

COMMAND WAS, THOU SHALT NOT STEAL

Title to Flood-Scattered Property Remains in Owner.

Prosecuting Attorney Chamberlin Sounds Note of Warning to Any One Who Appropriates Valuables Found in Flood Wreckage.

Some people act, no matter what the circumstances, upon the theory that "finders is keepers." This has been illustrated in sundry cases since the flood, personal property of various kinds, scattered widely by the turbulent waters, being picked up and appropriated by the finders without any effort or intention to restore to the rightful owners. Aside from any consideration of humanity or conscience, such acts are in direct violation of the law, as Prosecuting Attorney Chamberlin points out in the following signed statement:

"There seems to be an impression among certain persons that any one finding property washed away by high water has the right to retain it. The law of 1909 is very plain on this question, and provides that the finder of lost property who takes it into his possession and does not return it to the owner is guilty of stealing it. All property washed away, no matter where found, must be returned to the owner. All persons who have found, or who may hereafter find, any such property are hereby notified to return the same to the owner, if known, and if the owner is unknown, to leave it at the sheriff's office for identification by the owner. All persons violating the law will be vigorously prosecuted."

Marriage Licenses.
Marriage licenses have been issued by the county auditor to the following:
Wallace W. Roylston and Anna M. Dodds, both of Elberton.
A. G. Castleman and Violet E. Hauer, both of Palouse.
Marion M. Crumbaker and Mabel E. Chestnut, both of Colfax.
J. K. Thompson of Lynden, Whatcom county, and Florence E. Kincaid of Palouse.
Horace W. Shilling and Lulu Cochran, both of Colfax.
Walter L. Buchanan of Colfax and Ethel Van of Galena, Kansas.

Schools Open Monday, March 14.
The Colfax public schools will open for work on Monday, March 14. Every effort is being made to have the buildings in first class shape by that date. The completion of the temporary wagon bridge on South Main street will render passage over the stream safe for the smaller children in the Main street school. With the completion of this bridge the water mains to the south end will be joined and water supplied to the Duchemin building and the High school.

Everybody is Happy.
In a show window of M. Boyer Co. on Main street, which was filled with fully five feet of water at the height of the flood on Tuesday of last week, is attached a notice on one of the female dummies in a group of several, which reads: "We thank God we are living and no lives are lost." Their heads were above water, the fair creatures looking as sweet as ever, but their skirts, oh, my!

When you travel, keep track of Harper signs. You will find Harper whiskey on sale in practically every town, city and village where whiskey can lawfully be sold. This world wide popularity means something—it means you should buy Harper whiskey from J. C. Monahan.

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Wanted—Neat, capable girl or woman for general house work. Write Mrs. N. E. Stulson, Diamond, or phone Farmers 73.

WANTED.
If you want to sell your business of any kind, or if you want to sell your property, and will make the price right, I would like to hear from you. Give description and price. Address J. E. Smith, 513 Chamber Commerce, Portland, Oregon.

Have your carpets cleaned by the "Positive Electric Vacuum Cleaner," address J. M. Stinson, Colfax.

Plain sewing wanted. Address Mrs. Kate Lawrence, Gen. Del., Colfax.

FOR RENT.
For rent—One furnished room in private house; all modern conveniences. Apply 813 Main street.

FOR SALE.
For Sale—A plate glass, size 72x81 inches. Apply Gazette office.

For sale—10-room house in South Colfax; electric lights, city water, good well, lot 50x300. Write Box 393.

Thoroughbred Barred Plymouth Rock chickens for sale. Eggs for hatching. Phone Black 1001. Leonard Burgunder, Colfax, Wash.

A complete outfit of household goods for sale, with privilege of renting house now occupied by owner of goods. House is in Colfax, above flood level. Address, Postmaster, Albion, Wash.

PERSONAL MENTION.

Mrs. Kate D. Metz, who spent the winter with Portland relatives, returned home last week.

Miss Florence Harvey of Spokane is visiting Colfax relatives and friends.

Mrs. John Benson returned last week from an extended visit with her daughter, Mrs. Ira Shallis, of Coeur d'Alene. Mrs. Shallis is much improved in health.

F. H. Michaelson of the Garfield Enterprise was among others who came to Colfax Sunday to see the aftermath of the flood.

J. W. Cox and John Dicus of Garfield were in Colfax Monday viewing the wrecks left by the flood.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles H. Bass of Farmington came down Sunday to see what the flood had done to Colfax.

Judge Canfield pulled in on the first train to arrive from Spokane Saturday forenoon. The judge has been holding court at Everett for the last three weeks, and was so engaged when the high water struck Colfax. The first report that reached him stated that the Hotel Colfax had been carried away, that the court house was undermined and would probably go, and other things too terrible to mention. He dropped everything and started for home. Not until he reached Spokane did he learn the true state of affairs, which was bad enough.

H. C. Folsom of Farmington was a Colfax visitor Tuesday.

Julius Lippitt came up from Portland Tuesday to "see what he could see."

