

WAVE OF STORM ALONG COLUMBIA Snow and Flood Block Transportation and Menace Stock Industry.

GENERAL FEED SHORTAGE

Small Loss of Stock Reported, but It Is Feared That Cattle and Sheep Will Suffer Near John Day.

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The Dufur and Shaniko Railroads are still out of commission. The main line of the O. R. & N. Company east of here is open, trains arriving several hours late.

The main obstruction in the West is between Horse Tail and Multnomah Falls, where a rotary snow plow is at work on the west end of the blockade.

Another rotary brought from La Grande began on the east end of the blockade this morning. The rotary has increased the task of clearing the blockade a hundred-fold along the Columbia between Wyeth and Bridal Veil where it has poured off the mountain-side like tons of shot.

The difficulty is aggravated by a dearth of motive power, due to the stalled engines in the drifts. This city is now waiting for the majority westbound, although no Eastern trains have left here since Wednesday.

TRAIN BLOCKED BY SLIDES. Passengers Are Kept 24 Hours Without Food.

HOOD RIVER, Or., Feb. 6.—(Special.)—(Delayed in transmission.)—The worst snow blockade that has occurred on the O. R. & N. in 20 years has kept all through trains from reaching Hood River for three days, and was the cause of train No. 1 with 30 passengers on board, being held between two snowdrifts 11 miles here near since 2 o'clock yesterday. When near Wyeth the engineer saw a big slide ahead and stopped the train just in time to keep from running into it.

The train was started back toward Hood River, but had gone only two miles when it encountered a slide that had taken place since the train had passed that point. The train was then kept running back and forth between the two slides to avoid being engulfed in snow, and was finally brought to a standstill near Wyeth, where it remained until this afternoon, when it was rescued by a rotary snowplow, two engines and a big force of men.

Passengers who are here tonight at the hotels at the expense of the railroad company are being treated with the best of treatment by both employees and officials of the road, although they were forced to go without anything to eat from 2 o'clock yesterday until the same hour today.

OREGON CITY'S SAD PLIGHT. Flooded by Rising River, but Without Water Supply.

OREGON CITY, Or., Feb. 6.—(Special.)—The water in the Willamette has risen to such a point that the city waterworks are shut down. Notices were posted this morning that the water would be shut off at noon, and remain shut off till the river had receded. The reservoir is full, but that will be held in readiness for possible fire emergencies, and no water at all is flowing through the mains.

NEW YORK, Feb. 6.—Several hundred merchant tailors from all the Eastern and Central States will meet in this city February 12 to take part in the annual convention of the Merchant Tailors' National Exchange. The convention will be held at the Hotel Astoria, and will continue for three days. One feature of the convention will be an exhibit of garments manufactured in the various centers, showing all the various styles and a series of talks on styles and methods of manufacturing, with the models as illustrations.

AMERICAN TO PAINT POPE'S PORTRAIT. ROME, Feb. 6.—William E. Cook, of Independence, Ia., has been signally honored by Pope Pius, who has consented to give the painter sittings for a portrait. Mr. Cook will be the first American to paint a picture of his holiness. The actual time for the beginning of the sittings has not been announced, but will be in the near future.

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The Great Northern has been tied up for three days by bad snow-slides between Leavenworth and the Cascade Mountains. One passenger train is said to be almost buried in the snow, and three others are housed in by the slides.

CREST REACHED AT SALEM. River Goes Above 31-Foot Mark, Nearing Record of 1889.

SALEM, Or., Feb. 6.—(Special.)—The Willamette River reached its highest crest here at noon today. The flood passed the 31-foot mark, coming within a few feet of the highest record made 17 years ago. The river is fully a mile wide and there is a terrific current at the center of the stream.

This afternoon a large mass of drift was washed against the west approach of the bridge, badly racking the bents and it is feared that this part of the structure may be carried away. The North Commercial street bridge is in a dangerous condition and the Yew Park carline is rendered useless beyond Mill street, because of the back water up Mill Creek.

RIVER FALLING AT ALBANY. Water Street Is Flooded and Basements Are Filled.

ALBANY, Or., Feb. 6.—(Special.)—The Willamette has fallen two feet since noon and is now receding rapidly. The highest point reached was 32.9 feet. Water street was flooded all day and warehouse basements were inundated. The water reached the floors of the offices of Westgate keepers and the Oregon City Transportation Company. Employees of the Morning Herald were forced to go to their work in boats.

