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FLOOD WATERS RAGE FIERCELY

County's Quota For \$12,000 Is Facing Workers

The Red Cross drive in Clackamas county is assuming large proportions and with two days gone of the week set apart for the big campaign, the leaders are sanguine that Clackamas county will easily raise its quota of \$12,000 before next Monday night, when the drive will end.

Hourly reports are coming into the office of O. D. Eby, chairman for Clackamas county. A. C. Newlands, captain of the Oswego district, telephoned Tuesday that 200 members

ships had been sold and asked for 200 more blanks. C. Schuebel and L. Stipp went to Stone schoolhouse Monday night and addressed a meeting there and 15 memberships were sold. Clifford Ball, one of the Oregon City captains, has taken charge of the placing of booths, and one was installed Tuesday in the store of Bannan & Co., and Miss Ruth Watters placed in charge. Another will be located in the postoffice building. John R. Cole, captain of the Molalla

PARKPLACE BOY SCOUTS FIGHT DUEL ONE KILLED

One little life, that of Leslie LaDoux 14 years, was snuffed out Saturday afternoon in the hills back of Parkplace, when four boys, three of them armed with 22-caliber rifles, deliberately arranged what they termed a "duel." The fatal shot was fired by either Cecil Green, aged 13 year and nephew of the dead boy, or by Lake Smith, the 15-year old son of W. W. Smith.

It is a strange story that Sheriff W. J. Wilcox extracted from the lips of Green and Smith and from Cecil Shaw, aged 8 years, at the court house Sunday morning, soon after the recovery of Leslie's body. The four boys were on good terms and after lunch Saturday the Smith boy came down to the LeDoux home with Cecil Shaw, aged 8 years, and proposed that Leslie and Green, join them in a hunt and they all started out, going back of Parkplace about a mile, beyond the gravel pit. For a while they enjoyed the innocent sport of shooting at a mark in a pasture dotted with woods, but this amusement soon became stale and, according to the other boys, it was Leslie who proposed that they fight a duel and that he take Smith's gun, which is a magazine rifle and Green his own gun, both single shot rifles. Leslie took up a position behind a big tree, while Green and Smith crouched down together behind a large stump. It was at this point that the little chap of the party, Cecil Shaw, protested and warned the contestants that they had better be careful or somebody would get shot. His advice fell on deaf ears and he withdrew to a safe distance, but remained to watch the fray.

HIGH STAGE OF LOCAL STREAMS TIE UP TRAFFIC

FACTORIES CLOSED WHEN WATER RUSHES FROM MANY STREAMS

High water has paralyzed the manufacturing industries of Oregon City and West Linn. Every department of the Hawley Pulp & Paper company was forced to close at noon Wednesday, and mill officials said it is doubtful if the plant will be able to resume until after Christmas. There are about 425 men employed in the Hawley mills and practically all of them are out. While the paper machines are operated by steam, the water has reached the driving belts, forcing the machines down. Splash boards have been put upon the concrete wall next to Mill B. No damage to the property is anticipated.

CAZADERO DAM SAFE BUT ESTACADA LINE CEASES OPERATIONS

Persistent reports circulated Wednesday that the two dams at River Mill and Cazadero had gone out, were declared unfounded Wednesday night by R. M. Standish, publisher of the Eastern Clackamas News, who was reached at Estacada by phone. He said the dam at Estacada to property in Eastern Clackamas had been slight, but that no mail had been received there since Tuesday night due to interruption of the car service. Trains from Portland were taken off Wednesday morning, when the road bed at Alspagh station near Eagle Creek bridge was damaged, and the railway bridge at Rock Creek was declared unsafe.

COUNTRY DISTRICTS HAVE BEEN HARD HIT BY CONSTANT RAINS

Aside from the Portland-Oregon City branch of the Portland Railway, Light & Power line, railway and highway transportation were at a standstill in Clackamas county Wednesday and but one road was available from Oregon City to Portland, this being a round-about road through the town of Willamette.

