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## Thousands Driven Out by High Water

### Seven States Bordering the Lower Mississippi River Suffer.

St. Louis.—Twenty-five thousand flood refugees in seven states, driven from their homes by the raging waters of the Mississippi and other streams below here, are receiving shelter under tents, according to figures compiled by the American Red Cross of this city.

Of this number approximately 15,000 are in Illinois, Missouri and Arkansas and about 10,000 in Kentucky, Tennessee, Mississippi and Louisiana.

Increasing the burden on the weakened levees, the Missouri river began to swell and will keep the Father of Waters on the rise for another day or two.

At points where breaks have occurred in levees in Missouri, Illinois and Arkansas the streams will spread and add new acreage to the wide areas already inundated.

The situation still is alarming below here in Missouri and Arkansas, particularly where levees have given away. Red Cross headquarters for the southwestern district here has received many appeals for help and hundreds of tents for the homeless have been sent stricken areas.

The United States army is supplying the tents and the Red Cross is handling their distribution, the railroads carrying them free of charge.

The walls, which hold back the Mississippi, have crumbled under the flood pressure in several places, inundating thousands of acres of land and many towns. On the amount of water flowing through these breaks will depend the seriousness of the situation at other points.

Collapse of the river wall at East Prairie, Mississippi county, Missouri, flooded the town with four feet of water. Three hundred families were driven from their homes.

## AMERICAN FLIERS BREAK AIR RECORD

Mineola, N. Y.—Bert Acosta and Clarence D. Chamberlin, civilian aviators, landed after setting a new record for endurance flying by remaining in the air for 51 hours 12 minutes.

The record-breaking performance eclipsed by six hours the previous world's record of 45 hours 11 minutes and 59 seconds.

By the time of the landing the crowd had swelled to thousands and was held in check by ropes stretched along the runway and by police reserves called out when the throng became unmanageable.

Seven gallons of gasoline an hour were used in the flight.

The last 10 gallons lasted for 2 hours and 12 minutes, and observers on the field felt sure that the fliers had remained in the air until the tank was absolutely dry.

As soon as the plane landed the cheering crowd broke through police lines and swarmed about the record-breaking plane and the two aviators.

## COMMANDER BYRD INJURED

Three Companions in Spill at End of Test Flight.

Hasbrouck Heights, N. J.—Commander Richard E. Byrd and Lieutenant Floyd Bennett, heroes of last year's flight over the north pole, and Lieutenant G. O. Noville, mechanic, were injured at the Teterboro airport when the trans-Atlantic airplane, the America, turned over in landing. Anthony Fokker, Dutch airplane designer, the fourth man in the plane, was not injured.

At the Hackensack hospital, where the men were taken, it was announced that Bennett and Noville were severely injured, and Byrd only slightly.

Bennett suffered a broken leg, broken arm, several broken ribs and a broken collar bone.

Noville had a possible fracture of the pelvis and severe internal injuries. His condition was serious.

Byrd had a broken left wrist.

**Oregon Auto Toll 13 in March.**  
Salem, Or.—Thirteen persons were killed and 292 persons were injured in 2036 motor vehicle accidents reported to the state traffic department during March.

## W. R. Harden Installs Frigidaire for Ices and Cold Drink Service

This week W. R. Harden installed an elaborate and complete Frigidaire equipment and will embark in the ice cream, cold drink, confectionery and light lunch business on an extensive scale. The installation of the plant has been made, and everything will be in readiness for the opening of this department tomorrow.

For opening day tomorrow, arrangements have been made to serve everyone who calls, an Eskimo pie.

It was necessary to make some alterations when the Frigidaire plant was installed. The counter on the west side of the room was moved forward and show cases were rearranged.

Mr. Harden will be assisted in attending to the wants of his patrons by his son Wilbur, and every effort will be put forth to give the public prompt and satisfactory service.

## W. C. T. U. Compliment Athena Young Mothers

The W. C. T. U. will give an afternoon complimenting the young mothers and women of the community, Tuesday, April 26, at the Christian church. The W. C. T. U. State President and District Attorney Proebstel will give addresses which will be of interest to all. The program follows:

- Solo, Faith of our Mothers,.....
- Mrs. O. H. Reeder
- Scripture, Mothers of the Bible
- Roll Call, Current Events,.....
- W. C. T. U. Progress
- Address
- Mrs. Malett, State President
- Solo, Mother O'Mine.....Mrs. McEwen
- Address
- Mr. C. C. Proebstel, District Attorney
- Consecration Service, White Ribbon
- Recruits,.....Mrs. McFadden
- Playlet, "He Wants to Come Back"

## "The Winning of Barbara Worth" Next Wednesday

One of the really fine super-specials of the year will be the big mid-week offering at the Standard Theatre on next Wednesday evening, April 17, when "The Winning of Barbara Worth," written by Harold Bell Wright and played by Ronald Colman, Vilma Banky and an all-star cast. It is one of the best of the new pictures of better quality recently booked for the Standard.

