

# VALLEY GETS REAL STORM

### Thunder and Lightning Display Makes Easterners Feel at Home.

## FOLLOWED SULTRY SPELL

#### Extended Through Siskiyou Into California—Wires Down In Many Places.

The electric storm that visited Salem last night seems to have been general, extending across the Siskiyou and well down into California, says the Capital Journal. The storm here appeared to come from the east. About 9:30 the lightning began to show, apparently far up over the Cascade range. By 10 o'clock the lightning was almost constant, there being a vivid display of sheet lightning that lit up the valley, and made the mountains visible. As a variation to the glare, there was an occasional bolt of the old-fashioned Eastern chain lightning that apparently fell straight from the heavens to the earth, and through the smoky atmosphere it looked like an immense bar of red hot iron, or as though the door of sheol had suddenly been swung open, and as suddenly closed. In the meanwhile off to the north an opposition storm developed, that seemed to be running under entirely different management. As it furnished a different style of fireworks. About 11 o'clock rain began to fall, and each flash, followed by the rattling of thunder, seemed to jar the sprinkling pot and send down a momentary shower. The lightning was not so sharp, nor did the thunder get up to that hair-raising and deafening rattle that it does in the East, but considering that electric storms are rare in Oregon, this one might be considered first-class. Reports received this morning from the south show the storm was much more severe down in the Siskiyou than here. A phone message was received by the Pacific Telephone Company late last night that a severe electric storm prevailed in Northern California and Southern Oregon. From Yreka south to Sacramento the storm appears to have been especially serious. The telephone wires went down, and the telegraph companies were working only under the greatest difficulty. Whether any property damage, except the prostration of wires, has resulted, was not ascertainable.

The Western Union's Oakland wires failed at 11:40 p. m. south of Roseburg. Ashland had reported a severe electrical storm raging before the wires went down. A house in West Salem was struck but the damage was light, and another near Wheatland was partially destroyed by the lightning setting it on fire. No damage other than the above has been reported, and outside of the breaking off of a few overloaded limbs from the fruit trees and the delaying of threshers, it is probable none was done, and this is more than compensated by the good done the pastures and other crops.

## NORTHWESTERN WILL PASS THROUGH BOISE

### Gould Road and Northwestern To Inevitably Infringe Territory.

Boise, Idaho, Aug. 24.—It comes to the Statesman from a source that is reliable, based on information that bears all the earmarks of being direct, that Gould interests have secured control of what is called the San Francisco, Idaho, & Montana railway, upon which work has been started from Caldwell. It is added that it is the intention to do a little work this year for the purpose of holding all rights and that the road will be constructed when the Western Pacific shall have been more nearly completed.

Some two months ago a railroad man who is generally able to give some reliable information respecting the movements of two or three companies told the writer that the next railway line to be constructed into Boise would be the Northwestern. He added that it would make a connection here with a line to Winnemucca to a connection with the Western Pacific or build such a line itself.

The further statement was made at the time that an agreement had been reached between the Gould and Northwestern interests under which the Northwestern would make its connection with San Francisco over the Western Pacific. Both were to this section and would co-operate in every possible manner in the invasion.

This same person states the Goulds would have a line reaching the various irrigated tracts in the vicinity of Shoshone falls and might have an independent line into Boise, but the first road to reach this place would be the Northwestern, making the connection with the Western Pacific in the manner stated.

This story of the sale of the S. F., I. & M. to the Goulds fits in so well with that information that it will arouse much interest. Everyone can understand that the Goulds would like to seek a line reaching this valley and that they would have much to gain by affording the Northwestern an outlet to San Francisco.

## COMMISSARY MAN IN FROM BOUTIN'S

### Walter Straw was in from the South Inlet yesterday. He has been employed in the commissary owned by the Boutin company.

