I saw here and there a helpless human being struggling against certain death.

"The cries of the victims were drowned in the uproar. Death and destruction was all about me and the other fortunate who escaped.

"After the fearful death-dealing, madly-driven waters had subsided, I ventured forth, accompanied by several persons about the hotel and succeeded in rescuing more than a dozen persons, seven of whom were women. I never believed such pathetic scenes could have occurred. For I found that after being saved the poor women had griefs that nothing this side of the grave can heal. Six out of the seven had lost children and would not be comforted.

"When the early morning came the desolation grew worse. I hurried to this city for aid, and by riding as hard as ever horse could carry me I announced the terrors of the Heppner disaster."

PARTIAL LIST OF BODIES RECOVERED. HEPPNER, June 16.—A partial list of the bodies recovered and identified up to noon today is as follows: James Matlock, T. L. Hockett and two children, William Ayers, boy, William Walton, wife and child, Mandy Jones, A. C. Gieger, Mrs. James Jones, Percy Denson, wife and two children, Nora Florin, Johnny Ayers, Ada Curtis and child, Mrs. Tom Matlock, Mrs. C. E. Redfield and daughter, J. M. Kernan and wife (station agent), Vastha Andrews, Pearl Jones and wife and six children, R. D. Sturgis, James Roberts and daughter, Mr. Banks, Jim Jones, Zella Jenkins, D. L. Howard, J. L. Hockett, Dr. Vaughn and wife.

HEPPNER BANKER ASKS PORTLAND AID. J. N. Teal, chairman of the local relief committee, this afternoon received a telegram from Mr. Conser, cashier of the Heppner Bank, stating that there are about 100 able-bodied men in the town that can assist in the relief work. The number, however, is inadequate, and he asked that Portland send as many as possible at once.

The supplies in Heppner are sufficient to last about five days and those who

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go at this time are expected to take enough food with them to last at least four days. By that time it is expected the relief supplies will have reached the town.

Mr. Teal at once took the matter up and about 150 men will leave Portland tonight for Heppner. The O. R. & N. has granted free transportation to all who are willing to go to the flooded district and assist the sufferers. Four extra coaches will be added to the regular evening train. It is expected that about 100 more will join the party at points along the line.

Mr. Conser's message was sent from Lexington as soon as the wire from that place was opened. He had just come from Heppner. Superintendent O'Brien of the O. R. & N. left Lexington this afternoon for Heppner on foot, accompanied by several railway officials and newspaper correspondents.

At a late hour this afternoon through communication had not been established with Heppner, but it is believed the wire will be run through tonight so messages can be sent direct to Portland.

#### MANY MEN WANTED

A call has been issued for men to go to Heppner and assist in the work of clearing away the wreck caused by the recent floods. Free transportation will be furnished to and from Heppner and those wishing to go are requested to meet at the old British Columbia Bank Building at Front and Ankeny streets.

A special train will leave for the scene of the disaster at 8:20 o'clock tonight. It is hoped the response to this call will be prompt and liberal.

#### No New Arrests Today.

WASHINGTON, June 16.—Inspector Bristolow this afternoon says he has no knowledge of the issuance of warrants today for further arrest of postal officials. Inspector Myer says the story probably started from his having visited the District Attorney's office this morning. His papers, of another nature were issued to him.

#### WHERE DO THEY ALL GO?

Sale of the Gilbert Bankrupt Stock Arouses Widespread Interest.

Thirteen instruments were sold on Monday last, 4 on Tuesday, 3 on Wednesday, 6 on Thursday, 3 on Friday and an even Baker's dozen on Saturday and 6 yesterday during the closing-out sale of the Gilbert Bankrupt stock, together with the clearance of accumulated instruments of various makes.

The pianos have no doubt been sold at the very lowest prices that have ever been made on instruments of similar grade and quality, and this immense record, which simply applies to sales at the Portland house, and does not include the numerous instruments that have been sold by the establishments of this house at Spokane, San Francisco or Sacramento, again shows conclusively that times are prosperous, and that when a favorable opportunity for investment presents itself there are buyers galore and money plenty.

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#### CARD OF THANKS.

I most sincerely wish to extend my heartfelt thanks to the many kind friends who so willingly assisted with floral designs and in every way possible to lighten the burden of grief in the most sad hour that death visits our dear home and removed my beloved wife, Minnie Lillian Sney. Again most sincerely yours,

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#### MONEY FOR THE SUFFERERS

To the fund started by the Evening Telegram for the relief of the survivors of the Heppner disaster The Journal has subscribed \$100. In the work of alleviating the distress of the sufferers from this terrible calamity the one aim of those who contributed should be to make their aid prompt and effective. There can be no rivalry save that generous emulation which springs from heartfelt sympathy and an eager desire to help. The Journal gladly and heartily co-operates with its temporary in raising a relief fund, and will receive and forward all sums which may be placed in its hands for this purpose.

Readers of The Journal who desire to contribute to the Heppner relief fund are invited to remit at once either to this paper or to the Evening Telegram. All sums received by The Journal will be acknowledged through the columns of the paper and promptly turned into the common fund.

The following contributions have been received:

The Journal	.....	\$100.00
Evening Telegram	.....	100.00
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