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Heppler People Will Re-build the Town.

ONLY A FEW ABANDON IT

Four Persons Given Up as Dead Turn Up Alive.

RESULT IS A FAMILY REUNION

Two More Battered Bodies Found and Identified—George Conser Tells How John Ayres Met His Fate—Three Newborn Babies.

Two more bodies, those of John Ayres and W. A. Fisher, were recovered from the ruins of Heppner yesterday.

It has been discovered that three babies were born during the horror of the flood.

Four bodies had been buried wrongly identified, for J. C. Wattenberger, on arriving from Northern Montana, expecting to find his family dead, was met by all the supposed missing ones. Bodies had been buried as theirs.

George Conser, exhausted, has retired from the executive committee, and G. A. Hartman, of Pendleton, takes his place.

Additions to the relief fund received at Heppner yesterday amount to \$2238.

HEPPNER, Or., June 21.—(Staff correspondence.)—A gloomy sky and a few falling raindrops are helping to remind the people of Heppner of what befell them just one week ago this evening. Six days have they labored, spurred by such necessity as is left in the lives of but few men and women. Their work is not done, but they are resting under the compulsion of nature, all but a few fresh arrivals who are completing the search for the dead.

Their work was rewarded by the recovery of two bodies close together in one of the last remaining untouched heaps of debris. Five miles below town the bruised, broken and decaying remains of John L. Ayres, and of an old man, W. A. Fisher, of Haystack, were brought to light. The usual morbid crowd about the door of the morgue gathered hastily when the spring wagons that brought them backed to the curb. The drivers, perched on their seats, with legs astride of the ghostly loads, and the rubber-gloved and saw-toothed attendants, who came forward with the mud-stained doors on which so many dead had already been borne to the cleansing table, alike had been caloused to indifference by familiarity with such duty.

Wrapped in the customary ragged bed-quilts which are found scattered through the valley, and surrounded by buzzing flies, the noisome burdens were borne up the stairway to Roberts Hall. In that great room, where so many Heppner dead have in life participated in dancing and song, the attendants, with huge sheep-shears, stripped the torn and muddy clothing from the still forms. Ayres' coat was buttoned to the chin and the collar turned up. He had been calling on a friend, and was just about to leave the house in the storm when the flood came. With compressed lips, and showing the skill of much practice, the attendants swiftly completed their grim task.

Identified by Father and Friend, Ayres' father came up and gazed at that which he had watched over and seen develop from infancy to manhood.

"Yes, it is John," he said, as quietly as though the dead were but a lump of clay—as it was.

George Conser, the banker, with lines graven deep in his face that were scarcely seen a week ago, passed the table with a glance.

"That's John Ayres," he said, turning to ex-Governor Geer, who was a grave spectator. "He was a prince; he was my friend; his word was as good as his bond. But for deference to my wife, I might have been lying on the other side, a mass like that."

Emotion is numbed by overplus of cause. Like the father, the friend is outwardly calm. He chatted gravely on:

"I last saw John in my own parlor. With Dr. McSword he was visiting us. He had risen to go home some time before, saying his folks would feel anxiety owing to the storm. But my wife had persuaded him to wait a little longer until the rain abated. Now she laments that she did not let him go, for his home was untouched. I had just handed him a raincoat to put on, but I can't remember whether he and the doctor had reached the door, when suddenly I felt the house move. I turned to the middle of the room, objecting for a moment to my wife's entreaty to come upstairs. But I saw she was anxious, and a man should defer to a woman. So we are both alive."

No Mental Panorama.

It has already been told how the banker's house, which was one of the most artistic homes in Oregon, went tumbling away with the current, the lower story being quickly smashed to splinters, after which a friendly eddy turned the upper portion into a haven of safety several blocks below.

"I was as sure that we were going to die as I am that I am now alive; I wouldn't have given you a match for my chances," said Mr. Conser; "but the mental panorama of my life was not spread out before

CUT THE FENCES

Monopoly of Oregon Range Must End.

WARNING TO CATTLEMEN

Must Obey Law Immediately or Be Prosecuted.

HOW THEY HINDER SETTLEMENT

Special Agent Sent to Eastern Oregon With Orders to See Fences Removed or Start Prosecution—No Delay to Be Allowed.

Cattlemen in Eastern Oregon who have fenced Government land must remove their fences immediately or be prosecuted.