The Clackamas river is a raging torrent and has been steadily rising all night. The Willamette river at Oregon City came up nearly a foot Wednesday afternoon, and the vast flat section between Oregon City and Gladstone is a sea of water covering the big hop yards, the county road, and rising up close to the railroad tracks of the Southern Pacific and the Portland Railway, Light & Power lines. The bridge across the Clackamas at Parkplace was closed by order of the court. Gladstone, by reason of the extensive drainage from adjoining hills was a sea of water Wednesday morning, several business houses having from an inch to a foot of water on the floors. Citizens rallied to the cause Wednesday and constructed a drainage ditch to the Clackamas river. Sidewalks were floated and school children had to wade through almost a foot of water to get to school. The situation at Gladstone is now slightly improved, although the river is higher than it has been in years.

Southern Pacific service was discontinued Wednesday, and the highway between Oregon City and Canby is under water in many places according to those who made the perilous trip overland Wednesday. Molalla is completely isolated from the rest of the county. Slides along the Willamette Valley Southern near the Molalla river crossings have undetermined a few short sections of track, and it is thought train service will be resumed by Friday. Wright's bridge along the roadway between Oregon City and Molalla has been washed out and the county road for a distance of almost a mile is under water.

The west side road via Oswego to Portland is not safe according to those who were in Oregon City Wednesday. Several sections of the road have been washed away, and auto traffic will be extremely dangerous for the next few days until the high water recedes. In several places the county road is submerged. This leaves but one possible road open to Portland, and this is a round-about way through the town of Willamette. Several made this trip Wednesday.

Town of Gladstone Will Operate In 1918 Without Making General Tax Levy

Gladstone, Incorporated, U. S. A., is patriotic to a point where the town will operate next year without any visible means of support.

The city dads, either because they felt that the popular conservation move should apply to municipalities, else felt the municipal machinery could run another year without any additional grease. At any rate they failed to pass an ordinary voting the usual 5-mill tax which is necessary for the successful operation of every well-regulated town. December first has come and gone, and no records have reached the county assessor showing any signs of the annual financial flurry at Gladstone.

and Deputy District Attorney Burke are the two citizens of the town who will suffer most. The two are city recorder and city treasurer respectively and the only salaried officials of the town, except the water superintendent whose department is self supporting. According to the city treasurer there is a goodly supply of round silver dollars in the general fund left over from the 1917 purse, which it is thought can be used for emergency. At the expense of spoiling the patriotic glamor of this yarn it might be said that in special convention assembled a few weeks ago, the citizens voted a 10-mill tax for hard surfaced roads through the town. This money can be used for no other purpose, however.

Justice of the Peace John N. Sievers

MUTILATION IS CHARGED ON HIGHWAY NEAR CITY

S. Benson, W. L. Thompson and E. J. Adams, together with E. J. Cook company, are individually made defendants in a \$7,500 damage suit filed Friday by the heirs of Ganong estate, owners of property adjoining the new Pacific highway being constructed just beyond Canemah.

The suit is the outgrowth of the State Highway commission's activities along the Ganong property line this summer, in laying out the line for the new highway, which cuts off a section of the Ganong premises. J. W. Ganong and Martha Ganong, his wife, Richard C. Ganong, and Celia Field Ganong, Dr. Hugh S. Mount and Matilda Mount, his wife, are the plaintiffs in the suit. They are all prominent locally and in Portland, where J. W. Ganong is manager of the Portland Flouring Mills. The complaint alleges that in the month of October, 1917, the defendants entered upon the premises which consist of a 48-acre tract about a mile south of Oregon City along the Willamette river, and that without any right or legal authority, tore up the premises, removing valuable shade trees which adjoined the front property line of the premises, tore up growing shrubbery, mutilated the lawn, and left the premises in a dangerous and uneven condition. The plaintiffs further recite that the premises were leased for a two-year period beginning December 24, 1916, and that they have suffered by reason of the damages to the leasehold estate.

