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RIVER OVERFLOWS WEST SPRINGFIELD DAMAGE NOMINAL

Rains which continued Saturday and all day Sunday brought the Willamette river to flood level at Springfield this morning. The crest of the flood was here about daylight, and during the day the river has been receding slowly.

On this side of the river the water has filled depressions at the west end of B and C streets, and has gotten into the barnyards along Mill street from Main northward.

On the west side of the river, a wide area is under water, but so far as learned, no damage is being done. The road between Springfield and Eugene is under water from the bridge here to Judkins Point, and all the farms along the road are flooded. For the most part the houses are set on slightly higher ground, or have high basements, so all are habitable. Several families, however, spent the night last night at Springfield hotels rather than risk being flooded out in the night.

The flood, according to Chas. Kingwell, florist in West Springfield, is two feet less than was the flood of six years ago, and this one does not appear to be doing the damage its predecessor did.

"In fact," says Mr. Kingwell, "this flood is just what we have been needing. The gophers had been getting pretty bad, and they have now been drowned out. Judging by past experience we will not be troubled with them for several years now."

"The water has been deep enough not to wash the land, and it will deposit a silt that will insure us fine crops this year."

WORK OF EXTENDING O. & E. RAILROAD NOT HINDERED BY WEATHER

Ontario, Ore., Feb. 6.—Weather conditions do not put a quietus on the work of extending the Oregon & Eastern railroad into Harney county. So says H. C. French of Harriman, who is in Ontario on a business trip from the interior.

Notwithstanding the snappy weather that prevails in the section of railroad building, about 200 men are putting in the finishing touches on the steel bridges, deep cuts and heavy grades, preparatory for the final dash for the level country in the vicinity of Harriman, from which point the building of the line westward will be clear sailing.

The bridge on the McRay ranch, some four miles west of Riverside, is completed and workmen are now finishing the swamp creek bridge near the spurlock ranch, to which point rails have been laid. The last important bridge to be built over the Malheur river will be near the Blalock ranch.

SAVE MEMORIAL WINDOWS Two in Court House are About to Fall to Pieces.

The two memorial windows in the circuit court room at the court house are in imminent danger of falling out and being destroyed. As they cost the county several hundred dollars a number of years ago and as it is desired to preserve them as long as possible, the county court has ordered that they be removed,

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in the issue of Monday, February 14, 1916.

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placed in frames and hung up inside the court room where the danger of their destruction is less.

For a number of months past one of the windows especially has been in bad condition and an examination of it shows that a small portion of it had fallen out and other portions of it have bulged out so that with more than ordinary jar it would probably fall to pieces. This is the window dedicated to Charnel Mulligan, one of the early settlers of Eugene and for whom Charnelton street was named. The inscription upon the window shows that Mr. Mulligan was born January 20, 1826, and died May 30, 1899. The other window is in memory of Eugene F. Skinner, founder of the city. The inscription upon this window shows that this pioneer was born September 18, 1809, and died December 15, 1864.

The windows were placed in the courthouse while Hon H. R. Kincaid was county judge.—Register.

Man Jumps From Bridge at Eugene

Scott Inman, aged about 35 years, jumped into the flood-swollen Willamette from the river bridge at Eugene late yesterday afternoon and was drowned, for no aid could reach him. He and his brother-in-law, H. L. Burt, had gone to the river to see the flood, and were gazing up-stream, when suddenly, without warning he climbed onto the railing and plunged down. Those on the bridge saw him come up once or twice before he was borne away down the stream. He leaves a wife.

DEVELOPMENT LEAGUE MEETS TUESDAY NIGHT

The regular monthly meeting of the Springfield Development league will be held in the league rooms at 8 o'clock tomorrow evening. All persons interested in the advancement of Springfield are invited to attend.

P. R. L. & P. Co., employed 2,000 extra men keeping its tracks clear in Portland during the recent snow. City of Portland employed 1000.

Union Pacific system feeds and houses passengers at The Lalles while trains are stalled.

Norway will send expedition to Northwest in spring to get Douglas fir seedlings to replant with in that country.

