

REMOVAL OF WRECKAGE IN WILLOW CREEK VALLEY UNCOVERS SIX MORE BODIES OF THE VICTIMS OF FLOOD



Husky Laborers Cry Like Children When They Find Remains of Little Girl.

LEXINGTON, Or., June 19.—The number of corpses in Willow Creek Valley which are yet unaccounted for is estimated from the fact that in searching less than a mile of the canyon the relief parties from Baker City, Sumner and Ione found six bodies in seven hours' work. The bridge crews of the Oregon Railway and Navigation Company, although not looking for bodies, unearthed four while clearing away debris from the culverts. At this rate there still must be more than fifty dead in the valley. It was by turning over to-day that of W. L. Salling, Assessor of Morrow County, whose wife was also drowned. The body was found amidst a mass of hallstones, which had preserved it from decay. It was lying face downward about three miles below Heppner. Another body was that of a Chinaman, for the recovery of which his countrymen in Heppner had offered a reward of \$200. This money will be turned over by the Baker City relief party to the general relief fund. Near the Chinaman was found the corpse of Mrs. Gurdane, wife of Heppner's City Marshal. Mrs. Gurdane's body had been stripped of all her clothing, but the body was well preserved. Gurdane, who has ever since the disaster worked heroically caring for the injured and the dead, broke down when the body was found.

feel easy at night if it was stormy. Why, I wouldn't sleep a wink.

HEAVY FALL OF HAILSTONES. Thousands of tons of large hailstones fell with the water when the cloud burst near Heppner. So numerous and heavy were these icy globules that some of the wrecked houses are half-filled with them. The turntable at Heppner is nearly filled to the top with ice, although five days of warm weather have passed. In one place the rain of icy pellets killed a flock of blackbirds. To these hailstones also must be attributed much of the desolate appearance of the deluged land. Now that the water has dried the valley appears as though it had been scoured with some gigantic sheet of sandpaper. Along the entire length of the canyon the trees and grass have been bent downward by the passing flood, and a plaster of mud keeps the lighter vegetation permanently in this inclined position. Every plank or timber which was swept onward by the flood was stripped of paint and splintered by the grinding currents. For all this the enormous masses of hailstones are held partly responsible. The hail was evidently precipitated with the cloudburst and in such volume that, propelled by the water, the frozen pellets tore through the valley like buckshot from a gun.

RELIEF PARTIES KEPT BUSY.

The first systematic effort to search the valley for bodies was made to-day and much amazement was expressed at the unexpected magnitude of the task, as there had been little idea that the piles of wreckage were so extensive. Altogether about one hundred men from the volunteer relief parties were engaged in this work to-day. They will continue it to-morrow, after which it is probable they will return to their homes and the work will be abandoned.

The three relief parties working in the valley are equipped with pitchforks, grappling irons and teams.

"You wouldn't expect it," said Superintendent O'Brien, "that the Italian section hands would be sentimental, but when they found the bodies of a little girl and a woman in the wreckage of the track some of the husky laborers cried like children. After that they would scarcely stick a pick into the debris they were clearing away for fear it should stick into a corpse."

Land in the valley has depreciated in value about \$10 an acre. "My farm," said a Lexington rancher to-day, "was worth \$20 an acre before the flood. I will sell it to-day for \$10. The farm will produce just as much as before, but I want to go away. I do not want to live in a region where my mind will always be uneasy. Every time it rains in Willow Creek Valley I will worry for fear a torrent of water should come raging down the creek. Do you suppose I could ever

DEATH LIST IS GROWING.

Body of the Assessor of Morrow County Among Those Recovered.

HEPPNER, Or., June 19.—Six more bodies were recovered to-day. They were those of Will L. Salling, Assessor of Morrow County; Mrs. Douglas Gurdane, Bessie Paul, Gertrude Ford, E. C. Ashbaugh's child and a Chinese.

Mrs. Mary Paul was working with others in the morgue when the mud covered form of a child was brought up the stairway and laid upon the cleansing table. She took up a sponge and wiped the mud from the face of the little one. Suddenly she screamed in bitter grief. The bruised features of her little daughter Bessie were before her.

Gertrude Ford was a child from the Boys' and Girls' Aid Society of Portland. When her three sisters are at present, the society had secured a home for her with Mrs. J. F. Willis of Heppner. The body was interred to-day by direction of Harry Holly, agent of the Boys' and Girls' Aid Society. Holly had been sent to Heppner to look after the four orphaned children of Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Gunn, victims of the flood, the Mayor of Detroit having telegraphed to Mayor Williams of Portland to see that the orphans be sent to Detroit, where relatives await them. They range from 5 to 10 years of age and the burial of their mother yesterday is said to have presented one of the most pathetic scenes of the great tragedy.

Philadelphia Sends Aid.

