

Flood Danger Menaces Valley Says Geologist

How a crest of water 10 feet higher than the famous flood of 1861 swept down the Willamette river channel in comparatively modern times was related before members of the board of army engineers here yesterday by Dr. E. T. Hodge, state geologist.

The board members, conducting a rehearing on the proposed \$56,000,000 flood control, navigation, reclamation and power development which they earlier held to be not necessary at present, heard that a recurrence of the high water would wipe out millions of dollars worth of property.

A parade of proponents of the project told in their testimony of increasing flood damage, fears of greater disasters, and of hopes for an end to erosion losses, greater productivity of the soil, expansion of navigation facilities and development of valley industries.

Dr. Hodge said a flood such as evidently occurred 125 years ago would be "catastrophic" and would wipe out millions in fixed capital. The Willamette valley's unique geological set-up, he said, is such that a shifting of the wind, bringing warm rain and melting snow, would bring a serious flood.

John E. Coaker, farm placement director for Oregon, declared that if the valley were properly developed it could support twice the present population.

Lynn Gubser of McMinnville said that Grand Island, 4000 acre tract below Salem, is in serious danger because of annual erosion. He said that when the Willamette cuts away 250 feet more of the island the river will revert to its old west channel, practically cover the island and make navigation impossible.

Ronald Jones, Marion county member of the legislature, celery grower and vice-president of the Oregon Farmers' Union, said that growers of berries and other small crops "can't make a go of it without irrigation in the summer months."

Dr. Warren F. Powers of Oregon State college, representing the reclamation congress, said 700,000 acres of valley land, now good only for pasture, would produce crops valued at \$8,000,000 with irrigation, and that wet lands would add \$7,500,000 to their production if properly drained.

Prepare to Move Old Postoffice

A truck load of huge squared timbers was dumped to the rear of the old Salem postoffice this morning in anticipation of placing the structure on rollers for its trip up State street to the campus of Willamette university. A crew of men has been at work for several days wrecking the one story annex which was added to the postoffice several years ago. Compressed air drills are being used to batter holes through the concrete foundations of the postoffice proper. The timbers will be placed under the building as soon as the preliminary work has been completed. When placed on the campus and put into condition, the stone building will be utilized by the law and government departments of the university. It will be located south across State street from the state supreme court building.

Benefit Ticket Racket Worked

The Salem Business Men's league is attempting to put a stop to the operations of a stranger who is reported by the league to be making telephone solicitation for ticket sales for a dance to be given for the benefit of the Women's Relief corps, an organization of aged women.

When the salesman calls anyone on the telephone, it is reported, his method is to call the party by his first name as if they were old acquaintances. If the party agrees to buy tickets, as several have done, someone shortly afterward calls at his place of business, delivers the tickets and makes the collection.

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Skyrocket To Fame—Edward Morris and Gloria Dickson as they appear in "They Won't Forget," which opens Wednesday at the Elsinore theatre. The companion picture has Stuart Erwin in "Small Town Boy."

Scholarships For Health Clubs

County Club Agent Wayne Harding, who states that work in 4-H health club projects has risen from three clubs with 125 members two years ago to 75 clubs with 2000 members during the school year of 1937-38 and attributes considerable of this increase to 4-H summer school scholarships offered by the Marion county public health association, has announced the basis on which these awards will be judged among the hundreds of applicants from all over the county during the present school year.

The score card for boys and girls competing for the scholarships show a possible 1600 points that can be attained. Perfect scores in various phases of the contest are set as follows: Home sanitation, 210; milk, 75; water, 75; toilet facilities, 60; physical condition, nutrition, 60; skin, 35; orthopedic and posture, 50; personal hygiene, 35; thyroid, 20; heart and lungs, 50; teeth, 60; nose and throat, 50; eyes and ears, 40; immunity, smallpox, 75; diphtheria, 70; tuberculin test with fluoroscope if positive, 75. Added to this are a possible 150 points from the applicant's health record book.

It is pointed out that the project not only aims at improvement in the personal health condition of each applicant, but also an improvement in the sanitation of the general home surroundings which affects the entire family of the applicant.

This year the public health association has awarded six scholarships to be competed for on the foregoing score card.

Paper Company Gets Mill Street

The Oregon Pulp & Paper company will have the use of the north half of Mill street below the South Commercial bridge by vote of the city council last night vacating that unused and undeveloped part of the street. In return the paper company returns to the city the south half of Trade street, which was vacated by the city some years ago. At that time the company expected to extend its construction on that part of the street but changing conditions changed the plans.

It was necessary under city ordinances to call a public hearing on the Mill street vacation. This was done last night, but no one appeared in protest.

The necessary ordinance bill was introduced, given three readings and passed without opposition.

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Cantata Draws Record Crowd

Silverton—An immense crowd greeted the 30 members of the community choir Sunday night at the Eugene Field auditorium when Fred Baker directed the group in singing the Christmas cantata, "The Infant King," by Wilson.

Miss Virginia Nohlgren of Salem was piano accompanist for the guest soloist, Kendall Tetsinger, tenor, who gave incidental and lead numbers with chorus support during one of the eight scenes. Other accompanists were Mrs. Helen Comstock and Mrs. William Swift, violinist.