# MICHIGAN MEN BUY SAWMILL

### Kinney Sawmill on Pony Inlet Sold to Wiggins, Whitney & Waite.

## EXTENSIVE IMPROVEMENTS

#### Mill Will Be Put in First-Class Shape for Furnishing Local Trade.

The Kinney saw mill on Pony Inlet was sold yesterday to a company composed of M. Wiggins, W. W. Whitney and E. B. Waite. The two former men are from Bloomington, Michigan, and Mr. Wiggins is a wealthy banker of that city. The sale which was reported some time ago as going to Mr. Waite, fell through and was not completed. The new management will make all the necessary improvements for putting the mill in first-class order for doing a general retail business. All kinds of lumber will be turned out and shingles and lath as well. The mill is practically a new one, having been operated but a short time since the early months of spring. Major Kinney attempted to operate it several times, but each attempt was a failure, owing to lack of help, or shortage of logs or some other reason. The deal includes a total of thirteen million feet of timber cut and standing on the Kinney and Waite properties and there are two and a half million more to land at the mill. The timber included in the deal is considered by loggers as first-class and the mill should enjoy a good patronage. Improvements and new arrangements will be commenced this morning and among the additions to the machinery will be, a lath mill and a boiler, a new engine and a planer now on the ground. Besides these, there will be tracks laid for conveyance of lumber, docks for piling, a carrier for taking the slabs and sawdust to the burners. The mill was built to saw 50,000 feet of lumber daily, and when in good condition it should easily come up to such a capacity. During its spasmodic runs it demonstrated that when in shape this amount could be cut, and so the purchasers will expect to turn that amount out daily, when the mill is ready for operation. The boarding house at the mill is now open and will accommodate the millmen who are without homes. The mill is about a mile and a quarter from North Bend and two miles from Marshfield. Pony Inlet is the waterway from the site to the bay and it is expected that some day this channel will be dredged to permit large barges to enter.

## LOCAL RAILROAD HAS BAD SMASH-UP

### Nine Flat Cars Smashed in Runaway—Lawrence Saves Worse Disaster.

One of the most disastrous smash-ups on the local railroad in several years occurred yesterday about noon when a train of logging cars, Marshfield bound, broke away from the engine on the hill about a half mile from the station and plunged along at a thirty mile clip headed straight for a long string of cars on the siding next to the station. But for the timely work of Conductor Ned Lawrence of the train, the station building would have suffered serious damage. Lawrence jumped from the train at the switch which opens off the main track onto the spur leading to the coal bunkers and threw it just as two of the runaway cars had passed. The two cars which had passed ran down the track which lay with several which were on a siding, ditching seven or eight of them. The changing of the switch threw the other cars off the track and five or six piled up in a conglomerate mass of twisted wood and broken iron.

According to the story of the engineer the logging cars were in front of the engine and were being pushed along at a speed of about ten miles an hour. He endeavored to slack the speed and the strain broke a coupling which let the cars loose.

Men were at work all day yesterday cleaning up the wreckage and from appearances several more days of hard work will be required to straighten out the tangle.

## MARSHFIELD WINS FROM NORTH BEND

### Game of 18 to 12 Was Poorest Played on Local Grounds This Year.

The ball game played here on Sunday between Marshfield and North Bend was a farce as there was the greatest exhibition of poor playing that has been seen on Coos Bay this season. Both teams were short of regular players and filled in with substitutes. But the substitutes were not the ones who made the bad plays. The old players were unable, many of them, to pick up the easiest grounders and when they did, they threw the ball over the first baseman or the catcher. A great many of the crowd left before the game was finished. North Bend started out as if she would win the game, gathering four runs in the first inning. The game saw-sawed until the fifth inning, when each side had ten scores. In the sixth, Marshfield began to pull away, and kept the lead to the end of the game. The score was 18 to 12, a pasture score, but it gave Marshfield second place. Bandon fell before the leaders at Bandon, and thus gave the Coquille boys another boost in the percentage column. The score was 12 to 1.

