

# High Water Causes Us to Remain a Week Longer.

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#### HIGHEST IN ELEVEN YEARS

Willamette and Mary's River Out of Their Banks—Water Everywhere.

For the past two or three days, the Willamette and Mary's rivers have been at the highest stage of water reached since the great flood of 1891. The highest point was touched at two o'clock Monday morning when the markings on gauges along the river front indicated 27 1/2 feet above low water, or three feet higher than the late freshets of the present season. At this point, the water remained at a standstill for three hours, and at five o'clock slowly began to recede. During the rest of the day, the subsidence was constant, and at midnight, the stage of the Willamette was 25 feet above low water.

Accounts generally agree that the highest point touched was 18 to 24 inches short of the top mark in the flood of February, 1891, usually referred to as the flood of '90. Over at Fischer's mill there is a certain mark, indicating where the water went to in 1891, and another noting the highest point touched Sunday night. The latter is 14 inches below the other. At the electric light plant the measured difference in similar marks, is 19 inches. At the Hart house in the north end of town, the difference is 18 inches. In the Moore house, now owned by Mrs. Beach, a certain blue pencil mark indicating the highest point of 1891 is exactly two feet above the highest point of Sunday night. A difference of 18 inches is reported at a certain marked spot this side of Mary's river bridge.

Sunday night's high water is believed to have been about four feet lower than the top mark in the historic flood of 1861-2. In the house occupied by Fred Brader, a mile and a half beyond the Willamette, there is a mark that tells the story of where the water went to in the destructive inundation of forty years ago. It is four feet above the floor, and Sunday night's high water barely touched the latter. A version that exactly agrees with the latter is the statement of A. M. Witham. An old iron-axled wagon, he says, stood under a certain oak tree on the river bank on this side of the Willamette at the ferry landing during the flood of 1861. The tops of the wheels were barely visible above the water when the river was highest. Sunday night, the water lacked several inches of reaching the foot of the tree, a fact that would indicate that the difference between the two floods was not far from four feet.

All Sunday and Monday, the country east of town was a huge lake. Stretching four miles to the eastward and five miles north and south there was nothing but a vast waste of water, with here and there a half inundated house, rising above it. At the ferry house, the water reached the middle of the windows. In John Beach's barn the water rose midside to a horse. Nine horses were confined in the barn at the time, and could not be removed. The water entered the barn Sunday, rose steadily until the bodies of the horses were half buried in it, remained so for three hours, and then gradually receding, left the animals somewhat chilly, but unharmed so far as known by their long bath of 30 hours or more.

On the same farm about forty head of cattle were luddled to-

gether on the highest point, and as the water continued to rise Sunday, it began to creep higher and higher on their legs until their bodies were reached. When the river was highest, they were in two to three feet of water, and in the midst of darkness. None of the animals were lost.

South of Corvallis, there was another lake, a mile wide and two or three miles long. It reached as far southward as the Thompson house on the state road. It was two feet deep or more in the county road, and in many places was over the tops of fences. It was high enough at Oren's for two hogs to swim out over the top of their pen and subsequently drown. Mr. Oren said if they had stayed in the pen they would have been alright; but the fools swam out and got in deep water and of course perished. There was two or three feet of water in F. P. Morgan's basement and firewood was floating about in his door yard. There was two inches of water on the floor of Victor Hurt's house, and four inches of the floor of the warehouse at the Fischer Mills. Sunday night while the water was encroaching, 500 sacks of wheat there was removed to a place of safety. The flood lacked but three inches of entering James Horning's house, and a few inches more of touching the floors of August Fischer's residence. The sidewalk, built about seven feet high for just such emergencies in the vicinity was afloat and anchored here and there most of the day Monday.

The lower end of the south approach to Mary's river bridge was afloat all day, and had swung about four feet out of line. During Monday a gang of men were busy with block and tackle in an effort to prevent further damage to the structure. Most of the little bridges in the vicinity were washed either out of line or picked up and carried off their foundations altogether.

To approach Corvallis from the west or north was almost as difficult as from the other points of the compass. Dixon Creek was so full of back water from the river, that it covered the railroad tracks north of town to the depth of several inches. The back water in Oak Creek so filled the low place this side of the bridge on the Philomath road that access to Corvallis from that direction was impossible, save by boat. The water entered a cow barn at the John Wells' place and a pig pen at the Hays home. It lacked but a few inches of passing over the decking in the middle of Oak Creek bridge. There was no current, the flood being back water from Mary's river and the Willamette. It had so subsided by noon yesterday that it was easy to reach Corvallis from that direction.

There were practically no farmers from outside districts in town Monday, save a few that came in by small boats. About all the townspeople did during the day, was to watch the rushing waters, and compare the stage of the river with that of former floods. The men whose statements were eagerly sought and listened to with utmost respect were the few who had looked on the mad river in the terrible flood of 1861-2 when hundreds of homes were carried away, when scores of human lives were lost and thousands worth of property destroyed.

At two o'clock yesterday afternoon, the Willamette had fallen about seven and a half feet, and was at the twenty foot stage. It was then falling at the rate of five or six inches an hour, and gave promise of soon subsiding within its banks.

#### A WHITE CASKET.

And Funeral Train—Death and Burial of Eva L. Mattley.