GREATER PART OF COBURG BUSINESS SECTION DESTROYED BY FIRE SUNDAY

The business section of Coburg, was swept by fire, which destroyed the postoffice building, the telephone exchange and the principal business houses and damaged the Coburg Hotel, early Sunday morning. The loss is estimated at \$18,500. Early risers in Springfield could see the glow from the fire, and the S. P. agent at Coburg early advised Mr. France of the conditions there.

A drenching rain storm saved the lumber mill of the Booth-Kelly Company and adjoining business blocks from what seemed certain destruction, as the town was almost wholly without fire protection.

The pressure of the water system was not sufficient to throw water on the fire, and the hose tower, in the path of the flames, became a menace to adjoining property and so was chopped down. A bucket brigade was formed and the water taken from the hose at the curb.

The origin of the fire, which started near a stove in the confectionary store and billiard hall of Vogt Bros., is unknown. The area of the burned district covers an entire block.

Edward Crandall, night watch man of the Booth-Kelly Lumber Company, reported that at 5:30 he was in the street and saw no sign of fire. Fifteen minutes later he saw smoke issuing from the top of the Soddors building and sounded the alarm.

The Eugene fire department

was called upon for assistance, but did not respond so quick was the work of destruction.

The losses are estimated as follows:

Cook & Rice, hardware and furniture, loss \$4,000 to \$5,000, insurance \$3,500. Building owned by N. J. Nelson, loss \$2,000, partially covered by insurance.

Dr. M. E. Jarnagin, drug store, including stock, fixtures and building; loss, \$4,400; no insurance.

Vogt Bros., confectionery store and pool room, loss, \$2,400; insurance, \$1,500. Building owned by Mrs. Lucy Soddors, of Minnesota; loss \$1,200; insurance, \$800.

United States Government, loss, \$5. Building owned by M. J. Skinner, loss, \$1,000; partially insured. All mail and postoffice fixtures, together with the property of the postmistress, Mrs. John Fitzhugh, who lived in the building, were removed before the flames reached the building.

Switchboard is Saved

Pacific States Telephone & Telegraph Company, loss, \$200. Building owned by Lock & Washburne, loss, \$700; insurance, \$500. A switchboard valued at \$600, belonging to the telephone company, was saved.

S. L. Tonnesen, feedstore, building and stock, loss, \$1,500; insurance, \$1,000.

Hotel owned by Mrs. Fred Higginbotham and conducted by B. D. Locke, damaged, loss on building and furniture, \$500, partially insured.

LUMBER PRICES ARE ADVANCING AT THE RATE OF \$1 TO \$4 PER THOUSAND

Portland, Ore., February 6.—Advances in lumber ranging from \$1 to \$4 a thousand over discount sheet No. 7, dated January 12, were made at a meeting of sales managers of the lumber mills from all over Oregon and Washington, held in Tacoma, the new prices to become effective at once.

"It's an ill wind that blows nobody good." While the silver thaw has worked untold hardship on the people of this city and state and caused thousands of dollars' worth of damage, it probably will be of tremendous ultimate benefit to the lumbermen. Mills are shut down and forced to remain idle as there has been from two to five feet of snow in the woods, forcing all logging camps to remain closed. The thaw has served to reduce the amount of snow to a considerable extent, according to reports at hand, but at the same time with the enforced idleness of camps and mills, the curtailment of lumber production

means that when the camps and mills reopen things will be running. All the mills have orders they are unable to fill. There are no logs in the river and it will be from 30 to 60 days after the camps resume before there will be enough logs to permit all the mills to operate. The situation today is really acute.

That the outlook is more favorable today than it has been at any time in two years, was the consensus of opinion of those attending the Tacoma meeting. They can see nothing in the way of breakers ahead. It is freely stated that it will not make any difference now if every mill in Oregon and Washington reopens there will be business enough to take care of all the lumber they can cut and more too.

One of the returning lumbermen stated that some of his colleagues were fearful that further advances would "bust the market." In reviewing the situation, he said, the great majority were of the opinion there was

not a chance of this. All lumber-producing sections are raising prices, and it is impossible for mills here to operate at a profit if they remain in the market at prices under those asked by other producers.

The new advances are as follows:

The base price on dimension has been raised \$1 per 1000 feet.

V. G. flooring is advanced \$3 straight through.

No. 1 1 1/4-inch is advanced \$4; No. 2 is up \$3, and No. 3 up \$3.50. 1x4 flat grain flooring is up \$1 on both No. 2 and 3.