# STORM INJURES OREGON WHEAT

### A Heavy Storm In Umatilla County Damages Farmers' Grain.

## DAMAGE UP IN THOUSANDS

#### Water Works at Athena Carried Away by Cloudburst—Ten Minutes Duration.

Pendleton, Or., Aug. 26.—Probably the hardest hail storm that ever occurred in Oregon and also a cloudburst visited two different sections of Umatilla county almost simultaneously this afternoon, causing many thousands of dollars' damage. Hundreds of acres of the finest wheat was beaten into the ground by the hail until it is impossible to tell what part of the field has been threshed and which has not, while the cloudburst washed away bridges, chicken-houses, woodsheds, farm machinery, chickens, pigs, at least one cow, and destroyed many acres of alfalfa hay. The hail storm struck the wheat belt at the Umatilla river near Thorn Hollow, about 15 miles east of Pendleton, and swept northward across the county between Athena and Weston for a distance of ten miles or more. The path of the storm was only about three-quarters of a mile wide, but the entire strip of country was covered with hail to a depth of from three to four inches, and completely devastated. Some of the hailstones were two inches long and the orchards that lay in the path of the storm were stripped of their fruit and leaves.

All Done in Ten Minutes. Coming on suddenly the hail caught the harvest crews in fields, and there was not time to unhitch the teams from the combines and headers. Two disastrous runaways resulted, but no loss of life has so far been reported.

Though the damage done was so complete and extensive the hail fell in about 10 minutes of time. This was followed by a terrific down-pour of rain and dry gulches were turned into raging torrents in the space of a few minutes. Farms were flooded and at least one family was compelled to abandon its home and flee to the hills.

The dam forming the reservoir for the Athena waterworks went out, and the town is threatened with a water famine. While the damage amounts well up into the thousands it is impossible to form anything near like an accurate estimate. Representative Barrett, telephoning from Athena tonight, says it is undoubtedly the worst storm of its kind in the history of the county.

Heavy Damage to Hay Fields. The cloudburst occurred on the head of West Birch creek several miles south of Pilot Rock and the little valley of that stream was completely flooded. The water run through dwellings, washed away all small outhouses and drowned all the chickens, but the greatest damage was to the present crop of alfalfa. The heaviest losers are probably the J. E. Smith Livestock Company and the Cunningham Sheep & Livestock Company, the latter having between 50 and 100 acres of alfalfa ruined. The flood reached Pilot Rock, but beyond the washing out of a county bridge and a footbridge, no damage was done at that point. Several bridges further up the stream were washed away.

Rain fell in this city and, as far as can be learned, throughout the county, nearly all the afternoon, bringing all harvesting operations to a standstill and greatly damaging the standing wheat. It is thought that only little more than half the crop has been harvested. Fortunately for the Athena farmers, whose ranches were in the path of the hailstorm, they had nearly finished threshing, but up along the river, where it first started and where it was the worst, the work of harvesting had just begun.

Continued Rain Means Harm. It is still cloudy and threatening late tonight and it is feared that more rain will fall. The grain has already had all the rain it will stand, and every drop that falls from now on will do damage.

With wheat at 70 cents, the farmers have been unloading their crops in large quantities during the last two days and it is estimated that 1,000,000 bushels have changed hands in that time in this county alone. A few growers are still holding for 75 cents, but the majority have signified a willingness to let their grain go at present prices.

## LA BON VIVANT CAFE CLOSED BY SHERIFF

The La Bon Vivant restaurant was closed by the sheriff yesterday on an attachment issued on complaint of E. G. Flanagan. There was some trouble of this sort last week and the place was closed for a day, but reopened again. It was thought at that time that the embarrassment would be adjusted but creditors thought it time to close down on the place. There are several chattel mortgages on the restaurant, amounting to about \$2500. The proprietor, Mr. L. P. Wyatt, is understood to have lost something like \$1200 in the venture and his friends are accordingly disappointed at the failure and his loss. There was need for this eating house, as the city is not any too well supplied. It is possible the place will be opened again by the creditors, though it is not certain. The fixtures and arrangement were of the best and many have expressed regret that the sheriff got hold of the place.

Times want ads get you results.

