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CITY IN GRIP OF SNOW STORM

Sudden Change in Weather Causes Confusion

CAR SERVICE IS DELAYED

Streets Are Covered With Snowy Mantle to the Delight of Youngsters

For the first time this winter, and in several winters to be accurate, Oregon City and Clackamas county has been visited by a snow storm. Of course there has been times when it looked like it might snow, and when a few flakes would fall, but we do not speak of these—we are talking of storms that leave the ground covered with two or three inches of whiteness that will last long enough to give children and grown-ups a chance to enjoy an old-fashioned snow balling; that will allow us to enjoy a day or so of slighing.

Monday evening the weather was as mild as possible at this period of the year, but the following morning's light snow, the ground to be covered with snow, while the flakes fell continually till noon. A great many were inconvenienced by the unexpected flurry, but none serious, as bad as the employees of the Portland Railway Light and Power Co.'s local branch.

At about ten o'clock, the power was reduced through some mishap at the power station to about half its usual strength, and the rails being covered with snow, the 10:00 car, traveling at a snail's pace was unable to leave until after eleven o'clock. It proceeded slowly until it came opposite the Courier office, when the slippery rails caused it to stop. The motorman got off and cleaned as much off as possible, and the car was backed up to give it more of a start, but it went only a few feet further before it came to a standstill. This performance was kept up till the car reached Ninth street, and here the passengers, who had stayed with the car until then, decided that if they intended to get to Portland before night they had better walk; deserted the car, and with very faces and unpleasant remarks about weather and car service, turned homeward.

In the afternoon, a snow sweeper made a trip over the line, and after that, the service, while not on the minute, was materially improved.

Snow fell the greater part of Tuesday night and Wednesday, and by Thursday morning it measured nine inches in depth, and the thermometer stood 15 degrees above zero, with the snow still falling. On account of the severe cold, school was dismissed in the Barclay school till after the flurry subsided.

MANAGER ARRESTED FOR EMBEZZLEMENT

J. B. Long, Who Had Charge of Furniture Store Was Short in Account

J. B. Long, who for some months has been manager of the E. W. Melien & Co. furniture store, was arrested Saturday night on complaint of O. W. Eastham, principal owner of the concern, who charged him with embezzlement.

Long states that he took the money as part of his salary, and had not the least idea of swindling the firm. He was placed in the county jail till Wednesday morning at 11 o'clock, when he was brought before Justice of the Peace Samson. Gordon E. Hayes, attorney for the defendant, advised his client to plead guilty to a charge of petty larceny, and as the amount involved did not exceed \$35, the judge accepted the plea, and sentenced Long to the county jail for twelve days. It is the general opinion that Long, who is now too well off and has a family, needed money, and before he could replace the amount taken, the shortage had been discovered.

Long was never known to be in trouble before, and it is very unfortunate for the young man that he brought this trouble on himself.

NEEDY.

We have four inches of snow and still it keeps snowing.

Mr. and Mrs. Percy Ritter spent the last week in this burg.

Miss Eva Mitts is reported as being but very little better at this writing.

Mr. Strain of Salem and Mrs. Andy Thompson of Portland were the guests of Wm. Thompson and family during the holidays.

Miss Lucy Armstrong and Harvey Hilton returned from the coast on Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Fish spent Saturday and Sunday at Albert Elliott's.

Miss Clara Kropf is confined to her home on account of pleurisy.

Miss Alice Ritter, teacher of the Concord school, spent the holidays with her home folks.

Miss Russell, who has been ill, is reported better.

Mr. and Mrs. Dozier visited their daughter, Mrs. Will Leach, and family, of Paradise, Sunday.

D. B. Yoder made a business trip to Aurora the latter part of the week.

Mr. and Mrs. Percy Ritter spent New Year's with the latter's parents.

Letter List.

List of unclaimed letters at the Oregon City postoffice for week ending January 8, 1909:
Women's List—Gess, Mrs. C.; Mast, Mrs. Martha; Small, Mrs. W.
Men's List—Doering, Ash; Davis, E.; Gregory, Arthur; Lunsford, Leonard; Leonard, Edwin; Smith, W. H.; Thornton, Joe A.

