

Useful Things for House Cleaning

Meth Destroyers, Turpentine,
Fly Paper, Chamolis,
Camphor, Sponges,
Benzine, Alcohol,
Bedbug Exterminators,
Sul Soda,
Large assortment of soap.

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The Welcome Pharmacy

HARNEY VALLEY ITEMS.

SATURDAY, JUNE 29, 1903.

CLOUDBURST AT HEPPNER

Wall of Water Twenty Feet High Sweeps Away Greater Portion of Town—300 Lives Lost.

A special edition of the Heppner Times of the 16th says:

"Perhaps few people of Heppner, more likely none of them ever witnessed so appalling calamity; such merciless destruction of life; such ruthless wrecking of homes as that which befell this city at 5:30 Sunday afternoon, when the heavens seemed to open up and let loose a torrent of water, which swept the town from one end to the other. The heaviest fall of water was on Bain Fork of Willow creek, about a mile above town, and before the inhabitants of the city were aware of the impending danger a rush of water fifteen or more feet high swept everything in its path. In some instances entire families were suddenly dashed to their doom which a moment before were conversing contented and happily in their home, wholly unaware of the death dealing torrent of water that was bearing down upon them. To add to the flood in Willow creek the water spout reached Hinton creek, which flows into Willow in the lower part of town. This caused the water to spread on lower Main, Gale and Morgan streets to five or six blocks in width. The rescue work was prompt. While the terrible flood was at its worst the more fortunate were doing everything in their power to rescue those who were caught in the awful rush of water. Many persons were rescued, but the work was extremely hazardous. Vigil was kept along the creek all night but after night-fall it was too late to relieve.

"Something of the force of the raging waters can be gleaned from the following: Large two-story dwelling houses were picked up and hurled around like a spring top, others were knocked into kindling wood with as much ease as a child would destroy a toy house; the heaviest of implements and farm machinery were hurled along as if they were drift wood; the heaviest track rails were snapped in two like corn stalks, and bent in all conceivable shapes."

Leslie Matlock was the hero of the day. When the flood first came he jumped on a horse and rode at breakneck speed down the canyon in front of the rushing water to notify the people of Lexington, nine miles below, and from there warned the people of loss by telephone, and no lives were lost at either place. The dead and missing at Heppner will probably reach 300. About 150 bodies have been recovered and buried.

Two thousand people are working searching for the dead, but the work will not be completed for several days yet owing to work necessary to remove the huge piles of wreckage.

Local and General.

Scott Hayes is in from his home near Lawen.

Geo. Thompson came in Tuesday from the Diamond country.

John Budeiman went out to his ranch on Rye Grass flat Friday.

Charley Bedell, of Silver Creek, was in the city Sunday and Monday.

J. R. Gould is wearing the star during the absence of City Marshal Jameson.

Geo. A. Smith, Sr., of Diamond, spent a few days in the city this week on business.

A letter from James W. Crawford states that he has changed his address from Smith to Diamond.

Mr and Mrs A. M. Byrd are now occupying the residence lately vacated by Thornton Williams and family.

I. Schwartz returned Thursday from Portland. His family will spend the Summer months in Alaska.

Waters and Hagey are building another story on their stone ware house at the rear of their store building.

The program for the Fourth promises to be an interesting one. Come to Burns and enjoy the time of your life.

A. D. Gould, of Dale, was in the city Tuesday to get some medicine for his wife who is in delicate health.—Long Creek Light.

Mrs. H. E. Thompson returned on Monday's Canyon City stage from Portland, where she went as a delegate to the Eastern Star grand lodge.

S. S. Williams, the O-B stage man, and ex-County Commissioner A. B. Marks, of Drewsey, were transacting business in the city a few days during the week.

A team belonging to Thos McCormack became frightened and ran away Monday making things pretty lively on one of the back streets in the east part of town. No damage was done.

W. N. Jorgenson took his departure this morning on the Canyon City stage for Chicago where he goes to seek medical and surgical aid for an affliction of one of his legs which has been troubling him for some time past.

GREAT MILLINERY SALE! Big reduction in Ladies' and Children's street hats, and Children's trimmed hats. Don't overlook one of the greatest bargains ever offered in Burns. Call at the home of Mrs. G. W. Cummins.

M. V. Smith, of Lawen, was in the city Sunday enroute home from a trip to Portland and San Francisco. He saw the president during his visit to Portland, and enjoyed a sail on the salt water from Portland to the Bay City.

R. R. Sitz, of Lawen, and Mr. Shilling, of Ontario, were in the city a few days this week. The latter came out to deliver a bunch of thoroughbred Short Horn cattle to Mr. Sitz, and to visit his daughter Mrs. N. U. Carpenter of this place.

Boots Smith was up from the Island Thursday. Boots is now driving one of the big freight teams for the Company. He informs us that he has just returned from the railroad, where he has been after supplies. He was accompanied on the trip by Dave Loggan and Otis Sizemore.

The local land office is in receipt of telegraphic orders from Washington for the withdrawal of 56 sections of land in Harney Valley from settlement. This is a second step looking towards government reclamation in this county. Two withdrawals have also been made in Malheur County.

Sheriff Thos. Allen was visiting a sister in Arlington when the news was brought to that place of the terrible cloud burst and flood at Heppner and he saw and conversed with the runner bringing the news. From what Mr. Allen says the horror of the situation is beyond words to describe.

