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BIG DAMAGE DONE BY FLOOD WATERS

Walla Walla Hard Hit and Weston Loses Portion of Dam.

The worst flood in the history of Walla Walla surged down Mill creek Tuesday afternoon and night causing enormous damage to gardens, buildings and streets and took the toll of one life. Water flooded through the streets for hours into basements, over lawns and spread out over a wide area in the southwestern part of the city. Phillip Fox, while attempting to divert water from entering his barn, lost his footing and fell into the torrent. When taken from the flood, blocks below where he fell in, he was dead.

At Weston serious danger threatened property in the lower residence and business districts, when the dam holding back the waters in the city reservoir broke from excessive flood pressure, though the residents were safe at all times in the homes of neighbors living on the higher ground.

The Weston population had been warned, as were the people residing above town, along the banks of Pine creek, and all had ample time to secure places of safety in event extreme disaster had taken place.

Fortunately, the flood gates were open and releasing a large volume of water from the reservoir when the fifty-foot break in the upper part of the dam gave way to a depth of from six to fourteen feet. The dam is 20 feet high and where the break occurred there remains six feet of concrete structure, anchored in solid bedrock base, so that the city will continue to be amply supplied with water and permanent repairs can be made. A bridge in the upper part of town was pulled out, which obviated danger of its going out and lodging against the bridge at the main street crossing.

The Walla Walla river was on a rampage through Milton and Free-water where some damage is reported and one man was injured.

The Umatilla river surged through Bingham Springs, wrecking the hotel kitchen and perhaps leaving damage to cottage and picnic grounds in its wake. At Thorn Hollow crossing, between the bridge and the Brace store, 75 yards of the highway was cut by the flood. A number of Athena people drove to that point to witness the flood waters. The road camp on the Mission-Thorn Hollow construction works was under water and several cars at that place could not be removed, the workmen wading to safety on foot.

Pendleton reported the water reaching its peak there Wednesday morning at 9 feet, and 10 inches below the high water gauge set in 1906. Two crews are reconstructing roadbed and tracks at washouts on the Union Pacific at points on Meacham creek. To the west, large numbers of men are working in shifts to remove slides along the Columbia which held up both train and stage service.

Heavy rainfall, following a two-inch snow in the Athena district, was the heaviest for many years. A considerable runoff resulted when the soil became saturated with moisture. Wheat fields to some extent are scarified with ditches made by the excessive rains and it is thought moisture is now sufficient for all crop-growing purposes, with an ample supply for wells and springs.

The Rocky Mountain region experienced the severest stroke of winter, when the states of Colorado, Wyoming and Montana were the center of deep snows and devastating blizzards which took a toll of sixteen lives, including five school children and their school bus driver.

Taking Hard Blows

John J. Kelly, editor and publisher of the Walla Walla Bulletin, is under the weight of two hard blows. This week he lost one of his sons by death from pneumonia, and now his big duplex printing press is buried in mud and water from the Mill creek flood. The son, 23, was a graduate of Washington University, and assisted his father in publishing the Bulletin. The forms of the Bulletin are being transported by air plane to the press of the Lewiston Tribune daily for printing.

On a Larger Scale

Weston Leader: F. C. Sloan, president of the Washington-Idaho Seed company, was a business visitor Monday in Weston. Mr. Sloan said that the operations of his company in the Athena-Weston district will be on a larger scale than ever this year, and that it is always glad to give employment to Weston operatives at its Athena plant. Speaking of the utilization of summer fallow land in this region in the growing of seed peas for his concern, Mr. Sloan intimated that beans may be tried out again in this vicinity.

Fee Appointment Is Made in Recess By the President

The President has given a recess appointment to James Alger Fee to be United States district judge for Oregon.

Judge Fee was nominated for the Oregon judgeship before congress adjourned and his name had been reported favorably by the judiciary committee. His confirmation was frustrated by a filibuster during the last hours of the session.

The addition of Judge Fee to the bench will aid in clearing one of the heaviest dockets the court has had in years. Judge John McNary has been carrying on alone since the death of Judge Bean three months ago.

