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THE RECENT FRESHET AT EUGENE AND SPRINGFIELD

The Latter Place Suffered Most and One Family
Was Forced to Spend a Night in a Big
Fir Tree and Others in Garrets

Eugene, Nov. 23.—Flood conditions prevailed in the entire Willamette valley as a result of the almost unprecedented rainfall during the past few days. For the 24 hours ending at 8 o'clock this morning the precipitation was 1.34 inches and for the day previous it was 1.80 inches, making a total of 3.14 inches for the two days. Great banks of snow in the mountains have melted and it has been carried down to the valleys in the streams in the shape of water at a tremendous rate.

The recent rise in the Willamette was higher, two or three inches than the rise of 1901 and is said to equal a number of freshets of ten or twelve years ago. This forenoon at 11 o'clock the water was over the top of the gauge, which registers 21 feet. Some think it went as high as 22 feet while others are of the opinion that it was no higher than 22 1/4 feet.

ALL NIGHT IN A FIR TREE.

Over two hundred people living in West Springfield were forced out of their homes and many had narrow escapes in leaving their houses when the water suddenly rose over this whole district. Some spent a fearful night in the garrets of their frail houses, which the torrent threatened to destroy at any moment. A woman and two children spent an awful night in a fir tree, being rescued Tuesday morning. The big railroad embankment, although it banks the water up, making it deeper on the south side, breaks the force of the current, and it is for this alone that many houses have not been destroyed. There was a difference of several feet in the height of the water on either side of the embankment, and at each end through the trestle work the current poured at a terrific rate.

DANGER TO TRESTLES.

At the two small trestles near Springfield Junction on the "Y" there was a large river pouring through the small openings as through a chute and above each was a jam of driftwood. The water was pouring around the end of the embankment by the county road and the bank was somewhat eaten away. Several piles were undermined and if the flood lasts it is only a question of time when the bridge approach will go out. A large jam has collected at the middle of the high trestle but the current is not so swift here.

GREAT HAVOC TO FENCES.

The high water this year has wrought great havoc in the bottoms around here—more so than ever before. A secondary river has found its centre in the county road near Springfield and with a great force has washed away every fence and outbuilding. When the waters go down it is probable there will be no signs of a county road.

MANY HEROIC RESCUES.

All Tuesday morning men with boats and skiffs have been working in the roaring flood rescuing those caught in their houses at Springfield. The extreme swiftness of the current made the work very dangerous.

A family named Parker was caught last night and for fear that their small house would be destroyed in the night they climbed into a large fir tree nearby and spent the night there in suspense. They were rescued in a boat early Tuesday morning. The water rose so quickly that many were taken by surprise. Those who have two-story houses were able to move themselves and a few belongings out of the water. Others were not so fortunate. L. M. Damewood lost everything he had. The family was taken out late Monday night, when the water was beginning to float the chairs in their small one-story house. About 10 o'clock Mr. Damewood looked out and saw the roaring waters only a few inches from the door step, which is four or five feet off the ground. Several who are on higher ground were living on the second floor of their homes. M. C. Davis was living with his family entirely isolated between the immense streams of water.

A family by the name of Collins stayed in a small loft over night, when the water drove them off the floor of their house.

LARGE AREA OF WATER.

It was a remarkable sight to see the water stretching from the Southern Pacific railroad tracks along the hills all the way across the bottoms over to the bottoms on the further side of the river. At points from Henderson station the river was over a mile wide and running in immense waves up to fifteen miles an hour.

The street car trestle was under water until noon, and by only a dark streak could be traced its course in many places. The cars ran as far as Judkins' Point. The grandstand at the ball park withstood the flood, but most of the fence was carried away.—Guard.

Eugene's assessment role shows an increase of about one million and a quarter dollars over last year.

A QUIET THANKSGIVING DAY IN COTTAGE GROVE

Union Religious Services, Family Reunions, Turkey
Dinners, Band Music and a Military
Ball Given by Company E.

Thanksgiving day passed by very quietly in Cottage Grove the weather being partially fair—some sunshine and some rain.

Many were the family reunions and turkey dinners and little business was transacted. The band came out in the afternoon and broke the Sabbath like quietness of the day and the Electric Theaters in the evening with special features entertained the people, who did not participate in the big military ball given by Co. E. at the Armory, where good music and a good time was reported by those who attended. General Finzer and wife of Portland, were guests of honor.

UNION SERVICES

At 10:30 in the morning a union Thanksgiving service was held at

the Christian Church, where appropriate music was furnished by the combined choirs of the various churches and the service was very interesting and quite largely attended.

Following is the order in which the service was conducted:

Voluntary

Song, "Praise God from whom all Blessings Flow."

Invocation

Song, choir

Reading of 103rd Psalm, Rev. S. C. Adams

Song, choir

Address, Rev. Robert Sutcliffe

Song, choir

Benediction.

THE FATES SAY NESMITH COUNTY.

