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Devastation and Destruction

The Storm's Fearful Work.

The present storm is unparalleled in the history of the country. Devastation and destruction is verywhere along the stream, caused by the unprecedented overflow. Houses, barns and everything movable along the banks of the Coquille, where not built exceedingly high, have floated off in the backwater to the timber at the back part of the fields. Very few structures went down the river any distance. The loss in Coos county will reach $100,000 or more, about one-half in damages to county bridges. Coquille City's wharf and road to it and the city jail or cooler were wrecked. The latter is laying on its side near the former location.

LOSSES.

The water was up in the Hunnewell building some three feet deep and a few inches deep in J. A. Collier's hardware store. Mr. Hunnewell's house and two barns across the river floated up and off their pins and were secured by being tied by ropes. Mr. Kienlen's house and barn were carried away, the house however, lodging in his field. Mr. Goble's house got off its foundation.

Mr. Lyons lost a little lumber which floated out of his mill, but his principal loss is damage to the mill and lumber in yard. The mill machinery was all under water and the lumber in the mill raising up under it wrecked the roof some what. The lumber in the yard floated back of the saw dust in the lagoon and is mixed with drift and is muddy. The boom raised and would have gone off over the top of the piles only for the fact that workmen were kept splicing the piling by nailing on pieces. Only for the fact the rise was slow and gradual, and the further fact that there was scarcely any current, the loss would have been fearful. Mr. Watkin's house opposite this place floated up at one side, but kept its place. His out-buildings suffered also, but his barn kept its place though badly submerged. Albert Gilman's house kept its place though it was under water almost to the eaves, but his barn went off in the brush, turned around and laid down. George Stevenson's house was lifted off its foundation and his damage is heavy as he got nothing out of his house. No one dreamed the river was going so high and he, like many others, staid in his house and kept elevating the contents till forced to leave wher it became impossible to open the doors.

Price's shingle mill floated up and settled off its former position at one end. It is nearly full of mud too. Mr. Moulton's house was invaded and much of the contents destroyed, and likewise Frank Collier's and J. L. Roy's, the latter house settling badly at one corner. Mrs. Matilda Willard's houses, new and old, and her barn were carried back into the marsh. Ottie Williard's residence also got a move on itself. J. C. Laird's fine residence kept its place, but was badly injured inside. Wm. Norris' house was carried away some distance. Other small dwellings up the river were carried away. That of old man Newcomer at Norway was due more to the wind than the flood. Down the river from here it was worse. The Hilliard place was swept clean. The house occupied by Y. M. Lowe was carried to the lower end of the farm, and the barn lodged against the tall trees just above the Flanagan residence opposite the mouth of Beaver slough. Mr. Lowe had put his furniture on the hay in the barn and was afraid to attempt to get it out. The barn contained about thirty tons of hay. The Flanagan place was stripped of every building. S. W. Gilman lost all his buildings and their contents. He had just got his family and stock out to the hills when all went. All the buildings on the river bottom about Iowa slough are down or gone. At Coaledo the water was up in several houses, and carried away the warehouse. The damage to J. F. Dunham's railroad, logging roads landings, etc., cannot be repaired for less than $5000. The loss at Myrtle Point was slight, mostly being lumber floated from Edwards & Dalmas' mill. At Parkersburg considerable damage was done to wharves, etc.

STOCK.

So far we have heard of little loss of stock by the flood, but in the high ranges where it snowed a great deal the loss must have been heavy. Mr. Stillwell lost three head of cattle in the river and at Norway several head were drowned in the freshet. Aside from this we have heard of only an occasional calf, pig or some chickens being drowned though doubtless word from the upper river will show quite a heavy loss. Mr. Self near this place lost upwards of 100 chickens.

DRIFT.

Drift wood covering acres of meadows and plough land will prove one of the biggest damages that the Coquille will have sustained. We hear that much of Fred Schroeder's field is covered thus. Mr. Self's orchard was pretty badly off, but he got men to help him clear it.

BRIDGES.