# NORMALS ARE ABANDONED

### Board Decides Against Continuing Those at Drain and Monmouth.

## TEACHERS ARE DISCHARGED

#### Monmouth Will Possibly Struggle Along by Aid of Public Subscriptions.

Salem, Or., Aug. 23.—The board of regents of Oregon State Normal schools today rescinded its action of July 18, ordering that the Monmouth and Drain Normals be operated this year and instead a resolution was adopted declaring that the schools shall not be operated unless donations are received and that "no donations are received without the express understanding and agreement that no claim will be made for repayment by the state or legislature." The faculty already elected at Monmouth was discharged and the executive committee authorized to elect a new faculty when funds are available. No faculty has been elected by Drain Normal. Ex-President Ressler, of Monmouth, says that his institution will meet the conditions imposed and that the school will run next year. Ex-President Briggs, of Drain, could not say what the friends of that institution will do.

Resolution Adopted Unanimously. The resolution that expressed the new policy of the board was introduced by W. B. Ayer, and was adopted by unanimous vote; not, however, until after an extended discussion was held, during which Colonel E. Hofer offered an amendment, which proposed the acceptance of donations without condition as to claim for repayment. Mr. Ayer's resolution was drawn in accordance with his view of the powers of the board under the law creating it and it is supported by an opinion he has obtained from George H. Williams, Dolph, Mallory, Simon and Gearin.

He took the position that if the board of regents should accept donations that have been made with an understanding that claim for repayment will be made, there would be a moral obligation upon the part of the state to repay the money. Thus the board would in effect be creating a debt, which it is forbidden to do.

Schools Must Go Alone. So far as the board of regents has now anything to do with the matter, the Drain and Monmouth schools will not run next year, and it is up to the friends of the schools to take action. If they do not run as normal schools the board will be willing to lease the buildings for local school purposes.

Monmouth Normal has an income of \$4500 from the local school district, \$4000 from tuition and President Ressler says that \$6000 can be raised by donations. This, he says, will be sufficient, as the teachers have agreed to serve for \$750 a year each.

The board today adopted the following resolution offered by Colonel E. Hofer and intended to encourage the preparation of students for work as teachers: Whereas, The State University maintains a department of education, giving courses in the philosophy of education and higher pedagogy; and Whereas, The State Agricultural College is giving a training course in agriculture at its Summer school; therefore, be it

Resolved, By the State Board of Normal School Regents, that we recognize the State University and the State Agricultural College as important adjuncts to the normal schools in the training and preparation of teachers, especially those required in the high schools of the state, and in order to secure harmonious co-operation in the development of the educational system of the state, and that end we recommend that the committee on courses of study hold a conference with the heads of those institutions.

## TEACHERS' INSTITUTE CLOSED WITH BANQUET

### Bandon Gathering Was Success from All Views—Eighty-six Teachers Were Present.

The annual Teachers' Institute at Bandon adjourned Thursday night, after the Bandon Commercial Club had entertained the teachers with a banquet and social dance. The session commenced on Tuesday nine in institute held each day from nine in the morning until four in the afternoon. There was a total attendance of eighty-six, which was up to the usual attendance upon Coos county institutes. The program is said by returning teachers to have been excellent and the institute was greatly beneficial. There were lectures two evenings of the three and some very good addresses were given. The Marshfield and North Bend teachers arrived home yesterday on the noon train, among them being the following: Marshfield—Miss Adah Chapman, Miss Elvada Erickson, Miss Selma Johnson, Mrs. Wilbur, Miss Alice McCormac, Miss Chase, Miss Bradley, Mr. Reedy, Miss Kaufman, Miss Mary McInt, Miss Laura Escott, North Bend—Mr. Traver, Mr. Robinson, Miss Anderson, Miss Winifred Rood, Mr. Raab; Empire—Miss Annie Wickman, Miss Nettie Morse, Miss Stella Wickman; East Marshfield—Mrs. Gordon; Miss Thompson, of Ten Mile.

And now Messrs. Fish and Harriman are indulging in the "did-dit" style of oratory. It's too bad neither of them has the right of nomination to the club.

