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HIGH WATER AGAIN TODAY MAY CAUSE WORSE DAMAGE

Railroad Addition Covered
With Several Feet of Water
This Afternoon.

MAY CUT FLOOD
GATE IN THE DIKE

Many Residents Sustain Small
Losses Which May
Amount to \$2,000.

While today's high tide may not reach the mark set by yesterday's record-breaker, it is liable to do more damage owing to the South Marshfield flat being filled from yesterday's overflow. Only part of the water that flooded the basin back of the Railroad dike yesterday ran out and the tide running over the dike is expected to force the water considerably higher in the basin.

At 1 o'clock this afternoon, the tide began to break over the dike and a big flow was expected as the crest of the tide will not reach the upper part of the bay until after 2 o'clock. This morning, a force of men were busy on the dike trying to repair them and guard against another overflow today, but it was practically impossible as the dike is a foot or two too low for such high tides as that of yesterday and the one today.

Today, the people began early moving goods in low places to higher ones where they will be practically safe from water. Yesterday much of the goods that were water soaked could have been saved had the owners realized there was any possibility of the water reaching the stage that it did. Today, they took no chances.

Many poultry raisers with chicken houses in low places lost some of their birds. Several had difficulty in getting cows and horses out the barns.

Loss About \$2,000.

It is estimated that the residents of the low district in Marshfield will sustain about \$2,000 loss as a result of the flood. Mrs. Dr. Murphy will probably have the heaviest individual loss, the damage to her home on Sheridan street being estimated at upwards of \$300. The goods stored in the basements or lower floors of practically all the houses on the flat were more or less damaged. Hay and feed in all of the barns in the section were practically destroyed. Messrs. Dean, Walters, Friezen, Chapman and others lost considerable. There were no large individual losses.

Make Flood Gate.

Residents of the flooded section are planning to ask the city council or the railroad company to put a flood gate in the dike so that the marsh may be drained within a few days. It is claimed that unless a flood gate is put in, the marsh will not be back to its normal condition for a couple of months.

They claim that a flood gate six or eight feet wide can be cut in the dike at a small expense. A man can be placed there to operate it for a few days, they say, and get practically all the water out of the lowland.

Railroad Tied Up.

The local railway ran a train as far as Beaver Hill Junction this morning, but could get no farther on account of the track beyond there being far underwater. Whether or not the road bed has been damaged cannot be ascertained.

Passengers and mail between the Bay and Coquille were carried by boat over the flooded space.

Considerable damage to the railroad property was done in the local yards and considerable water remains in the yard.

Build New Dike.

Councilman Carl Albrecht was investigating the flood situation this afternoon. It is likely that he will make some recommendations to the city council tonight to guard against future trouble. Some are advocating that a new dike, wider and higher

RUN SPECIAL FOR WEDDING

H. R. Rood of Seattle, Determined That Oregon Laws Would not Thwart Him.

PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 22.—Denied a license to marry in Oregon because of the non-residence laws of this state, H. R. Rood, vice president of the Pacific Creosoting Company, of Seattle, chartered a special train and went to Vancouver, Wash., where he and Mrs. Edward G. Stolber, were married.

The bride is said to be the wealthiest woman in the American colony in Paris, where she has spent the greater part of the time since her husband's death. Her place of birth and original home is Denver.

The ceremony at Vancouver took place at St. Luke's church. In addition to the contracting parties, only the officiating clergyman and witnesses were present. The bride, on a belated train, had just arrived from Denver.

Mr. Rood went to the Courthouse to procure a marriage license, but was denied, because the Oregon laws demand a six months' residence before a license is granted. Neither had been a resident of the state and the groom was in a quandary for a time.

He quickly solved it, however, for he hurried to the office of the North Bank Railroad, where he chartered a special train. The train was made up in a few moments, and with the groom and bride-to-be as the only passengers, rushed across the Columbia River into Washington.

Having resided in the State of Washington, he was able to qualify as a citizen of that state and a license was issued at Vancouver. Rood is one of the most prominent business men of Seattle.

