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RIVER MILL BRIDGE COLLAPSE KILLS TWO TRAINMEN

P. R. L. & P. Freight Crashes To
Bottom Of Clackamas, Thursday

Shortly before noon last Thursday, July 11th, many people of Estacada and Currinsville were startled by a crashing roar, which resembled the falling of many trees.

A few minutes later telephone messages were received at Estacada from River Mill residents, frantically calling for physicians and help, as the P. R. L. & P. freight train which was then due, had crashed through the River Mill bridge.

Similar messages had been sent to Supt. Robley at the Faraday power plant, who immediately picked up a crew there and at Estacada and rushed to the scene of the accident in a special car.

Aside from the recovery of the body of conductor Arthur G. Kinder, who had been crushed by falling timbers and medical attention given to brakeman Thomas Kearney, who in a slightly injured condition was found on the wreckage, little could be done by the early rescuers.

The River Mill bridge, which was a monstrous wood and metal bound structure about two hundred feet long, spanning the Clackamas River reservoir above the River Mill dam, had completely collapsed under the strain of the two large electric locomotives and two freight cars, falling with the train and crew of four men to the water thirty-five feet below.

Unavailing efforts were continued all that day and night to recover the body of engineer William Murray which is believed to be pinned under the wreckage of the locomotive on the river bottom eighty-five feet below the surface. And similar efforts since made by divers have been equally fruitless.

Trainman H. D. Kleinline, who was on the locomotive with engineer Murray, miraculously escaped injury, having gone to the bottom with the locomotive, risen to the surface among the floating timbers and crawled out unharmed. Trainmen Kleinline gave the first alarm and heroically set to work in rescuing his comrades and had succeeded in releasing brakeman Kearney from the tim-

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Estacada Library May Close Doors

The executive committee of the Estacada Civic Improvement Club, which organization founded and has supported the Estacada Library, announces that unless outside financial help is received by August 1st next, the library and its privileges will be temporarily closed.

As this public institution is serving the people of this entire community and has received its support almost entirely by the efforts of a few loyal members of the C. I. C., who now find the work occupies too much of their time, the contemplated action is necessary.

This public philanthropy was founded six years ago and at an average expense of \$22. per month, has been supported by its founders, who now feel that others should help shoulder the responsibilities.

Forest Fire Destroys County Bridge

Under the direction of local fire warden Ray Wilcox of Estacada a number of fire fighters were last Sunday afternoon and evening kept busy in controlling and extinguishing a bad forest fire along Deep Creek near the Dwyer Lumber Camps between Boring and Swede Hill.

By Monday morning the fire was under control, but not until about two hundred acres of logged over land had been devastated, one or two old shacks near the Dwyer camps and the county bridge over Deep Creek destroyed.

The origin of the fire was credited to campers or fishermen, but warden Wilcox believes it was more likely to have been caused by sparks from the engine used in the nearby logging operations.

Local Soldiers Go To Camp Kearney

Archie Howell, Paul Holm, H. Creason, Fred Marshall and Oscar Holmen of this district, who a few weeks ago entered the military service at Camp Lewis are reported to have lately been transferred to Camp Kearney at San Diego, California.

Among the other local boys in that company, Theodore Ahlberg and Milton Evans are remaining at Camp Lewis until further orders.

Estacada May Get Chautauqua Sessions

Not with the idea of in any way detracting from the glories of the neighboring Gladstone Chautauqua, this community may shortly enjoy similar educational and amusement programs and all its own.

This educational treat is in store for the local people through the beneficence of a few local philanthropists, who Monday signed the necessary papers to guarantee the \$550. expense. By signing this agreement, each sponsor agreed to stand his or her, (more her than his) share of the expense.

A few of the "her" philanthropists now contend that they signed the agreement without having clearly understood the provisions as to the financial obligation. These however, have the satisfaction of remembering that a certain Estacada man a few years ago, finally was released from a somewhat similar agreement, after due legal process and expense.

The local committee has not announced yet the dates of the assembly, as the advance agent had left town when a few of the feminine sponsors called to interview him regarding same and other Chautauqua matters on Tuesday.

Search Of Locomotives Fails To Locate Body

Up to Wednesday noon, no sign of the body of engineer Murray, who perished in the freight wreck of Thursday, had been found and the supposition that the remains were still in the cab of the locomotive has proven false.

A professional, deep-sea diver with proper equipment spent a day or two on the scene early this week, having gone to the bottom of the Clackamas and examined the cabs of both locomotives.

The coat of the dead engineer was found a few days before in the drift wood near the grating of the nearby dam, but it is supposed this coat had been hanging on a hook in the engine cab at the time of the accident. It is now believed the body has floated from the wreckage and will be found near the dam within a few days, as due to the coldness of the water, it would require several days for the remains to come to the surface.

ESTACADA ELECTS NEW SET OF SCHOOL OFFICIALS

Special Annual Meeting More Free
From Discord Than Expected

For a time Monday evening, at the special meeting of the taxpayers of Estacada School District No. 108, it looked as though personalities and town feuds would occupy the attention of the meeting to the detriment of the interests of the district's public schools.

But after the first half hour of oratory, veiled threats, personal insinuations and abuse of parliamentary rules, the meeting got underway and proceeded to nominate and elect three directors and a clerk for the ensuing terms.

The financial report of the retiring board was in part accepted, the objection to its acceptance not being based by the taxpayers on their lack of confidence in the correctness of the expenditures and receipts, but rather against the usual custom of unitedly accepting an important report of this kind, after merely having heard it read aloud by the clerk. The meeting generally was of the opinion that hereafter all such reports should be given prior publicity, so that all taxpayers may have the opportunity to study the individual and collective items before accepting or rejecting same.

With Chairman of the Board J. W. Reed presiding, the meeting finally elected Dr. H. V. Adix, director for the three year term; Walter Givens, director for the two year term and Bert H. Finch, director for the one year term; with Mrs. A. L. Lasswell elected clerk.

The result of this election assures a continuance of the high standard of the local schools with all directors being broad minded taxpayers and fathers of children now in the schools.

The meeting however neglected a courtesy which was due the retiring board members, and that was the tendering of a vote of thanks to these men whose past work, despite some complaints, has been conscientious and for the best interests of the schools at all times.

Regular Sunday Services Hereafter.

Announcement is made that beginning Sunday next, both Sunday School and preaching services will be held every Sunday morning at the Estacada M. E. Church.