

HEPPNER'S TERRIBLE CALAMITY

The Town Swept by a
Great Cloudburst.

Estimate of Five Hun-
dred Lives Lost in
the Flood.

Many People in Eugene
Have Relatives at Heppner --
Seventeen Miles O. R. &
N Track Swept Away.

(Scripps News Association.)
The Dalles, June 15, 10 a. m.—A
messenger has just arrived at Arling-
ton from Lexington bringing the
news of a terrible calamity at Hepp-
ner and along the Willow Creek Val-
ley, from a cloudburst at seven
o'clock last night.

A wall of water came down the
narrow valley sweeping everything
before it.

ESTIMATE OF KILLED.

When the messenger left Heppner
at 1 o'clock last night it was esti-
mated that five hundred lives had been
lost.

One hundred and five bodies had
been recovered up to the time he
left.

A special train leaves here at noon
to take assistance as near as possible
to the unfortunate town, the miles
of railroad track washed out preclud-
ing getting clear through by rail.

Estimate Three Hundred Dead

(Scripps News Association.)

Pendleton, Or., June 15.—News re-
ceived here from what is considered
a very reliable source regarding the
Heppner disaster and Willow Creek
valley cloudburst, give the dead and
missing at three hundred in Heppner
alone.

The cloudburst occurred about
seven o'clock last night.

RAILROAD LOSSES.

Seventeen miles of railroad track
along Willow Creek on the Oregon
Railway and Navigation Company's
Heppner branch road has been prac-
tically destroyed, being so badly
damaged that it will require rebuild-
ing.

The railroad depot and adjoining
freight, grain and wool warehouses
were washed away.

Many houses at Heppner and down
the Willow Creek valley were washed
away.

(Heppner, the county seat of Mor-
row county, in Eastern Oregon, was
before this disaster, a thriving town
of 1300 population. It is situated on
Willow Creek, a small stream that
rises in the Blue Mountains, twenty
miles south of Heppner. In summer
time the stream is little more than a
dry gulch. The town was built on
both sides of the stream, the valley at
that place from hill to hill probably
not exceeding the distance from the
Hoffman House to the depot, prob-
ably a quarter of a mile.

The railroad depot, which our dis-
patches say was washed away, occu-
pied one of the highest pieces of
ground in the town. The choice resi-
dence property occupied still lower
grounds along the creek bottom.

At Heppner the Willow Creek val-
ley practically terminates, and from
the high hills about the town gulches
come down to it—somewhat like the
spread fingers of the hand lead to the
palm thereof.

The well known Matlock brothers,
Tom, Ed and Cass, brothers of J. D.
Matlock of Eugene, and former pio-
neer residents of Lane county, have
their homes at Heppner. Mr. Mat-
lock up to a late hour this afternoon
had been unable to obtain any infor-
mation as to the fate of his brothers
and their families.

Heppner is the terminus of a branch
line from the main track of the Ore-
gon Railway and Navigation Company
Railroad main track at Willows, on
the Columbia River, one hundred and
twenty miles east of Portland.)

Later

(Guard Special Service.)
Ione, Oregon, June 15, 3:12 p. m.

—The loss of life at Heppner is now
estimated at 400. Still it may reach
higher. These are known to have
perished:

Thomas Howard and family, Krug
and family, James Jones and child-
ren, Dr. McSword, family of C. A.
Rhea, Mr. Carr's family, Mrs. Charles
Andrew and children, Mrs. Robert
Baird and children, Wells, Sr., and
family, James Matlock, ex-sheriff,
Tom Morrow, Tom Matlock's family,
Dr. James Higg and family, Miss
Eliot, Miss Elder, Bill Cohen and
family, Herbert Bartholomew's
family, Redfield, the attorney and
family, W. M. Walter and family,
John Ayers, Ben Patterson, druggist,
and wife, Geo. Noble and family,
Bob Hinds and family, Mr. and Mrs.
Dawson; occupants of Heppner Hotel,
Mrs. Charles Curtis, George Tinsley,
wife and child, H. A. Boyd's family,
Mrs. W. H. Boyd, Chris M. Ash-
baugh, Carl Jones and family, George
Swaddard, John M. Kernan and wife,
agent O. R. & N.; C. E. Matfield,
and family, Bert Cabots and family,
H. C. Gerzer and family. The daugh-
ter of James Matlock and of Herbert
Bartholomew were attending school in
Portland.

