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Forecast for Eastern Oregon by the United States Weather Observer at Portland.

Tonight and Tuesday rain, colder tonight, strong westerly winds.

# UMATILLA RIVER RISING, SWELLED BY WATER FROM FOOTHILLS

### Snow Beginning to go Out in Mountains—Bridge on Tutuilla Reported to Have Been Washed Out—Birch Creek Nearing Flood Stage—Water Reported to Cover Bridge on Main Street at Pilot Rock.

### Colder Weather is Predicted for Pendleton and Flood Dangers May be Checked—City, However, is Apprehensive of High Water—Thaw in Progress Today and Snow is Melting Rapidly.

With the weather forecast in Portland promising colder weather for Pendleton tonight there are indications the thawing of snow will be checked and thus flood dangers lessened. The forecaster, however, predicts dangerous avalanches in the mountains during the next 24 hours.

### Basement is Flooded.

The first report of basement trouble from the melting snow came to light this afternoon when it was found water from the rear of the Ladow block was flooding into the basement of the D. D. Phelps plumbing establishment on Court street.

There are many who fear that there is more danger from overflowing gutters than from the Umatilla river. In the event any of the storm gutters should be clogged, through being frozen or for any other reason, it is possible damage may result.

Pendleton is filled today with apprehension of flood because of thawing weather that has been under way all day long and because of rather alarming reports from foothills and mountains.

About 11 o'clock the Umatilla river began to rise and at 2 was carrying a considerable stream of muddy water. The water is partly from Wild Horse creek and partly from the Umatilla proper. It will require a huge volume of water to cause any danger of flood here because of the protecting levee.

At 3 o'clock this afternoon the official government thermometer registered 51 degrees above zero. The warmest weather in many days. Last night the lowest temperature was 21 above zero.

Snow is melting to considerable extent here this afternoon and about forming though little water was running on the ground or in the gutters. That snow is melting in the mountains is shown by reports from Meacham and elsewhere. It rained all day Sunday and last night at Meacham.

### At the Agency.

At the Umatilla agency the temperature was so low this afternoon and snow was melting rapidly a report had reached the agency that a bridge on Tutuilla had washed out. Details were not known.

This morning Thomas Thompson received a phone report from Herbert Thompson that Tutuilla was rising last night but was lower this morning.

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## MRS. MOHR FREED OF CHARGE SHE HAD HUSBAND KILLED

## WIDOW OF MURDERED NEWPORT PHYSICIAN ACQUITTED—NEGROES ARE HELD.

PROVIDENCE, R. I., Feb. 7.—Mrs. Elizabeth Mohr is free. She was found not guilty late Saturday on the charge of having hired three negroes to waylay and kill her husband, Dr. Charles F. Mohr, wealthy Newport physician, while in an automobile with his office assistant, Emily Burger.

Mrs. Mohr collapsed sobbing in court when the verdict was announced. For the two negroes who were charged directly with the murder of the doctor, the doors of the state's prison yawned. They were found guilty of having killed the doctor and seriously wounding the "other woman" in the case which has stirred Rhode Island for months.

### Negroes Are Convicted.

Both Henry Spellman and Victor Brown were pronounced guilty on the murder charge.

Having three different verdicts to announce, the strain following the announcement of the clerk that a decision had been reached was terrific. The verdicts in the case of the negroes came first.

## Fine of \$25 and 30 Days Imposed for Killing Deer

### BILLY STANLEY, HOWEVER, PENITENT TO RETURN HOME TO CARE FOR STOCK.

Fined \$25 and given a 30 day jail sentence for killing a deer, Billy Stanley, a young man living on the North Fork of the John Day, was permitted to return home to care for his stock during the present severe weather. The man was arrested by Deputy Warden George Tonkin who made a trip over the snow after the offender. He was convicted before Justice of the Peace McReynolds of Pilot Rock. His stock was reported in bad condition and, relying upon the promise of the young man to return after the snow leaves to serve out his sentence, that official suspended the sentence for the time being. The carcass of the deer was brought to Pendleton and given to St. Anthony's hospital.

### Lansing Denies Report.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 7.—Secretary Lansing denied the statement attributed to Secretary Zimmerman of Berlin, that America had increased its demands in the Laibania case. He said he doubted if Zimmerman had made such a statement, which he must know is utterly false.

## FIVE WOMEN AND TWO MEN ARRESTED AND MUCH LIQUOR SEIZED IN RAID BY SHERIFF

The defendants entered pleas of not guilty this afternoon, and all asked for jury trials. The first trial, that of Mrs. Harris, was set for a week from today. The others will follow. Col. J. H. Bailey and Will M. Peterson are representing the defendants arrested at Mrs. Harris' rooming house and Judge Fec is acting for those arrested at the Empire.

