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## SILETZ

### SILETZ RIVER RAISES HAVOC

We have had another great flood. It commenced raining Friday night, November 18th, accompanied with a strong southwester wind and by Sunday evening the Siletz river had raised 32 feet above low water mark. It did not only rain but poured down. Some persons that kept tab on the water said on Sunday the water raised eight feet to the hour. All day Sunday the drift came down in a continuous stream. By night on Sunday four bridges were swept away that span the Siletz river. Among them the steel bridge across the Siletz on the Market road, from Siletz to Toledo. This bridge cost the county \$11,000. The other three bridges were wooden and cost about \$3,500 each. The Orton bridge went out and the two bridges on the road to the Lower Farm. This leaves the Hamar bridge and the cable bridge at the Upper Farm still standing. Siletz is now completely shut out from the outside world, both by telephone and roads. The only way we have now to get out is by canoe or row boat and we have no lumber to build a ferry boat. The Collins sawmill was also swept away entailing a loss of about \$9,000. As we write the lightning and sharp claps of thunder that roll and reverberate along the coast, makes one think of the big guns in the great battles of the World War. The old Indians say the Sah-ha-Lee Tye is sullen. The Great Spirit is mad because the people are so wicked and use so much moonshine that they are being punished for it. Several families living on the low lands had to leave their homes to keep from being drowned. One family, Mrs. Ed Case and four children—one a babe of a week old—came near being drowned, but were rescued in time and taken to a place of safety. Oscar Wood lost about one hundred chickens. He is somewhat discouraged in the chicken business. It has been reported that the big dam in the Siletz basin broke loose and let that great body of water and logs come down the river. It was this huge quantity of water that covered two sections of land, some places the water was said to be twenty feet deep and this great body of water coming down the river so rapidly caused the river to rise by leaps and bounds. Only one other time in the history of the Reservation did the water raise so high and that was the winter of 1883. Then the water rose two feet higher than it did now. The cause was a big slide that came into the river two miles above the Upper Farm and dammed the river up so that when it broke over it came down in such torrents as to sweep everything before it. Great trees two or three hundred feet long were picked up by the roaring waters and tossed about like feathers. On that day there was only one bridge across the Siletz river and that was built by the government. A big tree came down with long roots that stuck up in the air and knocked the bridge out like so many straws. The rise in the river at that time was about two or three feet higher than it was now. A. C. Crawford lost thirty two head of cattle in the flood. Some of them were fine dairy cows. A great loss to be sure. The total loss in this part of the County is estimated at about \$50,000.

## CHITWOOD

The high water the first of the week did quite a lot of damage to people living near here.

G. L. Landess had the sad misfortune of losing his house by fire Monday evening.

Miss Emma Wilson is spending a few days with Mrs. Gladys Crawford.

Dock Waggoner was down from his ranch in the hills Wednesday.

W. H. Price made a trip to Toledo Thursday.

## COURT TO HOLD

### SPECIAL TERM

County Judge Fogarty has called a special session of County Court for Wednesday, December 30th. This session is called for the purpose of devising plans to cope with the unusual conditions existing throughout the county.

## AT THE MOVIES

TONIGHT: "Dawn" from the famous successful novel by Eleanor H. Porter, also—5th Episode of the "Averaging Arrow" 30c. and 15c.

## SATURDAY AND SUNDAY—

"Breezy" Eason the boy star in "The Big Adventure" also the 2 reel play "The Son of the North." 35c. and 15c.

## SILETZ DELEGATION WANTS SUSPENSION BRIDGE

A delegation of Siletz citizens was in the city Wednesday to take up with the County Court the matter of establishing a suspension bridge across the Siletz river.

County Court was not in session, but these gentlemen met with Judge Fogarty and Commissioner Dunn. L. C. Mowery acted as spokesman for the delegation, and pointed out to the members of the court that a suspension bridge could be built as cheap as a wooden bridge could and that its life was much longer, also the danger from damage by flood was not nearly so great. A suspension bridge could be built at once while a pier bridge could not be built until summer.