Tomorrow night Metro-Goldwyn presents gallant Tim McCoy, Pauline Starke and Karl Dane in Peter B. Kyne's fine Western production, "War Paint," a fine wholesome picture, carrying an hour and a half's satisfying entertainment.

Sunday night Richard Barthelmess will be seen in First National's production, "Just Suppose." The picture is the version of the stage play. Lois Moran has the leading part opposite Barthelmess.

## Will Conduct Clinic

A clinic conducted by Miss Edna Planaghan, county health nurse, assisted by local physicians and a capable dentist will be held at the public school house on Wednesday April 27, commencing at 9:00 a. m. This clinic is for the benefit of all children intending to take up first grade work this next September and is for the purpose of examinations along a health line and the making of corrections if necessary.

## New Line Open

Passenger service went into effect on the Southern Pacific's new Cascade line, via Klamath Falls, Monday. Routing of limited trains over the Cascade division cuts the running time between Portland and San Francisco 3 1/2 hours, and between Portland and Los Angeles 7 1/2 hours. The Shasta route will continue its regular train schedule.

## Sunday School Goal

The goal of 401 in the attendance campaign of the Christian church at Pendleton was exceeded last Sunday when the attendance reached 427. A factor in the success of the undertaking was the Columbia Gorge Motor coach system, which transported 66 people free of charge.

## Hermiston-Indians Lose

Hermiston lost to Walla Walla in Sunday's Blue Mountain league game, 17 to 3. Pendleton won from the Reservation Indians, 7 to 3. Both games were loosely played on account of high wind.

## High School Play at Auditorium Tuesday

### "The Time of His Life" Has an Excellent Cast Well Coached.

The three act comedy, "The Time of His Life" by C. Dalrymple will be presented by the high school in the school auditorium Tuesday evening, April 26, at eight o'clock.

It was necessary to make some alterations when the Frigidaire plant was installed. The counter on the west side of the room was moved forward and show cases were rearranged.

This play marks the close of the dramatic work of the high school for this year, and every effort is being put forth to make it a finished production. The cast has been working faithfully under Miss Bateman's direction for almost two months, so each member will be able to give a faithful representation of his own part. The story of the play is as follows:

Tom Carter (Dorsey Kretzer), a harum-scarum college product, is staying with his sister, Mrs. Robert Gray (Belle Anderson), at her New York home while her husband (Roy DeFreece) is in the West looking over his interests in the Eldorado Gold Mining company. Soon after Mrs. Gray has given the cook and Uncle Tom, the negro butler (Ronald Lieualen) permission to have a night out, she receives word that Mr. and Mrs. Peter Wycombe, southern aristocrats (Lois Johnson and Granville Cannon) are going to surprise them with a visit. Mrs. Gray is at the point of distraction, since Mrs. Wycombe especially wants to see Uncle Tom, who has formerly been in her employ, when Tom offers to assume the role of negro butler for the evening. Tom's enthusiasm is turned to dismay upon the arrival of the Wycombes when he discovers that Dorothy Landon (Alberta Charlton) his sweetheart, is with them. She is let in on the secret, however, and the second act, which is taken up with Tom's efforts to serve the meal in spite of all Mr. Wycombe's pessimism and ailments and blusterings, is a riot.

The climax is reached when Uncle Tom returns and both he and Tom, who is impersonating him answer the serving bell. Uncle Tom, thinks he has seen an apparition and immediately disappears. In his efforts to locate Uncle Tom, Tom himself is arrested by the very policeman, (Ralph McEwen), whom he has set on Uncle Tom's trail. He is dragged in only to find that Dorothy's father (Weldon Bell) has returned with Mr. Gray and has been mistaken for a burglar by fussy Mr. Wycombe and tied up. Both negroes being on the scene, Tom finally explains himself to the Wycombes and Mr. Landon and convinces the latter peppy individual that he is not a worthless devil but quite worthy of his daughter Dorothy, who quite agrees with him.

## CYRUS E. WOODS



Cyrus E. Woods, former ambassador to Spain and Japan, has been named by President Coolidge to be a member of the interstate commerce commission.