RECORDER HAD A BUSY YEAR

During 1908 Office Filed 56306 Instruments

RECEIPTS WERE \$6487.87

After Paying Expenses to the Amount of \$3756.87 Office Has Balance of \$2731

From all parts of the state come tales of the remarkable progress of this or that county during the past year. 1908 was certainly a banner year for the whole state of Oregon, but it is very doubtful if any other county can equal the record of Clackamas. One of the best methods possible to ascertain the growth of a locality is to examine the records of the county recorder's office, and a glance over the totals on Recorder Ramsby's statement prove beyond all doubt that the recorder and his efficient force of deputies have by no means been idle during the past year.

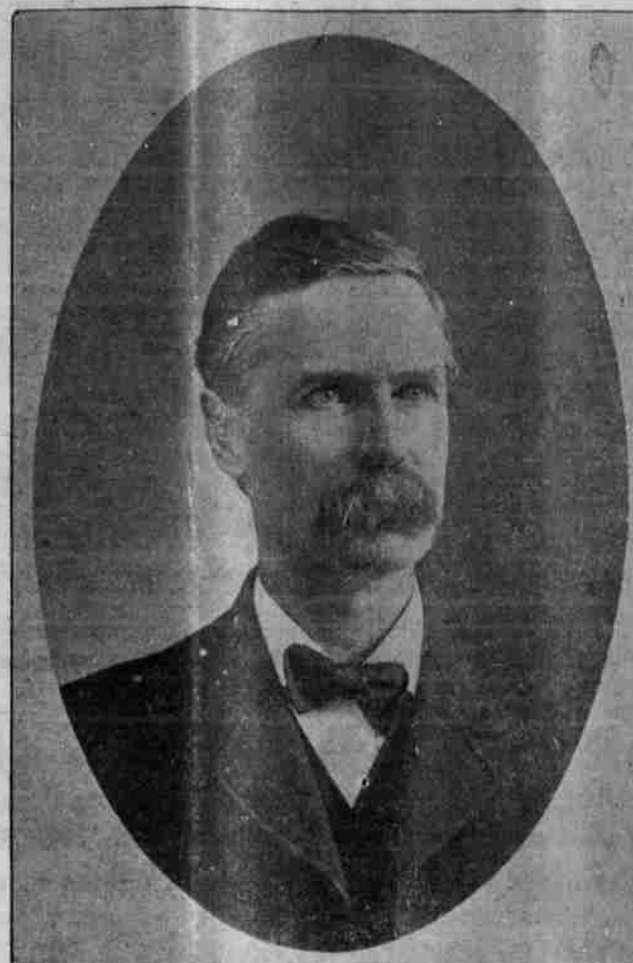
During that time there have been filed 2576 deeds, comprising some of the best land in the county and involving a large amount of money, 1128 mortgages, 341 satisfactions of mortgages, 12 assignments of mortgages, 494 marginal cancellations, 278 miscellaneous instruments, 193 chattel mortgages, 68 partial releases of mortgages and 27 town plats, making a total of 5630 instruments handled.

In addition to this, 81 certified copies of instruments were prepared by the office force. The total receipts of the office for the year amounted to \$6487.87, while the disbursements, including printing, stamps, indexes and all other expenses reached \$3756.87, leaving a balance of \$2731, which is remarkably large, and speaks well for the business ability of Mr. Ramsby.

WANDERERS MAKE A PULLMAN OF BOX CAR

Officer Cooke Finds Trio in Car Enjoying Fire--- Brought Before Recorder and Fined

"'Twas a dark and stormy evening; three hoboes around a campfire sat, when one of their number said, 'Romeo, tell us a story-o.' And 'Romeo' told them as follows:— 'Shakespeare (revised edition). There is a freight train that passes through Oregon City every morning in the neighborhood of 2 o'clock, and



W. S. U'REN

HE SAYS DEMOCRATS DID NOT REGISTER FAIRLY (see page 4)

as this train in addition to freight also carries a number of passengers, who have no tickets and get off wherever they please, or the brakeman kicks them off. Night Officer Cooke always makes it a point to be at the station to welcome them to our midst, and if necessary, give them free lodgings in the hotel maintained by the city.

Sunday night, while on his way to perform this little task, the officer noticed a blaze coming from the interior of a box car that was standing on the sidetrack, and with visions of burning cars filled with powder and other explosives running through his mind, the guardian of peace rushed to the scene of the conflagration with all possible speed. Popping in, Cooke found that his fears had been unfounded, for instead of being filled with a trio of wanderers who were taking in the heat of a stove they had improvised out of sheet iron. The only explosion heard was an explosion of wrath on the part of two of them at the story that the third was telling.

