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## Disasters Bad Enough

Disasters such as the city of Vaport suffered are bad enough without the unfounded tales which usually accompany them. In the present crisis in Portland there is evidence of misrepresentation regarding transportation, housing and other normal functions of the city and the Portland Chamber of Commerce has issued a bulletin to set the public straight in these matters.

In the opening paragraph the bulletin says: "Portland has just experienced its greatest flood disaster—exaggeration is rampant. Loss of life has been at a minimum—damage enormous but business and industry are normal except a limited number of plants adjacent to the Willamette river."

As to transportation, Portland is not marooned. Highways in and out of the city are open. All railroads in and out of Portland are operating. Limited schedules have been in effect but the lines are fast approaching normal schedules. All airlines are operating on schedule, using the Salem airport, with bus service from that port to Portland.

Portland hotels and motels have rooms available for travelers. Since the flood there has not been a shortage of hotel and motel housing.

"Contrary to other reports," says the bulletin, "at no time has there been any sign of an epidemic. The Portland city water system is in no danger." "Portland and Oregon welcome the visitors and touring public and are in a position to serve their needs."

There you have it. The newspapers have been accused of withholding information from the public, and so has the chamber of commerce. In so doing, both have served the public better than they would had they indulged in giving voice to wild rumors. Both waited until authentic information was available, information with the rumors and exaggeration squeezed out. This has been disappointing to that segment of the public which prefers to listen to unfounded stories rather than accept their information from more reliable sources.

## An Opportunity to Help

Doubtless numerous people of the county have already contributed to the relief agencies taking care of flood sufferers throughout the northwest, but it may be expected that the majority have done nothing so far because there has been no concerted drive. Realizing this may be the situation, the Heppner Chamber of Commerce has set up the machinery for receiving and delivering food and clothing to the Salvation Army headquarters in Portland.

Heppner in particular has an interest in contributing to this worthy cause. Forty-five years ago last Monday—June 14, 1903—this little city was visited by the most disastrous flood in northwest history. The people of the northwest contributed generously in food, clothing, bedding, and other supplies, besides sending in more than

\$50,000 in cash donations. Immediate assistance was given in caring for the dead and relieving injury and sickness among the living.

We should not, and will not forget. It will require a large truck to move the donations from Heppner to Portland, to say nothing of materials assembled at other points in the county.

## Street Problem Up to People

For a number of years it has been Heppner's proud boast that it has more paved streets than any town of comparable size in the state. This claim has not been contested, so far as this column has been advised, and it is a justifiable boast, inasmuch as every street in town has at least a paved roadway of no less than 20 feet. The improvement has brought relief from dust and provided comfortable driving throughout the year and it is unbelievable that property owners would wish to see the paving deteriorate further or continue in the condition some of the streets are now in.

Not only is it necessary to patch up the streets, but it is advisable that more work be done on some of them to enable the street department to cope with conditions such as have prevailed this year due to unusually heavy precipitation. It has been a constant battle against the elements and unless the elements lay off soon human resistance will fail.

That which should be done and that which may be done are matters resting in the hands of the taxpayers. City officials are convinced that some of the streets, like Gale, for instance, should be curbed on either side and be paved from curb to curb. This would provide gutters on either side of the traveled portion of the street. The established grade would permit a more ready flow of the muddy water precipitated by flash storms, or heavy runoff in the spring and eliminate some of the difficulty of ridding the streets of mud and muck now prevalent due to lack of gutters.

This is but one of the problems facing the city, and the immediate construction mentioned herewith is not contemplated under the funds asked for in the budget election. It is an eventual solution which the council and mayor would like to have the property owners give some consideration as they set about to clear mud and debris out of their yards each time a flash flood hits.

The need for street and bridge improvement is pressing at this time and the budget committee and city officials feel justified in seeking an amount outside of the six per cent limitation to meet this need. There are extensions to be made by the water department which will consume the funds of that division. The demand for a sewer system can not be ignored and the city government does not feel justified in switching any of the money set aside for that project to streets or other improvements.

A little drive about town will reveal the deplorable state of the pavement and should make the budget acceptable to anyone who will go to that trouble to obtain firsthand knowledge.



## ELPHANT TRACKS

The political show of shows, the big republican quadrennial presidential nominating convention starting Monday in Philadelphia stages the kickoff of the fourth consecutive comeback attempt of the GOP since the advent of the new deal.