Since the death of her former husband, Mrs. Rood has resided most of the time in Paris. Her wealth is said to run well into the millions and was made originally in silver. Her late husband owned the Silver Lake group of mines, near Silverton, Colo., and is said to have made an immense sum out of them.

He sold these properties to the Guggenheim interests for an almost fabulous sum. Immediately after the ceremony at Vancouver, Mr. and Mrs. Rood returned to Portland, where they will remain for several days. They will make their home in Seattle.

than the present one. They say it can be built at a comparatively small expense by utilizing the dredge.

Little Damage Elsewhere.

While the high water is also causing much inconvenience in Empire and North Bend, but no particular damage has been done at either place. A. V. Wickman of Empire, who was in Marshfield today, said that he had not heard of any damage in that vicinity.

The North Bend mills and Sash and Door Factory are still shut down as a result of the water getting into their engine rooms.

Smith Mill Starts.

The C. A. Smith mill which was compelled to shut down yesterday noon on account of the high tide, resumed operations last night and continued today. It is not believed that any further trouble will be encountered there.

The company has suffered some loss by its logging tracks being washed out on Cunningham Creek and South Slough. Reports that many of their logs had been washed away are said to be without foundation. Some of the dikes around the grounds were threatened.

Fire Extinguishers at EKBLAD & SONS.

SALT WATER FIRE SYSTEM

Marshfield Business Men Discuss Plan For Better Protection Here.

It is likely that steps will be shortly taken to secure a salt water fire protection system for Marshfield. A number of business men have been discussing it and will probably gather data on the cost of installation and maintenance soon.

The advocates of the proposed system claim that the system will shortly pay for itself by forcing a reduction of the fire insurance rates here. The better protection afforded, it is claimed, would at least cut the fire insurance rate in the business district in two and materially reduce the rates in the residence section. At present, the base rate of fire insurance in Marshfield is seventy-five cents and to this additions are made on account of hazard, the latter being based on proximity to other buildings susceptible to fire and also on the fire protection. In the downtown section, along Front street and Pine street, the rate runs up as high as six dollars per thousand per annum. It is estimated that about \$500,000 worth of fire insurance is carried here so that the improvement in fire protection forcing the estimated reduction would net the property-owners here a large sum every year.

North Bend recently put in a small salt water fire protection system for its water front, the action there following the fire that wiped out the old Woolen Mill and several institutions last fall. The advocates of the system in Marshfield want a more extensive one with fire mains running through all the principal business and residence streets to be furnished with water from a supply tank on Knob Hill.

Dr. E. Mings will probably have the matter called to the attention of the city council soon.

While fire losses here have been very light, it is claimed that a city of mostly frame construction needs the best protection possible. Aside from the security that it will give, it is pointed out that the direct saving in fire insurance premiums will soon pay for the new system.

FIND CAP OF WITTICK BOY

Fears That North Bend Lad Was Drowned Are Confirmed By Finding Headpiece.

The cap of Carlo Wittick was found floating in the bay near the North Bend mill last evening by Will Reichert. This fully confirmed the fears of the relatives that the little fellow had been drowned. While active search has been maintained ever since he disappeared, it has been futile. Last evening, dynamite was used in hopes of floating the body, but it was ineffective. Today, several boats are dragging the bay.

Owing to the high tide and strong current, it is feared that the body was carried far from where the little fellow fell in and that the recovery of the body cannot be effected until it floats.

PERFECT FIR STICK 98 FEET LONG.

PORT TOWNSEND, Wash., Jan. 22.—As the gift of Captain James Gibson, of the Washington Stevedoring Company, the American bark Erskine M. Phelps will carry to the Atlantic one of the finest sticks of fir timber ever cut in Washington. The stick is 98 feet long and of perfect proportions. It will be transhipped from New York to Bath, Maine, and will be placed upon the bank building of Arthur Sewall, the Maine shipbuilder.

NO RESOLUTION ON POLYGAMY

Proposed Action By Oregon Legislature Squelched In Senate.

SALEM, Ore., Jan. 21.—A resolution to memorialize congress to suppress polygamy was defeated in the legislature by Senator Abrahams, who said congress was being annoyed by people who constantly aimed at Utah. Abrahams insisted aspersions should not be cast on Utah because a few men are retaining wives they married years ago.

