

DAMAGE FROM RAIN

Swollen Streams and Sliding Mountains.

FORTUNATE STOP FOR A TRAIN

Front of Bridge Went Down Underneath a Long Coach Which Spanned the Dangerous Chasm—Saw Logs Washed Away.

JUNCTION CITY, Or., Jan. 14.—The excessive rains prevailing in this section for the past 48 hours have flooded the country, and the Williams river has nearly reached the high-water mark. The rain caused up this afternoon. Considerable damage has been done, washing away sidewalks and fences.

The Southern Pacific railroad is experiencing considerable trouble from the high water. The southbound overland, due here at 12:45 a. m., arrived with only the mail and baggage coach and one coach, the rest of the train being left at Harborsburg. A frightful accident was narrowly averted at the bridge which spans the Williams river between here and Harborsburg by the prompt action of an engineer and forethought of the mail clerk. The approach to the bridge for a considerable distance is built on piles. Just as the engine passed onto the bridge the last bent gave way. The mail clerk, feeling that something was wrong, called for the air brakes, and the train was stopped, with the engine, mail and baggage coach and one coach, and the forward trucks of the next coach on the bridge. The train was uncoupled between the last two named coaches, the engineer opened the throttle wide, and brought that part of the train to Junction City. Word was sent to Harborsburg, and an engine left that place and pulled the other cars back to Harborsburg.

On account of the track being washed away near Harborsburg, the mail coach, local, due here at 2:35 yesterday, did not arrive until 9 o'clock this morning. As arrangements are being made to transfer passengers and mail to the morning train, Judge Fullerton, of Harborsburg, a Presidential elector, who was required to be in Salem at 12 m. today, to cast his ballot for President, was compelled to charter a special engine to carry him to his destination.

UP NEAR THE RECORD.

Williams May Reach 30 Feet at Albany—Country Overflooded.

ALBANY, Or., Jan. 14.—The rainfall at this city for 48 hours previous to 8 o'clock this morning was about as heavy as ever fell here for a like period, being 4.30 inches. For the hours previous to this morning it was 2.55 inches. During the day very little has fallen. The Williams at this city tonight is 24 feet above low water, and rising at the rate of four inches an hour. The outlook is for 30 feet before it stops. The highest since 1891, when it was 35 feet, was February 4, 1896, 32.5 feet.

The tributary streams are swollen full, and spread out over the adjoining lands. The Santiam and Calapooia are reported as high as they ever get, and there are fears for several bridges. In coming along the road, the heavy snow and rain near this city, in several feet of water this noon, Herman Anthony was thrown from his horse and nearly drowned, finally succeeding in getting into a tree, from which he was rescued by a neighbor in a boat, after waiting two or three hours.

DEEP SNOW IN KLAMATH.

All Means of Communication Were Paralyzed—May Do Good.

KLAMATH FALLS, Or., Jan. 8.—The snow storm of this week was the heaviest witnessed in Klamath County in 20 years. About two feet of snow fell at Klamath Falls, while up the mountains, en route to Ashland, the depth reaches six feet on the level. No mail from railroad points has been received up to date, and the telegraph lines connecting the county's communication with the outside world have been completely shut off for a week. Work of clearing the roads, however, is proceeding rapidly, and it is possible that all stages will be able to resume their usual routine in a few days. No losses of stock are reported as a result of the storm, and, aside from the temporary inconvenience, the heavy snowfall, according to the statements of leading farmers, will prove of great benefit in replenishing the streams and moistening and preparing the soil for this year's crops.

HIGHEST WATER IN 11 YEARS.

Sheep and Hogs Drowned—Horse Lost, But Rider Saved.

EUGENE, Or., Jan. 14.—The water in the Willamette river today is higher than about midnight last night, when it was 21 feet. Since then it has been gradually receding. It is the highest flood in 11 years. Not much damage is reported here, except the loss of several sheep and hogs in the bottoms. The breakwater built last summer to protect the north end of the wagon bridge gave way and a portion of the north apron was washed off. The telephone line to Coburn, Blaine County, Idaho, has been moved two miles south-east, without change of postmaster.