There was no loss of life at Ione
although the town is considerably
damaged.

(Ione is a small town twenty miles
below Heppner on the same stream.
—Editor Guard.)

MILLION DOLLAR MINING COMPANY

The Ridge Placer Mining and Mill-
ing Company of Eugene, has filed ar-
ticles of incorporation, with Julius
Goldsmith, D. E. Rice, two well
known Eugene residents, and Phillip
Starr as incorporators. The capital
stock is \$1,000,000. The principal office
and place of business is Eugene.

The company will operate in the vi-
cinity of Myrtle Creek, Douglas
county, where it has control of some
very valuable properties.

Plenty of Eastern capital is behind
the company, which expects to com-
mence active operations in the near
future.

OFFICIAL VISIT OF GRAND CHIEF

(Daily Guard, June 15.)
Helmetta Temple, Rathbone Sisters,
was the recipient of an official visit
Saturday night from Mrs. T. R. Im-
brie, of Hillsboro, Grand Chief of the
order. A large attendance of mem-
bers was present and an enjoyable
meeting was held. The work was ex-
emplified and speeches were made
after which the membership ad-
journd to the banquet room where a
nice lunch was served.

Flag Day.

(Daily Guard, June 15.)
Today is Flag Day, a fact not
known perhaps to the majority of peo-
ple. The first United States flag
was made on the 14th of June, 1777.
Congress has passed an act that flags
shall be flown over all government
buildings and elsewhere if possible.

According to established custom
among the Women's Relief Corps
members, their homes were decorated
with flags and bunting in honor of
the dear old flag. This day is often
spent in delivering addresses to the
school children on patriotic lines,
but the schools being closed so early
this year that could not be done and
the members here had to content
themselves with decorating their
homes, which brought many a ques-
tion from the children as well as
older persons which will help to ob-
serve the day in spirit if not in letter.

Card of Thanks.

The husband and family of the late
Mrs. Rosella Nettleton desire to ex-
tend their most grateful acknowledg-
ment to the many friends who so
kindly assisted in the hours of afflic-
tion.

J. N. Nettleton and family.

New Reporter.

O. B. Tout, of the Guard's local
news force, is taking a three weeks'
vacation. A. R. Tiffany, our Univer-
sity reporter, will take his place while
he is absent. Any favors shown Mr.
Tiffany will be appreciated by the
Guard management.

LESLIE MATLOCK

The Hero of the Willow
Creek Cloudburst.

Rode Twenty Miles, Keeping
Ahead of Wall of Water —
Killed Two Horses, Al-
most the Third.

(Scripps News Association.)
Portland, June 16.—Leslie Matlock
of Heppner, is the hero of the great
cloudburst that devastated Heppner
and the Willow Creek valley.

This son of the former sheriff of
Morrow county, had no more than
seen his town overwhelmed by the
terrific onslaught of water, drown-
ing not a few of his relatives, and
friends on every hand till he was in
the saddle on a fleet horse racing
with the flood down the valley.

Over the hills he got ahead of the
wall of water, then as he flew by like
the wind he shouted warning to the
dwellers on the creek banks of the
peril that was racing after him. The
people of Lexington, twelve miles
below Heppner, were warned barely
in time to escape to the hills. Ten
miles further on Ione was given warn-
ing of what was behind.

His horse succumbed to the fu-
rious ride. A few minutes and
another was saddled and the hero
in the saddle going like the wind. As
they were warned the people fled for
their lives. That horse dropped dead.
Another was saddled and it barely
carried him to the lower end of the
valley.

The ride was twenty miles from
start to finish.

He undoubtedly saved the lives of
hundreds of people.

Three Hundred Victims.

(Scripps News Association.)

Portland, June 16.—Couriers out of
Heppner report the latest estimate of
three hundred dead and missing.
One hundred and eighty-eight bodies
had been recovered up till noon today.

No Wire to Heppner.

(Scripps News Association.)

Portland, June 16.—At noon today
telegraphic communications with
Heppner had not yet been reestab-
lished.

Burying the Dead.

(Scripps News Association.)

Portland, June 16.—A courier from
Heppner reports that the survivors are
burying the dead as fast as possible.
It is slow work on account of a scar-
city of shovels, spades and picks.