Exemplary damages of \$5,000 are asked and in addition on account of the peculiar value of the shade trees and shrubbery an additional \$1500 is claimed; the damage to the leasehold estate is estimated at \$1,000, making in all \$7,500. The case dates back to early fall when it is said an attempt was made by officials to purchase a right of way through the Ganong premises. No agreement could be reached between the parties, however, and sometime later the highway commission entered upon the place, it is said, and cut the road through. The highway takes off about twenty feet of the Ganong front property line, and a row of big poplar trees was taken from in front of the residence portion of the tract. The complaint is filed individually against the members of the commission and not in their official capacity.

10-CENT PIECES USED FREELY TO SEND BOYS GIFTS

The Soldiers' Relief League of Oregon City will send its first shipment to the soldiers in France Monday. It is planned to have a box go from this city about the 15th of each month to the soldiers, by those desiring to contribute towards the fund. Only 10 cents is accepted from each person. Miss Vera Caulfield is treasurer of the league. The box contained 2 packages of tobacco, five packages of gum, seven packages Hershey's chocolate, six packages cigarette papers, over 100 pencils, sharpened.

The three boys opened fire and every time a head would appear around the stump or from behind the tree a rifle would crack. The lads husbanded their ammunition and did not attempt a fusillade, and keep up the firing for probably 15 minutes, when suddenly Cecil Shaw yelled to Green and Smith to stop firing. "You have shot Leslie," cried the boy.

The trio rushed over to the tree and found Leslie, with a bullet hole squarely in his forehead, but alive. He was breathing heavily and was vomiting, but was unconscious, and the frightened boys eased his position and placed his cap under his head, and then, terror stricken, proceeded to study out a framed-up story to take home with them. They swore each other to secrecy and placed Leslie's own gun in his hand and then fled leaving, as they supposed, mute evidence that the boy had died by his own hand.

The three boys arrived at their homes in Parkplace before 5 o'clock and when Mrs. LeDoux questioned young Green, her grandson, who lives at the LeDoux home, about the whereabouts of Leslie, the lad stoutly affirmed that Leslie had been taken in along the road and had turned back. The story appeared plausible enough but when night fell and the boy did not return, the father, Joseph N. LeDoux, organized his neighbors into a searching party and they scoured the neighborhood by woods for the missing boy, without success. After midnight they telephoned the sheriff, who went to the scene promptly, and after hearing the story, advised the party to renew their investigations at daylight, and about 7 o'clock Sunday morning, while Sheriff Wilson was going to Parkplace for a second time, he met Lake Smith and Cecil Green together, the latter handling a paper route and being on his way to the interurban car after his papers. The sheriff stopped the boys and talked with them and, suspecting that the truth had not been told, he urged them to make a clean breast of the whole affair. The Smith boy made the first break to shed light over the tragedy by saying: "Leslie's gun went off yesterday and nearly shot me."

Sheriff Wilson promptly marched Cecil Green to the LeDoux home, and in the presence of Mrs. LeDoux, he questioned him sharply, and finally the boy broke down and confessed the truth and went with Wilson and Claude Rittenhouse straight to the spot where the boy was found. The sheriff brought the three boys to Oregon City and they made a detailed statement of the affair to him and to Acting Coroner Sievers, District Attorney Hedges, Deputy County Clerk Fred A. Miller. Later they were

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The wood mill and pulp mill of the Crown Willamette Paper company have been closed and while the paper machines are still running, it is expected that some of them will be down today. The upper river Wednesday night was 6 1/2 feet, or 13 1/2 feet above low water, and is rising fast. It is probable there will be a further rise of three feet in the upper river by Friday morning, and six feet in the lower river. There is two feet of water on the floor of the pulp mills in West Linn and the floor will probably be covered to a depth of eight feet before the crest of the flood is reached.

