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Our New Spring goods are arriving daily and consist of everything needed for Gentlemen, Ladies and Children. Come in and examine the goods and satisfy yourself that this is the place to do your buying.

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Killed, Which Insures Good  
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Watches Sent in by mail  
will be promptly attended  
to and returned to re-  
sponsible parties.

## LIGHTNING BOLT STRIKES HOUSE

### Daughter of Thomas Ludiker Injured by Force of the Current.

A bolt of lightning, which last Thursday evening tore a great hole in the roof of the building occupied by Thomas Ludiker on the north side of the city, carried with it almost fatal results. The six-year-old daughter of Mr. Ludiker was ascending the stairs leading up from the room, where her parents were sitting when the lightning struck the house. She was knocked down the steps unconscious and did not regain her senses for several hours.

The family, composed of Mr. and Mrs. Ludiker, the little girl, Opal, and Oscar Baldwin, who is boarding there, had only a short time before finished eating supper. About 5:30 o'clock, when the storm was at its height, the little girl started up the stairs followed by Mr. Baldwin. When half way up the flight the room was suddenly lighted with a bolt of electricity which came through the ceiling and apparently spent its force within a foot or so of the child. She was knocked down the stairs with terrific force and Mr. Baldwin at the same time was thrown down by the violence of the bolt. Mr. and Mrs. Ludiker also felt the impact of the blow but none save the little girl lost consciousness. For a time it was feared that the child would die, but prompt medical assistance soon brought her back to life. She was quite badly burned about the face and arms, but it is not thought any permanent injuries will result.

The bolt of lightning tore a hole in the roof of the building about a foot square, throwing the shingles and pieces of board a distance of two hundred feet. In the kitchen the electricity seemed to penetrate everything of a metallic nature in the room. The iron in the stove was splintered, and the tinware punched full of holes. Half a dozen or more baking powder and other cans, which were sitting on a shelf, were filled with small holes as close together and as numerous as those in a sieve. A wire clothes line, which ran from the corner of the kitchen to the wood shed, 100 feet distant, was converted into a line of fire for a few seconds time. The heat of the electricity melted the staple where the wire joined the corner of the building, but the current passed through the wire to the staple in the wood shed which held long enough for the force of the bolt to shatter the post into hundreds of pieces. The damage to the building will not amount to more than \$50.

## CATTLE OUTLOOK IS POOR.

### Grant Mays Says Market Is Overstocked and Expects Prices to Go Still Lower.

Grant Mays, who holds his home at The Dalles, but who counts his cattle over the hills of Crook County and here and there through Southern and Eastern Oregon, was a guest at the Imperial yesterday, and told of conditions of the cattle market and what the cattlemen can expect from this on until the range-fed beef is off the market for the year and the stall-fed steer takes its place, says the Oregonian.

According to Mr. Mays, who has just returned from an extended trip through Eastern and Southern Oregon, the market conditions cannot be painted too black for the cattlemen of the country. The prices are now quoted at \$3.25 a hundred here in Portland, and the money offered to the grower of the country is governed by that standard and the freight rate from the place of sale. Thus the farther from Portland, or any of the large

markets the cattle are, the lower the price that is paid to the man who offers the stock for sale.

The market is falling and has not reached its lowest stage by any means. The reason is plain to be seen in the cattle condition of the state. The Willamette Valley is full of cattle, fat and ready for the market. Southern Oregon and the ranges to the east are overstocked until the sheer weight of numbers is driving the prices lower, and there will not be a change for the better until the surplus stock is disposed of and the game started over again.

In the eastern part of the state, all over the state in fact, the growers have three years' stock on their hands. Last year the market was dull and they failed to sell their 2-year-olds or their yearlings, as a result of which they now have on hand the old cattle that they have been carrying for a couple of years and their yearling cattle from the last increase. These are all in good condition and are now ready for the market, and, what is more, will have to be sold. The growers, in most cases, will have to sell their surplus in order to handle the remainder of their holdings through the winter season, and when they begin to offer this surplus on the market the prices will be forced still lower than they are at present.

## POWER COMPANY ORGANIZE

### Plant at Prairie City Will Furnish Light and Power for the Dixie Meadows Mining Co.

On Tuesday night, a meeting of the Middle Fork Electric Power Company was held in this city. This company has been organized for the purpose of building an electric power plant on the Middle fork. The meeting Tuesday night was one of a preliminary nature and the corporation will be perfected immediately and the many matters of detail receive careful attention.

At the meeting, R. C. Reese was elected president; Sam Newman, secretary; Dr. V. C. Belknap, treasurer and Joe Reese, general manager. The company will build an electric power plant that will cost in the neighborhood of \$40,000.

It is estimated that they will be able to generate a 700-horse power, and this will furnish power and light for the Dixie Meadows mine.

It is, however, a distinct corporation, and has no connection with the Dixie Meadows Mining Co.

This is a great enterprise and will result directly to the benefit of Prairie City, as its power can be utilized for running sawmills, planing mills and innumerable concerns that might take advantage of it. The company will also supply light and power to all the miners in the district.—Prairie City Miner.

## BANKING CONCERN AT BEND.

### Articles of Incorporation Were Filed Last Week by New Trust Company.

Articles of incorporation for the Central Oregon Banking & Trust Co. were filed with County Clerk Smith last Saturday. The incorporators named in the papers are W. E. Guerin, Jr., A. L. Goodwillie and J. M. Lawrence. A general banking business is to be carried on at Bend and the capital stock is placed at \$25,000 divided into 250 shares.

