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DAMAGE TOTALS MANY THOUSANDS

Telephones Out of Commission—Electricity Cut Off—Orchards Ruined—Trade Killed.

WORST STORM ON RECORD

Old-Timers Declare Never Before Has District Suffered So.

Already much has been said and written of the storm that swept the state the past week, but doubtless did any place suffer more than did the Mt. Scott district.

Coming upon us suddenly as it did, it left little time in which to prepare for the change from the warm balmy weather of last week.

A heavy east wind began early Saturday morning bringing with it a light sleet. By noon, however, it had attained such velocity that wires began to drop, trees snap and traffic was at a stand still. The wireless station south of town was the first to suffer. The sleet formed an inch or more of ice upon the thousands of feet of fine wire finally gave way dropping to earth with a crash. For a time fear was felt for the safety of the 300 foot towers, but by quick and perilous work the employees secured the guy wires and saved them.

All traffic on the Mt. Scott lines were tied up from 1 to 8 p. m. that day. Electric lights were also turned out. Telephone connections with other points was put out of commission entirely before Sunday.

The Home Telephone of this place suffered extensively when a high tension wire of the O. W. P. fell across its lines. The loss will be \$800 at least.

Hundreds of people working in town were either compelled to seek lodgings there, pay \$5.00 for the trip by auto, or walk.

Those that accomplished this latter difficult feat say that never before have they suffered so. Wind and sleet swept the streets, banking the doorways and filling every little nook. Overhead the telephone wires, covered with two inches or more of ice rattled and snapped, threatening destruction.

Each tree was a mass of ice. Bushes were bent to the ground. High icicles hung from buildings, and the east side of some buildings was coated with solid ice two inches thick.

This condition kept up until Tuesday when the weather moderated and the Chinook wind came up about 8 o'clock that night.

The fear of residents is that the worst is yet to come for at present it looks like Lents is to be visited by a repetition of last year's floods in the lowlands along the tracts at Lents Junction. Should this occur, untold losses and suffering will be the result to the hundred families living there. At the present writing Johnson creek is rising at the rate of six inches an hour.

VICTOR FLING WEDS GERTRUDE STRATTON

The wedding of E. Victor Fling to Miss Gertrude Stratton was solemnized Tuesday, January 2, by Rev. Goode.

The groom is a popular young man residing at Tremont and the bride is well and favorably known in Lents.

The young couple served a bounteous wedding supper in their own home at Tremont after the ceremony.

Best wishes of the Herald are extended for a long and prosperous wedded life.

GRACE EVANGELICAL CHURCH.

Sunday School at 10 A. M. Preaching at 11 A. M. Subject: "Christ Our Mountain of Safety." Y. P. A. at 6:30 P. M.; Huber Goode, leader. Preaching 7:30 P. M. Subject: "Always In the Balance." A cordial welcome to all these services.

P. Conklin, Pastor.

The home merchant who solicits your patronage deserves it.

M. A. SPAULDING PASSES AWAY

On the afternoon of Sunday, the 7th inst., at 4.30 o'clock Milton A. Spaulding departed this life at his home on Second Ave. near Foster Road.

The deceased had been confined to his bed for five weeks in the sickness which resulted in his death. He was born in Lenoir, Mass. May 3, 1847.

Of the immediate family of the departed a wife, a son, two brothers and a sister survive him. The funeral exercises were held at the residence on Wednesday at 10 a. m. The service was conducted by Rev. J. M. Nelson, pastor of the Baptist church. The body was taken to the Portland Crematorium for cremation, as this had been the desire of the deceased.

Mr. Spaulding had lived in Lents less than a year, having purchased property here and moved his family from Sellwood where he was well known and highly respected. During his sojourn here he formed many warm friends who join with the family in grief at his departure.

The Herald, too, loses a staunch friend in his death. From the time of The Reporter's first issue up to and including its succession by The Herald, he had never missed reading a single issue, and more than one subscriber has been brought to us by this man, now gone to his rest.

VETERANS INSTALL NEW OFFICERS

Past Commander Is Installing Official—Great Credit Due Retiring Commander Baker.

The following officers of Reubin Wilson Post No. 38, Department of Oregon G. A. R. were installed by Past Commander John Huntington: Commander, John Walrod; Sr. Vice, N. Coonrod; Jr. Vice, J. Stakely; Chaplain, C. C. Wiley; Quartermaster, G. M. Pugh; Officer of the Day, R. S. Hummel; Officer of the Guard, A. W. Powers; Surgeon, F. Strickrod; Serg. Major, L. Rossall; Quartermaster Sgt., J. Baker; Patriotic Instructor, John Huntington; Delegate to the Encampment, L. Rossall.

