

The Weather
 Highest temperature yesterday...56
 Lowest temperature last night...40
 Forecast for southwest Oregon:
 Occasional rains tonight and probably Tuesday.

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STATE PARALYZED BY TERRIFIC STORM

MOST SEVERE FLOOD IN OVER FORTY YEARS DOES GREAT AMOUNT OF LOCAL DAMAGE

Highways In Every Direction Blocked by Rampant Waters, Slides and Washouts; Rivers Running Out of Banks Inundate Many Homes and Farms

CONDITIONS IMPROVED LATE TODAY

Slowly Receding Waters Reported This Afternoon But Weather Bureau States That Prospect Is For More Rain—Wire Communication Is Slowly Being Restored

Floods, more severe than any known for more than 40 years, left Douglas county suffering today from complete paralysis of all traffic, communication and practically all industry. Thousands of dollars of property damage has been reported but as yet no estimate can be made of the losses incurred.

With 4.79 inches of rain since the start of the storm on the night of the 18th rivers and streams of the county, swollen to many times their normal size, washed out bridges, flooded homes, and did untold damage to roads and highways, taking out telephone lines and completely demoralizing the services of the public utilities.

The storm began Friday night with a heavy downpour which continued all day Saturday and over Sunday, giving a total rainfall of 4.54 inches during that period. Last night continued precipitation, amounting to .25 of an inch, added to the flood conditions.

Slides, and washouts completely blocked the Pacific highway, both north and south, interrupting all traffic, while train service was also halted by washouts in Cow Creek canyon and dangerous conditions at Yoncalla. The Coos Bay highway became impassable Saturday night when fallen trees, boulders and slides completely blocked the roadway.

As the water continued to rise it flooded the pavement in many places, washing around bridges, undermining the highway and doing much damage, effectively halting all auto traffic. Stages Sunday maintained connections with Eugene by transferring at Yoncalla, but even this was impossible after a late hour last night.

Wires Are Down
 Wire communication was maintained until late last night when the increasing violence of the flood interrupted this service. The power lines went down Sunday evening when the swollen waters of Elk creek took out the poles on the main line between Roseburg and Prospect. Service was furnished from the north for a few hours, but this was interrupted when raging waters in the Willamette valley took out that section of the line. This break left Roseburg and nearby communities without lights or power, while industrial plants were unable to secure power to operate their machinery.

City Without Gas
 The Southern Oregon Gas company's plant was flooded, shutting off the city's supply of gas. This hit the restaurants particularly hard and many persons had a hard time getting something to eat this morning.

News-Review Late With Paper Due To Storm Conditions
 The damage done to the telegraph plant, power lines, and to telegraph service, seriously affected the News-Review today. With no power to run the machines, and no gas to melt the metal and no telegraph lines in operation, the newspaper office was in a turmoil this morning. The employees remained on the job regardless of regular working hours and started the day's work after 6 p. m., getting out the paper shortly before midnight. The News-Review regrets the delay and inconvenience caused its subscribers but under the handicaps there was no opportunity to get out an earlier edition.

WHOLE WESTERN AREA IS HIT

MORE RAINS IN WESTERN PART OF STATE PREDICTED

Despite the weather prediction for continued rains in the western part of the state it is not expected that there will be any further damage from the storm. The weather prediction is for continued rains in the west, and rains or snows in the east portion. Normal temperature and fresh and occasionally strong southerly winds on the coast are forecasted. Unless the rains are especially heavy it is not believed that the flood conditions will continue for any great length of time. Late this afternoon the waters were dropping very rapidly, and were nearly 8 feet below the high water level reached this morning.

UTILITIES ARE HARD HIT BY LOCAL STORM

Power, Telegraph and Telephone Lines and Washed Out.

NO GAS AVAILABLE

Water Backs Into Plant Which Could Be Reached Only by Boat This Morning.

Public utilities were hard hit by the floods over the week-end. Power lines, telephone and telegraph lines, gas plants, etc., were all put out of commission, affecting nearly all of the cities and towns of the county.

The California Oregon Power company was unable today to obtain a full estimate of the damage done to its system, the lack of telephone communication along the line preventing reports from being received.

