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WEATHER FORECAST. Showers and thunderstorms to-night and Thursday.

FOUR DROWNED ON RHEA CREEK

Cloudburst on Cason Creek Causes Sudden and Violent Flood on Rhea.

NUNNAMAKER RANCH AT THE CREEKS' JUNCTION

Believed That Mrs. Nunnamaker and the Three Children Were Overwhelmed While Attempting to Escape From the Flood—Bodies Have All Been Recovered—The Railroad Track Washed Out Between Lexington and Heppner, and Communication is Much Disturbed—No Property Damaged at or Below Heppner.

Reports received from Heppner and other places in Morrow county confirm the one contained in the East Oregonian bulletin last evening, and make the losses even greater. Four lives were lost in the waterpout that struck on Rhea creek, south of Heppner, viz.: Mrs. J. R. Nunnamaker, her two small children, and a child of Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Cox, the latter being a niece of the dead woman.

The Nunnamaker ranch is at the junction of Cason canyon with Rhea creek, and the road from Hardman to Heppner crosses at that place. According to the accounts received, the bulk of the torrent came down Cason canyon, and was evidently of considerable force. Mrs. Nunnamaker and the three children are said to have run into the water, the woman either becoming excited and losing her presence of mind, or else being caught by the water while attempting to reach one of the banks.

The storm struck sometime during the afternoon yesterday, and reports reached Heppner over the barbed-wire telephone line that connects nearly all the ranches in that section. A relief party was at once formed at Heppner and set out for the scene of the flood. Repeated inquiries this forenoon fail to show any other losses aside from at the Nunnamaker place, and the losses to the ranches below Cason canyon are said not to be great.

Quite a number of families live below the Nunnamaker place, among these being Henry Gay, four miles; J. J. Atkins, three miles further down; John Golden, adjoining Atkins; and below the latter place is the C. A. Rhea ranch, on which a son of C. A. Rhea is now living. Cason canyon, where the waterpout fell, is about 20 miles from where Rhea creek empties into Willow creek, a few miles above Lane.

Reports from Lane received by the East Oregonian this forenoon state that the railroad track was washed out yesterday afternoon between Lexington and Heppner by the rush of water down Willow creek, and the train was unable to reach Heppner last night, so stopped for the night at Lane. However, a force of men was kept at work all night upon the damaged track and will be repaired in time for the train this evening. From the above it would seem that there was considerable rainfall at Heppner or above that place in order to bring Willow creek to such a stage. At Lane, where the creek has the additional water from Rhea creek, it is said Willow was filled to its banks, though no damage was done. No rain fell there until 7 or 8 o'clock last evening.

CHICAGO WHEAT MARKET.

Quotations From the Greatest Wheat Market in the United States.

Chicago, May 31.—May wheat opened at 85 1/2, corn 48 1/2, and oats 20 1/2.

Song Wah, a Chinaman, suicided at Spokane. He had been run out of Coulee City because of illicit relations with a white woman.

Defends Rockefeller.

New York, May 31.—Dr. Robert MacArthur, pastor of Calvary Baptist church, in the Baptist Examiner, published tomorrow, defends Rockefeller and says: "Coarse and cruel criticism of Rockefeller maligns the entire Baptist denomination." He protests against what he calls "cowardly, unjust attacks." He has "investigated the alleged illegal transactions and finds them in accordance with the highest standards of business morality. Rockefeller is a Christian gentleman in private and business life."

FIRE AT LAGRANDE.

Building and Stock of Goods is Destroyed.

La Grande, May 31.—Fire was discovered last night at 10:30 in Fred Jacobs' second-hand store, and though the fire department did all in its power to subdue the flames, the building and contents were totally destroyed. The origin of the fire is unknown, though it is thought that the fire commenced in the upper story.

The stock was insured for \$2000 and the building, which belonged to C. G. Bunte, was insured for \$1000. Mr. Jacobs carried a stock which he values at not less than \$3500. The value of the building was unable to determine. Mr. Jacobs states that he will not discontinue business, but will be ready to trade with the public again as soon as the insurance adjusters get through adjusting the loss.

THREE DAYS BEHIND.

Second Boat in Transatlantic Yacht Race.

Sailly Islands, May 31.—At 11:40 this morning the English yacht Valhalla, was sighted 20 miles southwest, in a southwesterly breeze.

