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Showers and storms this afternoon and tonight, partly cloudy. Maximum 85, minimum 48; rain-fall, 0. wind, west, breeze, weather, clear.

# DAM BREAKS NEAR BAKER; MAY HAVE BEEN BLOWN UP

Town of Rock Creek Completely Demolished; Property Loss Far in the Thousands; Hundreds of Cattle Perish

NO LOSS OF LIFE REPORTED AT 2:30 THIS AFTERNOON

BAKER, Ore., June 28.—(Special to the East Oregonian.)—The town of Rock Creek, just west of Haines, was entirely demolished and property damage to the extent of many thousands was inflicted this morning when a dam in the mountains, supposed to be at Killamoc lake, 22 miles west of Baker, went out with the result a raging torrent was sent down upon the lowlands of Baker county. There is a possibility the dam was blown up.

Thus far no loss of life has been reported but it is known that considerable stock perished while many fields and houses were destroyed.

No Warning Given. The flood reached Rock Creek at 8:45 and the first warning the people had consisted in the onrushing wall of water. The water carried much debris gathered up the canyon and trees 75 feet long were carried along by the flood, the trees being hurled end over end.

Seeing the flood coming the people of the town got out of harm's way but the main buildings of the village, consisting of a store, pool hall, blacksmith shop and lodge hall were entirely demolished as well as some smaller buildings. Rushing on down the valley, the flood spread out over the low lands near Haines, inflicting some damage there.

Cause is in Doubt. At 2 o'clock this afternoon there was doubt as to whether the flood came from the bursting of the Killamoc dam or from the Allis dam, both in the mountains. Home communication with the region where the disaster started is impossible and men sent to investigate have not yet reported. There is a possibility the dam may have been blown up with felonious intent. The dam was used to impound water for irrigation. It is estimated that the torrent carried 12 million gallons of water and the fact the water is still flowing strengthens the belief that the Killamoc dam went out.

In addition to the property damage inflicted by the flood of water this morning the farmers securing water from the project for irrigation purposes face danger of drought from loss of the dam.

## USES BARE HANDS TO CAPTURE BEAR IN CITY LIMITS

A. D. IRISH SPYS CUB OCCUPYING TOP OF TELEPHONE POLE AND GRABS HIM.

A. D. Irish, in charge of the warehouse of the Monogram Oil Co., has the laugh on Senator Fred Steiner and other bear hunters of the county who are in the habit of making frequent excursions into the wilds of the state in search of bear meat. Chasing his eye aloft last evening he discovered a cub bear solemnly occupying the top of a telephone pole near the company's warehouse in the west end of the city. He climbed the pole and captured the bear with his bare hands. He now has it in captivity. The little animal is only about three weeks old. It may have escaped from the Barnes circus while the show was here and it may have been the pet of a local resident. It was lashed on top of the crossarms of the pole when Mr. Irish spotted it. Mr. Irish intends keeping it unless someone positively establishes ownership.

## KING AND QUEEN OF CHERRYLAND CROWNED AT FREEWATER TODAY

FREEWATER, Ore., June 28.—(Special to the East Oregonian.)—With 2000 enthusiastic people in attendance, Freewater's annual Cherry Day has been a pronounced success with patriotism a pronounced theme throughout the entire day's program. At the speaking program Mayor Bishop presided and among the speakers were G. L. Smalley of the Walla Walla Commercial Club, ex-Postmaster Bronson of Walla Walla, and Will M. Peterson of Pendleton. At 10:30 this morning occurred the coronation ceremony, at which J. C. Sanderson officiated. Allen Maso was crowned as king, Florence Hanke as queen, Gottie Piersol as Princess Lambert, Flora Oberst as Princess Purple and Opal Glazebrook as Princess Tartarian. In the cherry exhibit prizes were awarded as follows:

Best individual display, C. G. Rogers, first, C. H. Wicks second. Best crate of Bling—Barbara McRea, first; C. G. Rogers, second. Best 10 pound box of Bling—A. M. Simmons, first; Mrs. Charles Brinker, second; Mrs. R. McKee, third. Best crate Royal Anna—L. Balsom, first; H. L. Blackburn, second. Best 10 pound box Royal Anna—C. G. Rogers, first; W. E. Jones, second. Best 10 pound box Lamberts—Jas. David, first; S. L. Dunlop, second; J. N. Simmons, third. Best commercial pack, any variety—C. G. Rogers, first; A. L. Walker, second. In the parade prizes for floats were awarded to the G. A. R. first and N. H. Harrington, second. For the worst looking auto a prize of \$10 was awarded to a machine displayed by Doris & Long.

## HIGHWAY BOARD TO BE HONORED WHILE IN CITY

In honor of the state highway commission which will be here tomorrow upon its first official visit and will open bids for the surfacing of the Wild Horse road for a distance of 10 miles, a small informal banquet is to be held at the Hotel Pendleton at 7 o'clock and will be in part to honor the commissioners and express appreciation for the early recognition shown Umatilla county's needs.