The Oregon City Manufacturing company woolen mills closed Wednesday night for several days on account of high water. The government locks were closed early Wednesday morning. Owing to the fact that no over flow wall was constructed it has been necessary to keep the gates open whenever the water reaches the top of the gates and it is considered likely that the locks will be out of commission for nearly a week.

River conditions are very unusual, as the deluge of water is coming down the Willamette from the Santiam and streams between that river and the falls. The river at Eugene is falling. This condition means that the drop will come quickly, when it does come. The Oregon City Transportation company dock at foot of Twelfth street was closed Wednesday morning.

The South Fork pipe line, furnishing water to Oregon City and West Linn is out of commission, though there is no danger of a water scarcity, as there is 12 days' supply in the reservoirs. The screens at the intake have become blocked with sediment washed from the hills. The cable line across the river at the headworks, 20 feet above low water, is covered over.

JAPANESE SUSPECTED OF HIDING A HINDU WANTED BY ENGLAND

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 13.—A high official of the Japanese government was linked with a proposed conspiracy to foment revolution against British rule in India when evidence was given today in the trial of 31 alleged conspirators to the effect that this official had secreted Hiram Lal Gupta, indicted Hindu not in custody, for four months while British secret service and military operatives searched Tokio in vain for him.

The Japanese official whose name was not given later secured safe passage from Tokio to San Francisco for Gupta. This testimony was given by Detective Sergeant George T. Barwitz, of the New York police department, who said the revelations had been made to him by Gupta, while the latter was in his custody on a charge of participating in a bomb explosion.

CLACKAMAS BOYS ENLIST.

Two more Clackamas county boys have listened to the call and enlisted. Lloyd Schran, of Highland, going into the aviation branch, and George Watts, of Beaver Creek, in the ambulance corps. They reported for duty at Vancouver Monday.

Minor cases of damage have been reported in Oregon City. The Fifth street road is literally torn up, and Center street from First to Fourth is inundated by the overflow from a stream near the old Jones rock crusher. The property east of Washington street from Fourteenth to Eighteenth is under water.

The property of Fred Schwartz in Kansas City addition was damaged Wednesday afternoon when a slide 100 yards in length, carrying valuable fruit trees and telephone poles in its path, went down the hill and covered the Willamette Valley Southern track. Coffee creek, a stream that usually dries during the summer months, flowing through Canemah, is threatening the homes of several of the residents of that place. This stream is a raging torrent, and the Smith home is in danger of being washed from its foundation. The water rushing against the woodshed and is close to the house.

Wong Wing's Chinese garden in the northern part of the city, is almost submerged, and the loss will be somewhat heavy, as there were many vegetables still in the ground when the water commenced to rise. E. M. Howell visited his farm near Stone Wednesday, but the trip was a hazardous one. Mr. Howell went as far as he was able on the Carver line, and from Stone made the trip by foot to his farm, in charge of his son, Orr Howell. The farms of William Lillie, and Geo. Reddaway, which joins that of E. M. Howell's are in danger, also farm of George Haberlach. The barns are almost surrounded by water.

GASTON MEANS ACQUITTED.

CONCORD, N. C., Dec. 17.—Gaston B. Means has been acquitted by a jury of a charge of murdering Mrs. Maude A. King, a wealthy widow, whom the jury decided had committed suicide as contended by Means, who was her business manager. Means will now face charges of embezzlement of Mrs. King's funds in New York City.