The vacancy on the bench of the Sixth judicial district made by Judge Fee's appointment was filled Wednesday by Governor Meier who named Alex Sweek, of Heppner, one of two prominent attorneys who sought the position. Homer I. Watts of this city had the support of a large number of the legal fraternity of the district for the judgeship in addition to endorsement by friends.

Those who know Governor Meier's appointee, speak in very high terms of him. Sweek was born in Hamilton, Oregon, March 3, 1886 and received his education at the University of Oregon and the University of Michigan. He is a republican.

New Baptist Pastor

Rev. Gerald C. Dryden arrived in Athena Saturday to take the pastorate of the First Baptist church of Athena, for a while at least, and may be to fill the regular charge. Rev. Dryden conducted services at the local church, Sunday, and will be in the pulpit to deliver the morning and evening sermons, this coming Sunday. He came to Athena from Chahalis, Washington.

Sunday Schools Will Give Easter Programs

The Sunday schools of the Athena churches will observe Easter with appropriate programs at 10 o'clock Sunday morning. The programs follow:

Christian Church
Responsive reading, Ladies class—song by Choir—All Little Ones Love Easter, Belva McIntyre—A Little Lily, Effa Crawford—Easter Message, Jimmie Webster—song, Adorine Geiss—Love, Donald McPherrin—Easter Eggs, Elwayne Zerba—song Bobby Hopper—Risen, Dorothy Smith—A Good Proof, Arden Gray—What Now Ball Did, Marjorie Wilks—Gather the Lilies, Donna Logsdon—Easter Message, Bobby Hopper—song, How They Grew, Primary Department—Easter Morning, Wilma McIntyre Bonnie Johnson—So Changed, Mary Lou Hansell—My Angel, Billy Johns—Easter Light, Maurice Johns, Bobby Zerba—Natures Greeting, Marjorie Martin—Tommy Day's Easter Eggs, Billy Zerba—Lily of the Spring, Helen Rogers—Setting a Hen, Buddie Weber—Helped by Easter, Natelle Miller—clarinet solo, Billy Johns—Awakening, Emma Jane Kilgore—song, Loyal Girls.

Baptist Church
Easter Song, Primary department—recitations by Betty Booher, Iva Mae Booher, Harry Stewart, Marion Stewart, Ida Clemens, Maebelle Clemens, Dwane Payne, Helen Standage, Geraldine Cutler, Robert Mayberry, Jack Stewart, Helen Alkire, Laura Jean Payne, Louise Ringel and Raymond Kibbey from the primary department—Easter Song, Junior department—recitations by Bryon Kibbey and Cecil Clemens.

Grain Rates Reduced
Reduced freight rates for transportation of grain and grain products moving intrastate are in effect. The new tariff was received and filed by the public utilities commissioner late Saturday. The rail lines recently secured authority from the interstate commerce commission to postpone publishing intrastate rates until June 1, and petitioned the public utilities commissioner of Oregon for similar authority, which request was denied. The new rates therefore became effective April 1.

A Goosy Barnyard

Arnold Wood says high water from overflow of the Wild Horse creek flood spread out over his barnyard and left it goosy with mud and silt. It will take a scraper and a lot of work to clean the yard. Mr. Wood lost several chickens which mired down in the mud.

Here From Portland

Mrs. McArthur is here from Portland, visiting at the home of her sister, Mrs. George Banister. In a few weeks she will return to Portland and will be accompanied by Mrs. Banister, who may spend the summer there.

Butter wrappers—\$1.50 per 100 at the Press.

BREAKFAST AT THE HOTEL, WEDNESDAY

Business Men Were Guests of Mrs. Froom the Landlady.

The business men's breakfast given Wednesday morning at the Athena Hotel by the landlady, Mrs. Laura Froom, was a very pleasant event, and was the means of assembling the men who conduct the business affairs of Athena together for the first time in many months.

Covers were laid for twenty-six and during the breakfast hour a very appropriate musical program was given. M. L. Watts presided as toastmaster and a number responded with words of appreciation for Mrs. Froom's generous hospitality and expressions very much in favor of future get-together meetings of business men.

