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DAMAGE FROM CLOUD BURSTS

Eastern Oregon Visited by Destructive Storm

HEAVY HAIL FALL DAMAGES GRAIN

Houses and Other Buildings Swept Away, But People and Stock Escape.

Oregon and Washington have been visited with destructive storms Saturday, and much damage was done to the grain crop in places where the storm was heavy, especially in Umatilla county.

The East Oregonian says:

It is estimated that damage amounting to hundreds of thousands of dollars was done Saturday in this country when the worst harvest storm of recent years swept over the grain sections, shattering the growing grain, washing away buildings, livestock and farm machinery, prostrating wires, making roads all but impassable and wreaking general havoc. Starting late in the afternoon as a wind and dust storm, it continued for several hours, the wind increasing in velocity and the heavens pelting the fields with a fusillade of hail or drenching them with veritable cloudbursts, while the "artillery of the gods" streaked the sky with livid flashes and the thunder crashed with terrific force.

The storm, unusual in its violence, was also unusual in its course. Though the whole county received more or less wind and rain, only in certain localities did the storm assume formidable proportions. Its course of maximum violence was from Butter Creek circling east and north through the Nye country over to Piolet Rock and Birch creek, up through Spring hollow and the reservation across the river near Eastland, and it was along this path that the great damage was done. And yet along this path, its violence varied, some spots being visited with particular fury while others escaped with a minimum of damage.

In the Butter creek and Birch creek countries several cloudbursts occurred, and Butte Creek Valley is today a scene of devastation, as a result of the Saturday storm which sent an immense wall of water down the valley, sweeping it for miles almost clear of signs of human presence. Before its force, houses, barns, outbuildings and fences went down and were swept away in the flood and had it not been daylight when it occurred and had not settlers ridden in advance of the oncoming water, many lives would undoubtedly have been lost.

According to William Rahe, who was on the James Nelson ranch at the time of the storm, and who rode into the city today, a wall of water five feet high and the entire width of the valley, varying from 300 feet to 500, swept down upon them and took everything before it. Settlers rode at a furious pace in advance of the flood, warning the inhab-

itants of the valley who had just time to turn their stock loose and drive them to the safety of the hills.

Walla Walla Suffers Damage.

WALLA WALLA, WASH., July 22.—From out of the Blue mountains a storm traveling approximately 55 miles per hour broke over Walla Walla valley Saturday night about 6:45 and paralyzed all traffic in the city, uprooted trees, damaged wheat and fruit crops and blew over buildings, among others three warehouses.

The storm was the most severe known here in recent years, and though no one will hazard a guess as to the amount of damage done, it will amount up into the four figures, it is feared. Reports from the storm-swept zone are very meager as yet, telephone lines being down in a great many instances.

The only hopeful news was that the vast wheat region known as the Eureka Flat escaped, no rain falling there at all.

Harvest here is in full swing and a great deal of the wheat is threshed and stacked in the fields. All wheat wet will not pass a No. 1 inspection.

The Puget Sound warehouses at Sudberry and the one at Thiel, on the Northern Pacific, were blown down and grain fields are washed out near Thiel. The storm almost assumed the proportions of a cloudburst.

In Walla Walla telephone service was crippled, streets were dark the greater part of the night and crossed wires kept the fire department continually on the run.

On The Screen To-

Night at the STAR THEATER President Taft, Vice President Sherman, Ex-President Roosevelt, Candidates Wilson and Marshall, also, William Jennings Bryan and Governor West.

Monmouth Heights

Dow Hamar made a business trip to Salem Friday.

Bogynskas finished bailing hay for Mrs. E. Clark Saturday.

V. A. Fishback is working for Mr. Lindeman, of Lewisville.

Geo. Swearingen and Dick Ogle were in Salem on business Saturday.

Miss Beulah Compton, of Monmouth, visited with Minnie Wunder Sunday.

Will Herren and wife, of Independence, spent Sunday with old friends here.

Dick Alderson, of Talmage, spent last week with Mr. and Mrs. Will Mack.

Miss Linnie Shipley is visiting with friends and relatives in Falls City this week.

Mrs. Dave Olin and children spent several days at Airlie this week, visiting relatives.

Riley Rhodes, of Golden Dale, Washington, has recently returned to this neighborhood.

Frank Osborne, who has been in the Salem hospital for five weeks with typhoid fever, returned to the home of his cousin here, Geo. Swearingen, and family, Saturday.

REGULAR PORTLAND LETTER

Eugenics Exhibition is Arranged for State Fair

S. P. TO IMPROVE WILLAMETTE VALLEY

Northwestern Fruit Exchange Branch Opened in London by W. F. Gwin.

PORTLAND, ORE., July 23.—The State Fair board has voted \$500 to be used as prizes for the Eugenics Exposition planned for Wednesday, September 4. This is a feature of the State Fair this year for the first time and it is expected it will attract a great deal of attention. It is to be really a scientific baby show, children up to three years old being eligible for prizes. A \$50 silver cup will be offered for the best boy and the best girl in the show and six cups for the best boy and girl in three divisions, the ages running from 6 months to three years.

Medical experts will judge the children entered from the standpoint of physical perfection, much as livestock is judged. O. M. Plummer has been made superintendent of the Eugenics show and is hopeful of having 200 children entered at Salem. He hopes various granges, commercial bodies and districts will hold local shows in each county, sending the best boy and girl from the county to the state competition.

