



### CONDITIONS AT HEPPNER

#### Danger of Contagious Diseases From Polluted Air and Water.

#### HOW ESCAPE OF W. T. MATLOCK AND DR. COLE.

#### of Railroad Track Has Been Carried Away—Bedding is Badly Spoiled; Also Cooking Utensils and Who Will Work—Preparations to Punish Looters Severely.

Dr. W. G. Cole has returned to Heppner, where he went in response to the news of the disaster, and he has been since that time assisting in every way in his power to relieve the suffering and better the conditions at that place.

Dr. Cole thinks that the list of dead will not go over 200, and that it will be even smaller than that. He has only words of sympathy for the people of that place, and says that the fortitude displayed at all times during the calamity since was remarkable in the and places them in the front for resourcefulness and citizenship.

#### Bridge Fell Down.

The way over the doctor and his were caught in heavy rains and some very unpleasant experiences. The place William Matlock had driven across a high bridge it went down, falling almost under the back wheels of the This forced Dr. Cole's party straight up the face of the for a long way to get of the gulch.

#### of Railway Track Gone.

A railroad is a total wreck, the having been torn out for miles stretch. In some places the was utterly wiped out of existence and in others was simply floated on the side for a mile or less, and stretched over the uneven face of the valley. The company expect the line rebuilt into the town at three days.

The first day following the disaster was not much system in the at the city, everyone devoting to the task of finding those who had been lost. But soon a system evolved in the and the work was carried on by dispatch. One of the large was converted into a morgue, to this all of the bodies were as fast as they were found there was a force of men in waiting to care for The bodies were washed and buried as fast as identified. This was done for the reason was thought that the list of the would amount to such numbers there would be no place for to be put, and for the further that the bodies were so bloated with the water that they had to be as soon as possible.

On the second day teams and tackle employed in the removal of the and the work was carried than the day before. All of the men worked with a will; even who had lost loved ones in the still their grief and turned to the work that they had to do.

to do. Yesterday a young man was seen to take a brooch from the corpse of a young lady, and a lynching nearly resulted from the act, but it was discovered that the lady was the sister of the young man and that he was only seeking a remembrance of the dead. The town is full of strangers, and such things are liable to occur where the people are unknown one to the other. The men in charge of the work are stern and determined and Western justice will be meted out to any one lawlessly inclined.

The flood as it came washed the first houses in its course away and carried them on the crest of the wave down the valley. The houses would lodge in their flight and jam, and this would dam back the water till it found volume enough to sweep the accumulated mass on down the stream. In this way the flood reached higher than it otherwise would have done, and the loss was increased greatly. Houses bobbed about on the flood like corks in a bucket.

#### Danger of Sickness Occurring.

Doctors are not needed at the scene now, but unless the conditions of the place are changed in the next few days disease and sickness are liable to sweep the town. Owing to the wreck of the city and to the large number of dead, the exposure and strain upon the inhabitants, and the lack of customary food, and the wet ground and vapor driven up by the hot sun, the conditions are favorable to the breeding of sickness.

#### REMARKABLE CIRCUMSTANCE.

#### Bank Official Suicides Who Is Not Short in His Accounts.

New York, June 17.—Frank Dean, vice-president of the Seaboard National Bank, shot and killed himself in the cellar of his home, this morning, after bidding his family good-bye. Insanity is supposed to be the cause of the deed, as Mr. Dean's accounts are known to be straight.

#### Revolt in Arabia.

Constantinople, June 17.—There is another revolt in Arabia owing to heavy taxation. Osman Pasha, commander at Medina has been wounded and imprisoned. The people of Mecca rose against the local Ritz and imprisoned the governor general and his staff.

#### Fell Five Stories.

New York, June 17.—An elevator fell from the fifth floor in a West Houston street building this morning injuring five, three seriously. The cable parted.

### ANOTHER ROW IN KENTUCKY

#### TROOPS PROTECT NEGROES ACCUSED OF MURDER.

#### Large Number of Citizens Are Corralled in a Square by the Militia, While the Blacks Are Taken to Court.

Maysville, Ky., June 17.—The trial of three negroes accused of the murder of John Farrow, was today a big military event. Early this morning the town began to fill with farmers from the surrounding country. When the troops started to march from the jail to the courthouse, the excitement began.

Shouts from leaders of the mob caused the officers in behalf of the prisoners to order the militiamen to fix bayonets. The troops then faced the crowd surrounding it, and held it in the square while another detachment of militia and the sheriffs took the prisoners to court. The military then took charge of the courthouse, barred all entrances and placed cannon in front.

#### Times Correspondent Captured.

Algiers, June 17.—Charles Harris, the famous correspondent of the London Times in Algeria, has been captured by mountaineers.