CORVALLIS PARTLY SUBMERGED.

And Water Still Rising Five Inches an Hour.

CORVALLIS, Or., Jan. 14.—All of the houses along the water front are under water. The Willamette is supposed to be 25 feet above low water. A portion of the extreme north end of town is under water, and people residing in that section had to use boats to get home this evening. The Williams is out of its seat bank at Corvallis, and as far as the eye can see in that direction there is nothing but water. At Mary's river bridge from 4:30 to 7 o'clock the water rose two feet, but it is supposed to be partly back water. At dark today the river was rising five inches an hour, which has been about the average rise all day.

WATER FOR THE PRUNES.

Welcomed by Southern Oregon Miners—Took Snow Away.

ASHLAND, Or., Jan. 14.—Rain has been general over Southern Oregon today, and with the high temperature which has prevailed for several days past, has almost completely dissipated the unusual amount of snow which fell last week. The snow melted gradually for several days, but the rain today has taken the remainder of it off with a rush, raising the streams rapidly, and providing a bounteous supply of water for placer miners all over Southern Oregon.

The Flood at Eugene.

EUGENE, Or., Jan. 14.—The Williams river at this point boomed today, and it is believed that within another 24 hours it will reach one of the highest flood stages for years. Last night it stood at 31 feet, having risen gradually for two days as the result of the melting of the snow in the mountains. But the warm rain fell in torrents all night, and at noon today the water had reached 37 feet, and

was still rising, although the river is spread over so wide a territory that the rise is not so rapid as during the early morning. There is an immense quantity of snow in the mountains, and the highest floods known in this river have been the result of such conditions as prevail at present. It is expected that the snow—and a big flood is expected by tomorrow.

High Water at Independence. INDEPENDENCE, Or., Jan. 14.—The river rose 11 inches today in half as many hours, and is now 20 feet above low water. The bottoms along the river are all submerged, and the ferry has been compelled to tie up until the water recedes. The steamer Alloua left here this morning with the expectation of tying up at Salem for several days.

Snow Slides Down Mountains.

MCMINVILLE, Jan. 14.—The fears of the mountain people have at last been realized. The snow, standing 17 inches deep on the hills west of here about eight miles, began to melt at 12 o'clock yesterday, and this morning at 4 o'clock it began to slide down the mountains. Although doing no damage as yet, beyond tearing a few fences down, it is expected to break loose in great force at any time.

Gales Creek Breaks Record.

FOREST GROVE, Or., Jan. 14.—The continual rain for the past two days, together with the warm weather, melting the snow, is causing high water in this section. Ex-Senator E. W. Haines said today that Gales Creek, where his flouring mill is located, was higher than he had ever seen it before. With the exception of one bridge, built several years ago, which was carried away yesterday, it is thought no damage will result.

Heavy Rain at Dayton.

DAYTON, Or., Jan. 14.—A continual downpour of rain since Saturday night has swollen the Yamhill river until it is out of its banks, and some of the houses on the lower land are entirely surrounded by water. The water in the Yamhill river since Saturday night is reported to be 10 feet higher in the past few days, and is still rising.

Logs Lost From Washougal.

VANCOUVER, Wash., Jan. 14.—Word comes from Camas that the Washougal lumber company has lost the greater part of a raft containing upwards of 2,000,000 feet of logs by the unexpected freshet. The Columbia has risen more than 10 feet here in the past few days, and is still rising.

McKENZIE CONTENT CASE.

Grew Out of Mining Dispute at Cape Nome, Alaska.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 14.—The contempt case of Alexander McKenzie, the Nome receiver, was called in the United States Circuit Court of Appeals this morning, before Judges Gilbert, Morrow and Ross.

The alleged contempt of McKenzie grew out of the case of Chipps vs. Lindberg, the question at issue being the ownership of claims at Cape Nome. McKenzie is accused of failing to obey the writ of habeas corpus issued by the Circuit Court of Appeals, directing him to turn over the claims and bullion held by him as receiver. Counsel for McKenzie contended that the writ of superseas was improper, and that the writ of habeas corpus was taken in the case to the Circuit Court of Appeals, the order allowing the appeal and the bond on appeal never having been filed in the District Court of Alaska. He claimed that the writ was issued in the matter was not within the jurisdiction of the appellate court.