Farms Under Water
 Many farms on the lowlands along the river were flooded, a great deal of damage being done. Considerable broccoli was washed out, but it has been impossible so far to learn how much of the crop has been lost.

The auto camp grounds at Roseburg suffered heavily from the flood, the cabins being completely surrounded by the waters backed up into Deer creek. The cabins were anchored, but were badly damaged and were moved around on their foundations.

Workers were busy all night last night endeavoring to prevent damage to the buildings at the camp grounds and the Deer creek bridge, and their efforts were very successful considering the handicaps under which they labored.

Waters Thought to Be Receding
 The waters continued to rise all day Sunday, and this morning reached a level which old timers claim is the highest since 1880. During the middle of the forenoon it appeared that the peak had been reached and that the waters were beginning to recede slowly.

The weather bureau, however, held out no hope of an abatement of the storm, A. W. Pugh, meteorologist in charge of the local station, reporting that the barometer was still falling, indicating that more rain could be expected.

Late this afternoon conditions were considerably improved and it was thought that the situation was fairly well in hand. Wire communication was restored with the north, messages being sent and received between Roseburg and Portland. The rivers and smaller streams were reported to be dropping and conditions generally were better. Unless heavy rains come tonight it is believed that the flood will abate without doing any further great amount of damage.

GREAT DAMAGE DONE TO ROADS AND BRIDGES

Highway Blocked in Numerous Places by Flood Waters and Slides.

TOWNS ARE FLOODED

Approaches to Steel Bridge at Umpqua and Highway Bridge at Dillard Gone.

No possible estimate can be made, it is reported, on the damage done to highways, bridges, etc., by the flood waters. All traffic was halted Sunday afternoon and practically every town and city of the county was left isolated.

At Yoncalla the water was reported to be about 6 feet deep across the pavement. The water was also over the railroad tracks and undermined a switch track and threatened the main line, which was protected by sandbags hurriedly placed by section workers.

Two auto buses which tried to get through the swirling waters on the highway were stalled, one turning partly over as it slid off the road. Traffic was maintained by the buses Sunday afternoon, passengers being brought from Eugene to Yoncalla, where they crossed the rampant waters by walking the suspended switch track above the flood waters, transferring to a bus which brought them on to Roseburg.

The switch track was left above the water when its ballast was washed away for a considerable distance. The main line was threatened, but was saved after many (Continued on page 4.)

T. O. DIXON, WELL KNOWN LOCAL MAN DIES SUNDAY EVE

Succumbs Following Several Months' Illness—Funeral to Be Held Wednesday Afternoon.

Tom O. Dixon, well known Douglas county man, died at about 6:30 o'clock Sunday evening at Mercy hospital following an illness extending over a period of several months. Mr. Dixon was born on the old Dixon land claim adjoining Sunshine ranch on the North Umpqua, March 14, 1882. He spent practically all his life in Douglas county, attending the school at Mercy, his home on the Dixon property east of this city.

He was the son of Enoch and Letsey Dixon, now deceased, who were well known here. For many years Mr. Dixon had been a stock raiser. On June 12, 1917 he was married to Miss Hazel Jewett of Roseburg, and to them were born three children, two of them dying in infancy.

For the past several months Mr. Dixon had been in ill health and in December went to Arizona, thinking the change of climate might benefit him. He returned to Oregon a short time later entering a Portland sanatorium and only a few weeks ago returned to this city.

Mr. Dixon was a member of the Elks lodge and was well known in Roseburg and vicinity, having a large circle of friends. He is survived by his widow and a daughter, Betty, and three sisters, Mrs. Tom Jennings of Boise, Idaho; Mrs. A. E. Kent of Roseburg; Mrs. Jess Shambrook of Umpqua.

The body has been taken to the Roseburg Undertaking parlors and the funeral will be held Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock at the Elks temple. Rev. Joseph Knott will read the service and interment will take place at the Masonic cemetery.

REVENUE BILLS ARE BEFORE THE STATE SENATE

Patterson's Tithing Plan First Considered, Tax on Tobacco Next.

CARKIN IS SATISFIED

House Speaker Says Work Done Constructive in Character; 34 Bills Awaiting Action.