Rebuilding Telegraph Lines.

(Scripps News Association.)

Portland, June 16.—There are no
wires into Heppner yet. The tele-
graph companies are working every
available man rebuilding their lines.

Help For Living.

(Scripps News Association.)

Portland, June 16.—Food and cloth-
ing are being forwarded to Heppner
from the farthest point on the O.
R. & N. branch road possible to be
reached by trains. It is not thought
there will be any particular suffer-
ing from want of supplies.

Ione, June 16.—Relief expeditions
for Heppner and the Willow creek
valley sufferers are centering here the
farthest point to be reached by the
railroad.

Another Electric Storm.

(Scripps News Association.)

Ione, June 16.—A terrific electric
storm visited this locality last night,
filling the inhabitants with terror.
The lightning and thunder became
almost a continuous roll. The town
was absolutely deserted for an hour,
the people taking their stand on open
ground.

At the Stricken Town.

(Scripps News Association.)

Heppner, via Ione, June 16, 12
m.—Eighty-three identified bodies
were buried here yesterday.

No count has yet been made of the
bodies discovered today. As fast as
volunteer relief forces report for duty
they are put to work digging in the

debris for bodies or organized into
burial squads.

Later—A dispatch to the Guard at
3:12 p. m. gives the names of 221 vic-
tims.

We give those known in Eugene or
about the county:

James Matlock (former merchant in
Goshen), Mrs. Tom Matlock, Pres
Looney, family of George Swaggart,
Dr. B. F. Vaughan and wife (son of
T. J. Vaughan of Coburg precinct),
Mrs. C. A. Rhea, James Howard.

Later.

(Scripps News Association.)
Heppner, June 16, 3 p. m.—The
worst fears are being exceeded as the
debris is cleared away.

Five hundred people have undoubt-
edly lost their lives.

Total number of bodies recovered
till noon 211.

The wreckage is being burned after
having been searched for bodies.

Church Thrown Two Blocks.

(Scripps News Association.)

Portland, June 16.—One of the
Heppner church buildings was lifted
from its foundations by the flood and
thrown two blocks against another
church.

At Lexington.

(Scripps News Association.)

Portland, June 16.—Searchers for
bodies at Lexington this morning
found twelve bodies in debris piled
twelve feet high in the streets.

Thirteen homeless families here are
a huddled in the school house for
shelter.

WON A GAME AND LOST ONE

STANDING OF THE CLUBS.			
	Won	Lost	P. C.
Roseburg	8	4	687
Salem	7	5	583
Eugene	5	7	427
Albany	4	8	333

Saturday—
Eugene 5, Albany 2; Roseburg 18,
Salem 16.

Sunday—
Albany 11, Eugene 10; Salem 5,
Roseburg 2.

The above are the scores of the last
series of games played by the teams
of the Willamette Valley Baseball
League. In this series honors were
even, each team winning a game,
leaving them in the same positions in
the percentage column as they were
a week ago.

Quite a crowd of Eugene "fans"
went to Albany Sunday to see the game
between our boys and the Albany
"Blues" which was an exciting one
all the way through. As will be no-
ticed by the score Eugene had much
the best of the game up to the sev-
enth inning when "Red" Rupert of
Albany knocked a fly over the fence
for a home run, bringing in two
other runs. This tied the score. Af-
ter that the game was exciting, at the
end of the eleventh inning Albany
pulling out with one run ahead.
Talifero pitched for Eugene, but it
seemed to be an off day for him. He
was unable to properly control him-
self. Bilyeu pitched for Albany.

The score by innings:
Albany..... 0 0 1 0 2 0 3 3 0 0 2—11
Eugene..... 3 0 0 3 0 0 0 2 1 0 1—10
Saturday's score at Albany:
Eugene..... 0 0 0 0 0 3 0 1 1—5
Albany..... 0 0 0 0 2 0 0 0 0—2
Saturday's score at Roseburg:
Roseburg..... 2 0 2 5 0 0 0 5 0 0 4—18
Salem..... 1 6 5 1 0 0 0 0 1 0 2—16

THE NEXT GAMES.