Dolph Coolidge was among the Tekoa sightseers in town Tuesday.

C. H. Moore came from Spokane on one of the first trains and has since been making himself useful.

R. L. Smith of Palouse was in Colfax Tuesday looking at the wreck caused by the flood. Mr. Smith was one of those who took the trip to Southern California on the Inland Empire excursion which left in January.

E. J. Peschau returned Monday after an absence of seven weeks. He was a member of the Inland Empire excursion to Southern California which left here January 17. He visited Old Mexico, and then left for his former home at Fort Dodge, Iowa. While at St. Paul he was told of the high water and hurried back.

C. K. McClatchy of Sacramento, California, editor and proprietor of the Bee of that city, arrived in Colfax Monday and is the guest of his daughter, Mrs. James Maloney. He will remain several days.

Miss Emma Davenport of Spokane is visiting Colfax relatives.

Postmaster Blickenderfer and Henry Harlow of Farmington were interested sightseers in Colfax Tuesday.

W. A. Nicholas, who was a heavy loser, his home in South Colfax being in the path of the flood, removed his family Tuesday to Spokane, where he will make his headquarters for the present at least.

W. O. McCaw of Aberdeen, formerly clerk of Whitman county, was here this week to visit relatives and see the effects of the recent flood.

LOCAL BREVITIES.

The jury term of the superior court, which was to commence March 14, has been vacated by Judge Canfield. It will probably convene in May.

Mr. and Mrs. Martin J. Maloney are moving into the Fullerton house on Mill street recently acquired by them.

Mrs. Kate D. Metz sold this week her south end residence property to Mrs. C. H. Miller for a consideration of \$4500.

Will Wed Next Sunday.
Miss Lulu Cochran, who fills the position of cashier and recorder in the local telephone office, and H. W. Shilling, local manager for the company, will be married Sunday morning and immediately after will start on a trip to Mr. Shilling's old home at Indianapolis, Indiana. After a short visit with relatives there they will return to Colfax.

Imported Belgian Stallion.
William M. Torrance and A. C. Palmer of near Diamond purchased this week from Thomas Van Tine, agent for A. C. Ruby & Co. of Portland, an imported Belgian stallion, weighing over a ton. The animal is pure blood, a rich bay in color. Whitman county is fast adding to her reputation as the home of fine breeding horses.

Another Appendicitis Victim.
Price Cochran was operated upon Sunday at the hospital at the noon hour for appendicitis. Strange to relate he worked up to the noon hour Saturday, being suddenly stricken and taken to the hospital. He was opened at the time mentioned above and a quantity of pus taken out. At this writing Mr. Cochran is getting along nicely.

Death of Octogenarian.
County Assessor English received word this week that his only uncle, James English, departed this life on February 23, having died the day after his 80th birthday anniversary. He had been a resident of Tacoma for 21 years.

Two More Field Deputies.
Charles Teague of St. John and W. W. Kerns of Thornton have been appointed field deputy assessors in addition to those named last week. This leaves one more to be appointed to fill the list of 27.

Flood Pictures.
DuVall & Bilger have the largest and best line of flood pictures in the city; post cards and larger sizes.

You will get clothes you can wear anywhere with credit to yourself from the Whitehouse Clothing Co., made by Hart Schaffner & Marx.

Hampton's, McClure's and Everybody's make a crack a-jack trio. The three for 12 months, \$3.90. N. V. Rowe, Garfield.

The American, Woman's Home Companion and Pacific Monthly for \$3.75. N. V. Rowe, Garfield, Wash.

AFTERMATH OF THE FLOOD IN COLFAX

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to contain less wreckage than that part of town lower down.

Many valiant deeds are reported of lives and property being saved. All told incidents could be gathered in the county enough to fill several columns.

We have all heard of the "Seattle spirit," but the Colfax spirit is pleasant to look upon just now.

Pumping water out of basements is a favorite amusement in Colfax these days.

Saloons were ordered closed during the period of flood conditions and remained closed until the noon hour Wednesday, when they were allowed to open. They can keep open from 7 a. m. to 6 p. m.

The young crocodile belonging to Shirkey & Glaser passed through the flood without being drowned. Strange!

J. L. Irwin lost most of his fish in his glass aquarium last week owing to high water, not to drowning, it should be said, but for lack of fresh water. His shop was flooded and fresh water could not be put in the glass tank in time to save them. The black bass all died. The big frog survives.

Drying clothes and bedding in the sun by hanging them over fences, and spreading of damaged goods on numerous housetops on Main street, covering acres in extent, is one of many novel spectacles going on in Colfax at this time. Much can be saved by this means.

When the flood was at its height a house was observed going down stream with a cat perched upon the roof. As the house swung in toward the trees near the Congregational church kitty saw its chance, moved to the edge of the roof and at the nearest point reached sprang through the air and landed on a lower limb, continuing with a wild rush to the topmost branches of the tree. There it remained for about 24 hours before it could be coaxed down by assurances that the flood had subsided.