# PRIZES FOR PRODUCERS

### Chamber of Commerce To Encourage Exhibits of Fruit and Vegetables.

## TO ESTABLISH SHIP YARD

#### Mr. Carlson, of Port Blakely, Desires To Locate Yard in Or Near Marshfield.

(From Sunday's Daily.) There was a large attendance at the Chamber of Commerce last evening and the business and addresses were quite up to the standard of interest. After President McCormac called the meeting to order and the secretary had read the minutes of the last meeting, the committee on the Port of Coos Bay reported. Mr. Grimes, for the committee, reported that the committee had undertaken the work of raising thirty thousand dollars to build the dredge necessary to dredge the harbor and that C. A. Smith Lumber company had subscribed \$10,000, A. M. Simpson Lumber company had subscribed \$10,000, and Bennett & Flanagan Bank had subscribed \$2,000; that no canvass had been made, but that it was believed the remaining funds would be subscribed by citizens as soon as requested. The secretary stated that the committee should report back to the two chambers of Marshfield and North Bend in order to receive authority from them to incur necessary expenses in the employment of an engineer and an attorney. On motion it was voted to approve and adopt the report of the committee and to authorize the committee to incur the necessary expenses for the purposes mentioned.

The president called on Mr. Finnegan, a representative of the Portland Journal, to address the Chamber in regard to "Late Mails." Mr. Finnegan responded by making a clear statement which showed that the Southern Pacific train, No. 13, was the mail train and that it reached Roseburg too late to meet the outgoing Coos Bay stage. He suggested that it would benefit both his paper and the business men of Marshfield if the mail should be sent down on number 15 as then the Coos Bay stage could get through on time. He also suggested that the secretary write to the postmaster at Portland on behalf of the Chamber asking that the change be made. Mr. Finnegan stated that he was surprised at the inquiries made on the outside in regard to Coos Bay and that some twenty persons in Portland were waiting for his opinion of the country on his return, to decide whether to locate here.

The president called on Mr. Carlson of Port Blakely, who was present to state his intentions or wishes with reference to locating a shipyard on the Bay. Mr. Carlson stated that he was on the Bay for that purpose and that it was the intention of himself and associates to bring their machinery, of which they had a large quantity, from Port Blakely and commence business here if the Chamber of Commerce and citizens would aid in furnishing a site. The site, he said, had been practically selected and was satisfactory, but he would have to satisfy his associates as to the price in order to obtain their consent. In this the Chamber could help by contributing something.

On motion it was voted that the president appoint a committee of three to co-operate with Mr. Carlson in obtaining a suitable site and having the ship yard established in or near Marshfield.

Judge C. A. Schibrede of Marshfield, having just become a member was asked for a speech and responding in his usual graceful and interesting manner discussed the matter of the Coos Bay-Roseburg electric road. He felt, he said, that the people of Coos Bay had not done what they could do and that they should bestir themselves. The people of Roseburg had been led to believe that if Roseburg would subscribe \$125,000 the same amount would be subscribed at the Coos Bay end. He had been at Roseburg recently. He felt rather ashamed to be obliged to meet the people there and explain why Marshfield and North Bend had fallen down, when the Roseburg end had subscribed \$125,000 in three days. He believed that road was of vital importance. If it were built there would not need to be any delayed mails. More than this the ride so well described by the man who wrote the letter for the paper the other day, would be relieved of its bumps and its charges. The people of Coos Bay should rise to the occasion. Roseburg had done so, and Roseburg was confident that the road could be built. He had consulted a large financial house in Portland who were anxious and willing to help finance the road if it should be pushed. The Judge was enthusiastically applauded.

Mr. Clarke asked for a report from the committee composed of the officers of the Chamber who were charged with the duty of offering premiums for the best exhibit of certain fruits and vegetables to be left at the Chamber of Commerce.

The secretary reported for the committee the following list of premiums:

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| Fruits.                            |        |
| Gravenstein apples, best box...    | \$5.00 |
| Best exhibit of other varieties... | 5.00   |
| one box .....                      | 3.00   |
| Strawberries, 1 quart or more...   | 2.00   |
| Blackberries, 1 quart or more...   | 2.00   |
| Best box of pears .....            | 3.00   |
| Vegetables.                        |        |
| Potatoes, 15 pounds .....          | 2.00   |
| Celery, 3 bunches .....            | 3.00   |

# TODAY CLOSSES THE SEASON

### Marshfield and North Bend Will Play Here For Second Place.

## COQUILLE GOES TO BANDON

#### Peculiar Showing of Tail-Enders—Have Played Speedy Games, Likewise Poor Ones.

(From Sunday's Daily.)