Public sales of dairy stock will be held during the Pacific International Dairy Show, which is scheduled for the Portland Union Stockyards November 18-23. During two days and a half, cattle from all parts of the world may be sold. In competition, only stock from the states west of the Rocky Mountains and from British Columbia may be entered. Prizes and trophies amounting to \$6,000 will be given. There will be no entry fee nor will admission be charged.

To extend the usefulness of the Northwestern Fruit Exchange, a branch has been opened in London by W. F. Gwin, general manager, and it is hoped to extend the fame of Northwest fruit throughout Europe. It is believed the present business there can be increased largely.

It is promised that liberal sums will be provided for the building of boulevards and general improvements in Crater Lake National Park by the Government. It is the intention to secure appropriations for \$100,000 annually for the next seven years. An item of \$100,000 has been inserted in the Sundry Civil Service bill and it is expected it will go through this session.

The Southern Pacific Company plans a new department of electric lines which will include many of the shorter roads through the Willamette Valley. It is thought a big system of trolley interurban lines will be built up within the next few years that will aid very greatly the development of the Willamette Valley country.

Dr. Paul Ritter, Minister from Switzerland to the United States,

believes large numbers of his countrymen will come to the Pacific Coast and settle when the Panama Canal shall have been opened. He was entertained at luncheon by the Portland Commercial Club the past week. He looks for a heavy movement of thrifty European farmers to this state as soon as the way is opened.

That Oregon should not overlook the chances to capture some good prizes at the International Dry Farming Congress at Lethbridge, Alberta, in late October, was urged upon Portland people the past week by Daniel Morgan, of Spokane, one of the governors of the Congress. He told of the importance of this exposition and the publicity to be gained by good exhibits.

Dont Fail To See CINDERELLA

To-morrow night, Saturday, July 27th, at the STAR THEATER.

Admission 10 and 20 cents.

Took a Header.

That some of the city's side walks are unstable is true, and that the pedestrian sometimes takes a header is equally a fact. A few days ago three of our business men sauntered out to the city reservoir to note the progress and satisfy the characteristic which induced them to take their journey thitherward. Complacently they wended their way, platoon style, when, lo! Prime's foot advanced and a board arose obstructing the progress of I. H. Fream and Allen Johnson, whose equilibrium was disturbed and their dignity spoiled by contact with the sidewalk. Prime had the laugh while others—well one said something, and proceeded on his way, a middle-of-the-roader. "Everybody is doing it."

Salem Man Arrested.

H. D. Vandersol, of Salem, was arrested this morning by Sheriff Grant on complaint of Charles Lane, charged with issuing fraudulent check. It developed that Vandersol had cashed two checks for \$5 each drawn on the Capital National bank, on which he had received the money from Charles Lane and D. H. Patterson. After his arrest friends came to his assistance and straightened up the claims following which the prisoner was released.—Observer.

MARRIED.

Edward Gwalchmar and Mary Jones, at the home of Mr. E. T. Evans, south of Monmouth, on the 24th of July, by Rev. W. A. Gueffroy. Mr. Gwalchmar came from Darowen, Wales, two years ago, while the bride, in company with her brother, arrived only last Friday from Aberdovey, Wales, from whence they sailed on the steamer, Lusitania, on the 6th of July. For the present they will be at home with E. T. Evans.

HAIR SWITCHES made from comings. Enquire at this office.

STATE NORMAL SCHOOL NOTES

Summer Semester to Close August 2nd.

EXCURSION TO SALEM WAS A SUCCESS

President Campbell to Speak at Normal at 9:30 a. m., July 26, and Citizens are Invited.

The school was honored with an address by Prof. Ressler at chapel last Tuesday morning. His subject was "Some Standards of Success" which subject he handled in a masterful manner, his address being most helpful and interesting. The school appreciated his words so much that they gave him a rousing reception at its close. It is hoped that he will find an opportunity to address the school again in the near future.

President Campbell is to speak at 9:30 a. m. Friday, July 26, and it is hoped that many of the citizens can make it possible to be present at that time. Pres. Campbell has many true friends in Monmouth who will be glad to have him with us again.

Next Monday, July 29, Miss Cornelia Marvin, Secretary of the Oregon Library Commission, will give an address, her subject being, "The Work of the Oregon Library Commission." It is hoped that many citizens will be present to hear her, as her address will be highly instructive.

It is hoped that Supt. Alderman will be present one day next week to visit the summer school and also give an address at chapel.

The excursion to Salem last Saturday to visit the Tuberculosis Exhibit, and also the State institutions, was a decided success, seventy three tickets having been sold. All report a most enjoyable, as well as instructive, time.

The contract for tinting and painting the chapel, and painting the wood work of the outside of the Normal has been let to Mr. Frank Willman. Mr. Willman's work is so well known in Monmouth that the fact that he has secured the contract insures most excellent work. The chapel when completed will be one of the most, if not the most, attractive ones in the State.

The summer semester will close August 2 and the Fall semester will begin September 16. It is requested that all persons who wish to furnish rooms or board will list their names, together with the number of rooms, etc., with the President at once, as he is already receiving inquiries from students relative to room and board. The President would also say that he has inquiries from students who wish to work for either the whole or part of their board, and he would be very glad if those who wish to take students would inform him at once. As was stated last week the outlook is very promising for an increased attendance; therefore, there will be no trouble in using all the rooms that may be prepared for students, and it is hoped that the citizens of the town will aid as much as possible in fitting up rooms for students.