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SEARCHING FOR THE DEAD AT STRICKEN HEPPNER CONTINUES AND MORE GREWSOME GROW SCENES

STRUGGLING WITH WANTS AND WOES

Brave Survivors and Sympathizers Working Day and Night to Alleviate Sufferings of the Living and Bury the Living's Dead.

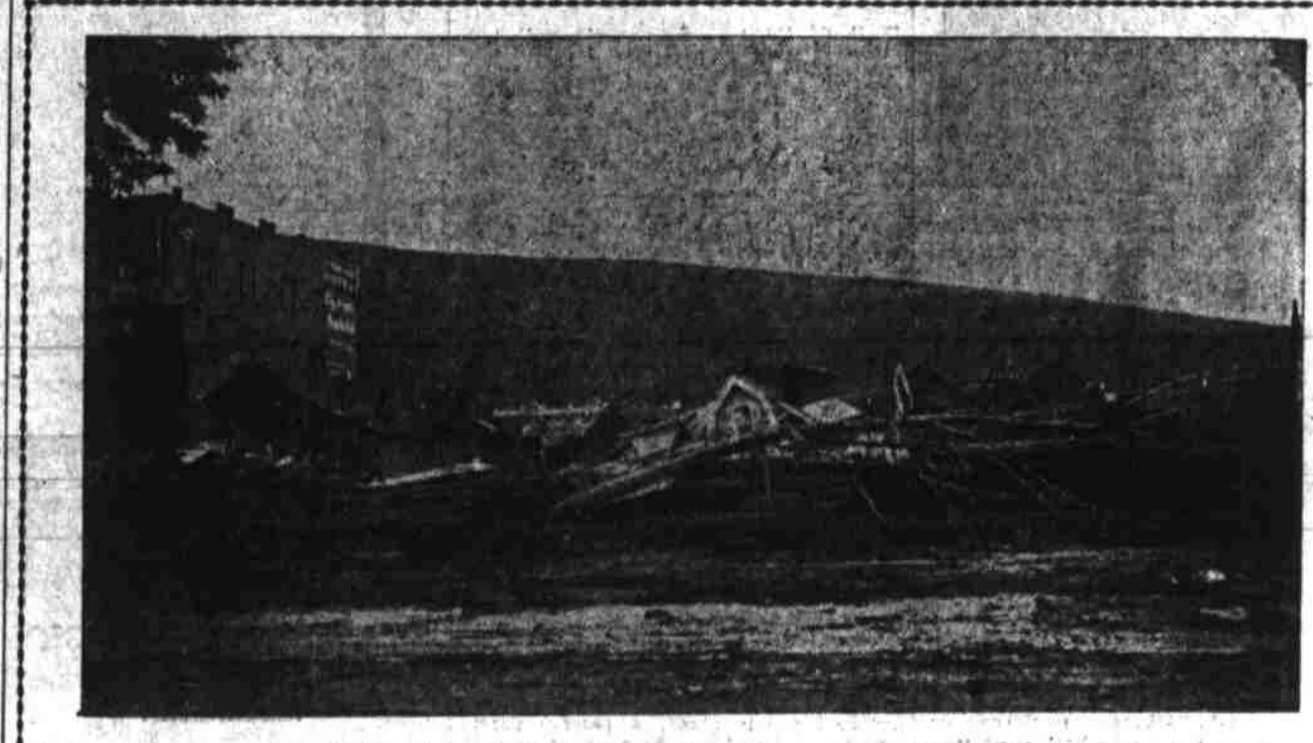
HEPPNER, Or., June 18.—The Common Council met again last night in consultation regarding the prodigious amount of work that confronts the stricken citizens. The decision that was reached is expressed in the following statement made by Mayor Gilliam as the session ended: "Our officers will be instructed to notify every man who will not work to get out of town. We will not longer tolerate idlers, and will refuse to be taxed by persons who come here from curiosity who tax our scanty resources and impose upon good nature. Provisions are brought here under heavy cost and under adverse conditions. Many persons have been caught stealing from dead bodies; looting vacant houses; silverware and other valuables have been rifled from house wrecks; jewelry has been pilfered and human hands have been and are among us and prey off the misfortunes of persons already stricken. Hereafter it will be either work or leave town. The order will be imperative."

