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THE WORST STORM IN 26 YEARS SAYS ONE LOCAL WOMAN

Solid Week of Snow-fall, Rain, and Slush Unusual for Springfield.

DEEPEST SNOW 12 INCHES

Youngsters Enjoy Snow-balling and Coasting; No Serious Damage Reported as Yet.

"It's the worst storm we've ever seen here, and we've lived here 26 years," one snow-bound woman said as she answered a stranger's question at her door Saturday afternoon. But she was smiling and good-natured, and the snow seems to have put almost everyone in the same mood, although, of course, there are many men out of work because of it, and much sickness. The 12 inches of snow which were on the ground Saturday afternoon, were the result of five days' snow and a rain fall. Until the last of the week, however, the ground was so wet, and the snow so nearly rain, that little except slush resulted. But with a couple of cold nights, the snow has packed somewhat, and the young folks have been able to get in some coasting and sledding and lots of snow-balling.

And it isn't only the children who have reveled in the snow, either, for more than one dignified matron or gentleman has received a face-washing. One youngster even pelted a few at his "Prof." When asked if he had had his face washed yet, one of the business men said no, not yet, but that he had been afraid to go home at noon and so had his lunch at a restaurant. Later in the afternoon, he was seen clad in overcoat, high-boots and other protectors, traveling homeward with a shovel over one shoulder, wreath for protection or for shoveling snow, no one knew.

Thus far, there seems to have been no serious damage. There is danger of roofs caving in from the weight of course, and many have been busy keeping them clean, but no catastrophe has been reported. The street car service has been very good, and cars were to be had at quite regular intervals, even if the early ones were a little behind time. Six or seven passengers were given time for reflection when the power suddenly went off at 6:30 Saturday evening, and the Eugene bound car, was left stranded on the Springfield bridge, minus light and heat, besides motion. But they, too were good natured. One fellow remarked that the car, like a Ford, ran on its reputation.

One of the most amusing incidents was the sight of a man sitting on a bale of hay on a wheelbarrow. He turned the barrow out of the way for a passer-by and said: "I don't know whether I'll get this hay home or not. I had the boards and nails and everything and it would have paid me to have made a sled. But I guess I'll get there," and he sat down again. The passer-by glanced back from farther down the street and saw the man earnestly engaged in conversation with another, and still sitting.

While it seemed there was quite a lot of snow here, when the snow plow and four horses were put to work on the streets Saturday afternoon, the few inches in Springfield is really as nothing to the four feet at Camp 9, 20 miles above Wendling, or the six feet at Camp 10 above. All logging operations at the camps ceased the first of last week.

50 Will Grow Broccoli.
About 50 farmers of the near vicinity have signed an agreement to grow broccoli this year, according to H. A. Razor, who with W. T. Langlois, of Riddle is interested in the Western Broccoli association. It is expected that 60,000 crates will be shipped out as a starter the coming season. The Broccoli company has placed the seed with the First National bank of Eugene to be distributed to the growers from there.

Realty Trade is Made.
On Saturday, Mrs. R. P. Mortensen traded a town residence in Yoncalla to L. J. Lepley for the latter's three pieces of property on B street here. Dr. and Mrs. Mortensen will move soon into the largest of the three houses. The deal was made through Mr. Jesse A. Allen.

STORE OPENS TOMORROW

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Hill Ready to Serve Public, in New Location

Tomorrow morning, February 27, the Hill Department store, will be all ready for business, in the I. O. O. F. building at the corner of Fourth and Main streets, the rooms formerly occupied by Hampton's store. Such was the statement made today by Mrs. W. J. Hill, who is to be in active charge.

The Racket store stock has been transferred to the new location, attractive window trims have been put in, and new Spring stock, including yardage goods, embroideries and laces has arrived. The new store plans to carry a full line of drygoods, notions, chinaware, hardware, toys, and stationery.

Miss Maude Butterfield of the Hill store in Eugene is assisting here, as are also J. F. Zang and Paul Green, decorators. Mrs. W. J. Hill and Miss Mabel Pandrem are also kept busy.

MOTHER OF JUDGE SKIPWORTH IS CALLED BY DEATH, FRIDAY

Wife of Early Oregon Methodist Minister Rounds Out Busy Life of Almost 82 Years.

Mrs. Cornelia B. Skipworth, widow of the late Rev. N. M. Skipworth early Methodist minister of Oregon, died just before noon, Friday, February 27, 1917, at the home of her son, Judge G. F. Skipworth, 1151 Charnelton street in Eugene, aged almost 82 years. She had been ill for several weeks, and had been near death's door for several days.

