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AWFUL CLOUDBURST NEAR FT. COLLINS

Wiping Out the Towns of Livermore and La Porte--Houses Floating Down the Cache La Poudre

(Special to the Observer)
Denver, May 21—A cloudburst at the head of Cache La Poudre river caused that stream to overflow its banks and the message reports received here indicate great damage has been done by the flood. The rush of the flood caused the dam which holds the water of Livingston lake, 65 miles above Fort Collins to break and this added volume of water to the flood which swept down the Cache La Poudre, practically wiping out the towns of Livermore and La Porte.
At Fort Collins the river is now over a mile wide. The Colorado and Southern Railroad bridge at Timnath is wrecked. No trains will be sent out on that line tonight.
Although the crest of the flood has not yet reached Greeley and is not expected until midnight, ranchmen and other dwellers along the bottoms are moving to high ground.
Cache La Poudre river runs through one of the thickly settled and richest agricultural districts in Colorado. Twelve immense reservoirs

have been constructed on it for the purpose of storing water. Should the flood weaken these sufficiently to release the stored water, the result could be nothing but disastrous.
About half a Russian colony of six hundred at Fort Collins succeeded in getting out of their homes before the flood was upon them. The remainder however are tonight in a perilous position. Their houses can plainly be seen floating about among the trees and shrubs and other signals of distress are seen and heard. A few houses have entered the current of the river and have been swept down stream and perhaps shattered and sunk, and the occupants drowned. It is definitely known two lives have been lost, one a man at La Porte and a Russian child at Fort Collins. Fears are entertained for the safety of a man and wife and five children, who live in a bottom half a mile above Fort Collins. Rescue parties are in readiness to leave Fort Collins with the first break of day.

At Work

Contractor J. L. Mars with a force of men commenced breaking ground and working for the foundation for the new city hall this afternoon.

Forest Reserves.

Portland, May 20—A special dispatch to the Oregonian from Washington says:
Within a few days the bureau of forestry will submit to Secretary Hitchcock, the final and definitive recommendations that four forest reserves be created in Eastern Oregon, embracing an aggregate area of four million acres or more. These are the Blue Mountain reserve, Walla Walla reserve, Walla Walla on La Grande reserve, which extends into Washington and the Joseph river or Cheshinimus reserve. The bureau of forestry, since the withdrawal of these vast tracts,

has made a detailed examination of each quarter section and knows definitely the character of each subdivision. In recommending the creation of the permanent forest reserves, the bureau has drawn the boundary lines very irregularly so as to eliminate as far as possible all agricultural land and all lands which have passed to probate ownership.

Died

BARKER—Friday afternoon May 20th near Summerville Mrs Robert Barker, of heart disease. The funeral took place this afternoon at the Summerville cemetery. Deceased leaves a husband and three children.

Fruit Dale Items

The farmers of this vicinity are beginning to wish the rainy season was a little more equally divided, still, all the crops are fairly well.
Mr E Z Carbine, with his eldest son

and daughter, Miss Myrtle, are contemplating a trip to Salt Lake City in the near future.

J R Price will commence thinning sugar beets next Monday.
Mr Jefferson is planting 70 acres of potatoes.

Mr Lambert, who purchased the Richardson property, is preparing to build a substantial residence.

Mr R A Wilkerson, the nominee for county school superintendent is circulating in our burg. We are justly proud of Mr Wilkerson and hope he will be elected.
Hurrah! for Wilkerson he is the man We cant vote, but our daddies can.
Pied Piper

Tax Collections

The total tax collections in Union county up to the first Monday in April (the time of delinquency) is \$139,076.70. There is only a small portion of original tax yet due, the balance being made up mostly of last half, not due until the first of October.

Heavy Hail Storm

(Special to the Observer)
Pueblo, Col. May 21—The heaviest hail storm seen in this city for many years started at 2 o'clock this afternoon. Hail that weighed more than three ounces fell to a depth of an inch. Considerable damage was done and hundreds of windows were broken.

Some of the hail stones measured 14 inches in circumference. In several instances the largest stones punctured shingled roofs and fell clear through to the floor. Nearly 100 persons were injured by being struck with big hailstones. Two Mexican children living at Salt Creek were reported killed by storm but the story cannot be confirmed. Telegraph and telephone wires were considerably damaged.