It was decided to put the hired crews of Portland men at work clearing the debris from town, leaving volunteers to go below the village and search for dead bodies. The volunteers are largely persons who have lost relatives and friends, and are, therefore, deeper interested in ascertaining whether or not human bodies are hidden in the huge piles of driftwood scattered along the creek for miles. Bodies are being found miles below Heppner today, some having been unearthed at Lexington, and some even as far down as Douglas, 22 miles from here. The work of the executive committee has been well systematized and permanent headquarters established at the First National Bank. A guard is stationed at the door and military strictness is observed, managing men carrying on all duties. The work has been divided into departments, and things move better today than heretofore.

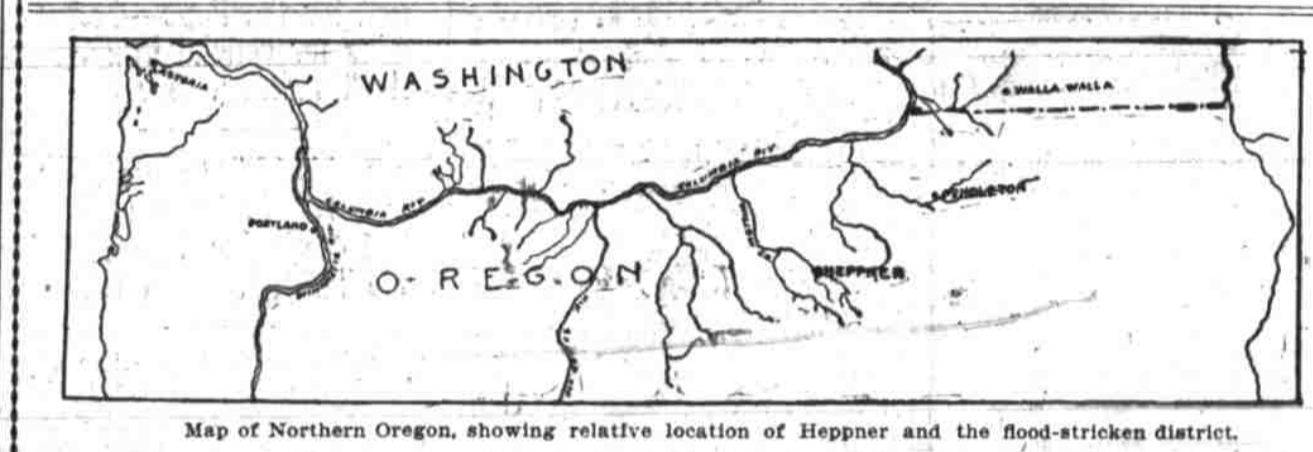
They Cannot Realize. Even now, four days after the disaster, people scarcely realize the extent of the appalling calamity, or enormity of the task to be performed in rehabilitating the town. The immensity of it all grows in one's mind as each hour passes. The need of help is not yet fully realized. Scores and scores of homeless, some sick and bruised from their awful experience of being knocked about in a sea of swirling waters, in the midst of heavy timbers and lurking rocks. Mrs. Jim Willis, whose husband and two children were drowned, is left with a little baby. Mrs. Willis is terribly injured and has nothing left from her home and is unable to care for herself. Her case is but one of many others. Thousands of tons of refuse matter and wrecked houses must be moved. After all this only the beginning has been made in the work of placing Heppner where it was last Sunday when the flood struck the pretty village. Thousands of dollars will be needed in the first portions of the work, and other thousands in assisting people who are destitute. The good judgment of the executive committee and the high sense of honor, assures careful expenditures of all funds contributed by various towns. There will be no waste nor any foolish expense incurred.