A memorial to congress protesting against the proposed reduction in the tariff on lumber was adopted by a strict party vote, the democrats opposing.

Memorials similar to those of Maine, Illinois, Louisiana and Wisconsin were adopted urging the election of senators by popular vote, for government appropriations for highways and for child labor laws.

Stringent Anti-Trust Bill.

An exceedingly rabid anti-trust bill was introduced in the house, the most stringent anti-corporation measure that has ever been presented in an Oregon legislature.

Trusts of every description are made unlawful and severe penalties attach to violations of the act. The bill defines a trust and provides that both criminal and civil actions may be brought against any person or firm entering into any combination to restrict or interfere with free competition in all lines of business.

A trust is defined as a combination of capital, skill or acts by two or more persons, firms or corporations for the following purposes:

To create or carry out restrictions in trade or commerce; to limit the production or increase or reduce the price of merchandise or any commodity whatever; to prevent competition in the manufacture, sale, purchase or transportation of any commodity and to fix or control prices.

It is provided that any foreign corporation doing business in the state shall lose its license if found guilty of violation of the law. Any violation of the proposed statute is declared as a conspiracy against trade.

WEATHER HERE IS BEST EVER

J. S. Coke Returns From Portland and Eulogizes Coos Bay.

"I am mighty glad to get back to Coos Bay," said J. S. Coke this morning on his return from Portland where he has been for a couple of weeks on business connected with the Graham and Sheridan suits involving the local railway property. Mr. Coke represented the Southern Pacific in both cases and won decisive victories in both.

"This is the first sunshine I have seen since I left here," he continued. "The weather in Portland was fierce. There was a foot or eighteen inches of snow on the ground all the time. The warmest it got in mid-day for a week or more was twelve or fifteen below zero. When it did begin to moderate, the slush on the streets made it more disagreeable than ever. I have always been a firm believer in Coos Bay and tried to boost it in every particular but I never was so much of a booster as I am today. There is nothing that equals it. It was a revelation to me that there could be such a difference in temperature between here and Portland, the minimum on Coos Bay having been only twenty-four above, I believe, while it was fifteen or so below in the famous Rose City."

Fire Extinguishers at EKBLAD & SONS.

ALLEGED MANY FRAUDULENT LAND HOLDINGS IN STATE OF OREGON

BREAKWATER IN BAY EARLY

Made Good Time Down Despite Unfavorable Conditions In North.

The Breakwater arrived in early this morning after a good trip from Astoria down the coast. The flood on the Columbia is breaking out the ice so that it no longer seriously impedes navigation. The Breakwater had a good freight cargo and a large passenger list. She will sail for Portland tomorrow at 11 o'clock. "Right on time," remarked Capt. Magenn of the Breakwater, as he greeted friends this morning on arrival, "neither ice, bar, wind or weather can stop the Breakwater's schedule."

Continuing, he said, "The Willamette and Columbia were both showing the effects of the heavy snows and rain. The water was 8 inches over the docks when we left yesterday morning at 7:15. We made the trip down and crossed over the bar at Astoria in a little over seven hours, making 115 miles in that time. Part of the trip down the Columbia we made 18 knots an hour."

The Breakwater's incoming passenger list follows:

J. S. Coke, E. K. Jones, J. A. Blatt, L. Rieker, E. Mohler, P. Loggie, F. Bangasser, Mrs. Bangasser, L. B. Despain, Mrs. Despain, N. McDuff, C. Pollard, J. Shannon, C. R. Miller, P. Nelson, Mrs. F. C. Jones, F. Brown, F. Turner, E. Lund, H. Mathison, Edw. Bicke, C. Nicholson, E. Utinezal, Wm. Cook, V. Gibson, J. Rebell, E. Chalberg, J. O. Steiner, F. Rummel, W. Everist, Mrs. Earley, Rev. E. Donnelly, I. Haxgraves, E. Morris, J. Upspring, H. Frymoyer, J. Goldie, W. Kerkriff, Mrs. Kerkriff, C. Fenster, C. W. Rollins, F. Wood, A. Brink, D. L. Clouse.