Hope for success next November is radiant in republican hearts. The tickets of admission to the Philadelphia convention never were snapped up so quickly or so completely. Expenses never were so high (mediocre suites \$65 a day). But nothing keeps the avid partisans away from the wholesale panic at retail prices. Each of the 1094 delegates will have two tickets and each alternate delegate will have one. The wire services, magazines, radio, and television stations will have 2200 tickets. If you pine to see the big republican show and don't qualify in the foregoing there are ways of procuring tickets, but you should have from \$500 to \$700 to toss away on the spree. You will have plenty of company, too, as there is a pestiferous hatch of "knot hole delegates" this season.

The All-Philadelphia Citizens committee spent half a million dollars in grabbing the convention away from Chicago and lifting the face of the Quaker City. Independence Hall and other historic buildings will be furnished with guides for the swarming thousands.

The week of July 12 the democrats will hold their national convention, also in Philadelphia, to nominate a candidate for president.

**HIGHWAY HEAD IN CHICAGO**  
R. H. Baldock, Oregon's state highway engineer, left Sunday for Chicago where he will preside at an executive meeting of the American Association of Highway Officials. He is president of the association.

**FLOOD RELIEF ASSURED**  
A wire to the state department from U. S. Senator Wayne Morse said the senate and house had unanimously approved a \$10,000-

000 stop-gap aid plan for relief of northwest flood areas. The resolution which was introduced by U. S. Senator Guy Cordon calls for the money to be set aside from income from rental operations of all federal housing properties and from housing reserves. Assurance has been made that President Truman will sign the bill this week.

## THREE GOVERNORS A WEEK

Secretary of State Earl T. Newberry became governor Sunday morning upon crossing the state line into Oregon on his return from Atlantic City, N. J., where he attended the Shrine national convention. On the 10-day trip he made stops at Chicago and Philadelphia to transact state business. Secretary Newberry will function as governor until the return of Governor Hall about July 1.

When Governor Hall left for Portsmouth, N. J., June 9th to attend the National Governors' conference, State Treasurer Leslie M. Scott became governor as Secretary Newberry was on his way to Chicago. Treasurer Scott was governor for five days, from June 9 to 13, intermittently however, as there were several times during that period when Oregon was without a governor. The state was sans governor from Thursday evening, when Governor Scott went to Olympia to meet President Truman, until Friday morning when with the president he flew back and forth over the state line viewing the Columbia flood area. The plane with the president, Major General Philip Fleming, public works administrator, and the governor arrived in Salem at 11 am. Friday where the president met and conferred with Raymond Foley, federal housing and finance administrator. The presidents' party made a short trip of a dozen blocks through downtown Salem but did not stop at the capitol.

During the president's visit to Oregon Lew Wallace, democratic gubernatorial candidate, had more chips on his shoulder than a wooden Indian. He did not like the way the eastern pressario presented the show—and told 'em so. Thousands of eager patriots were left standing on the wrong streets and never got to see the president as a change was made in the routing of the parade at the eleventh hour.

**CAPITAL ROULADE**  
W. Verne McKinney of Hillsboro has been reappointed by Governor Hall to a five-year term



*This Week in History*  
of some of it here

By the Editors of the World Book Encyclopedia

On June 15, 1215—700 years ago this week—a most important historical document was signed—the English Magna Charta or Great Charter, a treaty between the throne and feudal barons which secured certain baronial rights. The Charter, signed reluctantly by King John, was an amplification of an earlier treaty. Revised in later centuries, the Magna Charta was the foundation of civil liberties—eventually its provisions were extended to benefit the entire populace. British colonists brought the Magna Charta with them to America. Its guarantees of freedom were incorporated in the United States Constitution.

on the board of trustees of the Oregon State Library... The reserve fund of the state unemployment compensation commission is nearing the eighty million dollar mark. \$79,588,077 on May 30 this year... For a second time the state department of health has issued a warning on Rocky Mountain spotted fever and advises vaccination against the disease... The tourist flood to Oregon has not been affected by the Columbia flood crisis.

