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A CITY OF DEATH

Grim Days of Sorrow in Heppner.

DEATH ROLL IS 200

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Families Sundered, and Hundreds Bereaved.

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DEATH LIST IS 200.

HEPPNER, Or., June 16.—(Special.)—The excitement is gradually wearing away here. First death reports were exaggerated. Not more than 200 persons lost their lives, perhaps not that many. About 130 bodies have been recovered. Yesterday 115 were brought in, and today 15. About 100 dwellings were destroyed.

BY LESLIE M. SCOTT.
HEPPNER, Or., June 16, via Lexington, Or., June 15.—(Staff correspondence.)—Terrible Willow Creek has shrunk to the size of all innocent brooks. Awful tales of destruction to life and property are given in its banks. Perhaps 200 people of Heppner have perished.

Nearly 125 bodies have been recovered. Over 100 have been buried. About \$500,000 worth of property is erased from the wealth of Morrow County in Heppner along Willow Creek. Scenes at Heppner are indescribable in their gruesomeness, their anguish, their awful desolation. No pen can exaggerate the horrors they present. Every heap of debris may contain a human form in decomposition. Many do reveal such spectacles when uncovered, and meantime Willow Creek, as if to mock the dead, has returned to a purring brooklet, and the Courthouse clock at every hour peals forth its dolorous note into the ears of the bereaved.

A grim-visaged aspect has Heppner. No loafers may tarry in its precincts. A rigid emergency government impresses able-bodied men into the work of saving the town from plague-breeding disease. The dead are dead, but the living must live. The community is ruled by a strong hand akin to martial law. Several thousand persons have arrived from inside places. But they may not indulge in lazy curiosity. Government in extremity is force, and when Marshals and Deputy Sheriffs pass up and down with butt ends of pistols protruding from their pockets, government has its true exemplification.

Three Hundred Bodies Found.
An army of men and horses is sifting great wastes of debris. Three hundred bodies have been found and there are men who say the work is only half begun. An army of women take charge of the bodies as they are borne out of the wreckage by the straining arms of men. An arm, a leg, a toe, a finger, a lock of hair, a tuff of clothing—these are harbingers of horror beneath the mud. Babies and little children lie there buried, with many a gash or bruise on their tender bodies. Forms of women frequently come to light bereft of all clothing save where a corset shields them from the gaze of anxious searchers. Clothing of men is less frequently torn away. The bodies are borne to Roberts' Hall to be washed and dressed by women, to be shrouded in coarse white cloth, and to be laid in rough wood boxes. There is no time for ceremony. It's the grim reality of death. And women who would faint at scenes one-thousandth part as awful obey the mandate of necessity without a flinch. The floor swine with the half-diluted mud that drips from the victims, but the living patter through it or sweep it out when it gets too deep. The rough boxes go to the cemeteries, not singly in hearses, but many at a time, piled high in wagons.

No Class Distinction Now.
Social lines are all erased in the disaster. The aristocracy of the town delves in the mud with the lowly, and with the same grim on its face. All eat the same ersatz food. Politics is forgotten entirely. The city and county officials are supreme authority. One of them fired a man to work yesterday at the point of a pistol. Any person detected in looting must be shot on the spot.
Medicine are not needed here, nor physicians, nor nurses. The town must be cleaned if it would escape pestilence. It must have more men to help clean up and provisions to feed the men would be right welcome. Many families are entirely destitute, all their worldly possessions having been carried away. In many a

VALLEY OF RUIN

Dread Scenes Along Willow Creek.

HAVOC BY THE FLOOD

Death and Disaster in Its Savage March.

FARMS AND HOMES GONE

Railroad Carried Bodily a Quarter of a Mile.

MUTE STORY OF A BABY'S FATE

Searchers Pursue the Sad Task of Rescuing—Farmers in Despair Talk of Seeking New Fields—Damage Not Calculable.

HEPPNER REACHED BY WIRE

Telegraphic communication with Heppner was opened with a patched wire last night. The lines had been in trouble all day, but by heroic labor on the part of the Western Union and the telephone company the damage was temporarily repaired, so that the Oregonian is able again to present full news accounts of the events and scenes following the disaster.

BY A. CROFTON.
LEXINGTON, Or., June 16.—(Staff Correspondence.)—Great tragedies are made up of many minor ones, and if Heppner is indeed tonight a town of lamentations, a city of the dead, it detracts but little from the pathos, the impressiveness and the wonder of the scenes which dot the valley for twenty miles below the stricken city. The canyon of Willow Creek, if not the Valley of the Shadow of Death, truly is a vale of tears. And while the voice of Rachel weeping for her children is heard in mourning at Heppner, it conveys to the observer perhaps a less pathetic evidence of the disaster than does the pitiful wreckage of happy homes strewn along the path of the raging torrent which has destroyed nearly 200 lives. The bodies of many of the persons reported missing have undoubtedly been swept away in the racing waters to find a resting place, and perhaps a grave, many miles below Heppner. At a bend of the river 15 miles from the scene of the cloud burst, a passing horseman picked from a barbed wire fence the tiny under-shirt of some drowned baby. As this body, in company undoubtedly with many others, had been borne towards the Columbia by the relentless flood, the little garment had been caught by the infant corpse by the tentacles of the fence, and, as the flood receded, had been left exposed to view a mute evidence of the destination of one of the missing.

At this point, though removed so far from the initial point of the flood, the evidence of its inconceivable force was more striking than at any other point seen in the valley. A section of railroad track measuring 1200 feet in length, had been lifted bodily from its roadbed a quarter of a mile above, and had been piled up, where the waters had made a sharp curve, in an indescribable mass of wreckage. The heavy steel rails had been bent and twisted by the current into every possible geometrical figure. One section of rail, 200 feet long, on which the fish plates were still unbroken, was lapped around a bluff of mud so accurately that nowhere in its whole length was daylight to be perceived between that and the bank. Neither had the force of the waters buried it further in the soil than was necessary to hold it when the flood receded. Two other rails, 20 feet long, fastened at one end by a single tie, were driven like some gigantic carpet-tack up to the hill through a point of land until the points protruded a few inches in their side.

Queer Freak of the Flood.
Here also was observed the first instance of a remarkable phenomenon. For a distance of 10 miles along the valley a great number of glass fruit jars, split from the wreckage of some doomed house, had been carried unbroken. Although the metal tops were screwed down tightly on the rubber bands the jars, evidently empty when they started on their voyage, were found in every instance to contain about half a pint of muddy water. How this water could possibly have entered the sealed jars, and by what fortuitous circumstances the fragile glass escaped injury in a watery tempest which tore trees from their roots, wrecked large residences and snapped and bent steel bars like putty, is not readily to be explained. It is quite certain that a large percentage of bodies carried beyond Heppner will never be recovered.

Bodies May Never Be Found.
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