On June 20 and 21 Roseburg and Eu-
gene will play in Eugene, and Salem
and Albany in Salem. Something
will be doing when Roseburg and Eu-
gene come together, as it is con-
ceded that they are the two best teams in
the league.

PROTEST SENT BY TELEGRAPH

A telegram protesting against the
cessation of work on the Staslaw was
sent to the war department Saturday
by the Oregon congressional delega-
tion says the Astorian of Sunday,
June 14.

Senator Fulton, who came down
from Portland on the train, in dis-
cussing the matter last night, said
that the delegation was convinced
that the work should not be stopped.
An appropriation has been made, but
on the report of the engineer the im-
provement was abandoned on the
ground that the commerce did not
justify the expenditure. Senator Ful-
ton declared the engineer to be mis-
taken in this respect.

HEPPNER'S LOCATION

Invited Disaster Like
What Overtook It

Four Streams Converged in a
Few Miles Above the Town
—Built in Narrow Valley

Heppner, the town that was de-
stroyed Sunday evening at 5:30 o'clock
by the most terrific cloudburst that
has ever been known in the history of
the state of Oregon, was a thriving,
hustling little city of approximately
1500 souls. Its location is most un-
fortunately advantageous for the de-
structive force of such a flood as was
poured upon it. The town is built on
the banks of Willow Creek, in the
neighborhood of the converging point
of four other mountain streams that
drain a large area of rolling and hilly
country that reaches from three to
twenty miles to the foothills, and
along the course of Willow Creek
itself for a distance of 25 miles to the
base of the Blue Mountains.

CONVERGING WATER WAYS.

Willow Creek and its confluent
have a general northerly course. To
the west and the east of the town,
running southwest and southeast re-
spectively until they empty into
Willow Creek, are two deep gulches,
which run back some three miles
among the foothills, as they narrow
to form the valley in which the town
has nestled in peace for so many years.
Flowing almost directly south to the
Willow, and joining but a half mile
or so above the town, is Balm creek,
which drains in its course to the
foot hills, for a distance of 15 miles,
a wide region of hilly country; next
east comes the main water course of
Willow Creek, with an immense area
of drainage that extends north-east
for a distance of 25 miles to the Blue
Mountains. Farther east yet, some
four miles or such a matter, is Hin-
ton Creek, that runs practically paral-
lel with Willow Creek for a distance
of 20 miles, having its rise in the foot-
hills, and entering into the most ex-
treme gulch a few miles east of Hepp-
ner. The terrific rainstorm fell over
the territory drained by these streams,
each of which in an unaccountably
short period of time from the begin-
ning of the down-pour was a raging
torrent, pouring its devastating flood
upon the defenseless city in the narrow
valley below.

IN THE NARROW PATH.

Willow Creek, at the site of Hepp-
ner, flows through a narrow valley.
The major part of the business and
residence sections of the town lying
to the west of the creek in a low bot-
tom, covering an area of about 1500
by 1200 feet, the longer distance being
along the creek and the width in
places between the High hills with
which the town is flanked, being less
than 1000 feet.

SCHOOL CLERK REISNER'S REPORT

(Daily Guard, June 16.)

At the annual meeting of the board
of directors of School District No. 4,
held last night the annual report of
School Clerk Frank Reisner was read
and the vote cast at the election dur-
ing the afternoon was canvassed. The
board declared F. W. Osburn elected
director.

Salient features of the report are as
follows:

Number of person in district, be-
tween ages of 4 and 20, 1721.

Males 860, females 861.

Number between 4 and 20 on the
register, 1380.

Number resident pupils registered
1263; from other districts, 117. Num-
ber not attending any school, 168.

Number teachers employed 25.

Males 3, females 22.

Number holding state certificates
or diplomas, 19. Males 2, females 17.

Number holding first grade certifi-
cates 4. Males 1, females 3.

Number holding 3d third grade cer-
tificates. Males 1.

Number holding permits, unlimi-
ted. Males 1.

Whole number days attendance dur-
ing year, 157,828.

Number of school houses in dis-
trict, 3.

Number of months taught, 9.

Number of library books, 135.

Number of private schools, 1.

Estimated value of school houses
and grounds, \$57,000.

Estimated value of furniture and
apparatus, \$4000.

Insurance on buildings, apparatus,
etc., \$19,000.