Worn Out Crew.

Southampton, May 31.—The Atlantic arrived this morning, her crew exhausted. Captain Barr had not slept for 48 hours. The owner, Marshall, gives the entire credit to Charles Barr, the skipper.

ALPHONSO IN PARIS.

Alleged Plot to Assassinate Spain's King.

Paris, May 31.—King Alfonso of Spain, started sightseeing early this morning, accompanied by President Leoubet. The king was enthusiastically and frequently cheered by the people. After the official reception at the county hall, the party will take luncheon at the Spanish embassy.

Plan to Assassinate.

Paris, May 31.—The police are on the track of an Austrian named Verzelet, alleged to have planned the assassination of Alfonso while in Paris.

Chico Won.

London, May 31.—Lord Rosebery's Coloco, Maher sp, won the derby at Epsom Downs this afternoon. Nine horses ran.

TWENTY-SEVEN MEN ENTOMBED

TUNNEL COLLAPSED AT THE GUNNISON WORKS.

Entombed Men Were 330 Feet from Mouth of Tunnel, and Directly Beneath the Bed of a Creek—Two Were Killed and Four Are Still in the Tunnel—Severe is a Government Irrigation Project.

Montrose, Col., May 31.—A cave-in occurred today at Gunnison tunnel, one of the large irrigation projects of the United States government, entombing about 25 workmen. It is not likely that any of the men are dead, unless caught and crushed by the falling earth. For six days prior to the tunnel having been working almost without intermission since the accident happened. By order of Resident Engineer McCoull, all work on the tunnel was suspended and the entire force of men and machinery has been brought to the scene of the cave-in to aid in rescuing the entombed men. A shaft is being sunk directly over the spot where the men are buried, and machinery is in place to remove the dirt and rocks as fast as can be cut.

27 Men Entombed.

Montrose, Col., May 31.—A rescue party is expected to reach 27 entombed workmen in the Gunnison tunnel by 10 o'clock this morning.

It is believed several are dead. The body of an unknown workman was discovered in the tunnel this morning, but before it could be removed another cave-in buried it. Two workmen, caught in the timbers, are heard calling for help. The entombed men are 330 feet from the mouth of the tunnel, and directly under the bed of Cedar creek. Their names are unknown.

The rescuers in the shaft reached the entombed men at noon. Twenty-one were hoisted out alive. Edward Schuler and Floy Woodruff are dead. Four are still in the tunnel, and injured.

Morton Will Retire.

Washington, May 31.—Secretary of the Navy Morton announced this afternoon definitely he will retire July 1.

Chinese Will Boycott.

Manila, May 31.—The Chinese chamber of commerce has voted to boycott all American merchandise in retaliation for the new exclusion treaty.

The United States supreme court has adjourned until October 3.

MAY SUBMIT TO A REFERENDUM

Grand Jury and Master in Chancery Are Investigating the Teamsters' Strike.

CONFERENCE OF LABOR LEADERS IS SCHEDULED.

President Shea Is Favorable to Continuing the Struggle and Unless a Settlement is Reached Soon the Strike Will Spread by a General Walkout of Teamsters—A Strike Breaker Was Badly Beaten—Two Thousand of the Regular Police Force Are Guarding Wagons, Leaving But 600 on Duty in the City.

Chicago, May 31.—In addition to the grand jury and master in chancery, investigations of the teamsters' strike today, a conference of labor leaders is scheduled, at which plans will probably be discussed. It is reported the executive committee of the international brotherhood of teamsters may decide to take a referendum vote to convince the strikers.

President Shea expressed himself favorable to continuing the struggle, but said powerful forces oppose him. James Spencer, a strike-breaker, was kidnapped early this morning and taken to the south side and seriously wounded. Two thousand policemen were detailed this morning to guard wagons, leaving only 600 to protect the city. Two hundred were sent into the lumber district. The employers announce they will send out 3000 wagons today.

Teamsters Discharged.

The teamsters of the Coates company refused to deliver to boycotted concerns today and were discharged. President Cohen, of the State Federation of Labor, today intimated that unless the strike is speedily settled the result will be a general walk-out of teamsters.

FRANCHISE TAX HELD LEGAL.

Over \$24,000,000 Will Be Added to New York's Coeffers.