Those who lost their homes in Russian town were Mrs. Rose Burke, Philip Gerlitz, George Apple and John Gerlitz.

The estimated damages published last week have to be revised in many cases. The damage account can be reduced, something to be thankful for.

O'ville McPheeters' house in the south end and the Henry Meany home on Main street, near the court house, stood the swift current for a long time, but finally landed in the bone yard.

Canyon street remains in bad condition, a reminder of the ravages of the flood. It was down Canyon street that the first onrush of water came. It was the forerunner of what was to come.

Efforts to confine it to that street were partially successful, the flood waters filling the width of the street, the earth above seeming to be as full of water as a sponge after being soaked. It seemed to come out of every pore of the earth's system.

Supervisor Bloom will have the temporary bridge completed at the south end by the last of the week. The bridge, like Topsy, just grew.

S. W. Crumbaker, a well known farmer living north of Colfax, happened to be in town when the waters rose and cut off retreat, and thereafter until darkness settled over the scene he used his team of horses and back in various helpful ways, including the rescuing of a number of people marooned in upper stories of buildings, who escaped through windows into the vehicle and were transferred to terra firma.

Farmers' Warehouse High and Dry.
As stated last week the Farmers' warehouse was twisted out of place by the action of the unusual high water and the debris pounding against it, without serious injury, however, as it can easily be put in place again. The warehouse contained at the time \$35,000 worth of wheat, flour, etc., which was not injured in the least, the warehouse standing on stilts and being above the high water mark. The fact that it was not swept away is due to the wheat and flour stored therein, which weighted the building down. It was in the path of the onrushing waters, and that it did not go seems almost a miracle. The rubbish, timbers, parts of houses, broken furniture, etc., piled around it was prodigious.

From Bell Tower to River Bed.
The fire bell that stood on the high steel tower at the foot of Canyon street was swept away by the force of the high waters Tuesday afternoon of last week, and now lies in the river bed opposite the court house. The bell weighs 1500 pounds. Whether it is cracked and ruined will be known later, perhaps, when taken out of the water. It was bought of Sears, Roebuck & Co., and has been the subject of many jokes on that account. As a matter of fact birds were asked for before its purchase, Sears, Roebuck & Co. being the lowest bidders and furnishing the bell.

History of a Bucket of Eggs.
A nearby rancher walked into town Saturday morning with a bucket of fresh eggs containing nine dozen. Just at that time in the history of Colfax eggs were eggs. The rancher could have sold a thousand dozen had he had them. Jack Bentley was the first to see the man coming down the track with the

bucket of eggs and lost no time in buying them, keeping a good share for his wife and little ones, but dividing with his neighbors. To the credit of the rancher be it said he sold the eggs at 30 cents per dozen, the usual price.

Elements Met--Water Conquered.

Easum Brothers' lime warehouse on South Main street, which was destroyed by fire Tuesday while the flood was at its highest, the fire resulting from the slacking of lime, presents mute evidence of the stage of water during the event. As stated in last week's report, the fire burned to the water line, which line is sharply marked on a dead level around what remains of the building. Above the line is a ragged fringe of charred wood, while below it the walls are unharmed, the water preventing further advance of the fire.

Noble Work by Hamblen Boys.

The Hamblen brothers—Tip, Ernest and George—deserve great praise for the work they did in the north end by rescuing people from the onrushing waves in a boat. They took dozens of people from upper story windows and landed them in places of safety. Several would have drowned had this not been done, as the buildings they were in afterwards floated away. They also loaned their boat to others to save people and take out effects.

Water Nearly Filled Tunnel.

The water was six feet deep in the Inland tunnel above Harpole's place. Little damage was done to the tunnel proper, although there is a small slide near the entrance facing Colfax. The track approaches are badly washed out. Water was a foot in depth at the Harpole residence, and doubtless covered all the low land along the course of the river. The track of the Inland railway in the Palouse river valley is in bad shape, and will have to be practically rebuilt.

The Brick Didn't Float Away.

The brick yard belonging to Easum Bros. in the south end is badly wrecked. It can be repaired, however, which will probably be done in the near future. A pile of brick in the yard did not float away, the Easums protesting that they do not make brick that way. Neither did it melt like sugar, having too much Palouse clay and sand in its composition. In other words, the brick is all right, albeit tumbled into a heap. The sheds, outbuildings, machinery, etc., will have to undergo extensive repair.

Good Cough Medicine for Children.

The season of coughs and colds is now at hand and too much care cannot be used to protect the children. A child is much more likely to contract diphtheria or scarlet fever when he has a cold. The quicker you cure his cold the less the risk. Chamberlain's Cough Remedy is the sole reliance of many mothers, and few of those who have tried it are willing to use any other. Mrs. F. F. Starcher of Ripley, W. Va., says: "I have never used anything other than Chamberlain's Cough Remedy for my children, and it has always given good satisfaction." This remedy contains no opium or other narcotic and may be given as confidently to a child as to an adult. For sale by Hamilton Drug Co.

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