

# COTTAGE GROVE LEADER

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## MUCH WATER ON FRIDAY

Largest Flood Seen Here for Many Years

For thirty-six hours the rains poured in torrents filling the rivers creeks and gutters to overflowing. On Thursday forenoon it became noticeably warmer and the snow began to melt in the mountains which augmented the rain supply in the rivers and streams until they burst their banks and flowed over the adjoining fields and meadows.

Late in the afternoon the river which flows through Cottage Grove overflowed its banks at the upper part of town and began to flood the streets. The water rose rapidly until there was but few buildings in town that was not in danger of getting a wetting. At ten o'clock in the evening Main street presented a weary appearance. Perhaps twenty or thirty men around with shovels and carrying lanterns tramped up and down the street opening a trench here and fastening down a side or crosswalk there. But steadily the water rose until nearly every walk in town was about and many stores and houses showed from one inch to three feet of water and mud on the floors. Few people slept for it was rumored that a large boom of logs a few miles above town could not hold if the water continued to increase in volume and flow. If this catastrophe had happened houses and stores would have been swept away and thousands of dollars worth of property destroyed. But fortunately this did not happen and very little real damage was sustained.

At 11 p. m. the wind changed and it grew noticeably colder which checked the rainfall and the melting snow, and the worst had been realized. At about 5 a. m. Friday the waters began to recede and by noon the river had nearly resumed its channel.

About 9 o'clock the sun came out bright and warm as though trying to brighten the situation with its cheering rays. Sidewalks, crosswalks, wood and rubbish is piled everywhere and as there is but one idle man and he came in on the wrecked train to assist in the work of clearing up, it will be several days before the work will be completed.

The water reached the following depth: First National Bank 8 inches on their floor, no damage; Wheeler-Thompson Co. 7 inches with no damage; Benson's Pharmacy 5 inches, no damage; Parker's Bakery 4 inches, no damage; Game Warden's office 14 inches with some damage to papers. In the Fashion Stables which stood directly in the path of the flood the water reached a depth of 2 1/2 feet. The proprietors removed their horses when the water reached their knees. At the Graham Hotel, Tom the popular clerk was the hero of the house; The water reached a depth of about 3 inches on the office floor, which drove the proprietor and family upstairs.

The parlor carpet was torn up and placed in a dry place. When the water receded it left a liberal coating of mud on the floor. The Hotel Oregon stands on as high ground as there is on this side of the river and only got enough water to wet the floors. At the Wave confectionery store the water reached a depth of 10 inches with no damage. At Ben Lureh's 4 inches, at Thornton's cigar store 6 inches, at Walker's paint store 18 inches with about \$100 damages, at Owl cigar store 14 inches, no damages, at Thompson's hotel several inches, no damages; At Campbell & Walker's lumber office 12 inches, no damages, Bartels Meat market received a severe wetting but the most damage was to their stock yards where some hogs and sheep were washed away. Hinds real estate office was flooded, no damages, at the Nugget office the water was 12 inches deep. In Mr. Hards mining office the water reached a depth of 18 inches in the vault but no damage. One benefit will accrue that should be appreciated by all viz: the complete cleaning and washing nearly every store building in town got. The streets were also washed clean and mudless.

Harry Brehaut, proprietor of the New Era drug store telephoned for his boat to take him out of his store and upon its arrival he serenely took his seat to have the novel experience of a boat ride in the streets when the boat tipped over and Harry got a ducking.

Ed Hibbard, proprietor of the Toggery, upon being asked what his loss amounted to stated that he grieves the loss of the Oregonian and his Bible, but as he knew the bible by heart he would not miss it so much, but unless he could recover the Oregonian, life would hold no charms for him. We are sure that he will have the sympathy of the entire community in this hour of disappointment and loss.

Dr. Lowe, Eugene's well known oculo-optician will be in Cottage Grove next Thursday and Friday, January 10 and 11. Consult him about your eyes.

