

The Problem of the Day.

The floods of last spring cost the Santa Fe railway \$1,000,000 for repairs. Other railways in Nebraska, Kansas, and Texas and many of those in Iowa and Missouri suffered as heavily. Depots and warehouses were inundated or swept away, tracts and bridges were destroyed, and the freight traffic of several states was paralyzed for two weeks.

The direct damage to railroad property represented only a small percentage of the loss by flood. Valuable freight in immense quantities, in transit or in warehouses awaiting shipment, was damaged or utterly destroyed. Large districts in cities and thousands of square miles of farm lands were devastated, the floods of two weeks damaging the states along the Western rivers to the extent of \$30,000,000. So complete was the destruction of the means of communication that scores of cities were for nine days without a rail way train, without mail, and some of them without telegraph or telephone communication with the outside world.

The conditions favorable to floods have not been changed. Kansas may be damaged to the extent of \$10,000,000 next spring as it was last spring. Cities on the Missouri and the Kaw may be swept by torrents again as they were a few months ago. Railway traffic may be paralyzed as it was last June. As long as the conditions that create floods remain unchanged there will be floods.

The problem of the day is to change the conditions favorable to the recurrence of disastrous floods. Experience and science point the way to a satisfactory solution: Forestation of the river basins in the prairie states and reforestation of the districts at the headwaters of all our great rivers. The process of forestation is slow, but if trees were planted by the million the growth would begin to have influence in a few years and would have increasing influence in prevention of floods with each succeeding year.

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hundred fold? If a state like Kansas loses \$10,000,000 in two weeks of flood, would not tree-planting on a gigantic scale be economy, particularly as forests so planted more than pay their own way, and if carefully managed bring as good returns as crops of corn or wheat?

The value of forestation and reservoirs as flood preventatives is recognized, but no adequate steps have been taken to create forests or build reservoirs. We talk but we do not act. The way to prevent floods is to begin at once the work of tree-planting on a large scale.

Edison, the Inventor.

The great electrical inventor of the century, Thomas A. Edison, began his scientific career in a freight-car, in which he, a boy of twelve, conducted chemical experiments. Says the New York Tribune:

When one recalls the more important of Mr. Edison's inventions,—the printing telegraph for stock quotations, the duplex and quadruplex systems of telegraphy, the incandescent lamp, the subdivision of currents (within a year of the oracular prediction by British scientists that it could not be done), his carbon transmitter for telephones, the megaphone, the phonograph, the magnetic separator and kinetoscope,—it is hard to realize that he is only fifty years old.

That magnificent laboratory in which he spends so many happy hours, with his coat off, out at West Orange, is a very different workshop from the freight car in which he once conducted chemical experiments. But he works with the same enthusiasm and unremitting assiduity now as then.

He retains his youthful love of fun, too, and enjoys a joke more than a square meal. In fact, the unostentatious way in which he eats a workman's dinner on a busy day, without leaving his laboratory, is but a single illustration of the simplicity of taste which is so common a trait of genius.

An Impartial Umpire.

R. B. Hawley, the Tax republican who came to congress from the rock-ribbed democratic state, now has two big sugar plantations in Cuba. "The Cubans are a suave and diplomatic people," said Mr. Hawley. "They remind me of a story my grandfather used to tell about Martin Van Buren. That distinguished statesman would never express an opinion on anything. One day in Washington, a man made a friend a wager that it was possible to get an affirmation out of Van Buren.

"The man who took the affirmative went to Van Buren. 'Mr President,' he said, 'two men of my acquaintance have made a wager. A bets B that the sun rises in the east and sets in the west. B bets it does not. Which is right?' "President Van Buren didn't hesitate a moment. 'It is commonly accepted that Mr. A has the rights of the case, but I shall be glad to hear any arguments Mr. B has to advance in support of his position.' "

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There is no death! The dust we tread Shall change beneath the summer showers

To golden grain or mellow fruit, Or rainbow tinted flowers.

The granite rocks disorganize To feed the hungry moss they bear; The leaves drink daily life From out the viewless air.

There is no death! The leaves may fall,

The flowers may fall and pass away; They only wait through wintry hours The coming of the May.

There is no death! An angel form Walks o'er the earth with silent tread;

He bears our best loved things away, And then we call them "dead."

