

CITY WATER SUPPLY CUT OFF WEDNESDAY NOON FOR 4 DAYS

FLOOD FILLS PUMPING STATION—RESERVOIR SUPPLY SAVER FOR FIRES.

RIVER RISING THIS AFTERNOON

Tualatin Now Pouring Flood Waters into the Willamette—Fear For Basin Embankment.

Water, water, everywhere, and not a drop to drink. That's the situation in Oregon City since 12 o'clock, Wednesday unless you are willing to drink Willamette unfiltered and undiluted. The torrents of water sweeping over Main street at the flouring mills filled the pumping station and of course stopped pumping.

Notices were immediately ordered by Superintendent W. H. Howell and distributed to all houses saying the water would be shut off all mains at noon, the supply in the reservoir being too precious in case of fire to risk for ordinary use.

Superintendent Howell says that no doubt the waters of the Willamette would rise about two feet more and then gradually fall until it would be possible to run the pump. The reservoir on the hill is well filled with water and a million gallons is being saved in case of fire.

Should the floods begin to subside and it be seen that there would be no danger ahead the water of the reservoir would be given out. Nevertheless the superintendent thought that from present indications of the falling of the waters in the upper Willamette valley that the pump might be able to resume its work by Sunday.

Many people have come to the river bank all day Wednesday to look at the raging water plunge on to its course down the river. Logs of all sizes are coming pell mell crashing against the piers of the suspension bridge, and also along the borders of the basin.

Considerable anxiety has been felt during the day about the foundation of the basin and many fear that it will give way if the waters do not cease rising. Great would be the damage as the water would rush down Main street destroying and damaging everything in its path. It is understood that the company intends to build a concrete basin in the spring.

Several families in Greenpoint have been forced to leave their homes as the receding waters over the lowlands had come up to their floors Wednesday morning.

The upper river has been gradually rising and had reached a height of 16 feet Wednesday morning. In the afternoon the waters were still rising due to the great volume of water just arriving down the Tualatin river. This stream is always somewhat later than the rest and is very deceiving. It is said that the waters at the mouth of the Tualatin are to be compared to the falls in their mad cap flight into the Willamette.

The basin has overflowed its embankment in many places between this city and Canemah. The lower end cannot hold the great volume of water which is rushing over Main street between the mills.

A few cars had to be placed on the bridge in order to keep it from washing away. The bridge leading to the wharf of the O. R. & N. was damaged somewhat by the overflowing waters of the basin and several of the piers and braces were washed away. Ropes have been fastened in several places to hold the great strain of the waters.

The lower river rose four feet during the night and is still coming up. This sudden rise of course placed the pumping station out of commission as the water of the lower river had reached the wheel and put it out of commission. The torrents overflowing the basin are tearing down and through the pumping station. The floor is covered with water and in the morning before the doors were opened the building was filled with water.

Mail Carriers' Troubles.
No eastern mail has arrived at the postoffice of this city since Sunday. Rural carrier No. 2 who goes out in the Logan and Redland country has been forced to give up his route on account of the high water. Postmaster Randall says that he will endeavor to send the carrie by the way of Maple Lane on horseback and see whether at least the letters can be carried out to the residents along that route. Carrier No. 6 who goes out north by

way of Clackamas has also been forced to discontinue his route on account of the flooded roads.

The Crown-Columbia and the Willamette mills have been forced to close down on account of the high water. Station B. of the P. G. E. Co. is yet hopeful that the waters will not come much higher. It has not yet been affected and there will be plenty of power and lights Tuesday night and Wednesday.

The backwater has reached some of the houses in lowest flats of Green Point near the China gardens. All the section north of Greenpoint is well under water. The county road to Parkplace is several feet under water north of the railroad crossing. The Abernethy road is also flooded over. The Himler boys of Parkplace came up within a short distance of Greenpoint Tuesday morning in a boat, having come over the Apperson and Moss lakes and over the county road.

The waters of the Clackamas have overflowed the south banks. The north bank is much higher and the Gladstone people are not the least alarmed over the situation. Only a few puddles are in evidence in Gladstone.

On Monday evening about ten o'clock the center piers of the Clackamas bridge of the O. W. P. were washed out and the bridge was so weakened that cars were stopped on each side and people had to walk across and transfer to other cars.

The waters of the Willamette were still rising Thursday morning and are expected to come up several feet before high mark is reached. The river was falling at Albany, but rising at Salem, so a rise of a few feet is expected during the day.

The upper Willamette was wild during Wednesday night and Thursday morning. Logs tore down the river into the basin and over the falls with tremendous force. Early Thursday morning, about 2:30 o'clock, the upper break-water broke from its moorings and in a short time the river was a mass of driftwood.

So thick was the drift wood flowing into the weakened basin already bearing a tremendous strain that early Tuesday morning about 200 feet of the west side of the walls of the basin washed away. Of course this relieved the strain on the lower end of the basin and many think that the giving way of the other was all that saved the lower. Had the west side held, the waters would have rushed the thousands of logs into the lower basin and the result would have been the flooding of Main street and pounding the logs against the buildings.