## Mr. and Mrs. McCorkell Married for Sixty Years

April 14 was the sixtieth wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. William McCorkell Sr., who retired from their farm several years ago and are now living at Weston. Mr. and Mrs. McCorkell are enjoying good health for a couple of their age, and their many friends hope that they will enjoy many more anniversaries.

Mr. and Mrs. McCorkell were united in marriage at Lake Beauport, Canada, April 14, 1867. They came to Weston December 1887 and settled on a farm south of that place. They are parents of eleven children seven of whom are living. They are: James of Craigmont, Idaho; Alex and William of Weston; Mrs. W. D. Simpson of Garfield, Washington; Mrs. Anna Rothrock and Mrs. Joe Sheard of Athena, and Mrs. Albert O'Harra of Weston. They have twenty-three grandchildren and twenty-three great grandchildren.

## Hansell Went Straight

In the Oregonian telegraphic shooting tournament Sunday, Pendleton gun club shooting against Eugene and Portland won 75-72 and 75-68 respectively. Marion Hansell, H. Hanavan and Ralph Park shot straight 25 scores. The Pendleton club is now tied for first place in the tournament with the Salem and Bend gun clubs, and the last event of the tournament takes place next Sunday.

## Pilot Killed in Fall

William Sanborn, Boise-Elko air mail pilot, was killed at 5:20 Friday afternoon when his plane fell. Ranch hands, who saw the machine fall, said Sanborn was dead in the cockpit when they reached it. They expressed belief the accident occurred when Sanborn failed in an attempt to buck a heavy head wind.

## County Health Nurse Makes March Report

### Health Examinations of all Schools in the County Completed.

The county health nurse reports that there were 44 cases on active file during the month. Nineteen of these were dismissed. Besides these and among the schools, 9 children were taken to physicians for physical examinations and to be fitted with glasses. Three were taken to dentists, 225 visits were made, not including the school work.

Dr. Prime gave a dental examination to 198 Hermiston school children. In cooperation with Mrs. Holcomb, field matron of the Umatilla Indian Reservation, Dr. Collard, Eye Ear, Nose and Throat Specialist for the Indian Service and Miss Gregg who has charge of the public health work among the Indians, Thorn Hollow, Cayuse and Gibbon were visited and 58 children were given a physical examination by Dr. Collard and Dr. Townsend, who is also with the Indian service.

A child one year old was taken to Portland to the clinic at Doernbecher Hospital and two applications are at the present time on file for children to be admitted. Twenty-four visits were made to 19 schools and the examination of all the schools in the county have been completed.

Mr. Yeager, the County school superintendent, all of the teachers, the physicians, and dentists over the county have been most liberal with their time, advice and cooperation, helping and assisting whenever approached. The physicians and dentists have given several lectures to parents. The teachers have assisted in every way possible, doing much of the follow up work in the homes and Mr. Yeager has given time and assistance in the actual examinations of the children, all of which makes the work of the Public Health Association worth while.

