

# The Lebanon Express.

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## A STRICKEN CITY.

The town of Johnstown, Pa., was entirely covered with water on June 1 by a large reservoir, which was a feeder for the Pennsylvania canal, bursting its embankment and sweeping over the town, carrying everything before it. It is probably the worst calamity that has ever befallen any community in the United States. It is estimated all the way from 5000 to 15,000 people were killed in different ways, and millions of dollars lost, but the exact extent of the calamity will never be known. The president and the governor of Pennsylvania have taken action to provide for those that have escaped, besides all other states and charitable institutions are doing all they can. Train loads are going in from all parts of the nation.

It was reported late last evening by Pacific Postal Telegraph that the lower portion of the city of Seattle was in ashes and the fire still raging. The supposition is that the whole of the business portion of the city will be destroyed before the fire can be quenched.

A Michigan city major visiting this coast, is taken by the immensity of things here. He says in his country a ten mile railroad for lumbering purposes a big thing, but on this coast he found a seventy mile plank water flume for floating lumber in for one firm, and other things in proportion.

Elsewhere in this issue will be found two communications on our town cemetery, which we hope will be duly noticed. For our part we don't care how the cemetery is fixed, but we want it fixed, for such a cemetery is a disgrace to any town or community, we are truly glad that some have become interested in this matter.

The state board of horticulture in session in Salem this week discovered that the work of combatting the fruit pests was inaugurated none too soon. Besides the green aphid and codlin moth they find the "San Jose scale" gaining a dangerous foothold in the Rogue river valley, and the woolly aphid in western Oregon. The board will issue bulletin No. 2 in a few days, and invite all persons interested in fruit to send for copies to the secretary.

In pursuing its course of describing and illustrating the Pacific Northwest, the West Shore Magazine for May reaches over into British Columbia and devotes a considerable portion of the issue to that, in many respects, remarkable city of Vancouver, the western terminus of the longest line of railway in the world, the Canadian Pacific. There are ten pages of lithographic illustrations. Corvallis and Benton county, Oregon, which are closely identified with a new transcontinental route, are also illustrated and described in this number. An interesting article on "Nomenclature of the Pacific Coast," the concluding part of "A story of the Klamath," and much other fiction, poetry, and a variety of timely matter pertaining to the whole northwest complete an issue of more than usual interest. Single copies 25 cents; \$2.50 a year. Published by L. Samuel, Portland, Oregon.

A remarkable case of petrification of the human body has just been reported at Oswego, Clackamas county. One of the old and well known residents of Oswego is John Confer. Some ten years ago he had the misfortune to lose his wife, and caused the body to be inhumed near the village on the place owned by him. A short time ago the Narrow Gauge railway company applied for and obtained the right of way through the piece of land belonging to Mr. Confer. On running the line for the road the surveyors found that it would pass directly across the grave of Mrs. Confer, and that it would be necessary to exhume the body. Accordingly this was done a few days since. When the coffin was reached, which was in a badly decayed condition, it was discovered that the entire body, with the exception of a few fingers on one of the hands, had become petrified. The form and features of the dead woman were said to be perfect and strikingly lifelike in every detail. So heavy had the remains become in being changed to solid stone that it required eight men to lift them from the grave and convey the same to another burial spot.—Ex.

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## A GRAVE TALK ABOUT OUR GRAVE YARD.

EDITOR EXPRESS—

As some people are expressing surprise that there was no more work done in our cemetery than there was, we think it proper to make a statement of the money collected and work done. Money received \$8 50. Mr. Elkins being one of the trustees it was thought best to turn it over to him to use. The following is the report:

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| John West, grubbing 1 day    | \$2 00        |
| J Elkins, " 1 1/2 "          | 3 00          |
| George Elkins, cutting 1 day | 1 00          |
| J Elkins, team               | 2 50          |
| <b>Total</b>                 | <b>\$8 50</b> |

Here is actual labor for the sum of \$8 50, Mr. Elkins very generously donating the \$2. In addition to this Mr. Eaton and D. Ambler gave half a days work, and Mrs. Rice sent a man half a day, besides the work that was done on private lots. Few seem to realize that it is very hard work. Our cemetery is a disgrace to our town. Now that a start has been made, don't you think it wise to keep at it until the entire yard is cleaned? It is rather amusing to hear the different ideas of people. Some say: What becomes of the money they get for the lots? The fact is they get them on credit, as they do many other things. When they go for a lot, and they never do until they need one, can Mr. Elkins stand by and say: "You can't buy until you pay your ten dollars for the lot." If he did there would be a war cry, and now there is one. Others say there was some money deposited in the bank once that belonged to the cemetery and what became of it? We thought every one was aware that last year they bought two more acres, for which they paid \$50 or \$75 dollars per acre, and now they are putting up a new fence to keep the stock from pasturing there, as they have been doing. Others say, don't it belong to the methodists? No, it is a public burying ground. True the ground was donated by a Methodist, Mr. Ralston, and three trustees from the Methodist church are appointed to look after it, but further than this it is public. Now the treasury is empty and the trustees are in debt for the lots and the fence. Can not some one suggest a way to raise funds for this worthy object, at least to clean it up, if nothing else.

## OUR CEMETERY.

Communicated.

Our beautiful and impressive ceremonies, Memorial Day, struck a responsive chord in every heart. But I think I am safe in saying that there was neither man, woman or child present but felt their bosoms burn with shame at the wretched and degraded condition of our cemetery.

As there is nothing else so deeply interesting to the living as the disposal of those whom they have loved and lost, so there is perhaps nothing else so distinctive of the condition and character of a people as the method in which they adorn and beautify their burial places of the dead.

If this is true—and all intelligent readers know it is—how high in the ranks of civilization do we stand?

It is worthy of note that the trustees of the cemetery—three honest intelligent men—under the auspices of one of the largest and most powerful Christian denominations in the world, have not improved the land in any way since it was donated to the church, with the bare exception of building fences (I think three times, if more I stand corrected), not even trimming walks and paths, not mentioning vacant lots; and wonderful to relate, my dear readers, not one word of remonstrance or condemnation from this intelligent community. And yet "The intelligence of a community is known by the condition of its place of burial of the dead."

And now the question comes, what is to be done. A few of us think that if the church will kindly allow the last annual report of the trustees to be printed, together with a statement of all money received and paid out from the time of receiving land, and also amount due trustees for lots unpaid for, that some way can be provided by subscription or collecting out standing debts, so that next Memorial Day our cemetery will show order and symmetry, instead of chaos and confusion.

When all the walks and paths are clearly defined and kept in order, surely every one that has "loved and lost" will keep their own lots and those of their absent friends neat and trim, and our Lebanon cemetery will no longer be a shame and disgrace to trustees, church and community. L.

Look Here.

R. B. Roberts pays cash for produce, and don't you forget it.

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Montague's freight bills for the past month have been unusually heavy, owing to the large quantities of

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