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FLOODS.

The memory of man is short on some things and exceeding long on others. For instance, get a few men together and let them discuss the weather of the preceding winter and it will be almost a miracle if any two agree even on the main events. So it is with the memorable floods born to the Willamette river.

We hear from one old settler who was here at the time and should know, that the greatest high water in this river, so far as is known to man, occurred in 1860. This pioneer's neighbor will declare that the flood occurred in 1861, and be emphatic in his statement, for he was here and knows. Each and every man will prove his point by citing some personal experience.

Early in the '80s we had very high water—at least so it is said—but it is not safe to set the exact date. The next very high water was in February, 1890. We know this date to be absolutely correct, for we were here and have several personal experiences to cite in proof of our setting of the date. The high water mark reached by the Willamette river a few days ago was between 26 and 27 feet above the low-water mark. In 1890 the river at Corvallis was between 28 and 29 feet above the low-water mark.

Since the notable floods of years ago the country has been cleared up and many obstructions removed from the river bed so that it is probable that there was fully as much water flowed through the Willamette Valley during the past few days as during any of the inundations of former years.

Despite care and every possible provision against these unusual rises of the river much damage is done. In all hundreds of head of stock are lost and miles and miles of fencing, together with other items of damage too numerous to mention.

YEAR OF DISASTERS.

During the past twelve months some of the greatest disasters of history have occurred. Great and unknown forces have caused earthly disturbances which seemed on the point of rending the globe in fragments. These great seismic demonstrations but emphasize man's impotency and convey to him some slight idea of a power to great for human intelligence to fathom.

Beginning with the great series of earthquakes in and around San Francisco on the 18th of last April we have an almost continuous chronicle of tremors on various parts of earth's anatomy. The troubles have not been confined to any particular section of the globe, but shocks have resulted in deadly havoc in California, Valparaiso, Japan, Jamaica and elsewhere. Death and destruction of property resulted everywhere and the greatest that could result from the feeble power of man was to succor the distressed, bury the dead and rebuild. The latter task in many instances being one of years.

Aside from great internal earthly troubles the history of the past year proves that there have been many and disastrous external demonstrations. The year has marked many terrible storms throughout the land and the weather has been unusually severe. Transportation in almost every section has suffered. Freezing weather, wind and rain and thunder and lightning in al-

lopathic doses have been dealt humanity with a lavish hand and we have to take it.

Right here in Oregon, in the Willamette Valley, we have been very fortunate and have much to be thankful for. We have had heavy rains, some snow and all or more high water than we need and considerable in excess of our average, but in spite of all this our lot, compared with what people in other sections have experienced, has been a happy one. In the way of physical disturbances the last year has been most remarkable.

In Her Memory.

Mrs. James Harris of Independence, Ore., died at the home of her son J. D. Harris of Wells at 6 p. m., Jan. 27, 1907 after an illness of one month marked by very severe suffering.

Rebecca Welch was born in Harrison county, Ohio, July 26, 1826. Was married to James Harris Dec. 10, 1749. Mr. and Mrs. Harris made their home in Franklin Co., Ohio, until 1863 when they removed to Centerville, Iowa, remaining there until May 1866 when they started on the long journey across the plains with ox teams. They arrived at Corvallis in October of the same year and have made their home ever since in Benton and Polk counties, living in Independence for the past thirteen years. Mr. and Mrs. Harris came to spend the holidays with their children in Benton Co., where Mrs. Harris was taken with the illness from which she was not to recover. The father and daughter return to the home from which mother has gone forever. Of the twelve children born to Mr. and Mrs. Harris eight survive: Mrs. V. C. Preston of Portland, Ore.; A. Harris and W. W. Harris of Northport, Wash.; Mrs. Eugene Clough of Cambridge, Minn.; Mrs. J. M. Larson of Polk county; B. W. and J. D. Harris of Benton county, and Miss Nellie Harris of Independence. Also eight grandchildren, five sons and daughters were with their mother when the end came. Mrs. Harris was a lifelong believer in the tenets of the Baptist church. Her funeral occurred from the residence of her son, J. D. Harris, Tuesday, Jan. 29, conducted by Rev. Douglas pastor of the Baptist church of Independence of which she had been a member for many years. She was laid to rest in the Locke cemetery. So ended a long and useful life. May she rest in peace.

Slap at the Governor.