Mrs. Froom was assisted in arranging for the breakfast by Mr. and Mrs. C. E. O. Montague, and those who participated in giving the program were Mrs. Laurence Pinkerton, Mrs. Ralph McEwen, Mrs. C. E. O. Montague, Miss Arleen Myrick, Miss Marjorie Montague and Mr. Dan Tilley.

The long table where the twenty-six guests were seated was beautifully decorated, a color scheme of pink and green being employed. The table was centered with a huge antique bowl of pink blossoms and ferns and pink geraniums were placed at either end.

Mr. Watts introduced those who contributed to a musical program as follows: piano solo, "Black Hawk Waltz," Arleen Myrick; vocal solo, (a) "The Top of the Morning," (b) "Invy," Mrs. Ralph McEwen; piano solo, "The Shepherd Boy," Marjorie Montague; vocal solo, "Alicia Blue Gown," Mrs. C. E. O. Montague; trombone solo, "You are the Melody" and "The World is Waiting for the Sunrise," Dan Tilley, Mrs. Laurence Pinkerton was the accompanist.

Not So Bad at Bingham Is Good News Received

The Press was in communication with the caretaker at Bingham Springs yesterday at noon, and over the telephone he reported that conditions there were not nearly so bad as had been rumored.

As soon as the flood waters reached it, the bridge leading to the swimming pools went out. Later the hotel kitchen lean-to was wrenched from the main building and lodged several feet to the west, against the woodshed.

The caretaker reported that no damage resulted to the fish hatchery as a result of the high water. The summer homes and rental cottages were flooded at the highest stage of the water, but foundations were intact and the most serious damage was the washing out of soil that had been placed on the lots.

The road from the Holiday place leading west toward the Thompson ranch and Gibbon is impassable, so he reported, due to slides and washouts, perhaps.

A small patch of 200 acres of asparagus will be planted near Harrisburg in the Willamette valley. A cannery will take care of the surplus product.

Sue Government for Many Millions



What is believed to be the largest suit filed against the federal government since the celebrated Alabama and French spoliation claims, amounting to \$28,707,000, filed by the Blackfeet and several other Indian tribes, is now being heard by the United States Court of Claims at Washington. The photograph shows the members of the Blackfeet tribal council: left to right: Joe Brown, president of the council; Richard J. Hamilton, chairman of the board of directors of the Indian Protective association; and Richard Grant, a member of the tribal council.

Corn Demand Is Exceeding Home Grown Supplies

Oregon State College.—Oregon's acreage of corn grown for grain could be increased 100 per cent or more without overproducing for the present state demand, according to the 1931 corn outlook report just issued by the Oregon State college extension service. Corn shipments into the state total several times the amount of home grown corn sold by farmers.

Sales of corn for cash from Oregon farms have not exceeded 200 carloads a year, according to the best available information at the college. Although information on the total amount shipped into the state is incomplete, nearly 1400 carloads have been received at Portland alone in each of the past two years.

Evidence of the shortage of home grown supplies of corn is also found in price statistics. The farm price received by corn growers in this state has been from 20 cents to 30 cents a bushel more than the average for the whole country.

The general corn outlook for the United States indicates a five per cent increase in acreage, says the college report. Production is likely to be above average, although it is too early to estimate yields. The carry-over of corn from the 1930 crop is expected to be less than average.

Sanford Stone Dies in the Pendleton Hospital After Very Few Week's Illness

After only a few week's illness from stomach trouble, Sanford Stone, for many years a resident of the Athena neighborhood, died Monday night at St. Anthony's hospital in Pendleton.

Mr. Stone, who was employed at the A. L. Swaggart farm, north of Athena, went to the hospital Friday for medical treatment. Athena friends who visited him found that he was apparently getting better, and his death was unexpected by them.

Mr. Stone's wife died of cancer in Athena several years ago. He still retained his residence property in the north part of town, and when not employed elsewhere, lived there.