PIONEER CASPER RICKARD, DEAD

(Guard Special Service)

Junction City, June 16.—Casper Rick-
ard, one of Oregon's old pioneers,
died here Monday morning at 3
o'clock, age 81 years. Uncle Cas-
per was born in North Carolina March
3, 1822; was married in 1843 to Miss
K. Kimes. Four children were born
to them, viz: Jasper Rickard, of Dus-
ty, Benton county Oregon; Mrs. Ann
Tracer, Mrs. Amanda Calvert, of Junec-
tion City. Two brothers and two
sisters, John Rickard of Benton
county, and Peter Rickard of this
place, and Mrs. Christina Beek and
Mrs. Elizabeth Beek, of Franklin,
Oregon.

Mr. Rickard came to Oregon in 1853
by ox team and endured all the hard-
ships of the early pioneers but later
moved to his farm adjoining Junction
City.

Mrs. Rickard survives her husband
and is quite feeble.

Mr. Rickard was a member of the
Masonic lodge and also a member of
the Methodist church.

Personals.

(Daily Guard, June 16.)

C. C. Matlock is in Portland.

Hon. T. L. Ford is here from Salem.

J. D. Matlock left this morning for
Heppner.

S. S. Spencer returned Sunday
from Portland.

James Ebbert left for the Palouse
country yesterday.

Judge R. S. Bean came up from
Portland yesterday.

Miss Ethel Palmer returned this af-
ternoon to Grants Pass.

Mr. and Mrs. Fletcher Linn, of
Portland, are in the city.

Sam Swift, formerly of Eugene, but
now of Portland, is in the city.

Rev. and Mrs. E. M. Patterson of
Medford, arrived in Eugene today.

Mrs. C. D. Combs returned Sun-
day from a week's stay in Portland.

W. G. Gilstrap returned Sunday
from a week's visit at Boswell Springs.

Mrs. C. L. Winter returned this af-
ternoon from a short trip to Rose-
burg.

Mrs. Agnes McElroy returned home
this afternoon from a visit to Port-
land.

Judge Martin L. Pipes of Portland,
is visiting his son, Attorney J. M.
Pipes, in Eugene.

Rev. J. F. Tout and daughter Abbie
arrived here this afternoon from Cen-
tralia, Washington.

Miss Minnie Robinson of Fort
Wrangle, Alaska, is visiting Miss
Pauline Hodes in Eugene.

Chas. V. Ross, 03, has accepted a
position in Chamber's hardware store.
He left today for a few days visit at
home.

Rev. Thomas Handsaker and wife
arrived here today from Iowa and are
visiting Mr. and Mrs. S. Handsaker,
Rev. Handsakers parents.

Rev. G. N. Wall, pastor of the
C. P. church, has resigned. He will
leave for St. Louis soon and later
make his home in Kentucky.

Mrs. Kuykendall is in Portland. She
is grand president of the Native
Daughters of Oregon which are now
in session at the metropolis.

Miss D. E. Penland returned this
afternoon from Kirksville, Mo.,
where she went to attend the bed-
side of her mother who has been ill.

John Cogswell, J. E. Stevens, Ja-
cob Stevenson and Robert Pattison
went to Portland today to attend the
annual reunion of the Oregon pio-
neers.

Rev. T. S. Handsaker and wife were
here Saturday, packed their goods
and left for Eugene, Oregon, where
they will be located. They are excel-
lent people and the Star follows them
with best wishes.—New Sharon Star,
New Sharon, Ia.

Among those who witnessed the
ball game in Albany Sunday were:
H. A. Dunbar, H. A. Vincent, Otto
Gilstrap, Bert Vincent H. L. Traver,
Geo. H. Smith, Chris Marx, Sr., T.
A. Gilbert, Drew Griffin, S. W. Tay-
lor, Geo. Fisher, Guy Davis, W. F.
Gilstrap, Tad Luckey, R. M. Dona-
hue, Fred Flak, W. J. Royce, G. W.
Griffin, Claude Leo, Chris Kauffman
and Mr. Tolmie.

F. W. Osburn Elected.

At the school election yesterday F.
W. Osburn was elected director to
fill the vacancy made by the expira-
tion of E. Schwarzschild's term of
office.

The vote was light and was as fol-
lows:

F. W. Osburn..... 184

W. W. Calkins..... 84

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Total.....269