

CITY IS SROUDED IN SHEET OF ICE

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company and the Portland General Electric Company which will be out not more than \$15,000. The telephone company has the greater number of wires also.

Telephone Company's Loss.

A great many of the poles belonging to the telephone company that snapped were rotten to the core, having stood for years. Rotten poles were particularly noticeable along Union avenue and Williams avenue. The estimate of \$100,000 as the loss of the telephone company is confined to Portland and vicinity and if other towns in the storm area suffered proportionately to Portland, the loss of the company is tremendous.

The Portland Railway Company was damaged not more than \$10,000, part of which was due to loss of business. Broken trolley wires are easily repaired. When the bare wires of the telephone company became crossed with the trolley wires the current was grounded, burning out great sections of underground cables of the telephone company but in no way injuring the heavy copper trolley wires.

The Western Union and Postal Telegraph companies were practically shut off from outside communication in the morning, but in the afternoon and night connection was had with most of the important points in the Northwest. The loss to these two companies will be comparatively slight and will not exceed \$3000 each.

"Silver Thaw" Common in East.

"Silver Thaw" are quite common in the East during the Spring but old-timers declare that the one of yesterday was the first in Portland's history. Linemen from the East in the employ of the electric companies declared yesterday that never before had they seen such a severe "silver thaw."

Vancouver, Wash., was visited by the storm but Oregon City escaped. This indicates that the peculiar conditions in Portland were not general over the storm area. No freeze was reported from either Tacoma or Seattle. The mercury at Portland yesterday stood nearly all day at 31 degrees. Two degrees lower would have resulted in snow and if higher there would have been no freeze. Only where the thermometer registers about 31 degrees and where the rain comes from an altitude where the air is warmer than that near the earth is a "silver thaw" possible.

Oregon City in Darkness.

Oregon City was in darkness owing to a "blow out" in the electrical plant. Vancouver was also without electric lights and had no interurban service with Portland. Many persons walked the distance and they reported that nearly every telephone wire along the roads were prostrated.

The retail stores of Portland suffered heavily and some of them closed early to enable their employees to reach home before overtaken by darkness. At no time were the streets thronged by shoppers and only those who could not stay at home because of business ventured out of doors. As a result the retail stores did practically nothing.

Williams Avenue Wreckage.

Williams avenue is strewn with wires and poles from Hancock north to Going street, a distance of more than 15 blocks. There were a perfect network of telephone wires down until the workmen began clearing the street. On this street there were some thrilling escapes. Williams avenue is a business street, and when the collapse of telephone poles began the street was lined with cars, wagons and pedestrians, but only one accident occurred, which resulted in the instant killing of a fine team of horses belonging to Mike Tanner, a dairyman, of Columbia Slough. Alexander Curly was the driver. He drove on Williams avenue to the corner of Page street, where he stopped, and leaving his seat at the front end of the wagon, went to the rear. Just at this moment a live wire dropped down on both horses, and they fell to the pavement dead. Curly, the driver, was slightly shocked, and his hands were burned as he reached into the wagon for a can of milk.

During the collapse of poles on Williams avenue and the falling of wires, there was an electric display as the wires were burst forth at the instant the wires made contact, and yet nobody was hurt. Mrs. U. M. Costermonger, who lives in Upper Albina, received a slight burn on her face as she was crossing Williams avenue, but it was so slight at the time that she did not notice it, until a friend called her attention to the streak along the side of her face.

A careful examination of most of the poles that collapsed on both Williams and Union avenues failed to find any sound poles, and a majority were badly decayed.

Destruction on Union Avenue.

On Union avenue, between Haslam street and East Burnside, every telephone pole and wire along the street was broken and thrown to the ground, the wreckage being indescribable. Most of the poles were broken just below the cross arms, and the mass of wire was piled down into the street. The real wreckage started at the south end of the Union-avenue bridge across Sullivan's Gulch, where a big pole carrying hundreds of telephone and electric light wires went down first, and this pulled down the remainder of the poles along the bridge to the north side of Sullivan's Gulch. They began falling from the bridge on up to Holladay avenue. Some were broken at the bottom like pipestems, and others broke just below the wire-arms, and dropped down causing the branches of the shade-trees, among the hives to them. Just north of Sullivan's Gulch, on the east side of the street, was a row of large trees, but these were nearly crushed to pieces by the falling poles. The intersection of Holladay and Union avenues was a great danger point. The falling of poles and wires to the southward caused the main pole at this intersection to break below the arms, when the wires flew about in all directions. Although there were people on the street, nobody was hurt. A pole north of Sullivan's Gulch bridge dropped across a lineman's wagon, knocking the cover off, but the lineman was not touched.

