



### Spooks in the Willamette.

Wednesday evening's Telegram, under the big scare headlines, "Empty Coffin Brought Down by Flood Causes a Sensation," told of the discovery of a coffin in the swirling torrents of the river at the steel bridge in Portland and how the police were notified and they in turn called Coroner Finley. And this is what they found. "Securing a boat, the coroner and Patolman Croxford worked their way among the drift and after considerable effort reached the grewsome looking object.

A cheap coffin, such as is usually carried in stock by country undertakers, was found with the lid screwed down. Logs and brush were so thick that the coffin could not be extracted. To make sure that the box did not hide some awful crime, the lid was removed, while the excited crowd on the bridge expectantly waited. The coffin was empty, and showed no trace of ever having been used as a receptacle for a human body."

Possibly the Graphic can give the sequel to the mystery surrounding the grewsome find. Some time ago a California firm made a consignment of coffins to the undertaking firm of Kenworthy & Hodson, of Newberg, which, after much delay arrived here by the river route and was stored in the warehouse on the docks. The goods were opened and examined by the firm and promptly refused as they were found to be damaged. There was a big freight bill piled up against the stuff and it was held in the warehouse pending payment of same.

That is it was supposed to be held, but when the water got up into the warehouse some time ago, one of the coffins floated out and down the river where it was "lassoed" by a farmer and tied up. The big flood of the past few days has again flooded the warehouse and the spooky receptacles for the dead that are to be, have no doubt floated out and down the river, over the falls and on to the wicked metropolis where the red handed murderer lends assistance to the M. Ds. in furnishing tenants for "the narrow house."

The way things have been going in Portland of late Coroner Finley will need the coffin. Let him bail it out and keep it.

### Looking Backward.

On Saturday evening of last week Mr. and Mrs. Walter Terrell entertained at their new and beautiful home on Third street in honor of Miss Etta McCoy, the invited guests being made up of former Penn College students. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. B. C. Miles, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Douglas, Prof. and Mrs. Harvey D. Crumly, Pres. and Mrs. Edwin McGrew, Prof. and Mrs. F. K. Jones, Elmer Pemberton, of Scotts Mills, and Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Smith, who were also invited, were unable to attend. The following account of the of the evening's entertainment is furnished by one of the guests.

As the guests arrived each was tagged with a piece of navy blue ribbon on which, in old gold, was printed "Penn." The old spirit came back and it was an evening spent in the days of yore.

Of course there were interesting events by way of entertainment for the evening and of course there were most splendid refreshments served, but better than all were the tales of the old days at the dear old college. There were not wanting many reminders either. A "Saturday Globe," a dozen years old, was brought to light and a "Penn

Chronicle" of like age reminded the company of many things. The old pictures taken in front of the college or on the campus or as was the case with most of them, in Walthall's studio, brought back the happy associations with many and showed each what he was before time and care had marked the brow and streaked the locks with silver.

Some old "Annuals" too, were suggestive, so suggestive.

Picture after picture was passed around, and comment after comment made, but not one word harsh or unkind. They were good old days we talked about and dear old friends were they into whose faces we seemed again to look—especially was this the expression when the pictures passed were those of President Rosenberger and Mrs. Rosenberger, and Prof. Hadley and Miss Lewis, and Prof. Michener.

At an early hour, just as we always did at Penn, we returned to our homes, happy that we were ever Penn students, and one member of the company declared he felt ten years younger on account of the evening, though the next morning he as stoutly declared he felt fifteen years older.

There may be a moral.

### Gone Wrong.

Like some animals that walk about on two legs the Willamette has a habit of "getting full" at periodical spells, and this week it has gone wrong again, much to the disdain of many of its closest friends, especially the mill men and loggers. A six inch snow fell last Saturday, followed with heavy rains which made a combination of icy cold water that came coursing down from every mountain side, hurrying onward on its course to the "moonlit sea." As every riverlet seemed in a rush to get there first a congestion of the waters has been the result and things have been considerably piled up.

By Wednesday evening the burial of the warehouse, on the docks at the foot of River street was complete, without any funeral service being said, and by Thursday morning the foot of the long stairway leading up the hill was covered and the waters still rising at the rate of two and a half inches an hour. The current was about ready to break over the bank at the location of the old Wynooski warehouse, and the roar was taken out of the dam at Grafe's mill by backwater.

It has almost reached the crest of the rise as the upper streams are falling and it has lacked something like eight feet of reaching the high water mark of 1891. Little damage has been done as people had ample time to prepare for it.

### Council Proceedings.

The regular meeting of the council was held Monday night, Mayor Edwards presiding. Present; Forsyth, Harrold, Wilson, Woodward. Absent; Caldwell and Stratton.

Contract bills were allowed as follows:

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|---------------------------|------|
| J. J. Woods, marshal      | \$40 |
| W. W. Nelson, recorder    | 30   |
| A. S. Parker, night watch | 15   |
| Clarence Butt, attorney   | 20   |
| For lights                | 80   |

### SPECIAL CLAIMS

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|-------------------------|---------|
| Hall rent               | \$ 2 50 |
| Graphic printing        | 16 35   |
| Enterprise printing     | 4 50    |
| O. Elliott, water supt. | 16 25   |
| Mills and Ames, walks   | 15 00   |

A proposition for the purchase of a fire proof safe from a Portland firm at a cost of \$300 came

up for final action, resulting in a tie vote. The mayor cast the deciding vote against the proposition, stating in explanation that he thought it was better to wait until the money was in sight to pay for the safe.

The vote for acting mayor resulted in a tie with two votes for Caldwell and two for Harrold. Dr. Romig was elected health officer.

The mayor announced the following appointment of committees:

### Fire and Water—

Harrold, Woodward, Forsyth.

