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FATAL FLOOD

Eastern Oregon Cloudburst Kills Many.

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HEPPNER RECEIVES THE FULL FORCE OF THE DELUGE.

Ione and Lexington Suffer Less—Death List Will Reach Fully 300—Safety Lay Only in Flight—Dead Are Buried in Hastily Constructed Coffins—Absence of Goubts Notable.

Ione, Or., June 16.—A cloud which burst on the hills a mile south of Heppner at about 5:30 o'clock Sunday afternoon let loose a hungry flood of water, which swept down the hillside in a wall 30 feet high and 200 yards wide. Reaching the bottom of the canyon, the liquid avalanche reared its mighty front over the doomed town, and carried to destruction nearly every building and human being that lay in its path, leaving a waste of desolation to mark its trail. The destroying torrent raced down the narow gorge of Willow Creek, inundating as it reached them the settlements of Lexington, Ione and Douglas, but lessening in fury and in volume as the thirsty alkali soil of the valley drank up the water like a sponge. Behind it lay nearly 300 dead, drowned like rats in a trap. The suddenness of the catastrophe gave the victims no warning, overwhelming them for the main part as they sat within their homes.

Immediately after the fatal flood had wiped the major portion of Heppner out of existence, swift couriers on horseback sped to warn the residents of the valley toward the Columbia of the coming peril. Leslie Matlock, son of an ex-sheriff of Morrow County, rode a wild ride for 18 miles ahead of the raging waters. His horse dropped dead, but he secured another, and again another, covering the 65 miles to Arlington in seven hours. To this Paul Revere of Oregon is undoubtedly due the fact that the ranchers of the Willow Creek country below Heppner lost so little stock and property.

The Palace Hotel was the first building to stem the tide, and all the guests were saved; but houses below the Palace Hotel were thrown out into the street, overturned and wrecked.

Perhaps the greatest loss occurred at the Heppner Hotel. This house, which was run under the management of Jones & Asbaugh, was carried away. It is supposed that there were about 50 guests in this hotel, all of whom are reported to be lost. The proprietors themselves were saved, but their families are among the dead. The entire residence portion of Heppner was destroyed, but the business houses, being on higher ground, and being generally built of brick and stone, were not so badly damaged.

The schoolhouse and courthouse, which stand on a sidehill, were saved, but two churches, the Methodist and Presbyterian, were completely wrecked. Around the depot the receding flood left great heaps of driftwood piled as high and higher than the roof and the rescuing parties were forced to demolish these pyramids of timber in order to extricate the corpses which were tangled in the brush. Undoubtedly many of the drowned bodies were carried by the rushing waters down the valley. It is reported that three bodies were found near Lexington, nine miles below Heppner, but there were no fatalities in Lexington. No systematic effort has been made to find the dead, who are undoubtedly strewn along the canyon. Every available man from a radius of 65 miles has been pressed into service at Heppner itself. Gangs of men are at work clearing away the piles of debris, rocks and timber, which lie piled in Heppner's streets, and taking out the corpses which are thus concealed.

About 100 persons have been buried in Heppner's graveyard today. Owing to the entire absence of proper facilities for caring for the dead, the victims of the flood were, for the most part, interred in common crates. The ghouls who are usually found, like human vultures, rifling the pockets of the dead in such great disasters as the one which has stricken Heppner, are inthis case, fortunately absent, and the vigilance committees and patrols which were so necessary at Johnstown and Galveston floods, seem to be unnecessary in Oregon.

A relief train sent from The Dalles reached Ione last night and will proceed to Heppner as soon as possible. A wrecking train, with gangs of men to repair both the tracks and telegraph wires left last night. It is expected that communication with Lexington, 17 miles from Heppner, will be restored early this morning.

Court street, at Heppner, on the bank of the stream, is swept clean as a gravel bar from end to end. Not even the foundations of a long line of beautiful residences are left.

Every business house, except the hotel, Fair store and Odd Fellow's building, along the side of the street on which the bank stands are wrecks. A large building is jammed into the drug store and several other structures are in the middle of the same street. Residences are turned over or torn to pieces. Mud, slime and misery are everywhere.

The water was 15 feet high in Heppner's streets and rose over the new courthouse wall. It came down Palm Fork, chiefly, but was a torrent on all hillsides. Enormous piles of rock and gravel have been washed down the canyon five miles up on Butter creek.

The flood came almost instantly and lasted one hour. The people thought it was only a repetition of the cloudburst a few days ago, and were not alarmed until it was too late. Houses were surounded by raging torrents, which sucked every thing movable into their twisting eddies and escape was impossible.