Three Sent to Penitentiary.

VANCOUVER, Wash., Jan. 13.—Sheriff Marsh, accompanied by Constable L. C. Thompson, left this morning for Walla Walla in charge of three prisoners for the State Penitentiary. Patrick White, sentenced to serve a term of eight years for robbery, and Fred Wolf and Ed Edgill, sentenced to serve two years and six months, respectively, for burglary.

The New County Officers.

The new county officers, who assumed the duties of their respective offices in this county today, are: W. H. Brewster, who succeeds A. J. Cook as County Auditor, and C. G. Straw, County Commissioner of the third district, comprising the towns of Elsie, Sycamore, D. F. Schuele. Each of the other county officers, except the Commissioner of the second district, McBride, who holds over, was re-elected.

Damage Done at Dallas.

DALLAS, Jan. 14.—The greatest rain storm and highest waters since 1890 have been raging since Saturday. Considerable damage has been done at the saw mills of Thurston County, water undermining the dams and causing them to wash away considerable lumber. The dam of the planing mills is cut around by the flood, and damage to the amount of \$1000 done.

The Rain Has Ceased Today.

The rain has ceased today, and the water is falling rapidly. The snow has disappeared entirely from the Valley and the foothills.

Forest Grove's Election.

FOREST GROVE, Or., Jan. 14.—The city election here today passed off quietly, though much interest was manifested on both sides. The total vote was 24, as against 22 last year.

Mayor F. T. Kane was re-elected by 22 majority. His opponents were S. M. Robbins, C. N. Johnson, and R. W. Hamer; Recorder, J. N. Hoffman; Treasurer, W. S. Hudson; Marshal, U. G. Hanna.

New Alaska Postoffice.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 10.—A postoffice has been established at Fort Lacombe, Alaska, about four miles south of Valdez, with George P. Kane, postmaster.

The postoffice of Kotzebue, Blaine County, Idaho, has been moved two miles south-east, without change of postmaster.

Oregon Notes.

Many hogs about Elgin are affected with cholera.

Ed Miller, of Seilo, killed 42 rats last week in a sugar-beet bin.

Athena has invested \$100 in school warrants. The city, besides, has a balance on hand of \$100.

Howard & Stearns are feeding 500 cattle on Crooked River and about 600 head at Silver Lake, in Lake County.

Operations on the Deschutes Consolidated Canal appear to have been indefinitely postponed, says the Prineville Journal.

The estimated income of 80 for the present year is \$1500. Expenditures are estimated at \$622. The city has on hand \$760.

It is reported from Starkey that the hogging camps are all packed, banking 20,000,000 feet of logs for the Grand Lumber Company. Lohr's camp will put in 4,000,000 feet; Richardson's, 7,000,000 feet; Combs', 1,000,000 feet; Sullivan's, 1,000,000 feet; Mike Nelson's, 2,000,000 feet; Riley's, 1,000,000 feet; Briggs', 1,000,000 feet; Young's, 1,000,000 feet.

J. G. Richardson, of the South Cold Spring county, was interviewed at Pendleton last week by the East Oregonian. He had 320 acres of wheat in 1899, from which he secured 8000 bushels and sold at 45 cents per bushel. He says he will make it a rule to dispose of his wheat when it is ready for market, rather than to pay warehouse charges. He has 500 acres of winter wheat in. He has 35 head of horses, which he has rounded up from the ranges, and, as he says, will winter them in the barn, harvesting them for he believes there is going to be a scarcity of horses.

Van Camp's soups, 10c at all grocers.

STRUGGLES FOR OFFICE

SUPERINTENDENT AT SEATTLE

Holds On, But Pay Stops.

Legal Proceedings to Oust Him Before New Term in August—Personal Encounter at Spokane.