#### GRAIN MARKETS.

Quotations Furnished by Coe Commission Company—R. L. Boulter, Local Manager, 120 Court Street, Chicago, June 17.—

	Opening.	Close.
July	75%	76%
Sept	73 1/2%	74%
Corn—		
July	49 1/2%	50%
Oats—		
July	39	39 1/2%

Minneapolis, June 17.—

	Opening.	Close.
July	78%	79%
Sept	72	72 1/2%

### HEPPNER IN DARKNESS, AND MOURNING IS EVERYWHERE

#### Two Hundred and Fourteen Bodies Recovered—Many Are Missing and Debris Yet Covers Many Dead.

#### Topography of the Country Has Been Modified by the Rush of Waters—Trees Uprooted or Twisted Off, Huge Boulders Carried Long Distances—Relief From Different Points in Umatilla County.

#### OVER 200 BODIES FOUND.

Heppner, June 17.—Two hundred and fourteen bodies have been recovered. For 12 miles down Willow creek are piles of debris, all supposed to contain bodies. The principal efforts are centered on clearing the town, but small parties are working along the creek and discovering bodies every little while.

Heppner, June 17.—I have wired report of Heppner disaster from lone, however a few personal observations and impressions may be of interest. Our special left the Pendleton depot at 11:30 a. m. Monday. At 12:30 we arrived at Echo. The teams telegraphed for in advance were ready and an immediate start was made.

#### Across the Desert.

The heat shimmering on the drifting sands, the sparse sagebrush, the jack rabbits and horned toads darting to shelter behind clumps of sagebrush, the monotonous sameness of the hills describes the country between Echo and Heppner. An hour out from Echo we encountered the first evidence of the severity of the storm of the preceding night.

#### First Evidence of Storm.

The land had been cut and gullied by the water, sagebrush being uprooted and winnows of sand formed. Shallow pools stood in the depressions, and the road was hub deep with water in places. William Matlock, who has traveled the Heppner-Echo road times innumerable since the early sixties, said that never before had he seen the water standing in such quantities on the flat.

Usually the thirsty alkali soil eagerly drinks up the water. So heavy had been the waterfall that the hillsides were cut with ravines where the water had eaten its way to the low lands. Two or three hours out from Echo our five rigs pulled out of the road to make way for a single buggy drawn by a splendid span of blacks coming on the dead run. Their glistening, sweat-stained flanks were flecked with foam. As long as they were in sight they kept up their killing pace. We wondered what message of life or death was urging on the stern-faced driver.

#### Monday's Storm.

A few miles from Heppner the skies became dark and threatening. The lightning flashed fitfully across the darkened sky and the low rumble of thunder was heard.

The electrical display increased till the lightning flashed blindingly from three or four different points at the same time. Then came the deluge. The rain seemed to come in sheets and by bucketful. In five minutes the hillside ravines were bank full of muddy water.

Our progress was somewhat slower than it would ordinarily be as occasional detours had to be made to get around washouts and places where the road had been destroyed by the storm.

#### Path of the Waterspout.

Here the road followed Hinton creek. Hinton creek and every tributary, swale and gulch had been ragging torrents. Where the road had been, huge piles of boulders and rocks had been deposited. Rocks weighing a thousand pounds had been carried down from the hillsides above and left in the roadway or the alfalfa fields below.

Some of the alfalfa fields will be more valuable as rock quarries than as alfalfa fields now. In places the fences were entirely washed away, while in other places the barbed wire fences had withstood the flood and mud and silt had been deposited to the top strand of the wire.

#### Franks of the Flood.

One curious thing to be seen was

franks gave sickening evidence of the wholesale destruction of life that had come like a bolt from the blue upon the once happy and prosperous little city of Heppner.

#### Families Torn Asunder.

Men, who 24 hours ago had had a wife and family and a beautiful home, may be seen standing among the ruins dry-eyed from grief. Here and there a man winks back the tears. Here a trembling lip tells the story of a grief too deep for words. Before such an overwhelming visitation one sees little grief of the noisy or demonstrative kind.

One woman, with grief too deep for tears, said to me: "Can you tell me whether they have found my husband's body? Most of my relatives were drowned. It seems hard that I should have to live. If I could only have gone with him."

#### City in Darkness.

The city is in darkness—a darkness too deep to be dissipated by the feeble gleams of the lamps and tallow candles that are being used in lieu of electric lights. A misstep at the street crossing results in going into the soft and silty mud to one's ankles. The Palace hotel is crowded with the homeless. Picking my way along as best I could, I made my way to the morgue. On the street corners and stacked along the sidewalk are hastily constructed oblong boxes. A grim reminder of the chief occupation at present—the burial of the dead.

#### At the Morgue.

In the hall of Robert's stone block is the morgue. When I went up I found Mrs. N. A. Kelly and Mrs. M. M. Cresswell busy with the dead. They and the other brave and courageous women of Heppner have made a noble response to the call upon them. Stretched the length of the hall are porcelain tubs. Across these tubs slats are placed.

As the bodies are recovered they are brought here. Some look calm and peaceful.

One little girl was lying in a crude box, the light from a smoky lantern falling upon the satiny smoothness of her bare white shoulders. It lit up her clustered ringlets of golden hair till they looked like fine-spun gold. Her lips were partially closed. Her expression had nothing of fright or pain, rather it was one of utter peace and content.

