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Lodge Initiation May Prove Fatal.
NEW BEDFORD, Mass., June 17.—Clarence Mason, son of the Chief of Police, is suffering from an attack of blood poison as a result of being branded at an initiation of the secret society of the local High School. It is feared he will die. Joseph McIntyre, another student, is in a serious condition. If the boys recover they will be marked for life.

Mexican Official for London.
MEXICO CITY, June 17.—Bernardo Calero has been nominated to be Chancellor of the Mexican Legation in London.

Switzerland Votes Money for Guns.
BERNE, Switzerland, June 17.—The National Council today, by 37 to 1 vote, granted a credit of \$4,500,000 to arm the 25 battalions of four guns each of the Swiss Field Artillery with the new Krupp 75 centimeter pneumatic recoiling guns, and to provide 800 rounds of ammunition for each gun.

Hawaiian Pilot Killed by Blast.
HONOLULU, June 17.—Robert English, a pilot at Kahului, while engaged yesterday in blasting away obstructions in the channel, was instantly killed by a premature explosion of dynamite.

GLOOM IS HEAVY

Heppner Death Roll Will Be 247.

BODIES FOUND, 167

Known and Unknown Missing About 80.

MANY PERSONS DESTITUTE

Greatest Needs Are Money, Supplies and Disinfectants.

THIEVES PILLAGE THE DEAD

City Officials Work Industriously and Will Enforce Martial Law—Relief Corps Will Be Organized—Incidents of the Disaster.

DEATH ROLL ABOUT 247.

HEPPNER, Or., June 17.—(Special.)—The dead and missing will be about 247.	
Bodies found Monday	125
Bodies found Tuesday	15
Bodies found Wednesday	17
Bodies found below Heppner	10
Known missing	70
Unknown missing	10
Total	247
One hundred dwellings destroyed at Heppner, valued at	\$100,000
Loss in business	100,000
Cash loss in Willow Creek Valley	100,000
Heaviest individual losses:	
Oscar Miller	20,000
Tom Ayres	20,000
T. S. Garrison	15,000
William & Bibbee	15,000
Albert Slocum	7,000
Heppner Hotel	5,000
Noble & Campbell	1,500
Episcopal Church	1,500

BY LESLIE M. SCOTT.

HEPPNER, Or., June 17.—(Staff Correspondent.)—Heppner needs money, provisions and disinfectants above all else. Money is wanted to pay men who are cleaning up the town, provisions are required to feed them, and disinfectants are essential to good sanitary conditions.

The warm sun is already raising offensive odors on the scene of the disaster. In two or three days, more identification of dead bodies will grow rapidly more difficult. In that time the victims of the flood will be picked from the wreckage in the town. It is believed that many bodies were borne far down Willow Creek. Their recovery will not be so easy as in the town, and a large number may never be found. There are high piles of drift at various places along the creek in which bodies undoubtedly are collected. There have been pitting the dead and the wreckage, and the authorities will take stringent precautions against the ghastly practices tomorrow. They are under orders to shoot down any thief, but they fear to do so for fear of killing an innocent person in among the many stragglers.

"We're going to enforce martial law," declared Sheriff Shutt tonight. Every able-bodied man must go to work or get out of town. The Sheriff has sworn in over 30 deputies, and with the aid of several marshals, maintaining good order. The presence of many strangers in town makes law-abiding citizens apprehensive. The town is in breathless haste to destroy the unsanitary elements that are springing up.

Sad Scenes Among the Dead.
Episodes at the morgue continue to be very affecting. Many a man and woman who hopes to find a dear face there, and rush with strenuous eagerness to the place, shrink a way when he has looked. Many a man and woman who wept because the dead might never be found, weep the louder when they find the dead discovered. Morbid funerals trail up the hill back of town many times a day. The track is wearing deeply in the hillside. It looks so mere to hold so vast an ocean of grief. No hour is set for these events. There are too many—too many for the

hours of the day. And the people of the town are becoming almost as indifferent to the lugubrious scenes as the horses which pull specimens of their own kind from beneath the wreckage. On Monday the bodies came in so fast that they could not be held for identification. Perhaps a dozen dead went to their graves unknown. But in the past two days the bodies have been fewer and have been handled more adeptly. Men and women worked together on both sides of the dead at first, but now the work is more properly apportioned. Throngs of curious at first pressed into the morgue to stare, but now they are kept out. Once water to cleanse the bodies was carried from the hills, but the restoration of the city water system has reduced this labor.