SEATTLE, Wash., Jan. 14.—The County Commissioners declared the office of County Superintendent of Schools vacant today, and appointed W. G. Hartman to fill the place. According to law Hartman, who was recently elected to the office, does not assume control until August. The present incumbent, W. J. Meredith, having served two full terms, should go out today, but a statute enacted two years ago directs that superintendents shall serve in August, instead of January. He believes this entitles him to stay.

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CLATSOP COUNTY NEWS.

Bids for Grading Highway Grounds—Road to Nehalem.

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New Officers in Lewis County.

CHIEHALIS, Wash., Jan. 14.—The new county officers took the oath of office this morning, and the Commissioners are in session transacting a little necessary business. The county officers of Lewis County are as follows: Auditor, Albert Schooley; Treasurer, A. C. St. John; Clerk, R. F. Biedler; Sheriff, J. W. Fierrier; Assessor, S. E. Grimm; Surveyor, E. E. Meloy; Attorney, David Stewart; Superintendent, George E. Spencer; Coroner, W. C. Green; Commissioners, Albert Sears, chairman; Henry Foster and J. W. Fierrier.

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Auditor Schooley has not yet selected his deputy. Miss Weatherbee and Miss Bechly are assisting with the work in the Auditor's office. Treasurer St. John re-elected E. F. Arnold, his deputy. Assessor S. E. Grimm, his deputy. Surveyor E. E. Meloy, his deputy. Attorney David Stewart, his deputy. Superintendent George E. Spencer, his deputy. Coroner W. C. Green, his deputy. Commissioners, Albert Sears, chairman; Henry Foster and J. W. Fierrier.

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TO IMPROVE THE PRUNES.

Prominent Grower is Studying at the Agricultural College.

CORVALLIS, Jan. 14.—The prune-growers of Benton County are already looking forward to a bountiful yield this season, and are making preparations to care for the crop better than heretofore. The idea is prevalent that prunes can be made more marketable than they have been in the past, by employing the best methods of curing and packing, and that good packing is quite as essential as good curing.

George Prince, of Dundee, who owns 200 acres of prune orchard near Newberg, and has in his possession 40 carloads of dried prunes, which is more than one-fourth of all the prunes in Oregon, is spending a few days at the Oregon Agricultural College, making a study of the prune question. It is his opinion that the Oregon prune should be carefully packed and the trade protected; that is

to say, that inferior prunes should not be permitted to be marketed away from home, and all sales, whether by contract or otherwise, should be made under our labels, so as to protect and advertise the Oregon prune. In order to carry out this plan, Mr. Prince has built a large packing-house, and sent abroad for a professional packer.

There will be an effort among the prune-growers in Benton, Washington and Polk Counties to lighten the expense of marketing, so that the margin of the grower will not be so close as it has been.

DIVERSIFIED FARMING.

Resources of Damascus Section—Road to Portland.

OREGON CITY, Jan. 14.—County Commissioner J. R. Morton, of Damascus, reports that Ed. Boring has exhibiting in readiness to put in a large cream separator, having been guaranteed the milk from over 100 cows in the neighborhood. The cream will be marketed in Portland. Mr. Morton says that diversified farm products are increasing to an appreciable extent in that neighborhood. Damascus is a section of the Damascus section, and the road to Portland.

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PRESIDENTIAL VOTE.

The Record as Recorded in the Three Northwestern States, Idaho Voting Solemnly for Bryan.

SALEM, Or., Jan. 14.—Oregon's Presidential Electors met at the Capital, at noon today and cast their ballots for William McKinley and Theodore Roosevelt. It was the desire of the electors that all four should be carried by Messrs. Fullerton, Furnish and Paxton. The Electors tonight sent the following dispatch to President McKinley: "We have today cast the electoral vote of Oregon for you, President of the United States. We wish you health and happiness."

"NO CHANCE FOR POOR MAN."

So Declared Cosgrove, Who Wanted to Go to Washington.