The officer introduced himself, and after telling them that the box car might leave at any minute, he invited them to spend the night in the city. The trio accepted the invitation, as the officer is one of the kind of people who simply cannot take no for an answer; and Monday morning they were brought before City Recorder Daniels on charge of vagrancy and fined ten dollars apiece. Sentence was suspended long enough to allow them to leave the city.

CLEAR CREEK.

New poles are to be set on the telephone line between Clatskanie and Victoria. The Viola and Redland lines being overcrowded, a new division is to be formed. A new division is also likely to be formed in Springfield.

The Dodge people are constructing a telephone line through Springfield to connect with Estacada.

Mrs. William Stone spent several days in Portland last week with her son Claude.

Mr. and Mrs. John Hutton received a wonderful New Year's present—an eleven and one-half pound boy, born on New Year's day.

Dr. B. F. Rowland, district superintendent, will preach at Redland M. E. church Sunday morning at 11 o'clock, January 17, and at Viola in the evening of the same day.

A. A. Mack has a very sick horse. Miss Ethel Sprague was very sick last Sunday night with heart trouble, but is recovering. Dr. Soumerai is in attendance.

Miss Mildred Hayworth became the wife of William Caswell at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. Cooper, on December 31st. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Pepper. After the wedding the bride left for Salem, where they spent several days, returning Saturday afternoon. They will remain here several months, after which they will go to Alberta to make their future home.



JAMES F. NELSON
Finished Highly Creditable Term of Six Years as County Assessor and who now retires to his Ranch near Liberal.

ENTERTAINMENT IS A GREAT SUCCESS

Mt. Pleasant Improvement Club Gives One of Its Good Entertainments

The entertainment given by the Mt. Pleasant Civic Improvement Club on New Year's night was a grand success, both financially and socially. A great number of people gathered to witness the Fete of Nations, consisting of a grand march of those representing the various nations in costume. The Germans were represented by C. A. Miller and Mrs. J. M. Warnock and Lyman Warnock as a German lad; Mrs. Dan O'Neill, who is one of the oldest settlers in Oregon and in the earlier days was among the Indians, represented this race of people, assisted by Chas. Holmes as a warrior brave and Merle Vexley and Grace Snooks as Indian girls. The part was carried out to perfection. The Japanese government was represented by A. E. Frost as high lord executioner and Miss Snooks with Glena Andrews and Lyle Vexley as Japanese girls. Mrs. A. C. Warner took the part of the Americans and was assisted by Arthur King as George Washington and Miss Lueta Dixon as Lady Washington. Wild. A. C. Warner presented Uncle Sam, which character he well sustained. Miss Mary Holmes was dressed as the black domino, and the march was very picturesque to say the least.

Refreshments served from the various booths were in keeping with the nation represented. The German booth served sandwiches, sauer kraut and butter milk. At the American booth hot coffee, sandwiches and mince pie were served, while at the Japanese booth tea and cakes were served. The Indian booth was under the care of Mrs. O'Neill and Miss Hines and was one of the most attractive booths on account of the many Indian relics which they have. No refreshments were served at this booth. Mrs. W. B. Stafford had charge of the candy booth which served candy and popcorn balls.

All present spoke of the fine entertainment, and the short program consisted of a Dutch solo by C. A. Miller, recitation by Lueta Dixon and a tableau.

The proceeds of the evening amounted to \$20.65.

GRESHAM.

The heavy snowfall here Tuesday somewhat delayed the time of the trains. Men were kept busy clearing out drifts of snow which had blocked the cuts and made good service hard. The hourly service has been inaugurated, and meets with splendid support from the merchants of this city and the surrounding country. There will no doubt be an increase toward spring.

Misses Pearl Lindsey and Janie Ross entertained a number of their friends at the home of the latter, Saturday night. Oregon grape was used in the decorations, with beautiful effect. Those present were: Mildred Carlson, Minnie Lawrence, Grace Lawrence, Gene Burton, Hope Anderson, Guy Fieldhouse, Carl Condon, Ernest Thompson, Leon Allan, E. Eagay, Ralph Shepard, Charles Cleveland, Ed. Wexler, and Ed. Aylesworth. A delightful repast was served.

Real estate business has been active during the past two weeks. The 20-acre tract belonging to James Lawrence is to be platted.

The entertainment given by the ex-high school boys to their numerous friends was a huge success. The program for the evening consisted of readings, recitations, stories and dancing. Refreshments were served. The Grange hall was prettily decorated for the occasion with pennants and evergreens.

Earle Townsend has opened a lunch room on Powell street.

