

LOCAL AND GENERAL NEWS.

There is a surplus of \$1,978.60 in the city treasury.

Uncle Joe Polly, of Alsea, came over Wednesday.

Domino party to-night at the opera house. Attend it.

There are 705 children attending the public schools in Eugene.

Many a log is now wrestling with salt water of the mighty ocean since the flood.

What everyone wants, what everyone gives, what everyone asks, and what very few take?—Advice.

The great "tariff question" will be torn to pieces by the Adelphian literary society of the agricultural college on Friday evening, the 21st inst.

Frantz Bros., the mill men of King's Valley, are talking of establishing a lumber yard in this city. Hartless & Davison will act as their agents.

A few days ago a farmer went into one of the grocery stores in this city and purchased butter, eggs and potatoes. Such transactions occur every week.

There will be another elocutionary contest for a silver medal in Corvallis about the first of March, the W. C. T. U. having the matter in charge. Only children under 12 years will take part this time.

The government scow, which was anchored across the river near the east landing of the ferry and which floated away with the high water last week, is now lying on the bank near the Hyland house, a few miles below this city.

Oregonians of the 5th, 7th, and 8th were received here on Monday last. It was quite laughable to see the scrambling for them. There was only one of each date and each person had to wait his time to glimpse at the columns of flood news.

The old building between Rose Bros' cigar factory and S. A. Hemp-hill's harness shop is being made ready to move away just as soon as the good weather arrives. A two-story brick structure will take its place, S. L. Kline having the same done.

An Oregon farmer says that in his orchard he has a few trees of greenings, from which he gathered thirty eight boxes of apples which netted him at the orchard 79 cents per box, or \$7.50 each for the four trees. Taking seventy trees to the acre, which is the usual number planted, gives a nice little return of \$525 per acre.

The State Sunday school convention will meet in McMinnville April 15, and continue its session up to the evening of the 17th. There will be representatives of nearly every Sunday school in Oregon present, of every denomination. Wm. Reynolds, president of the International Sunday school convention, will be present, and many other prominent national Sunday school workers.

We learn that the court house at McMinnville, is in a very bad condition. The building is settling and that a large amount of the plastering in the court room has fell off, making the room look very bad. This certainly does not speak very well for the company that erected the building. We believe that the building will be a continual expense to the tax payers of this county for years to come.—Lafayette Ledger.

County Judge Holgate is on the sick list.

Mrs. H. Pape, Jr., has been slightly indisposed this week.

The county horticultural society will meet on Saturday, the 22nd inst., at 1:30 p. m.

County Clerk Wilson granted a marriage license to Wm. Edwards and Clarie A. Baldwin on the 12th.

Franklin Wyatt, of this county, was married to Miss Arimonta Clark of Linn, at Albany on Monday last.

J. T. Philips is constructing a new building just north of his blacksmith shop, which, when finished, will be used as a wagon shop.

The contract for putting in the new gallery in the opera house, of Job brothers, has been let to S. G. McFadden. He was the lowest bidder. Work will be commenced immediately.

The first west side passenger

train from Portland for twelve days arrived yesterday about 1 o'clock. There were several pouches of letters and two tons of paper mail received.

On last Thursday, the 6th, the Oregonian press room was fourteen inches under water, and as a result many ads. were left out and the paper appeared as a four page sheet for the first time in about two years.

Mrs. P. H. Hatch, an old pioneer of Oregon, and who has lived in Salem for many years, died in that city a few days ago. She was the mother of several children, among whom is Herbert L. Hatch, formerly mate on the steamer Wm. M. Hoag.

There came near being a run-away at the S. P. depot yesterday just after the passenger arrived. Lenger's two teams became frisky—at sight of the delayed train—and with the hacks full of mail started to circle around the old south school property. They were soon caught with but little damage.

Otto Clellan returned Sunday from Oregon City, where he had been on a tricycle, leaving here on Wednesday. He reported it a sorry looking place. The water was four feet deep on Main street. He saw a big log float into a store door, and had an addition recently platted, pointed out to him, over which the water floated to the height of a telegraph pole, the top just sticking out.—Albany Democrat, 11th.

