

River Rips Cribbs Water Goes Wild

THREE CRIBBS ARE TORN LOOSE BY CURRENT

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to the bank, just below the breach by a three-inch cable. The cable, an old hi-line gut from Boulder dam, ran up the bank, under the Concrete Engineering company's field office, under a railroad spur track to a "dead-man" buried deep in the ground.

As the full force of the rampaging river threw itself against the strain, the cable sung like a pow-string. Records and maps were removed from the office. Shortly after the strain became too much and the tightened cable ripped the office from its foundations, tearing the plumbing loose, raised the side-track off the ground and snapped.

The huge cribs, 60-foot square boxes of heavy timbers and steel, rolled under the released pressure and started down river. Tugs immediately set out in chase. The cable snapped at about 8:30 in the evening, and under darkened skies, the fleet of boats scurried after the runaway, beating the maddened waters to foam.

The Warco, of Cascade Locks, powerful diesel tug, finally overtook the spinning masses of timber and succeeded in warping them into the shore just this side of the Oneonta tunnel. There the battered and mangled cribs were tied to the shore to await their fate. Whether they will be towed back to the job or abandoned and broken up was not known. There isn't sufficient power on the river to haul them up in the face of present current, and the cribs are too deep to permit of moving when the water goes down.

But the battle wasn't over. It was just beginning. Columbia Construction company's big "whirley" crane, resting on a shelf of the bank by the inundated crib-ways, stood almost up to her cab in the rising water. Biting currents, caused by serious undercutting of the bank, were eating away the foundations upon which it stands. Engineers expected momentarily to see the heavy machine with its 90-foot boom topple

into the deep hole that awaits it.

Should it go in, nothing can be done to salvage it until after high water.

Most serious of all, however, is the rapid eating away of the Washington shore bank around the section to be occupied by the dam abutment and fishways. Rip-rap of heavy rocks failed to hold and the porous rock that constitutes the formation of the shore-line was rapidly becoming solvent as swollen current forced seepage and undercut protecting banks.

Readings of the water level were cut off shortly after the temporary fishways gave in, as the gauge located on crib 22 was carried away. When last read, some fifteen or twenty minutes before it went, water stood at 43.9 feet, and by Friday morning was estimated at better than 44 feet with further rises coming down.

CUPID SCORES BY TWO DIRECT HITS

The little rascal who gets so much fun out of archery has been at it again, as late reports reach us of the desertion of Miss Kay Ryan of National Commissary from the camp and her sudden trip to Eugene.

The fortunate gentleman who will take her from the admiring eyes of all who knew her here, is M. B. Kehr, who is superintendent in a logging camp in the south.

Mrs. Kehr, after spending a few days in her new home, returned to Bonneville for a few days to complete her work here. She will leave shortly to join her husband. But the marksmanship of the tousel-headed little cherub proved itself again when the following telegram reached here this week.

"Cupid on rampage stop better catch him stop clip wings disarm him stop Eddie Dugan shot through heart and stepped over traces yesterday stop immediate action required to save organization stop"

Yes, we'll guess with you, but it's too far away to investigate. Yuma, Arizona, you know. Anyway, it's spring and stuff, and a young man's fancies lightly turn to what the women have been thinking about all winter, or somethin'.

WALTONS DINE AT SPECIAL FUNCTION

Local Waltonites were treated to an extraordinary occasion the evening of May 11, when the Bonneville Women's club sponsored a dinner for the group in the civic auditorium which featured a distinguished guest list and a fine program of speeches and comments.

Key orator of the evening was that well-known and venerated naturalist, William F. Finley. In addressing the newly organized group, Finley discussed at some length the relationship between the vitally important conservation of game and resources to the economic and industrial aspect of our present mode of living.

It is his contention that without conservation of natural resources there can be no market for the power and products of such a project as the Bonneville dam. Without our vast timber stand, the ground will be eroded. Without animal life the charm of the forest is lost. Conservation is the keynote of our economic status.

Game Warden Gramse of Hood River was one of the group of prominent guests who discussed the fishlocks and ways being installed in the dam with Finley and Albert Wiesendanger, senior forest ranger, of the Eagle Creek camp. Finley expressed satisfaction with the changes that have recently been instigated in their construction.