A dispatch from Salem in Tuesday's Oregonian says:

The Senate today passed over the Governor's veto House Bill No. 95 by Newell, to provide for the testing of commercial fertilizers offered for sale in this state. This was House Bill No. 95, of the session of 1905. The Governor vetoed it because it required officers of the experiment station at Corvallis to secure evidence, prosecute cases and seize fertilizers offered for sale illegally. The bill passed the house over the Governor's veto the first week of the session.

When the measure came up in the senate today Johnson of Benton explained its purpose and advocated its passage. Miller of Linn opposed it. The vote was 18 ayes, 7 noes and 5 absent.

Malarkey, who was the only republican voting against the bill, explained that two years ago he voted against it, but at that time all the democrats in the senate were for it. He did not know then that the governor intended to veto it.

Additional Local.

Lee Kennedy of Portland has been a Corvallis visitor this week. He formerly resided in this city.

Fresh country butter all the time at the City Market—50 cents a roll.

Ike Porter, who resides with his little daughter in the vicinity of the Benton county saw mill, is very dangerously ill with heart disease and pneumonia.

Patronize the Methodist ladies' Saturday market at Blackledge's store tomorrow.

Regular services at the Congregational church next Sunday. Prof. Frederick Berehoid will take charge. Christian Endeavor at 6:30. A cordial invitation is extended to all.

Regular services at United Evangelical church. Sunday eve the subject is "God's Due," a sermon for students as Sunday is the Universal Day of Prayer for students. Rev. C. T. Hurd, pastor.

The A. J. Johnson building resembles a bee hive these days as the brick work progresses. The top of building is alive with workers and on the ground beneath there are men employed in the various branches of the task, all combining to make an exceedingly busy scene.

The members of Mary's Peak Camp No. 126 W. O. W. are requested to be present at the next meeting of the order held in their hall Wednesday evening, February 13th, at 7:30, as there is some important business to come before the order, and if you fail to be there, blame no one else if things are not done to suit you. W. A. Buchanan, Clerk.

The two star mail routes and the four rural delivery routes out of Lebanon have been unable to make their trips for three days, and the sloughs on the prairie are wide lakes. The damage along the Santiam to the sawmills has been considerable, and many localities are entirely cut off from town communication. The big wood boom at the Lebanon paper mills broke as did that at the Wodli sawmill at Foster, 20 miles above Lebanon.—Herald.

There will be another of the Coffee Club's popular dances at their hall tomorrow evening.

The OAC basketball team will play the "Friendly" team of Eugene at OAC armory tomorrow night. It is a mixed team of town and college boys. A lively contest is anticipated.

Mrs. L. V. Penners of Portland is the guest of her sister, Mrs. Arnold King in this city. She departs for home Monday.

Miss Ella Struckmeier returned to her home in Albany yesterday, after a few days' visit with Mrs. Arnold King in this city.

A couple of days ago Walter Kline received a letter from Will Hammersly, who is now at Vernon, Lincoln county, in which the writer gives a splendid account of a coon hunt which turned into a bear hunt. What was thought to be a coon in a hollow tree proved a bear and was killed by J. A. Hammersly with a 22 calibre target rifle. In two days Will Hammersly and his uncle killed two bears with the little target rifle, which seems pretty good indeed.

Herman Breyer, familiarly known as "Bismarck" in this city, came up from Eugene Wednesday evening on a business trip. He returns tomorrow.

Theodore Garrow, Jr., who is attending Cornell University, figured in a big fire a week ago. The young man was dressed for a party and on descending the stairs of his boarding house he discovered that the lower rooms were filled with smoke and that the basement was all ablaze. Rushing to the street corner he turned in an alarm and then ran back to rescue his belongings. The upper rooms were so filled with smoke that it was only by seizing a towel, wetting it, and placing it over his mouth, that young Garrow succeeded in reaching his room. The smoke was so thick, however, that he could locate nothing but a little box of jewelry and trinkets, and all else, including books, clothes, and college souvenirs were destroyed. The fire burned out an entire block.

Mrs. Ed Felton, Jr., is just recovering from a serious illness.

There is to be a big Christian Endeavor rally at the Congregational church a week from tonight—Friday. All the Endeavor societies of Corvallis are to participate and friends and others who really take an interest in the work are invited. A fine program will be rendered and a social time enjoyed. "Seattle '07" the theme of the rally.

