

## BIG STOCK OF GOODS DAMAGED BY FLOODS

### BASEMENT OF WEINHARD BUILDING OVERFLOWED BY SING-ER HILL CREEK WATERS.

### Cement Wall and Five Pumps Unable to Cope With Inrushing Flood—Storms up Valley.

The rains of the last few days so augmented the waters of the little stream running down Seventh street over the bluff and into the sewer under the Weinhard building that the sewer could not carry the waters Thursday afternoon and waters flooded into the basement of the Frank Busch store, causing much damage.

Back of the store is a low platform that leads to the stable and basement of the Weinhard building. As the sewer could not carry the volume of water, this low place was soon a regular lake several feet deep. The overflow could not be checked and worked its way into the basements where \$15,000 worth of goods were stored. An attempt was made to build a cement wall to keep the water from the basement, but all efforts were in vain. In a short time 18 inches of water stood over the basement floor and only a small amount of goods had been placed above the reach of the water.

Five pumps were kept busy taking the water out but no real good was gained until the rains subsided early Friday morning.

The basement is now free of water and a good idea of the damage done can be seen. Over 300 rolls of paper were soaked before they could be taken out, besides ranges, stoves, bedsteads, wagons, shovels, spades, pitchforks, rakes, etc., which will have to be sold at a great loss. A large amount of doors and windows were placed out of reach of the water but kegs of nails were so damaged as to be of no use.

Dr. Sommers' household goods which were stored in one of the basements of the Weinhard building were partly damaged. A large number of men had been secured to take the heavy boxes out of the basement, but the flood rose so fast that only a part of the goods were taken out.

The foundation of the house of Geo. Randall of Fifth and Jefferson streets was somewhat damaged by overflowing of the water of Thursday night's flood. The house stands over a culvert which carries the water of Skinner creek of Fifth street down the hill. So great was the volume that the water worked its way under the house, eating away the earth under the foundation. However Mr. Randall says \$10 will cover the damage done.

The West Side Oregon City school was forced to close up Friday morning on account of the quantity of water in the basement, which prevented the building of fires.

The great rain storm of the last two or three days is causing a good deal of damage by washing out roads. The O. W. P. & Ry. Co.'s track beyond Oak Grove was covered Thursday by a large lake of water and in places the track was floating. It was only by the most careful attention and slow movement of the cars that travel was made possible. Near the Oaks, where the deep cut in the side hill had to be made, the inside tracks were all covered over with several feet of mud washed down from the side hill by the rain. A large force of men was kept busy all day yesterday in trying to keep the tracks clear.

In many other places the road bed was so soft that the cars just crept along.

The heavy rains have caused considerable damage to the Southern Pacific lines in Oregon. All trains were held Thursday night on account of the danger of operating after dark over soft tracks where landslides were likely to be encountered at any moment or there was danger of running into creeks where bridges might be carried away in the darkness.

The trains of the Southern Pacific have been delayed and are making irregular trips, due to a washout on the line this side of Chemawa. The West Side division is also somewhat damaged and traffic delayed.

Streams are running out of their banks in many places and it was still raining early Friday morning through-

out the Willamette valley. Water is up on the track near Milwaukie and in other level places along the line the heavy downpour is approaching the rails. Usual channels for the discharge of the floods are overtaxed by the huge volume of the floods. Water is running over the tracks at some points.

### Engines Drop 100 Feet Down Gulch.

Two engines and the baggage car, ahead of the Southern Pacific Overland train No. 14, plunged down a high embankment two miles north of Comstock, Thursday night, killing Engineer Weichlein of the helper engine. His fireman, named Long, is also believed to be buried under the wreckage at the bottom of the embankment, but at a late hour his body had not been recovered. The other engine-men and the express messenger were not seriously hurt. The train remained on the track with the exception of the smoker, which was partly derailed. The passengers are safe.

The derailling was caused by a softened track as a result of the heavy rains.

The great rains of last week did thousands of dollars of damage to roads and bridges, paralyzed traffic on the Southern Pacific and inconvenienced the traveling public generally, but they furnished a grand spectacle here at Oregon City that was viewed by crowds of people all day Sunday. The Willamette ceased to be beautiful and became majestic, its power and majesty culminating at the great falls.

The swollen volume of the great river swept over the brink in raging torrent breaking on the rocks into immense breakers that foamed and swirled like the mighty ocean itself during a terrible storm along a rockbound coast.

The east banks all the way to Canemah and the west bank to above the mills were visited by many hundreds of people, Sunday, to see the magnificent sight. Many people came from Portland to see the source of that city's light and power on its imposing occasion. Enough power is going over the falls the last few days to supply a dozen Portlands.

The river is the highest recorded for several years, and Monday noon was still rising, though slowly. It is over the locks on the west side and boats cannot go through.