A white casket, the hearse, flowers and weeping relatives was a scene in front of the Methodist church Monday afternoon. It was the close of the funeral and beginning of the journey to the cemetery, with the mortal remains of Eva L. Mattley, aged but 15 years, six months and one day. Death occurred Saturday evening, after a lingering illness. The deceased was a native of Missouri, and had been a member of the Corvallis Methodist church since May 1901. The funeral occurred from the Methodist church at 2:30 Monday. Miss Mattley was a member of Mrs. Groves' Sunday School class which is composed of more than twenty girls of her own age. The pall bearers were selected from this class accompanied by the teacher and the other members of the class bearing a rich offering of flowers.

Mrs. Swan presided at the organ and a quartet consisting of Mrs. Farmer, Mrs. Blackledge and Messrs. Wilkinson and Bane gave two appropriate selections, while little Janet Blackledge sang as a solo "Jesus Wants me for a Sunbeam," a favorite of Miss Mattley, the quartet uniting in the chorus.

Rev. Moses an old time friend of the family led in prayer. The pastor, Mr. Moore, read for the lesson a part of Ecclesiastic 12 chapter. "Remember now thy Creator in the days of thy youth," and spoke briefly from the 16 text "They that seek me early shall find me." The remains were laid to rest in the Odd Fellows cemetery. The deceased will be much missed by a large circle of friends who extend to the bereaved family their sincere sympathy.

#### JESSE SHIRLEY COMING

To be at Corvallis Opera House All Next Week—Other Local News.

The J. H. Sherman Literary society entertained the Plerians Friday evening. The scene of the function was in the society hall on the upper floor of Agricultural Hall. There was a programme, games and social conversation.

A. Hyman, of Grassville, Minnesota, who has been visiting August Kruger, August Kroschel and others, old friends who came to Benton and settled about Granger, has departed for San Francisco. He expects, however, to return again to this locality before going home. Mr. Hyman is favorably impressed with Benton county.

Walter Taylor and W. H. Curry have formed a co-partnership in the dairy business. Sixteen thoroughbred Jerseys, purchased of M. S. Woodcock at \$60 a head have been added to their herd, and they are preparing for an extensive business in the milk line.

Miss Jesse Shirley is to begin a week's engagement at the Opera House next Monday night, in a repertoire that will be seen in another column. Her ability and popularity as an actress, together with the fact that she always carries an excellent company makes it certain that she will have large houses.

T. W. McGowan, Jr. established 1867 commission merchant, hops, and general merchandise, 36 & 38 Whitehall street, New York. Liberal advance made on all consignments. Highest market prices obtained and quick returns. References: R. G. Dunn's Mercantile Agency, New York; Bradstreet's Mercantile Agency, New York; Bank of America, New York.

#### BOATING SHEEP.

The Advantageous Method of Rescue From High Water.

Boating is the term commonly used here for the process of rescuing sheep from the low land when they have become surrounded by water during a freshet. Large bands of sheep are now saved by boating, whereas years ago, from lack of experience and a knowledge of adequate means of rescuing the animals, great numbers were lost. It is undoubtedly true that in late years much less stock is lost in high waters than in time past. This fact is due to various conditions but one of the chief causes is an enlightened system of rescuing sheep.

Almost every farmer who has land in the Willamette river bottoms keeps a small boat for use during high waters, for the purpose of rescuing stock and possibly for the purpose of conveying his family to a place of safety if necessary. These are usually 16-foot skiffs, and to the casual observer it would seem impossible to accomplish much with it in the way of transporting a flock of sheep in the hurrying high-water time.

Two persons are necessary to one or two boats. Various means are used for catching the sheep, but the more common method is to tow what may be described as three light panels of board fencing to the sheep. With these a pen is formed or the wise manipulated so as to enclose the stock. When a sheep is caught the operator takes advantage of his disposition to "give up." The first sheep is placed on his back in the bow of the boat. Here it remains after a brief struggle, without being tied. Two more are placed in a similar position, and probably three can be wedged into the third tier. This process is continued until the boat is loaded. The oarsman then conveys his cargo to place of safety. Ten sheep is an ordinary load for a 16-foot skiff. When the sheep to be rescued are standing in water, much care is necessary in catching them, since, if they run about, they are liable to go into deep water and drown.

Pierpont Morgan is undoubtedly the most fascinating figure before the world today. Mr. Morgan, His Advisers and His Organization, are discussed at length in the January Cosmopolitan by John Brisben Walker, who spent ten days between Morgan's and John Mitchell offices, in the attempt to settle the coal strike.

#### For Sale.

Choice clover seed, in any quantity at 12 cents per pound. Corvallis Flouring Mills.

#### For Sale

Millinery goods, and fixtures for sale on First street, Albany. Good location. For particulars write to Albany, Oregon. Box 184.

#### Enlarging Business.

Notice is hereby given that I have purchased the dairy business of J. H. Hukill, and added the same to the "Corvallis Dairy" business. I shall continue to enlarge my operations in this line as business warrants, and will continue in the future, as I have in the past, to supply my customers with the very best of dairy products. I have had much experience in the business and I feel warranted in assuring the people that I will give the very best satisfaction.

C. H. Vehrs, Prop. Corvallis Dairy.

#### Jersey Milk Cow

Fresh Christmas day, perfectly gentle For sale by James Herron, Bruce, Benton Co.

## Jan. 3 to Feb. 3.

We are well pleased with the way people responded to our Clearance Sale, and to keep up interest in the sale to the last, we have made still further reductions in order to reduce our big stock and make room for our New Spring arrivals which will be due early in February.

Forty percent off on all Cloaks and Furs. This means a \$10 garment for \$6; This means a \$5 garment for \$3. Big cut in Men's, Boys' and Children's Suits.

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