

# ARE FALSE PROPHETS

### U. S. District Forecaster Edward A. Beals On Long Range Weather Seers.

# ARE FAKIRS AND IMPOSTERS

### Belong to Dark Ages—Prophecies do Not Come True—People Should Investigate and Reject Work of Artful Astrologers.

Portland, Or. Nov. 28.—The following letter is issued by Forecaster Edward Beals of the U. S. weather bureau:

There are today in the United States, as well in other civilized countries a few persons who make their living by publishing so called long range weather forecasts, based upon old theories which have no foundation, and which scientific men long ago rejected. We also find in almost every community some man who sets himself as a weather prophet, and who prognosticates, year by year, hard winters, dry spells, and other calamities. Once in a great while he hits the mark, and then his "I told you so" receives public acknowledgement; all his previous misses are forgotten, and great is his fame throughout the land.

These men may be conscientious in their belief, or veritable tricksters, it matters not which, and does not change the fact that their sayings and doings are an inheritance of the dark ages, when all the world was veiled in superstition and ignorance. This we know, for by tracing back the mental progress of the human race we find that all savages today have their rain makers and their rain stoppers, and that the patriarchal tribes still believe that comets, eclipses and other unusual appearances forebode dire disasters. Also, anciently, the most civilized nations, such as the Chaldeans, Egyptians, Jews, Greeks, and Romans, had their soothsayers and oracles, who imposed upon a credulous public.

Later, the astrologers of the middle ages had a large following, and from the beginning of the 16th century up to the beginning of the 19th century they flooded Germany, France and Great Britain with almanacs containing prophecies of the weather, as well as prophecies regarding the minutest details of conduct in the daily lives of the people. These prophecies were the merest twaddle, but it took a long time after Copernicus had exploded the theory that our little world was the center of the universe before the belief in astrology received any check. Now it has so far disappeared that none but artful plunderers and ignorant dupes give it the slightest countenance.

It is not so with the so-called long range weather forecasters. Unfortunately many people, and some of the less careful publishers, are apparently in ignorance of the true character of the work of these self-appointed prophets. We cannot account for the continued publication of their utterances in any other way.

Characterizing them as fakirs and imposters avail us little. The people themselves must decide as to the true worth of their work. Let those who have any interest in the matter carefully compare the published forecasts with the actual weather day by day, for in no other way will the utter worthlessness of the whole mischievous business be exposed.

Yours truly,  
Edward A. Beals District Forecaster.

### CENTENNIAL NOTES.

A comprehensive Philippine display will be an interesting feature of the Lewis and Clark centennial.

The forestry building at the Lewis and Clark centennial will be the second largest log building ever erected.

One of the logs used in the construction of the forestry building at the Lewis and Clark exposition weighed twenty-seven tons.

An interesting collection of old mining implements will form a part of Oregon's exhibit at the Lewis and Clark centennial.

Several large rose beds have been laid out in the Lewis and Clark centennial grounds and the roses are now in full bloom.

A complete showing of the industrial conditions surrounding the Indian students at the Oregon Indian schools will

figure in the governments exhibits at the Lewis and Clark exposition.

The annual convention of the national association of railroad commissioners which will meet in Deadwood, S. D. next August, will adjourn to Portland and hold its concluding sessions at the Lewis and Clark centennial.

Preliminary work on the government building at the Lewis and Clark fair is progressing rapidly, and already the necessary excavations have been made and the foundation timbers laid. The building will be completed April 1, 1905.

Governor Mickey of Nebraska was a recent visitor in Portland, and expressed himself as surprised at the advanced stage of the preparations for the Lewis and Clark centennial. The governor said that he was heartily in favor of a generous participation in the fair by his state.

The Congregational cadet corps of Eureka, Cal., has set plans on foot to combine healthful exercise and secure profitable training, experience and knowledge, by marching, 100 strong, to Portland next June to attend the Lewis and Clark centennial. President Goode will present the boys with a handsome silk banner commemorative of their visit.

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### CUDAHY AFTER SALMON.

#### Rumor That the Chicago Packer Wants Control of Fisheries.

Portland, Or., Nov. 28.—According to the Oregonian there is reason to believe that another combination with the purpose of securing control of the salmon canning output of the Pacific coast is in the course of formation.

This combination is stated to be backed by John Cudahy, the packer, who is said to have bought a controlling interest in the properties of the North American Fisheries company at the receivers sale last summer.

It is rumored that the people who bid in the Pacific American Fisheries at Bellingham November 16, have formed an arrangement to sell their in-

terests to Mr. Cudahy's representatives in case an attempt which it is said he will make to secure the Pacific Packing and Navigation company's property at the receiver's sale on December 10 is successful.

### PRESERVE FORESTRY BUILDING.

#### Movement on Foot to Retain Immense Log House as a Forestry Exhibit.

Portland, Nov. 28.—It is probable that the forestry building at the Lewis and Clark centennial will be retained as a permanent structure after the exposition has closed. In order that this may be done it will be necessary that the legislature pass a special bill, since the act creating the exposition provided for the destruction of all the buildings.

President Jefferson Myers of the state commission says that the members of the commission are in favor of preserving the building. Present plans are to have the building turned over to pioneers and war veterans for reunions.

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Overdrafts, secured and unsecured	7,710 00
U. S. bonds to secure circulation	12,500 00
Premiums on U. S. bonds	750 00
Bonds, securities, etc.	42,975 11
Banking house, furniture, and fixtures	2,500 00
Other real estate owned	4,875 00
Due from national banks (not reserve agents)	8,255 05
Due from state banks and bankers	10,332 97
Due from approved reserve agents	134,112 67
Checks and other cash items	3,258 75
Notes of other national banks	495 00
Fractional paper currency, nickels, and cents	971 24
Lawful Money Reserve in bank, viz:	
Specie	\$27,140 85
Legal-tender notes	591 00
Redemption fund with U. S. Treasurer (5 per cent circulation)	625 00
Total	\$598,677 21

### LIABILITIES.

Capital stock paid in	\$ 50,000 00
Surplus fund	10,000 00
Undivided profits, less expenses and taxes paid	25,471 06
National bank notes outstanding	12,500 00
Individual deposits subject to check	\$256,967 21
Demand certificates of deposit	24,539 51
Time certificates of deposit	209,199 63
Total	\$598,677 21

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**J. E. HIGGINS,**  
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