PREPARING FOR THE BUSY SEASON.—Some very substantial improvements are being made in J. M. Nolan's store in this city. At present, carpenters are busy leveling up the floor and putting in new timbers for sleepers. All the shelving will be replaced with new which will be much deeper and permit of a larger stock of goods being stowed away. The ceiling and walls will be covered with beautifully designed decorated paper, and the woodwork all repainted. Six incandescent electric lights—three on each side—will be hung in the room and one will swing in front of the main entrance, thus making the establishment after dark nearly as light as during the day. The right rear corner of the room will be arranged for the ladies' shoe department, and the office will be opposite to the left. The north side will be devoted to men's fine and medium furnishing goods and that opposite to ladies' dry goods, etc. In the whole, J. M. can boast of a neat and newly-arranged business place after the mechanics finish up the labors designed to them.

ANOTHER REVETMENT NEEDED.—From an Albany paper of the 9th, the following is taken: "The receding flood has disclosed the fact that the high water in the Willamette has caused the river to begin to cut a new channel opposite and above this city, which threatens to destroy much valuable garden lands and to injure the city's water front and shipping by turning a portion of the current down a new formed stream. An examination of the break will be made by the mayor and city council, with a view of petitioning congress for an appropriation to construct a revetment or breakwater to confine the river to its present channel."

DOWN THE RIVER.—The first boat to leave Corvallis for down the river since the flood, was the Oregon Pacific steamer Wm. M. Hoag on Wednesday morning at 8:30 o'clock. She had come down the river on Tuesday with 230 tons of grain from Booneville, which she took on north hoping to be able to get through the locks at Oregon City without difficulty. About thirty passengers got aboard here; some going simply for the trip and to see what destruction had been done by the high waters of last week. The N. S. Bentley may come up the river to-day.

IT'S ALL OVER.

AND EVERYTHING IS FAVORABLE FOR AN EARLY SPRING.

Since the raging Willamette of last week is more like itself again, things are beginning to quiet down and the flood of '90 is getting to be a thing of the past. Around Corvallis there are only two signs of what has been done by the overflowing water—one the Mary's river bridge going down, and the wharf at the foot of Monroe street. But take it all over Benton county and the damage by land slides, washing away of bridges, etc., is great. In Alsea county alone, the losses will sum up high into the thousands of dollars. There probably is not a bridge in this county but what is damaged and \$25,000 or \$30,000 would hardly replace them. It is said that every bridge between Corvallis and Monroe is swept away. Some one said that the loss of stock in the county's limits would be small, but there is no doubt that this is untrue, for, with every report brought in, comes the account of some additional loss. Along the Yaquina river quite a great many head of cattle were killed. One man, who lived in the Alsea district, said his place was so badly torn up and everything he had gone, that he never would return to the spot again. Many others, perhaps feel the same way.

All over Oregon the damage done was terrible; the lower Willamette country fared the worst as but little chance was given the water to spread owing to the high banks, therefore the force was terrible. The O. & C. railroad, on both the west and east lines, was greatly damaged. The first train since the 1st inst. arrived yesterday afternoon; the east line is not near repaired, and in southern Oregon the work of repairing will take a month or two. The Oregon Pacific track is repaired to Albany—the greatest damage being between here and that city—and a train will reach there to-day.

It has been twelve days since any mail from the north, east, or south has been received in Corvallis, and, of course, the citizens here naturally are disposed to "kick" some. The superintendent of the postal service for this district should be presented with a leather medal for his efficient (?) manner in getting mail through—he ought to attend some reform school awhile, and see if a little "extra exertion" could not be pounded into his system. He's a daisy. Some mail could certainly have been sent here; there are plenty of cayuse ponies in the country yet.

FROM THE BAY COUNTRY.

News notes clipped from the Yaquina Republican of the 6th, are as follows:

About half of the fill for twenty feet on Front street in front of Ray's wharf washed out.

Fears are entertained that all the oysters in Yaquina river will be killed by the fresh water.

On Monday the flood reached the ceilings of the first stories of the houses in Elk City.

King's Valley was first settled in 1845 by a man named King and his three sons. The family is now numerous in that valley.

The Yaquina Bay board of trade is already bringing about some good. Through its efforts harbor lights will probably be established on the bay.

The ocean for a hundred miles off shore is tinged with earth color, such has been the immense amount of dirt washed into it along this coast during the past week.

