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THE HEPPNER CATASTROPHE.

Heppner, the town that was destroyed last Sunday evening by the most terrific cloudburst that has ever been known in the history of the state of Oregon, was a thriving, hustling little city of approximately 1500 souls. Its location is most unfortunately advantageous for the destructive force of such a flood as was poured upon it. The town is built on the banks of Willow Creek, in the neighborhood of the converging point of four other mountain streams that drain a large area of rolling and hilly country that reaches from three to twenty miles to the foothills, and along the course of Willow Creek itself for a distance of 25 miles to the base of the Blue Mountains.

Willow Creek, at the site of Heppner, flows through a narrow valley. The major part of the business and residence sections of the town lying to the west of the creek in a low bottom, covering an area of about 1500 by 1200 feet, the longer distance being along the creek and the width in places between the high hills with which the town is flanked, being less than 1000 feet.

Eastern Oregon is subject to cloudbursts. The high and bare hills show evidence in many places of the deluge let loose on their tops from broken clouds. It is a big country, though, and comparatively thinly settled, which accounts for little loss of life heretofore from this cause. This time it struck a vital spot; almost without a moment's warning, came that rushing, roaring, devastating, destroying, crushing, cruel wall of water 25 feet high. We can see how the region above and around was formed just right for such a catastrophe, but probably this has not happened there for a thousand years before—probably will not happen for a thousand years again. But it has happened—and all Oregon is in mourning on account of the frightful calamity which overtook one of the most slightly and prosperous little cities in our great state. There is naught but wreck and ruin on every hand in that formerly peaceful and pleasant little Willow Creek valley. Generous hearts and hands are doing all that can be done to relieve the distress, and comfort the homeless and bereaved, but after all it is little that can be done. The dead cannot be brought back to life; the broken hearts cannot be healed. We can but bow our heads in silent grief, mourning with those that mourn. To the survivors of the dread disaster the hearts of the people go out in deepest sympathy.

PRAISE FROM A HIGH SOURCE.

A letter from the American Type Founders Company, Portland, follows: "Replying to your favor of June 8th, we will add two more quires of paper to your weekly issue, making an increase of six quires to your issue in the past few weeks. We are pleased to know that you are increasing your circulation at such a rapid rate and hope you will be able to keep up the good work. We are pleased to get the samples of your business card. We will place them in our specimen cabinet where they will be examined by your fellow printer who is looking for ideas. The cards are certainly very neat. They are well balanced and tasty. The half-tone picture of the LEADER editor is very good. We realize the difficulty of bringing a cut of this kind up clearly on a piece of translucent cardboard. We assure you samples of nice printing are always appreciated by us."

Miss Ware is no common, ordinary strawberry roan timber thief. She has four pulls in her favor. Her hair is auburn; Bellinger appointed her; she is related to the former commissioner of pensions, and she is a woman. Any one of these four facts will acquit her.—Salem Journal.

In every direction are to be seen new houses and barns, while old buildings are being repaired and repainted. All kinds of mechanics are crowded with work. Cottage Grove is making extensive improvements, and if a few more of the property owners and business men will fall in line and rake off the coarse rock and otherwise clean up the main business streets, we will have the neatest appearing town in the valley. There will be several more dwellings and probably several store buildings erected here this season, in addition to those already under way.

It has been raining big iron dollars in the pockets of the farmers this week.

If those medicines of Hal, the Healer, will accomplish half what was claimed for them this will be a decidedly healthy community for the next decade.

Denmark is not the only place containing something decayed. There has been apparently a good deal of rottenness of late connected with postmarks.

The Roseburg Semi-Weekly Plaindealer has discontinued its daily and is now issuing a Sunday edition to its semi-weekly, making the paper now practically a tri-weekly.

Another company of home-seekers arrived at Roseburg recently. After looking over that town and vicinity for a few days they will come to Cottage Grove to locate, no doubt.

President McKinley was called "The Advance Agent of Prosperity." Since President Roosevelt's celebrated utterance on the subject of "race suicide," he has been crowned with the title of "The Advance Agent of Prosperity."

Good public schools are the very best advertisement for the reputation of the town. They bring the greatest dividends of good citizenship. Cottage Grove must push its reputation for being wide-awake and progressive on all important lines, and miss no good things.