Next Sunday morning at the First Methodist church the pastor's subject is: "Yearning for the Other Days." In the evening, by special request, the pastor preaches for the Y. W. C. A. in keeping with a world wide movement in behalf of college students.

Rev. G. H. Gibbs is assisting Rev. E. B. Jones in a revival meeting at Tangent this week, but will be in Corvallis and fill his pulpit morning and evening Sunday.

WANTED—Dressmakers, bookkeepers, stenographers, cashiers, and all eyeworkers to call at Hotel Corvallis Tuesday and Wednesday, Feb. 12 and 13, and have Dr. Lowe test their eyes. Remember the days and dates.

The Willamette Valley has again been in the grasp of a flood the past few days, for the second time within three weeks. Rain fell steadily all of Saturday and Saturday night, Sunday morning and Sunday night, Monday and Monday night, and the warm weather and rain combined melted the snow in the mountains and brought the water to the river in such quantities that the river at Corvallis was the highest in years. It is stated that it reached a point 18 inches higher than the flood of recent date. The river began falling, however, at an early hour Wednesday morning.

Freeland's moving picture show will be seen at the M. E. church Saturday evening, at popular prices, 15 and 25 cents.

Mrs. P. M. Zierolf has been quite ill this week at the family home.

One of the busiest teachers at OAC just now is Mary Sutherland, who has 66 girls in her dressmaking department. This is the largest number by about 20 that has ever been enrolled in this department since Miss Sutherland assumed the management.

Plan to take supper with the Colonial ladies at the First Methodist church Feb. 22nd.

One of the pathetic sights during this week's flood, at Eugene, was a horse cart floating down stream on a chunk of wood mewing pitiously. It was beyond the reach of help.

The enrollment for the present term at OAC is 662, 90 more than at the same time last year. The total enrollment for the present school year is over 800, the largest in the history of the institution.

Dr. Lowe, the optician, will be in Corvallis next Tuesday and Wednesday, Feb. 12 and 13. Consult him about your eyes.

MYTHICAL CREATURES.

The General Belief in Fabulous Monsters in Olden Days.

Now that the cold light of science has thrown its ray upon the most remote parts of our globe there is no longer room for legendary creatures—save the sea serpent—and we are told that the mermaid is nothing more than a dugong, a unicorn either a rhinoceros or a Tibetan antelope, while the cockatrice, the phoenix and the roc appear to be pure imaginations.

But in the Elizabethan age—an age when the dodo had but recently been discovered—these and many other mythical creatures were, if not living, at all events actual realities to the ordinary public, and as such were referred to in the works of the great dramatist and other contemporary writers. We meet, for instance, in the "Winter's Tale" the line, "Make me not sighted like the basilisk," and in "The Tempest," "Now I will believe that there are unicorns." But not only was more or less credence given to the existence of these and such like fabulous monsters, but a web of mystic lore encircled the most common and best known of beasts, birds and fishes. Who, for instance, is forgetful of the popular superstitions connected with the salamander, the newt and the blind worm, and who fails to remember White's account of the "shrewshait" at Selborne? And if such superstitions still survive among uneducated peasants of the present day we may be assured that two centuries ago they were fully believed by the higher classes.—Academy.

WORKS OF A WATCH.

All the Parts Are but the Expression of One Idea.

To one who has never studied the mechanism of a watch its mainspring or the balance wheel is a mere piece of metal. He may have looked at the face of the watch, and while he admires the motions of its hands and the time it keeps he may have wondered in idle amazement as to the character of the machinery which is concealed within. Take it to pieces and show him each part separately, and he will recognize neither design nor adaptation nor relation between them, but put them together, set them to work, point out the offices of each spring, wheel and cog, explain their movements and then show him the result. Now he perceives that it is all one design; that, notwithstanding the number of parts, their diverse forms and various offices and the agents concerned, the whole piece is of one idea. He now rightly concludes that when the mainspring was fashioned and tempered its relation to all the other parts must have been considered; that the cogs on this wheel are cut and regulated—adapted—to the ratchets on that, etc., and his final conclusion will be that such a piece of mechanism could not have been produced by chance, for the adaptation of the parts is such as to show it to be according to design and obedient to the will of one intelligence.

Fifty Miles to Market.