## WILD HORSE BIDS TO BE OPENED BY BOARD FRIDAY

SALEM, June 28.—(Special.)—To let a contract for ten miles of hard surface road north from Pendleton the state highway commission will meet in Pendleton Friday. This is the first strip of pavement for which R. Benson, chairman of the commission, bought the patent rights as an experiment. Contractors will be allowed to bid on the job without paying attention to patent royalties.

## JULY DOWN TO \$1.99 TODAY

CHICAGO, June 28.—(Special to the East Oregonian.)—Range of wheat prices today: Open. High. Low. Close. July \$2.01 \$2.01 1/2 \$1.99 \$2.01. Sept. \$1.80 \$1.82 \$1.80 \$1.81 1/2.

PORTLAND, June 28.—(Special.)—Club, \$2.20; bigstem, \$2.40.

Enlistments Throughout Country on Monday, 1551 Men.

WASHINGTON, June 28.—War recruitments for the great army reached a total of 120,185 yesterday when 1551 men were enlisted throughout the country.

## PINK EYE IS NOW EPIDEMIC IN CITY

Pink Eye is epidemic among the people in Pendleton at present, the epidemic being the worst we have had in the view of Dr. McPaul, county health officer, since the siege by the same disease five years ago. The disease is not generally serious and lasts from one to two weeks. The disease is infectious but the regulations do not call for placing a quarantine over those afflicted. The first case appeared here two or three weeks ago and in the last few days the trouble has become so widespread as to cause comment.

## MILITIA WILL PROBABLY BE NEXT UNIT TO GO TO FRANCE

Pershing's Men to be Augmented as Fast as Possible by Other Trained Troops; Actual Fighting Not Expected Before Spring.

## ADMIRING CROWDS FOLLOW AMERICANS IN PARIS

WASHINGTON, June 28.—General Pershing's men will be augmented as fast as possible by other trained troops. This is as far as officials of the war department would go in discussing future plans. Censorship and safety provisions forbade the announcement of any more details. It is indicated that militiamen will likely be the next units sent abroad ahead of the new national army. It is believed impossible the new army can be molded into fighting form before next spring at the earliest. The safe arrival of Pershing's forces makes an epoch in army and navy history. Communication lines of the army in France were the longest and most troublesome military men have encountered. A three thousand mile trail across the trackless ocean must be kept open for the transport of men.

## Paris Welcomes Americans

PARIS, June 28.—Paris is flooded with American naval officials, blue-jackets and men from the ships accompanying the American expeditionary army to France. The Americans are feted and cheered by admiring crowds everywhere. Some of the Americans were granted a full day's leave.

Don't waste time in sighting over what might have been; make the best of what is.

# BRITISH TROOPS WITHIN HALF MILE LENS PROPER

Great Coal City is Practically Surrounded on Three Sides; German Position Became Extremely Critical This Afternoon With Fresh British Advances; Powerful Trenches are Taken.

(W. P. SIMMS) BRITISH HEADQUARTERS.

June 28.—Canadian troops have occupied the town of Eleu dit Leauvette, half a mile southwest of Lens, Canadian patrols shoved ahead of the village and penetrated even further toward the coal city. This is nearest the British have come to the city of Lens proper. The mention of patrols pushing further on indicates a general retreat of the Germans and abandonment of their positions, under the tremendously strong pressure. Eleu dit Leauvette is located half a mile beyond Lievin where some time ago the Germans made a desperate stand against the British. Lens is now practically encircled on three sides.

They are reduced to the necessity of fighting from the ruins of the burned city. Their powerful trenches outside the town are taken. The Germans' position at Lens became extremely critical this afternoon with fresh British advances.

The Germans destroyed a bridge over the Souchez river leading to the city from the outskirts of Avion. The Canadian patrols are reported to have arrived close to Mericourt.

Astride the Lens-Arras road the Canadians are pressing forward. A portion of the Avion-Mericoourt switch line is captured. The British losses are light. Prussian troops were trapped in dugouts in this section and refused to surrender. The positions were cleared by bombs. The enemy is in the coal mines between the forks of the Arras-Lens-Drocourt railway is bitterly resisting the British advance. The British this afternoon have the situation well in hand.

ROME, June 28.—The central powers fear the Russian offensive will soon begin. A considerable number of Austrian divisions were withdrawn from the Italian front and hurried north.

Many of these troops were shifted from the northern fighting front at the height of Cadorna's offensive to stiffen the weakening enemy front. Then the central powers were confident of the success of the separate peace plot and practically stopped all fighting on the Russian front.

## Artillery Succeeds Infantry

PARIS, June 28.—Violent artillery succeeded the infantry fighting in the Hurbetise and Cornillet sectors. It is officially stated. A German attack in the Wattwiller salient failed and a number of the enemy were killed.

## ORDINANCE FOR PAVING EAST WEBB IS PASSED BY COUNCIL

Street improvement proceedings continue to occupy a good deal of the time of the council. At the regular meeting last evening a petition was presented by J. W. McCormack, Mrs. Gladys Brown and others asking for the paving of the north end of Madison street from Wilson to Martin with gravel bitulithic. Already work has started on the paving of Madison up to Wilson. The petition asks for a strip of pavement on each side of the street with a parking in the center and three driveways connecting the two strips.