We were to have been installed by Assistant Adjutant General Williams. Owing to the bad weather and uncertainty of cars, Com. Williams did not come so Past Commander Huntington did the installing. Great credit is due Comrade Huntington and his officer of the day, Comrade Jakes, of Geo. Wright Post, in the fine manner in which they installed the officers.

The circle furnished a fine supper for which the Post tenders them their sincere thanks, and right here let me make an appeal to all ex-soldiers under jurisdiction of this Post who are not members of any Post to join us and help make this a banner year. There is no good reason why you should not belong to a Post, but there is every reason why you should. The Encampment will be held at Salem this June. Let us go as a Post with our colors floating in the breeze and drums beating and have a good time. You will live much longer.

And now a few words about our Past Commander, Baker. He has been Commander of this Post two years. Many thanks are due him for his kind and courteous manner toward the Post. He has been a fine officer and a good comrade. I do not expect to attain the high standing of Comrade Baker. If I should do so I would be proud of myself.

John Walrod, Commander Reubin Wilson Post.

OFFICERS OF CIRCLE INSTALLED

The following officers of Shilo Circle were installed by Department President of Oregon, Mrs. G. Stacy, assisted by Mrs. A. Boswell, Conductor, of Peter A. Porter Circle No. 25: Mrs. M. Wilson, President; Sr. Vice, Mrs. L. Hummel; Jr. Vice, Mrs. L. Maffett; Treas., Mrs. M. Powers; Sec., Mrs. G. Graves; Chaplain, Mrs. P. Linniger; Conductor, Mrs. J. Wiley; Assistant Conductor, Mrs. J. Martin; Guard, Mrs. E. Hummel; Assistant Guard, Mrs. A. Crane; Delegates to Encampment, Mrs. L. Wilson,

POSTAL SAVINGS BANK GROWING

First Three Days Total \$776.00--The Multnomah State Bank Is Made Depository

Postmaster George Spring is elated over the first three days business of Lents Postal Savings Depository.

The Savings department was opened for business Saturday, Jan. 6, and for the three days up to and including the 9th, the total of deposits was exactly \$776.00.

This is considered an excellent start for Lents. The Multnomah State Bank of this place has received notice of its appointment as depository for its local office. The following from the Oregonian is timely and applicable to Lents, as well as Portland: "I was enthusiastic of the principle of the bank from the first and now I am confident that I could convince all bankers formerly opposed to the system, that works to their benefit," said Mr. Carr, Assistant Supt. of the money order division. "Much of the early money deposited let from secret hoards, but they were soon exhausted and it now principally comes from persons who were either careless in their savings or carried their money around with them. The postmaster deposits the receipts daily in the authorized United States depositories and it is safe to say that the banking receipts of the city are increased to this amount that would not otherwise have reached them."

ORCHARDS NEAR BORING ARE HURT

The cold weather caused great anxiety among the farmers, and it is feared heavy losses will be sustained by those having large amounts of potatoes on hand, stored in cellars and underground pits, awaiting the high prices of Spring. The sleet and rain storm caused untold damage to the orchards in this section. The thermometer registered 28 degrees and the sleet and rain were accompanied by a brisk northeast wind. The ground was covered with about four inches of snow when the rain came. Farmers report their orchards materially damaged and in many instances entirely destroyed, as numerous trees were broken off at the ground by the weight of ice. In many places the roads are blocked by limbs and tree tops.

A woodcutter living in a cabin a mile east of here narrowly escaped death Saturday evening as a large limb from a nearby tree fell on the roof, crushing it, the man escaping injury by a narrow margin.

CARD OF THANKS.

We desire to thank our friends and neighbors for their kindness and help during our sorrow and need, in the loss of our baby, Laura Talmage.

M. R. Scheuerman and Family.

Mrs. L. Maffett, Mrs. E. Hummel, Mrs. R. Fawcett, Mrs. J. Martin; Alternates, Mrs. M. Sommers, Mrs. M. Drake, Mrs. J. Wiley, Mrs. T. Grossett, Mrs. A. Crane.

The Department President is a fine installing officer and did her work in the best possible manner.

With such a fine lot of officers as the Circle has we may look for some good work the ensuing year.

