

# SWOLEN RIVERS FLOOD CENTRALIA

### Jitneys Operate as Ferries on Submerged Streets of Business Section.

## PEOPLE MOVED IN BOATS

### Floods Prairie Is Under Water, Cars and Schools Suspend, Trains Are Late and Several Escapes From Death Reported.

CENTRALIA, Wash., Dec. 22.—(Special.)—Centralia last night and today experienced the worst flood in the history of the city when the Shookamuck River overflowed its banks. This morning all of the city north of the Grays Harbor tracks was inundated. Tower avenue was a river north from Maple street, all of the stores in four blocks being flooded. The police worked all night with a big flat boat rescuing families in the north end to dry land. Owing to the swift current many could not be reached along the river bank.

Tonight the high water in business section of Centralia had entirely subsided, but the greater part of north-east and south-west sections was inundated. The water was caused by an overflow of Chehalis River this morning. Floods prairie, west of the city, is entirely under water, as is also territory between Centralia and Chehalis, water being up to roofs of buildings at southwest Washington fairgrounds. Interurban service between two cities was suspended this afternoon.

Jitney buses operated as ferries early today, transferring working men through the inundated sections. The city's fire engine worked all night pumping water out of the basements of the Hotel Wilson and Farmers & Merchants Bank and yesterday municipal conveyances were used to take the school children home. The school board met this morning and decided to abandon school until January 2, the Christmas holidays starting this morning.

Trains are all running late. The Grays Harbor tracks of the Northern Pacific in the north end are washed out and trains are being routed over the O. W. R. R. The Chehalis River tracks of the Northern Pacific were washed out near Martin mill, but the subsidiary tracks which withstood the flood permits the operation of trains. Frank Reisinger, a farmer, narrowly escaped drowning on Ford's prairie today when the horse he was driving slipped off at an embankment. The animal was drowned.

### CLATSOP BRIDGES WASHED OUT

Tides Cause Floods in Several of Small Streams Near Astoria.

ASTORIA, Or., Dec. 22.—(Special.)—As a result of the heavy rains of the past few days, high freshets are reported in the various small streams on both sides of the lower river. The high tides of yesterday, coupled with the gale, backed up the waters until the banks of many of the streams were overflowed. At Grays River the water inundated large tracts of land, flooded a number of houses and barns and reached the porch of the Messers house.

In Deep River the water was also unusually high, while the road leading from Klappan to Nasel was three feet under water at spots. Several small bridges were swept away and traffic was at a standstill.

Young's River and the Lewis and Clark were also unusually high and the Klaskanine River bridge on the main highway near the Western Co. Co. Company's camp was swept away. The bridge was a wooden structure more than 100 feet in length.

### FLOODS REACH SEASIDE HOMES

Stock Reported Lost, Wires Down, Mail Held Up and Trains Late.

SEASIDE, Or., Dec. 22.—(Special.)—Clatsop Plains has been inundated by the heavy rains of the past few days. At Seaside the Necanicum and Wahnanah rivers have overflowed their banks and in the eastern section of the city the water has reached the first floor of several houses.

The county road south of the city in the bend near the Seaside House was covered by four feet of water yesterday. No mail or stages left for points south and the incoming train was six hours late. Tonight the Necanicum river is rushing through town with the speed of a mill race. As some of the telephone lines are still down it is impossible to estimate the loss to farmers, although a report is current that considerable stock was lost by drowning.

None of the summer homes at either Seaside or Gearhart has been damaged. The total rainfall for the last three days was 3.95 inches.

### ROWBOAT USED ON HIGHWAY

Ferryman Charges 10 Cents in Cross Road and Does Big Business.

ABERDEEN, Wash., Dec. 22.—(Special.)—Train delays and small damage to roads have been about the only results of a middle-Waters storm which ended here last night. Owl train passengers, due here at 6 o'clock this morning, did not arrive until noon and the owl train which did not reach here until tonight.

Roads in all the lowland sections of the county were flooded yesterday, but little damage resulted. Near Tullip, in the west end of the county, the water was four feet deep on the road in one place, and several of those who were coming to town for the holidays, crossed in a rowboat ferry. The ferry operator charged 10 cents a passenger and is said to have done a big day's business.

### TACOMA POWER PLANT SOAKED

Streams in District on Rampage, but Waters Are Receding.

TACOMA, Wash., Dec. 22.—(Special.)—With nine inches of water on the floor and a torrent pounding against its walls, the municipal power plant on the Nisqually River last night passed through the most tempestuous period of its history. All the rivers of the Puyallup and White River Valley systems were from 4 to 8 feet above normal, but are now receding. At Auburn the White River was 18 inches higher than at the highest period in November. It has carried down thousands of cords of driftwood. At Alderton the water was 8 1/2 feet last night, the highest this season, but had receded almost two feet this morning. Owing to high water in the Carbon River and South Fork of the Puyallup, but none that would endanger

