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## WEATHER IS WARMER WITH INCREASED SNOWFALL

### Highway Is Still Dangerous Although Accidents Few in This Vicinity.

### Fruit Trees Need Attention to Prevent Injury from Freezing.

After a week of cold weather, with the temperature below the freezing point much of the time, there are still no indications of a return to normal. Hope was felt by many people that the snow Saturday would turn to a rain and that a thaw would relieve householders, motorists, and workmen who have been suffering from the freeze.

Highways continue in a dangerous condition although no serious accidents have been reported in the vicinity of Cottage Grove. The snow and ice is interfering with the stage lines and drivers have found it hard to keep on their schedules. Trains have also been late in many instances.

The weather moderated slightly Friday evening and Saturday morning a steady snow was falling which continued most of the day. Coming as it does over frozen ground and in the midst of extremely cold weather this snow is expected to stay on the ground for some time.

The snow was general through out the valley and hope was expressed that it would turn to a rain and that a general thaw and warmer weather would follow within the next few days. While the warmer weather was welcomed by those who have been having trouble with frozen radiators and water pipes it did not moderate sufficiently to give any promise of immediate relief. Many pipes are still frozen and it is still impossible to run cars without covering the radiator or using some anti-freeze solution.

While the present freezing weather is hard on fall grain which is on wet ground, very little complaint has been heard from the farming sections and it is thought that little damage has been done. Due to the favorable farming weather last fall many of the farmers put in a large amount of fall grain.

The effect on the fruit trees may be more serious, however. Considerable damage was done to fruit and nut trees by the freeze five years ago, which came at practically the same time and was similar to this one. Peaches, particularly, were found to be seriously injured when it came time for them to blossom in the spring.

Reports from Medford state that broccoli growers in that part of the state are hoping for a heavy snow fall to protect the plants from the first rays of the sun when thawing weather comes. It is likely that such a snow would be some protection to fall grain.

## Sidelights Give Spirit of Winter Weather

We have been looking for someone who would uphold the cold weather, but so far we have been unable to find him. It seems to be the general opinion that such weather is the limit of disagreeableness.

The nearest we came to finding a cold weather champion was a small boy who declared the cold was all right but he wanted more snow.

The reason for wanting more snow, it developed, was to improve the coasting. Coasting parties have been taking advantage of the slick hillsides recently. This is a favorite pastime of the Riky-dinks.

One fellow who has a grudge against the cold weather is the one who has to sit up all night to keep the fire going. This happened in at least one Cottage Grove hotel.

Another fellow who registered a vigorous kick was the one who had to hitch Old Dobbin to the automobile to get it started, after letting the machine freeze up.

One small boy objected to the cold on the grounds that it was too hard to get up in the morning.

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## Boys Called to Explain Disturbance of Services

A number of local youths who are said to have disturbed a religious meeting in the Steen hall by hurling eggs at those taking part in the devotions will be taken to Eugene and required to explain their acts before county officials, according to Deputy Sheriff Van Svaerud, who was in Cottage Grove Friday investigating the complaints against the boys.

Following the disturbance of the meeting members of the Pentecostal church complained to the council and because of not being satisfied with the attitude of the council they went to the county officials.

## FIRE DANGER IS GREAT DURING FREEZE, OFFICER SAYS

### Reservoirs Are Short of Water Because Faucets Are Kept Running.

Fire protection in the city was very slight during the recent zero days due to the small amount of water in the reservoirs, according to G. B. Pitcher, water superintendent. In order to keep pipes from freezing most of the faucets in the city have been running almost continuously since the beginning of the cold snap and this makes it extremely difficult to keep the reservoirs sufficiently full to maintain a high pressure.

The city is supplied with water from two reservoirs. One of those has a capacity of 385,000 gallons and the other 100,000 gallons. At the present time the pressure is about 50 pounds, Mr. Pitcher believes. Because the gauge for testing the pressure is frozen it is impossible to tell exactly what it is. No water stands in the hydrants, so there is no danger of them freezing and getting out of order. With the unusual number of hot fires in the dwellings and business houses the danger is considerably greater now than it is during normal weather. So far no fires have been reported, however.

## Former Resident Here Dies in Portland

The death of Mrs. Lucretia Ann Baker, wife of John W. Baker, occurred in Portland last week. Mr. and Mrs. Baker were residents of Cottage Grove about 14 years ago. Mr. Baker is a past president of the Oregon Pioneers' association and both he and Mrs. Baker were active in the affairs of the association for many years.

## MRS. EDWARDS PRESIDENT OF LEGION AUXILIARY

Mrs. Herman Edwards will head the Ladies' Auxiliary of the American Legion for the coming year as the result of the election of officers held recently. Other officers are: Mrs. W. H. Daugherty, vice president; Mrs. K. M. Bird, secretary; and Mrs. Victor Chambers, treasurer.