1x6 flat grain is unchanged, remaining the same as in discount sheet No. 7.

3/4x4 ceiling, No. 2 and 3, is up \$1.

1x4 ceiling, No. 2 is up \$1, with No. 3 unchanged.

1x6 drop siding is unchanged.

Common boards and ship lap, 2-inch dimension and common dimension timbers are advanced \$1 straight through.

All railroad material is up \$1.

Repeated Delays Interrupt Journey

Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Westerberg of Walla Walla, Washington, are in Springfield the guests of the Southern Pacific company until the Oakridge line can be cleared, as they are on their way to Winberry.

Delay after delay has marked the Westerberg's trip. They had to wait a time in Pendleton, and then were snowed in at Hood River for three days. They came in on the stub train from Albany last evening. This train got as far as Natron, and then returned to Springfield. They are taking the delays in good part, and are getting as much fun as possible out of their enforced delays.

HOP GROWERS IN FAVOR OF ACREAGE REDUCTION

Plan to Cut 25 Per Cent From 1916 Yield Up to Men of Three Pacific States

Portland, Feb. 5.—Hop growers of the Yakima valley are to be called together to determine whether they are prepared to enter into an agreement for a reduction of the acreage devoted to growing hops of 25 per cent the present year. It is admitted by the growers of both Oregon and the Yakima valley that there must be a voluntary reduction in each of the districts or a loss all along the line. With the increased spread of prohibition too many hops are being grown. California hop men have already agreed to a 25 per cent reduction according to reports received from there.

Reduction of the acreage, it is believed, will mean a profit on the hops produced. Maintaining the present acreage and production will, according to those who have studied the question, mean a loss to all and a very serious loss to those least able to go without a profit for one year.

Because of prohibition and the unsettled condition of the hop market by reason of world movements such as the war, it is the belief that a normal acreage and production this season would be fatal. Attention is called to the fact that the past season reports were circulated that the European crop was short and that the opening sales were at 14 cents or better. This was in order, some assert, to encourage picking, whereupon the price at once

COGLON RESIGNS AS AGRICULTURIST FOR LANE COUNTY

R. B. Coglon, for a year and three months Lane county agriculturist and farm advisor, will leave within a few days for Pullman, Wash., to accept the position of director of county agriculturists for the state of Washington. He received official notification of his appointment Thursday and he will at once tender his resignation to the Lane county court. The salary of the new position is considerably in advance of the salary he is receiving for his work in Lane county. He will be employed jointly by the federal government and the state of Washington and he will have his headquarters at the Washington state college at Pullman. He will have under him 14 county agriculturists over whose work he will have supervision.

Mr. Coglon came to Lane county November 1, 1914, and in that time has accomplished a great deal of good for the farmers of the county. He has been prominent in Grange work, believing that the Grange can do more for the farmers than any other organization of its kind. With the co-operation of a number of leaders in this work Mr. Coglon has been able to place Lane county in the front rank of all the counties in the state, not only in the number of Granges but in the progressiveness of the methods employed by the farmers in their work.

"I have had the splendid co-operation of the farmers of the county in my work here," said Mr. Coglon. "I have never worked in any community where I have had such thorough co-operation. I have felt all the time that the people were with me and I feel as though I have never lived in any place in which I have received so much good to myself as I have since coming here. The work here has been as profitable to me as I hope it has been to the farmers of the county."

I. O. O. F. Initiate Three Candidates

Three candidates are to be given the initiatory degrees at the meeting of Springfield lodge, I. O. O. F., Wednesday evening, according to M. L. France, noble grand. The members have been making special programs on the different meeting nights, and will continue the plan again this week.

dropped and there followed immediate talk of over-production.

There appears to be a strong sentiment in this state in favor of a reduction of the acreage and concerted action is expected to follow a plain, blunt presentation of the facts to growers.

REPUBLICANS LEAD IN EARLY REGISTRATION

A preponderance of Republican voters are registering with Registrar John Mullen, according to figures given out today. So far he has enrolled 37 republicans, 12 democrats and 4 socialists.

By registering early, voters will avoid the crowded offices of the last few days before the books close.

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