

Flood Rising Again

POWER SHUT OFF AT 7:30, SIGNAL THAT A FOURTH FLOOD HAD HIT THE REGION

The shutting off of lights and power at 7:30 o'clock this morning was the signal that the fourth flood of the spring had launched itself down Republican.

Word from towns west of here indicated the water this time will not reach the destructive level of May 31.

Hector Griswold called from the light plant that there was two feet of water around the engines at 8 a. m. As soon as the water recedes the service can be resumed.

Griswold and six others are at the plant -- Beverly Heber, Ed Panzer, Bob Hiatt, Bob French, Roland Emmett and Al Cook. Heber went to warn the men to leave.

Twelve of the men left the plant, wading water to their hips across the newly built bridge.

The Driftwood road is out. It is impossible to get to Trenton.

There was a four-inch fall of water over the St. Francis territory and the South Fork and the Arackaree were up. Canyons north of Trenton poured floods into the river and Muddy creek west of Stratton was wild.

Emergency repair work on the railroad and highways was halted. Telephone service to towns up and down the valley was not hurt.

The river was several feet below its May 31 level but was expected to be higher in the early afternoon, not dangerously so however.

The water raised 18 inches in 15 minutes shortly after 1:30 a.m. but came up only gradually after that.

At six fifteen word was sent from the

power plant to ask for food and cigarets. "We're not leaving the plant," Griswold said. We'll stay with the ship till she goes down."

Whether the Medicine was flooded could not be determined. If it is, the water may get as high at Cambridge and on below as before.

The Beaver will throw considerable water into the main stream some time this afternoon.

It was reported from Atwood that five inches of rain fell over that region.

Burlington communications were intact as far west as Parks.

Foot bridges across the Republican at Indianola and other points were carried out.

No lives were thought to be in danger at any point in the valley.

The sections of towns flooded last month in most cases had not been taken over again.

Many Trenton people went to the hills during the night but water was not up in the town, Mrs. Rush Campbell telephoned.

Members of the McCook U. C. T. baseball club went to Trenton for a game yesterday and most of the men have been unable to get back.

The Burlington bus could not get west of Holbrook this morning. Roads east and west in the valley are impassable.

The temporary bridge over the Willow on the North Platte highway withstood high water in that stream. Cars got through to North Platte, it was reported, but with difficulty.

Numerous crews spent every daylight hour of the last three days of the past week restoring the Driftwood road. Most of their efforts were nullified by the flood.

It being unlikely that power can be restored before late afternoon--granting that the water will not get high enough to "drown out" the generators only recently restored to service--The Gazette got permission from the management of the Fox theater to hook on its power system again. The theater had been on the company lines only two days.

The city standpipes were reportedly full of water.

There will be no human suffering. Flood restoration agencies had their work in full swing last week and will carry on.