The Bulletin at the Bend says the corporation will be organized and ready for business in a few days. It has been decided that the first banking house will be a frame building with stone vault. The bank will get in operation right away and put up a stone structure a little later.

## FLOOD CAUSES HEAVY DAMAGE

### High Water Last Week Sweeps Through the Ochoco Valley.

Heavy rains, accompanied by two small water spouts which fell in the valley of the Ochoco a few miles east of the city last Friday afternoon converted the stream into a river filling its channel from bank to bank. The Ochoco was a foot higher than it was in the spring during the freshets and as a result some heavy losses occurred among the hay ranchers where the current flooded the low lands.

A heavy rain swept over the city between three and four o'clock Friday afternoon and from different points here it could be seen that the bulk of the water was falling in the Ochoco valley. At 5 o'clock the stream had risen only a few inches, but inside of half an hour afterwards the river had filled up to the top of its banks. Along with the first high wave of water came tons of brush, trees and boards from fences which had been swept down by the force of the current.

The heaviest spout of water from which the greatest damage was done struck on Comb's Flat. Here the water accumulated quickly into an enormous stream which sped down the slope toward the Ochoco. Eye witnesses say that when the wall of water, which was nearly 20 feet high, struck the channel of the Ochoco, it passed clear over it as if it had been nothing more than a flat piece of ground. Then it rushed up on the other side and finally fell back again into the valley carrying destruction in its path.

The ranch of Steven Yancey was the first to suffer, the grain fields their receiving the first onslaught of the enormous volume of water which rushed off of the flat above. Almost his entire crop of grain and hay was ruined, the water and debris driving into the ground those portions of his products which were not torn up by the roots and washed down stream.

At Colonel Nye's place several head of sheep were caught in the whirling waters and drowned. Then the torrent tore out the sheep sheds, reducing them to shattered boards, and reaching out farther covered the grain and hay fields. That portion of the crops not entirely destroyed was covered two feet deep with drift wood and sand.

E. T. Slayton is probably the heaviest loser of those who own ranches in the in the valley. About 75 tons of hay which had been partially stacked were washed down against the fences. The latter gave way under the weight and the crop was strewn for several miles along the stream. At the Minor Lewis ranch, which is rented by J. H. Smith, about eight acres of grain were washed out and the same amount of land was torn up at the ranch of M. R. Biggs.

Both of the Cram ranches suffered heavily from the sudden rising of the waters and the hay crops, which were partially cut were strewn in every direction. At the William Elliott place the water quickly encircled the house and covered the floors a depth of a foot. Wagons standing in the barn yard were carried down with the current and tossed to one side like so much paste board. At the Dawson Elliott place, one of the Lafollett ranches, a wave of water eight feet high came down the canyon back of the house. It carried with it an enormous amount of huge boulders and rocks which were swept down the slope to the Ochoco. Fences were cut down as if a knife had been used. The barn standing on the property was literally battered to pieces by the torrent of rocks and water and

inside of the frame which was left standing there is a deposit of rocks and stones some places three and four feet high. After the water had subsided the field in front of the house looked more like a stone quarry than a field of grain. The water left behind it a path averaging 300 feet in width which is so thickly covered with boulders and stones, fence posts and brush that it is impossible for a buggy and team to cross it.

For a distance of 15 miles the valley of the Ochoco presents the appearance of a district visited by an enormous tide water. Boulders two and three feet in diameter have been washed down from the side hills and the roads in several places are filled for a distance of several hundred feet with rocks and stones.

At this time it is impossible to estimate the loss from the water spouts and will be until it is fully determined to what extent the hay has been damaged. Much of that still standing in fields, which it was thought would be useless on account of the sediment washed on it, is still in good condition. Several light rains have freshened it and cleaned off the dirt and the damage will be small. Other fields, however, which had been partially cut and staked, were almost denuded of their entire yield.

Sunday and Monday of this week a force of 20 men was at work on the roads and they were soon made passable. At many points along the way gullies were cut across the roads to a depth of eight feet and only prompt and steady work has put them again into a condition which will allow teams to pass.

Reports from every section of Crook county indicate that heavy rains and water spouts were prevalent during last week. Even as far east as Grant county the precipitation extended and the damage has been exceedingly heavy. The heavy down pour at this season of the year has wrought havoc to many of the hay crops and turned many a field of grain into a lake.

## THE DALLES THE TERMINUS

### Great Southern Railroad Has Made Arrangements to Build into the River City.

Our citizens have responded very liberally in subscriptions to the \$6500 to secure the terminal shops and depot of the Great Southern Railway in this city, and all but about \$100 has been secured. This last sum, it is expected, will be given by parties who have not been approached, and for this reason the committees feel justified in stating that the subscription has been fully raised, says the Dalles Chronicle.

The next movement will be to enter into contract with the Great Southern Railway Co. for the fulfillment of certain conditions desired. At the rate at which the road is being constructed it may be expected that through trains will run from The Dalles to Dufur within the next two years, and, perhaps, before that time.

It is not known how much farther south the railroad will be constructed; but, with the amount of capital behind the project, it is not reasonable to suppose that an independent line will stop fifteen miles from this city, where there is a rich country, desiring development and transportation to market, situated in the interior for hundreds of miles, and which would build up a trade that would reimburse almost any outlay of capital. Then again, by having terminal facilities in this city the Great Southern can afford its patrons cheap water transportation to market. All these matters will be taken into consideration by the projectors of this line of road, and as they are enterprising men, looking for safe and sure return for investment of capital, such opportunities will be eagerly sought and appreciated.