PHILADELPHIA, June 19.—In response to a telegram from Mayor Frank Gillan of Heppner, Or., asking for relief for the flood sufferers of that city, a special meeting of the citizens' permanent relief committee was held to-day. A dispatch was sent to Mayor Gillan directing him to draw upon the Treasurer for \$1000. It was also decided to contribute \$2000 additional to aid the Kansas flood sufferers.

Butte Extends Financial Aid.

BUTTE, Mont., June 19.—At to-night's special meeting of the City Council \$500 was appropriated for the flood sufferers at Heppner, Oregon.

There are six canals connected with the Thames, which extend altogether 334 miles.



SCENES AT HEPPNER AFTER CLOUDBURST AND FLOOD HAD WRECKED THE TOWN

ADVERTISEMENTS.

Schilling's Best systematic supply and dealing puts money-back

tea baking-powder spices
coffee flavoring extracts soda

at your grocer's—if he is a good one, of course.

RIVER STEAMER RUNS INTO SHIP

BENICIA, June 19.—A serious accident occurred on the bay near here late last night. The Union Transportation Company's steamer Onisbo, on her way from San Francisco to Stockton heavily loaded with passengers and freight, ran into the British ship Castle Rock, anchored in the harbor off Dillon's Point. A large hole was knocked in the hull of the Onisbo and she rapidly filled with water. The fires were put out and it was with difficulty that she was run on the mud flats in time to avoid loss of life.

The Onisbo was in charge of Pilot William Jarvis, who is considered a competent man and who has had several years' experience as pilot on the river. Why he allowed the Onisbo to run three-quarters of a mile out of her course and into a vessel at anchor in the harbor is unexplained. The lookout and several of the passengers aboard say they told him of the danger and shouted to him to change his course as they could plainly see the vessel ahead.

The passengers on board the steamer say that the accident was undoubtedly due to carelessness as the night was clear. Those on deck say that the accident could easily have been avoided had the pilot been attending to his duty. Jarvis claims that the steering gear was out of order.

Great excitement prevailed among the passengers after the collision, but the steamer was run on the mudflats and the passengers were landed here without loss of life. One of the other steamers of the Union Transportation Company arrived here to-day and all the freight from the Onisbo was transferred and taken to Stockton. It is thought the Onisbo can be beached here and temporary repairs made to her hull to allow her being towed to San Francisco for general repairs.

LOST FOR DAYS IN MOUNTAINS

SAN BERNARDINO, June 19.—After roaming for three days and nights over the mountains without food and with but little water, Frank Wetzel, aged 20 years, has reached his home in this city, gaunt and haggard in appearance and terribly weakened by suffering.

Wetzel and two friends went on a fishing excursion to Deer Creek, and after pitching camp he rode off toward the mountains. As he was about to return with him into the mountains, Wetzel had completely lost his bearings long before the horse stopped, and then began the fruitless search for the camp and his friends.

During the three days and nights that followed Wetzel suffered untold agonies. His horse, jaded and weary, fell to the earth on the second night and was left to die under the pines. Wetzel stumbled on, followed by his faithful dog Dewey. As he groped his way on through the night, now stumbling across the fallen trunk of a tree, now tearing his clothing on the thorns and broken branches of the underbrush, the faithful animal would tug at his sleeve, trying in his dumb way to urge him onward.

When the wanderer was at times obliged to lie down from sheer exhaustion the cold mountain air chilled his limbs, and only violent exertion restored the waning vitality.

"The dog finally dropped behind in the tireless struggle. Deep fogs rolled over the mountains and Wetzel wandered hopelessly along.

"As the suffering increased," said Wetzel to-day in telling of his thrilling experience, "I became afraid that I would be tempted to kill myself if help did not soon arrive. In order to forestall this terrible possibility I emptied the chambers

KLONDIKE YIELD SHOWS INCREASE

VANCOUVER, B. C., June 19.—A special from Dawson says from three to five million dollars more gold dust will be taken from the Klondike this season than last year, according to the estimates of officials, mine-owners and bank managers. Returns so far are turning out very well and on some branches of the older creeks, El Dorado, Bonanza and Hufter, the claims are being made to yield more than ever before. Duncan Creek is turning out to be a second El Dorado and a couple of million dollars will come from there before the end of the clean-up season is at hand. Duncan is the best of all the new camps and lots in the new town, site are selling at prices previously unheard of in a new locality in the north. The banks are taking in large amounts of gold daily and large crafts are being transferred to the outside. Steamers starting for upstream points are all crowded and it is thought that between 1500 and 2000 people will leave for the outside cities before the end of the month. Travel outward promises to be heavier than last year.

of my revolver and threw the cartridges away.

Three days and three nights passed, and then on the morning of the fourth day there sounded on the silence of the air the shrill tone of a whistle. It came from Suvertrup & Hook's lumber mills and was the one note of hope for which the lost boy had been praying might be sent him. A few minutes later he wandered into the logging camp, where he was taken in charge by the workmen. Small morsels of food were given him at first, together with little sips of water, and in this manner his life was saved.