It is not an uncommon thing in France to see a farmer forty or fifty miles from home in wet weather with a load. If he sees a prospect of a three days' rain, he puts his tarpaulin over his load, a cover over his horses and a waterproof coat on and starts off to market. He may go fifty miles before he finds a market that suits him, or he may know in advance just where he is going. You do not often see anybody driving fifty miles through a rain-storm in the United States to find a market for a load of hay, but it is not uncommon to see farmers' wagons forty or fifty miles from home in France. They choose the wet weather for that purpose. Their roads are just as good then as at any time.

Even From the Mountains.

Ballard's Snow Liniment is praised for the good it does. A sure cure for Rheumatism and all pains. Wright W. Loving, Grand Junction, Colo., writes: "I used Ballard's Snow Liniment last winter for Rheumatism and can recommend it as the best liniment on the market. I thought, at the time I was taken down with this trouble that it would be a week before I could get about, but on applying your liniment several times during the night, I was about in 48 hours and well in three days." Sold by Graham & Wortham.

The Gazette for Job Work

A Woman's Back

Has many aches and pains caused by weakness and falling, or other displacement of the pelvic organs. Other symptoms of female weakness are frequent headache, dizziness, imaginary specks or dark spots floating before the eyes, gnawing sensation in stomach, dragging or bearing down in lower abdominal or pelvic region, disagreeable drains from pelvic organs, faint spells with general weakness.

If any considerable number of the above symptoms are present there is no remedy that will give quicker relief or a more permanent cure than Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription. It has a record of over forty years of cure. It is the most potent invigorating tonic and strengthening medicine known to medical science. It is made of the glyceric extracts of native medicinal roots found in our forests and contains not a drop of alcohol or harmful, or habit-forming drugs. Its ingredients are all printed on the bottle wrapper and attested under oath as correct.

Every ingredient entering into "Favorite Prescription" has the written endorsement of the most eminent medical writers of all the several schools of practice—more valuable than any amount of non-professional testimonials—though the latter are not lacking, having been contributed voluntarily by grateful patients in numbers to exceed the endorsements given to any other medicine extant for the cure of woman's ills.

You cannot afford to accept any medicine of unknown composition as a substitute for this well proven remedy of known composition, even though the dealer may make a little more profit thereby. Your interest in regaining health is paramount to any selfish interest of his and it is an insult to your intelligence for him to try to palm off upon you a substitute. You know what you want and it is his business to supply the article called for.

Dr. Pierce's Pleasant Pellets are the original "Little Liver Pills" first put up by Dr. Pierce over forty years ago, much imitated but never equaled. Little sugar-coated granules—easy to take as candy.

A Baby.

Should be sunshine in the home, and will if you give it White's Cream Vermifuge the best worm medicine offered to suffering humanity. This remedy is becoming the permanent fixture of all households. A mother with children can't get along without a bottle of White's Cream Vermifuge in the house. Sold by Graham & Wortham.

A Stitch in Time.

Will save nine. So will a bottle of Ballard's Horehound Syrup always kept on hand save many a spell of sickness. A sure cure for Coughs, Colds, Bronchitis, and Whooping cough. Mrs. S.—Hot Springs, Ark., says: "I keep a bottle of Ballard's Horehound Syrup in my medicine chest, and thank my forethought many times it has prevented many severe spells of sickness." Sold by Graham & Wortham.

Notice of Final Settlement.

In the County Court of the State of Oregon for Benton County: In the Matter of the Estate of James C. Taylor, deceased. Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has filed her final account as executrix of the estate of James C. Taylor, deceased, with the Clerk of the above entitled Court and that said Court has fixed and appointed Saturday the 9th day of February, 1907, at the hour of ten o'clock in the forenoon of said day and the County Judge's office in the County Court house in Corvallis, in said Benton County, Oregon, as the time and place for hearing objections, if any, to said account and settlement thereof. All persons interested and desiring to object to said account are notified to appear and file their objections in writing thereto at said time and place.

Dated this 11th day of January, 1907.
LILLIAN L. TAYLOR,
As Executrix of the Estate of James C. Taylor, deceased.

Notice to Creditors.

Notice is hereby given to all whom it may concern that the undersigned has been duly appointed administratrix of the estate of C. H. Lee, deceased, by the County Court of Benton county, Oregon. All persons having claims against the estate of said C. H. Lee, deceased, are hereby required to present same, with proper vouchers therefor, duly verified as by law required, within six months from the date hereof, to the undersigned at her residence in Corvallis, Oregon, or at the office of McFadden & Bryson, attorneys, in the Post-office Building, Corvallis, Oregon.