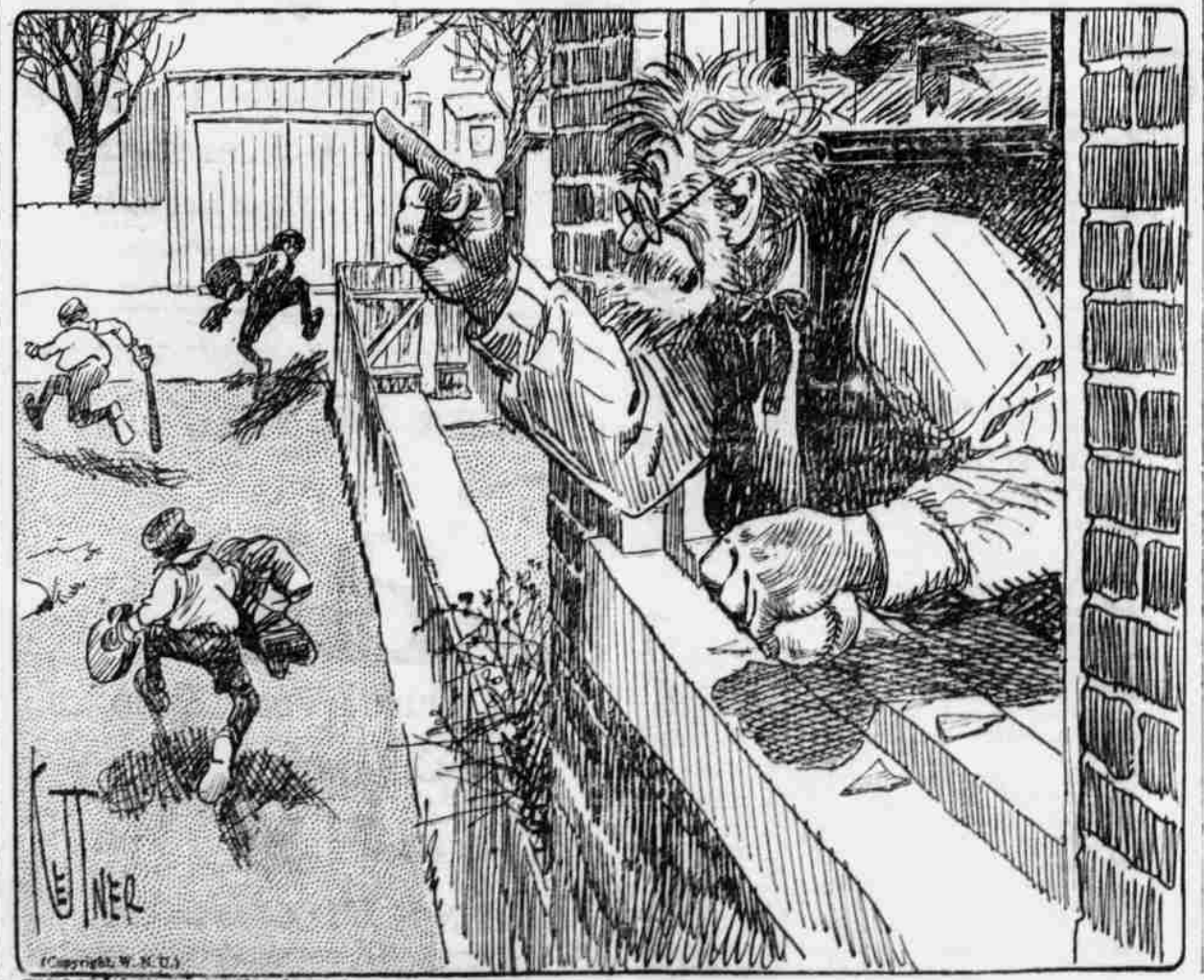
## Adams Won

The Adams team won from Lowden in Sunday's Walla Walla Valley league game, 12 to 4. The high wind blowing during the game, made fielding difficult. Herman Geissel is playing first base for Adams and Lefty Kretzer is holding down the initial sack. Laurence Lieualen, old time "Yellow Kid," was behind the plate for Adams, Sunday.

## Association Sponsors Banquet

The Umatilla County Health Association will sponsor a banquet at the Presbyterian church, Pendleton, Saturday evening, April 23, in honor of Mrs. Sadie Orr-Dunbar and Dr. Walter H. Brown, head of the Marion county child's demonstration bureau. Dr. Brown will give an interesting address on that occasion.

## The Baseball Season Opens



## Freezing Temperature Injures Growing Crops and Busts Radiators

February weather has been experienced in this part of the state for over a week. Low temperatures at night has given much concern to fruitraisers, and the general report is that some varieties of fruit have been seriously damaged. Flowing is drawing to a close, and for several days the cold has made that work very disagreeable to the men in the fields.

Tuesday night the mercury dropped to 17 in this section, freezing the growing grain until it drooped to the ground. Radiators and water jackets on caterpillar engines not properly drained froze and bursted.

There is a difference of opinion among wheatgrowers as to the amount of damage sustained on account of the freeze. Apparently soft federated, early sown last fall and nearing the jointing stage of maturity, has been hardest hit, while hybrid wheat was not materially affected by the cold.

## Leak at Reservoir is Found and Repaired

It is thought that the mysterious leak in the Athena water system has at last been found and repaired. At the reservoir Johnny Hoey, who was assisting in pipe laying heard water running underground, and on investigation, found that the main leading to town, where it joined the line from the springs had rotted and burst at the connection.

How long the break has been draining the system's supply from the springs and the pumping system, is not known. The effect of the repair is at once noticeable, for the reservoir supply has perceptibly increased.

The work of laying the new pipe line from Fifth street east to the E. A. Dudley place, was completed this week.