Many people slept in the courthouse last night, and any place they can make a bed.

Many people are arriving at Heppner. There are no beds, and visitors will be compelled to rough it while they stay. Provisions are not needed, but rather help to bury their dead and clear away the debris. The absence of ice or embalming fluids has necessitated the hurried burial of many bodies, which would otherwise have been preserved for the arrival of relatives.

Three live babies have been found whose parents are lost, and identification has so far been impossible.

Families are broken to pieces, the father alone remains, or a wife or son or daughter, and little children left orphans.

Elias Connor, a stockraiser of Ione, returned from Heppner at 2 o'clock this morning. He left the scene of the disaster at 6 o'clock, and brings the latest news from the scene.

"It is now known," said Mr. Conner, "that at least 275 or 300 people were drowned. One hundred and fifteen corpses have been hastily buried in wooden boxes and some were merely wrapped in blankets. There were still several wagon loads of dead on their way to the cemetery when I left. Heppner itself has now been pretty well searched, except in piles of debris, where it is thought that numbers of bodies will be found.

"Between Ione and Heppner," said Mr. Conner, "there are great piles of debris, but the flood passed so quickly that the roads have not been seriously damaged. The railroad track however, from Lexington on is badly torn up. It looks strage to see the heavy steel rails bent and twisted like oorkscrews, and the heavy timbers splintered like matchwood. In Heppner itself the flood swept a clean path a mile long, and one or two blocks wide through the town, following generally the course of Willow Creek. The people of Heppner seem demoralized by the calamity, and men who have lost their wives, children and their all, go dry-eyed to the work of assistance of others."

The town of Heppner, the principal sufferer from the flood is 197 miles from Portland and 45 miles from the Columbia River. It contains a population of, approximately, 1400, and is the county seat of Morrow County. It is located in the valley of Willow Creek, a considerable stream, which flows north into the Columbia. The valley of Willow Creek varies in width from one-half mile to a mile and is bounded on either side by precipitious mountains which render sudden freshets not uncommon, although at ordinary seasons the stream is easily forded at almost any point. At Heppner, Willow Creek is joined by Hinton's Fork, which enters at the north end of the town. Some 20 years ago a cloudburst occurred on Hinton's Fork and a wall of water 30 feet in height rolled down the mountain sides into Willow Creek At that time the town was built principally on the south side of a high backbone extending from near the mouth of the Fork back to the mountains. There was little damage to the town and no lives were lost. Of recent years, however, the town has grown considerably and a large portion of it is on the north side of this natural dyke and along the banks of the two streams, directly in the path of the flood.

North of Heppner nine miles is the town of Lexington, containing a population of three or four hundred, and nine miles further is Ione, which has eight to nine hundred people. According to the latest information, both of these places were destroyed.

A branch of the O. R. & N. follows Willow Creek south from the main line at Heppner Junction to its terminus at Heppner. Officials of the company have received advices that their track is washed away between Douglas and Heppner, a distance of 30 miles.

ACTION ON CANAL TREATY URGED.

President Gives Colombia to Understand That Dallying Must Cease.

Washington, June 16.—The President today sent for William Nelson Cromwell, attorney for the Panama Canal Company, to confer with him on the canal situation. Mr. Cromwell spent half an hour with the President in the forenoon, and the conference was resumed by appointment at 3 P. M.

It is understood that the President is much concerned over the canal outlook. The Administration is not in the least disposed to be impatient with Colombia, and is willing to allow the Bogota government a reasonable time to execute its obligations to the United States. At the same time, the Washington authorities regard these obligations as more binding than those of an ordinary treaty, and cannot admit the right of the Colombian government to recede from them. If not carried out by ratification of the canal treaty, which comes before the Colombian Congress at its meeting this month, the United States hopes Colombia will find some other means of executing its obligations to this country as regards the Panama Canal. Mr. Cremwell declined to see callers after his conference with the President.

Route to Crow's Nest Pass.

Butte, Mont., June 17.—Official word has been recived in this city to the effect that the cut-off from Columbia Falls or Kalispel, on the Great Northern, to Jocko, on the Northern Pacific is to be built at once. Work will be commenced within 60 days. The new line will open up the richest country in the state of Montana and furnish a direct route from the Crow's Nest coal fields to the Butte and Anaconda mines and smelters.

Cable Ship Nears Midway.

Manila, June 17.—The cable ship Colon, which is laying the Pacific cable from Guam eastward, is nearing Midway Island, and it is expected that the laying of the section from Midway Island to Honolulu will commence next week.

Bandits Raid Cavite Towns.