Salem Capital Journal.

Of course there are interests that think they are hurt every time a new county is created.

But the hurt is imaginary, and the whole state would be benefitted by ten new counties.

Now it is in the cards to create a new county to be called Nesmith around Cottage Grove.

There are the usual howls from Douglas and wails from Lane over the proposition.

We have heard these wails and howls every time the past twenty years when a new county was borned.

We have seen Lincoln, Wheeler, and Hood River brought into existence with all attending pangs of parturition.

We have advocated the creation of every new county and shall do all in our power to have Nesmith county organized.

Lane and Douglas can spare the territory and they are still big enough to make several more good counties.

The name Nesmith is providential, and the new county cannot be stopped and everybody might as well get in line.

Extremely Heavy Rainfall.

From Weather Observer Briggs, Eugene, we learn that the rainfall so far the present month is 8.05 inches, as compared with 3.52 inches for the whole month of November last year.

Cleveland's Baking Powder.

Orchard \$2000 Per Acre.

A four-acre peach orchard at Ashland sold Saturday for \$8000 spot cash. The purchaser was a man from Dallas, Texas, and his purchase is known as the Albert Johnson orchard one of the finest and best-kept small orchards in that section of the state.

THE RESULT OF THE LEADER'S INTERESTING VOTING CONTEST

Miss Nieta Hazleton Received the Diamond Ring
and Miss Marie Willard the Fine Gold
Watch—A Large Vote Cast.

The Leader's voting contest closed Wednesday evening as advertised and much interest was manifested by the rival candidates for the two nice prizes as the time drew near for the final count of the votes. Each of the contestants and their friends worked industriously for the coveted prizes, and the contest while close, especially between the two leaders, was good natured and fair throughout. The first prize, a beautiful white diamond ring, was one of the prettiest and most valuable prizes ever given in this part of the state by a local newspaper of the Leader's class,

while the second prize a \$25 gold watch or gold set ring, as preferred by the winner, was a prize to be appreciated by any young gentleman or young lady. Following is the final count and standing of the energetic contestants.

Nieta Hazleton.....	13,445
Marie Willard.....	12,390
Mamie Kime.....	7,015
Ethel Chrisman.....	2,840
Ira Johnson.....	550

Total.....36,240

Miss Hazleton's majority 1055. Awarded \$75 Diamond Ring.

Miss Willard second, award, \$25 Gold Watch or \$25 Gold Ring.

CHARLES BRUNEAU SEVERELY INJURED.

Information was received from F. J. Hard's mines in Bohemia mining district Wednesday by telephone that Chas. Bruneau, Mr. Hard's mine foreman, was quite seriously injured by a mining accident on that day and a message was sent to Mr. Hard at Eugene informing him of the accident. He came to Cottage Grove Wednesday evening secured a physician and proceeded with all haste to his mines to care for his injured foreman, the seriousness of whose injuries cannot be ascertained until Mr. Hard and the physician return, as the telephone line is working very poorly.

Mr. Bruneau is a single man, has resided in Cottage Grove many years, where he is well known and held in the highest esteem by the citizens of the town. He also owns considerable valuable property in this city and his many friends hope to hear of his speedy recovery from his injuries and that they are not of a serious nature.

The sale is reported from Westport of 800 acres of logged-off land to a Portland Powder company that contemplates manufacturing powder on the premises to clear the land.

ABOUT 120 SAWMILLS WERE REPRESENTED

A prominent sawmill man informs the Leader that at the regular meeting of the Oregon & Washington Lumber Manufacturers Association held at this place Saturday there were about 60 members present, representing about 120 sawmills in Oregon. Many important questions were acted upon, among them a decision to join the National Lumber Manufacturing Association.

Progress was reported as to marketing odd lengths and a campaign was approved as to the conservation measures in marketing clear lumber. Traffic and legal bureaus were organized to work on transportation problems to accomplish good results on freight claims for overcharges on shipments.

An advertising plan was decided upon to display selected fir, consisting of board-ceiling, interior finish, mouldings and cornice, ready for installation in the Bureau of American Republics, at Washington D. C. of which John Barrett is director. The code of ethics promulgated by the companies' congress was adopted, with the understanding that this association is opposed to transit shipments. The outlook for trade conditions was pronounced as encouraging for ties and structural timbers. An increased demand is looked for in the spring from the East and California.

The Oregon and Washington Lumber Association will entertain the Western Retail Lumber association of Spokane, which is to be held in Portland, February 14, to February 16.

Oregon Defeated by Washington.

The big football game at Seattle Thanksgiving day between the University of Oregon and the University of Washington was won by the latter by a score of 20 to 6.

The Oregonians fought with bulldog determination and pluck and in many respects made an equal showing with the victors, but an ability to execute the forward pass, coupled with a strong defense against similar plays by Oregon tells the story. The game was replete with sensational features and the 8000 spectators were liberal in their applause.

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