The intersection of Union avenue and East Burnside street was a point of danger from the suspended wires, but these were soon gotten out of the way. At this intersection is a large pole heavily loaded, which is bent in a most dangerous manner, and appeared last evening ready to collapse. Frank Martin, a boy about 15 years old, had a close call on Union avenue while the poles were falling. He was crossing

near Oregon street when a fragment of a pole dropped so close to him that his hat was knocked off by a wire. Considering the wreckage on Union avenue, between the bridge over Sullivan's Gulch, it is considered wonderful that nobody was killed or hurt.

Over the entire great area of the East Side there was a general collapse of poles and wires. In Brooklyn, on East Eighth street, telephone poles for several blocks fell in the morning. Streetcars were left stranded in every direction.

CROWDED BY COMMUTERS

HOTELS QUICKLY DISPOSE OF THEIR ACCOMMODATIONS.

Suburbanites Unable to Ride Home and Afraid to Walk in Darkness.

Hotels of the city were crowded last night by commuters who could not reach their homes on account of the incomplete car service. Hundreds of people found themselves stranded downtown, with no way of getting home except walking. Most of the belated suburbanites were unwilling to do this, both on account of the likelihood of greater activity by highwaymen while the street lights were out and because of the danger of running into wires already down in the darkness or being struck on the head by others falling. Accommodations at the leading hostleries were filled early in the night. Many who did not realize their plight until they tried to get home later in the evening were compelled to search around among rooming houses for quarters.

"I can't get a cab to take me home and the streetcars are out of commission," complained an Irvington man to a hotel clerk as he asked for a room, although vainly, for all rooms had been taken some time before. Cabs, although in heavy demand, were hard to get. On account of the telephone service being paralyzed, members of families compelled to spend the night down town could not communicate with their homes and there was much indignation expressed around the telephone booths. In many cases the conditions last night proved extremely annoying.

STORE CLOSES AT 5 O'CLOCK

Lipman, Wolfe & Co. Show Consideration for Employees.

The department store of Lipman, Wolfe & Company closed at 5 o'clock yesterday afternoon in order that its hundreds of employees might reach homes in good time. The employees took a personal interest in seeing that the army of clerks left in time to avoid going to their homes in the dark. Although the store did not close until 5 o'clock, employees who lived at the greatest distance were permitted to go before that hour. This included not only those on the East Side but also those living furthest out on the West Side.

Camera Snap Scenes of "Silver Thaw"

Amateur and Professional Photographers Out in Force to Get Views of Winter's Fairland.

YESTERDAY'S storm offered a rare opportunity for amateur photographers and some professionals that was eagerly seized upon by dozens of camera owners. They were out in force during the greater part of the day and braved the rain in order to get pictures of the unusual scenes. Trees in the park blocks and about the city, with each twig encrusted by ice, made striking winter pictures. Many trees and shrub that would otherwise never be the target for a kodak were very popular yesterday, their limbs bending under the weight of the accumulated ice. Trees which were broken by the unusual burden put upon them were also attacked by photographers and striking pictures were the result.

The wires along the streets, each fringed with innumerable icicles, received their share of attention also. Never before has the network of telegraph, telephone and power wires strung about the city made such a strange appearance. Loaded with ice, the cables of white crystal, they loomed up with

great distinctness and attracted the attention of everyone. Probably there was not a person in the business district yesterday who did not comment on the overhead tangle of wires, brought into startling relief by the singular "silver thaw."

Overloaded poles, which frequently tumbled into the streets, bringing down a skein of wires and endangering the lives of passersby, were also unusually interesting to those with cameras. Broken and prostrate poles, together with the ice-coated wires, were favorite targets for cameras.