Chicago, May 21—Committee representing the jobbing interests of San Francisco, Portland, Seattle, Tacoma, and Spokane are about to hold conference in Chicago with the officials of the Harriman and Hill lines with a view of an adjustment of rates. Today the traffic men met a committee of 15 men and two committees from other coast cities.

(Special to the Observer)
Springfield, Ill., May 21—Unable to end the deadlock the republican state convention adjourned until 2 p. m., May 31. Only one ballot was taken. It was the fifty-ninth roll call and showed no material change from the first taken last Friday. The convention suspended operations leaving Governor Yates in the lead with 488 votes, Lowden 392, Denen 385, Hamilton 113, Warner 53, Sherman 46 and Pierce 19.

INCREASE GREAT.

EO Harper of the Grande Road Creamery is in the city today. He is more than pleased at the increase of business in this vicinity. They paid out to their patrons here in April \$80, and they are sure that their May checks will aggregate over \$1500. They have over 40 patrons who average eight cows each, making a total of 320, which at the low estimate of \$5 per month per cow means an income of \$1600 per month or an annual income of \$19,200 and this amount will be greatly increased when the creamery in this city is in operation, which will be just as soon as the building now under construction is completed.

War News.

(Special to the Observer)
Tokio, May 21—A trustworthy report has been received at the imperial headquarters that the Russian cruiser Bogatyr ran ashore outside Vladivostok in a heavy fog and was destroyed. This is the first ship of the Vladivostok squadron to be destroyed.

The report of the grounding of the cruiser Bogatyr came last night from the St Petersburg correspondent Echo De Paris, and was denied by the Russian admiralty today. A cable from Vladivostok today makes no allusion to the Bogatyr and it is reported all is quiet there.

JAPANESE DISASTER

St Petersburg, May 21—The Grand Duke Alexander has received the following dispatch under today's date from Alex. H.

"The following report by mail from Admiral Wittesoft at Port Arthur was received on the night of May 19-20: "Three of the enemy's battleships and three cruisers appeared to the east on the morning of May 15. After crossing the meridian of Port Arthur the squadron turned eastward and appeared to be getting into battle formation. Then an explosion was observed under the third battleship which was of the Fujii type. The vessel stopped, keeled over to the starboard and began to sink by the bow, sending up quantities of steam.

"Two cruisers approached and it was observed from Golden Hill they lowered boats after which the battleship gradually righted herself and appeared to recover from her injury.

"At that minute a three funneled battleship of the Shikishima type approached the scene of the accident and a mine exploded under her midship section, causing an explosion. In the course of one minute she sank. "The third ironclad put to sea the cruisers remaining on the scene of the disaster."

NOT CONFIRMED

London, May 21—There is no confirmation of the rumors that a big battle has been fought in the neighborhood of Feng Wang Cheng. The view held here is that after testing the strength of the Russian position at Maotien pass General Kuroki made an orderly retirement and his flanking movement in the direction of Mukden continues.

No Terms Received.

(Special to the Observer)
Washington, May 21—Mr Perdaels and his companion who were captured by brigands at Tangiers Morocco, have been carried into the mountains where pursuit is almost impossible. The state department has been advised to this effect by Gummere, United States consul at Tangiers. He also reports no terms have been received from the brigands Gummere said the Moorish authorities are assisting in every way they can and adds a war vessel will be a great asset to them.

Advertisers Attention

Commencing Monday, the publishers of the daily Observer will inaugurate a subscription campaign that they have had in view for several months. We now have our lists prepared and for several weeks a copy of the Evening Observer will be mailed to each patron on the five rural free deliveries in the county and to others who live sufficiently near. Our list now includes over one thousand names that were not already on our list. After these papers have been regularly mailed for some weeks we shall follow this up with solicitors and feel confident that several hundred new subscribers will be the result. Our daily list is rapidly

increasing and we feel confident that an active campaign will more than justify us in making this effort.
Commencing Monday over 2,000 daily Observers will be mailed for several weeks.

Stewards Opera house was packed last evening to witness the commencement exercises of the La Grande High school and they certainly were not disappointed.