Five women and two men were arrested and several hundred dollars worth of liquor confiscated in a raid conducted by local officers late Saturday evening upon two rooming houses, the first such raid since the prohibition law went into effect.

The raid was directed by District Attorney Frederick Stelwer who had secured advance evidence and who scored out the complaints before the raid. Sheriff T. D. Taylor conducted the search of the rooming houses and was assisted by Deputy Sheriffs Joe

## Bill is Passed in the House for \$19,000 for Bridges at Mission and Thorn Hollow

News that the house of representatives at Washington passed a bill Saturday appropriating \$19,000 for the bridges at Mission and Thorn Hollow on the Umatilla reservation is contained in a message received by Thomas Thompson from Congressman N. J. Sinnott. The message states that the items are included in the Indian appropriation bill.

Mr. Thompson has also received a letter from Representative Sinnott and the belief is expressed the appropriation may now be secured without trouble, as Senator Chamberlain and Senator Lane are aiding the move in the senate. In the event he lost out in the house Mr. Sinnott had arranged with the senators to have the item included in the appropriation bill before the senate.

The bill provides for the construction of two bridges, the total cost of which will not be in excess of \$25,000. It is specified that the state of Oregon or Umatilla county shall provide the remaining one-third of the cost and shall agree to maintain the bridges and the approaches to the same.

The Indian appropriation bill also carries an appropriation of \$2000 for the Umatilla agency, \$4000 for the Warm Springs reservation, \$6000 for the Klamath school and \$119,000 for the Chemawa school.

In getting the bridge appropriation through the house, Representative Sinnott had the benefit of some special information as to tonnage and delour from Thomas Thompson.

## CENTRAL ALLIES AND ROUMANIAN ARMY MAY CLASH

### Bulgarian and Turkish Forces are Moving Toward Frontier Where Large Forces are Concentrated.

## TRANSYLVANIA IS THE PRIZE

Roumania Refuses to Demobilize or Give Pledge of Benevolent Neutral. It Toward the Teutonic Forces—80,000 carloads of Grain are Sold to the Allies.

LONDON, Feb. 7.—Bulgarian and Turkish forces are moving toward the Roumanian border to meet the concentrated Roumanians there. Milan reported. It was stated the central powers demanded a martial Roumanian demobilization with a pledge of benevolent neutrality toward the Teutons. This was ignored. The Chronicle declared the Teutons protested against the Roumanian sale of 80,000 carloads of grain to the allies. Roumania replied this was necessary to safeguard her economic interests. The Austrians are reported to have protested against the combination of two Roumanian parliament candidates pledged to secure the acquisition of Transylvania.

ROME, Feb. 7.—Austrian cavalry have reached the Arzen river four miles from Burasso, awaiting the arrival of the main body of Austrians who defeated the Serbians Sunday. The Serbs are retreating southward to escape the envelopment of the Hungarians at Elbassan.

Plakely and J. H. Estes, Janitor George Simpson of the court house and Police Officer Frank Nash.

The rooming house on Court street conducted by Mrs. James Harris better known as Mrs. Tothunter, and the Empire Lodging House on Webb street were the two places where the liquor was found and the arrests made. Other houses were searched but no further arrests made.

The greatest quantity of the liquor seized was found in the rooming house of Mrs. Harris. Whiskey or beer was found in almost every room. A 52 gallon barrel of whiskey, unopened, and seven full barrels of bottled beer were among the stores looted. The whole amount seized is now stored in the office of Justice of the Peace Joe H. Parkes. Besides the barrels there is a trunk half full of half pint bottles of whiskey, a full

## Rumor Afloat of New Sensational Plots in Canada

### PARLIAMENT IS PREPARED TO ASSEMBLE TO DISCUSS THE FIRE AT OTTAWA.

OTTAWA, Feb. 7.—Sensational reports of new plots against Canada were circulated when parliament resumed to assemble to discuss the Ottawa fire last week. A supposed plot was fired upon toward the international bridge connecting the United States and Bridgeburg Ontario. This lent strength to the belief spies are operating.

The ninth overseas battalion arrived at the Welland canal to reinforce the two regiments already manning the canal and ammunition plants. Sentries have been placed at all public buildings and a continuous guard is maintained at the canal and bridges. Despite suspicious occurrences it is expected Borden will express the conviction the parliament fire was an accident.

## NEWS SUMMARY

### General.

Central allies moving against Roumanian forces concentrated on frontier.

Sensational rumors of new plots gain circulation at Ottawa.

