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HIGH WATER DOES DAMAGE

Bridges-On Clearwater Go Out and Kooskia, Stites and White Bird Suffer From the Floods—Two Girls Drown.

The heavy storm of last Monday put all the streams of central Idaho on the rampage and the high water did great damage to several towns located near the streams in this county. At White Bird the creek got out of its banks that afternoon and washed away three dwellings and two warehouses and badly damaged the new concrete block school house, which had the foundation undermined and one wing collapsed. The houses washed away belonged to Frank Freeman and Jake Crooks and the McEvars home was set on fire and burned to the ground. The creek got out of its banks and cut a new channel down the main street, damaging the town severely, and the water got into several of the stores and other business houses, doing material damage. At one time it was reported that the town had been entirely swept away but this proved to be a false rumor.

Along the Clearwater the storm did further damage. The warm rain melted much of the snow in the low mountains, causing the stream to rise rapidly, and the bridges at Stites and Kooskia were washed away Tuesday afternoon, as was also the smaller structure at Harpster. Several small bridges along the South Fork were carried away by high water a few weeks ago and this latest freshet leaves all the country south of Kamiah isolated from the rest of the county. The Stites bridge was carried down stream but the Kooskia bridge, which was a new structure, grounded between that place and Kamiah. It was feared for a time that the wagon and railroad bridges at Kamiah would be carried out but they were saved by hard work on the part of citizens of that town.

At Stites the stream entered the town and flooded several residences, doing considerable damage, while at Kooskia water was several feet deep in the streets and several houses with their contents were washed away. At this place the South Fork and Middle Fork join just below town and the back water from the two streams soon put the entire town under water. The damage there is estimated at fully \$10,000 and may amount to much more than this figure when the water recedes and the full damage can be determined. Many small farms along the river and tributary streams were badly damaged by the freshet and many buildings and small bridges washed away and at least one team and several single horses were seen going down stream Tuesday and Wednesday.

At Lewiston two little girls, daughters of Calvin Boyer, fell into the river while playing at the water's edge and were carried beneath the surface almost before their father, who was at work nearby, had heard their cry of alarm. The bodies have not yet been recovered.

The streams are now receding somewhat but with warm weather at hand and the mountains still full of snow it is expected the water will reach another high mark during the present month and perhaps exceed all records in recent years.

Sam Hamill, of Greencreek, purchased a Buick-four car this week from John Hoene.

Cottonwood Has New Orchestra

Cottonwood is soon to have a cracker-jack five to ten piece orchestra unless something happens to deprive us of one of the most important musicians. The members got together Saturday evening for the first time at Nau's Furniture store and again on Sunday put in several hours trying out some new music and from the way they were able to produce music we predict that they will in a short time be able to give cards and spades to any similar organization on top of the hill and win out by several laps. Those composing the orchestra thus far and the instruments played are as follows: Violin, Fred Oenning; first cornet, G. E. MacCarter; trombone, J. B. Hatt-rup; second cornet, Harold Simon; piano, Anna Peterson. It is probable that Dr. Orr, violinist, will join; it is also planned to add a saxophone, clarinets and drums to the organization, and as most of the proposed members are musicians of many years' experience it will not be difficult to create one of the best musical organizations ever maintained in this portion of the state.

The new orchestra made its first public appearance at the concert given by the band Wednesday evening and made a decided hit with the local public.

While Mr. Oenning has not yet decided to locate here permanently it is hoped that he may secure suitable employment to enable him to call Cottonwood his future home and remain with the orchestra, as he has played the violin for years and is an accomplished orchestra leader.

Burglars Busy at Grangeville

Grangeville, May 26.—Four burglaries in the business district netting a trifle over \$20, were discovered this morning when the establishments were opened for business. Entrance to each building was effected through the rear and the officers are confident the four jobs were done by the same person or persons. The view is held that local parties are responsible for the burglaries and that they were committed after the night policeman went off duty at 3 o'clock this morning.

A sum of \$12 was secured from the pool room conducted by Edgington brothers. The money secured was in small change. The Miller Implement store was entered and \$3 was secured from the cash register and a revolver and two flashlights were taken from the stock. Day's barber shop was entered and \$5 in cash was secured from the till, while the City meat market furnished 55 cents to the burglars.

Will Serve Jail Term

Moscow, May 26. The term of the federal court was concluded today and the court officers will leave in the morning for Coeur d'Alene where court will be convened on May 31.

Judge Dietrich this morning passed sentence upon four of the defendants, guilty of violating the federal liquor laws. The defendants and the sentences imposed are:

Ethel Johnson, known as Billie Tatko, two months in the Nez Perce county jail at Lewiston and a fine of \$100.

Frank White, two months in the Latah county jail and a fine of \$100.

Edward Smith, three months in the Nez Perce county jail at Lewiston and a fine of \$100.

James Manley, eight months in the Latah county jail and a fine of \$100.

You MUST Register!