New York, May 31.—Unpaid taxes amounting to more than \$24,000,000 in the state of New York are made payable by the decision of the supreme court of the United States today upholding the state tax on corporation franchises. Among the companies affected and the sums due from them under the law are the following: The Manhattan Elevated Railway company, \$4,221,851; Consolidated Gas company, \$1,488,996; Metropolitan Traction company, \$2,222,636; Brooklyn Gas company, \$981,228, and the New York & Harlem Railroad company, \$984,924.

The decision was handed down by Justice Brewer, and it held the law under which the tax was levied to be valid.

BOY DRAGGED TO DEATH.

Foot in the Stirrup While the Horse Ran Away.

Sprague, Wash., May 31.—William Hollanb, an 18-year-old boy, who was working for James McDonald, met with a horrible death by being dragged by a horse at the latter's farm, 12 miles south of Sprague, at noon today. Mr. McDonald, the boy's father, W. E. Hollanb, and Mike Brielow, of Sprague, witnessed the accident, but were powerless to do anything to save the unfortunate boy. How the accident happened can not be determined, as the horse was running and dragging the boy by his foot, which was fastened in the stirrup, when he was first seen.

Undertaker Buchanan says that from the appearances of the body death was caused by the horse either kicking his breast or stepping on it, as there is unmistakable evidence of a severe internal hemorrhage. Young Hollanb was a member of the Sprague camp, Woodmen of the World, and will be buried under their auspices.

REPORT CENSURES.

Equitable Directors Met and Afterward Adjourned.

New York, May 31.—Directors of the Equitable met at 11 to consider the report of the Frick committee. It is learned from a reliable source the report censures the society for mismanagement. This will not strike Alexander hardest, as he had little to say in the management. It is not expected any high officials will be removed. Consideration of the report will probably not be finished today. The meeting adjourned at 1:30 until 3. None of the directors will talk.

A new fruit cannery is about to be established in Santa Clara, Cal., which will put up 3,000,000 cans a year. This season it expects to put up 2,000,000.

RUSSIAN ARMY IN OPEN REVOLT

News of Togo's Great Victory Has Demoralized Linevitch's Worn Army.

PROSECUTION OF THE WAR NOW IMPOSSIBLE.

Japanese Sunk or Captured Every Vessel But One in the Russian Fleet—St. Petersburg Is Panic Struck, and Denunciation of the Ruling Clique Is Open and Aboveboard—Rumors That the Czar May Abdicate—Other Rumors That He Will Stubbornly Prosecute the War—Naval Prestige Gone for 50 Years.

St. Petersburg, May 31.—Linevitch wires the czar today the news of Rostevsky's defeat has spread throughout the army in Manchuria, and the soldiers are now in open revolt. He declares the war must be ended. Linevitch points out that under such conditions its continuance is impossible.

Open Denunciation at Home.

All Russia is stunned by the news of the completeness of the disaster. All vessels but one sunk have been captured. The Almaz alone was saved. Crowds surround the bulletin boards, and weep as they listen to the pitiful details. Everywhere the present regime is denounced.

The Novoe Vremya demands that the people take the affairs of state into their own hands.

The Grand Duke Alexief's organ, the Sloveca, says Russia has had caustics enough and demands a change of regime that will give the country peace.

Rumors are spreading the czar intends to abdicate.

Naval Prestige Gone for 50 Years.

The grand dukes will hold a meeting tonight and a conference of ministers and prominent generals will be held at Tsarko Selo this afternoon. All the ministers, generals and admirals interviewed today say Russia has lost her sea power for half a century to come. They think peace would come immediately and that England and America should help modify Japan's demands and that internal reforms may bring about the regeneration of Russia.

Slight Japanese Losses.

Washington, May 31.—Minister Griscom wires the state department: "Rostevsky's skull was fractured, requiring an operation, but the hurt is not dangerous. The total Japanese losses to date were three torpedo boats sunk, three officers killed, and about 206 killed and disabled."

Japanese Order Equipment.

New York, May 31.—A \$5,000,000 order of machinery and electrical equipment for Japanese shipyards and arsenals was placed in this market and will be shipped overland to the Pacific.

Grombol Not Lost.