It will be a long time before Fall street can be put in a condition for travel. Hundreds of loads of dirt have fallen into the cut and it will be an expensive job to remove it.

We hear some names mentioned for county officers but so far nothing has been said about candidates for the legislature. The democrats will probably nominate Tom Cauthorn for state senator. This side of the range will claim the senator and one representative on the republican ticket if the east side is to have the county officers.

A United States senator is to be elected by the next legislature to succeed Senator Mitchell. Benton county wants congressional help in appropriations and therefore it should send a full republican delegation to the legislature so as to be in harmony with the party in power and the congressional delegation from the state.

The republicans have the votes in this county to elect their straight ticket provided they work in harmony and put up staunch men.

FROM KING'S VALLEY.

KING'S VALLEY, Or., Feb. 10, 1890. EDS. GAZETTE:—

The big water of the Luckiamute has again found its way within its banks after a rise surpassing the waters of '61 and '62. No serious damage is done in this locality; some bridges and fences are moved and carried away. Some land slides of considerable note, but nothing serious.

The Luckiamute logs, which have been in the upper river, came down and were safely landed in Frantz Bros.' boom which is a dandy, holding more than five million feet, and showed no sign of weakening.

Prescott & Vances' logs passed through on fair driving water and were a sight worth witnessing. All the logs were saved and not lost as has been reported.

A landslide on the Luckiamute, near Prescott & Vances' camp, is reported to have changed the channel of the river, driving the inmates of the hills for safety.

A portion of C. A. Frantz's camp was washed away. J. II.

COUNTY COURT.

The February term of the county court met on Thursday, the 6th, and the following business was transacted:

- Bills allowed and ordered paid: S. L. Kline, pauper supplies, \$ 2 50 W. Mackay, rep. c. h., " 2 50 A. L. Clark, 3 cougar bounties, " 7 50 Henkle Bros., bridge spikes, " 4 17 E. Staats, 2 coyote bounties, " 20 00 A. Cloak, grand jury witness, " 5 60 W. E. Brien, 1 coyote bounty, " 10 00 Mrs. A. Young, board war veteran, " 5 00 Mr. Eather, " " " 5 00 Harris & McCullough, bridge lumber, " 38 98 J. J. Serafford, juror Dec. term c. c. " 2 00 T. J. Denman, " " " 6 00 A. M. Witham, " " " 2 00 L. J. Crow, " " " 2 00 Corvallis Times, printing, " 3 00 Barnard & Co., room books, " 64 45 D. Carille, jury list, " 5 00 S. T. Jeffrey, jury list asst., " 2 00 M. P. Barnett, " " " 2 00 W. Mackay, sheriff, " 14 50 " board prisoners, " 5 00 W. W. Holgate, furniture sh' office, " 3 00 Phil College, '88 election rent, " 5 00 L. P. Pond, care p. Green, m., " 15 25 T. E. Cauthorn, supply pauper Dyer, " 8 00 John Sylvester, rent, " 8 00 J. T. Vincent, care pauper, " 18 00 E. Eurick, " " " 78 40 Joe Frusshorn, bridge work food, " 2 00 Calvin Thresher, " " " 2 00 B. W. Wilson, clerk, " 543 75 Henkle Bros., pauper supplies, " 3 60 Stock's store, court house supplies, " 1 00 L. Lilly janitor, " " " 40 00 S. A. Logan, com. 2 days, " 17 43 J. Smith, rope tie bridge floor, " 4 50 Geo. Bushnell, m. d. insane, " 19 49 W. E. Cain, guard insane, " 20 40 M. L. Pipes, at. insane, Smith, " 5 00 In case of state vs. H. Shultz, following cost bill of justice of peace allowed: M. L. Pipes, p. r. att'y, \$5; D. Carille, j. p., \$5.70; J. R. Serafford, marshal \$31.75; Wm. Mackay, sheriff, \$4.

In the case of the state vs. H. R. Clark, following cost bill allowed: M. L. Pipes, p. r. att'y, \$5; D. Carille, j. p., \$5.70; Mackay, sheriff, \$9.45; J. Starr, B. Hamilton, J. L. Bayne, E. R. Lyman, A. M. Gray, W. A. Lampkin, C. B. Lampkin, R. W. Caldwell, Caleb Davis, Jr., M. E. Campbell, A. Rinehart, B. L. Arnold, T. E. Cauthorn and W. Nash, each \$1.50 as one day's witness fee.