Two Fairworthy Towns. Pendleton and Umatilla County have sent 500 men, who are working like beavers. Fifty from that county have gone back after laboring to exhaustion. Four-horse teams of provisions have come from Pendleton and Echo. The Dalles has sent very large stores, supplement to their magnificent offering of the first day. (By John E. Lathrop.) HEPPNER, June 18.—Long before daylight this morning 300 men equipped with picks, shovels and other implements to be used in search-work had assembled at the First National Bank corner, there awaiting Mayor Gilliam, who had come home at 3 o'clock this morning to get a few hours' rest, which he so greatly needed. At 4:30 o'clock the Mayor appeared, accompanied by Sheriff Shutt and two members of the relief committee who had been appointed to oversee the grewsome tasks of looking for the dead today. Without hardly a word the willing men were divided into gangs and sent to different sections of the devastated town where work was immediately begun and still progresses. Piles of debris are being scattered, and at noon today a point four miles below the city had been reached in rather a superficial search. More thorough work will follow, but it is the instruction of those in charge to go over the ground as quickly as possible in order that the dead animals may be burned on the piles of rubbish that are gathered and are then set afire.

Two Bodies of Children. It is reported that two bodies of children were found under the wreck of a barn three miles below this place. Work of burying the dead must proceed with the greatest rapidity, for the weather is very warm and the carcasses of dead animals are fast decomposing. The strenuous work of the telegraph operators at this place has been too much, and last night C. W. Lamar was prostrated by the awful strain. His place was at once supplied by Charles Shockey of Pendleton. The work of bringing into the wrecked city telegraph and telephone communications is due to the almost heroic efforts of Leonard Larame of Pendleton, Frank Rankin and Carl Churchill. Last night there were three blocks in the business part of the town supplied with electric lights. The telephone office has been crowded since the evening of the flood, notwithstanding that the line was not in operation until Monday afternoon, and then only at intervals. However, persons stood in the office all night waiting to send communications to friends and relatives, telling of the awful horror. Today it is almost impossible to get communication to the outside world and so many are the messages that, in a sense, bear no importance that the Executive Committee has been compelled to issue the following to the public: "We, the Executive Committee of this stricken city feel compelled to ask the



The pile of debris that washed in front of the Palace Hotel and saved that structure.



Map of Northern Oregon, showing relative location of Heppner and the flood-stricken district.

and with a rush the journey on the flood tide was begun. Mrs. Oxley was standing on the second floor of her home with her young infant tightly grasped in her arms. She was compelled to hold on to a raftier to keep from being thrown violently to the floor every time the floating structure came in contact with an obstruction. When near Clark's place, about two miles from this city, the residence struck a floating log with terrific force, completely demolishing the home within an instant. The force of the collision swept the baby from the arms of its mother and the next minute the three members of the family were struggling in the waters. Mr. Oxley and the child were both drowned, but the wife was successful in getting hold of some large floating debris and after a four-mile ride in that perilous manner she was able to gain the shore by reason of the debris striking a high place from where willing hands soon succeeded in rescuing her. After the journey down the creek Mrs. Oxley's body was all but nude, the rushing waters and the sharp rocks all combining to tear every garment to shreds.