Streets and Public Property—

Caldwell, Wilson, Stratton.

Finance—

Woodward, Caldwell, Harrold.

Health and Police—

Wilson, Stratton, Woodward.

Judiciary—

Forsyth, Harrold, Stratton.

Election—

Stratton, Caldwell, Wilson.

### The Improving World.

One of the most encouraging signs of the times is the widespread recognition of the increasing goodness of the world. The clergymen are preaching it, setting forth how the teachings of Jesus have elevated mankind and permeated all classes of society. The public men are calling attention to it. Governor Folk of Missouri, for example, recently told the readers of The Companion that the public conscience is more acute to-day than ever before. Scientific men have begun to add their testimony to the mass that has accumulated.

At the recent meeting of the American Association for the Advancement of Science in New York one of the speakers said that the American of to-morrow will be taller, stronger, more intellectual, and more deeply interested in helping his fellows than is the American of to-day. He declared that this must be so, for our whole scheme of civilization tends to eliminate the evil and to develop the good. The virtuous man is protected and rears children. The habitual criminal is imprisoned or killed and leaves no offspring. He might have said that vice itself destroys its victims and that the vicious family soon dies out. It is the natural law that virtue and goodness survive and perpetuate themselves, a fact long recognized by the church, and now confirmed on scientific principles.

If all this were not true our civilization would have failed. Generations of effort would have come to naught, and the remedies for social ills in which we have had faith would have proved mere nostrums.

Old men have seen the habit of intoxication practically disappear from public life, and men still young have noted that profane speaking, once widely prevalent, is so uncommon that when a man blasphemes in the public streets the passers-by stare at him in amazement. The home is more sacred, and toleration of disregard of the marriage vows is disappearing.

The world is headed in the right direction, and is moving that way with gratifying speed. —Youth's Companion.

### Some Very Big Things.

The largest city in the world is London, which has a population equaling the combined population of Paris, Berlin, St. Petersburg and Rome. Its streets, placed in a row, would reach round the world, leaving a bit over long enough to reach from London to San Francisco.

The largest cave in the world is the Mammoth Cave of Kentucky. Its length is ten miles,

though to explore its avenues, grottoes, galleries, domes, rivers and catacombs would entail a journey of 150 miles.

The largest existing library is the National Library of Paris. It contains forty miles of shelves, holding fourteen hundred thousand books.

The largest room in the world, under one roof, and unbroken by pillars, is at St. Petersburg. It is 620 feet long and 150 feet wide. Its roof is a single arch of iron. This room is used for military displays, and a whole battalion can maneuver in it.

The longest canal in existence is the Imperial Canal of China. Its length is a thousand miles.

The largest sundial in the universe is Hayou Horoo, a large promontory extending 3,000 feet above the Aegean Sea. In the course of each day the sun throws the shadow of this mountain on one after another of a circle of islands, which act as hour marks as surely as the figures on the ordinary dial.

### Real Estate Transfers.

Reported by the Yamhill County Abstract Company, McMinnville.

Adaline Hoffman to Frank McGinnis 7056 sq ft Peter Smith d l c t 3 s r 4 \$100.

Jesse Edwards and wf to Wm J Saunders Its 5, 6, 7, 8 blk 47 Edwards add to Newberg \$200.

Mathew Terrell et al to Abigail K Cooper et al Its 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 blk 23 Edwards add to Newberg \$1500.

A K Cooper to Nettie C Grable Its 1 to 6 blk 23 Edwards add to Newberg \$150.

Elisia Wright and wf to Mary E Michaux small tract in blk 2 Newbys 3rd add to McMinnville \$200.

A W Lambert and wf to Lucy E Halterman 1/2 lt 1 and 1/4 lt 2 blk 12 H & L add to Newberg \$700.

J P Irvine and wf to W L Hembree lt 1, 2 blk 3 Court add to McMinnville and small tract in blk 6 Willis add to McMinnville \$1800.

D W Laughlin et al to John A Jacobson s 1/2 J M Laughlin d l c t 2 s r 4 \$2120.

U. S. to Jesse D Dixon 160 a sec 21, 28 t 3 s r 3 \$200.

Wm Hager and wf to Galen C Miller 10 a sec 23 t 5 s r 3 \$1.

C S Barber to Ira O Barber and wf 1/2 tract 8 Hurleys Fruit Land and 1/2 tract 11 Hurleys sub \$1.

August Windhorn and wf to C Johnson blks 4, 5 Fair Grove sub and lt 9 Fair Lawn sub \$1800.

Van Leavitt and wf et al to C C Ferguson Its 5, 6 blk 3 Deskins add to Newberg \$1200.

B F Hawley and wf to Mary C Remillard 3.50 a cl 69 t 3 s r 3 \$1200.

D P Strait and wf et al to B F Hawley 6 a cl 60 t 3 s r 3 \$300.

Mary C Remillard to Hiram Mustard 4.75 a cl 69 t 3 s r 3 \$250.

B F Hawley and wf to Hiram Mustard 5 a cl 69 t 3 s r 3 \$250.

August Windhorn and wf to Latourett & Hopfield Its 5, 6, 7 blk 49 Oak Park add to McMinnville \$135.

Thos Dobson and wf to Geo W Jones 50 a cl 40 t 5 s r 7 \$1750.

Alva P Macy and wf to J P Simpson lt 5 Lacy's 1st add to Dayton \$145.

Ira B Osborn (by admr) to Silva M Osborn 20.37 a joining Amity \$1200.

Z J Imus and wf to J E Imus 12.67 a cl 57 t 3 s r 3 \$2000.

G C Christenson and wf to J C Jensen Its 4, 5 blk 3 H & L add to Newberg \$800.

Elwood Knight and wf to J B Parker and wf 3 a cl 54 t 3 s r 2 \$1800.

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