(Associated Press Leased Wire.)
 STATE HOUSE, SALEM, Ore., Feb. 21.—Governor I. L. Patterson's so-called tithing bill, which imposes a levy of five per cent on funds of state departments and commissions for this year and 2 1/2 per cent for next year, as a means of tiding the state over a deficit, was before the senate this afternoon on third reading. Opponents of the bill predicted that the measure would be defeated.

Senator Bailey and others were ready for the introduction of a tobacco tax bill, similar to the measure passed by the 1925 session, except that it includes cigars. The 1925 measure was defeated at a referendum.

In the house today the reforestation bill of Representative James Mott, of Astoria, was under debate. The discussion was still in progress when the house adjourned at noon.

Session Work Reviewed
 Speaker Carkin, of the house, in a review of the accomplishments of the session today, said the legislature should be in a position to adjourn tomorrow or Wednesday unless the tithing bill caused protracted discussion or its defeat should make necessary other legislation in its stead.

"We can safely say that the work accomplished in the first 40 days of the session today, said the legislator, is an excellent one. There are but 34 house bills yet to be acted upon by the senate, among the major laws enacted.

The speaker pointed out that the income tax, legislation providing for a reassessment of values, the irrigation code and the Hoover rules of the road code, were among the major laws enacted.

ROSEBURG TAKES BASKETBALL GAME FROM CORVALLIS

Roseburg high school won a close basketball game with Corvallis high school Saturday night at Corvallis. The game started with Corvallis taking the lead and having a margin of 14 to 7 at the half. Roseburg came back strong in the second half and tied the score 18 to 18 at the end of the time. An extra three-minute period was decided upon and Roseburg tossed the basket needed to win, taking the game 20 to 18.

NO SCHOOL AT SENIOR HIGH DUE TO FLOOD

Because of the flood conditions there was no school at the Roseburg senior high school today. The Oak street bridge was endangered at school time and it was feared that the structure might go out and leave the pupils stranded on the west side. Because of this condition the school was dismissed for today. The school was also short of teachers as some had gone home to Eugene, Portland and other places for the week-end and were unable to return.

Mules Roll On Grave Of Their Slain Master

(Associated Press Leased Wire.)
 OSKOSH, Neb., Feb. 21.—A pair of mules which insisted on rolling over the barnyard grave of their uncle, Frank Boyer, comprised the "only thing" that caused him to worry, Henry Boyer said in his cell here today. The elder Boyer was shot and killed on his ranch in 1913 and his skeleton was recovered Saturday.

The mules, Henry said, were owned by the dead man. Every time they were unharnessed, he explained, they would travel from one end of the ranch to the other and roll on the spot where Frank was buried.

"It got my goat," Henry added. "I always had trouble getting them away from the place."

Boyer is held with Mrs. Frank Boyer, his common law wife, in connection with the death of the uncle whose bones were disinterred from his 14 year old grave after 36 hours of digging on the Boyer ranch by a posse. County attorney Frank Dutton plans to charge them with being accessory to a murder both before and after the fact, as both declare that the slaying was done by Henry's brother, Thomas, who is dead. No inquest is planned.

WASHOUTS AND SLIDES HOLD UP ALL TRAINS

Four Trains Lost in Southern Part of the State.

CUT-OFF IS BLOCKED

Wire Communication Destroyed South of City—Superintendent Leads Work to Open Line.

Indications this afternoon were that railroad traffic, which has been completely demoralized since Sunday morning, will be restored in a measure by tomorrow morning. Two trains, a stub doing local work between Roseburg and Eugene, and a freight train, went north this morning, but there has been no movement to the south. Five trains are tied up on the division, one being held in Roseburg and four others between this city and Ashland. Where the trains are marooned is not known as no word has been received of them since yesterday. First and second sections of Number 12, Number 11 and Number 53, are all held up some place on the line. Both sections of Number 12 are thought to be at Gold Hill and Number 53 and Number 11 are thought to be at Glendale, while 15 is in Roseburg, but no definite information has been learned as there are no wire connections south of Roseburg.

Number 11 tried to negotiate the Cow Creek canyon yesterday but was stalled by washouts and slides ahead. An attempt was made to return to Roseburg, but a slide on this side prevented the train from coming back.