The Siletz is a large community, and at present is entirely cut off from communication with the rest of the world, and food supplies will soon run low. The county officials proposed to build a suspension foot bridge for the present, and take up the matter of a permanent structure at the first session of Court.

## BASKET BALL

A double header basket ball game was played at the Fair building Wednesday evening between local school teams. The first game was between the high school and grammar school girls teams and was won by the high school girls by the score of 15 to 13. The other game was between the Sophomore and Freshman class teams, the Sophomore boys winning by the score of 33 to 12.

## THE BEST CHRISTMAS GIFT

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## MARRIED

Married at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Dixon of Elk City, Sunday, November 20th, at high noon, Ella Louise Dixon to Elmer Watcott Lawrence. The bridegroom is one of Lane County's most successful teachers. Plans had been made for quite an elaborate wedding, but it was otherwise ordered. Storm and flood changed conditions somewhat. At 1 p. m. the water was almost to the first floor in the house. The excellent dinner was hurriedly served, and a boat was drawn up to the back porch to rescue the bridal party, taking all to the school house on the hill where they joined one hundred others who were driven from their homes by the flood water.

## LANDESS HOME BURNS

The Landess home on Simpson Creek burned to the ground Monday evening with all its contents. V. S. and V. D. Landess were at the place alone, their folks being in Portland. It is thought the fire caught from a backdraft in the flue. The loss was quite heavy, the house being well furnished, a piano, sewing machine, etc., going up in flames.

## FARMERS WEEK DEC. 26-31

Farmers week at O. A. C. has been scheduled for December 26-31. Seven winter short courses in latest farm practices developed by the experiment station will run as follows:

- Two weeks course in fruit and vegetable growing, Dec. 3-17.
- Four weeks course in beekeeping, Jan. 30-Feb. 25.
- Four weeks course in grain grading, Jan. 9-21.
- Eleven weeks course in tractor mechanics, Jan. 2-March 18.
- Eleven weeks course in dairy manufacture, Jan. 2-March 18.
- Eleven weeks course in general agriculture, Jan. 2-March 18.
- Five months dairy herdsman course, Jan. 2-June 10.

(The homemakers conference will not be held in connection with farmers week but will receive special attention during the week beginning March 20.)

## ANNOUNCEMENT

Dr. F. W. Kellogg, the Eye Specialist, will be in Toledo, Dec. 14, 15, 16, and 17.

## PRIZE ESSAY

The Oregon Historical Society hereby announces that it has selected "The Discovery of the Columbia River" as the subject for the 1922 C. C. Beekman History Prize. These prizes are four in number, viz., first, sixty dollars; second, fifty dollars; third, forty dollars; and fourth, thirty dollars; and will be awarded to the best original essays on the above-named subjects written and submitted by girls or boys, over fifteen years of age and under eighteen years of age, attending any public or private school, academy, seminary, college, university, or other educational institution within the State of Oregon.

The following rules and terms of competition have been adopted and prescribed and are to be observed by the competing essayists:

- (1) The essay written and submitted in competition must not exceed two thousand words in length.
- (2) The essay may be in handwriting or in typewritten form, must be upon paper of commercial letter size, either ruled or unruled, the several sheets being numbered consecutively and written on one side only, with blank space of about one and one-quarter inches at top and left-hand margin.
- (3) The essay shall be signed with the name of the writer, who shall write in connection therewith the name of the school attended, the postoffice address of the writer, and also the date of his or her birth.
- (4) In order to be considered in competition the essay must be delivered, by mail or in person, to George H. Himes, Assistant Secretary of the Oregon Historical Society, Public Auditorium, Portland, Oregon, not later than March 31, 1922.
- (5) There shall also be delivered with the essay a certificate signed by a teacher or instructor of the educational institution attended, stating that the writer of the essay is a pupil or student attending the same.
- (6) All competitive essays will be judged according to their general merit and excellence, but the judges will also take into consideration, in passing thereon, neatness of the manuscript, accurate orthography, correct grammar and composition, and purity and clarity of diction.