The orations and essays were of an unusually high order and the participants not only acquitted themselves with credit but reflected the excellent work that is being done in the public schools of La Grande.

There was not a person present last evening but was proud of the young people who have so thoroughly completed their work as far as possible in this school and the individual originality and depth of thought so prominently brought out in their essays and orations and their carefully prepared recitations was ample proof of the wide range of thought that is only possible to infuse into young minds through the medium of painstaking and trained instructors.

The musical selections were all appreciated and the library fund was considerably augmented. Owing to the fact that our press got cranky this afternoon and it took all hands and

the "devil" to get it in working order his report is shamefully abbreviated, each of the young people are entitled to personal mention and we had prepared an extensive write up of the exercises but it was impossible today to do more than we have.

Creme Dis Roses

"I'll not leave thee thou plain one To place on the stem For you've but to apply "Creme Dis Roses"

And hear your beauty Praised by all men.

No woman is helplessly plain and none so beautiful that she must not care for her skin, that may retain its beauty. Work then with the best means at your disposal and take comfort if you increase your charms by ever so little, for the effort has not been in vain. Any woman can make her personality attractive by intelligent treatment of her complexion. She knows that every bit of feature will be off set if large pores, blackheads, wrinkles appear upon the surface. This trinity of facial blemishes is rounded features, absence of vitality and a fine complexion.

All three can be produced by the persistent use of the "Creo Oriental Maseon" in connection with "Creo Deo Roses" for it makes the skin feel like velvet, cleans, nourishes and beautifies, restores its natural softness and firmness of youth. You can get it and full directions from Mrs Rosenbaum at the RANBOW store only. Call and let me show it to you.

BASE BALL GAME

Don't forget that the "Rangers" are still playing ball. If you enjoy the national game and are loyal to your own team support them by your attendance at the games.

The business houses have generously contributed enough to purchase new uniforms for the boys and the team has bought enough lumber to build their own fence.

The grand stand which they erected last year will be removed from the hill to their new location across the street on Red street.

The first game on the new grounds will be played against Pendleton on wednesday from tomorrow. The boys play Pendleton tomorrow at Pendleton. Following is the lineup: Fairbairn c, Bookman ss, Van Buren p, Scriber s, Cotner p, Childers 3b, Oliver s, Tupper 2b, Williams 1b, Merrick and Whitman, emb.

It was a Draw

Baltimore, May 21—Martin Hart, of Louisville and Gus Rablin, of Akron Ohio, fought 12 rounds to a draw here today.



High Class Merchandise

The Special values shown by us, are offered chiefly for educational purposes. We wish to cultivate the acquaintance and make fast friends of still greater numbers of particular women. We wish to demonstrate to them that we are carrying a line of merchandise which grade by grade, quality for quality is unsurpassed in the city. You are invited to inspect our goods.



Chicago Store

Murphy Bros. Props.

TOMORROW IS AN IMPORTANT DAY

At our store. Saturday, in fact, is always an interesting day with us; but tomorrow is of more than ordinary importance to you.

IT IS THE LAST DAY OF OUR BIG PRICE SMASHING SALE OF MEN'S SUITS.

If you have not already selected your suit, do so at once. You can buy it today and tomorrow at prices very much reduced.

Ten lines of men's suits which we guarantee equal to any \$12.00 suit on the market. Your choice \$8.95. See them in our counters.

4 Big Silk Specials Saturday.

Here is an exceptional opportunity for those of our lady friends who have admired those summer silk suit patterns so much. You can buy them tomorrow at a great saving.

\$1.50 Shirt waist suit, 1cs, 95c	85c Colored Taffeta, 69c
\$1.00 " " " " 79c	\$1.95 Silk waist patterns, 1 75

Four yards in the pattern and no two alike.

The Fair
THE PLACE TO SAVE MONEY

TRUST OUR SOAPS

It is difficult to judge the purity of toilet soaps, and too often an agreeable odor determines the choice. If all soaps were as innocent as their fragrance is pleasing, there would be more smooth skins and clear complexions and less roughness, pimples and blotches.

We can make you safe in your soap buying. The toilet soaps we handle are those made by reputable firms. We have pure and safe soaps at whatever price you wish to pay.

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