At 3 o'clock Monday afternoon the river had ceased to rise, and as dispatch from Albany reports a fall of four feet, the high point here is undoubtedly past. The river rose 2 of a foot Sunday night. Mill A of W. P. & P. Co.'s is shut down temporarily on account of the high water.

The high water in the dam of the Portland Flouring Mills caused a good deal of damage Sunday and early Monday morning, with the result of between 50 and 100 feet of the walk leading to the old plant of the Portland General Electric company was carried away during Sunday night.

The water was flowing swiftly Sunday morning over the street and platform between the buildings of the flour mills and boards had to be pulled up in order to let the water down under the planking and was thus kept from flowing down Main street.

Monday morning the planking surface was so covered with a thick coat of ice that travel was not safe. One of the horses on Frank Barlow's delivery wagons received a bad fall on the way to Canemah and the driver turned back.

Mr. Sterlinger, who lives near the mouth of the Molalla, was in town Sunday and in speaking of the high water said that the Molalla was at present higher than it ever had been. It has overflowed its banks in many places, but the river seemed to be at its highest and from all appearances on the eve of falling. Driftwood had stopped flowing down the river and the current at the mouth was coming in from the Willamette.

Work has also been stopped at Cole's sawmill, as all the surrounding country is flooded over.

The Pudding river rose so fast the latter part of last week that on Friday a seven foot rise was noticed in one hour, and the gang of forty men which was working for the Home Telephone company had to abandon their cook car to the mad rush of the waters.

### Hops Selling Briskly.

Many sales of hops are being reported at 12 1/2c this week.

## PLANS CITY'S WELFARE AROUND FESTAL BOARD

### CITY AND COUNTY OFFICIALS ENJOY SPLENDID BANQUET IN KNAPP'S HALL.

### Closer Fellowship Advised and Cultivation of Spirit that Always Boosts and Never Knocks.

The banquet on Friday evening which brought the county and city officials together was pronounced the best affair of the kind held in many years. Many times was the committee in charge of the banquet praised for their efficient work. Closer fellowship and a nearer relationship was evident from the very moment the guests were given their seats around the festive board.

The tables were laden with all the good things that one could wish and it was no wonder that everyone was united after such a repast.

Dr. W. E. Carl acted in the capacity of toastmaster and in his good natured way, after some pleasing anecdotes had been handed over to those present, called on Judge McBride.

The words of Judge McBride were greatly appreciated, especially at the beginning hour, as he spoke of the greater and needed fellowship desired between the different organizations of the county and city. "We have been waiting," he said "for some large enterprise to come in—as railroads, mills and factories—to build up our city and we have kept in the back ground to watch the change from a distance. How can we expect other people to come to Oregon City and see its advantages when there is no one in the foreground to uphold them." The judge then went on to say that we—for he is a citizen of Oregon City—have the best place, the finest county, the greatest opportunities through our water power and that we ought to fall into the Seattle spirit and let every utterance we give forth be praises for Oregon City.

The toastmaster, after seconding the thoughts of the Circuit Judge, called on the Mayor of Oregon City who spoke of "Oregon City and its needs." The address of the Mayor was well studied and brought out the object of the meeting—the needed closer fellowship between Oregon City and the county for the good of all. He said: "What we need more than anything else is men who will tell the truth concerning the great and many advantages of Oregon City. We need and must have better transportation facilities and one commission house at least." The mayor then spoke of the manner in which the city should be governed—as a private business which would eventually bring about extremely low taxes through economy and close watch.

Judge Ryan was called upon to answer to the toast "Good Roads," and as one who has made a study of good roads throughout many states, was well posted on the subject. "Good roads and streets do more for a community than any other factor and what we should do is to improve our streets and find a way to improve at low cost. The main trouble is that our roads have not been built in the right way—drainage and a hard surface are the main requirements. We should make the center of our roads the best and not spend so much time on the outside. It would be cheaper and easier to keep them up."

"The duties of the new councilmen," were brought out by Councilman Logus. "We have many duties—but the one most striking in my mind, is a fitting memorial to the old pioneer who has done so much for the founding of Oregon City—Dr. John McLoughlin." He spoke in praising terms of the deeds of the pioneer missionary and brought up the matter of finances and the building up of the fire department.

The finances of Oregon City were thoroughly discussed by Recorder Dimick. He spoke of the condition of the different funds—some good, some poor and others in a bad condition.

Wm. Andresen more thoroughly discussed this matter when speaking of the "Remedy of the Finances" and how the warrants ought to be called in and bonds issued.

The shortage during the year in the Road Fund is \$4783.36 and needs to be remedied in some way and has caused a good deal of worry to the

councilmen who are on the finance committee. The trouble seems to be in the fact that the special road levy is far too small each year for the expensive road system within the city limits. Last year the levy was divided into two taxes—3 mill road tax and a 3 mill bridge tax—and as the city is only allowed 60 per cent of the road tax, its share was indeed far too small. This has been the bottom of the whole trouble between the county and the city officials. Some now say that the charter ought to be changed, thus placing the power of levying the road levy within the power of the city and thus remedying this great shortage of \$4783.36.