### DIED

At Grants Pass, Oregon, Tuesday, Jan. 1st, Mrs. Ruth Veatch who was well and favorably known in this county. She was born at Eugene Feb. 23rd, 1866. Her father was Wm. Parsons a former merchant of Eugene. The deceased leaves a husband and three daughters to mourn her loss. They with other relatives came here Thursday afternoon to perform the last sad rites over the remains of the departed loved one.

The funeral, which was very largely attended, was from the Presbyterian Church. The interment took place at the Masonic cemetery.

### Hon. Frank Bakers Death.

On the death of Hon. Frank Baker of Portland, Oregon has lost a friend and honorable citizen, the Republican party a staunch member and splendid organizer. Mr. Baker offered to give to the state of Oregon his printing plant in the state printers office at Salem valued at \$10,000, providing that the legislature this winter puts that office on a flat salary basis. This offer has a two fold purpose viz: the saving of thousands of dollars every year to the tax payers of the state in supporting the office of state printer and again in providing the state gratuitously, a good printing plant of its own.

In view of the above named facts we can not see how the legislature can do other than relieve the tax payers of a heavy burden by doing what should have been done years ago.

Thomas Jones of Cottage Grove carried too long over the cup that cheers and inebriates and was consequently run in as a drunk and disorderly. Uncle Ben did not see why the usual fine should not be imposed and he was mulcted \$20, which he paid.—Register.

### O & S E Bridge Gone.

The bridge on O & S E Railway to Bohemia is badly damaged, three of the bents supporting it are entirely gone. Trains can not now go beyond Dorena. The Row River bridge is out of line and will have to be repaired.

### Mining is Affected.

A receiver for the Oregon Securities company was appointed in the United States Circuit Court today by Judge Wolverton, the action growing out of a suit filed this morning by the Trust company of America, a New York corporation, as trustee for the bondholders of the Oregon Securities Company.

The suit was brought to foreclose a mortgage or deed of trust securing an issue of \$400,000 of bonds of the Securities company. The Securities company owns valuable mining properties in the Bohemia mining district in Lane and Douglas counties.

James R. Baret of New York, and J. V. Beach of Portland, appeared this morning before Judge Wolverton in behalf of the bondholders and asked for the appointment of a receiver of the property of the company.

Joseph Simon appeared for the defendant company and stated that it did not oppose the appointment of a receiver. At the request of both parties Judge Wolverton appointed A. B. Wood receiver, fixing his bond at \$20,000. Mr. Wood has been the manager of the company for several years and is a man of long experience as a mining engineer.

Gustave B. Hengen, secretary and treasurer of the Oregon Securities company says the action of the

bondholders will facilitate the reorganization of the company and that the proceedings begun today do not affect in any way the Oregon & Southeastern railroad company, which operates a line of railroad from Cottage Grove to the property of the Oregon Securities company. Mr. Hengen stated that the railroad company has been making excellent earnings and is not dependent upon the traffic of the mines alone as the bulk of its business is from timber shipments.—Telegram.

### Fashion Stable Sold.

A. S. Powell purchased the interest of his partner Mr. Potts, in the Fashion Stables of this place. Mr. Powell will run the business in the same business like way it has been conducted in the past.

### Pheasants Saved.

J. W. Baker saved his China pheasants from the flood by putting them in on the porch of his house. Just before the storm began the birds became very restless and uttered plaintive calls as though in great distress. They no doubt know of the coming storm.

### School Board.

Why fogs all the time? One says better to close schools on account of the fog, others say no schools closed. A wrangle and hard feeling the result.

Can't this business ever be stopped in Cottage Grove. Shall we hang together, or separately?

Have Dr. Lowe, the optician, relieve your head and eye ache with a pair of his superior glasses. Consult him January 10 and 11.

### Leg Broke

S. B. Morss fell from a tree while fixing a telephone line up near Dorena yesterday and broke his leg close to his hip. He was brought home on the morning train, Dr. C. T. Hockett set the fractures. Mr. Morss is feeling quite comfortable.

