

FLOODS IN CENTRAL CALIFORNIA

Unprecedented Heavy Fall of Snow in Mountains Followed by Spell of Hot Weather.

COOL WEATHER ABATES DANGER FOR SHORT TIME

Second Period of Torrid Weather Brings Back Conditions Existing Earlier and Many Farmers Are Completely Ruined.

(Journal Special Service.) Fresno, Cal., June 23.—An unprecedented heavy fall of snow in the low Sierra Nevada mountains late this spring, followed by a spell of hot weather, has caused the rivers and creeks that flow through the San Joaquin valley to overflow their banks, spreading mud in their wake, and water which was in former years regarded as a blessing to a sun-parched valley is this year a curse.

The floods began to rise about the last of April and at that time the town of Visalia, in the lower San Joaquin valley, was under water. A cool spell followed, and the danger was thought to be over. But the return of the weather brought the danger again, this time in a much more real form than before, and the farmers were working night and day to save their crops and stock from destruction. The main source of danger lies in the Kings and the San Joaquin rivers.

The Kings river has broken all records and has broken over the levees that dammed it out of the bed of the lake, inundating thousands of acres of rich grain lands in the state of California. Tulare lake is higher now than it has been since 1880, when the work of elimination of fires commenced, and farmers who had thousands of dollars within reach from the expected heavy yield of wheat crops are now penniless.

The water is running in a stream miles wide, filling up the old lake bed to a point not attained since the sixties.

Conservative estimates place the number of acres planted in wheat now under water at 36,000 acres in the Tulare lake country alone. Higher up the valley the San Joaquin is booming and the old levees have proved inadequate to check the path of the flood. The marsh lands along the west side of the valley, in what is known as the Laguna de Tache, are under water and the wheat farms along the banks of the marshes are being flooded. In many cases farmers have been compelled to drive their teams to the open plains on the ranch and to work night and day throwing levees around the islands thus formed to prevent their being drowned. On the west side of Fresno county the farms and grain lands are all practically under water and again 20,000 acres of wheat have been spoiled. In many cases the water is three feet on the lower floor of the farmhouses. Visalia and Bakersfield are now threatened with the flood, and it is not likely that either will be able to keep the water out of the streets of those two towns. Continued warm weather has caused the floods to rise in the last few days and the danger is hourly becoming greater.

Lower down the valley, in the vicinity of Stockton, where the San Joaquin river spreads over marsh lands miles wide, seeking several channels and making islands where the potato and asparagus crops of this section of the state are raised, the water is even greater. Some with the waters of all the tributaries the river is now within two inches of the top of the levees and has already broken over into two of the fertile islands, doing much damage to the crops.

It is in this section of the state that the truck gardening of the central portion of the state is carried on and the destruction of the crops here will mean much to the consumers of garden vegetables here. Reports received by telephone from Stockton this evening state that there is little hope of saving the rest of the valuable island crops from inundation.

NEW OFFICERS ARE INSTALLED IN LODGE

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Baker City, June 23.—Tuesday evening the Foresters of America held a meeting at which they elected and installed the officers for the ensuing term. A. Brauer, grand secretary of the lodge, came up from Portland to assume command. Installation of the officers. After the installation the boys repaired to the banquet room, where a sumptuous repast had been prepared and proceeded to enjoy themselves to the utmost.

The officers installed were as follows: Chief ranger, R. A. Spivey; sub-chief ranger, A. R. Yantis; J. P. C. R. G. W. Record; financial secretary, George F. Burger; recording secretary, J. E. Kerfoot; treasurer, F. P. Bodinson; senior woodward, E. P. Bradley; junior woodward, H. O. Anderson; senior beadle, C. L. Powell; junior beadle, W. L. Laddie; trustees, C. E. Burton, J. Hagedorn, Emil Weber; lecturer, J. H. Pratt; deputy lecturer, E. T. Anderson.

BUYS UNIVERSITY TO MAKE NEW RESIDENCE

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Silverton, Or., June 23.—L. E. Rauch has purchased the old Liberal university property in the city, which was sold a few days ago at sheriff's sale. The original cost of the property is said to be somewhere in the neighborhood of \$400,000, but it was sold to Mr. Rauch for \$25,000. The university was started six years ago by a few Silverton people, but it did not prove to be a very successful enterprise and lasted only about a year and a half. A year ago Professor Garland rented the building and started a business college. But this too proved to be a failure. At the time of the sale the building was erected but it had been vacant. There is four acres of land upon which the school buildings were erected, and Mr. Rauch expects to convert the buildings into residences.

THAT TIRED FEELING.
If you are languid, depressed, incapable of work it indicates that you are out of order. Dr. Merklin will assist nature to throw off headaches, rheumatism and ailments akin to nervousness and restore the energies and vitality of sound health. Dr. Merklin, of New Temple, Texas, writes: "I have used Merklin for the past two years. It has done for me more good than all the doctors. It is the best medicine ever made for children and adults." Sold by Woodard, Clarke & Co.

CHURCH SERVICES

BAPTIST.

Immanuel—Second and Meade streets; Rev. G. W. Griffin. At 10:30 a. m.; "At the Feet of Jesus"; First school, 12 m.; "Young People's Service"; 6:30 p. m.; evening sermon, "The Pleasures of Summer."

Mount Olive—Seventh and Everett streets. Preaching at 11 a. m. and 8 p. m. by Rev. J. C. Johnson.

University Park—Rev. John Bentzien, Sunday school, 10 a. m.; 11 a. m.; "An Up-to-Date Church"; 8 p. m.; children's day service.

St. John—First and Yamhill streets; Sunday school, 10 a. m.; preaching, 11 a. m.; 7:30 p. m.; preaching.

Second—Eleventh and Union streets; Rev. George A. Linn. Sunday school, 10 a. m.; preaching, 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m.; by Rev. H. Yeatman of Vancouver, Washington.

First—Twenty-first and Taylor streets; Rev. J. Whitcomb Brougher, D. D. One accord prayer meeting, 10 a. m.; 10:30 a. m.; "Judges"; or, "Heroes" and "Fathers"; 8 p. m.; "Sports and Fun"; "Fellow Who Smokes and the Fellow Who Burns His Smoke."

Armenian—Woodland hall, Sunday school, 10 a. m.; preaching, 11 a. m. by Rev. J. W. Brock.

Third—Vancouver Avenue and Knott; Rev. E. M. Blane. At 10 a. m.; Sunday school; 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m.; preaching; B. Y. P. U. T. P. M.

Second German—Rodney avenue and Morris streets; Rev. F. Becker. Sunday school, 10 a. m.; 11 a. m.; preaching, 7:30 p. m.; Young People's meeting, 6:45 p. m.

Swedish—Hoyt and Fifteenth streets; Rev. E. Schreiber. Sunday school, 12 m.; 12:30 p. m.; Sunday school, 12 m.; Russellville Schoolhouse. Sunday school, 2:30 p. m.

New German—Danish—Services at Lents, 2 p. m.; at Artisan's hall, Savier street, near Twenty-second, 8 p. m.

Highland—Alberts and Sixth streets. Preaching at 11 a. m. Rev. E. M. Blane.

Central—East Ankeny and Twentieth streets; Rev. T. J. Jordan. At 10:30 a. m.; "The Dark and Dawn"; Sunday school, 12 m.

Calvary—East Eighth and Grant streets; Rev. A. Lawrence Elmer. At 10:30 a. m.; "Children of Heaven"; 8 p. m.; "Darkness and Dawn"; Sunday school, 12 m.

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