Manila, June 17.—Disorder continues in the province of Cavite. Two bandits named Felizardo and Montalon, with some followers recently raided a number of towns. The government is planning a campaign to suppress the trouble.

HAPPENINGS HERE IN OREGON

SURVEY OF PORTAGE ROAD.

Engineer Hammond Will Go Ahead With Preliminary Work.

The State Board of Portage Railway Commissioners held a conference with A. E. Hammond, the engineer recently selected to make a preliminary survey of the route of the portage road between The Dalles and Celilo. Mr. Hammond was directed to proceed at once with the survey, and he will do so as soon as he can organize a surveying party.

His work will be to examine the ground and run preliminary lines where the road will probably be constructed. He will make plats and charts showing all the topographical conditions. He expects to be ready to report to the board in about 30 days, and until that time no further action can be taken by the board.

Receipts of Columbia County.

The reports in the County Clerk's office show that the receipts for May were larger than at any time in the history of Columbia county. The total amount received was $562.08, apportioned as follows: Recording deeds and other instruments, $272.75; court fees, $228; redemptions, $61.33.

High School Contract Let.

The Eugene school board has let the contract to Welsh & Mauer, of Salem, for the construction of the new High School building. The contract price is $24,259.

Rich Find in Southern Oregon.

J. A. Whitman and J. D. Hard are now in control of what promises to be the biggest placer mining proposition in Southern Oregon. The property is located on Steve's Fork of Steamboat Lake, and comprises some 880 acres of mining ground, nearly all of which prospects rich from "grass roots to bedrock." Some of the prospects obtained are so big that it is hard to believe they were taken from just a few pans of dirt. The property was purchased from Messrs. Shearer, Lewis Armstrong & Scott, and the new owners have already been offered an advance of two and a half times the purchase price. The water supply is abundant.

Lane Oats Will Be Short.

The effect of the recent hot wave is unquestionably very disasterous to all growing crops in Lane county, with the possible exception of hops. Farmers have been complaining for two weeks past about insufficient rain for the grain crops, and this hot spell coming at this time, will have the effect of cutting short the crop very materially. There has been insufficient moisture for nutrition of growing grains, and now the heat comes and forces maturation without any possibility of growth. Wheat will undoubtedly be cut short 25 per cent, and oats 50 per cent already, and the damage will be even greater unless this spell of heat is followed by a soaking rain

Will Cheapen Transportation.

The preliminary survey of the electric road from Baker City to the John Day country is about finished. The route as laid out, commences at Bowen's ranch, not far from Baker City, and extends along Burnt River to the divide, and thence into the John Day Valley. Prairie City, no doubt, will be the destination for the present. It is considered by many that a far cheaper route could have been selected, had the survey been by way of Auburn through the Sumpter Valley over to Burnt River. Several miles of road building could be saved as well as the road being laid out on an easier grade.

Rainier and St. Helens Want Seat.

Rainier and St. Helens have each filed their petitions as candidates for the relocated county seat. There are 76 names on the Rainier petition and 115 names on the one field by St. Helens. Clatskanie was the first town to file a petition, having 125 names on the document. It is now a settled fact that these three towns will be the only candidates for the county seat location to be voted on the first Monday in July.

Good for Marion Crops.

That crops have not suffered by reason of the recent hot weather is declared by farmers, fruitgrowers and hopgrowers in Marion county. Hops and fruit, except strawberries, will be improved by the heat of the last few days. While the ground is dry in the hill country, and rain would be beneficial, the hot weather will do no damage unless it should continue several days.

Shipping Cattle From Pendleton.

Fourteen carloads of cattle will be shipped from Pendleton this month. Fred Phillips will ship nine carloads to Carstens Bros., of Seattle. He will also ship five carloads to Kenewick. The stock brought $4.35 for good beef; some of the best brought a little better, but not much. A month ago the price was $4.75 and scarce at that. Now there is plenty of cattle to be had at $4.35.

To Resume Operation.

Operations at the Gold Bug Grizzly group of claims in the Ibex district, Eastern Oregon, will be resumed in about ten days. The machinery is being overhauled and the pumps and hoists put in shape for work. The shaft has filled up with water which will be pumped out immediately, and sinking of the shaft will commence as soon as it is free from water.

Survey Excites Curiosity.

A Southern Pacific survey party is operating between Milwaukie and Gladstone Park. Diligent inquiry fails to disclose the purpose of the survey. It was leraned from a member of the party that a route is being established from Milwaukie, via Gladstone Park and the Chatauqua grounds to Oregon City.

PAY FOR VETERANS.