The retiring officers are: Mrs. C. C. Cruson, president; Mrs. W. H. Daugherty, vice president; Miss Myrtle Kem, secretary; and Mrs. R. L. Stewart, treasurer.

Miss Elvira Dyer, teacher in the Cottage Grove schools, left for Eugene Saturday to spend the Christmas holidays with her mother.

Miss Elsie Heck and Miss Ollie Bemis are home from the normal school for the Christmas vacation.

## Santa Claus to Visit Children on S. P. Pullmans

Santa Claus will find Pullman windows no more serious barrier than he does narrow chimneys or airshafts, according to an editorial in the current issue of the Bulletin, the Southern Pacific employees' magazine, which says:

"Southern Pacific will touch elbows with a lot of happiness this month. For Christmas is coming and the railroad will help to make the holiday a success for countless people.

"The thought of Christmas brings to mind station platforms bustling with happy travelers coming home to family reunions and express offices with piles of evergreens and boxes whose contents will be found in front of many fireplaces on Christmas morning. The railroad carries the turkeys and cranberries, the apples and nuts, the goodies and knick knacks for Christmas dinner from farm to city.

"And on Christmas day many travelers will eat their holiday dinner in Southern Pacific dining cars, where special effort will be made to make them feel at home.

"Many a stocking hung in a Pullman berth will be explored by eager little hands before the conductor has a chance to say 'Merry Christmas' in the morning. For Santa Claus finds Pullman windows no more serious barriers than he does chimneys and air-shafts."

## "The Greatest Gift" at Christian Church Tomorrow

More than 20 persons will take part in the Christmas play, "The Greatest Gift", to be given at the Christian church on Tuesday evening, December 23. The cast of characters for the play is as follows:

- Goddess Bountiful.....Veta Plaster
- Peace and Plenty (two attendants).....Helen Ostrander and Laura Stewart
- Columbus.....Lewis Strawbeak
- George Washington.....R. F. Forward
- Betsy Ross.....Pearl Thomason
- Sailor Boy.....Gerald Banton
- Dame Fashion.....Clara Milne
- Newsboy.....Howard Taylor
- College Youth.....Claude Sherman
- Night.....Helen Waples
- Moon Light.....Nola Banton
- Cook.....Ralph Chestnut
- Dame Fortune.....Pauline Sherman
- Florence Nightengale.....Mrs. Forward
- Labor.....Roy Hands
- Cupid.....Irma Bennatt
- Christmas.....Ethel Hands
- Accompanist.....Elsie Chestnut

## Armory Is Attractive With Decorations for Dance

The interior of the Armory is being worked over this week and is expected to present an unusually attractive appearance at the Christmas eve dance scheduled there for Wednesday evening, December 24. A new and novel scheme for decorating is being carried out by Ruth Stewart and those who are helping to prepare the room.

The walls have been kalsomined and the cloak rooms and check rooms are being worked over to make them more attractive and serviceable. The floor is being dressed down in order to make it smoother.

The lights have been lowered and an overhead lattice work, decorated with various streamers, is one of the features of the decorating scheme.

Woodson Brothers have sold the following cars: Ford roadsters to Alvis Cooper and Ernest C. Bennett, Ford sedan to C. A. Beidler, Ford touring to H. E. Quimby and J. R. Patterson, the last named being of Sutherland.

## FOOTPRINTS OF PIONEER DAYS

### Interesting Events in the Lives of Those Who Laid Sturdy Foundation for the Present Generation

### FORESIGHT OF EARLY MEN PROVIDES PARK FOR CITY

The foresight of Jim and Joe Porter, J. C. Long and A. B. Wood in backing the movement for the purchase of the present city park is largely responsible for the adequate playground now at the disposal of the city, according to B. R. Job, who was mayor at the time of the purchase of the park and one of the backers of the movement for buying it.

The five acre tract, which is still in its natural state and is located near enough to the central part of the city to make a convenient place for recreation, was purchased from J. C. Long by the city on January 25, 1909, for \$3000. The purchase came as the result of an election at which the people of the city authorized an issue of bonds sufficient to cover the purchase price and the levying of a two mill tax to provide for their retirement.

The idea of buying the park originated with Mr. Job. He felt that the mistake most cities made was in failing to recognize the need for a recreational center until they had grown so large that it was difficult to obtain one conveniently situated. But Mr. Job was not the only one who had the park idea in mind. J. C. Long, then owner of the five acres which now constitute the park, had realized that the tract was ideally situated for a municipal playground and had set it aside with the idea that it would some day be wanted for that purpose.