The P. R. L. & P. Co. expects to put on special express and mail cars in the near future. This will be a great help as it will do away with the delays occasioned by the passenger trains stopping for express.

Oran Fox, the leading merchant of Troutdale, has brought suit against Owens & Daly to recover the sum of \$75, value of furniture alleged to have been sold to the defendants.

Call to Form Athletic League

To the Schools of Clackamas County: Realizing the great importance of athletics in connection with the public school work, we, the undersigned, extend this invitation to you to send delegates to a convention to be held in the county court room at Oregon City, Saturday, January 23, 1909, at 1 o'clock.

The purpose of the convention is as follows: To organize a county league and to make arrangements for an annual field meet; to discuss plans for a series of base ball games; to adopt a set of rules governing contests; and to make regulations regarding prizes. Arrangements can be made so that the smaller schools will have equal chance with the larger schools in contesting for prizes.

Each school will have the privilege of sending two delegates to this convention, the principal or any assistant and one student.

We are especially desirous that your school be represented in this convention.

Judging from the loyal support volunteered for this movement the leading citizens of the county, and especially by educators, we believe that it will be a great success. We are confident that it will develop in the schools beneficial results far beyond any conservative expectation.

Trusting that you will give this matter your careful and immediate consideration, we have the honor to remain, Respectfully,

ROBERT GOETZ,

T. J. GARY,

A. K. HILL,

W. C. M'KEE,

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SUFFERERS RELIEVED

WORK IN EARTHQUAKE DISTRICT REDUCED TO SYSTEM BY KING.

Latest Estimates of Dead Exceed 200,000—More Than Half Count Population Is Exterminated.

Rome, Jan. 5.—Although graphic stories are coming into Rome of the horrors in Southern Italy and Sicily, these are but repetitions of individual tragedies already recorded. What chiefly concerns the government and the people is the progress that is being made toward the relief of those who have suffered by the dread visitation. Considerable advance in this respect has been made at Messina, where, according to official reports received here, the supply service is beginning to work satisfactorily.

The minister of justice has telegraphed from Messina to Premier Giolitti that large bodies of troops have arrived and are now occupying all parts of the town. The appalling extent of the disaster renders anything like a systematic search of the ruins, but persons are being dragged out continually and are being transported to the relief ships as soon as their wounds receive attention.

Dead Exceed 200,000.

The latest investigation on both sides of the straits make it certain that many more than half the population of the coast towns and villages have been killed. Professor Rocco, director of the observatory at Mount



POPE PIUS X.

Etna, estimates that the victims of the earthquake exceed 200,000.

Public opinion is greatly concerned with regard to the safety of the King and Queen and the possible danger from tottering walls. The King frequently has tried to persuade the Queen to return to Rome, but she has always refused to leave her husband.

Pope's Appeal to World.

It is stated that the Pope has decided to send an appeal to the Catholic bishops throughout the world to obtain subscriptions to the earthquake fund. He will place particular dependence on the generosity of Americans, English and Irish.

An American recommends that through the co-operation of Americans in Rome, steamers be chartered at Naples to carry provisions, clothing and medical supplies of all kinds as well as doctors and nurses to the Straits of Messina.

The United States is far ahead of other nations in the relief work. Ambassador Griscom has chartered a vessel for two weeks at a cost of \$50,000 to carry medical supplies, doctors, nurses and provisions to the devastated district.

Congress Will Give \$500,000.

Washington, Jan. 4.—Resolutions were introduced today in the senate and house providing for an appropriation of \$500,000 for Italian relief. The resolutions provide that the money shall be used for provisions, clothing, medicines and other necessary articles and the president is authorized to employ any vessels of the United States navy or to charter and employ other suitable steamships to carry out the purposes of this government.

COUNT LANDS IN JAIL

Alleged Scion of Nobility Passed Worthless Check.

San Francisco, Jan. 4.—After wandering about the streets of San Francisco for 48 hours without a penny in his pockets and suffering from hunger and exposure, Count W. von Gassendorff, claiming to be the scion of a noble German house, whose estates are valued at about \$2,000,000, was lodged in the city jail Saturday night. The count will be held at the jail, pending advice from Portland, where he is wanted on a charge of obtaining money under false pretenses.

Chang Given 25 Years.

San Francisco, Jan. 4.—In Whan Chang, the Korean who shot and killed Durham White Stevens in this city last March, was sentenced Saturday to serve a term of 25 years in the state penitentiary at San Quentin.

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