The funeral services were conducted by Rev. George H. Parkman of the First Methodist church at the Gordon & Veatch chapel, yesterday afternoon February 25, at 2:30 o'clock, and interment was made in the I. O. O. F. cemetery.

She was the mother of five children four of whom survive her. These are: Mrs. M. L. Pipes of Portland; Rev. Walton Skipworth of Hillsboro; Mrs. Eula B. Wood of Eugene, and Judge G. F. Skipworth of Eugene. Another son, E. R. Skipworth, died in Eugene 13 years ago.

E. B. U. Glee Club Pleases Audience

Thursday Night's Concert Here is Enjoyable One in Every Respect.

An enthusiastic audience greeted the Eugene Bible University Men's Glee club, which appeared here at the Christian church in a well-balanced concert Thursday evening. The men have good voices, and show exceptionally fine training, and their selections were pleasing.

An especially good number was the "What From Vengeance" selection from the "Sextet from Lucia," in which Mrs. E. M. Patterson, soprano, and Miss Ruth Boozer, contralto, joined with Messrs. Filer, Jope, Humbert and Rowe. Mrs. Patterson also appeared on the program in a solo, "June." Miss Madge Humbert was accompanist.

Following is the program:

- Part I.
- 1. E. B. U. Song..... Arranged by H. Filer Glee Club
- 2. Tenor Solo—"Thou Wondrous Youth"..... Franz Abt Henry Paul Filer
- 3. Quartet—"Water Lilies"..... Linder Messrs. Filer, Jope, Humbert, Rowe
- 4. Reading..... Selected Ted Leavitt
- 5. "Sleep, Little Baby of Mine"..... Dennee-Smita Glee Club
- Part II.
- 1. "Mulligan Musketeers"..... Atkinson Glee Club
- 2. Reading..... Selected Kendall E. Burke
- 3. Baritone Solo—"Old Black Mare"..... Squira Harold F. Humbert
- 4. "What from Vengeance"—Sextet from "Lucia"..... Donizetti Mrs. E. M. Patterson, Miss Ruth Boozer, Messrs. Filer, Jope, Humbert, and Rowe
- 5. "Hunter's Farewell"..... Mendelssohn Glee Club

Robert Price of Mabel had his tonsils removed at the Springfield hospital Friday.

BRIDGE GUARDED IN NEW YORK



Photo by American Press Association. Naval militiaman on lookout to prevent attempts at blowing up Manhattan bridge, one of the five big bridges spanning the East river.

GRAVEL HAULERS TO GET 4

Court Fixes Rate Schedule for Men and Teams for McKenzie District.

Gravel haulers for the McKenzie district during the coming summer will be able to earn approximately \$4 a day for man and team, since the county court has just prepared a detailed schedule of the rates to be paid for hauling gravel different distances, and the amount to be hauled in a day.

Under the schedule, which provides different rates for all distances from one-half mile to two and a half miles, by quarter miles, computation is made on the basis of one and a half miles to the load. For example, on a haul of a half mile or less, a team is expected to make 16 trips, traveling eight miles, and carrying 24 yards of rock. Payment at 18 cents a yard would give the teamster \$4.32 for his day's work. It is estimated he would be traveling five hours, and loading and unloading for three hours out of the eight he is employed. On a haul of three-quarters to a mile, the teamster would be expected to make a haul of ten loads, 15 yards at 30 cents a yard netting \$4.50 a day. In the day he would travel 17 1/2 miles and have one hour 50 minutes standing time. On the maximum haul of two and a half miles the payment will be at 66 cents a yard, which would give the teamster \$3.96 if he made the required four trips, covering 19 miles.

HAVE BEEN TREATED FINE

So Says E. M. Padden, of Portland, After 2 Weeks' Stay Here.

"I just want to say that we have received no such treatment anywhere as we have received here in Springfield; everyone has been most considerate, and no one has tried to hold us up. You can make that as strong as you wish, for Springfield people have certainly treated us fine."

So said E. M. Padden, manager for J. Simon and Brother of Portland, who with Mrs. Padden has been in Springfield for the past two weeks, marking and packing the Hampton store stock and fixtures for shipment to Portland. Mr. and Mrs. Padden left Thursday evening, with a cordial invitation of the friends they had made here to "come and see us."

Make First Log Shipment

The first of the Tidewater Mill company's logs to be shipped from the Siuslaw river to Coos Bay went out Thursday afternoon for Marshfield, when a 14-car train was loaded and dispatched, Jack Bester and William Vaughn have the contract for loading the logs, of which there are several million feet.