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**Club News**  
Morrow county's group of 4-H club summer school delegates left Tuesday morning, June 15, for ten days of education and recreation at the Oregon State college, Corvallis. They will return on June 25, with Mrs. L. A. McCabe, lone, in charge of the group as chaperone. Club members, Betty and Rieta Graves, Barbara Sherman, Carolyn Johnson, Dorothy French and Allen Hughes, Heppner; Ingrid Hermann, Carletta Olden, June Seehafer, Ruby Ann Rietmann, Lola Ann McCabe, Delores Drake, Patricia Drake, Ronald Baker and Louis Carlson, lone; June Van Winkle, Kenneth and Orville Cutsforth Jr., Lexington; Delores Zivney, Nancy Rands, Gracia Veele, Eleanor Earwood and Ora Ely, Boardman are attending the school. Delegates from Umattila, Morrow, Gilliam and Wheeler counties were transported to Corvallis by two large school buses owned by O. O. Felthouse of Hermiton.

chance to get some prime beef, lamb or pork for your locker. With harvest soon coming up all ranchers will have a harvest crew that will appreciate having some of this choice grain fattened meat.

E. M. Baker, lone, 4-H senior beef club leader, has offered to truck back to the county any Morrow county 4-H beef, sheep or pigs purchased at this sale. Mr. Baker is spending many hours on 4-H club leadership and is doing this to encourage people of Morrow county to give our club program a lift. Why don't you plan to fill your locker with a Morrow county 4-H club animal?

The Wee Little Workers 4-H cooking and sewing club met at the Jasper Meyers home on Butler creek on Saturday, June 5. There were nine members and five guests present.

Members answered roll call with report of their project work completed. After the business meeting a lunch was served by Shirley and Janet Meyers. The next meeting will be at the Howton farm on June 18.

**OVERSEAS NURSE VISITS**  
Joan Williams, R.N., was a guest at the home of Dr. and Mrs. J. D. Palmer last week. Sister of Mrs. Palmer, Miss Williams was in the aerial evacuation service in the Pacific zone in World War II and made eight landings on Leyte to help remove the injured. She is now engaged in extensive cancer research work in New York City.

### FATHER'S DAY SUGGESTIONS

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## 30 YEARS AGO

From Heppner Gazette Times June 20, 1918

Mrs. Charles Thomson died suddenly in Portland Sunday June 16, and is survived by her husband and two sons, Ellis aged seven, and Earl, aged four.

Mrs. Alex Cornett is seriously ill at her home, having suffered another stroke of paralysis today.

Mrs. John Patterson is attending commencement exercises at Monmouth where her niece, Melba Griffith, is graduating from the state normal school. She will teach in the Corvallis schools next year.

Mr. and Mrs. Hugh C. Githens and daughter Bernice left Saturday by auto for western Oregon, their ultimate destination being Monmouth where they will attend the commencement exercises at Oregon normal. Miss Lera Githens is graduating from the Institution She has already been employed to teach at Halfway, Oregon, the coming year.

George Verdut, a local businessman, and Miss Marie Shupp of Jennings, Okla., were married by City Recorder J. P. Williams Tuesday evening.

Charles Pointer, well known farmer of the Lexington section, was brought to the Heppner sanatorium Sunday by Drs. Chick and Purkey. He underwent an operation at once and is now on the road to recovery.

Mrs. A. E. Binns and son Kenneth returned the last of the week from Portland where Kenneth completed his course at the Lincoln high school.

The local train stopped 17 times Monday night between Heppner Junction and this city to put out grass fires which had started from sparks from the locomotive.

Mr. and Mrs. John Turner of Baker were week-end visitors in Heppner and lone.

Mrs. Allen Case returned from Portland Friday following a brief vacation in the city.

Sidney Van Schoiack spent a couple of days here this week visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Cleve Van Schoiack. Sidney is a member of the state police with headquarters at John Day.

The War Assets Administration recently sold 5,443 combat aircraft located at Kingman Field, Ariz., for \$2,780,000 (original cost was \$1,157,000,000). When the buyer inventoried his purchase he found 38 more planes than had been stated on the bill of sale, not to mention 3 million gallons of high octane gas, 650,000 gallons of used oil, and a large quantity of hydraulic fluid. All of which he was allowed to keep. It seems that the WAA had again failed to take an accurate inventory. Oh well, the extras only set the government back about \$10 million and that can easily be made up in taxes.

## FATHER'S DAY...

**JUNE 20th**  
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