## STORM DOES GREAT DAMAGE OVER COUNTY

Lincoln County was visited by a severe rain and wind storm last Sunday, and while the damage by the wind was small, the damage by flood will amount to two or three hundred thousand dollars.

Lincoln County was not the only sufferer, which is small if any consolation, as the whole western part of the state was hit. Portland experienced a sliver thaw, the Willamette Valley was inundated. Train service is crippled and stopped altogether on some lines.

## ELK CITY HARD HIT

At Elk City the river ran seven feet deep down thru the middle of the street. The inhabitants were driven from their homes and took refuge in the schoolhouse where 192 persons spent the night. J. C. Dixon the merchant brought a boatload of supplies from his store so the homeless crowd had plenty to eat at least. Mr. Dixon lost considerable merchandise, the flood waters entering his store to a depth of several feet. The store of Chas. Allen was swept from its foundation and according to report the stock is an entire loss. The Elk Hotel, owned by E. J. Taylor, was swept from its foundation and the building broken in two. The Pioneer Lumber Co. had 100,000 feet of lumber swept away, besides thousands of feet of sawlogs. The approach to the bridge across the Yaquina river was washed away, as was also the approaches to the Big Elk bridge. The damage to home furnishings will amount to a big sum, as the carpets and furniture was all left with a half inch coating of yellow mud.

## SILETZ BRIDGES GO

On the Siletz the steel bridge, the Fuller bridge, the Ojala bridge, and the Orton bridge were all swept away. These bridges all spanned the Siletz river. The only bridges remaining across the river are the Raddant and the Hamar bridges. The Raddant bridge came through unscathed, but the Hamar bridge is badly damaged. The Raddant bridge is a suspension bridge, and is the only one of this type on the river. Many of the smaller bridges were swept away by the flood, among which are the Euchre creek, Cedar creek, Thompson creek and others.

The Siletz sawmill, owned by M. S. Collins, fell victim to the raging water and was swept away clean, even the boiler going. Frank Wade who had the mill leased, lost about \$700 worth of lumber.

A. C. Crawford had 32 head of fine milk cows drowned, 16 of them being drowned in the barn. Stewart Rooney's barn was swept down thru Joe Kosydar's orchard, wrecking the orchard as well as the barn.

The steel bridge was washed down stream about a quarter of a mile and deposited in the meadow on the north side of the stream.

It is reported that the dam of the Cobb-Mitchell Lumber Co., in the Siletz Basin, gave way adding its quota to the flood and also releasing three million feet of sawlogs.

## ALSEA SECTION SUFFERS

On the Alsea river the new covered bridge at Tidewater was swept away, and it is reported that the bridges at the mouth of Five Rivers and the one at Denzer are also gone. Two bridges on Drift creek are gone and several on the Yachats are reported out, including the one at the mouth of the river.

## MORRISON BRIDGE GONE

The new bridge across the Yaquina river at Morrison was washed away, and many of the smaller bridges on up the Yaquina are reported out.

## PIPE LINE WASHED OUT

The pipe line from Mill Creek to Toledo, which supplies the city with water, was washed out and the city will be without water for some little time. Both the high and low pressure lines went out and it is thought it will be a week at least before even the

low pressure system can be repaired and the high line will take much longer.

## THIRTEEN BRIDGES REPORTED OUT

Thirteen of the principal bridges of the county are reported carried away by the flood as follows: four Siletz bridges, Morrison bridge, Tidewater bridge, two Drift Creek bridges, Cedar Creek bridge, Euchre Creek bridge, Five Rivers bridge, Yachats bridge, and the Denzer bridge. All of these are known to be gone, with the exception of the last three named. Conflicting reports have come in regarding these.

## COUNTY ISOLATED

The different sections of the county have been isolated from each other as well as from outside points. The wind and slides wrecked the telegraph and telephone lines, and the slides and high water put the roads and bridges out of commission.

Authentic reports have been hard to get, some being overdrawn and others not strong enough.