RANCHER FIGHTS WITH 2 COUGARS

Walden Trotter, of Belknap Springs, Finds Animals in Barn; Kills Both

A remarkable story of the killing of two big cougars by Walden Trotter, a mountain rancher, one day this week, comes from Belknap Springs on the upper McKenzie river.

Trotter heard a noise in his barn, which is across the McKenzie highway from his residence, and went over to investigate. He found his cow standing in the barn doorway, gazing steadily at something inside, seemingly too frightened to move. Looking in, he saw two cougars in the manger. Shoving the cow aside, Trotter slammed the door shut and ran to the house for his gun and dog Sneak.

Entering the barn he fired a shot and one of the cougars fell. The other dashed past him and out of the barn, but Sneak gave chase and had the animal at bay a few hundred yards down the road when Trotter came up with him. He killed that one and returned to the barn, where he found the first cougar had recovered from the shock of the bullet wound.

The cougar attacked Trotter and he knocked it down with the butt of his rifle. This partially stunned the cougar and Trotter had time to dispatch it with another bullet.

Measles Close Schools

Acting upon orders issued from the state board of health, which were received by local authorities Friday morning, the Roseburg public and high schools were closed at noon and will probably not be opened for the next two weeks. The number of measles cases reported each day has reached a total that has become alarming and this means to prevent a deplorable epidemic, with possible resulting fatalities, was deemed necessary. Strict orders have been issued through the local health authorities, and parents and children have been asked to give their heartiest co-operation.

Burglar Steals Cigars

Fryer's pharmacy at Junction City was entered Tuesday night and about 10 boxes of choice cigars, about \$6 in small change and one Iver Johnson 32 caliber revolver were taken. The burglars left no clue. This is the second store break there in the last 30 days.

Mrs. Fenwick Home

Mrs. Melvin Fenwick arrived home Thursday evening, after an extended stay at San Diego, California. Mr. Fenwick has gone to Savannah, Mo., hoping to get relief from recurring cancer trouble and will return home as soon as possible.

WILL ORGANIZE GRANGE

C. J. Hurd Says One of Best in County to Be Started at Goshen.

The town of Goshen will soon have one of the largest granges in the county, according to C. J. Hurd, deputy state master of the order. On Tuesday of next week an organization will be perfected.

A. C. Miller and W. E. Holdridge are securing the names for charter members and they expect to have at least 100 to be placed on the roll when organization takes place next Saturday.

Goshen is one of the few communities of the county and has never had a rural organization of some kind. Mr. Hurd expects the new grange to be one of the best in Lane county. He will have charge of the work of organizing.

NEW LOGGING CAMP ON THE SIUSLAW TO SUPPLY LOCAL MILL

Kirby Brothers Will Begin Filling Big Contract With Booth-Kelly As Soon As Spur is Built.

As soon as the railway company builds a spur to a logging camp just established on the Richardson place, along the line of the Coos Bay branch of the Southern Pacific, about 40 miles west of here, Kirby Brothers, of Mapleton will begin the work of filling a contract for between 3,000,000 and 4,000,000 feet of logs, to be delivered to the Booth-Kelly mill here by rail. It is thought work can be started in a month.

L. C. Kirby, member of the firm, who is arranging with the railroad company for the construction of the spur, says that when the camp is in full operation they will be able to ship about ten cars of logs each day. It is expected that it will require four months time to complete the contract. The logs will be cut from land owned by Archie Richardson and Joseph Fowler, where there have never been any logging operations before. The timber in that section is said to be among the best in the Siuslaw country.

'Hello Bill' Lodge Eats and Frolics

Feast of Elk-Meat Main Attraction at Big High Jinks in Eugene Thursday Night.

A big time in Elkdom occurred Thursday night when the Eugene lodge members numbering about 300 entertained 100 visitors at a sumptuous banquet and high jinks. Music, stunts and boxing bouts were features of the program which occurred after the elk-meat dinner had been disposed of.

Local "Bills" who attended included Harry Stewart, James Stewart, Charles Egginmann, L. D. Larimer, L. V. Jackson, W. McCulloch, James Laxton, George Vallier, Bena Wildmont, Riley Snodgrass, Chas. Hardt, John Winzenfeld, T. C. Luckey, A. Middleton, M. C. Bressler, A. Perkins, Thurman Riggs.

