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## WIND AND RAIN CAUSE MUCH DAMAGE

A wind and rain storm beginning Saturday and ending Monday swept down on the state of Oregon and as a result the Willamette and tributary streams went on a rampage, railroad and road bridges were torn away, thousands of acres of bottom land are under water causing considerable damage to orchards and crops, a large number of horses, cattle, hogs and sheep were drowned and many families were isolated in their homes.

The Willamette beat all records for thirteen years as did the Luckiamute and Santiam. The Oregon Electric abandoned train service from Salem south and after a bridge near Jefferson on the main line of the Southern Pacific went out, all passenger trains detoured from Salem via Gerlinger, Independence and Corvallis to Albany. So since Sunday night, the Shasta Limited, San Francisco Express, California Limited, Coos Bay Limited and other steam trains have been passing through Independence with their long string of coaches including Pullman and tourist cars. Fortunately, the west side line "stuck" and neither passenger nor freight service was interrupted.

Practically all the hop yards in the vicinity of Independence are under water but being constructed for just such an emergency, the damage will not be great. Other farms are also covered and a number report the loss of stock, a cow, a pig or two or a few head of sheep. Sam Irvin lost a team of horses. A number of row boats were available and in this way traffic between farm houses is carried on and food supplies transported in this way. Families driven out of their homes found refuge at a neighbors. Harry Lrd took a swim of two hundred yards

when the automobile which he was driving refused to go any farther leaving him stalled in a sea of water. Near Sidney at one place the Willamette was 10 miles wide, Monday afternoon a goat was seen riding a log down the center of the swift moving river going on ultimately to a watery grave. He made it all right as far as Salem where the log bumped into the railroad bridge and the goat departed from this sphere of uncertainty and mystery.

All roads leading south from Independence are covered up in the vicinity of the Luckiamute river. The east side road from Orville to Salem is under water in spots. There is not a ferry running from Portland to Eugene. The machinery of the Independence Sand and Gravel Co. was removed from the plant Monday, such institutions all along the river being far from shore.

In a number of instances families were separated temporarily, when father, mother, sister or brother was absent when the flood came and could not return to their accustomed seat around the home fire. One young man went to see his sweetheart on Saturday night and could not get away until Tuesday afternoon. The sweethearts became so well acquainted that it may be the means of breaking up the engagement.

In Portland the loss was severe and light and telephone service much impaired. A silver thaw was very harmful to trees of all kinds. East Oregon is covered up with snow, stalling trains and all other means of transportation. Much stock on the ranges was lost. The Newport section is isolated.

Today, all is calm and peaceful, the waters are going down, wet wood is dried out sufficiently so that is cracking merrily in the stoves and fire places, and the best spot on all the world is again the best spot and the world moves on.

## Don't Let Storm Or Rain bother you

Come to this store and get prepared for the worst kind of weather. We can put rubber on you from head to foot. Then when you go out in the storm, there is no danger of getting wet. Dress right in rainy weather and you'll save doctor bills.

### O. A. Kreamer

INDEPENDENCE, OREGON

NO ENTRY FEE \* FREE ADMISSION

# INDEPENDENCE CORN SHOW

## FRIDAY AND SATURDAY Dec. 2-3

Independence GARAGE Display Room  
INDEPENDENCE

### \$400 IN CASH AND MERCHANDISE PREMIUMS

Send Exhibits to A. C. MOORE, Chairman,  
Independence, or to Farm Bureau Office,  
Imperial Hotel Building, Dallas, Oregon.

### Foster Sells Himself Out Will Probably Move Away

O. L. Foster the first of the week disposed of his interests in the Independence Realty Co. to his former partner, J. E. Hubbard. As far as we know, Mr. Hubbard will conduct the business alone in the future. While Mr. Foster has not yet made any definite plans for the future, it is almost sure that he will leave Independence. This will be sincerely regretted for Mr. Foster is a valued asset to any town. He is progressive and up-and-coming and is never found wanting where it comes to promoting the welfare of the community in which he lives.

### Attempt Made To Break Into Williams Drug Co.

Evidently somebody wished to get into the Williams Drug Co. Monday night but a bolted door kept them out. Entrance was made into the office of the Polk County Post through one of the front doors which was not locked that night. Then a door from the Post's east door leading into the drug store was pulled open and the intruder walked into a closet and that was as far as he got. The door leading to the rear room of the drug store was bolted and it was impossible to get through without an ax and a great deal of noise.