Indian War Claimants Can Now Get Their Money.

Secretary of State Dunbar has received 98 vochers for claims of Indian War veterans and will begin issuing warrants in payment of the same this week. It is believed that 800 claims will be filed with the Adjutant-General, and that 750 of these will be allowed, in amounts averaging about $150 each. If this expectation shall be fulfilled, the total claims allowed will amount to $112,500. The total appropriation is $100,000, so that a deficiency of $12,500 is probable.

Under advice of the Attorney-General Secretary of State Dunbar will issue warrants for claims in the order in which the vochers come to his office, and no in the order the claims are filed with the Adjutant-General. All claims will be paid in full as long as the money lasts, and when the appropriation is exhausted the Secretary of State will issue certificates of allowance, which are recognized as legal evidence of a valid claim against the state. These certificates will not draw interest and must await an appropriation by some subsequent Legislature before they can be paid.

Coming Events.

Western Oregon division Oregon State Teachers' Association, Portland, June 24-29.

Street carnival, Ashland, June 15-20.

Pioneers' reunion, Brownsville, June 10-12.

School election in all Oregon districts, June 15.

Convention of the Sunday schools of Lane county, June 10-11.

Street carnival, Roseburg, June 22.

Christian camp meeting, Turner, June 19.

Street carnival, Salem, June 29 to July 4.

Mazamas leave Eugene to climb the Three Sisters, June 9, returning in ten days.

Worms Eat Yamhill Wheat.

The farmers in the vicinity of La Fayette are becoming somewhat alarmed about their Fall-sown wheat. The indication that there was something wrong was that the grain was turning red, and, upon closer examination a small, red worm was found in or near the first joint of the stalk. Some will cut their grain for hay, while others claim the crop will not pay for the harvesting, being so badly damaged. These fears may prove to be greatly exaggerated.

Getting Ready to Operate.

The Sumpter Lumber Company has succeeded in floating all the sawlogs on Cracker Creek to the mill site just south of town. The total amount put in was over 1,000,000 feet. The frame for the new mill will soon be up, and as soon as the logs at the old plant are consumed the big mill will be ready to be operated.

Work on the Baisley-Elkhorn.

Machinery and supplies are arriving almost daily for the Baisley-Elkhorn mine in the Baker district. A large force of men has been engaged to work on this property this season, and from now on the plan is to rush the work of development as fast as possible.

Work On Sumpter Water Plant.

Work on the Sumpter water works will soon be commenced. The plant will be 500 horse power, and half of this will be used in the electric plant to light the city.

Oregon Cattle to North Dakota.

M. K. Parsons, of Salt Lake, is shipping 5000 head of Eastern Oregon cattle from Ontario stockyards this week to North Dakota. This means about $125,000 distributed among cattlemen.

Land Patents at Oregon City.

During May there were 54 timber land filings and 62 homstead filings in the land office at Oregon City.

PORTLAND MARKETS.

Wheat—Walla Walla, 70@73c; valley, 75c.

Barley—Feed, $20.00 per ton; brewing, $21.

Flour—Best grades, $3.95 @ 4.30; graham, $3.45@3.85.

Millstuffs—Bran, $23 per ton; middlings, $27; shorts, $23; chop, $18.

Oats—No. 1 white, $1.10 @ 1.15; gray, $1 05 per cental.

Hay—Timothy, $20@21; clover, nominal; cheat, $15@16 per ton.

Potatoes—Best Burbanks, 50@60c per sack; ordinary, 35@45c per cental, growers' prices; Merced sweets, $3@3.50 per cental.

Poultry—Chickens, mixed, 11@12c; young, 13@14c; hens, 12c; turkeys, live, 16@17c; dressed, 20@22c; ducks, $7.00@7.50 per dozen; geese, $6.00@6.50.

Cheese—Full cream, twins, 15½@16c; Young America, 15@15½c; factory prices, 1@1½c less.

Butter—Fancy creamery, 20@22½c per pound; extras, 21c; dairy, 20@22½c; store, 16c@18.

Eggs—16½@17½c per dozen.

Hops—Choice, 18@20c per pound.

Wool—Valley, 12½@17c; Eastern Oregon, 8@14c; mohair, 35@37½c.

Beef—Gross, cows, 3¼@4c, per pound; steers, 5@5¼c; dressed, 8½c.

Veal—7½@8c.

Mutton—Gross, $3.50 per pound; dressed, 7@7½c.

Lambs—Gross, 4c per pound; dressed, 7½c.

Hogs—Gross, 6@6¼c per pound; dressed, 7@8c.