HAVE NARROW ESCAPE TODAY

LAUNCH CAPSIZES WHILE CARRYING PASSENGERS FROM BEAVER HILL JUNCTION TO COQUILLE.

A launch belonging to the Coquille River Transportation Company which was carrying passengers from Beaver Hill Junction to Coquille today capsized. Eight passengers who were aboard and the boat crew escaped but all the mail and practically all the baggage was lost. The launch was a small one, and it is believed that it must have struck a log or something. Beaver slough is swollen as a result of the freshets. That no lives were lost is considered little short of miraculous.

The local train only ran as far as Beaver Hill Junction and it was planned to take them from there to Coquille in the launch. The names of the passengers were not obtainable today, it being stated at the depot that nearly all were strangers.

ASK FOR DIVORCE.

EUGENE, Ore., Jan. 21.—Wanda C. Vinson has commenced suit in the circuit court for a divorce from her husband, Bird C. Vinson. The complaint states that they were married at Elkton, Ore., January 19, 1907, and that no children have been born to them. Mrs. Vinson states in her complaint that her husband frequently assaulted and beat her, at one time blackening her eyes and at an-

Secretary Garfield Says Government Has Been Beaten Out of Over \$10,000,000

MAKES SPECIAL REPORT TO CONGRESS

Asks Appropriation of \$1,000,000 to Prosecute Frauds.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 22.—Starting information of alleged astounding frauds upon the public lands has come into the possession of Secretary Garfield through special agents. The allegation is made that approximately \$110,000,000 worth of lands in states, principally west of the Mississippi River, have been acquired fraudulently within the last two years, by corporations and individuals.

With a view to recovering these lands, Secretary Garfield sent letters today to Chairman Hale and Chairman Tawney, of the Senate and House appropriation committees, respectively, asking for an additional appropriation of \$500,000, which, if granted, with that already asked, will give the Department \$1,000,000 for that purpose.

Secretary Garfield also submits a statement of H. H. Schwartz, chief of the field service, showing over 32,000 distinct cases of alleged land frauds demanding further investigation. Of such cases awaiting investigation there are in Oregon—1462; California and Nevada, 1409; Washington and North Idaho, 1325; Montana, 3605; Colorado, 8621; Arizona, 496; Wyoming, 21,155; Utah, 1482, and New Mexico, 1209.

Much in Oregon.

According to the statement sent Congress by Secretary Garfield, the government is now endeavoring to recover title to \$1,835,000 worth of public lands fraudulently entered or sought to be entered in Oregon. This includes \$750,000 worth of timber land acquired by C. A. Smith, \$200,000 by Fred A. Kribs, \$435,000 involved in 123 fraudulent timber entries (names not given), \$250,000 worth of fine pine land, and \$238,000 worth of coal land within forest reserves. He also hopes to recover \$559,000 worth of land in Washington and a large quantity in Idaho.

BASKET BALL LINEUP.

Marshfield and North Bend Teams Will Play Then.

Final arrangements for the basketball contest between the Marshfield High School team and the Miller-Cleaver Business College team at North Bend tomorrow night were made today. It is expected that a number of rooters will accompany the local teams, the Marshfield High School girls playing the North Bend High School girls and the boys against the business college team. The lineup for the latter game will be as follows, probably:

Marshfield	Position	Bus. Col.
S. Briggs	L F	Shark
Rasmussen	R F	Russell
H. Briggs	Center	Curtis
Wilder	R G	Hyde
Asplund	L G	Bright

Subs—Marshfield, Fred. McCormac and C. Clarke; Business College: Hoelling and Parrish.

other time threw a tooth-pick holder filled with toothpicks at her, striking her in the face, and used violence in abusing her many times. She states he remained out late at night, sometimes not coming home until 3 a. m.; refused to pay doctor's bills and failed to support her. She wants maiden name restored, Wildah C. Dimick.

BY THE REQUEST of several interested parties who were unable to attend the contest at the Academy of Music, Saturday evening, it has been postponed until next Saturday evening, January 30.

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