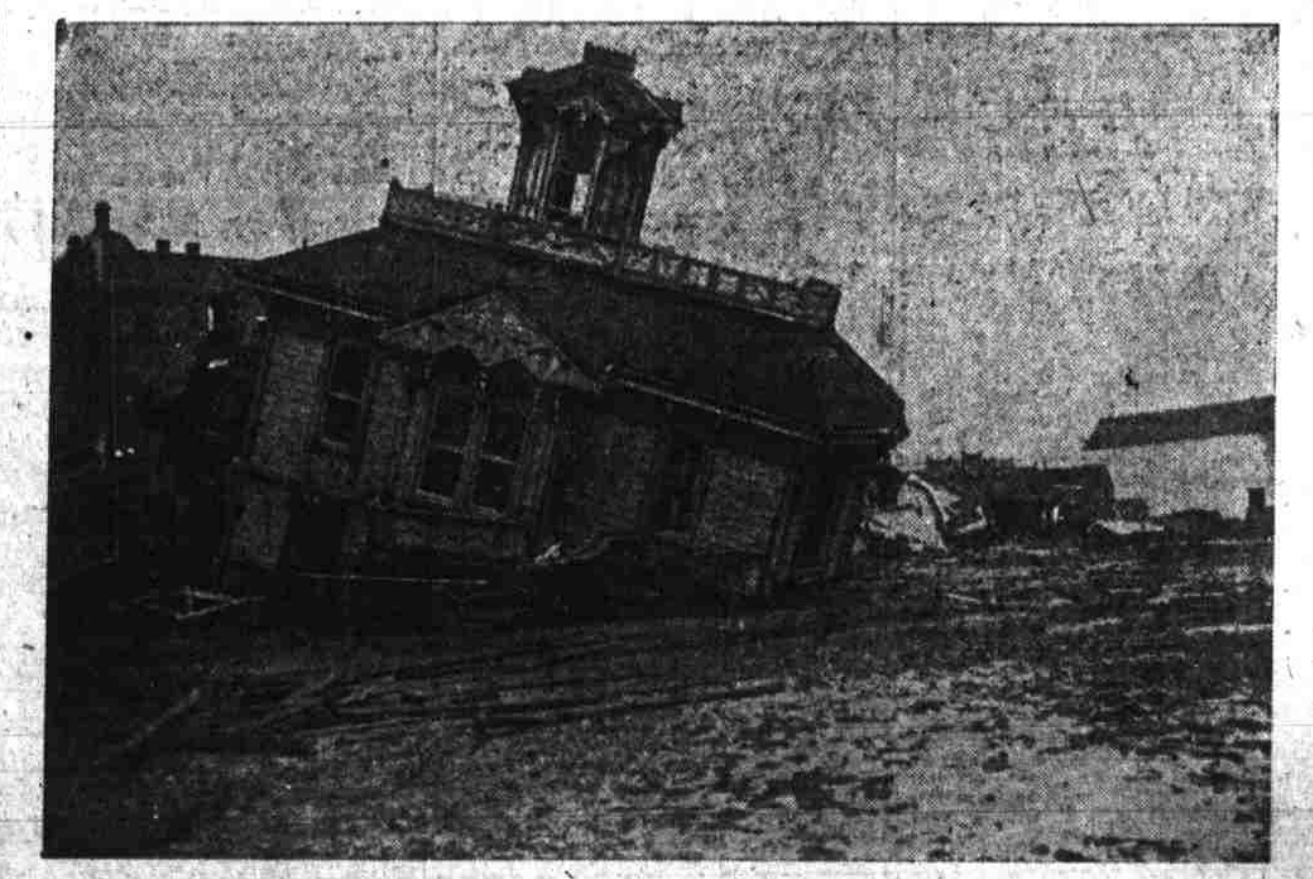
SALEM LENDS A HAND OF HELP. SALEM, June 18.—The relief committee for the Heppner sufferers, organized here yesterday morning, worked a few hours during the afternoon and succeeded in bringing Salem's contribution up to \$1,100, the citizens generally giving liberally toward the alleviation of the sufferers. Among the larger contributions were: Central Lodge, No. 18, K. of P., \$100; Hon. A. Bush, \$100; Hon. J. H. Albert, \$100; Hon. John Q. Wilson, \$50; Chemeketa Lodge, No. 1, I. O. O. F., \$25; Eastern Star, \$20; pentecostal officials, \$50; county officials, \$27.50.