J. W. Shown, of Harney, was over on land business yesterday. He purchased the isolated tract of land recently advertised in this paper. The land lies south of his ranch below Harney.

C. F. McKinney and Geo. Dunsmore were down from the sawmill Sunday. Geo. has just returned from a visit to his home in Benton County, Michigan, where he was called some months ago on account of the serious illness of his mother, whom we are glad to announce as nearly recovered her usual health.

The annual school meeting Monday passed off quietly, no opposition arising to stir the equilibrium of one of the largest crowds ever assembled at a school meeting in this district. J. C. Foley was elected director and W. E. Huston clerk by a unanimous vote. A tax of four mills for school purposes was voted without a dissenting voice.

The Georgia Harper Company will be here next Saturday for a week's engagement, and will show every Saturday night thereafter until Sept 1. Mr. Meade, who is well known throughout this section is manager and he has a good troupe behind him. Mr Meade's presence with the troupe is a good guarantee that the people will see a good entertainment.

Requests still keep coming for copies of the ITEMS containing our writeup of Harney County and Burns. A great many people of this section are sending them to friends in the East. One of the letters this week was from Gerald Griffin asking for five copies and though our file had become exhausted we managed to hustle a couple of copies for him.

Dr. W. L. Marsden, Thos. Allen, R. A. Miller, C. E. Kenyon, Mrs C. H. Voegtly, and Mrs A. W. Gowan returned Thursday from Portland where they had been as delegates to the Masonic and Eastern Star grand lodges. Mrs. M. M. Cushing who was also a delegate, is visiting relatives in Mayville, Gilham county and Mrs. Marsden another of the party stopped with relatives in Bear Valley.

Geo. W. Thompson, for the past five years a farmer in the Red Butte settlement on the Owyhee, was a pleasant caller yesterday. Mr. Thompson has disposed of all his property in that section and is temporarily residing at Harney, where he owns some property. He is just getting over the effects of a severe seige of the grip and has just returned from a trip to Pine Creek where he went to recuperate his health. He says he hasn't felt better in the past five years, and is contemplating a visit to his sons in cherry Lane, North Carolina.

Thursday evening of last week, W. R. Coleman court stenographer, who has been in the city for several weeks, was busily employed in cleaning a 22-calibre rifle, using a metal ramrod that had a ring on the end when the ring broke letting the jagged end of the ramrod pierce his right hand causing a bad wound. The rod entered the palm of the hand, ranging toward the wrist, and nearly breaking the skin on the back of the hand. Dr. Ashford was at once summoned and dressed the wound and Mr. Coleman hopes that he will soon be able to write as fast as ever on his typewriter—Canyon City Eagle.

It is reported that some rather lively betting was the result of the recent report from Mr. Hanley at Portland, to the effect that he had secured the promise of the delegation to recommend his favorite for the receivership of the U. S. Land Office here. The betting would seem to indicate that Donegan's sporting friends at least regard his chances as good. Considering Bill's average success in local political matters it very naturally puzzles the public here to understand how he is able to "talk" our congressmen into "standing in" on his jobs, but it remains to be seen whether Hanley's message was straight goods or only another of his doses of hot air, and whether his sporting friends will profit or lose on the strength of his "report."

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BURNS, OREGON.

News was received here Monday afternoon that a Spaniard working for A. Miranda in Wild Horse valley had been killed by some unknown party. On receipt of the news Justice of the Peace S. W. Miller and Dr. J. W. Geary left immediately for the scene arriving there Tuesday evening. They found that an inquest was already in progress being conducted by Justice Ed Catlow of Pueblo precinct. After instituting a number of inquiries and making some suggestions and an examination by the Doctor they started home arriving here late yesterday. From an interview with Mr. Miller we glean the following information: Salvador Olivares, aged about 25 years and a recent arrival in that section had been hired to herd horses for A. Miranda, and was in charge of the horses on the mountain about 9 or 10 mile northwest of Andrews when shot in the back and killed by some unknown party. The killing is supposed to have occurred Saturday evening, the body being found Sunday morning by two sheep herders. About seven dollars was found in the pockets of the dead man, and in some brush about 150 yards away his saddle was found, having been taken from the horse he was riding and hid from view. The bullet entered the body in the back breaking the spinal column and passing through the heart was found lodged in the lower part of the left breast, the supposition being that he was leaning forward when the shot which was from a 44-calibre rifle, was fired. Mr. Miller left before the inquest had been concluded, but states that two theories were being worked upon but that an arrest for the crime was hardly probable, though further evidence might be adduced before the inquest adjourned to warrant a direct charge being made.

The proposition of buying and selling devolves entirely upon the one who has the article to sell and the one who has need for that same article. The way to get the two together is either an announcement on the part of the merchant with the goods or the announcement of the one who wants to buy them. The business man might, if he were alone in his business, find some who would ask for information of where to buy certain things which he felt he needed. The merchant ought not, however, permit the consumer to advertise for things he wanted, for fear some other merchant might get after him first and thus the sale would be lost. The man who wants sales ought to advertise to get them. There are many ways to get business, but the best way is to say it is wanted and to place the message before the one who is most certain to need just the thing offered.—Ex.

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