The Government has sent Edward Dixon, a special agent, to notify them of the order.

It is estimated that the cattlemen have illegally fenced 500,000 acres of Government land in Eastern Oregon. Their methods prevent settlement, and crowd out small cattlemen.

No delay will be allowed. Mr. Dixon will remain to see that fences are removed, and if his orders are not obeyed he will notify District Attorney Hall, who will then begin prosecution.

Edward Dixon, a special agent of the Interior Department, is now in Eastern Oregon, warning cattlemen and others who have fenced in Government lands to tear down the obstructions. Those who fail to obey Mr. Dixon's orders will be prosecuted, both civil and criminal proceedings being instituted.

The instructions given Mr. Dixon are explicit. He is instructed to remain on the ground and personally supervise the work of cattlemen in destroying the fences that have been built upon the public domain. In the event any one refuses to obey his instructions, he is to notify the District Attorney's office at once, and drastic measures will be taken to enforce the law.

A little latitude is given Mr. Dixon in that he is not to destroy growing crops, and will not take any action that would impair the crops of any cattlemen or other person who may be trespassing upon the public domain. But the present is the last crop that will be so protected.

Over 500,000 acres of Government land will be thrown open to entry by this action of Federal officials and a source of constant trouble will be removed. Reports made to Federal officials declare that within Sherman County alone 100,000 acres of public land has been fenced in by the cattlemen, and while this is regarded as an exaggeration, it is estimated that not less than 500,000 acres is held without authority in Grant, Sherman, Lake, Malheur, Crook and Harney Counties. The total may far exceed this estimate.

The unlawful holdings run from 1000 to 15,000 acres each. In many instances cattlemen have fenced in entire townships and are using them as their private ranges. The Interior Department recognizes the fact that these cattlemen have large holdings of their own, but the public officials insist that these are insignificant in comparison with the vast country fenced in without authority.

No Delay Will Be Allowed.

Despite the fact that protests have been coming from smaller cattle-owners and new settlers, the department had taken no positive action up to the time Mr. Dixon was sent into Eastern Oregon. A letter was sent to the cattlemen by United States District Attorney John H. Hall a short time ago warning them that they were violating the law, and that proceedings were likely to be brought. At that time several thousand acres were thrown open by the cattlemen, but the majority paid no attention to the warning. As a result, Secretary Hitchcock resolved to send a special agent to the country.

To give a simple warning and pass on would involve the sacrifice of time and money necessary for a second tour of the cattle country. As a result, the Interior Department and District Attorney decided that Mr. Dixon should remain at each place where he found the public domain fenced in until the barriers were removed. The position was taken by Federal officials that, since the work had to be done, it might as well be done at once and the Federal Government saved the expense of a second trip.

Immigration is Discouraged.

The most serious consequences of the action of cattlemen in fencing in the sheep country has been the discouraging of immigration. Reports, well substantiated, have been received to the effect that the cattlemen have warned off intending settlers and have prevented them from taking up homesteads. Small cattle-growers have been deprived of the privilege of the public range and have been driven away from the territory usurped by the cattle kings.

It is insisted in this connection that the hostility of the cattlemen has not been directed toward the sheep-growers, for the sheep problem has been settled in the big cattle districts. The smaller cattle-growers and actual homesteaders have been the principal sufferers.

While no estimate can be made of the number of intending settlers who have been deprived of an opportunity of finding homes in the cattle country, it is declared the number is very large. Many

HE GAINS LITTLE

Result of McBride's Latest Move.

MILLS ADDS NO STRENGTH

But He Has Lost Friends in Yakima County.

SHREWD MOVE—OF OPPONENTS

Scobey-Madge Faction Adds to Its Power in Thurston County—Tacoma Wants Seattle Man to Run for Governor.

TACOMA, June 21.—(Special.)—Governor Henry McBride has made a doubtful investment in Jesse Mills, if he loses Yakima County by the deal. In return for a man personally popular in his own county, but not a good political worker, he is losing his support in Yakima, which has close to the same number of votes that Thurston possesses. The Governor had a reasonable hope of carrying Yakima, while Thurston will be a doubtful quantity until the returns from the primary election are in, even granting that Mills does deliver a portion of the district.

The position taken by W. W. Robertson in opposition to the McBride program as a result of the Governor's dismissal of Superintendent Thomas P. Westendorf, of the Chehalis Reform School, leaves George Whitson as the only prominent Republican in Yakima County whom the Governor has any right to expect to support him. Whitson is not likely to remain in line while the remainder of the county's leaders slip away.