The natural beauty of the place was carefully preserved by this early Cottage Grove settler who came here from Milton, eastern Oregon, in the fall of 1890. The site of the park was at that time the property of G. W. Long, who came here earlier and purchased what is now known as the Shield's addition in the southeastern part of the city.

At that time the mayor was elected for a one year term. As Mr. Job expressed it, "He hardly had time to get used to the work when his term of office was up and someone else had to be broken in. I was mayor for four terms and I have had an opportunity to see the growth of the city from the beginning of the present century.

"Many people fail to realize what this growth has been. In 1902 the total expenses of the city were \$3,940.65. The expenses for water during that year were \$898.83. Eight years later, in 1910, the total expense was \$19,285.04, or practically five times as much as during my term in office in 1902. The city expenses are now in the neighborhood of \$300,000 a year. The increase in population has, of course, been proportional to this increase in city expenses."

The question of financing the purchase of the park was a puzzler for the city officials for some time. It was first suggested that the ground be bought and that 2 1/2 acres of it be divided into lots and sold and that proceeds from these sales be applied to the original purchase. It was finally decided, however, to refer the matter to the people and ask them to vote a tax to provide the money.

The election was held on January 20, 1909, and the deed of the city to the property is dated five days later. The returns from the wards showed a vote of 48 for and 42 against in the first ward; 42 for and 25 against in the second ward; and 83 for and 45 against in the third ward.

The charter at the time of its adoption provided that the first ward should consist of that part of the city south of what was then

## Christmas Trees Give Holiday Aspect to Streets

Cottage Grove streets have taken on a true Christmas appearance this week since the erection of the large brilliantly lighted tree at the corner of Sixth and Main streets Friday. Small trees have been placed along the streets by the merchants and business houses. Those, with the decorated windows and displays of Christmas goods, combine with the snow to give the traditional Christmas atmosphere.

The large tree was brought down from the woods by S. L. Mackin and S. L. Godard. The lighting was done by the Mountain States Power company.

## SLIPPERY SIDEWALKS CAUSE ACCIDENTS IN CITY

### Two Women Hurt from Falls on Streets; Injuries Not Serious.

Two accidents were reported Saturday due to the slippery condition of the sidewalks as a result of the freeze and snowfall. Miss Maryellen Benson fell Saturday forenoon and suffered a sprained knee. She was unable to get around for a day or two, but the injury was not serious. The accident happened at Sixth and Main streets.

Mrs. H. B. Breedlove fell Friday and has a sprained and swollen ankle as a result. She was able to get back to work in Umphrey's & Mackin's store Saturday but was not feeling very well.

The streets were in an unusually dangerous condition Saturday due to the snowfall and rising temperature which was just sufficient to melt the snow slightly and make the sidewalks extremely slippery. In many places there was a thin layer of ice underneath the snow and this made it still more dangerous.

The A. C. Loucks family went to Madera, Calif., Friday to spend the holidays at the home of their son, G. R. Loucks. Their daughter, Miss Hazel Loucks, who teaches in Eugene, will join them as soon as school is dismissed for the holidays.

Bridge street. This was not the street where the bridge is now located, but probably was one farther south. Ward two at that time was north of Bridge street the south of Main street and constituted the central part of town. Ward three was that portion of the city north of Main street.

At any rate those who foresaw the need of a park for the city and who backed the movement which resulted in its purchase almost 16 years ago now rejoice that Cottage Grove will never have to go through the long process of building an artificial park. It takes from 30 to 40 years to grow the trees and shrubs which make a park pleasant and then they are scarcely equal to natural ones.

According to O. O. Veatch the following changes in the names of Cottage Grove streets have been made since 1882:

What was originally Tennessee street is now Washington avenue, Bridge street is now Adams avenue, Wynn is Jefferson, Perkins is Madison, Wisconsin is Monroe, and South street is now Quincy avenue. Bridge street was known as Locust avenue for a time about 1909 because of the grove of locust trees located near it and the name was later changed to Adams avenue when the avenues running east and west were given the names of the presidents. What is now Quincy avenue, the original South street, was known as Shield's street for many years.

## Snow-Covered Ground Brings Hard Times to Birds

Sad and forlorn as many persons seem as they trudge about in the snow, their grief is as nothing compared with whole flocks of small birds which gather about town and chirp about their distress in numerous back door conventions.

Except for the kindness of housewives who sometimes drop a few crumbs outside many birds would have a hard time indeed. One bird only scampers about as prosperous as ever. This is the woodpecker. No matter how much snow may come he can still find his fat worm in the trunk of some rotten tree.