Press Correspondent.

Joseph Heiney Says The Herald Is The Best Paper

Gresham, Ore., Jan. 9, 1912.

H. A. Darnell, Lents, Ore.
Dear Sir:—Enclosed find money order for one dollar to apply on renewal of the Beaver State Herald for a year. I find that if I don't take The Herald I don't get much news of Eastern Multnomah County. I think you print an excellent paper,

Joseph Heiney.

ORCHARDS ARE RUINED BY STORM

Richey Orchard at Sycamore In Ruins—Loss Can Not Be Counted in Dollars and Cents.

The orchards of this section of the valley were hard hit by the storm last week and in some instances almost ruined.

East of Lents, in Pleasant Valley, the orchards were laid low like so many rows of harvested corn. The orchard of Gus Richey, adjoining the Pleasant Valley church, is in ruins, says W. W. McDowell, who visited that section Wednesday. The Richey orchard was known far and near and the pride of the little valley. Here the owner has spent years and years of toil in bringing it up to the standard of perfection it had attained and its loss in dollars and cents can not be estimated.

McDowell says the trees in some cases simply lifted out of the ground by the roots. Others were split clear to the bottom or broken up in such a manner that Mr. Richey says he was compelled to grub them out.

This is only one instance, and others in different sections are equally hard hit.

Shade and ornamental trees of priceless value have fallen prey to the weather king and now lay creaking and groaning in ruins.

Aside from the bigger trees little damage was done to the fruit, as the frost was not sufficient to freeze hard enough to injure them in this way.

LENTS GRANGE TO MEET SATURDAY

Saturday will be the date for the monthly meeting of the Lents Grange. Aside from the business of the day, installation of officers will be a special feature. F. H. Crane, of Rockwood, will install the officers. The Lecture program includes an instrumental solo by Miss Lois Herschner, a recitation by Roberta Pollock, song by Gordon McNeill, a vocal solo by Mrs. Robert Reynolds, and a discussion of the Single Tax question by H. W. Stone, of the Portland Y. M. C. A., and others. Dalles Simonsen will talk about "Some Needed Local Improvements."

SERVICES AT PISGAH HOME.

At Pisgah Home, corner 9th. Ave and Mt. Scott car line, at 11 a. m. public religious services will be conducted by J. E. Mohler, of Los Angeles, and at 7 p. m. Sunday Jan. 14, and each night during the week. Brother Mohler will explain the character of the Pisgah work at these meetings. At Los Angeles the work has attracted the attention of the world, and it is said that this locality is a larger field for a great work than Los Angeles. Brother Mohler will be here but a few days and all are invited to hear him, and get a better understanding of what is being done in our midst.

CARD OF THANKS.

Through these columns we desire to express our sincere thanks for the many kindnesses shown us during the illness and death of our father. We are especially grateful for the beautiful floral offerings, the services of the pall bearers and neighbors. We also wish to extend our gratefulness to the church choir for selections rendered.

Mrs. M. A. Spaulding, Mr. Wm. H. Spaulding, Mr. Alex. M. Gill, Mr. Fred Gill.

DONATION PARTY IS GIVEN BAPTIST PASTOR

The monthly business meeting of the Young People's Society of the Baptist church was held Friday evening of last week. It was an unusual meeting in the number who were present, a goodly outside of the membership seeming to have suddenly taken an interest in the business affairs of the society, judging from the fact of their presence there that evening. The air seemed charged with mystery. Parcels of various shapes and unknown contents were heaped in a corner of the platform. Something of a program had been arranged. Refreshments were served at the end of the evening's exercises. Before, however, the company broke up a silver offering and the contents of the unknown packages were presented to the pastor. The pastor and his wife wish to express in this way their appreciation of the generous gifts made them.

BAPTIST CHURCH

The pastor of the Baptist Church will speak Lord's Day morning on the subject, "A Preacher who had to Preach," and in the evening on the subject, "A Man who was not Satisfied with his own Way."

GRESHAM TO VOTE ON ANNEXATION

Special Election Called For February 10--Believe Annexation Will Win Easy Victory.

The Gresham city dads met in special session Monday evening and officially fixed the date of the special election for February 10.