Number 15 reached here from the north yesterday evening at 5 p. m., and was ordered to return to Eugene to go over the Natron cut-off to Klamath Falls. The train was reversed, but just as it was ready to pull out an order came to remain at Roseburg as there has been a huge slide on the Klamath Falls line, making that road impassable.

There has been no trains in either direction today. Local railroad officials had absolutely no information as to the number of slides and washouts in Cow Creek canyon. There was a slide at Carnes yesterday, but it was cleared away. Two big drifts went against the railroad bridge at Winchester, and kept crews busy all night with poles and dynamite.

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WASHOUTS AND SLIDES TIE UP RAIL AND AUTO TRAFFIC, INTERRUPT WIRE SERVICE

Willamette, Rogue and Smaller Rivers, Swollen by Torrential, Thirty-six-Hour Rain, Forced Out of Their Banks With Costly Results

SCORES OF BRIDGES TORN LOOSE

Residents of Lane County Lowlands, Trapped By Rapidly Rising Water, Rescued in Boats—Parts of Medford and Springfield Inundated; Property Loss in Rogue Valley Around \$300,000

(Associated Press Leased Wire.)
 PORTLAND, Ore., Feb. 21.—Rail and highway traffic was virtually at a standstill and wire communication was seriously crippled in some parts of western Oregon today, the result of torrential rains during the last 36 hours.

The Southern Pacific office here reported this morning that all their wires were out south of Roseburg and that no trains were operating south of that point because of flood conditions.

The Rogue, Applegate and Illinois rivers were at their highest stage in 25 years and still rising when the latest available information came in late last night. A Southern Pacific bridge at Tolo was washed out and the tracks were covered with water for several miles.

Cottage Grove was practically surrounded by flood waters last night and the Row river, east of Cottage Grove, had overflowed its banks. The coast fork of the Willamette river, which flows through Cottage Grove, was threatening to overflow. A large section of the west side was flooded when Silk creek left its banks.

Highways Blocked, Bridges Periled
 Grants Pass was virtually isolated, with highway and rail traffic at a standstill and nearly all wires down. The Western Union had one wire into the town from San Francisco. The Pacific highway was under four feet of water for more than seven miles south of Grants Pass. Bridges north of town were threatened and several small slides were reported.

Travel over the Redwood highway beyond Kerby, 30 miles from Grants Pass, was stopped when several bridges were endangered. Unconfirmed reports said the Illinois river bridge and the Rough and Ready bridge on the Redwood highway had been destroyed. A county bridge over the Applegate river went out yesterday afternoon.

Railway Traffic Demoralized
 Southern Pacific train No. 13 which left Portland Saturday for San Francisco was being held at Medford this morning, unable to move in either direction. No. 53 which left here at 1 a. m. today was stopped at Eugene. The Shasta Limited, in two sections, which was due here from the south at 10:30 last night, was delayed indefinitely at Ashland. Two other trains which were to have left Portland for the south this morning were also held up. A big log raft broke its moorings in the upper harbor in Portland early today and swept down stream to the Hawthorne bridge, where it broke up. The big logs menaced small craft in the harbor for a time.

Huge Slides Halt Motor Traffic
 Loosened by rains, ten tons of rock crashed down on the west side Pacific highway here shortly before midnight. A nearby resident heard the noise and went out with a flashlight to warn motorists. Two who disregarded his warnings had their cars damaged when they drove into the obstruction.

Several unimproved streets in the southeastern section of the city were flooded by the heavy downpour. Torrential rain fell for 30 minutes in the district between Portland and Oregon City Sunday afternoon. The rain was carried in great waves through the air by a terrific wind. Traffic on the highways was slowed up and many motorists were forced to stop their cars as they were unable to see ahead.

Willamette Rises Rapidly.
 EUGENE, Ore., Feb. 21.—Eugene was drenched by a record rainfall yesterday when 2.19 inches of rain fell in a 24-hour period. The Willamette river was a raging torrent this morning, the stage of the river being 16.5 feet. It has risen seven feet since Saturday.

Residents in the lowlands along the river were forced to leave their homes as the waters swept down. A number of families were marooned in the upper rooms of their homes and were being rescued today by boats.

A fairly heavy snow in the mountains and foot hills preceded the rainfall, and the melting snows are (Continued on page 4.)