MRS. OXLEY'S PERILOUS TRIP ON THE FLOOD. HEPPNER, June 18.—Mrs. Frank Oxley, wife of the drowned manager of Minor's Stock Farm, had an experience during the Heppner disaster of Sunday evening the last detail of which she will never forget to her dying day. Mrs. Oxley's husband had gone to the barn to get the usual supply of milk and while there saw with dismay that the waters of Willow Creek were sweeping his house after house from its foundation. He raced to his home with all possible speed and had just reached there when the waters caught the building

RAILROAD BEING RAPIDLY REPAIRED. HEPPNER, Or., June 18.—The O. R. & N. track has been repaired to about three-quarters of a mile this side of Lexington, and will be four miles this side by night, leaving but five miles to be repaired. Supt. O'Brien stated to The Journal at noon today that he expects to run a train into Heppner, Sunday night. One hundred men are at work under Chief Engineer W. H. Kennedy, on the bridges. Two hundred trackmen and laborers are also working. Sumpston and Baker City delegations arrived last night and this morning, and the sturdy fellows came prepared for business. T. W. Goulding, superintendent of the Western Union, is at Lexington this morning to look after putting in wires. Today has been exceedingly warm, and the authorities are beginning to worry over sanitation. Conditions are such as to cause grave apprehension, as the water is bad and decaying matter adds to the trouble.

NO TRACE IS LEFT OF MANY DWELLINGS. HEPPNER, June 18.—That himself and family were not drowned in the deluge on Sunday afternoon is considered a miracle by J. A. Dunn, a brakeman on the Heppner branch of the O. R. & N. Mr. Dunn's home is near the depot. The evening of the awful disaster he was standing at the window of an out-

WOODMEN OF WORLD LIBERAL DONATIONS. The Woodmen of the World have taken aggressive steps toward relieving the Heppner sufferers. Last Monday night the Portland Union Degree Camp, which is the representative of nine camps of this city, appointed a committee, consisting of F. Clarno, J. N. Woodworth and Herman Schade, with full power to act in the premises. This committee immediately dispatched a representative to Heppner, whose reports were received yesterday morning by wire. The committee fully provisioned for ten days and furnished with tools. J. N. Teal and R. T. Cox have charge of the crew, which is working hard between here and Lexington. (Continued on Second Page.)



This residence was washed a distance of 200 yards and landed in the main street.

POLICE MYSTIFIED OVER QUEER CASE

Blood Spots Found at the Entrance to a House on Front Street, and They Think There Was a Crime Committed.

With nothing but three pools of clotted blood and the marks of a woman's shoes to serve as a clue, J. W. Crocker has called the Portland police to aid him in locating both victim and principal in a possible murder mystery discovered this morning at 955 Front street. Indications point to there having been a struggle between a woman and some unknown assailant, the former having been repeatedly stabbed and finally thrown into the river, only a block and a half distant. The house is not yet completed and stands at least 300 feet from any other building, thus offering comparative immunity from observation to one who should contemplate the commission of the crime of murder. Carpenters return-

ing this morning to work upon the house discovered the gruesome evidence of foul play. That the blood was spilled during the night is well known, for there were no stains yesterday at 5 o'clock in the afternoon. There were two great pools of blood on the walk in front of the house and another just within the doorway in the hall. In each of these the footprints of a woman could be plainly traced. The workmen at once notified Mr. Crocker, who resides near, and he informed the police. A detective visited the scene of the supposed crime, measured the tracks and then protected the bloodstains from molestation until further investigation could be made. No one residing in the vicinity of the scene of the supposed tragedy heard unusual noises during the night.

FACTORY BUILDING FALLS IN

Another New York Horror Wherein Lives Are Lost—Fifty Employees Carried Into Cellar by Collapse.

Loading of the Third Story of the Factory with Overweight Responsible for the Dire Calamity Today.

Police Have to Rope in the Scene in Order to Keep Out the Frantic Relatives of Unfortunate Victims.