### A Deer Escapes.

The deer that was shipped from here to Homes Geological Arena at Denver, Colorado got out of the crate in which he was shipped and jumped from the train at Anlauf and escaped. The agent there wired the Wells Fargo agent here of the loss and asked for instructions. The reply was promptly given to "catch him and send him on his journey" which was done, but how we were not informed.

Hon. Jim Porter got a good soaking, because he stepped into high water.

The child of Charles Burkholder has practically recovered from his illness.

Andy Nelson mourns his boat that went with other articles of value that were not cared for.

Wm. F. Hemenway and daughter Grace of Seattle visited friends and relatives here during the holidays.

Our readers will be pleased to know that Marshal Underwood is much better and his doctor tells us that he will soon be seen on the streets again.

Jim Craig started for Bohemia to work at the Vesuvius, Wednesday. He found it impossible to get there for the snow and storm. He returned to the Grove last evening.

## S. P. PASSENGER WRECKED

### The Two Engines Plunge into Creek near Alca

On Thursday evening Jan. 3rd passenger train No. 14 was running at the usual speed and nearly on time, pulled by two engines the track sank beneath the pondering locomotives precipitating both of them into the creek which was about 125 feet below the roadbed. Engineer Wm. Wichlin of Roseburg was on the head engine which was a helper on this train. He was killed instantly and pinned down by his engine so that his remains were not recovered until Friday morning. His fireman Dyke Long was thrown or jumped clear off the engine and landed in the mud and rocks on the opposite bank of the creek and escaped with a severe shaking up and some bad bruises. Engineer Jno. Montgomery who was on the second or road engine escaped with a severe shaking up. His escape from death was almost maraculous. Without a moment's warning his engine jumped a clear 125 feet to the creek bed below.

The fireman on the road engine was unhurt. The baggage and express car was thrown nearly cross-way of the track, but did not topple off the cross-cut. The messenger cut his way out and baring some bruises and cuts was uninjured. The passengers were given a severe shaking up. Those who were at dinner were thrown all over the diner. Among the number who were in the dining car was J. M. Taylor of Frisco, who is attached to the engineering force on the construction work of the Drain-Coos Bay railroad. He was sitting at a table in the diner, facing the way the train was going, and was thrown clear over the table, but was unhurt. When the engines broke loose from the train the air brakes stopped it at almost at once. Train No. 14 is still lying where the wreck occurred which is about 8 miles south of Cottage Grove. The cause of the wreck was the great amount of water that had fallen, which soaked the ground to such an extent that it would not hold the weight of the engines and train.

The Cottage Grove local came only as far as Junction City and laid there all night fearing to come on up on account of the soaked and dangerous condition of the road-bed.

Dr. Kimo has gone to Acton, California to see his father who is dangerously ill.

The Misses Berg opened the doors of their home on Monday evening and received a company of young people, who very gaily and pleasantly spent the remainder of the year together.

Dr. Lowe the optician does not go from house to house. You will find it much to your advantage to consult him in his hotel office. See him at Hotel Oregon next Thursday and Friday, January 10 and 11.

David Griggs, proprietor of the Modern Pharmacy, reminds the editor of ye olden days when on one occasion while fishing in a Colorado stream his high top boots were not high enough and ye editor's boots were filled with water and ye editor got a good soaking, so did David during the flood of Friday. All right for Colorado editor, but an Oregonian ought to get higher top boots.

Roderick E. Smith, special agent and adjuster for the London Assurance Corporation has been at the Hotel Graham for several days. Many of the maps and diagrams of the company were destroyed in San Francisco and Mr. Smith was engaged while here in making a new list of the buildings and establishing rates. The London Assurance Corporation is one of the largest fire insurance companies in the world. They were the first to pay up in full every loss caused by the great disaster. Mr. Smith decided upon Mr. F. Hinds as their agent in Cottage Grove.

F. D. Wheeler

H. O. Thompson

L. R. Woods

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