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

Tonight and Thursday, rain.

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BELGIUM WILL NOT AGREE TO A SEPARATE PEACE

King Albert Reported to Have Turned Down Proposals as Said to Have Been Made by Germany.

WILL FIGHT UNTIL VICTORY

Little Nation is Determined to Continue War With Allies Until Kaiser is Finally Conquered—Peace Terms Included Restoration of Devastated Nation.

LONDON, Feb. 9.—Rome dispatches said that Belgium has rejected German overtures for a separate peace.

It was declared King Albert indignantly refused these terms, and will not consider peace until the allies are victorious.

The fact that Douglas Haig recently went to Havre on a special mission to meet King Albert tends substance to the peace reports.

Operating Cost on Umatilla Project is Under \$25,000

INCLUDES MAINTENANCE ALSO FOR LAST YEAR—ENGINEER MAKES REPORT.

The total cost of operation and maintenance on the Umatilla project for last year was slightly less than \$25,000 and the average use of water per acre on the project was 5.57 feet per acre.

These figures are contained in a report by H. D. Newell, project engineer, released for publication today.

The total cost of operating and maintaining the storage and distribution system on the Umatilla project for the season 1913 was \$24,922.4.

Operation of storage and distribution system ... \$ 8,515.93 Maintenance of above ... 16,986.96

Total ... \$24,902.51 On the 30th day of November, 1913, there were 14,159 acres covered by water right application and vested rights.

The net irrigable area subject to operation and maintenance charges is approximately 15,000 acres. This gives an average cost of about \$1.66 per acre as compared to the cost of \$1.85 for the season of 1914.

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Ritchener Will Remain

LONDON, Feb. 8.—It was authoritatively denied that Ritchener is going to Egypt soon or that Derby will succeed him. No change in the ministry is contemplated.

NEWS SUMMARY

General. British battleship Drake captures German cruiser Roon in running fight. Belgium refuses separate peace terms. Administration will accept German terms in Lusitania case.

Local.

General rain over county aids in melting snow. Local man invents intermediate gear for Ford. Charges against Dee Matlock dismissed. Girl rode six miles each day through storm to school. Hundred high school boys aided in cleaning walks and roofs. Special meetings at Tutuilla end with all night services. John Barlyevorn to be executed tomorrow.

Named for Supreme Court Bench



Two Views of Louis D. Brandeis.

MATLOCK IS FREED FROM ALL CHARGES

Having found no sufficient evidence with which to connect him with any responsibility for the death of Wendell Phillips last week, District Attorney Stover this morning moved for the dismissal of the charge of manslaughter filed against Dee Matlock on Monday afternoon.

British Liner is Believed to Have Been Lost at Sea

ORISSA IS FEARED TO HAVE BEEN SUNK BY GERMAN COMMERCE RAIDER. NEW YORK, Feb. 9.—The British liner Orissa is believed to have been sunk. A Wall street firm has received a cable saying a large passenger steamer met with a terrible accident in the North Atlantic.

Butter Creek is on Rampage Forcing Residents to Take to the Upper Stories of Homes

(Special Correspondence.) ECHO, Ore., Feb. 9.—Butter creek is on a rampage, according to reports received here. This stream is usually dry the greater part of the year but now on account of the large amount of melting snow along the Butter creek valley the water raised rapidly.

CONCESSIONS IN LUSITANIA CASE TO BE ACCEPTED

Negotiations Only Await Arrangement of Technical Details—Demands Practically Conceded.

DISAVOWAL NOT MENTIONED

Administration Feels, However, That Germany's Answer Means Torpedoing Was Illegal Though Admission is Not Specifically Made—London is Skeptical.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 8.—The Lusitania negotiations today awaited only an arrangement of the technical details for a satisfactory ending. America will cable acceptance of the last German terms.

CONFISCATED BOOZE WILL BE THROWN IN GUTTER BY SHERIFF

PROHIBITION LAW WILL BE CARRIED OUT TOMORROW MORNING AT 11.

The public execution of John Barlyevorn is set for 11 o'clock tomorrow morning. His blood will be spilled in the gutters in front of the Eagle-Woodman hall where Judge Parkes, who ordered the execution, holds his chambers.

ITALY MAY DECLARE WAR ON KAISER AND ENTER THE BALKANS

LONDON, Feb. 8.—Italy is expected to declare war on Germany and announced her participation in the Balkan campaign as a result of Premier Briand's trip to Rome.

SNOW IS DISAPPEARING RAPIDLY AT WALLA WALLA

GUTTERS RUN WITH WATER—NO DAMAGE FROM FLOODS YET REPORTED.

WALLA WALLA, Feb. 9.—Except where it had been packed in piles, the snow was about half melted yesterday and all day the sidewalks, streets, gutters and roofs ran with water.

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BA' LESHIP DRAKE CAPTURES GERMAN CRUISER ROON AND TWO MERCHANTMEN

RAINFALL GENERAL OVER COUNTY; HIGH WATER MAY RESULT

It has been raining all day at Meacham according to a phone report late this afternoon to the East Oregonian from the paper's correspondent at the mountain town.

At the Umatilla agency rain was falling at 2:30 and some snow was being melted. The river here at noon today was slightly higher than this morning but the stream is lower than it was at noon yesterday.

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Great Northern Train Jumps the Track; None Hurt

PORTLAND, Ore., Feb. 9.—North bank trains were stopped at Grand Dales because seven coaches of Great Northern train No. 1 jumped the track this morning.

Local Man Invents Device to Double Power of Ford Cars

INTERMEDIATE GEAR HAS BEEN SUCCESSFULLY DEMONSTRATED HERE. A device giving the Ford automobile an intermediate gear and doubling the power of the car has been invented, patented and successfully demonstrated by a Pendleton man, J. E. Kellenberger.

10 Year Old Girl Rode Six Miles to School Each Day During the Storm

While the schools of Pendleton and other large places were closed during the storm so as to save the children from having to travel through the snow there was one little girl in the southern part of Umatilla county who let no such trifles as blizzards keep her from her school.

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Liverpool. spot No. 1 Manitoba, 14s 7d; No. 2 hard winter new, 13s 4 1-2d.

In American terms the Liverpool top price is now \$2.12 per bushel.

Fighting in Bukowina.

Hostilities have again begun in Bukowina, where a grand offensive is expected later.

More Than 100 Students Turned Out to Shovel During the Storm.

To the boys of the Pendleton high school belong a lot of the credit for relieving the snow-blocked streets and the snow-laden roofs in the city last week.

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