It did not seem possible that she was dead; rather it seemed that she slept. Death had dealt gently with her, leaving no signs of stress or sorrow on her beautiful and innocent face.

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### TWENTY THOUSAND HOMELESS

#### SITUATION DESPERATE YET AND MONEY NEEDED.

#### Kansas City and Two Suburbs Are in Bad Shape—Water Supply of Latter Cut Off and Relief Fund Exhausted.

Kansas City, Mo., June 17.—Four thousand families, aggregating not fewer than 20,000 persons, are homeless in this city and subsisting on charity. There is left \$60,000 of the relief fund, which Mayor Gilbert declares is one-fourth enough to alleviate present misery and the distress that is in sight.

#### In Two Kansas Suburbs.

In Armoredale, a city of 8,000 people, only four streets are passable, hundreds of inhabitable houses still blocking some of the main thoroughfares. The strength, time and financial resources of most of the volunteer laborers are exhausted and the extremity that invests the entire community is very great.

In Argentine, on the opposite of the Kaw, there is no water supply, the wells being fouled and the waterworks entirely out of commission. They were damaged almost beyond repair. Argentine has 5,000 inhabitants. The relief fund especially intended for this city is exhausted.

#### DAMAGES TO SPAIN.

#### What Would Have Happened Had She Gotten the Destroyers.

Edinburg, June 17.—The court zeon today upheld the decision given by Lord Kylachys some months ago that the Clyde Bank Shipbuilding Company must pay \$67,000 to the Spanish government for delay in the Hivering the four torpedo destroyers ordered for the Spanish-American war. Spain, in the suit, claimed that the lack of these destroyers completely changed the history of the war.

#### New Civil Service Commissioner.

Washington, June 17.—Henry Green of Duluth, has been appointed civil service commissioner to succeed James Garfield, who was recently made chief of the bureau of corporations, a new bureau in the department of commerce.

### CELEBRATE OR HELP HEPPNER

#### Question of Diversion of the Funds to Go to an Immediate Settlement

#### SHALL THE FOURTH OF JULY MONEY BE SENT TO HEPPNER

#### Tomorrow Evening at 7 O'Clock All Subscribers to Observance Fund Will Meet at Council Chamber—Proposed to Reserve Only Enough to Pay the Expenses Already Accrued.

All of the subscribers to the Fourth of July fund are requested to meet at the council chamber tomorrow evening at 7 o'clock for the consideration of the question as to whether or not it will be wise for the city to celebrate the Fourth in view of the Heppner disaster. The meeting is called by the order of R. Alexander, the president of the Progress Club.

A sentiment has been growing in the city for the last 24 hours adverse to the celebration of the Fourth. There are so many of those prominent in the celebration movement that have lost friends and relatives that it is thought best by most of the prominent men interested in the movement to abandon the celebration out of respect to their dead and as a mark of respect to the sister city.

Another plan is to turn all of the surplus of the subscriptions left after the expenses already contracted have been paid, over to the town of Heppner, for their use as they may see fit. This action will be discussed at the meeting tomorrow and some definite conclusion reached.

#### Relief Train Wrecked.

Arlington, June 17.—The relief train sent by Spokane to Heppner went through a defective bridge at 3 o'clock this morning, between Heppner Junction and Douglas Station on the O. R. & N. Four persons and two horses are reported drowned. The train was loaded with supplies, tools and laborers for relief work at Heppner, and the accident has blocked traffic somewhat today. Part of the train passed safely over the bridge, but the structure gave way with the rear end of the train. That portion which crossed over, went on to Lexington with its much-needed cargo.

#### IN CAMP AT CHEYENNE.

#### Grand Army of the Republic of Wyoming and Colorado.

Cheyenne, Wyo., June 17.—The annual encampment of the Grand Army Department of Colorado and Wyoming, opened in this city today with a monster military pageant. Besides the G. A. R. veterans the parade embraced ex-soldiers of the Spanish-American war, the Sons of Veterans and United States troops from Fort Russell.

Many dignitaries of the two states are here and the city is patriotically decorated in honor of the visitors. Tonight eminent speakers will address the campfire in Keefe hall and tomorrow the Grand Army and the affiliated organizations will hold their business sessions. Spirited contests are on for department offices and also for the next meeting place.

#### Plots and Counterplots.

London, June 17.—A dispatch from Constantinople reports that the sultan has warned the mother of Milan, son of the late king of Milan of Serbia, to guard her son. It is thought there may be a plot to murder young Milan, to completely clear the title to the Serbian throne.

#### Politician Suicides.

Independence, Mo., June 17.—David Wallace, past grand master of the grand lodge of Masons of Missouri, and a democratic politician of national standing, once being deputy surveyor of customs at Kansas City, suicided at his home today, using a revolver. The cause is unknown.

#### American Released By Pirates.

Washington, June 17.—Consul McWade, at Canton, cables the state department today that the American who a few days ago was captured and held for ransom by pirates, has been rescued by the gunboat Callao and returned to Canton.