## William R. Hardesty

William R. Hardesty, one of the few remaining veterans of the civil war in the Milton section and father of W. D. Hardesty, postmaster of Freewater, died last Friday, April 8, at the soldiers' home at Roseburg, reports the Eagle. The body was brought to Walla Walla where the funeral was held Tuesday afternoon, Rev. D. E. Nourse officiating. Interment was in the Odd Fellows cemetery there.

## Good Early Fishing

Reports from trout streams of the state indicate that early fishing this season is the best that has been experienced for several years. Limit catches have been made in the Umatilla in the vicinity of Bingham Springs since the season opened last Friday. Reports from the Walla Walla river are to the effect that early fishing there is satisfactory.

## Mail Plane Down

Joe Taft, flying a Varney Pasco-Elko mail plane was forced to land at Adams Sunday because of treacherous currents due to prevailing high winds. The mail was transferred to Pendleton by automobile.

## Coal Bins Replenished

Falling temperature and flurries of snow caused many coal bins to be replenished in Athena this week. Monday morning found the foot hills of the Blue Mountains covered with a new blanket of snow.

## Judge May Go Higher

Judge John L. Sharpstein of the superior court at Walla Walla may be named to the supreme court bench, to take the place left vacant by the death of Judge J. G. Bridges according to the Seattle Times.

## Sheep Stop Motor Car

About 30 sheep, caught up under the Walla Walla-Pasco electric motor as it was approaching Walla Walla Sunday night stopped the motor near Dry Creek station and delayed service for about three hours.

## Unloaded Harvesters

Rogers & Goodman unloaded the first carload of the new 1927 International harvesters. This is the first carload of the season's shipments that will be received by this firm.

## April Rainfall Deficient

April rainfall has been deficient up to the present time. But a trace of rain fell during the fore part of the month in this part of the county.

## Oregon Truck Load Limitation is Upheld

### The United States Supreme Court Rules Against Auto Lines.

Washington, D. C.—The Oregon law of 1921, under which the state highway commission restricted the use of certain highways by solid tire trucks, and reduced to 16,500 pounds the load they would be permitted to carry at certain seasons, was sustained by the supreme court.

When the suit, brought by Morris & Lowther and other trucking companies, was before the court last October, it was dismissed as moot, upon a showing that the order complained of had expired. When the order was renewed last winter, the companies obtained from the supreme court an order reinstating the appeal and reopening the controversy.

The companies contended that the commission had illegally reduced the maximum load the legislature permitted upon the Columbia River highway and other government-aided highways, and that the order constituted an illegal burden upon interstate commerce. The state described the order as intended to preserve the highways from damage during the winter months.

Salem, Or.—The constitutional question upon which the case of R. B. Morris, et al., vs. the state highway commission, went to the United States supreme court, was based upon a contention of the truck line interests that the law passed in 1921 in effect confiscated their property without due process of law, since they had been licensed by the state to operate trucks to a full capacity of 22,000 pounds.

The order as first made by the state highway commission went into effect October 1, 1925, and reduced maximum truck loads to 16,500 pounds on the Columbia highway from the Multnomah county line to the city limits of Hood River.

## DEPRESSION EXISTS IN AGRICULTURE

New York.—A general agricultural depression exists and calls for consideration as a national economic question, says a preliminary report of the business men's commission on agriculture, which will publish its complete findings this summer.

"The evidence which has been given is practically unanimous upon the fact of depression, but is varied and at times contradictory both as to its cause and remedies," said Charles Nagel, chairman, in announcing conclusion of nation-wide hearings by the commission, which were begun last January. "Those who have been consulted practically agree that the country's heritage of fertile land is being impaired and that for some, if not many, years we have been living on our agricultural capital."

"Some rural sections of the country are virtually bankrupt as communities and are for the time carried by the more prosperous urban areas of the state in which they are located," Nagel added. "Even the most efficient farmers seem of recent years to have done little better than hold their own by cutting their expenditures below their accustomed standard."

The commission was formed last November by the National Industrial Conference board and the Chamber of Commerce of the United States.

## AL SMITH ANSWERS QUERIES

New York Governor Sees No Conflict  
Between Church and State.

Boston, Mass.—Governor Smith of New York, in a letter to the Atlantic Monthly, declared that he recognized no power in the Roman Catholic church to interfere with the operation of the constitution of the United States or the enforcement of the laws of the land.

The governor, a Roman Catholic and potential candidate for the presidency, wrote the letter to the magazine in reply to an open letter, published in the monthly last month by Charles C. Marshall, New York lawyer and Episcopalian, who asked him a number of questions seeking to define his views on the relation of the Catholic church to the state. Mr. Marshall has been described as an authority on canon law.