In the matter of a proposed county road leading from a point on county road at Bales creek to a point on road at Hayes creek, ordered said road be opened, and following expense bill of viewers, etc., be allowed: J. H. Crain, viewer, \$13 40; H. E. Underhill, " " " \$13 40; R. P. Simpson, viewer, \$10.50; L. F. P. and J. W. Bryant, chainmen, \$9.20 and \$9.10; A. L. Porter, surveyor, \$16.30.

In matter of judges and clerks of election—It appears to court that Oliver Altree, heretofore appointed clerk for Toledo precinct, is under legal age, ordered that J. G. Gether be appointed instead.

In matter of sheriff's bond as tax collector for 1889—it ordered that Wm. Mackay, as such, give bond in sum of \$25,000.

In matter of liquor license to John Kincaid for 1890—petition heard to sell liquors in Yaquina precinct, No. 10. License of \$4000 has been paid, and bond, in sum of \$1,000 with Jas. Robertson and Geo. Mad-dex as sureties, be granted.

In reports of road supervisors for 1890—Same were heard and following bills allowed: R. Chambers, dis. 17, \$16; G. H. Linderman, dis. 7, \$8; R. F. Simpson, dis. 35; C. R. M. Williamson, dis. 1, \$8; Wm. Cross, dis. 6, \$16; J. R. Heald, dis. 44, \$14; W. A. Slate, dis. 20, \$8; C. Estey, dis. 4, \$10; Aug. Kruppe, dis. 37, \$12; J. Plunkett, dis. 8, \$18; C. Button, dis. 46, \$6; G. F. Rosebrook, dis. 34, \$22; A. G. McMillan, dis. 42, \$4. John Bryson be appointed supervisor district 24, to fill vacancy made by J. C. Irvine residing in district; also A. N. Locke to district 6, in place of Geo. Taylor who is over age.

In matter of application for bridge material—ordered that J. O. Fuller, dis. 17, allowed to purchase 2,200 feet of lumber and spikes for said district.

In matter of construction of new bridge across Mary's river, etc.—ordered that notice be published in Benton Leader for two weeks for sealed plans and specifications, strains, diagrams, and bids for construction be presented to court at term on March 5th, 1890. Ordered, also, that county judge be empowered to contract for having a temporary bridge or ferry at said place.

In matter of reconstruction and repairs of bridges destroyed by flood—ordered that S. A. Logan, commissioner, and the judge be empowered to contract for and have such bridges reconstructed or repaired as the case requires.

Adjourned.

ALL O. K.—Every river wharf at Corvallis is o. k. now—the only damage done to the boards was in tearing up some of them to allow the water to come up through and thus prevent an upward pressure.

PERSONAL.—Allan Slauson, a representative of Oregon's famous daily, the Oregonian, was in Corvallis on Monday, having come up on the west side, by construction trains, velocipedes, wading, and shank's horses. He is traveling to furnish that paper flood reports that it has been unable to get. On Monday evening he dispatched a lot of news from this city. He is now plodding along on the east side taking in the country between here and Ashland. The Albany Herald, of the 12th, says of him: "A. B. Slauson, of the Oregonian editorial staff, was in the city yesterday, having walked over from Corvallis. He started from Portland on Saturday, coming by the west side and viewing the wash-outs and wrecks along the route, riding, walking, and pumping a railroad tricycle on different portions of the route. The Derry bridge he found to be the most serious break on the West Side. Independence he thinks will not lose very much, as the washed out saw-mill and other buildings can be placed back on their foundations. The break in the Oregon Pacific railroad between here and Corvallis he found to be serious, the track in one place being piled up against the trees some distance below, looking like a picket fence, and some of the track gone entirely, the most diligent search failing to find it. Mr. Slauson went on down to Salem on the special train that ran down yesterday forenoon."