All the railroad bridges on this side of Dunham's on the Isthmus road and three beyond there are wrecked. The county road bridges between here and Coaledo are nearly everyone injured and some of the largest ones ruined. Above here there are several badly wrecked. The one at Fairview, the one at Bettys' place and the one across the low land just this side of the mouth of the North fork are gone. That at Myrtle Point and the one across the mouth of the North fork are all O. K., but the one at Hoffman's place is badly damaged. We have not heard from any others. The roads are filled with trees along the foot hills, and in many cases washed out or caved off.

HIGHWATER MARKS.

Owing to the contraction of the hills at Iowa slough the water could not escape fast enough and it accumulated above that point to an unprecedented depth. It is said to have been five feet above the big freshet of 1861. Mr. Y. M. Lowe says it was four feet above that mark at Beaver slough, being up to the door knob of the big house that he built there. At this place it was about three feet above the '61 mark. At Arago it was very little if any above it, and at Myrtle Point it lacked four inches coming up to the '81 or '61 mark. The current was very slight above Iowa slough, but exceeding rapid below it, thus proving that the narrow bottom at that point was insufficient to allow the egress of the accumulating waters. It is said that the rise at Bandon was not above that of some high tides of the past, while at Parkersburg, another point where the hills contract, it was four feet on the mill wharf. It was a foot deep in Dunham's house on the Isthmus, and nothing but the smoke stack was to be seen of the largest locomotive standing on the grade beyond the house.

[Bandon Recorder.]

BORN.—At Bandon, January 29, 1890, to the wife of W. M. Boyd, a daughter.

Mrs. M. L. Kriger received a letter from Mr. and Mrs. B. W. Rice, stating that they had buried their baby at Portland on the 17th inst. It died of influenza.

Capt. James Morrison, formerly of the schooner Laura, a sailing vessel which used to come in at Port Orford, was washed off the gibboom of the sealing schooner Olga just outside the heads of the Golden Gate and drowned on the 19 ult.

MARRIED.—In San Francisco, January 10, 1890, by the Rev. Joseph P. Macauley, Levant Cook of Petrolia, Humboldt county, and Miss Ethel G. Pomeroy, of Bandon, Coos county, Oregon. The young couple will make their future home at Petrolia, California.

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A Land Slide Kills Grandpa Thrush and Miss Mary Russell.

Last Saturday at three o'clock p. m. a land slide occurred at Randolph that resulted in the instant death of John Thrush and his grand daughter, Miss Mary Russel. They lived at the upper end of town in the old Thrush residence. The slide came from the hill at the rear of the house and carried the structure and its occupants into Randolph slough. The house was badly crushed. Richard Thrush, youngest son of the old gentleman killed, was badly cut in the side of the head and stunned to unconsciousness. Billy Hutchinson and a young brother of Miss Russell who were also grand children of Mr. Thrush, and the only other occupants of the house, escaped uninjured. Miss Russell's body was found badly crushed, and was buried on Monday. The body of Mr. Thrush has not been found, but is probably under the dirt and debris at the bottom of the slough, and will doubtless be recovered when the high water goes down. Mr. Thrush was 72 years of age and leaves a host of relatives and friends in deep sorrow and mourning. Miss Russell was a daughter of J. N. Russell of Randolph and also is very deeply mourned. She was 19 years old.

It was feared that the slide would carry the whole town away. A deep crack in the hill back of the Randolph hotel caused much alarm.

[Coos Bay News]

The Coquille people have been agitating, through the HERALD, the building of a plank road to the bay; others favor a railroad. Either would be acceptable.

Someone suggested that the reason the steamers couldn't go up Coos river lately, was because the mud was so thick in the river the propellers couldn't turn.

Fred Jarvis has been unable to make his regular trips on the Drain route on account of high water. In the sandhills, near his landing is a chain of lakes, with deep water and dangerous quicksands. The Drain route, heretofore, was the only reliable winter route to the interior; but it looks as if that too, had gone back on us.

The three-masted schooner C. H. Merchant attempted to sail into the bay one day last week while a strong ebb tide was running. She crossed the bar safely, but the wind failed her when off Coos head, and being powerless in the current, she drifted on the north spit. Capt. Moore and the crew left her in the ship's boat, and landed at South slough. The vessel on Monday was high and dry on the spit and well up on the sands, and not far from deep water. The impression is general that she can be launched into the bay without much trouble or expense.

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