He leaves our hearts all desolate; He plucks our fairest, sweetest flowers

Transported into bliss, they now Adorn immortal bowers.

The bird-like voice, whose joyous tones Make glad these scenes of sin and strife,

Sings now an everlasting song Amid the tree of life;

And where he sees a smile too bright, Or heart too pure for taint and vice, He bears it to that world of light,

To dwell in Paradise; Born unto that undying life, They leave us out to come again;

With joy we welcome them—the same Except in sin and pain.

And ever near us, though unseen, The dear immortal spirits tread; For all the boundless universe Is life.—There are no dead.

—Sir Edward Bulwer Lytton.

A Love Letter.

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MARRIED.

LAWRENCE—WOOD.—At the residence of the bride's mother, in North Independence, on Sunday, October 4th, by Rev. E. J. Thompson, D. D., Mr. Edgar Lawrence, of McMinnville, and Miss Nora Wood of this city.

The wedding was a quiet home event and after the wedding dinner the couple took their departure for McMinnville, where they will make their home.

Death of John T. Elkins.

The funeral of John T. Elkins occurred at the Methodist church last Sunday afternoon and was conducted by Dr. Thompson, of the Presbyterian church. Mr. Elkins was well known in this city and respected by all. He was born in this county 51 years ago, and belonged to the pioneer family of Elkins, who were among the first settlers in Oregon and Polk county. For a few years Mr. Elkins resided in Lane county, where he buried his wife about 6 years ago. He

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has belonged to that silent company of mutes from his birth. During the past six months he suffered from that fatal disease, consumption, which ended his life last Saturday morning. The burial services were held in the K. of P. cemetery, south of Monmouth.

ANTIOCH.

The potato crop didn't yield as well as was expected.

Willard Sloan is working on the water plant at Dallas.

Giff Zumwalt is putting up a goat shed for F. C. Haynes.

John Yeater and wife were trading at Monmouth Saturday.

A number of the hop men have sold their hops for 22 and 25 cents.

Henderson Murphy, of American Bottom, was in this vicinity Thursday, on business.

William Fishback has been assisting Will Herren in putting up his oat straw.

Grandma Mack and Sarah Davis, of Monmouth, visited Mrs. Fishback the latter part of last week.

Robert Basey, of Salem, has been in this vicinity soliciting for the Capital Journal, published at that place.

Geo. Foster, wife and son, Conrad, of near Dayton, Yamhill county, were the guests of her uncle, J. L. Fishback, over Saturday.

G. L. Zumwalt has taken the contract to treat the Sunny Slope school house with two coats of fresh paint for sixty-two dollars.

A number of our young folks attended meeting, conducted by Rev. Sanderson, of Iowa, in the Christian church at Monmouth Sunday.

Pomona Strikes Log.

The steamer Pomona, struck a floating log Saturday morning with her wheel and damaged the latter to such an extent that the steamer was obliged to sit upon a bar, five miles below Salem, for about three hours, while her paddlewheel was being repaired.

RICKREALL.

Gib Newton has moved to the C. D. Purvine farm.

Orval Price will clerk for Eakin & Dick this winter.

Homer McDaniel returned to Portland Thursday.

Wm. Nesmith went to Springfield last week, returning home Monday.

Mrs. V. Dempsey and daughter, Nellie, returned from Harrisburg last week.

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Goodell went to the M. E. conference at Salem Sunday.

Wm. Thulson assisted Peter Cook with the invoicing of his stock last week.

The hunting season is open, but not many of the boys are taking advantage of it.

Chas. Dick drove over from Salem Sunday, to look after his business affairs here.

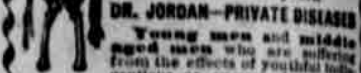
J. W. Goodell went to Seattle last week, expecting to have work when he arrives there.

H. Gist, of North Yamhill, who assisted in invoicing for Chas. Dick, at this place, returned home Saturday.

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Adella Simonton is home. She has been away for some time, visiting at The Dalles and Portland.

Born to the wife of Chas. Molson, at Needy, a daughter, Mr. Molson is a daughter of Peter Cook and wife.

L. C. Koser is kept busy on building contracts. His work at the church at Dallas will last for some time.

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