The recorder's notice in brief reads: For the purpose of determining whether or not the corporate limits of the town of Gresham shall be extended to include the following described territory:

Beginning at a point where the north line of the City limits of the town of Gresham intersects the east line of Main street; thence east one undred feet, thence south to the Section Line between sections three (3) and ten (10) thence east to a point in the center of the Section Line road on the east line of the James Powell Donation Land Claim; thence continuing east along the center of the Section Line road 487 feet; thence due south to a point in the center of the Powell Valley road; thence east along the center of said road 260 feet; thence due south to a point 5 feet south of a line parallel to the south line of the present city limits; thence west to a point 5 feet south of the southern extremity of the east line of Juniper Avenue; thence south to the center of the Damascus road; thence south 65 degrees west to a point in the south line of A. Dowsett's 24 acre tract; thence in a northwesterly direction to the southwest corner of the Dammeier tract; thence in a northerly direction following the east boundary of Henry Metzger's land to a point within 5 feet of the City limits, thence west 5400 feet; thence north to a point 300 feet due north of the north line of the Powell Valley road; thence east to the easterly line of County road No. 40; thence north to the intersection of the north line of the G. W. Sieret tract with said county road No. 40; thence east following the line between the Sieret tract and N. L. Smith to a point within 500 feet of the City limits; thence north to a point due west of the northwest corner of the present City limits; thence east to the City limits.

The polls will open from 1 p. m. until 7 p. m. in the Town of Gresham at the Town Hall. Geo. Leslie, W. H. Bond and S. S. Thompson have been appointed as judges of said election, and W. C. Burch and D. W. Metzger have been appointed as clerks of said election.

A dry hacking cough is hard on the lungs, often causing them to bleed. BALLARD'S HOREHOUND SYRUP is a healing balm that quickly repairs damage in the lungs and air passages. Price 25c, 50c and \$1.00 per bottle. Sold by Lents Pharmacy.

LOCAL PHONE CO. IS DAMAGED \$800

Switch Board Burned Out, Wires Down, Phones Out All Result of the Storm.

WILL REBUILD AT ONCE

Pres. Marshall Says Home Phone Will Rush Repair of System.

As a result of Saturday's storm the Home Phone company's system is completely paralyzed and out of operation for the time being.

When the sleet was at its very worst Saturday noon, a high tension wire of the O. W. P. system broke near Lents junction and switches across the line of the phone company, burning out the switchboard, the receiving rack and probably ruining over 50 phones. While no personal injury was done, this itself was lucky, as the operator, Miss Alice Marshall was at the time engaged in answering a call. She noticed it on the second and jerked the plug out hurriedly, getting a severe but not overly painful shock. As it was though, the property loss is conservatively placed at \$800. It may not total that or it may reach \$1000, depending on the number of phones put out of use.

Pres. Marshall said, when interviewed that the system would be repaired as fast as possible. We first propose to string the lines down the Foster road to where they connect with the Home system in Portland. Next we will re-wire Main street, which suffered the most, and from there will follow the various lines into the country.

If the weather permits a week should see a good part of the phones in operation and two weeks the system will perhaps be in good shape again.

While the loss is severely felt by the company it will not ruin it as some have feared, according to rumor. Instead it is said they are even more optimistic than ever for the Portland Home Phone recently appropriated a large sum for the extension of their lines to all parts of the Mt. Scott district. This will greatly benefit the local concern in that it will give us close connection with our neighbors in the Arleta and Woodstock districts.

OREGON LAUDED IN VERSE: BEST OF ALL

The following list of verses by our old friend, J. H. Cradlebaugh, formerly manager of The Dalles Chronicle but now of the Capitol Journal, Salem, is very commendable and interesting. Cut it out, it is worth a place in your scrap book:

It may be true that Switzerland Has scenery to delight the soul; The Alps undoubtedly are grand, And blue the Danub's water roll, And all the elves of Sunland dance Upon the vine-clad hills of France.

It may be true that Far Cathay, The dreamland of the Orient Has flowers that beautify the day And make night sweetly redolent— Has roses in perennial bloom Sleep-giving in their sweet perfume.

It may be true the "Middle West" Has prairies grandest in their sweep; The South by "Summer Snow-fields" blest The lotus-eating land of Sleep— And the wild sweep of deserts be Inspiring in their majesty.

It may be true that Paradise Has many joys, undreamed of here, Beyond the view of this lower sphere, Things that will come within our ken When we have changed the "now" for "then."

All may be true; but give to me The Cascades' undulating line; The valley's glade and glen and lea, The foothills robed in verdant pine, Land fairest that the sun shines on— Take all! but leave me Oregon.