St. Petersburg, May 31.—The admiralty denies the reports the Grombol was sunk off Vladivostok, as a wireless message was received from that cruiser last night. Vice-Admiral Skrydloff is reported on the Grombol, in St. Petersburg.

List of Russian Losses.

Tokio, May 31.—Togo has authorized Admiral Nebogoff to submit to the czar a report of the battle list of Russian killed and wounded and prisoners. The surrendered officers of the Nicolai, Orel, Apraxine and Senyavits will be released on parole.

Greater Than Reported.

New York, May 31.—Marquis Ito today cabled Banker Henry Clews: "Thanks for your telegram of congratulation. The enemy's damage is actually greater than hitherto officially published."

Captured Ship Retaken.

Nagasaki, May 31.—The British steamer Oldhamia, with a kerosene cargo for Yokohama, which was captured by the Russians May 19, has been retaken by the Japanese warships. The captain of the Oldhamia, the engineer and two of the crew were also rescued. The steamer was retaken Saturday and brought to Sasebo today.

Engaged the Remnant.

Paris, May 31.—A report from St. Petersburg says Kamimura has engaged the remnant of the Russian fleet, and fighting is still progressing.

Congratulates Togo.

Tokio, May 31.—Admiral Yamamoto, minister of the navy, today wired the following congratulations to Admiral Togo: "The enemy's second and third squadrons in successfully overcoming

difficulties attending the voyage eastward showed themselves to be no mean power, but your squadron intercepting them in advance put them into confusion and destroyed or captured nearly all their vessels. Your victory does not end there. You captured the enemy's commander-in-chief. It is most gratifying for our national cause you achieved such a victory. We send congratulations and take this occasion to praise your virtues and the emperor to thank you and those under you, and to express our sympathy for the killed and wounded."

Czar is Obstinate.

Glasgow, May 31.—The correspondent of the Herald at St. Petersburg wires that the czar is obstinately set against suing for peace.

Japs Lose Provision Train.

St. Petersburg, May 31.—Linevitch reports that his cavalry on May 24 captured a Japanese provision train near Gangowati.

Will Not Trust Russia.

Washington, May 31.—It is stated on high diplomatic authority that before peace is concluded Japan will demand from the powers a guarantee that Russia will fulfill all the conditions imposed.

Orel Under Japanese Colors.

Kobe, May 31.—The captured Russian battleship Orel arrived at Malakka today flying the Japanese flag. There will be great rejoicing here tonight in honor of the Japanese victory. The town is illuminated.

RIO GRANDE IS HIGH.

Railroad Traffic Is Badly Demoralized and Town Submerged.

El Paso, May 31.—The Rio Grande river is higher in El Paso today than for several years. Railroad traffic is badly demoralized. The town of Anthony, N. M., is practically submerged. Crops throughout the Mesilla valley are ruined. Property damage, including valley crops, is estimated at \$500,000. The city of El Paso is in no immediate danger.

Destructive Fire at Warroad.

Winnipeg, May 31.—Nineteen business houses and two residences were destroyed by fire today at Warroad, on the Minnesota and Canadian border. Loss, \$250,000.

COMMENCEMENT OF THE ACADEMY

JUDGE W. R. ELLIS WILL DELIVER ADDRESS.

Five Graduates Will Deliver Orations—Literary and Musical Program at Presbyterian Church Tonight—Mrs. Marston in Charge of Music—Annual Banquet at Assembly Hall Following Commencement Exercises.

The commencement exercises of Pendleton academy will be held tonight at the Presbyterian church, Judge W. R. Ellis to deliver the address to the graduates.

The exercises will begin at 8 o'clock promptly, and a musical and literary program will be rendered, in addition to the orations by the graduates.

The orations by the graduating class will be as follows: "Ancient Egypt," Elmer Yates. "Mary Lyons," Mary Odessa Porter. "Old Oregon," James Hartman Sturges.

The "Maui," Stanley Yates. Valdehtorian, Elda Pearl Potter. Mrs. Helen Webb Marston will have charge of the music for the evening and after the exercises at the church the annual banquet will be held at assembly hall of the academy. About 50 invited guests will attend the banquet and short addresses will be made by the alumni, academy teachers, members of the board of trustees and others.