It is estimated that Wetzel traveled about 200 miles during his wanderings.

PREFERS DEATH TO PRISON CELL

CHICAGO, June 19.—Charles Burns, a prize-fighter, recently arrived from San Francisco, shot and killed himself to-night to escape being captured by the police. Burns had insulted a woman walking along Cottage Grove avenue and when she cried for help Burns ran.

Several men, hearing the woman's screams, started after Burns, who sought refuge in Washington Park. He concealed himself in the thick foliage on the edge of the park, but was quickly discovered by the mob chasing him, which had now assumed good-sized proportions. Burns held the crowd back with a revolver until the police arrived. A call from them for Burns to surrender was answered by a pistol shot. Burns was found fatally wounded by a shot over the heart.

"Rough House" Burns spent last winter on this coast, and was sent East some weeks since by the sporting men. He could never have made any pretensions to class, his battered visage bearing evidence of the punishment he had taken in eking out a livelihood in the ring. He was defeated by Harry Foley and Dave Barry while here. Foley knocked him down thirty-eight times during their fight, but he came back each time. Once when he seemed completely out a flashlight photograph was taken. The explosion of the powder aroused Burns, who stood up and continued fighting.

Burns was a close friend of Monk Co. Burns, the jockey, who got into difficulty with the racetrack authorities at Harlem track on Thursday.

BAKERSFIELD, June 19.—Mining men of Bakersfield are now of the opinion that the Yellow Aster Mining Company will give in to the strikers and pay the scale demanded as soon as the mills and pumping plant are again cleaned up.

DENIAL COMES FROM CLEVELAND

Special Dispatch to The Call.

PRINCETON, N. J., June 19.—Grover Cleveland, on being shown the alleged interview represented by Mr. Bailey of the Galveston News, made the following statement to-day:

"I am very much astonished to see such an outcome by one who only gained friendly access to me by reason of his being the representative of a paper formerly conducted and owned by my deceased friend, Colonel Belo, and now conducted by his son.

"I do not know whether Bailey intended it or not, but he has given a very erroneous impression of what occurred between us. If I had dreamed that he would attempt to construct an important interview dealing with important subjects out of what was said on the occasion of his visit I would certainly have insisted, according to my habit, upon its being then and there reduced to writing and submitted to me. Instead of gaining the least intimation of such an intention on his part his first words were that he knew an ex-President was not a person to be interviewed, and he left me without the least hint that I had been interviewed for publication.

"All I care to add is that the substance of the interview as published is, in some respects grossly, inaccurate. There are statements in it attributed to me that I certainly would not have made to a person no nearer to me and no more in my confidence than Mr. Bailey.

WASHINGTON, June 19.—C. M. Bailey, Washington correspondent of the Galveston Daily News, said to-night with reference to Mr. Cleveland's statement, that the former President must have overlooked the letter he (Bailey) sent Mr. Cleveland, and the reply of the latter, when he intimated that he had not known Bailey was there with the purpose of obtaining his views for publication.

"I would gladly have submitted my copy of Mr. Cleveland's statement to Mr. Bailey, if he had requested it, and if there is any inaccuracy in any part of my story I regret it, but, as no specification is made as to inaccurate statements, I cannot know to what part the criticism is offered. Certainly there was no purpose to do Mr. Cleveland any injustice, and the story published shows its tone was kindly throughout."

CHANGE OF TIME.

North Shore Railroad.

Commencing Saturday, June 20, trains for Cazadero, etc., leave San Francisco at 8 a. m. and 4:30 p. m.; Point Reyes accommodation at 9:20 a. m. Instead of 9:20 a. m. Sausalito ferry, connecting with trains for San Rafael, Ross Valley, Mill Valley, etc., will depart at 6:40, 7:20, 8, 8:40, 9:20, 10, 11 a. m.; 12, 1, 2, 3, 4, 4:40, 5:20, 6:15, 7, 8:45, 9:20 a. m. Arrive San Francisco at 6:25, 7, 7:45, 8:20, 9, 9:40, 10:25, 11:40 a. m.; 12:40, 1:40, 2:40, 3:40, 4:20, 5:40, 6:55, 8:15, 9:15 and 10:10 p. m. Nineteen trains each way between San Francisco and San Rafael and intermediate points via the North Shore Railroad.

Coast Batteries Break a Record.

SAN DIEGO, June 19.—The members of the One Hundred and Fifteenth and One Hundred and Thirtieth Batteries of Coast Artillery claim to have broken the coast record in the target practice at Fort Rosecrans to-day. Of ten shots fired from ten-inch rifles two struck the small target and eight struck within the space of a man-of-war. Of seventeen shots from rapid fire guns two struck the small target and fifteen within the space of a man-of-war.

Fire Destroys Wheat Field.

WILLOWS, June 19.—Sparks from a passing locomotive set fire to the growing wheat on Sam Culbertson's place, near Logansdale, last night and the flames destroyed 200 acres of the growing grain. The grain was insured.