Singers were from the Trinity, Calvary and Immanuel Lutheran churches, and also from the First Christian and Methodist groups. They appeared in vestments.

The presentation of the cantata as a community affair was the first of its kind for the local public in many years and will probably be given annually as the support was general and enthusiastic.

Assistance Appreciated

Aumsville—Appreciation of the efforts of the Aumsville and Sublimity fire department and also to friends and neighbors who assisted when her house was destroyed by fire December 17, is being expressed by Mrs. Johanna Brown.

Farm is Rented

Millersburg—Mrs. E. O. Truax has rented her farm in this district and has moved to her new home in Albany at Eighth and Elm streets, which she recently purchased.

Can't Close Eyes To Events in Rest of World

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age from Topeka, Kan., yesterday: "Dear Mr. President:

"A year ago at the Gridiron dinner, in the spirit of the old American tradition that politics cease at the water's edge, I pledged my cooperation and support in the difficult foreign situations confronting your administration.

"That is a grand principle, and we must evidence our good faith in it. It means that there must be no demagogic playing of politics at the expense of the country's unity in dangerous situations such as now confront us.

"Therefore, I want to renew my pledge, especially in view of the fact that so many members of congress, of both parties, seem to have forgotten this basic principle of American politics and by their actions help create the impression on foreign nations that they do not trust your administration on foreign affairs. They would hamstring your conduct of extremely delicate foreign situations.

"These members are pursuing the same dangerous course followed by those members of the British parliament who early in 1914 gave the impression that England would not or could not fight under any circumstances.

"I congratulate you on your firm 'no' to the proposed legislation that would take away the power of congress to declare war. You and I both know the American people want peace, but they want a peace that will enable us to maintain the respect of the other nations of the world.

"The president replied today: "My dear Governor Landon: "The generous spirit of your telegram helps me to meet the problems which confront our country in the field of foreign relations during these troublous times.

"The pledge which you gave at the gridiron dinner a year ago carried force because of the patriotic motive which prompted it. The renewal of that pledge not only strengthens the hand of the government but gives all of our citizens a good example.

"I believe that the overwhelming majority of our countrymen, regardless of politics, race, creed or color, from the days of Washington to this hour have desired to pursue the even tenor of their way at peace with all nations and all peoples.

"But throughout our long history we Americans have rejected every suggestion that ultimate security can be assured by closing our eyes to the fact that whether we like it or not we are a part of a large world of other nations and peoples.

"As such we owe some measure of cooperation and even leadership

Bonneville Lock Opening Delayed

Portland, Ore., Dec. 21 (AP)—Army engineers have postponed until mid-January opening of Bonneville dam ship locks. The opening had been set previously for Wednesday. Delay in completion of gates was given as cause.

Soon to Pay Unemployment Compensation

Washington, Dec. 21 (AP)—How many states will begin paying unemployment compensation in January?

Twenty-one and the District of Columbia. They are Alabama, Arizona, California, Connecticut, Louisiana, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Minnesota, New York, New Hampshire, North Carolina, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Tennessee, Texas, Vermont, Utah, Virginia and West Virginia.

What about the others? Wisconsin began last August. Eight (Indiana, Mississippi, Iowa, Michigan, South Carolina, Idaho, New Mexico and Oklahoma) will begin payments later in 1938. The others will begin in 1939.

How many workers are covered by unemployment insurance in the states which begin payments in January? About 11,500,000. This is about half the number in insured occupations in all states.

What types of workers are covered by unemployment insurance? Generally speaking, those with jobs in factories, offices, mills, mines, shops and stores. Agricultural, domestic and maritime workers are not covered.

Are all workers in the business enumerated covered? State laws vary. In most states the laws apply only where there are 8 or more employees on a payroll some time during any 20 weeks in the year. The number of employees is 3, 4, or 5 or more in some states and in 10 states the law applies if there is only one employee. In a few states workers earning more than \$50 a week, or some other fixed amount, are not covered.

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"(Signed) Franklin D. Roosevelt."

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Higher Rates For Telegrams Are Demanded

New York, Dec. 21 (AP)—Western Union Telegraph Co. and Postal Telegraph Co. today jointly announced intention to apply to the federal communications commission for a 15 per cent increase in rates.

The increase, if granted, would be the first in thirty years of operation, except for the World War period when the utility was under governmental control, the announcement stated.

The increase is needed because the "financial resources and credit of the companies are being jeopardized by the decline in revenues brought on by the general slackening of the business of the country," the statement said.

While the proposed new schedule of rates has not been made public, it was reported the increase would be applied generally upon various classes of commercial and public messages, but not to the press rate.

The statement declared the telegraph companies were in a unique position among service utilities by virtue of having no "stand-by" charge, but that up to this point had been able to meet increased costs by "improvements and new developments in plant and operating processes."

Now, however, the statement went on, falling off of revenues due to general business conditions and increasing cost of operation because of "heavy social security and other taxes, wage restorations and mounting expenses of all kinds," required increased rates to maintain "efficient service."

Railroads also have been seeking higher rates to balance diminishing revenues and larger operating costs.

Jefferson—The Past Noble Grand lodge met in the lodge rooms of the I.O.O.F. hall. Luncheon was served at 1 o'clock. The afternoon was taken up with the regular business routine, followed by the exchange of gifts from a beautifully decorated tree.

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