The city roads are especially expensive to keep in order and during the last year for example, \$1253.60 was spent on Molalla avenue, \$470.20 on Washington street, and a large sum on the Madison street bridge and the lower end of Main street besides the many regular road expenses.

County Judge Dimick was given the subject of "United Duty of County and City," and in speaking of the road tax problem and whether the city or county should have the right of levying that tax within the limits of the city as mentioned in the previous remarks, said: "We should recognize the fact that the city and county are one body and what is good for one is good for the other. All roads leading to Oregon City from the outside districts will be for the benefit of Oregon City and the amount spent of which was spent on Molalla avenue and other roads is the one thing today that is aiding Oregon City."

The County Judge went on to say that the only way he saw to remedy the finances of Oregon City was to enlarge the boundaries of the city across the river and take all the valuable property in that district—thus bringing large amount of aid to the financial side. "There is also a large amount of timber land which is valuable and while selling at \$100 per acre is assessed at \$6. It would be well for the county to have timber cruisers look up these tracts and have assessments made accordingly."

The Judge spoke of the dire need of an electric road through the Molalla country—one which would bring all produce and people to this city. "It must be done," he said, "or Oregon City will some day find herself cut off with only a small district to depend on. Every citizen should urge such a proposition."

John Bradley, the street superintendent made a few remarks on "Practical Road Building," giving the basis of same as men and money.

The toastmaster with overflowing wit between the remarks of different speakers, called on C. H. Dye, the president of the Oregon City board of trade for "Oregon City's Business Chances." He said in part, "We are living in a natural country, one which has a great number of varied resources. Clackamas county is as large as the state of Rhode Island and look at its factories, wealth and the number of people. We have here just as many advantages—our water power is unsurpassed and is the place for all sorts of factories. Oregon City is the spot for the center of the manufacturing enterprises on the Pacific coast but we cannot afford to wait as we have done upon the big corporations to come here and build up our city. We must get together, work together and get away from that spirit many of us have fallen into—the spirit of knocking. Let's follow the example of Seattle—and say we shall do it and we must succeed."

Representative J. U. Campbell spoke of "What the legislature ought to do." He thought such a place as this—speaking of the banquet—was the place to learn what the legislature should do as so many phases had been brought out. "What we need is not the lack of legislation, but the lack of enforcement."

Chief of Police Burns was on the program to represent the police department.

Chief McFarland praised the work of the fire boys and brought up the needs of the fire department.

"The Water Supply" was explained to those present by W. H. Howell, and J. E. Hedges spoke of the "Future Water Supply of Oregon City," and told of the new filter which was due to arrive in a short time and which would increase the supply from 1,000,000 gallons to 1,500,000 gallons.

Dr. Carl represented the board of directors of the public schools. So inspired were Judge Ryan and

## BRYAN INVITED TO ADDRESS PEOPLE OF CLACKAMAS COUNTY

President Dye of the board of trade that they issued special invitations for that to be present at the next meeting of the board on Friday, a week, as some important business was being considered.

Judge Dimick again proposed another toast to the committee who had worked so faithfully for the success of the banquet and especially was he loud in his praises toward Councilman Knapp for proposing such an affair, which had been the direct cause of bringing about the good fellowship between the county and city officials.

The persons around the table were: Dr. Carl of the school board of directors, Circuit Judge McBride, Mayor Caulfield, County Judge Dimick, Commissioner Lewellen, President C. H. Dye of the board of trade, Representative L. E. Jones, Joint Representative J. U. Campbell, County School Superintendent J. C. Zinser, County Clerk Greenman, Sheriff Beattie, County Recorder Ramsby, Councilmen Knapp, Logus, Randa, Williams, Pope, Meyer and Andresen, Fire Chief McFarland, Chief of Police Burns, Street Supt. Bradley, Water Commissioner T. L. Charman, Supt. Water Commission W. H. Howell, County Coroner Holman, Representative C. G. Huntley, Senator J. E. Hedges, Judge Ryan of the Board of Trade, Edward E. Brodie of the Courier, Abel Meresse of the Daily Star.

## WOODMEN OF WORLD ENTERTAINMENT

The Woodmen of the World had an excellent entertainment in Shively's opera house Thursday evening, when I. I. Boak, head consul of the Pacific Jurisdiction W. O. W., gave an address on the fraternal work.

The Sola Circle guards and the Jergo team of the Uniform Rank gave exhibitions drills which deserved much credit.

Frank Motter of Portland was present and also delivered an address. J. W. Morrow, major general of the uniform rank renewed officers commissions to Captain M. D. Phillips and Lieutenant Tate.