The waters are now rushing with violence toward the outlet on the west and thus the road along the basin to Canemah is now free from the flood.

The board of water commissioners are up against the real thing now since the washout in the basin. It is feared that when the waters fall the new channel will carry all the water away from the flumes that supply the water pump or perhaps the pipe that feeds the filtering plant. The board has already a plan on foot which will relieve the situation when the waters begin to fall Thursday evening or Friday, they will install a 150 horsepower motor to run the engine as the wheel cannot be brought into use for sometime. They expect a rapid fall of the lower river. Members of the board went to Portland Thursday to secure a motor. The condition may also affect the factory and mills.

Superintendent Howell of the city water works wishes to warn all the people to shut off the faucets in their residents for in case of fire the waters of the reservoir would be turned in the mains and should the faucets be left open, many of the houses would be flooded.

The stage of the water of the upper river near the Captain Young place at Canemah was 18.3 feet Thursday morning, a rise of 2.1 feet since 2 o'clock Wednesday afternoon. The rise of the lower river during Wednesday night was 30 inches.

Between the hours of 6 and 9 o'clock Thursday morning over a million feet of logs broke loose in the upper river from above the paper mills, and the people of the lower river were warned of the dangers of the jam of logs. Portland officials were warned of the danger to the bridges.

The Crown-Columbia mill has lost about three million feet of logs that were anchored within the basin and

the Willamette mill has lost over a million from their moorings near Canemah.

The Crown-Columbia lost a kiln that was situated just west of the saw mill alongside of the O. R. & N. wharf. The kiln was used to burn the sawdust.

In the lower part of the city, better known as "Goose Flat" and Green Point, many residence are surrounded by water and the people reach their work by means of boats. The Shrader residence on Washington between 13th and 14th streets was toppled over by the flood. The family had moved some days before. Several other residences are floating.

The Southern Pacific trains are still making regular trips of their schedule, although they are somewhat delayed by the high water over lowlands of the Willamette valley. The trains are running through three feet of water north of town this side of Parkplace.

South End Road Closed.

The south end road will be closed to travel for the next week or ten days, says road supervisor, Wm. Fine. The trouble has been caused by large boulders and rocks that are constantly slipping and rolling down the bluff. The supervisor has closed the road as traveling is now dangerous along the bluff.

Clear Creek Bridge Safe.

Special to Daily Star.

Logan, Jan. 7.—The report that the Clear Creek bridge had been washed away is untrue. The damage done has been temporarily repaired and as soon as the water subsides will be permanently remedied. It is now safe for crossing.

KICKING OVER ROAD SUPERVISOR, NO. 31

ADHERENTS OF ELLIGSEN AND BAKER CROWD COUNTY COURT ROOM.

The row over the re-appointment of Zach Elligsen as road supervisor of district No. 31, was transferred Wednesday morning from the district to the county court room. The commissioners convened in regular monthly session and their time during the forenoon was taken up listening to the chosen speakers for the fifty or more taxpayers of the district who were present.

The supporters of Elligsen and Baker were about equally divided as to numbers. Elligsen was reappointed by the court a month ago, as no charges had been preferred against him or notice of protest. A week or so later, those who were opposed held a so-called indignation meeting at Frog Pond school house, and adopted resolutions, asking for Elligsen's resignation, condemning the court for reappointing him, and demanding the appointment of Henry Baker. These resolutions were presented Wednesday.

The session was enlivened by wordy tilts between the factions.

District 31 extends from Wilsonville to within about four miles of Oregon City.

A. A. Vester, road supervisor of the Barton district No. 40, was in Oregon City, Wednesday, and took in the session of the county court. Mr. Vester's district is a new one and was created out of parts of the Boring, Sandy and Eagle Creek districts.

MICHAEL DESERTED HER, SAYS STELLA

Stella Rizor has brought suit for divorce in the circuit court of Clackamas from Michael Rizor. They were married in Baker City, January, 1885. There are two children as the result of the union. Nina Rizor aged 11 years and Myrtha Rizor aged 6 years.

The plaintiff states that the children have been living with her since the husband and father has deserted them and she now asks the court to grant her a decree dissolving the bonds of matrimony and asks for the custody of the children as well as \$20 alimony per month.

J. Wallace Cole and son Rea, who had been taking in the sessions of the legislature in Salem the last few days came home Wednesday evening.

WILHOIT DISTRICT OPPOSE OGLE ROAD

THINK NEW HIGHWAY TO MINES WOULD DRAIN THEIR ROAD FUND.

B. F. Harless was in Oregon City Wednesday afternoon for a short time previous to going to Portland. Asked whether the work for the road to the Ogle Mountain mines had been started and what the people in the district thought of the proposed road, he said: "The work has been started by some of the people in the Molalla and Wilhoit districts. The Molalla residents are in favor of the road and are doing all within their power to influence the other people of the district beyond."