OLYMPIA, Wash., Jan. 14.—Washington's four Presidential Electors met today in the state building and cast their votes for McKinley and Roosevelt. Elector Charles Sweeney, of Spokane, the millionaire member, was chosen as messenger to Washington over the vigorous protest of Elector Cosgrove, of Garfield County, who declared himself entitled to the honor. After the election was over he said: "I congratulate you, Mr. Sweeney, but I must say that there is no chance for a poor man, even in the Electoral College."

Sweeney received the votes of Electors

Boyd and Hastings in addition to his own. Governor Rogers and the state officers will be sworn in on Wednesday, and the Governor will deliver his message to the Legislature on that day.

Idaho Electors Vote for Bryan.

BOISE, Idaho, Jan. 14.—The three Presidential Electors of the state met at noon today, and cast their ballots for W. J. Bryan for President, and Adlai E. Stevenson for Vice-President. Samuel J. Rich was selected to carry the returns to Washington.

IDAHO TO VOTE TODAY.

Dubois is Lead for Senator, but There is Opposition.

BOISE, Idaho, Jan. 14.—The second week of election activity in both houses of the Idaho Legislature opened today. The Speaker announced the standing committees and a number of bills were introduced. Some bills were also introduced in the Senate.

Tomorrow afternoon the two houses will ballot in separate session for United States Senator. There does not appear any doubt that Fred T. Dubois, former Senator from this state, will be elected. There is some opposition to him among the Democrats, but they do not appear sufficient to break his lines. There has been a great effort to get enough of the Democrats to vote for other men to prevent an election on the first ballot. So far, however, his has not been successful. But the forces are still working vigorously and possibly may accomplish something before the ballot is taken.

IDAHO'S OFFICIAL REPORTS.

Insurance and Immigration Commissioners and Soldiers' Home.

BOISE, Jan. 14.—The annual report of Insurance Commissioner Lucius C. Rice shows 50 companies operating in Idaho, for which there are 75 agents. A tax amounting to \$250,000 was collected from them last year. There is over \$100,000 insurance in the state, while last year's losses amounted to less than \$100,000.

The biennial report of Superintendent William Atwell, of the Idaho Soldiers' Home, shows that the regular monthly expenses are \$127.50, the average per capita being \$12.50; annual cost of maintenance, exclusive of salaries, \$13,000. Since the burning of the Home, October 9, 1900, the previous inmates were given shelter in the infantry quarters at the Boise barracks. The room here is less than required. Thirty-seven old soldiers are there, 19 in the hospital, 30 drawing help on the outside, 8 on furlough—a total of 55.

The report of C. J. Bassett, now Secretary of State, but until last Monday Commissioner of Immigration, is full of interesting material. It states that during the past two years the Commissioner has answered more than 18,000 personal letters, and issued 13,000 pamphlets. The work has been sorely crippled by lack of funds.

NEW BILLS IN IDAHO.

To Help State Normal School—For a Labor Commission.

BOISE, Jan. 14.—Sweeter, Republican, of Cassia, today presented a bill to the House, "providing for the issue of state bonds for the purpose of completing the present building and for the erection of two dormitories for the Idaho Normal School, and providing how the proceeds of such bonds shall be expended."

In speaking of the bill, Mr. Sweeter said he believed it one of the most important measures to come before the Legislature. It calls for the expenditure of no state money, and is for an institution of which all citizens are proud.

Representative Moore, Democrat,

of Idaho, today introduced a bill, entitled, "An act providing for the creation of a Labor Commission, and defining its duties and powers, and providing for arbitration of labor troubles."

This has been one of Mr. Moore's hobbies for years, and he will push this to immediate consideration. It has no enemies, both employer and employee recognizing the benefits it would bring.

DOESN'T ENCOURAGE A FIGHT.

Governor's Reply to Query as to Jeffries and Rubin.

SALEM, Jan. 14.—Governor Geer today received a telegram from the Cincinnati Post inquiring whether he will allow Jeffries and Rubin to fight a limited number of rounds in Oregon, in case the fight is prevented in Ohio.

The Governor replied that he will not allow it if our state law will prevent it, and that he thinks it can be so construed very easily.

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