E. G. Wait Is Dragged 170 Feet Beneath S. P. Engine And Ground to His Death

Testimony introduced at the coroner's inquest held at Canby Monday over the remains of E. G. Wait, who was killed in a railroad collision Saturday evening, showed that Mr. Wait was dragged 170 feet beneath the engine, and that the handcar which the deceased and others were attempting to lift off the track, was dragged over 330 feet before the engine came to a stop. The verdict of the coroner's jury was to the effect that deceased "came to his death by being struck by a Southern Pacific engine and instantly killed." L. H. Wang, Andrew Koeber, C. L. Bates, Geo. F. Meelis, D. R. Dimick, and A. H. Knight were the members of the jury. According to the testimony of Alex Schwabauer and Wm. Kreuger, who witnessed the accident and were aboard the hand car prior to the tragedy, the men thought that the

engine which ran them down, was planning to turn out on what is known as the "left switch" to give the right away to Passenger train No. 27, south-bound, which was due about that time. Instead of turning on the sidetrack the engine came on down to the main line toward the town of Canby, and after realizing the predicament, the men did not have time to clear the track. Others helping lift the handcar off the track got away in time but Mr. Wait hung on longer than the rest thinking, evidently that he could clear the track. The funeral services were held at the family home near Canby on Monday afternoon. The services were conducted by the pastor of the Nazarene church, and friends of the deceased were in attendance. The interment was in Zion cemetery. The wife of the deceased is an invalid, and confined to her bed. She has been an invalid for some time.

Spectators At School Trial Hear Profanity

The Timber Grove school district prize fight was given a badly needed airing in Judge Sievers court Tuesday afternoon, with the result that "Bat" Sullivan, member of the board, was found guilty of assault and battery upon the Rev. W. H. Wettlaufer, a fellow member of the board. A. F. Buthe, jointly charged with assault, was freed. Sullivan is to be sentenced today.

District Attorney Hedges began hanging out the dirty linen about eleven o'clock and from then on until late last evening when the jury returned their verdict and Sullivan remarked "I didn't like the looks of the d— jury anyway," the trial was featured with the finest assortment of evidential profanity ever heard in local circles.

The trial was a regular circus day for out of town folks, and they came in droves to get ring side seats at the final round of a school battle of long standing, which the good people of the Timber Grove school district out in the Clarks community, have been tolerating for almost a year. District Attorney Hedges and Senator Walter A. Dimick, representing the defendants, welcomed an uncensored review of the whole campaign, and the charges, counter charges, admissions and denials of profane and vile language, flew thick and fast, until on one or two occasions Judge Sievers blushingly left the room, and the jury consisting of Henry Salisbury, H. Krummel, H. H. Hughes, J. E. Jack, E. H. Cooper and J. E. Sawyer, hung their thoughtful heads in shame, and bit their lips in extreme mortification.

According to the testimony, the climax came a week or so ago, when the two factions of the school board met to sign up the teacher's contract for

another year. Each faction had prepared a contract. The teacher, Miss Stromgren, was preparing to sign the Sullivan-Buche, et al, compact, while Rev. Mr. Wettlaufer and Mrs. Wettlaufer sat at the official desk nervously fondling the agreement their faction had prepared. The teacher approached the desk to fill her fountain pen and laid the Sullivan contract on the table. Rev. Wettlaufer, in a moment of curiosity, picked up the contract and sat back comfortably in the big chair behind the teacher's desk. Here, according to the testimony of the complaining witnesses, the assault took place and the dignified gentleman of the cloth, was rolled about the floor in a manner seldom witnessed at a Clackamas county school meeting. Mrs. Wettlaufer looked about for a poker, but not finding one, jumped in to the fray. Here, it was claimed, Mr. Buthe took part in the proceedings, but the evidence was not altogether convincing as to his part in committing an assault. Senator Dimick attempted to show that Mr. Sullivan was simply trying to obtain possession of the contract which rightfully belonged to him, while the state's contention was that he used perhaps a little more force than was reasonably necessary in so doing. Several witnesses for the defendants attempted to show that Mr. Wettlaufer had previously made undignified remarks concerning the flag, but the evidence was not clear on this charge. Mr. Sullivan on the stand admitted calling the minister various epithets which would not look particularly well in print, nor would they sound particularly euphonious at a school director's meeting. Mr. Dimick has intimated he would appeal the case, it is understood.