Repudiate Gompers and Mitchell. Salt Lake, May 31.—By an overwhelming vote today the Western Federation of Miners endorsed industrial union and will send delegates to the convention in Chicago June 27. This repudiates Gompers and Mitchell, making a complete break with the executive council of the American Federation of Labor.

IN POLICE COURT.

Batch of Disorderlies and Scrapers Were Disciplined.

In the police court this morning Jim Badroads forfeited bail to the amount of \$3 for riding a wheel on the sidewalk. A. F. Nicholas forfeited \$10 for driving too fast through the city. Eli Parr was given \$10 or five days for fighting.

Arn Hicklin was sentenced to 10 days or \$20 for fighting. The latter was arrested by Deputy Sheriff Spikes last evening. Hicklin was fighting with another man and Deputy Davis attempted to part them. On resistance being offered, Deputy Spikes came to his assistance and Hicklin was locked in the city jail for the night.

FIFTY PASSENGERS ARE NECESSARY

That Number is Required to Secure Special Train From Walla Walla to Celilo.

O. R. & N. MAKES ROUND TRIP RATE OF \$9.25.

Northern Pacific Steamer Cannot Be Had for the Trip, and the Mountain Gem Passenger List Has Been Full for Two Weeks Past—A Large Attendance at Celilo From the Most Distant Parts of Eastern Oregon Is Certain—President Borie Appoints a Committee to Represent the Pendleton Commercial Association.

J. A. Smith, of the Open River association, passed through the city this morning from Baker City, where he has been in the interest of the opening of the portage and is highly pleased with the interest being shown in the event in that district and expects a large attendance from Eastern Oregon at the celebration to be held at Celilo on Saturday.

In order that Umatilla county may be represented at the celebration, President Borie, of the Commercial association this morning appointed a committee, consisting of E. W. McComas, Henry Rosenberg and C. W. Myers to be present at the opening ceremonies at Celilo, Saturday morning to represent Umatilla county and Pendleton Commercial association.

The members of this committee have signified their intention of going to Celilo and many more Umatilla county people will also attend the celebration. A special train will be run from Portland on Saturday morning, carrying Governor Chamberlain and the other members of the portage commission who will come out to witness the ceremonies.

Cannot Go on River Boat.

The East Oregonian received a telephone message from Dr. N. G. Blalock, of Walla Walla, this afternoon, stating that it has been impossible to secure the Northern Pacific boat to make the trip down the river and that as the Mountain Gem, from Lewiston, has been crowded with a passenger list for two weeks, it will be impossible for either Walla Walla or Umatilla citizens to secure passage on the boat to Celilo.

The people of Walla Walla are trying to arrange a special train over the O. R. & N., and have secured a special round trip rate with Pullman, from Walla Walla to Celilo and return for \$2.25, and they invite Pendleton to join in this excursion, as they must guarantee 50 passengers to secure this train. The rate from Pendleton would be correspondingly cheaper.

Dr. Blalock stated that Walla Walla could easily raise one-half or two-thirds of the required number, and earnestly called upon Pendleton to aid them in securing the train by promising to go.

The plans of the boat excursion are just as published in the East Oregonian yesterday. The Mountain Gem will pass Umatilla some time Friday afternoon and will remain over night at Arlington, but it is crowded to the limit with Lewiston people.

A large number of Walla Walla people desired to go by boat, and many of them will go on the excursion train. Chairman E. W. McComas, of the special committee appointed by President Borie, of the Commercial association, said to the East Oregonian today:

This is the most important event happening in the Inland Empire since the country was first settled, and I hope the citizens will show their interest by attending the celebration. It is far more important than the opening of the Lewis and Clark fair."

Rogers' Petition Denied.

Monopeller, May 31.—Chief Justice Howell, of the supreme court, this morning denied the petition of the attorneys of Mrs. Rogers, for a writ of error. Governor Bell decided to grant a reprieve in order to permit a writ of error to be filed in the state supreme court.

Fairbanks at Portland.

Portland, May 31.—Vice President and Mrs. Fairbanks and the congressional party who will participate in the opening ceremonies of the Lewis and Clark exposition, arrived by special train at 4 o'clock this morning over the Northern Pacific. They remained aboard the train until 3 o'clock when they were met by fair officials and escorted through the streets by the Fourth cavalry to the home of President H. W. Goods, of the fair commission, where Fairbanks will be entertained during his stay.