On the other hand, Jesse Mills never did much politics in Thurston County, though it is not to be denied that he is one of the most popular men in the state capital. Mills was given his first nomination for Sheriff without opposition. The county leaders wanted a man who would add strength to the ticket, and they picked out Mills as a native of the county and popular with the young voters. He barely slipped through.

Mills Will Help to Work.

During the last campaign Mills refused to take any part in the factional fight of his county. He was certain to be re-nominated and re-elected, and he refused to take any chances with the side of his majority by mixing in the factional fight. The records show Mills did not even go to the primaries.

It is certain the Sheriff could not make such a showing of apathy, and the salary from the state, and under the direction of the Governor and his lieutenants Mills must at least try to make good and it would be ridiculous to assert that he would not give his best efforts to the Governor's side of the fight.

At the same time the old politicians insist that Mills, removed from personal contact with the anti-McBride faction, has been allowed to stay in his old position and been promised the position on the State Board of Control if the Governor won out, he would have been a more valuable ally.

Good Anti-McBride Moves.

The anti-McBride men of Thurston County have played two good bits of politics. Whether they will realize on them is a matter that only time will answer. The anti-McBride faction in control of the county machine, first offered the place to Billings, a native of the county and the son of a man who had served 24 years as Sheriff of Thurston. Billings had secured his place in the general office upon recommendations from the anti-McBride men.

While Billings would not and could not accept the position of Sheriff, he stated positively that he regarded himself as under obligations to the Scobey-Madge combination and would devote his time during the next campaign to helping them carry the county. This assured the Scobey-Madge combination of Billings' support and left it in possession of an office to be given out.

The next move was probably better than the first. Ed McClarty, a native of Thurston County, and a veteran of the Spanish-American War, was given the place Mills is to make vacant on July 1. McClarty was wounded three times at the battle of San Juan Hill and after recovering re-enlisted and served in the Philippines.

McClarty and Billings are both politicians and have been active in the past. McClarty will have the office of Sheriff and will be constantly visiting the voters throughout the county. It is natural that he should endeavor to strengthen himself for a nomination to the office of sheriff, and this will add those Thurston County politicians who are fighting the Governor. Mills will be tied down pretty much to the Board of Control's office, though the executive and his friends have the advantage of his actual presence in Olympia.

The fight in Thurston therefore is not changed to a great extent by the selection of Mills to fill the vacancy made on the Board of Control when Reed was sent to the State Reform School. But other changes in Thurston County politics are coming that will make the fight decidedly interesting.

The Scobey-Madge alliance will not only have the state administration to fight, but those politicians who are not in sympathy with the policies of Senators Foster and Ankeny will line up against it. An alliance with McBride for the Legislative ticket and the delegation to the state convention is the most natural thing to expect, though it does not necessarily follow that such a local alliance would have either the approval of the state leaders of the two factions or be generally followed throughout the state. However, local conditions in Thurston justify the move.

Strength Lost in Yakima.

If W. W. Robertson meant by his criticisms of the Governor and the statements he has made to friends that he is not inclined to make the executive's fight in Yakima, the Governor will be in bad shape there. Already the other leaders have fallen away from McBride and George Whitson is the only prominent McBride

ME TO THE EXTENT OF RECALLING A SINGLE DEAD, GOOD OR BAD.

"That's one of the absurdities of the credulous," commented Mr. Geer.

Babies Born in the Flood.

A heretofore unmentioned horror of the disaster is in the fact that the bodies of three newly born infants have been found.

Joyful Meeting With Supposed Dead.

J. C. Wattenberger hurried, grief-stricken, from Northern Montana upon hearing that his entire family had been blotted from existence, but he was joyfully greeted by his pretty young wife and two hearty children, all very much alive.

Only One Shows "Yellow Streak."

There is no give-up spirit in the town, and the only citizen so far reported to have shown a trace of the "yellow streak" is a man of some prominence locally. He owns a comfortable home and did not lose a dollar by the flood.

Relieves George Conser.

Judge G. A. Hartman, of Pendleton, has been relieved of his duties as a member of the board, relieving Mr. Conser, who is about worn to the limit of endurance. The committee now consists of Mayor Gilliam, Judge Ellis, Judge Hartman and Sheriff Shute.

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