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NOT A GOOD GUESSEER.

In an interview published in the Telegram of the 1st inst., Gov. Penney said in part: "We concede Morrow and Gilliam counties to the republicans. Mr. Ellis lives up there, and there is a certain amount of home pride in their candidate. Besides, it is a wool-growing country where the tariff cuts some figure. But in Wallawa, Union, Baker and Umatilla the populists are overwhelmingly in the ascendancy. It will be close, but we think we will carry Sierman and Melheur. The flood prevented me from making a canvass of Wasco county, but my information is that Wasco will go for the populists on the state and congressional tickets."

Subsequent results show how the Gov. has been deceived. He should read the frog story in this issue and reflect that we cannot judge the degree of success that will attend the efforts of a political party by the noise it makes.

While the reports from all parts of the state, as well as the results in this county, are most gratifying to republicans, straight republicans are asking each other why the party should allow a single man on the opposition tickets to be elected. There is no good excuse for defeating Fred Hallock, which the people of this county will learn in the "sweet subsequently." Morrow county is republican overwhelmingly as we have often asserted, and none but republicans should have been elected, considering the fact that our man for clerk is the peer of any man that ever graced the office of county clerk, Mr. J. W. Morrow not excepted.

THE UNION PACIFIC is the only line from this section that is open East of Spokane and Pendleton. While the outlook is rather dismal on the coast, for that company, particularly on the Columbia river, they are, all in all, more fortunate than either the Northern or Great Northern routes.

THE LIVING ISSUE says that the cyclone at Long Creek was the first of the kind in Eastern Oregon. This is not correct. Only a few years ago, Lexington county was badly torn up by a cyclone, and one person was killed.

THE MAJORITY in favor of the republicans still grows larger as the returns from the various counties come to hand. It is worse than a Waterloo, more significant than a common political landslide—it is a regular avalanche.

A DECIDED HARRISON boom is being sprung in the East. The New York Tribune is working for him and John C. New is managing his campaign.

ED. HILL and a man named Parker were taken from the Colfax, Wash., jail on the second inst., by a mob. Hill was shot and Parker hanged.

ON THE 30th inst., at Marshfield, Wis., a passenger train was wrecked killing a number of passengers, and maiming a great many more.

GRANT and Morrow gave Gowen over 500 plurality, which settles the matter in favor of Gowen, with seeds of votes to spare.

HON. J. H. BAILEY is a mighty good man, but he is a democrat and that accounts for his election—to stay at home.

ELLIS has passed a bill making the Handley line the true Northern boundary of the Warm Springs reservation.

THE CRIPPLE creek region in Colorado is enjoying a regular war between law and order and the strikers.

O. L. PATTERSON is elected joint representative of Grant and Harney by at least 300 plurality.

THE FLOOD.

Beats all that Herod—On the 4th inst., up to the Portland Hotel. We glean the following from the East Oregonian of the 4th inst., as regards the condition of the flood in Portland: Twenty-two streets, between Front and Yamhill and Thirteenth and Marshall, are more or less under water. Front street is inundated from Yamhill north to the river; First street, from Morrison to the river; Second street, from near Alder to the river; Third, except in the center of the street, where the pavement is raised, from Stark north; Fourth, from Oak north; Fifth, north of Ankeny to the river; Sixth, from Burnside north; Seventh, north of Ankeny; Eighth, from Burnside to the river; Park street, Glean north; Tenth, north of Hoy; Eleventh, from Johnson to the river; Twelfth, north of Northrup; and Thirteenth, from Marshall north.

Yamhill street is under water at Front; Morrison as far west as First; Alder to near Second; Washington to half way between Second and Third; Stark to Third; Oak to Fourth; Pine to Fifth; Ash to Fifth; Ankeny to Seventh; Burnside to Eighth; Couch to Park; Everett to Park; Flanders to Park; Glean to west of Park; Hoy to Tenth; Irving to Eleventh; Johnson to Eleventh; Kearney to Twelfth; Lovejoy to Twelfth; Northrup to west of Twelfth, and Marshall to Thirteenth.

In Umatilla, Henry Means' store is full of water up to the second gash in the first floor windows, and the school house has four feet of water in it. Over at Wallula people have moved out, and as many places railroad iron has been used to anchor buildings from floating away.

Mail has begun to arrive via the Sound and Spokane, and passengers will go to Portland by the same route. The road is now open east of Huntington.

A private dispatch to a citizen of Pennington says that in the Dalles there is eight feet of water in the Umatilla House, and that the water has reached the Portland Hotel in Portland.