He was prominent in lodge affairs and several times had been a delegate to I. O. O. F. grand lodge sessions, representing Wild Horse Lodge No. 73 of this city. He is survived by one brother, Vern Stone, one sister and his mother, now 73 years of age, all residents of Southern Oregon. Funeral services will be held at the Christian church here this afternoon at 1:30 o'clock.

Tim In Again

Weston Leader: T. L. McBride of Eagle creek, who has his share of mishaps but always comes up smiling, is now temporarily out of commission with a broken rib. Whether "Tim" was doing some acrobatic stunts in the McBride haymow is not recorded, but at all events he took a spill and cracked the rib.

Low Round-Trip Rate

The Union Pacific is offering a one-cent mile round-trip rate. The rate is reduced from 3.6 cents per mile to one cent per mile, and is applied on the dates of April 1, 2, 3, and 4 only. The round-trip time limit on these tickets is April 9.

THE ORATORICAL CONTEST WINNERS

Those Who Will Speak at County Contest in Pendleton, April 10.

School interest is centered in the oratorical contest which is to be held at Pendleton, Friday evening, April 10.

The high schools of Weston, Athena and Adams were represented by speakers in the sectional contest at High School Auditorium in Athena, Friday night. Elizabeth Baker and Alva Potter represented Adams, and Billy Ashworth, Weston, in humorous sections. Betty Eager, Helen Barrett, Walter Singer and Stafford Hansell represented Athena in dramatic, humorous, oratorical and extemporaneous, respectively.

The winners, who will speak in the county contest at Pendleton are Elizabeth Baker of Adams, dramatic; Billy Ashworth, Weston, humorous; Walter Singer, Athena, oratorical and Stafford Hansell, Athena extemporaneous.

The district grade contest was held in Adams Friday evening in the school auditorium. The result of the contest places the following pupils in the county grade schools contest at Pendleton, Saturday evening, April 11.

Non-Humorous, lower — Vernita O'Hara of Weston, speaking "Big Brother."

Non-Humorous, lower — Natelle Miller of Athena, speaking "Who's Afraid?"

Non-Humorous, upper — June Thompson of Adams, speaking "Queen Esther's Petition."

Non-Humorous, upper — Annabel Payne of Adams, speaking "A Leap Year Leap."

Easter Cantata at the Christian Church Sunday

The Athena Community Chorus will present the Easter Cantata, "Life Eternal" at 7:30 o'clock Sunday evening at the Christian church. The production promises to be up to the usual standard of former presentations by this group of singers, and the cantata itself is a tuneful rendition of the events in the last days of Christ's life.

The Lord Reigneth, Chorus—Man of Sorrow, solo, Kohler Betts—Gethsemane, Men's Chorus—Calvary, solo, C. M. Eager—A Whisper of Hope, Mrs. Ross Payne, Mrs. E. F. Bloom—Dawns the New Day, Chorus—Hail to the King, solo, Mrs. Lloyd Michener—The Morn is Breaking, duet, Mrs. Floyd Pinkerton, George Gerking—The King Comes Forth, Chorus—The Redeemer—Triumphant, solo, Mrs. Alva Blalock—The King of Glory, Chorus—Ye Shall Live, solo, Laurence Pinkerton—The Resurrection and the Life, Chorus.

Members of the chorus are: Miss Clara Flock, Mrs. Rose Miller, Mrs. Jesse Gordon, Mrs. Ross Payne, Mrs. Floyd Pinkerton, Mrs. C. M. Eager, Miss Blanche Thorson, Mary Jane Miller, Helen Barrett, Jewell Pinkerton, Mrs. Clarence Zerba, Jean Zerba, Mrs. Lloyd Michener, Mrs. R. D. Blachford, Mrs. C. E. O. Montague, Miss Della Bryant, Mrs. E. F. Bloom, Mrs. Gordon Watkins and George Gerking, Lewis Stewart, Jesse Gordon, Laurence Pinkerton, C. M. Eager, Kohler Betts, Dan Tilley, Charles Sias and Clarence Zerba, Mrs. Laurence Pinkerton is the accompanist and the chorus is directed by Mrs. Ralph McEwen.