Dated at Corvallis, Oregon this 1st day of January, 1907.
ETTA F. LEE,
Administratrix of the Estate of C. H. Lee, deceased.

Notice for Publication.

United States Land Office, Portland, Oregon, November 28th, 1906.
Notice is hereby given that in compliance with the provisions of the act of Congress of June 3, 1878, entitled "An act for the sale of timber lands in the States of California, Oregon, Nevada, and Washington Territory," as amended, to sell the public land states by act of August 4, 1892, Fred Formiller of Albany, County of Linn, State of Oregon, has this day filed in this office his sworn statement, No. 7139 for the purchase of the r.w. l. section No. 30 in Township No. 10, south range No. 5, west and will offer proof to show that the land sought is more valuable for its timber or stone than for agricultural purposes, and to establish his claim to said land before County Clerk of Benton County at his office at Corvallis, Oregon, on Saturday the 16th day of February, 1907.
He names as witnesses: ROBERT L. GLASS of Corvallis, Oregon; JOHN JOHNSON, of Wren, Oregon; M. J. CAMERON, of Albany, Oregon; WILLIAM IGO, of Wren, Oregon.
Any and all persons claiming adversely the above described lands are requested to file their claims at this office on or before said 16th day of February, 1907.
ALGERNON DRESON, Register.



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WILL SELL LOTS IN CORVALLIS, Oregon, on instalment plan and assist purchasers to build homes on them if desired. Address First National Bank, Corvallis, Or.

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DR. E. E. JACKSON, VETERINARY surgeon and dentist. Residence 1220 Fourth street. Phone 389. Office 1011 Main street, Phone 204. Give him a call.

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B. A. CATHEY, M. D., PHYSICIAN and surgeon. Rooms 14, Bank Building. Office Hours: 10 to 12 a. m., 2 to 4 p. m. Residence: cor. 5th and Adams Sts. Telephone at office and residence. Corvallis, Oregon.

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MARBLE AND GRANITE MONUMENTS; curbing made to order; cleaning and repairing done neatly; save agent's commission. Shop North Main St., Frank Vanhoosen, Prop, 92ft

ATTORNEYS

J. F. YATES, ATTORNEY-AT-LAW. Office up stairs in Zierolf Building. Only set of abstracts in Benton County.

E. R. BRYSON ATTORNEY AT LAW. Office in Post Office Building, Corvallis, Oregon.

WANTED

WANTED—A MAN, WITHOUT STOCK to rent a dwelling adjoining Corvallis who is a kind good workman with a team of horses. 81-ft.

WANTED 500 SUBSCRIBERS TO THE GAZETTE and Weekly Oregonian at \$2.50 per year.

WANTED—Sixty tons of clean vetch seed, and oats in car lots load cars at nearest railroad station. Wanted clean Italgio and English Rye grass seed, can furnish gasoline engine with cleaner and grinder to clean for farmers. For sale—young cow, will be fresh soon, \$25; 6-year-old horse for sale or trade. L. L. BROOKS. Phone 155 Mountain View.

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IF YOU WANT TO BUY A HOUSE IN Corvallis, or a farm near town, come in and see us before you buy. We have all kinds of properties for sale, many of them are good bargains, some good five acre tracts close in. It don't cost you one cent for us to show what we have. Come and see us—we may have just what you want. McHENRY & PRICE, Corvallis, Oregon. 5ft

BANKING.

THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF Corvallis, Oregon, transacts a general conservative banking business. Loans money on approved security. Drafts bought and sold and money transferred to the principal cities of the United States, Europe and foreign countries.

MARKET

I WILL PAY THE HIGHEST MARKET price for poultry, hogs, veal, calf, etc., at T. A. Boulder's grocery store, corner Second and Monroe St., opposite Corvallis Hotel. Your cash is always ready, and a square deal guaranteed to all. THOS. BOULDER 9ft

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Stop scratching matches on your wall. Those streaky matches; scratches look mighty bad on any wall. But as long as you continue to use gas or oil you've got to use matches.

The "matchless light" is the electric light,—a simple twist of the wrist does it. We are improving and perfecting our lighting service in this city and can give better service for less money than ever in the history of the city.

The cost of wiring has been reduced until it is within reach of all.

If you would like to know more about it, call on us in our new office opposite the O. J. Blackledge furniture store or phone us, Ind. Phone 499.

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