Coming to the rescue of the birds the Cottage Grove Rod and Gun club is scattering wheat and cracked corn in an effort to feed all of them in Lane county south of Creswell. Anyone knowing of flocks of birds in need of food should get in touch with C. A. Bartell. Nine carloads of members will go out tomorrow morning to fix feeding places in the snow.

## Dan L. Minogue Body May Be Buried in the East

The body of Dan L. Minogue, who died in Eugene at 1 o'clock last Tuesday morning, was taken to Portland Saturday morning and funeral services will either be held there or the remains will be sent east. A son and daughter of Mr. Minogue are living in the middle west and the funeral arrangements will be decided by them.

Mr. Minogue was for 15 years an employe of J. H. Chambers in the lumber and railway business here. On July 3, 1923, he had a stroke of paralysis and was taken to Eugene, where he remained until his death.

Mr. Minogue was 62 years of age. He came west from Michigan and first settled in California, later coming to Cottage Grove. His death occurred at the home of Mrs. A. Coleman at 43 Fifteenth avenue west, Eugene. He was a member of the K. of P. and Elks lodges.

## Hand and Johnson to Wrestle Tonight at Armory

This evening at the armory at 8:30 Ralph Hand, favorite local wrestler, will meet Joe Johnson, of San Francisco, in a wrestling match which is attracting much attention among local sport fans. While Johnson is not very well known in Cottage Grove, those who have seen him feel confident that he will be able to put up a good match.

The California man has been seeking a match in Portland, but so far has been unable to schedule one there. They have promised him, however, that if he wins from Hand in the contest here he will be given a chance in that city.

As a preliminary to the main bout tonight Dana McCarger will mix with Paul Gordon in a mixed wrestling and boxing contest. Other preliminaries will include a number of contests staged by younger athletes.

## COLD WEATHER FREEZES WATERS OF COAST FORK

The extreme cold of the past week has caused the Coast Fork to freeze over for the first time in many years. In the cold snap five years ago, when the temperature was down to three degrees below zero, the same as the low mark established last week, other streams in the vicinity froze over but the Coast Fork did not.

Many of the streams contained floating ice during the coldest part of last week.

## SCHOOLS DISMISS FOR ANNUAL CHRISTMAS VACATION

### Teachers to Attend Meeting of State Association in Portland.

### Cold Weather Interferes With Work During the Closing Week.

Cottage Grove schools closed last Friday for the annual Christmas and New Year's vacation and most of the teachers who live outside the city have departed for their homes. School will open again on Monday, January 5.

Due to the extreme cold weather it was impossible to hold school in any of the buildings on Thursday and Friday of last week. The teachers and pupils assembled at the school buildings both days but were dismissed early in the forenoon because it was impossible to get the rooms comfortably warm.

Superintendent O. W. Hays and C. L. Granis will attend the meeting of the Oregon State Teachers association in Portland during vacation. Leading educators from all over the United States will be present at this meeting to discuss educational problems.

## JOHN H. HULL DIES IN SALEM AFTER LONG ILLNESS

### Resident of Cottage Grove for 35 years; Born in Ohio.

John Hull, Cottage Grove resident for 35 years, who died in a Salem hospital from hardening of the arteries Sunday morning, was born Nov. 11, 1853, in Lawrence county, Ohio and attended the University of Iowa. He has lived in Missouri and Florida and later in Illinois, from which state he came to Oregon. His health had been poor for some time.

He was married to Amanda C. Alder in Richmond, Mo., in 1878. Ten children were reared by Mr. and Mrs. Hull, nine of whom are still living. They are: George P. Hull, Santa Paula, Calif.; Waldo Hull, Portland; Mrs. H. C. Forest, Wash.; Mrs. R. C. Arne, Mrs. R. O. Yenous, Albert A. Hull, Lula Hull, Leslie Hull and Mrs. Clarence Stoneburg, all of Cottage Grove.

Mr. Hull taught school for about ten years carrying on this work in three different states of the union, Missouri, Illinois and Oregon. He started farming 25 years ago about two miles south of Cottage Grove. He was interested in various phases of agriculture including stock raising and the cultivation of fruit and grain. He had one of the finest prune orchards in the county.

Mr. Hull was the oldest of six children. His widow, Mrs. Amanda Hull is living in Cottage Grove. Burial will be in the I. O. O. F. cemetery. The funeral will be held at 2 o'clock tomorrow, Rev. A. J. Adams officiating.

Miss Clara Shepherd, of Wendling, has arrived here to make her home with her brother, Fred Shepherd.

Bernard Beagle, who is staying with his grandmother, Mrs. Sarah Harms, went to Ridgefield, Wash., Friday to spend the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Beagle.

The city sewer work has ceased until after the Christmas holidays. Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Gleason have returned from a visit in Kalama, Washington.

## WHAT'S THE USE



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