The train came up from Yaquina Sunday, getting here about three o'clock. It proceeded on nearly to Elk City, but was forced to return on account of slides and high water, arriving back here late in the evening. It attempted to go on to Yaquina but ran into a slide below Altree's mill and derailed the rear car. They then return to Toledo and were here until late last evening when the road was opened up to the Valley, although the road to Yaquina is still closed, Toledo now being the terminus of the run. The Steamer Newport met the Valley train here last evening.

The passengers remained here until Wednesday when they started out by boat for Elk City. From Elk City they expected to walk until they connected with the other train.

## BANKER BUSH ON TRAIN

Banker Asahel Bush and wife of Salem were among those on the train, as well as Mrs. Murray and Mrs. Snyder, also of Salem, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Stevens of Albany, Mr. Butler, the insurance man of Corvallis, Miss Miller, bookkeeper of the Western State Bank of Newport, and others.

## AL WAUGH'S HOUSE SLIDES

Al Waugh's house was carried some little distance by a slide which occurred in the northeast part of town, and caused several hundred dollars worth of damage to Mr. Waugh's property. Mr. Waugh and family were forced to leave home in the night.

The law office owned by Edw. J. Clark started to slide and now rests at an angle of about forty degrees. Grant Hart's house moved a little and Mrs. Mulkey's woodshed sunk in a washout.

## HIGHWAY GRADES DAMAGED

Many slides occurred on the new grades of the Corvallis-Newport highway. The road between Toledo and Newport is blocked by slides. A big slide occurred on the highway just east of town, above Al Waugh's place, and many more are reported farther east. Two small bridges which had just been built across Simpson creek, on the route of the highway were carried away by the high water.

## MANY REPORTS YET COMING

Each hour brings forth new reports of further damage. The Lower Siletz and North End of the County are yet to be heard from, and bridges on Salmon river are expected to be damaged or washed out entirely.

One report from the Lower Siletz reports eight houses, as carried away, including the one on L. C. Mowery's place, which was occupied by Elmer Deetz, John Lloyd's house, and six others.

Fred Wessell was in his barn milking when a slide hit the structure demolishing it and nearly killing Mr. Wessell. It is reported that a house near Chitwood was struck by a slide, but details were lacking.

This is the worst flood ever experienced since this country has been settled, and it is to be hoped that another such may never occur.

## W. E. Rambo and Wife Tell of Their War Experiences.

"Aid for the Armenians and other sufferers in the Near East is necessary only because war still rages in the Near East," says W. E. Rambo, who, with Mrs. Rambo has recently returned from Asia Minor.

"When we read of the battles now being fought by Greeks and Turks, we think of burning villages, of fleeing



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mothers, of crying children, their only place of safety an already overcrowded American orphanage.

"The Rambos were absent from their home in Baker about two years while they were in charge of an orphanage at Harounie near Tarsus, the home of Saul, the great Apostle. The orphanage was under fire for several days and finally Mr. and Mrs. Rambo and the other Americans made their way by night through a storm to the railroad, on which they took their children to Mersine.

"It is a matter of great pride to us that we were able to bring our children through without the loss of a single child," said Mrs. Rambo. "Our



MRS. W. E. RAMBO

kiddies were just as attractive and dear to us as any we have ever seen in this country, except of course our own."

After the Rambo's time of service was up and they were waiting for a ship for America, word came that the war had left thousands of Greeks stranded at Batoum, across the Black Sea. They immediately volunteered for further service and spent weeks in caring for the refugees and loading them on vessels furnished by the Greek Government.

Queen Sophie of Greece, to show her appreciation of the work of the Rambos and others of the Near East Relief workers, recently sent an appreciative letter and also a check for a substantial amount to the Near East Relief.

## AN EARLY "LONG DISTANCE"

The earliest recorded means of conveying intelligence rapidly over great distances was by the human voice. When the King of Persia, invaded Greece (480 B. C.) he posted sentinels at suitable distances apart the whole of the way from Susa to Athens, by which means news could be transmitted at the rate of 450 miles in forty eight hours.

If the parties who took the dishes from my house at Newport will return the bowl and pitcher, they may keep the dishes. G. W. Buel.

