

GREAT STORMS AHEAD

Predicted by the Lonely Prophet of Beartown Mountain. HOW HE FORETELLS THE WEATHER. No Gasswork Employed by This One in His Calculations. DEEP SNOWS AND ROUGH WEATHER.

GREAT BARRINGTON, MASS., Dec. 17.— Levi Beebe, of Beartown Mountain, in the southern part of Berkshire county, is an old weather prophet in Massachusetts or in New England. He is about 65 years of age, and has studied the weather for more than 30 years.

He lives on a high hilltop which overlooks a stretch of country reaching from Vermont on the north to Connecticut on the south and from the Hudson valley to far beyond the Connecticut valley on the east. He owns more than 1,200 acres of land, and from a high mountain top back of his barn he has studied the currents of air, the cloud formations, the temperature and other phenomena relating to the weather, winter and summer, for more than 30 years.

Mr. Beebe is an exceedingly intelligent man. He has traveled considerably, and he spent his youth manhood in New York in a publishing house. City life, however, did not suit him. He longed for the country, and he came to this remote and secluded spot almost two-score years ago. Mr. Beebe has reared here a family of more than ordinary intelligence. He has several charming children, and he has been a fatherly and devoted parent.

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STILL ANOTHER PLAN

For the Improvement of the Mississippi and Its Branches. THE PROPOSED MOVABLE DAMS. Declared Not to be as Practicable as Permanent Affairs. MUD OF THE MISSOURI RESPONSIBLE.

THE DISPATCH invites criticism of the articles now being published on the subject of river improvement, but intimates to the critics the advisability of waiting until the author has completed his task, before coming to the attack. This course may be the best if only the general conclusions of the writer of the series of articles in question are expected to come into review, but there is no harm done, I think, in taking notice of some of the writer's premises already advanced.

Thus, for instance, in his third paper he says: "It is obvious that a system of permanent dams could be only a temporary expedient, however great their first cost might be, since the quantity of detritus washed into the river would be beyond the power of man to dredge out, and they would speedily fill and become shallow lagoons, prolific sources of disease and useless either for storing flood waters or for navigation."

The writer would confer a benefit on the plodding members of the engineering profession by proving that permanent dams in our navigable rivers do not, and become prolific sources of disease. Such is not the case with the oldest dams we have right in the old muddy silt-bearing Monongahela river, nor with the dams on any other large streams so far improved in the West.

On the bottom of expense, adjustable dams of any considerable height will greatly exceed in cost those of a permanent form; the difference being as three to one, comparing at least French adjustable dams with our American ones. No matter what the mechanism may be the great cost of an adjustable dam will likely be in the preparation of its foundation—which must be made so strong as to resist the effects of undermining, no strengthening deposits being permitted above them, as in the case of permanent dams.

There are perhaps small matters in the estimation of the writer—a mere trifling with details which have at best only an incidental bearing on his main proposition, viz: The draining of the Mississippi Valley and making it healthy while at the same time taking care of floods and improving navigation.

Thanks to Captain Eads, the attention of the people of this country has been directed to the problem of Mississippi river improvement, and that the character of the great river are understood, so that there is a substantial agreement as to what is required in the premises—the chief difficulty in the way of the least of appropriations to do what is effectually as the engineers would desire.

Nothing is simpler and surer in statement than these words of Eads, and it is well to remember that while the facts are better known, no one before him seized upon such fundamental maxims upon which to develop a practical theory of river improvement, and that the Mississippi river commission is now at work with its levees, matresses, etc., working at least in accordance with the principles first recognized by Eads, though perhaps not with the view he would impart to the operations.

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ATM'CLOY'S

Customers are not enticed into buying goods by being offered Five and Ten-Cent Toys gratis with every purchase. We give something to our patrons that every man, woman and child can make good use of, and that is a HANDSOME REDUCTION on prices. We wish to make known to those who intend REMEMBERING their mothers, sisters, brothers, sweethearts, etc., between now and Xmas that we may just have the line of goods you perhaps would want to see before selecting your presents. Our Five-Story Building is packed from cellar to attic with Fine Holiday Goods suitable for both young and old. We have the best selected goods in our line to be seen anywhere. We will astonish people on and after TUESDAY, DECEMBER 16, with our extraordinary bargains.

Below are some of our Bargains that may interest you. If you cannot make use of these prices yourself, please tell some of your friends about them. Bear in mind, these prices do not go into effect before Tuesday, December 16, and to continue on up to Xmas eve if we are not cleaned out.

When you are in ask to see: Our 50c Toilet Case, worth \$1. Our \$1 Toilet Case, worth \$2. Our \$1.50 Toilet Case, worth \$3. Our 75c Shaving Set, worth \$1.50. (Containing of razor, mug and brush.) Our \$1 Shaving Set beats them all. We also have finer cases in proportion. Our 75c Odor Case (plush with two bottles cologne). Our 50c Smoker's Set (three parts). Our 75c Plush Collar and Cuff Box. Our \$1 genuine all-leather combined Collar and Cuff Box. Also a number of other styles at equally low prices. Our 35c Whisk Broom and Oxidized Holder. Our \$1 Whisk Broom and Oxidized Paper Broom containing 24 sheets of paper and 24 envelopes.

PHOTOGRAPH ALBUMS. We have the nearest line of Picture Frames ever shown in this city. Ask to see our 20c brass frames, full size. Ask to see our 30c silver frames, full size. We have a choice line of Lap Writing Tablets; prices range from the 10c to \$1. PHOTOGRAPH ALBUMS. We have almost built up our reputation on the line of Photograph Albums we always have. The price is the only cheap thing about them. Ask to see some of our selling for 50, 60, 75c, \$1, \$1.50 and \$1.75. Also the higher priced ones. We have a \$3 album, what we call the D. L. Album. "She is a daisy." We also have quite a nice line of Album Albums. While strolling through our stores glance at our 25c and 50c Inkstands. The following articles will be found at our place in endless variety: Black Boards, Album Cases, Games for Children, Chess and Checkers, Marg's Lanterns, A B C Blocks, Toy Books. See our Kindergarten Mechanical Speller. Half of our second floor is being devoted to Xmas Cards, but by the way, our package containing 20 fine embossed Xmas Cards. No stairs to climb to reach our upper floors. Take elevator. Our force of salesmen and salesladies is extra large now. You will find them all to be courteous, affable and willing to accommodate your wants in every possible way. Remember the special reduction sale begins Tuesday, December 16.

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