NEW YORK, June 18.—Four persons are missing and seven were injured in the collapse of a factory building on Norwalk street at 11 o'clock this morning. The second and third floors of the building were occupied by a paper box concern and 50 employees were carried into the cellar and buried in a mass of debris. The overloading of the third floor caused the collapse and carried the other floors before it in falling. Within five minutes of the time of the collapse an immense crowd had assembled and ropes were stretched about the demolished pile to keep the frantic relatives of the operators from rushing into the ruins. It will be nightfall before the dead are recovered. NEW YORK, June 18.—Maurice Albert, the owner of the building that collapsed this morning, has been arrested for negligence. Two more of the injured have been removed.

SEVEN HUNDRED HANDS STRIKE

KANSAS CITY, Mo., June 18.—Seven hundred freight handlers on all the railroads except the Great Westerns this morning struck at 1 o'clock this afternoon for an increase of wages.

DR. ISAAC LOVE DEAD

NEW YORK, June 18.—Dr. Isaac Love, a noted surgeon and medical editor, died of apoplexy today on board the liner Aurlana as the ship was coming up the bay. He became famous through the advocacy of a plan to turn convicted criminals over to surgeons, so they might be experimented on for benefit of humanity.

HUGH M'INTYRE DEAD

NEW YORK, June 18.—Hugh McIntyre, the famous racing man, who was for years secretary of the Brooklyn Jockey Club, died in Brooklyn this morning. McIntyre was long connected in the editorial capacity with the Spirit of the Times. Later he founded Sportsman.

TO REIMBURSE JEWS

BERLIN, June 18.—The Jewish Association here has received news that Prince Urussov, the new Governor of Bessarabia, has orders from the Czar to richly compensate the sufferers of the Kishineff massacre for their losses.

CLOTHES WILL BE SHIPPED

Garments for Many Women and Children Are Needed at Heppner, all of Their Clothing Being Lost.

J. N. Teal, Representing the Portland Relief Committee, Telegraphs that More Food Be Sent at Once.

Local Business Men Still at Work Collecting Funds and Supplies for the Willow Creek Valley Folk.

The local relief committee is still hard at work gathering in supplies and funds for the Heppner flood sufferers. And the members of the committee state that they will continue to work until they have done all in their power to aid those who have suffered by the recent cloudburst. The committee has secured the store-rooms at 414-416 Front street, opposite the Flatiron Building, where they will receive all supplies of clothing that may be donated for the Heppner people. Last evening J. N. Teal, who is at Heppner in charge of the Portland relief supplies, sent word that many women and children were in need of all sorts of clothing, which should be sent up as soon as possible. Ladies' stockings, undershirts, dresses and children's clothing should be sent to 414 Front street, and it will be forwarded to the points where it is needed as quickly as it can be. Mr. Teal wired to the committee this morning from Heppner that more food supplies should be rushed to that city at once, as many of the folk there were in great need of a change of food. His request asked that the following articles be shipped from here this evening in order that they might reach Heppner tomorrow: One thousand loaves of bread, 20 cases of salmon, 10 sacks of sugar, 10 cases of milk, 10 cases of crackers, 5 drums of cheese and 300 cases of canned fruits, corn and tomatoes. The supplies asked for were purchased at once and will be forwarded tonight. Chairman J. N. Teal stated this morning that the local relief committee was ready to send anything that was needed in the Willow Creek Valley that would aid those in sorrow, and help to clear up the debris. "But," said Mr. Fleischner, "we are going about this work in a business-like manner. Telegrams sent to us asking for aid must come from a person or persons who are known by the committee to be parties that are in charge of some part of the relief work on the scene. It is better to move a little cautiously in this matter, and do everything right at the time it is done."

BISHOP CONATY INSTALLED

LOS ANGELES, June 18.—Bishop Conaty was installed in the diocese of Los Angeles and Monterey this morning at St. Vincent Cathedral with imposing ceremonies. Addresses were delivered by Archbishop Montgomery, Father P. Harari and Administrator Conaty.