Nearing Completion

Work on excavating the new wing at the city well is nearing completion. J. W. Pinkerton of the city council water committee, who has had the work in charge had his force of men at work all day Monday during the heavy rain storm, bracing the walls with curbing. This part of the work is completed and only the center stringers and the top remains to be done, when the earth covering will be put on. The force of men has done good and fast work, according to Mr. Pinkerton, and only one slight cavity interfered with progress in excavating.

Legion Officers Visit Local Post

State Commander Jack Biggs, of Portland, Dist. Commander Charles Smith of Heppner and District membership chairman, "Hally" Halliburton of Hermiston, accompanied by a number from Neil Best Post of Milton were among those present at a recent meeting of the local Post.

First Stage Went in Ditch

The first Union Pacific stage to leave Pendleton for Walla Walla since the flood, went into the ditch on the highway west of Athena. Heavily loaded with passengers, the steering gear went wrong and the big coach left the hard surface. Fortunately none was seriously injured.

Education and the State

By Dr. Arnold Bennett Hall, President, University of Oregon

Editor's note: This is the third of a series of five articles written on education by Dr. Arnold Bennett Hall, president of the University of Oregon. Others will follow at regular intervals.

This whole problem of intellectual honesty and love of truth is a matter of spirit rather than of logic. It is a matter of atmosphere rather than of precept. It is a matter of University tradition, rather than a matter of University regulation. Therefore, we need the spirit of truth, the spirit of reverence, and the spirit of open-minded tolerance as a part of the traditions of our student life. To accomplish this we are trying to select members of our faculty whose personality, character, and achievements exemplify these noble traditions. For the same reason, we should like the cooperation of the home in emphasizing upon the youth of the state the evils of bigotry, the fineness of tolerance, the beauty of reverence, and the divine character of truth.

One of the devices that we are developing at the University is a series of orientation courses offered in the lower division. Under our present regulations for the junior college, a freshman entering the University is required to take his choice of three out of four possible orientation courses. The work of the University for the purpose of organizing these four courses is divided into four groups: The biological group, the natural science group, the language and literature group, and the social science group.

These courses are built around the development of methodology on scientific method in these large fields of human knowledge. For after all, the development of methodology or scientific method, technical thing that we conceive it, but in simple language it is merely the method by which the great scholars of all times have sought to base their knowledge upon facts and to free their minds from the prepossession of prejudice, of ignorance, of mysticism, and of established dogma that had nothing back of it but the thoughtless acquiescence of ignorant multitudes.

Work Explained

For example, a freshman would go into the orientation course given by the natural science group. He would find that chemistry started with certain esoteric mystical notions that had nothing to do with truth or reality. Little by little the mind of man was able to face the problem of chemistry from the standpoint of facts rather than of prejudice. Gradually he developed a methodology or scientific method by which he was able to eliminate from his own intellect the forces of pride of opinion, of bigotry, of ignorance, and mysticism and let his mind seek only the truth as evidenced by the facts of life. The triumph of modern chemistry has been simply the freeing of the mind from these old impediments of ignorance and bigotry and dogma and the

application of inventive genius to the discovery and interpretation of facts.

Perhaps the next hour the freshman may go into the course in the social sciences, and he finds that the same thing has been true there, that bigotry, lack of intellectual integrity, partisanship, and man-made creeds have prevented people from understanding their own political, social, and economic lives, and that social science has become an instrument of social progress only in so far as these alien factors have been overcome and the love of truth has replaced the pride of opinion and the partisan bigotry that has too frequently dominated even some of the great scholars in the development of social science.

When a student, through these various orientation courses has found that intolerance, bigotry, and dogma have been the great impediments to human progress and to individual achievement the fact will be borne upon him with such relentless logic and with such an array of evidence that he cannot escape the conclusion that such a student will begin to find a new value in the love of truth, in maintaining an open mind, in approaching the problems of life with reverence, and in seeking to be guided in his own thinking by a just regard for the facts and to be always free from the blinding influence of passion and intolerance. If we can get these fundamental lessons of life into the consciousness of youth, we will have gone a long way in preparing them for lives of usefulness and joyous accomplishment.