### Local.

Officers make seven arrests and seize big quantity of liquor in prohibition raid.

Pilot Rock people moving to high places.

More mad dogs killed and police sound warning.

Marren and Matlock charged with manslaughter.

Deer slayer sentenced to jail but allowed to care for stock.

O-W trains almost back to normal.

## REPORT OF LOSS OF GAME-BIRDS IS EXAGGERATED

### Most of Them Survive the Storm Better Than Was Expected Declares Member of Commission.

## MARION JACK RETURNS HOME

### After Being Snowbound, Finally Gets Into Pendleton—Says Quail Suffer Most From Snow—Snow at Bonneville Six Feet Deep—Farmers are Feeding the Game Birds.

Reports of the loss of game birds have been exaggerated says Marion Jack, member of the fish and game commission, who reached home yesterday after having been snow bound for 93 hours at Bonneville. The game survived the storm better than was expected but there have been some losses, particularly of quail.

While held at Bonneville by the blockade Mr. Jack had opportunity to observe conditions at the state fish hatchery there. He says the fry in the main hatchery is all safe but that there is danger some of the fish in the ponds will be lost. In a freshet these fish are likely to be swept into the Columbia river.

The snow was six feet deep at Bonneville and the local man says he felt he remained there long enough to be allowed to vote.

Deputy Game Warden Tonkin has received some reports from Alberta indicating the feed of game birds has materially helped keep them from perishing.

T. J. DeFrees of Athena has been feeding quail and says they have survived the storm though some Hungarian partridges were lost.

Charles Gerking also helped in feeding quail and says many birds were thus saved from starving.

Jack Vincent of Athena believes that few game birds were lost in that section during the storm.

The chief danger has been from hawks that take advantage of the enfeebled condition of game birds and prey upon them.

Grain companies or other parties having grain supplies or grain samples they will donate for feeding game birds are asked to notify G. L. Ladow, so that the sportsman may make arrangements to use the same.

## Portland Man Gets Position as the Interpreter of Future Events With Munition Co.

From a subordinate job in the Portland bureau of water works to the position of the interpreter of the future for a big munitions manufacturing company in New York is the remarkable rise and change of vocation experienced by George Earley, who spent yesterday with friends in Pendleton while en route east to begin upon his new duties.

The story of young Earley is a strange one. Possessed of an uncanny ability to see into the future, he has decided to capitalize this clairvoyant power which he has demonstrated to the satisfaction of many witnesses. He has so impressed the big munitions manufacturing company with his extraordinary prevision that he has been selected a partner and last week transportation to their base of operations was telegraphed him from the Wall street office of the company.

He left Portland last Tuesday but was held up by the storm, arriving here on Saturday. He stayed at the Hotel Pendleton while here, being a friend of Chief Clerk Ray Le-Pevre and visited other friends until this afternoon when he resumed his journey.

Earley has been working in the Portland water department in a clerical capacity for the past two years and his fellow employees had long noted that he was subject to periods of abstraction. To none, however, did he offer any explanation until just before his departure for the east, when to secure an indefinite leave of absence, he was obliged to furnish his reasons.

According to his story he has had an ability to peer into the future since she was a boy. Coming events he saw in bright detail and could not forestall striking incidents. Then quite as suddenly he lost his mysterious power but eventually regained it to some extent, that is it remained with him for periods ranging from a few days to six months.

During the past few weeks he has felt his occult energy returning and now believes himself, as he expressed it, "capable, by consistent, unwavering concentration on any theme of which he comprehends the ultimate objective, to foresee in a negative or positive sense, the outcome of even the smallest detail in the proposed workings of this theme or scheme."

Before leaving Portland he demonstrated his powers to his fellow employees and they were greatly impressed by them. Just what use the makers of munitions intend making of his prophetic sense is a matter of conjecture though the advantage of having someone at hand to predict the future is obvious.

Mr. Earley is very modest and reticent about his unusual distinction and dislikes talking about it.

## PILOT ROCK FOLKS MOVING TO PLACES OF SAFETY; FLOODS ARE ANTICIPATED

That Pilot Rock people were anticipating a flood and moving to places of safety was stated in a special phone report to the East Oregonian at Pilot Rock today. A rain fell at Pilot Rock up day Sunday and part of the night. A chinook has been under way today with the result Birch creek has become quite high.