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| STANDING OF CLUBS. |      |    |   |      |  |  |  |  |  |
| P. W. L.           | Pct. |    |   |      |  |  |  |  |  |
| Coquille, .....    | 11   | 10 | 1 | .909 |  |  |  |  |  |
| North Bend .....   | 11   | 5  | 6 | .455 |  |  |  |  |  |
| Marshfield .....   | 11   | 5  | 6 | .455 |  |  |  |  |  |
| Bandon .....       | 11   | 2  | 9 | .181 |  |  |  |  |  |
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Today witnesses the closing of the Coos County Baseball League season, and the only interesting game will be played on the Marshfield grounds. Here, North Bend and Marshfield will battle for the coveted second place, since first place is out of reach and in the possession of Peralta and his Coquille aggregation. Marshfield forfeited to North Bend last Sunday, and contrary to the statement made in the Times that Marshfield was one score ahead when the difficulty occurred, North Bend was the team that had the extra score. There was no ill feeling over the matter and the teams will come together today and play the game to a finish, as if nothing had happened to mar the good feeling which has prevailed throughout the season among the ball players. Captain Lyons of North Bend was seen while in Marshfield the other day, and confessed that the decision on which the game broke up should have been in Marshfield's favor, but the umpire's word stands and so the game today will be for second place. This being the last game and full of interest for both cities, it should draw a very large audience.

The season has been marked by the best of feeling among the players and the supporters of the several teams. Backers have journeyed back and forth between the River and the Bay to see their respective teams play and good crowds have patronized the contests. Naturally, this side has enjoyed better patronage, as the cities on the other side are less populous and therefore as large crowds as attend here could not be expected on the Coquille side.

Captain McKeown, of the Marshfield team, says he expects to win today, and bases his hope on the improved playing of his team of late. Then, Pitcher Wright can always be relied upon to do his best when the team is winning or when it is losing. He is a steady pitcher, with good control and when the team back of him does its part, Wright can usually bring them out winners. North Bend will likely pitch Foote, the left handed twirler and he has some very deceptive curves. Marshfield won from the North Bend team with Foote in the box, and believes she can do the turn today.

Bandon and Coquille will meet at Bandon, and in case Bandon plays as she did last Sunday when she was beaten 2 to 4, it ought to be easy picking for Coquille. The playing of the Bandon boys has been rather an enigma, since they have played some very excellent games, and at the same time, some very yellow ones. When they shut out North Bend four to nothing, there was a general belief that Bandon was coming fast and would startle Coquille last Sunday. But her very poor showing dispipated the thought that she would hold the pace.

## WARDEN WRIGHT FINDS LAW-BREAKERS SCARCE

Game Warden Wright was seen yesterday as he was starting for Ten Mile, and questioned regarding the conduct of hunters who are swarming all over the county. Mr. Wright had a rather disgusted look on his face and declared that apparently there are no hunters breaking the law. He has so far found no particular use for a game warden, though he has had numerous "Bum steers," as the saying goes. He says it is very disconcerting to get information of this or that man running deer with dogs and obtaining exact pointers as to where to look for him, and then find him attending to business and looking as if he had never seen a deer, let alone running them with dogs. Mr. Wright has been in several localities and found everything all right from a game warden's point of view, and is almost convinced that there are no infractions being perpetrated.

Other vegetables, best exhibit. 4.00 Mr. F. B. Waite arose at the close of the secretary's report and announced that he would add twenty dollars personally to the premiums offered for the best box of Gravensteins. The secretary stated that another member had also stated that he would give an additional sum also for the best box of Gravensteins, thus making the prize for the winner something more than \$25.00.

On motion, Messrs. Clarke, Lyons and Dow were appointed to act as a committee to see that the orchard-ists of Coos county were notified of the prizes and that the exhibition was to be held at the Chamber of Commerce in September, when Dr. Withycombe and others of the Corvallis Agricultural School would be present and address the farmers and others of the county. On motion the meeting adjourned.