### Quite a Number Compete In Bread Baking Contest

The bread baking contest from Fisher's Blend flour by P. R. Alexander, grocer, was certainly a great success. After the first announcement appeared in the Post, the best bread bakers in this section got busy and presented their best for the approval of the judges, Mrs. Frank Smith, Mrs. J. B. Violette and Miss Yexley, who had to choose from a selection of very excellent bread. Mrs. O. T. Solie had the honor of receiving first prize, a hundred pounds of the flour from which she made such a loaf of wonderful bread. Mrs. L. Saunders won second and Mrs. J. W. Morgan third, and each received a 49 pound sack of the same flour.

### CUT STEEL ROD

It Impaled a Workman but Surgeons Will Save Him.

Impaled by a steel bar a workman at Wicksworth, Eng., had a remarkable escape from death, due largely to the prompt performance of an extraordinary surgical operation.

A ramrod used in fixing the charge of explosive in a limestone quarry had been blown through a quarryman's neck, and the doctors, working on a ledge of rock in the fierce heat of the sun, cut through the steel bar on both sides of the neck with an engineer's hacksaw so that the desperately injured workman could be removed.

The man, James Elm, was conscious. Eventually it was possible to remove him to hospital and the remaining portion of the steel was taken from his neck. It had missed the arteries, the larynx and spinal column, and the patient has a chance of recovery.

### Owed to a Pumpkin Pie.

A pumpkin pie is a luscious thing— "Would tickle Lucullus' palate. What bard would not of its excellence sing? And who wouldn't give it a ballot? It is succulent gold and sunshine "mixed". A dish for the gods when properly "fixed".



A wedge of it, please, and I'll split my

### '61 VET FINDS MAN HE SHOT

Union Soldier Traces His Bullet Fired in Battle of Vicksburg Fifty-Eight Years Ago.

Kelso, Wash.—P. J. Knapp, a Civil war veteran, after 58 years has traced the course of a bullet he fired at the siege of Vicksburg.

Some time ago Mr. Knapp read a news dispatch saying that W. B. Meadows, a Confederate veteran of Lanett, Ala., had coughed up a bullet which was shot into his eye at Vicksburg. Mr. Meadows, the account said, was a member of the Thirty-seventh Alabama regiment, and Mr. Knapp recalled an incident at the siege, when he and three other members of the Fifth Iowa volunteers silenced a Confederate sharpshooter who was firing through a small hole in a sheet of boiler plate.

When Mr. Knapp wrote to Mr. Meadows, the latter said that he was the man behind the boiler plate, and that the bullet entered his right eye.

### MINING TOWN'S BRIEF LIFE

Ehrenberg, in Arizona, Flourished for Four Years, and Then Its Population Scattered.

A few unevenly crumpled adobe walls, long since having lost the superstructures that bridged them over and made them habitable homes, are all that today remains of Ehrenberg, the historical old settlement opposite Blythe, Calif., on the Arizona side of the Colorado river.

Ehrenberg 50 years ago was a "wild and woolly" mining town, and in its day contributed more than \$17,000,000 from its La Paz mine alone to the gold supply of the nation.

Its population of more than 5,000 is scattered through the West, many of them residents of Blythe, Yuma, Ariz., and other southwestern centers. Its only visitors are occasional tourists, who inquisitively browse among its deserted ruins, sprawled over barren, sagebrush country.

Ehrenberg, founded in 1870, ended its active and colorful days of mining and gambling in 1882, when the Indian settlements along the banks of the Colorado became restless. In that year there were Indian wars, and after a number of Ehrenbergs were killed the citizens began an exodus.

## CORN SHOW TO BE A BIG EVENT

\$400 in cash and merchandise has been hung up as prizes for the annual Corn Show which takes place in Independence next Friday and Saturday. This ought to secure a choice display of the grain that "can't be raised in the Willamette Valley." It will be superior or equal to the grain that can be raised in the Mississippi valley. They sure do raise good corn in the Mississippi valley, no mistake about that and when the Willamette valley gets to raising her own corn, in walks prosperity.

There will be prizes for all corn products such as bread. Johnny cake, hominy, etc., barring two—moonshine and "Missouri meerschum" pipes.

Everybody will be welcome to come early, often and stay late. There'll be no admission fee nor war tax.

The White dancing academy on C Street promises to be a very popular place. Many aspirants to the art are enrolling while others are doing review stepping. Mr. White is a master in the art and formerly conducted an academy in Vancouver.

## OREGON Theatre

—SALEM—

UNTIL SATURDAY  
NOV. 26

James S. Oliver  
Curwood's

"God's Country  
and The Law"

COMING SUNDAY  
Runs 4 Days

George Melford's

"The Sheik"

With  
Agnes Ayers  
and  
Rudolph Talevino

GOOD MUSIC

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