## Creeks in the Mountains are Rising

### Foot of Snow melts at Meacham

### Warm Rain Falls All Day Sunday

At Meacham a warm rain fell all day Sunday and all last night with the result that a foot of snow disappeared in less than 24 hours. At 11 o'clock this morning the East Oregonian's correspondent at Meacham reported the weather to be "like a

## MATLOCK AND MARREN BOTH FACE CHARGES

### CHARGE AGAINST MATLOCK MAY BE DROPPED AS INVESTIGATION PROCEEDS.

Charging manslaughter, a complaint will be filed this afternoon in the justice court against W. O. "Whitey" Marren and Doc Matlock, who have been held in jail since the shooting of Wendell Phillips a week ago. Though his investigation is not complete, pressure from the attorney from the two men decided the district attorney to file a charge of manslaughter against both men. The connection of Matlock with the fatal affray is not yet clear and it may be that the charge against him will be dismissed. However, the officers have decided to hold him until further witnesses can be examined.

A man is mean enough when he is himself, but when he has a bad cold he ought to be made to live alone in a 40-acre field until he gets well.—Macon News.

## O-W TRAFFIC WILL SOON BE NORMAL AGAIN

### LIKELIHOOD THAT HIGH WATER OR AVALANCHES MAY BLOCK IT SOON.

Traffic over the O-W, R & N tracks is approaching the normal again after an interruption of a week but there is a likelihood that high water or avalanches may cause another blockade.

No. 4 from Portland got in this morning shortly after 10 o'clock and yesterday morning there were three trains from the west between 8:30 and 9:30. No. 18 this evening is reported on time and No. 17 from the east reached Pendleton about 1:30.

With the arrival of delayed trains Saturday and Sunday, the local post-office was swamped with mail.

In neither China nor Japan is there any production of milk worth mentioning. It is foreign to their diet and only imported condensed milk is obtained except at a few places.

## MANY TOWNS IN THE VALLEY ARE FACING FLOODS

### Willamette River is Rising at the Rate of Six Inches an Hour at Some Points it is Reported.

## ALREADY IS OVER ITS BANKS

### Chinook at Portland Clears Away—Snow—Damage is Feared Throughout the Valley—River Rises Three Feet in Few Hours at Eugene—Every Stream is at High Mark.

PORTLAND, Ore., Feb. 6.—A chinook wind swept away the snow yesterday and today. The Willamette river is rising at an unprecedented rate. It already has overflowed its banks in some places. Damage is feared throughout the valley. It rose six inches an hour at some points.

PORTLAND, Ore., Feb. 7.—In the six hours between noon and 6 o'clock yesterday the Willamette river at Eugene rose three feet. A rise of a foot and a half was recorded at Corvallis during the day. Other up-valley points reported rapidly rising waters. All reported rains and a rapid thaw. Flood conditions in the upper valley were considered imminent last night.

Farther south heavy rains were likewise falling. Roseburg reported uninterrupted rain for 24 hours, with all streams coming up, but danger was not considered imminent. A rise of four feet in the South Umpqua river was reported from Canyonville. These latter conditions, however, do not affect the Willamette river or Portland.

Every brook and rivulet throughout the Willamette valley last night was being transformed into a small torrent under the influence of the heavy melting rains. And all of the water was flowing toward Portland. A respite to colder weather will check it. Continued rapid thawing will have the opposite effect.

### Danger Mark Still Afloat

An additional rise of seven feet and a half here would place the water above the danger line, and consequently the question of whether Portland is to have flood conditions is the all-important one now, particularly along the waterfront.

The river at Portland was 7 1/2 feet

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## SEVERAL MORE DOGS FOUND TO HAVE RABIES

### CHIEF OF POLICE ANNOUNCES MUZZLING ORDINANCE WILL BE ENFORCED.

Several more dogs having exhibited symptoms of rabies during the past few days, Chief of Police Gurdane announced this morning that the muzzling ordinance passed at the last council meeting would be strictly enforced and that all unmuzzled dogs will be shot.

The police killed two dogs yesterday and another this morning and several others are being closely watched. The thoroughbred English shepherd dog, owned by I. Wilson, the contractor, went on a rampage on the south hill yesterday morning, biting several other dogs and finally biting the son of Bert Livermore on the hand. Mr. Livermore telephoned to the police and Officer Harry Edwards responded. He and Mr. Livermore located the animal on Thon street and it came at the officer with open mouth. He dropped it with the first shot. The dog had just bitten another dog owned by Leo Brown and at his request the officer also killed this animal.

The dog owned by Deputy Assessor Hawks was killed by the owner yesterday morning when found on the front porch in spasms. At 10:30 this morning Officer Edwards was called to the Main street bridge where a dog had been showing indications of being mad. It, too, was killed.

While it is extremely unlikely that all of the dogs exhibiting symptoms of illness are not rabid, the police declare they will take no chances.