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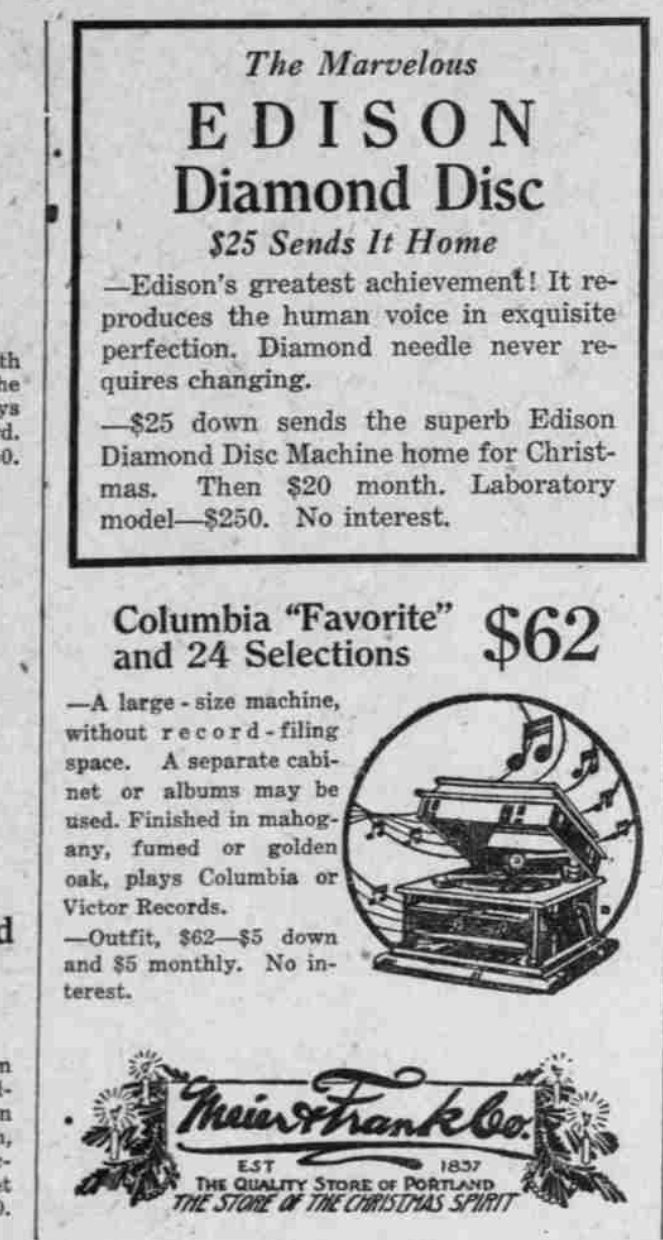
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### FIFTH VICTIM IS DEAD

ANOTHER ITALIAN SUCCEUMS TO DEADLY TRICHINOSIS.

### Physicians Believe Remaining Cases Are Out of Danger—Government Issues Pork Warning.

The fifth victim of the trichinosis epidemic which swept the Italian colony this month died at the Good Samaritan Hospital yesterday, when Silmarino Cereghino, a gardener living at 424 Irving street, succumbed. Pork sausage in which deadly trichina parasites were encysted was eaten four weeks ago by Cereghino.

### OREGON CITY FIRM AGREES

Hawley Pulp & Paper Co. to Permit Retention of City Pumps Site.

OREGON CITY, Or., Dec. 22.—(Special.)—W. P. Hawley, the president and general manager of the Hawley Pulp & Paper Company, today agreed to permit Oregon City to retain the present site of the city's pumps for a pumping plant in case city property on South Main street is sold to the mill for the site for a new building.

### FOREIGN TRADE IS HUGE

YEARS' EXPORTS AND IMPORTS REACH \$5,000,000.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 22.—Foreign trade of the United States in November jumped to the unprecedented total of half a billion dollars. A department of commerce statement issued today shows that imports as well as exports broke records for the month. A record of \$5,000,000 for the last 12 months' exports and imports was set.

### T. B. MONTGOMERY IS DEAD

Ill From Grip, He Succumbs Suddenly to Attack of Apoplexy.

Thomas B. Montgomery, secretary of Hillsboro Garden Tract, Inc., dropped dead of apoplexy at his home, 278 East Ninth street, North. He had been ill with grip for several days.

### STATE PLANS CHRISTMAS

Trees, Programmes and Holiday Enjoyments Being Prepared.

SALEM, Or., Dec. 22.—(Special.)—Yuletide celebrations at the state institutions proposed by the state usually successful, with Christmas trees, special programmes and other holiday enjoyments being prepared.

### Rural Delivery Extended.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Dec. 22.—Rural free delivery will be inaugurated at Republic and Shelton, Wash., March 1; and an additional route will be established at Seattle.

result, Assistant District Attorney Collier did not submit his argument for the state. The jury had not returned a verdict late last night.

### Teacher Seeks Old Job.

Mrs. Oren R. Richards, formerly Miss Maud L. Marsh, whose demand for re-

instatement as a teacher in the schools of Portland with back salary for the time she was excluded from teaching on account of her marriage was sustained in the Supreme Court Tuesday, intends to present herself for work again when the schools reopen after the Christmas holidays.

Under the Supreme Court decision she is entitled to her back salary, and will accordingly receive \$1350 for one year.

Members of the School Board and the Superintendent had little comment to make on the subject yesterday, regarding the matter as finally settled by the action of the Supreme Court.

Electricity has been used successfully in France for ripening cheese.

## Are You Giving Your Best to Your Work?

Can you do your best if your mind is dulled by auto-intoxication? Is it any wonder that you get "too tired to think" if all the while your blood is bathing every nerve, every brain cell, every muscle fibre with the fermented poisons and wastes of constipation? The only way to keep your body rid of decaying waste matter permanently is by bringing about natural, regular action of the intestines. Laxatives, purges, and cathartics bring temporary relief—but they bring also an inevitable reaction which leaves the machinery of evacuation weaker and more dependent upon the repetition of the stimulation. Nujol, a tasteless, colorless and odorless mineral oil, is the natural treatment for constipation. It acts by lubricating, not irritating. Physicians everywhere are discarding the use of violent purges in favor of the mineral oil treatment which has the endorsement of the highest medical authorities. Write for booklet, "The Rational Treatment of Constipation." If your druggist doesn't keep Nujol, we will send a pint bottle prepaid to any point in the United States on receipt of 75c., money order or stamps.

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