Horticulturists to Meet

Regular quarterly meeting of the Lane county Horticultural society, the quarterly meeting will be held at Creswell, Saturday March 3, 1917 commencing at 1:30 p. m. at the Woodmen hall. E. L. Klemmer of Almadore president of the Lane County Fruit Growers' exchange will present a report of the work of the exchange this year including a report on sales and cost of marketing apples. C. E. Stewart, County Fruit Inspector will give an address on spraying. Other speakers and discussions will be on the program. All fruit growers invited to be present.

News From Former Residents

Walter Parrish returned Saturday morning from Prescott, Oregon, bringing back the word that his brother-in-law, George England, had left Portland for Prescott, and that he was slowly improving from his recent operation. David England, formerly a foreman at the Booth Kelly lumber mill here, has left Prescott, where he has been mill foreman, and taken up a superintendency at West Timbers, Oregon. Mr. Parrish will visit in Springfield for a week before returning to Prescott, where he is employed.

Real Estate Transfer

A. J. Perkins et ux to F. E. Keyes, N1-2 of lot 1 Kelly's add. Springfield—\$10.

1,000 MOTOR CRAFT WILL GUARD U. S. AGAINST U-BOATS

Navy Department Prepares to Build Patrol Fleet for Defense Purposes.

DEADLIEST SUBMARINE FOE

Naval Experts Busy at Designing Swift Vessels to Keep Watch on Our Coasts in Wartime.

The navy department has begun preparations for the building of a motorboat patrol fleet for defense against German U-boats that might cross the Atlantic to prey on shipping or to enter American harbors in search of battle-ships.

A. Loring Swasey of Swasey, Raymond & Page, Boston ship architects, has been called to Washington, it was learned, to take charge of the construction in private shipyards of motor patrol boats, to be equipped with fore and aft guns, wireless, searchlights and unique bombing devices. Simultaneously with the call of Mr. Swasey to Washington to take charge of this work, Admiral Knight has notified the officers of the various civilian patrol squadrons, composed of privately owned motorboats, to hold their men subject to call. There are 1,800 power boats on the Atlantic coast enrolled in the civilian motorboat patrol organizations. Of these probably 100 could be armed and equipped for defensive work against submarines and be ready at short notice.

One Thousand of the Boats Needed

Yachtsmen estimate that not fewer than 1,000 boats of a type of which only a few exist in the United States today would be necessary for the proper patrol of the coast. In view of the speed with which patrol boats were built for England, it is believed that the 1,000 boats could be built in much less than a year to substitute or supplement the work against submarines that may have to be done in the first instance by private owned volunteer craft. The United States has now two types of patrol boats that were constructed for test and as a guide for yachtsmen. One of each type has been constructed, and both boats, one thirty-five feet in length and the other sixty-six, are capable of doing twenty-five to thirty miles an hour.

While the government and motorboat men are preparing for defense against submarines, the question of netting the harbors has come to the front. A number of navy experts deny that it is essential to net the harbors against the possible invasion of submarines, while others insist that if one submarine should get into a harbor where a portion of the Atlantic fleet is lying the havoc would be tremendous, as each torpedo would count to the full. So far as can be learned, the navy department is inclined to rely at the start in any case on protection by the patrol boats, though urged by civilian yachtsmen to proceed promptly with the preparation of nets for all harbors likely to be frequented by any portion of the Atlantic fleet.

Patrol Boat Most Effective

Patrol boats supplemented by nets, wire and bomb devices of various kinds have not been more than sufficient for England's protection against the submarines. While the patrol boats that spread out in fanlike circles after a submarine has submerged for escape are the most effective instruments devised for submarine catching, it was learned from a reliable source that England a few weeks ago was celebrating the destruction of the hundredth German submarine. This number is great or small, according to one's point of view. Considered in the light of the difficulties of tracking and "hailing" submarines, it would be large. But authorities in this country agree that Germany probably has now 300 submarines, of which many are of a transatlantic type.

The view is rather widely held that there is not a great probability of Germany attempting to raid American coasts, though it is believed that she would in case of hostilities send submarines to attack the coastwise shipping. Arthur F. Aldridge, editor of Rudder, in the course of a recent discussion concerning the possibilities of our motorboat patrol, cited the fact that 550 patrol boats were built for England in 535 days. If the government on the advice of Mr. Swasey should now proceed to build a standardized motorboat patrol it is believed that such construction could beat this record and turn out 1,000 boats in a few months.

Real Estate Transfers

J. S. Magliadry et al to Chancet K. Troxel lot 10 blk. 4 high school add. to Springfield—\$500.