But the queer part of the whole plan is that it is right now being knocked by the people of the Wilhoit district, who are fighting the proposition. They do not wish the county to put in a new road through their district as it would drain their road fund. They do not wish to be taxed for the road and they are doing all within their power to fight the plan.

"They are only looking at the road in a selfish way and forget the good they would derive from it. At the present time many of the people going out to the mines stop within their district and always leave a certain amount of money in payment for the services received during the night or stay."

Then the miner went on to say it was not the plan to have people of the districts pay for the keeping up of the road, as when the road is finished with the private subscription received, it will be kept up by the miners. The people are now working to find out how many of the residents along that road favor the plan before petitioning the county court to survey the road.

WILL BUILD EAST SIDE POWER PLANT

GREAT THINGS IN STORE FOR OREGON CITY, SAYS P. R. & R. ATTORNEY.

"The Portland Railway & Power company will build a power plant on the east side of the river," said F. T. Griffith, attorney for the company, at the council meeting Wednesday night.

He said if given the opportunity, the company would seek of course primarily to benefit itself, but incidentally would confer great benefits on Oregon City by furnishing power for additional manufacturing plants, when the concrete dam is built and the east side power house erected.

O.W.P. SEEKS EXTENSION OF FREIGHT FRANCHISE

COUNCIL RECEIVES NOTICE OF COMPANY'S WISHES—MAKES NO COMMENT.

BIG CORPORATION GIVEN JOLTS

Main Street Wires Must Be Put Underground By April, 1908—Charter Commission.

"The company (Portland Railway & Power company, successor to the O. W. P.) intend to lay a new track on Main street in Oregon City," said Franklin T. Griffith, attorney for the company at the meeting of the city council Wednesday night. "The company intends to comply with the provisions of its franchise," Mr. Griffith continued. "And, gentlemen, and this has no connection with putting in the new track, the company desires the provisions of its franchise be revised in the way of the extension of the time." Mr. Griffith went on to say he had no draft of ordinance prepared, showing the company was willing and desirous of meeting the city half-way and making a bargain that would be for the mutual benefit.

A death-like silence followed Mr. Griffith's remarks, and to relieve the tension, he again took the floor and said in drawing up the new franchise all matters connected with the present franchise would be treated "from the ground up." He suggested that a committee be appointed to meet representatives of the railroad company.

No councilman was disposed to discuss the subject, but Judge Ryan, in response to call, made a comparison of rates, showing how unjustly Oregon City was being treated by the O. W. P., and suggested those should be adjusted by any new franchise.

There still being no disposition manifested to discuss the matter, it was deferred until the special meeting of February 20.

The cool reception of the franchise extension was only jolt No. 1 for the P. R. & P. Co., the big corporation that owns everything in and around this town. It was quickly followed by the report of the special committee, Mayor Caulfield, Councilmen Andresen and Knapp, on the unsatisfactory condition of the wiring on Main street. The report recommended that all wires be put under ground from the basin to Moss street, and Seventh street from Main to Railroad avenue. It was accompanied by a lengthy legal opinion from City Attorney Campbell that the city could require it done un-

der its police powers.

This report was adopted, and later the ordinance was given its first reading, and ordered published.

Superintendent Howell made a startling report to council as to liability of break of basin walls which would inflict \$20,000 damage on this city water plant. This was another jab at the P. R. & P. Co. Mr. Griffith, who remained until the council adjourned near midnight, and was kept busy explaining the lapses of the company and what it would do in the future, said the company would build a concrete basin wall, and explained the plans. But the wall would be only sufficient for the company's purposes; if the city wanted protection it must pay for it.

Mayor Caulfield called the council's attention to the great need of a new charter for the city, giving ten or twelve cogent reasons why there should be no delay. The council thought so too. Councilman Andresen moved and it was carried that the Mayor appoint a commission of 25 members to frame the charter to submit to the voters, the members of which should be the mayor, city attorney, councilmen, recorder, water commissioners and ten private citizens.

The special committee on improvement of streets reported in favor of the immediate improvement of all streets intersecting Main from Fourth to Tenth, from railroad to Water, and the establishment of the grade of Water street.

The report was adopted and the recorder directed to issue notices.

Miscellaneous Business.
Council was busy right up till midnight and considered many matters that would ordinarily be of moment had not the larger affairs dwarfed them by comparisons. A few of the more important are briefly mentioned here:

Streets committee given power to act in conjunction with George Randall in effort to curb creek at Fifth and Jefferson streets, which Mr. Randall says has damaged his house \$200 during the last two storms.

Bonding ordinance read first time. Appears in this paper.

Frank Busch's request for new franchise to take water from Singer Hill creek for power, referred to Mayor, councilmen Andresen, Knapp and Williams for investigation.

Need of new outlet for Center street sewer referred to Streets committee.

Andresen added to Streets committee.

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