PORTLAND, Oregon, June 6.—News has been received from the upper Columbia region which indicates that the worst of the flood is over. The Wallamette is falling, and the Columbia is stationary. In this city the water will probably reach thirty-three feet by noon. On Front street the water is deep enough for the navigation of large sized river craft. At Ash street the water is seven and a half feet deep. Many docks have disappeared and are only kept from floating by heavy loads of machinery, etc., stored there. On the east side one can count dozens of buildings in the flooded district ready to go down. At the Dalles the river is 52.3 feet above low water mark. The only houses doing business are the groceries and markets. Water is nearly three feet deep on the floor of the post-office, and a swift current is running through the town. It is feared that many buildings will be washed from their foundations. Hotels are in water to the top of the ground story. Thirty blocks are under water, and a rise of a few more feet will inundate the entire portion of the town under the bluffs. Memalohe island, the burial place of the Indians for many years, is almost entirely under water, and hundred of skeletons are being washed away.

THE WAY OF IT. A gentleman who is largely interested in railroads on the Pacific Coast proposed a very plausible theory to the East Oregonian Tuesday evening concerning the immense floods which are now devastating the West, and especially the Columbia river valley. During past years there has been a great amount of timber cut from the mountains at the head of the Snake and Columbia and their tributaries. This exposes to the warm rays of the sun in the spring the tremendous deposits of snow which otherwise would be worked in melting, whereas now they are carried away in a few days, flooding the valleys and bringing destruction to property and often death to human beings.

A case in point is the history of Germany in suffering from and finally obviating the terrible droughts of former years. The forests were cut down from the higher latitudes and as a consequence the water all ran off in the early spring, leaving none gradually to distribute itself over the valleys in the summer months. The effect was to bring on droughts, and finally it was deemed necessary that the government take a hand and provide for the planting anew of the forests which had been destroyed. After a term of years when the trees had attained a growth, the droughts were prevented and moisture again was supplied during the summer.

The denuding of the mountains will cause the same sudden melting of snow in the West, and while causing great floods, also endanger the fullest success of irrigation projects.—E. O.

FLOOD NOTES. Quite a number of Heppner people went down on the train Sunday to view the Columbia, the Gazette being represented. The river was a sight, though at that time it had fallen about one and one-half feet, and at latest accounts was still going down. At Willows Junction the water was near the track, and Willows station was covered with water to the depth of several feet. The pump house is gone and the section house was floating.

Not a quarter of a mile of good track is left between Willows Junction and Arlington, and below there is even worse. Ties and rails being gone in many places. Between Willows Junction and Umatilla the railroad has fared better and can easily be put in condition for traffic. It is likely that Willows Junction will be made the terminus and landing for boats till the road is open again.

It looks like old times to see boats on the upper river again. The agent at Arlington has a ranch

opposite Willows which is covered with water. His freighting wheel is gone, the orchard ruined and the house badly damaged. Above that place another fine ranch has been inundated. All along the river ranchers have suffered considerably.

It is reported that a house passed Arlington Saturday with a man on top shouting for help. A rescuing party left immediately and he was probably taken off.

C. B. Brooks, Albert Wright and Fred Allison came up on Sunday's train. By transferring at Coesades and The Dalles, they made it through by boat, landing off the Almonts at Willows Junction Saturday.

It is thought that some one was drowned near the mouth of the creek late last week. Fresh wagon tracks were traced to the water's edge, and indications are that wagon, horse and man all went down together.

Words come up from Grants that the water formed a current through the town taking out the distillery and many other buildings. The loss will be great.

Drift has almost ceased coming down the river which indicates that the upper streams are falling. Willow creek has assumed its normal condition up at Heppner, but down at its mouth it is navigable for steam boats for fully half a mile.

OFFICIAL RETURNS.

Table with columns: CANDIDATES, Home, City, County, Heppner, Mt. Vernon, Dryden, Pine Bluff, Leavenworth, Washburn, High Hill, Alton, Total, Priority. Lists names of candidates for Governor, Supreme Judge, Secretary of State, etc., with their respective vote counts.

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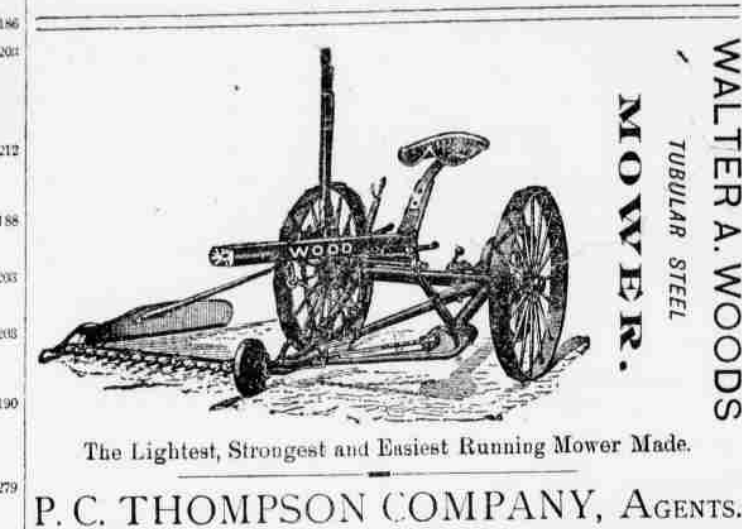
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