

15c A WEEK.



Eastern Oregon Weather

Tonight and Wednesday thunderstorms; cooler.

PENDLETON, UMATILLA COUNTY, OREGON, TUESDAY, JUNE 16, 1903.

NO. 4771.

CROCK WASHED AWAY

CRACK WAS FLOODED FOR

PEOPLE TURNED FROM HEPPNER ROAD.

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the work was pushed with all possible speed, but the trains were delayed for some time by the accident.

Relief Wagon Turned Back. One of the wagons loaded with provisions and supplies for the people at Heppner, which was sent out yesterday afternoon, was caught in the storm on Birch creek and forced to return this morning.

FLOOD IN COMB'S CANYON.

Report of Extensive Damage Not Well Confirmed.

It is reported that there was a cloudburst in Comb's canyon last night which washed away bridges and fences along the entire length of the gulch.

ROUTE TO CROWS' NEST PASS.

Cut-Off to Be Built Soon Will Open Rich Country.

Butte, Mont., June 16.—Official word has been received in this city to the effect that the cut-off from Columbia Falls or Kalspell, on the Great Northern, to Jocko, on the Northern Pacific, is to be built at once.

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HEPPNER IS A HEAP OF RUINS MINGLED WITH DEAD BODIES

The Known Dead Number 300—Eighty-three Were Identified and Buried Yesterday—Many So Badly Bruised That Identification is Not Possible.

Les Matlock and Bruce Kelly Faced the Instant's Chance of Death to Warn the People in the Valley Below—The Women Have Charge of the Emergency Morgue.

Heppner, June 16.—Special to East Oregonian.—Heppner is a heap of ruins. Twisted tree trunks, against which are piled masses of wreckage, mark the residence districts, and scattered throughout this wreckage are the bruised and dismembered bodies of the dead.

Three Hundred Dead. The death list will number nearly 300. An eye witness who saw the wall of water advance down Willow creek says that it was 15 feet high.

Fighting for Life in the Flood. Women and children could be seen fighting for life in the midst of the rush of waters, while their relatives stood by helpless to save them.

Women Conduct the Morgue. The helpful and courageous women of the town are receiving the bodies in Roberts' hall. Cutting away the clothing with sheep shears, they wash the mud from the bruised and battered dead, and when they are identified they are placed in hastily constructed rough board boxes and hurried out to the cemetery, where relays of citizens are serving as a burial squad.

Eighty-three Buried Yesterday. Eighty-three were identified and buried yesterday. Here and there the searchers see a bit of color in the wreckage, and pulling away the debris discover a child, or a mud-stained bit of linen makes a mark where a baby has lodged in the dirt.

Flood Came Down Four Streams. Skinner Fork, Stevenson's Canyon and Balm Fork all empty into Willow creek. Three roaring torrents poured down these three streams to form the white roll of water that caused the desolation and ruin.

The Ride of Matlock and Kelly. One of the incidents that stands out in the heroism of Les Matlock, who, with Bruce Kelly, rode down the valley warning the ranchers and the residents of Lexington and Ione of the approaching destruction.

Some Remarkable Escapes. George Conser and wife, with Dr. McSwords and John Ayres, were at Conser's home. Seeing the approaching flood, Mrs. Conser begged them all to seek safety up stairs.

One young lady caught hold of a horse's tail and was dragged ashore by the struggling animal. A good

ly with money and provisions. No sooner did the news reach this city than from every side came inquiries as to what could be done to give immediate assistance.

Special Train to the Scene.

Relief for the stricken people of Heppner and Lexington is now being organized in Portland with all dispatch. As soon as the needs of the survivors are known all the help necessary will be sent immediately.

Wreckage is Being Burned.

The wreckage is being burned after having been searched for bodies.

Dreadful Storm at Ione.

Ione, June 16.—For over an hour last night there was not a living soul in Ione. A fearful electrical storm broke over the village and the 350 inhabitants took to the hills for fear of a repetition of Sunday night's catastrophe.

Torrents of Water.

Water in torrents fell on unprotected

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SHE GOT RID OF THE DOG

UTAH VERSION OF SAMSON, FOXES AND BURNING BRANDS

Whole Settlement Damaged and in Uproar Over Foolish Act of a Farmer's Daughter—And the End is Not Yet.

Smithfield, Utah, June 16.—A girl named Lemous, desiring to get rid of a dog, tied rags saturated with kerosene, to its tail, and then fired the combination.

For the Murder of Marcum.

Jackson, June 16.—Jett, on the stand this morning in his own defense, put on a bold front. He said he never entered the door of the court house until after the shooting took place and went there from curiosity only.

Three-Cent Fares Defeated.

Los Angeles, Cal., June 16.—Three-cent railway fares was finally killed in the council this morning by a vote of 4 to 2.

GENEROSITY OF ATHENA.

Entire Fourth of July Fund Diverted to Flood Sufferers.

Our sister city of Athena, the little town out among the hills of the northwest, has set the pattern for the rest of the community in the matter of self-denial and human kindness.

DEATH OF JOHN KELLER.

Recent Arrival Passes Away With Quick Consumption.

John Keller, the brother of Alvie Keller, of this city, died at the home of his sister, Mrs. Albert Rhodes, at 504 Cottonwood street, last evening at 8 o'clock, after a short illness.

MANSLAUGHTER IS THE VERDICT

Jury Was Out Twelve Hours and Returned an Unexpectedly Light Verdict.

END OF A FAMOUS UNION COUNTY MURDER CASE.

For the Killing of Arch Halgarth the Elder Gray is Sentenced to Five Years in the Penitentiary—His Son is Acquitted.

Union, Ore., June 16.—The jury in the trial of Woodson Gray and his son Wade, who are charged with the murder of A. M. Halgarth, at Elgin, Ore., March 20, brought in a verdict this morning after a 12-hour retirement, finding Woodson Gray guilty of manslaughter. Wade Gray was acquitted.

Great interest has been taken throughout the trial as both the deceased and accused were prominent men of Union county. The murmur was the sequel to an old feud. Trouble had been had with the children on both sides at school resulting in the suspension of Gray's son.

Farmer Adjudged Insane. Union, Ore., June 16.—Sheriff Pennington has taken to the asylum J. Myers, an old-time resident of this county, he being adjudged insane by the county court.

DOWN MAIN STREET.

One Team Starts Several Others into a General Mix-Up on Main Street.

Main street was pretty badly mixed up this afternoon by a runaway team that came over the bridge from North Pendleton. The team belonging to W. J. Clark started to run on the other side of the river and came across the bridge at a great pace.

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