In accordance with the proclamation of President Wilson, ratified by Congress, the United States Government has designated

Tuesday, June 5th,

as the day upon which every man in the United States between the ages of 21 and 30 years, both inclusive, MUST appear before a registrar duly appointed in each voting precinct of the county, and subscribe to the oath therefor provided before such registrar or registrars, between the hours of 7 A. M. and 9 P. M. of said day. This registration is compulsory and if you have reached your 21st birthday and are not yet 31 you must register. Failure to comply with this order will mean imprisonment for one year and compulsory registration at the end of the term. Registrars must report all failures of registration within their precinct, under penalty of imprisonment.

J. V. NASH IS REGISTRAR IN THIS PRECINCT. SEE HIM TUESDAY.

Commencement Exercises Were Excellent

The commencement exercises of the graduating class of the Cottonwood high school were held last Friday evening at the K. C. hall and were among the best ever given in the city, a large crowd being out to hear the program arranged for the occasion and to see the graduates receive their diplomas. While only three students graduated this term from the high school, the eighth grade turned out a class of nine and as time passes the class completing the high school course promises to grow larger from year to year. The program opened with an invocation by Rev. E. A. K. Grant and was followed by a salutary address by Miss Dean Waters, an eighth grade graduate. The valedictory was delivered by Miss Meta Schroeder and the address of the evening was delivered to the graduates by Prof. H. L. Talkington, of the Lewiston normal school, who took as his subject "The Heroic Pioneers of the Pacific Northwest." His address was a particularly fine one and unique in that it departed entirely from the subjects usually chosen for such occasions and called the attention of the graduates to the beauty and true worth of the every-day hero who meets and solves life's problems as they confront one.

During the evening the high school orchestra rendered several nice selections and piano selections were rendered by Mildred Stevenson, Anna Peterson and Vivian Baker.

Following the close of the commencement exercises a dance was given by the high school orchestra to the members of the graduating class.

The high school graduates were Misses Meta Schroeder and Bessie Williams and J. B. McDonald.

Gun Club Improving

The gun club boys got out after the clay birds again Sunday afternoon and some of them materially improved their records over those of the previous Sunday, showing that they have the making of some excellent shots with proper practice. Next Sunday they will have another session at the traps and at that time expect to have several members of the former Grangeville club in attendance and possibly an expert from the outside. The following Sunday they intend dividing the team into squads and going out after squirrels, with perhaps the losing side putting up the eats for the winners after the contest.

Following is the Sunday score, each man having shot at twenty-five birds: Bryan, 21; G. Lange, 18; Reed, 16; Malerich, 12; F. Lange, 18; Thompson, 17; Weigand, 17; Humphrey, 5; Wirrer, 14; Hamlin, 13.

Band Concert Was a Grand Success

The concert and entertainment given by the Cottonwood band Wednesday evening proved a great success and an agreeable surprise to the local public. The hall was comfortably filled with people who came out to hear the band boys' first efforts in the entertainment line and all were loud in praise of the ability shown and now realize that our little city possesses much more musical talent than many had believed. The work of the orchestra, which had been organized less than a week, was particularly good and elicited rounds of applause, while the violin solo by Dr. Orr brought down the house. The vocal selections by the male quartet were also fine and the boys came in for repeated encores. They are showing marked ability in the vocal line and we predict great success for some of them in future years if they continue their instruction. The concert closed with a number of selections by the full band and, when we remember that the band has been practicing less than six months and suffered a serious back-set through losing several members who enlisted in the Idaho national guard last spring, the boys must be congratulated on the progress they have made. They are now playing some pretty difficult music for beginners and at the present rate of progress will soon be able to hold their own creditably with most organizations of the kind in this part of the state.

Observe Memorial Day

For the first time in many years Memorial Day exercises were held publicly in Cottonwood Wednesday and were quite generally attended, many citizens taking part and quite a number coming in from the country to participate in the exercises. The band rendered a couple of selections on the street at two o'clock and at 2:30 the crowd gathered at the K. C. hall where a program was rendered, after which the old soldiers present, A. B. Rooke, I. M. Julian, Col. Walker and Mr. Jenkins, were taken to the cemetery by auto where they decorated the graves of their departed comrades.

Following is the program:
Opening Prayer... Rev. E. A. K. Grant
"America"..... Cottonwood Band
"Red, White and Blue"..... Audience
Chairman..... Geo. M. Robertson
Address..... Lieut. Gov. Parker
Lincoln's Gettysburg Address...
..... Miss Agnes Gaul
"Dixie"..... Band
Address..... F. S. Wimer
Solo..... Herbert Kleeman
Address..... M. M. Belknap
"Banner of Beauty"..... Quartet
"Star Spangled Banner"..... Audience

Mrs. Giezantner and mother intend leaving Sunday for Spokane on a visit. Mrs. Wimer will remain there for some time.

NEWS AROUND THE STATE

Items From Various Places

Reproduced for the Benefit of our Readers—Stories Refreshed from Exchanges.