A man with a reputation for being successful in what he undertakes has a valuable capital at his command. A city with a reputation for doing things has a capital that is more valuable than any form of advertising. A good well managed carnival, is one of the best advertisements a city can have in the way of entertainment and amusement, and that is the kind Cottage Grove will have June 24 to the evening of the 27.

The Myrtle Point Enterprise comes to our exchange table in a spick and span new dress of type, including its head letter; it is also printed on a new Ideal cylinder press. Brother Roberts is a hustler. Within the past year he has builded a home, got married, and made many valuable improvements in his newspaper and plant. So much for the wise counsel, fatherly advice and efficient instructions received when he was serving his apprenticeship on that enterprising paper under its former management! (?)

If there is not a change in the policy of the present county court and Eugene politicians in regard to an undisguised effort to secure everything in the way of county or public emoluments for the county seat and the territory forming a narrow radius thereabouts there is going to be a vigorous kick registered from other parts of the county. As evidence of the exclusiveness of the courts deliberations we have the recent appointment of two county road viewers, both being Eugene men. The county offices, appointive offices and public improvements ought to be distributed among the people of the various populous districts of the county and Cottage Grove and South Lane will receive just recognition in this respect or know the reason why.

A timely movement is being inaugurated in this city to bring about a closer observance of the city ordinances and state laws regulating all manners of vice. By a long-drawn-out and slowly developing process like unto the progress of the leprosy, the moral atmosphere of the town has been growing from bad to worse until it can no longer be tolerated by the law-abiding element of the community. The populace, generally speaking, seems blind to the flagrant violations of the laws of morality, municipality and state and pass mutely by lest some who pose as leading citizens of the burg be lined up alongside the fellows whose visible means of support are decidedly in an eclipse. Enforce the city and state laws or erase them from the ordinances and statutes.

Happily Wedded.

The Western Woodman, published at Colorado Springs, Colorado, has the following account of the wedding of a well known young lady of this city and a popular young man of the Colorado city: Mr. Walter W. Reed, one of our team boys of Pike's Peak Camp No. 5 and Miss Lulu B. Hull of Cottage Grove, Oregon, were married Wednesday afternoon at 2.30 o'clock, by Rev. J. W. Neely of St. Paul's M. E. church at the residence of Giles A. Essick, who is also a member of the team. The bride was beautifully gowned in light blue silk with lace and ribbons.

A reception was held in the evening and was attended by all the members of the team, and a large circle of friends. A beautiful rocking chair was presented by the team and many valuable presents were received from friends. Our team and camp wishes the happy couple a long and prosperous life.

Mr. and Mrs. Reed are at home at 522 South Webster Street, Colorado Springs, Colorado.

Married.

HEMENWAY—REED—At the pretty farm home of Mr. and Mrs. Reed at Pleasant Hill, Oregon, Sunday afternoon, June 14th 1903. W. Almond Hemenway, of Cottage Grove, and Miss Ora, E. Reed, of Pleasant Hill, Rev. Kellum, officiating.

The parlors of the Reed home were profusely and handsomely decorated for the occasion, but owing to the large number of guests present, about 100 in all, the beautiful and impressive ceremony was performed out on the open veranda of the residence in the presence of all. After hearty congratulations were extended a sumptuous wedding dinner was served out under the spreading boughs of a giant Maple on the lawn. The happy couple were the recipients of many useful and valuable presents.

Mr. Hemenway is a member of the well known mercantile firm of Garman, Hemenway Co., of this city and is a very exemplary young man. He is of a good moral character, sober and industrious, a first class business man and enjoys the confidence and esteem of the entire community in which he has so long resided. The bride is a very charming and accomplished young lady, being one of Lane county's most successful school teachers, a graduate of the University of Oregon. She is also ex-state president of the Christian Endeavor Societies of Oregon and recently received her diploma as a graduate in oratory. She is an amiable and talented young lady and is regarded in the very highest esteem by numerous friends throughout the county, being widely known, as a result of her educational work and prominent connections with the societies of Christian workers in this county.

The bride and groom remained at the old Pleasant Hill home until Wednesday when they went to Eugene for a brief visit with friends, from which place they will go to Portland, Seaside and will later make a trip up the Columbia river. On their return home they will spend a few days at Turner camp meeting and will arrive at Cottage Grove, their future home, about July 1st.

The LEADER joins their numerous friends in extending congratulations and best wishes. May health, happiness and prosperity attend them through life.