D. C. McNab and others presented a petition asking for the improvement of East street between Court and Turner, the improvement to consist of grading and leveling. It was referred to the street committee.

A remonstrance to the proposed paving improvement on Madlock street between Alta and Court was filed last evening. It was signed by a number of property owners in the proposed district.

The ordinance providing for the improvement of East Webb street from College to Court was finally passed last evening, no remonstrance having been filed to the last proceedings.

The matter of lowering the sewer on North Main street because of the improvements under way was referred to the street committee with power to act.

## Sprinkling Contracts Let

Bids for street sprinkling during the summer were opened last evening. Sam Field was awarded the contract for sprinkling in District 1, which is the north side, his bid being \$149.97 per month. H. O. Hawks' bid of \$124 a month for sprinkling District 2, the east end, was accepted and G. T. Meecker was low bidder in District 3, the west end, his bid being \$159.

## PENDLETON WILL SELL BONDS TO CONSTRUCT SEPTIC TANK

### Council May Quit Maintaining North Side Park Unless It Has Control.

As a preliminary step to building a septic tank for the disposal of the city sewage, the city recorder was last evening authorized to advertise for bids on Pendleton sewer bonds to the extent of \$12,000. The issuance of sewer bonds was approved by the city voters several years ago but there has never been need for the money yet.

The city attorney was last evening instructed to collect all of the amendments to the city charter and to have a number of copies of the amended charter printed. A copy must be filed with the state librarian under a new law. When this file is recognized as a part of the law and it will not be necessary for attorneys to include the charter provisions in their pleadings when filing a case in which the city is involved.

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## The North Side Park

The city attorney was also instructed last evening to ascertain what authority if any the city has over the old north side cemetery park. The city has been paying for maintaining the park and a number of the councilmen think they should have control of it. The refusal of the trustees of the cemetery to permit the grounds to be used for the chautauqua after the city had given permission brought about the discussion of the matter. Several of the councilmen were for refusing any further appropriations for maintaining the park and for selling the strip owned by the city if the city is to have no voice in the management of the grounds.

The application of L. B. Johnson to install a gasoline service station on Garden street was referred to the street committee. The application of Fire Chief Hunsford for less feet of new hose was referred to the fire committee.

## EXEMPTION RULES ARE COMPLETED

Every Provision Edged With Double Safeguards Against Unfairness or Tampering

## AFFIDAVITS ARE NECESSARY

WASHINGTON, June 28.—Exemption regulations have been completed. The President soon will issue them by proclamation. Every provision is edged with double safeguards against unfairness or tampering.

From an authoritative source, it is learned the regulations provide the following general exemptions: Married men with wife or children solely dependent. Men with aged parents solely dependent. Men with orphaned sisters under a certain age. Workers in industries necessary to the maintenance of military organization and the maintenance of national interests.

State, county and federal officials. Industries Not Specified. Affidavits are required from claimants, but the regulations fail to specify what industries are necessary to the maintenance of military organization and national interests.

The entire power of decision upon this point is left with the local and appellate boards. Chairman Must Prove Asserious. The burden of proving he is indispensable to industry is put upon the claimant. In most cases an affidavit from his employer will be sufficient. A unique system of appeals from the decisions of local boards is planned, insuring, it is confidently believed, absolute fairness and impartiality.

The actual method of drawing the names in the first levy is withheld from the regulations, it is understood, but probably will be outlined in a subsequent proclamation.

## PROSPECTIVE COAL FAMINE IS BLAMED ON THE RAILROADS

Testimony Before Senate I. C. C. Indicates There Must Be An Immediate Redirection of Cars to Supply Mine Demands.

WASHINGTON, June 28.—A fuel famine with untold suffering among the poor is in prospect unless the railroads supply cars for coal shipments, according to the testimony before the senate interstate commerce commission.

The blame is laid at the door of the railroads.

C. E. Maurer of Cleveland, a member of the federal trade commission, declared there must be immediate redistribution of cars so as to supply the demands of the mines.

Colver declared, "The federal trade commission protests against the use of the term, car shortage. We don't believe it exists, although cars at the mines are insufficient. Coal cars are being used to ship steel billets, used for track work and automobiles. The lack of cars at the mines is really the fundamental trouble in the coal situation."

Senator Smith of South Carolina read a telegram showing that public utilities were threatened with inability to operate because of the threatened lack of coal.

Maurer said when the coal is needed for the railroads, the cars necessary are forthcoming. When coal is needed for domestic consumption, about forty per cent is available Colver supporting this view.

PEACE MEETING DEFERRED. WASHINGTON, June 28.—The American Federation of Labor refused to participate in a trade union peace conference in Washington September 17, it is announced.

## GOVERNMENT TAKES OVER WHEAT TRADE

CHICAGO, June 28.—The government has assumed complete control of all wheat trading, both domestic and foreign, it is announced. Wheat exchanges throughout the country will cease dealing in futures.

## STOP PICKETING AT WHITE HOUSE



POLICE GUARD SUPFRAGETTE. The police of Washington have put an end to suffrage picketing before the White house as a result of nearly two days of rioting. Large banners carried by the militants criticizing the President and attacking the suffragettes.