Local Government Efficient.
Mayor Gilliam has appointed committees on ways and means, finance, relief, supplies, street cleaning and police regulations. J. A. Woolley has charge of the commissary, and Otis Patterson, of the workmen's organization. He has some 200 men organized at work, and about 800 others unorganized. The executive committee is made up of Mayor Gilliam, George Conser and Sheriff Shutt.

Many of the awful scenes of waste and ruin have been removed. Houses are being demolished. The remains of dead animals burning on rubbish frequently sent the air of the town. The beauty of Heppner is gone, but not its pride. No community could rise more bravely under adversity.

In the bank of the town the people have \$25,000 in deposits. In the warehouses they have \$200,000 worth of wool unfurled. In the citizens is the same spirit to rebuild the town as built it. How all the people sleep and eat in a town where half the citizens are homeless is a marvel. Many residents will temporarily leave this summer. The visitors do not seem to sleep for their voices keep the midnight air resounding. The few beds, barns, and haystacks are utilized. Many of the crowd at night can do no better than ease the ache of one leg by standing on the other.

The O. R. & N. runs its trains up to Lexington, nine miles below Heppner. Transportation to the train is by horses and wagons. The telegraph wires are surged with messages, and press dispatches have difficulty in crowding through. Mail service is resumed.

What a Row of Trees Did.
The town was saved from total destruction by a row of poplar trees which grew on the edge of the chief residence street. This street was the nearest to the river. Houses were crushed against them like egg-shells, but only three or four yielded. The latter were broken short off or uprooted even though they were between two and three feet in diameter. This row of trees deflected the river back to its usual bed. Many persons believe it even saved the big hotel, Heppner Hotel, which was completely demolished, was the death of 80 or 100 people. These victims may never be identified. Their names so far as known are published today. Not all were registered, but even those who were probably will not be known.

Decomposition of bodies now setting in will erase distinguishing features. The body of a woman named Mrs. Banks, who perished with her husband, was found tonight. Her identity was a question of doubt until the initials of herself and husband were found inside her

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HUNT FOR DEAD

Mournful Task Still Goes On.

WORKERS ALL WEARY

But They Manfully Do Their Sad Duty.

LEXINGTON CALLS FOR AID

Forty Persons Destitute, and Relief Passes Them By.

FIDELITY OF A BEREAVED DOG

Guards the Hidden Bodies of His Mistress and Her Brother—Much Property Lost in Willow Creek Valley.

LEXINGTON CRIES FOR HELP.
LEXINGTON, Or., June 17.—(Special.)—Help is badly needed at Lexington. It does not seem to be generally known, but 40 persons are absolutely destitute here. Provisions are very scarce, and while the few inhabitants of the little hamlet are doing what they can for the sufferers, they certainly deserve some attention from the outside world. In proportion to the size of the place, there is as much work to be done here as in Heppner.

BY A. CROFTON.
LEXINGTON, Or., June 17.—(Staff Correspondent.)—As the sharp excitement of the first three days after the deluge passes away, a feeling of depression is settling upon the little bands of volunteer workers through Willow Creek valley, who have almost continuously been doing what they could to alleviate the havoc of the flood and to satisfy the immediate necessities of the utterly destitute. The principal task has so far been the searching for bodies of the dead. No accurate estimate of the number missing can be made, and various conjectures place it between 160 and 200. To find the corpses involves the pulling apart of the innumerable piles of drift which are strewn all through the canyon. And as these piles are sometimes 20 feet high and a quarter of a mile long, the hopelessness of the task is gradually pressing in on those who have manfully been attempting to perform it. Another thing, most of the workers have suffered themselves by the flood, and, having given three days' time to the public need, will soon in self-protection have to attend to their own. Many of them are ranchers, who, while they escaped with their lives, their farms, and partially ruined crops, need immediate care if they would not suffer further loss.