Hundreds of Portland homes were photographed by amateur photographers yesterday, showing the yards and shrubbery encased in ice and the many icicles that formed as the rain continued to fall. Every owner of a camera seemed to realize that yesterday was the chance of a lifetime to make unusual photographs, and accordingly made the most of it.

How News Grows as It Travels

Killing of Horses by Live Wires on East Side Magnified into Election of Three Women When Story Crosses River.

THE department stores were practically deserted yesterday and business at a standstill. The ice covered pavement and the falling wires and tree branches so alarmed the usual shoppers that they remained safely at home and overlooked the usual Monday bargains which bring out such large crowds ordinarily on that day.

In neighborhoods where telephones were not working there was a great dearth of news about the downtown

CASUALTIES OF STORM.

There were no deaths as a result of the storm yesterday, but slight accidents were numerous. A partial list is as follows:

Henry Cox, lineman, partially injured about legs by falling from pole at corner of Fifteenth and Lovejoy streets.

Alexander Curly, milkman, burned about hands from touching live wire. Mrs. U. M. Costermonger, of Upper Albina, burned on face by live wire.

Albert Ludke, the night watchman, severely injured by falling from the slippery sidewalk on Washington street.

Horse belonging to Mike Tanner, of Columbia Slough, instantly electrocuted on Williams avenue.

Horse hauling construction wagon of Portland Railway Company killed by live wire at Thirteenth and Montgomery streets.

Horse driven to delivery wagon of Franklin Market instantly killed by live wire.

districts, and the reports brought in by the postman or casual passers-by were passed along so eagerly that they became grossly distorted. One woman who ventured downtown was inquiring about the three women who were killed by live wires. On being informed that there were only some horses killed she exclaimed:

"Well! Upon my word! How news does change as it travels! When that report reached Twenty-third street those horses had multiplied into many times that number, and three women had been added to the list of casualties."

CLERKS ARE DISMISSED EARLY

Olds, Wortman & King Take Care Employees Reach Home.

As soon as it was learned that few streetcars would be running and that the streets would be dark, Olds, Wortman & King began making arrangements to allow their employees to reach their homes at an early hour. As early as 4 o'clock clerks who live in the more distant suburbs were allowed to leave their work and nearly the entire number were allowed to go before the usual hour. The proprietors carefully gave plenty of time for all employees to reach their homes before they should be caught by darkness. Employees who live near the store kept it open for the convenience of downtown shoppers until the regular closing time.

Pawn Watch to Pay for Lodgings.

Caught in the storm and being temporarily without funds, unable to reach

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his home at Mount Scott, H. Robison, a youth, appeared at police headquarters at 9 o'clock last night and asked Captain Slover to give him an order that would assist him in pawing a gold watch to secure money with which to rent a room for himself and his little brother over night. His request was granted, and Station Officer Isaacs was assigned to go with the boys to a loan office, where the proprietor loaned them \$1. Happy to have the problem solved, the boys thanked the policeman and went to get the room.

Stranger in a Strange City, and "Broke"

Visitor From Vancouver, Wash., Finds It a Difficult Task to Raise More Funds When Supply Gives Out.

HENRY STANTON, a contracting painter, from Vancouver, Wash., was hit hard by the storm. He came over to Portland yesterday morning to transact some business, and while he was making the rounds, the wires broke, the power went off and the cars stopped. When Henry got around to the point where he wished to go home he found that he was inclosed in a great city. Added to his dilemma was the fact that he had no collateral, and, being a stranger, he was in a bad way. After thinking as hard as he could, Stanton decided to seek a police station to get some officer to introduce a check. He sauntered into headquarters and took up the case with Chief Gritzmacher in person. Not being acquainted with Stanton, the Chief had some hesitation about endorsing his check, and he was therefore politely but firmly refused the request.

Upon the advice of an officer, Stanton called up a well-known saloon-keeper over the telephone, but just as he was getting to the end of his plaintive tale the wire "died" and Stanton was again defeated. Completely baffled, he left the station-house, vowing he would secure a room at a leading hotel and force the clerk to accept a check in payment of light.

Electric Light Plant Disabled.