Professions Observed

In addition to these two intellectual qualities, there are the problems of training youth in certain skills and disciplines and techniques which are essential to certain of the technical professions. This we are trying to do in our professional schools, the work of which will be discussed in other papers in this series. In these professional schools, however, we are not merely following the standard pattern, but we have some of the best members of our faculty carefully studying our methods of instruction trying to improve them, testing out the results that they achieve, to the end that your children shall have the best instruction in their technical and professional training that it is possible for our resources to provide.

The final matter that deserves consideration has to do not with intellectual, but with the spiritual, the altruistic, and the emotional aspects of life. To train young men and women in critical habits of thinking, in the formulation of sound judgments, and to impart to them certain skills and disciplines — in other words, to increase their general intellectual power and ability, without at the same time organizing their emotional lives, giving them an insight into the spiritual values and trying to nourish and direct the wholesome, generous, and altruistic impulses of youth, would be a danger, rather than a blessing to your children and to society.

The W. C. T. U. All-Day Convention To Be Here

The local W. C. T. U. will hold an all day session and school of instruction at the Baptist church here next Thursday, April 9. The program follows:

10 a. m.—Devotional.
10:30—Appointment of committees.
10:35—"Why Hold Institute of School of Methods," chairman.
10:40—"My Method for Making My Office Successful," local officers.
11:15—Round-table on "Union at Work," discussed by members. "My Dues," "My Budget," "My Membership Campaign," "My Responsibility," "Who is a Prohibition Patriot?"
12:00—Noon-tide prayer. Covered dish lunch.
2:00—Discussion, Best Method for securing observance of law. Best method for aiding observance of law. Best method for safeguarding (prohibition) not repeal.
2:30—Special music.
3:00—"Why not Have a Referendum."
3:15—Demonstration by children.

Branding Poultry

Indicative of the effectiveness of the tattoo branding of poultry as a means of curbing thievery is found in the fact that nearly 100 Yamhill county poultrymen are now using this method, and not a single case of theft of tattooed poultry has been reported. This method was originated by S. T. White, Yamhill county agent, and is now in general use in all poultry producing counties of the state.

Famous Coach Killed

Knute Rockne, famous football coach of Notre Dame, was killed in an air plane crash in Kansas, Tuesday, while en route to California. Seven others, including the two pilots were killed in the wreckage of the falling plane.

Frank Sullivan, Insurance Man Suicides at Pendleton

Frank Sullivan, Pendleton insurance man and prominent member of the Eagles and well known in Athena, where he was a frequent visitor, committed suicide at his home in Pendleton Sunday afternoon. Despondency over ill health is given as the cause. The East Oregonian says:

Despondent over ill health, from which he had suffered for some time, Frank G. Sullivan, local insurance man, shot himself with a 12 gauge shotgun Sunday afternoon at 5 o'clock in a store room at his home, 202 East Bluff, and died from the effects of the wound at midnight Monday night at St. Anthony's hospital. The shot entered the body just above the heart.

Mr. Sullivan's health had been in such a critical state that he had brooded over the matter constantly, say friends. Mr. Sullivan was 48 years old and was born in Iowa, coming here about 20 years ago. His widow and a son, Francis Sullivan, the latter assistant athletic coach at the Eastern Oregon Normal school, survive him, as does a brother, Jack Sullivan of Boise.

Young Man in Trouble

The Weston Leader reports that Lawrence Fannan, 20, of Weston, was arrested late Monday night by the sheriff's office on a warrant charging a statutory offense against a girl of 14, who is said to live at Umatilla and to have been picked up in Weston Sunday night by Deputy Sheriff Wayne Gurdane, who took her home. Young Fannan is said to have come to Weston from Umatilla with his parents a few months ago.

High Water at Gibbon

The little railway station at Gibbon has been visited by one of the worst floods in its history. Meacham creek converges with the Umatilla river at that point.