DURGAN—THOMAS—At the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. I. E. Thomas in this city Wednesday at 10 o'clock, June 17, 1903. Mr. H. S. Durgan and Miss Ruby Thomas, Rev. G. H. Feese, officiating.

The parlors of the Thomas home were beautifully decorated with June roses for the pleasant and happy occasion and Miss Greta Bristow presided at the piano and played the wedding march as the bridal party was ushered into the parlor before the waiting clergyman. Frank Robbins of Baker City acted in the capacity of best man and Miss Ida Thomas as bridesmaid. The bride looked charming in a beautiful and becoming wedding gown while the groom wore the conventional black. After the impressive ceremony the guests, comprising only relatives and only a few intimate friends of the high contracting parties, were led to the dining hall where a sumptuous wedding feast was spread. The happy couple were the recipients of many useful and valuable gifts. The bride is a very charming and estimable young lady who has been a popular favorite in this city during her residence here of several years. The groom is a very exemplary young man and is connected with the Sumpter, Oregon, bank. The happy couple took their departure on the noon train Wednesday for Sumpter, their future home, and the best wishes of a host of admiring friends in this city go with them. The LEADER joins in extending hearty congratulations and wishes them naught but happiness and prosperity through life.

A NEW MINING COMPANY

Incorporated at Eugene with a Capital Stock of One Million Dollars—Have Property in Douglas County.

Eugene, June 16.—The Ridge Placer Mining and Milling company of Eugene, has filed articles of incorporation, with Julius Goldsmith, D. E. Rice, two well known Eugene residents, and Phillip Starr as incorporators. The capital stock is \$1,000,000. The principle office and place of business is Eugene.

The company will operate in the vicinity of Myrtle Creek, Douglas county, where it has control of some very valuable properties.

Plenty of Eastern capital is behind the company, which expects to commence active operations in the near future.

If you see
it in our
Ad, it's so

GREAT CARNIVAL OF BARGAINS

Welch &
Woods has
it for less

We need the room which is now occupied by odds and ends of several lines of merchandise, and just to show you that we are all right, here are some prices that will do to make a note of

Ladies Underskirts formerly \$1 to \$1.50, now .65
Gents Negligee shirts, formerly .50 to .75, now .35
Old ladies comfort shoes formerly 1.25, now 1.00
District 76 school shoes button, formerly 1.75, now 1.00
Corduroy Pants 1.60



Union Suits, any size, per suit .25
Ladies and Misses Vests .12 1/2
About 30 pairs of shoes worth \$1 to \$2.50, at .25
Good grade of ladies hose, 3 pairs for .25

We want to make a killing in our stock of crash hats, so have marked 'em down 20 per cent. We have just received a nobby line of ties in Windsor, Eton, String Four-in-Hand or bows. Also a nice selection of Childrens Sailors, Wash Suits, and Canvass and Tennis shoes. If you don't trade with us, come in anyhow and get acquainted; we feel certain you won't go out without having made some purchase

WELCH & WOODS

The Leaders in Low Prices and Hustlers for Business

Boswell Springs

Located on Southern Pacific Railroad in Douglas County, Ore.

The waters will cure 90 per cent of cases of Constipation, Rheumatism, Catarrh, Stomach, Kidney, Liver troubles.

Postoffice, Express and public Telephone on premises. From \$10 per week up, including baths. Trains stop in front of hotel.

One Gallon of These Waters Contains . . . Potassium Chloride 546.00 gr Magnesium Chloride .10 gr Potassium Bromide37 gr Calcium Chloride 1436.00 gr Potassium Iodide33 gr Calcium Carbonates19 gr Sodium Chloride211.00 gr

Capt. Ben D. Boswell, Proprietor

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We have it—have just received an immense stock. Call and be convinced that there is no better place from which to select : : : : :

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Family Groceries

FRESH AND PURE. A full line of Staple and Fancy Groceries at Lowest prices. Highest cash and trade prices paid for country produce : : : : :

HELLO
MAIN 65

METCALF
Mo AND R S E

It is not often that the ladies of Cottage Grove and vicinity are given the opportunity to get such bargains as we shall offer them during the remainder of this season in our : : : : :

Special Sales in Millinery

beginning next Saturday, continuing during Carnival week, and each Saturday thereafter during the season. We shall also make a great price reduction on our entire line of

Street Hats

In the special sales will be included all our body hats. Also big reduction in prices on all other goods. Come early and get the best : : : : :

Mary Bartels