Other Portlanders who attended this fraternal entertainment were Wm. Reef, H. L. Day, the state organizer and A. L. Barber, clerk of the Webfoot Camp.

## Aid For Captain Forrest.

Captain Forrest, master of the schooner Annie Larson, who shot and killed a sailor at Astoria two weeks ago, is still in the Clatsop County jail awaiting trial on a charge of murder. His friends are working day and night in an effort to get him released. A petition has been drawn up and many of the prominent men on the front have signed it. This will be forwarded to the authorities in Astoria in the hope that it will benefit Captain Forrest. The master had words with the sailor and the latter struck the master in the face with his fist. He was shot to death in return.

It will be remembered that through his attorneys, Captain Forrest tried to secure bail in the Circuit Court of Clackamas County when Judge McBride was here last month in adjourned session.

## Sues on Note.

The complaint of Charles M. Douth as plaintiff vs. Chas. Adams Andre et al has been entered through attorneys Hedges & Griffith, in the records of the circuit court. The plaintiff alleges that A. Andre, deceased, and L. E. Andre, his wife, now the defendant, executed and delivered to W. H. Phelps a promissory note in which agreed to pay sum of \$400 with 6 per cent interest in three years and that certain property of estate had been mortgaged to cover same.

## The Charming Woman

is not necessarily one of perfect form and features. Many a plain woman who could never serve as an artist's model, possesses those rare qualities that all the world admires: neatness, clear eyes, clean smooth skin, and that sprightliness of step and action that accompany good health. A physically weak woman is never attractive, not even to herself. Electric Bitters restore weak women, give strong nerves, bright eyes, smooth, velvety skin, beautiful complexion. Guaranteed at Howell & Jones, druggists, 50 cents.

## WORLD FAMOUS ORATOR MAY BE SECURED FOR OREGON CITY DATE.

### He Will Lecture In Portland Night of January 22 and in Salem Two Days Later.

An earnest effort is being made to have William J. Bryan come to Oregon City and deliver an address when he comes to the Pacific Coast the latter part of this month.

No reply has yet been received from the great orator but if his time is not all engaged, those who are working up the affair feel confident the people of Clackamas county will have the opportunity to hear and see the famous Nebraskan.

Mr. Bryan is touring under the management of a lecture bureau and of course arrangements must be made through that medium. That will not stand in the way, if previous dates permit, as a little canvass shows the necessary cost can be made up by subscription.

Mr. Bryan will lecture in Portland on the night of January 22 under the auspices of the Y. M. C. A. of that city. He will be in Salem on January 24 and in Eugene the night of that same day. At Salem he will probably address a few words of kindly counsel to the assembled legislators, and at Eugene to the students of the state university, who all hope some day to be officially at Salem. Albany also claims a Bryan date, but the time is not given, the presumption being in favor of rear car door wave of the hand.

If Bryan can be secured to make a bonafide stop in Oregon City, it is proposed to make the occasion a gala affair for all Clackamas county.

## LOGAN.

Jacob Babler and family are visiting relatives here this week.

The dance at the grange hall was a success, both socially and financially. Everybody had a good time and the ball committee will have another addition to their organ fund.

Miss Marie Fallert has gone to Portland to remain indefinitely.

Mr. Smith, the former buttermaker here, is out again and will remain, but will not go to work for awhile yet until he gets stronger.

Something like the mumps is going around among the children here, F. W. Riebhoff's being the last to take it.

The flume at Fischer's mill was washed out by the recent high water. Saturday was the regular meeting of Harding grange. The newly elected officers were installed by Mr. Chitwood, of Damascus grange. About 50 were present in the afternoon.

Mrs. Swales and daughter, Miss Mary, arrived home Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Bargfeld went to the hospital for treatment last week. Miss Anna Rhoadarmel is visiting Logan friends this week.

Quite a number of the young folks will attend Pomona Grange at Garfield from here.

Thos. Eaden visited his daughter, Mrs. Ross of Wheatland last week. Their infant was seriously ill with pneumonia, but is reported better.

A coyote made its appearance here Sunday morning. Thanks to the telephone, it was not long until there were men, boys and dogs on hand, but his coyoteship succeeded in making his escape.

## Long Live the King!

is the popular cry throughout European countries; while in America the cry of the present day is "Long live Dr. King's New Discovery, King of Throat and Lung Remedies!" of which Mrs. Julia Ryder Paine, Truro, Mass., says: "It never fails to give immediate relief and to quickly cure a cough or cold." Mrs. Paine's opinion is shared by a majority of the inhabitants of this country. New Discovery cures weak lungs and sore throats after all other remedies have failed; and for coughs and colds it's the only sure cure. Guaranteed by Howell & Jones, druggists. 50c and \$1.00. Trial bottle free.