OREGON CITY, Or., Jan. 28.—(Special.)—A "burn-out" in station B of the General Electric Company resulted in the shutting off of all electric power and light from this city this afternoon. As near as the trouble can be learned at this hour, there was a short circuit near Portland, which cut off the current from that city, and caused it to back up upon the power-house here. This resulted in the burning out of most of the fuses in town, and has left the city in total darkness. All wires are down between here and Portland, because of last night's storm, and the only communication is by the Southern Pacific.

Ice Blanket on Oregon City.

OREGON CITY, Or., Jan. 28.—(Special.)—Showers of sleet and ice created havoc today just north of this city, but the effect of the storm is not felt here. Traffic on the Oregon Water Power & Railway Company's lines is practically paralyzed, though one car went through to Portland, making the trip in three hours. All along the electric carline the scene is indescribable. Trees are broken down and shrubbery is covered with ice. The suburbs of Gladstone, Parkplace, Oak Grove and other towns along the line have every appearance of being inclosed.

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TREES GREATLY DAMAGED

LOSS IN ORCHARDS AND SHADE GROVES HEAVY.

At Plaza Blocks and City Park Sound of Falling Branches and Trunks Resembles Cannonading.

Incalculable damage was wrought by the freeze to orchards and shade trees in and about Portland. The loss to the orchards will be heavy, and every orchard in the vicinity was damaged to some extent. It is understood that the extensive prune and plum orchards about Vancouver suffered especially.

In many instances the weight of the ice was so great upon the trees that they fell over and the roots were torn out of the ground. Limbs cracked and fell, and in some orchards the trunks of the light trees were almost stripped. In some cases the trunks were split wide open, the divided trunks falling in opposite directions.

The greatest damage was to the plum and cherry trees, but the cherry, apple and pear trees by no means escaped. Orchardists when seen yesterday said that the loss in the vicinity of Mountaineers was particularly heavy. They said that in the afternoon there was a slight breeze, and that hundreds of trees that would otherwise have escaped were carried down.

Orchard owners are greatly alarmed lest there be a wind this morning, and declare that unless it is comparatively calm that thousands of fruit trees will be utterly ruined. The trees are loaded to the breaking point, and a wind would simply tear the branches in places.

Thousands of the beautiful shade trees in Portland are horribly marred from broken limbs. Many were uprooted yesterday when the accumulation of ice carried them down. A magnificent elm in front of the Ladd residence on Sixth street, between Jefferson and Columbia streets, toppled over and carried with it another large tree back of the Hirsch residence, directly across the street.

At the Corbett home, Fifth and Yamhill streets, gigantic elms that have been standing for nearly a quarter of a century, fell under the great coat of ice which encased them from top to root. One fell across Fifth street at about 10 o'clock, impeding traffic on the street and carried down with it dozens of telephone wires.

In the plaza blocks dozens of trees were crushed, and at the City Park the destruction was great. Large trees in the burning out of most of the fuses in town, and has left the city in total darkness. All wires are down between here and Portland, because of last night's storm, and the only communication is by the Southern Pacific.

SNOWPLOW ORDERED OUT

HUGE ROTARY SENT TO DIG OUT O. R. & N. TRACKS.

Blockade on Line Between Portland and The Dalles Demoralizes Traffic of All Kinds.

The only railway snowplow in Western Oregon, a rotary, stored at the O. R. & N. shops at Albina, was ordered out yesterday for the first time in years, and put in commission to buck a huge drift near Multnomah Falls, which stalled the westbound Spokane Flyer, due here yesterday morning. The machine seemed to enjoy the unwelcome exercise of diving into the drifts, and was soon throwing snow over the smokestack of the locomotive propelling it. This rotary has often seemed useless to railroad men, so seldom is it required. In fact, officials of the operating department do not recall the last time it was called out.

The Spokane Flyer had not arrived late last night, but was expected early this morning. The Chicago train pulled in at 8:45 last night, indicating that the line had been cleared, but the O. R. & N. wires were out of commission last night and no reports could be had from the trains. The operating officials here did not know when they would see the word that a small quantity will tempt a full, rich flavor to Soups, Sauces and Flavored Dishes.

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