Heading the group of visitors was Chester E. McCarthy, state president of the Izaak Walton league. It will be recalled that McCarthy's name was on the ballot in the primaries for the position now held by Judge Winters in the circuit court.

Mat Corrigan, state director of the league at McMinnville; Dr. M. Arch Milligan, state director at Portland, a past president; William T. Lambert, state secretary; Hugh Fortner, U.S.E.D. and member of the Portland chapter; Homer Wyatt, of the Portland chapter; Albert Wiesendanger, senior forest ranger at Eagle Creek, and Fred L. McGee, president of the local Izaak Walton chapter, composed the main group.

Following the dinner and main address, a discussion was held concerning the fate of the Columbia river salmon and their particular characteristics. The matter of fishlocks in relation to the salmon's behavior seemed to be the bone of contention, and many theories were ex-

Cascade Locks

Mr. and Mrs. Lester Sprague and their daughters Eileen and Ella went to Mollala, Sunday to visit relatives. Grant Covis drove them down.

Mr. and Mrs. L. McCormick and their children, Billy and Joan returned this week from a visit with relatives in Helena, Montana.

Mr. and Mrs. Howell visited in the area last week. Howell, it will be remembered, was formerly superintendent of the Bonneville fish hatchery and is now in that capacity at a hatchery in Marshfield.

Miss Theodora Gusafson, Miss Ethel McRae, Miss Ruth Buche, Miss Helen Caldwell and Miss Maragret Lacey were early supper guests of Mrs. Robert H. Stevenson at her home in Bonneville, Thursday afternoon and evening. The party was in effect a farewell for the summer vacation.

Mrs. Eric Jansson entertained the following teachers Thursday afternoon: The Misses MacRae, Gustafson, Caldwell, Lacey, Buche and Mrs. Druse. Coffee and strawberry shortcake were served.

Also in the grocery field of changes this week, it was announced that Chapman, who has been operating the old Andrews market, will now establish himself in business in his new location with Howard Harrison for assistant.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Warren were visitors in the district last Sunday. They stopped at the R. H. Stevenson home in Bonneville enroute but found nobody home.

pounded concerning the feasibility and operating possibilities of the locks now under construction. The outcome was in favor of the locks.

This meeting was one of the largest that has been held in the state for some time, and the local chapter may consider itself extremely favored to have been visited by such outstanding members.

In consideration of the excellent recruiting work done for the local group, Chester E. McCarthy, state president, presented car radiator emblems of the league to the three winners, Bob White, Hank Mays and F. L. McGee. These are now being proudly displayed by their winners.

RIVER DROPS AS INTERIOR COOLS

Following closely upon the sudden rises that sent the Columbia river on a rampage tearing up cofferdams and washing out banks at the dam, weather in the interior regions bordering the Columbia basin took a sharp drop this week, sending the maddened river on the down hill for a few days.

Flow Monday morning stood at 520,000 cubic feet per second, which is considerably higher than the peak of last year's freshet. By Tuesday morning the water had dropped to 501,000 cubic feet per second and engineers were anticipating 485,000 by Wednesday.

From that day on the drop will be at a lessened rate until warm weather again sends the river on the up-hill climb. Data from the Geodetic Survey office showed enough snow in the mountains to bring down another flood equal to the famous freshet of 1894, but it would require about two weeks steady hot weather in the interior to do so.

Such a condition is extremely unlikely but additional rises are expected before the major run-off has exhausted itself and the river goes down for the year.

Engineers took advantage of the lull to prepare against the unforeseen and dropped rock ballast around the south abutment fishlock works. This, it is expected, will prevent serious undercutting or by-passing of water around the anchor wall or wing-walls should the river go higher than Monday's stage.

All concrete pouring on the piers of the main dam was at a standstill this week. It was understood that the pouring had been discontinued during the high-water season because the tremendous pressure of the water against the piers was causing a vibration in them that would not allow of a proper setting of the concrete. Pouring will be resumed when the pressure has been released sufficiently to obliterate this vibration.

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