A farmer and his team were killed by lightning while at work in the field, near Driggs last week.

Loss to lumber mills on the Spokane, St. Joe and St. Maries rivers, due to the flood waters, will be close to \$500,000.

George Bruun, a well known farmer residing at St. Maries, was drowned Saturday while trying to rescue a drowning child at St. Joe. He leaves a wife and five children.

A 4-year old child at Rathdrum was killed Saturday by being kicked in the stomach by a horse. The child was at the home of its grandparents and its father was in Montana.

Earl Wright, a 9-year old boy, was drowned in Lake Pend Oreille late last week while fishing. He fell off some logs and was carried out into the lake before his companions could rescue him.

Walter S. Bruce has resigned as a member of the state board of education. Bruce voted against accepting the resignations of Dr. Sisson, Dean Ayres and Dean Shattuck, all of whom were recently dismissed from the state university at Moscow.

William Comfort, a former resident of the Winchester and Forest country, committed suicide in the jail at Moscow late last week by drinking carbolic acid. He had entered a plea of guilty to the charge of selling liquor in a prohibition territory and was being held in jail until sentenced. He was 43 years old and unmarried.

The Misses Horlacher, two young ladies of the Lewiston section, had quite a rough experience with a Ford car late last week when the car ran backward down a hill and overturned, catching them beneath it and injuring them severely. They were held beneath the car for some time until help could reach them and but for prompt aid from their mother who pried the car up with a rail one of the girls would have been crushed to death before other help could have reached them.

Claud Craig is working twenty-five horses this week cultivating his bean ground. He is going to plant 375 acres in beans and expects to thoroughly cultivate the ground at least three times before planting. His idea is to kill the weeds before the beans are planted thus eliminating much of the hoeing. Claud says the recent showers have put the ground in splendid condition for cultivating and he feels confident that with anything like favorable weather conditions for the rest of the season crops will be good. —Kendrick Gazette.

Dan Ruth, arrested recently near Weiser on suspicion of being implicated in the killing of his cousin, Thomas Cavanagh, has confessed to the officers and claims Cavanagh was shot accidentally at his claim and that Ruth hauled the body to his father's farm and concealed it, later claiming to have found it and reported the find to the officers. Cavanagh was a Yale graduate and quite well to do. James Elliott, a brother-in-law of Ruth, who was arrested on suspicion,

has been released. His wife, a cousin of Cavanagh, has gone insane from the shock of the tragedy.

Sandpoint, May 23.—Sheriff Remer has two Hudson super-sixes in the sheriff's yard which will probably be sold to the highest bidder as a result of a haul at the ferry at Clarksfork shortly before midnight Wednesday when Constable Dougherty, lying in wait for some Montana horse-stealers, took the two automobiles and four men into custody for transporting booze. Forty cases of Sunnybrook whiskey were in the two automobiles. Two of the men got away from the constable and his assistants who had been deputized to assist him in his midnight vigil. The autos were the property of Spokane parties.

Armour Co. Buys Stanton Co.

Spokane, Wn., May 29.—Control of the E. H. Stanton company, operating a meat packing plant in east Spokane, has been purchased by Armour & Co., of Chicago.

The officials did not state the consideration, although it is understood the Armour interests have purchased 4,600 shares, or approximately 80 per cent. The actual money transaction, which includes name, goodwill and an increased stock value has not been made public.

The company is capitalized at \$600,000; there being 6,000 shares at \$100 each.

Stock raisers and cattlemen throughout the territory have been watching the dickering between the two companies with a great deal of interest and are almost a unit in considering entrance of the Armour interests into the field as an asset to the stock business. Representative growers point out that their world-wide distributing system and sales organization will stabilize local markets.

William A. Huntley, vice president of the Exchange National bank, and himself a stock raiser, sees in the acquisition of the plant by the Armour interest a new policy in the stock marketing business.

"Mr. Stanton could never get interested in the policy of having stock shipped to the yards here," he said, "and put on the open market. He always wanted it sent to Stanton & Co. A change in this policy, and the creation of a great open stock market here is one of the logical sequences of the Armour's entrance into this field. It will be a very great thing for the grower."

George P. Robbins, vice president of the Armour company who conducted negotiations for the purchase of the Stanton plant, was tendered a luncheon at the Hotel Davenport today by 150 Spokane business men. Mr. Robbins, in a brief speech, predicted a most rapid development of the live stock business in this section.

The Seven Mile Road

The Seven mile road committee have been delaying because of the engineer not getting the blue prints out, but part of them have been received and the others are promised in a few days. The committee as well as the people are anxious to let the contract and several big outfits want to bid on the same. —Kamiah Progress.

Lieutenant Governor Parker was called to Kooskia yesterday to investigate the seriousness of flood conditions in that town, an appeal having been sent in from that place to Governor Alexander for state aid. The governor wired Mr. Parker to investigate and report.