"My gang," said one of these today, "has been working as hard as we could, but we would like to stop awhile now. We have found two bodies ourselves in our search, but as we had neither ropes nor poles to pull the drifts apart with, our progress was of course very slow. All of us have lost our crops, and if we would save anything, it must be garden truck. This requires fencing, and I think we will have to turn in and build for ourselves tomorrow."

Agitatedly but true suggestion was made by another worker who said the sun, which has been blazing hotly all day, would soon locate the bodies for the searchers and so facilitate much of the work. While this is true to some extent, it should be remembered that in much of the silt and wreckage in which the undiscovered bodies are hidden there are great beds of hailstones. These hailstones are of remarkable size, many of them being an inch in diameter, and they were washed by the flood into deposits like large gravel beds. As they are covered and mixed with silt and timber, they are thawing very slowly, and, until they are gone, will act as a preservative to any corpse they cover.

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But party after party of men pass though Lexington on their way to relieve Heppner, and will not tarry long enough even to hear the tale of suffering. Wagon load after wagon load of provisions donated to the flood sufferers passes through, but while there are hungry persons in Lexington not a pound of flour has so far been given them. Every man in Lexington has done his task of searching for Heppner's dead, and it seems that this matter should be called to the attention of some relief committee.

Such Damage to Property.
The damage sustained by the ranchers of Willow Creek Valley can be rough-

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Clothing Needed for Women and Children.

FUNDS GO BY TELEGRAPH

Barrels of Disinfectants to Protect the Living.

SITUATION NEARING CONTROL

Portland Relief Committee is in Close Communication With Men on the Scene and Every Want Supplied.

WHAT HEPPNER NEEDS AT ONCE.
Fifty children, 30 women and 20 men are in Heppner whose wants must be supplied by the relief committee. This is what they need:
Underwear.
Stockings and socks.
Shoes.
Hats.
Overalls.
Working shirts.
Dresses for women and girls.
Clothing for babies.
Supplies should be sent to the office of R. L. Sabita, corner Front and Ankeny streets, in the old Bank of British Columbia building. Mrs. Pratt will be there at 9:30. All supplies should be sent in sacks, as everything must be forwarded by the 6:30 train.

Dollars by the hundred and the thousand still flow into the office of the Heppner relief committee. Realizing the necessity of immediate aid, no time has been lost in gathering a fund of sufficient size to alleviate the sufferings of the unfortunate people of Heppner.

The relief fund has now reached \$12,000. The purse strings of Portland will not tighten until the \$15,000 mark has been attained. Additional supplies have been sent to Heppner. If more working men are needed, 100 can be called out within a day. Nurses have volunteered their services, but they have not been asked to go to the scene.

The amount of \$12,000 represents only the subscriptions which have been turned into the treasury of the relief committee. Several papers are still outstanding, and when these are brought into the office this morning many additional dollars will doubtless be added to the rapidly growing fund. The city is being systematically canvassed by business men, and but few can refuse a subscription.

That the people of the city in general may be more free in subscribing to the fund, a benefit entertainment will be held in the Maxquana Theater Tuesday afternoon, which will probably net \$5000. The representatives of the relief committee in Heppner telegraphed yesterday that the people of the town would soon be in need of such provisions as bread and flour. By the first train a quantity sufficient to feed a multitude was dispatched.

Clothing in Great Need.
The crying need is for clothing. Children whose parents have been drowned by the restless waters are in need of food and clothing, while many older persons feeling in haste from their devastated homes have no other apparel than the clothes upon their tired backs. The hearts of the business men have already opened with an adequate supply of money, and it is now the part of the mothers to think of their own more fortunate children and send clothing to the orphans of Heppner. Such articles should be selected with care and in accordance with the requests made by the representatives of the relief committee now in Heppner. The supplies will be transported free by the railroad company, but the receivers must pay the cost of hauling them by team from the end of the road to Heppner.

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