TRIED TO HANG HIMSELF.—Fred Smith, who is a New Yorker by birth, and who has been in Oregon for a year past was brought to Corvallis from Yaquina one day last week to be examined as to his sanity. He had gone to the bay from Portland expecting to take the steamer for San Francisco, but as they are bar bound he was compelled to remain there. He has been, for the past eight years, subject to insane fits, and was taken with one while at that place. About 4 o'clock Tuesday afternoon he made an attempt to end his life by hanging himself. He tore a piece off one of the heavy curtains used over the jail windows and, after twisting it into a cord shape, put it up over an iron on the top of the front doors, tied it around his neck after getting up a few inches from the floor and thus swung off—to glory. While in this position, and before life was extinct, he was discovered and immediately taken down. Drs. G. R. Farra and Chas. Lee were called and soon had him in conscious state, and he is now on a fair way to recovery. Wednesday he was taken to Salem's insane asylum by boat.

LOSS OF LIFE.—On the 3rd inst., a side of a mountain a few miles above the old Peak mill in Alsea, slid down and in its course, struck the residence of Robt. Barclay, and nearly buried it with the mass of dirt and stone. It was about 5 o'clock in the morning when it started, and his wife and daughter hearing the noise rushed out to see what the eruption was. As quickly as possible, the alarm was given to Mr. Barclay and his three children, and Robt. Brown, who were in the house, but before they could get out the building was covered and smashed by the debris. Mr. Brown was almost instantly killed, but the others were, after about three hours, released with but slight injuries. The barn of Mr. Barclay's was in the path of the sliding mass, and two horses, two cows, and six yearlings were killed.

THREE THOUSAND MORE.—By a vote at the school meeting on Friday last the district was allowed to borrow \$3,000, the same to be used in making some improvements about the new school building. This money can be returned to the parties loaning it as soon as the ground where the north school stands, can be sold.

Plenty of mail now.

SINCE THE WATER HAS FALLEN.—Across the river in Linn county where the whole country was flooded last week it is now above water and does not present such a deplorable condition as at first supposed. Most all the rail fencing is gone and in some places the cuts are extensive and deep. But most of the farms have been benefited by the alluvial washings, some parts of them being covered to a depth the bottom of which could not be reached by a plow. Mr. Beach reports some of his land so greatly enriched as to be unfit for wheat raising, and he is thinking of planting it all to potatoes during the coming spring. A low spot on the ten-acre tract of Rev. A. Rogers', which was to have been filled in by having dirt hauled onto it, is now perfectly level with the rest of the land, and the reverend gentleman is smiling all over at his good fortune. Mr. Wilbanks says he thinks every acre of his land has been benefited \$5 worth on account of the additional new soil deposited on the place. It will take but a few dollars and but a short time to replace the fences, as timber is plenty in the surrounding country. To those parties the high water has not been so great an "ill wind" as at first thought.

A WARNING.—According to one Salem paper it is now learned that the bridge there was to hastily as well as lightly built. The State Democrat says: "Salem's frail toy bridge has gone the way of all the earth. It ought to have been saved. The undue haste which attended the preliminaries of building the bridge indicated a bad result. The thing at that time looked like a job. The irresponsible bridge builders were enough to warn the public against them. But no, they must have the contract and they got it, before the city council were called upon to act on the subject."

ROBBER.—In Justice Carille's office yesterday Adam Baumbarger appeared to answer to a charge of robbing Hugh McKenzie of \$8 and some cents. These two fellows held out on Wednesday night at the "boarding" house of the King crowd near Sobin's laundry, and when McKenzie was putting on his pants the next morning he missed the money and a purse. Suspicion at once was pointed to Baumbarger and the marshal called who, after some questioning, took him in charge. He will have his examination to-day; the chances are strong against him.

A MONTH YET.—Port Captain J. W. Troup, of the U. P. company, says the Oregon City locks will not open for a month yet. The damage to them consists in the washing away of the wing dam and the upper flume, and these must be repaired before the locks can be opened.

LETTERS.—Advertised for February 14, 1890: John Daly, William Igo, Mr. Alva Jordan, Mrs. Emma Muller, Byron Nivon, S. W. Perkins, J. P. Wilson, Johnson White. F. A. HELM, P. M.

Highest of all in Leavening Power.—U. S. Gov't Report, Aug. 17, 1889. Royal Baking Powder ABSOLUTELY PURE.