The main today was confined to the tearing up of roads, sweeping away of fences and breaking of telephone wires. So strong was the current at the north end of the Hannay road bridge that many trees were uprooted.

DAMAGE DONE NEAR BOISE. Roads Washed Out and Dwellings Flooded in Idaho.

BOISE, Idaho, Feb. 6.—(Special.)—(Delayed in transmission.)—Reports coming from Idaho report that considerable damage was done by heavy rain that fell yesterday. Roads were washed out at a number of points. In this city water from the hills did much inconvenience and some damage.

At Mountain Home some dwellings were flooded, and the same condition existed at other points. The state road to Idaho City is washed out and travel is interrupted. It rained steadily for 24 hours, being perhaps the longest of heavy rain ever experienced in this section.

High Water in Yakima Valley. NORTH YAKIMA, Wash., Feb. 6.—(Special.)—The Northern Pacific is not running a train tonight. Everything on the line is waiting for the water to subside. The water has been tied up since early this morning as a result of washouts and high water at points between Alifafa, on the Yakima River, and a point thirty miles east of Klona. At Klona the water has risen more than 100 feet of the roadbed was washed away, and for miles this side of it the same condition exists. The chook wind melting the snow is the main cause of the trouble.

PRAISE FOR TRAIN CREW. Benedictine Sister Tells of Work of Conductor and Brakemen.

High praise for the generous treatment of passengers on the stalled train, No. 5, is given by the train crew by a Benedictine sister who was on board and who has just returned from the train. She said William Maher, conductor, and Samuel N. Lee and Oliver Kelcey, brakemen, as well as the porters, were unflinchingly and bravely met the conditions as much as possible.

Not only did the trainmen go without food that the women and children might be supplied, but they stayed up day and night to keep the train warm and to walk long distances over the snow to bring provisions to the passengers.

CITY COUNCIL TO CONGRESS. Would Permit Registry of Foreign-Built Vessels.

By unanimous vote the Council yesterday endorsed an amendment to the Federal statutes which is aimed to permit the registration of foreign-built vessels under the laws of the United States.

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An issue in the contention over the position of chief of police was forced yesterday by the Council when it passed over the veto of Mayor Lane the appropriation ordinance for the police department, in which no provision is made for the salary of chief. The Council also passed a separate ordinance appropriating pay for a chief for a year on condition that a regular appointment to this position be made.

As was expected, there was little support for the veto of Mayor Lane. The ordinance became a law by a vote of 11 to 3, Councilman Kellaher being the dissenting member. The negative votes were by Councilmen Dunning, Sharkey and Vaughn. Councilman Rushlight, who originally voted against the appropriation ordinance, explained the change in his vote on the ground that he believed that the ordinance covering the appropriation for a regularly appointed chief solved the difficulty.

"The Mayor evidently thinks that the appropriation ordinance in its present form would hamper the department," said Councilman Willis, after Auditor Devlin had read the Mayor's message in which he had warned the Council to have a care "how they cripple the service." "By this ordinance we provide for 22 new officers, do we not? And we agree to appropriate money for the salary of the chief when one shall be appointed. I certainly do not see how we shall harm the department. If the Mayor appoints a chief it would appear that the service will be strengthened."

Without further debate the ordinance was passed over the veto. Its effect will be to cut off the salary of a fourth captain, as well as of the chief, and these salaries will not be available for the month of February, although there are now four captains employed, and Captain Gritzmacher serving as acting chief. The ordinance appropriating the salary of chief under condition that such an official be appointed passed by unanimous vote.

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The ways and means committee had submitted with its approval an ordinance creating the two positions named, which subsequently came up for passage. As the appropriation has already been overruled, however, its passage would be useless, and the ordinance failed to carry. As a result the two firemen have left their former positions with no provision for pay.

The Council passed over the veto of the Mayor the appropriation for salary of the bailiff of the Municipal Court. This appropriation failed to receive the endorsement of the Mayor for the reason that the position is now in litigation, a controversy over the appointment of the present incumbent by the Council having arisen between that body and the Mayor. Those who voted with the Mayor were Councilmen Rushlight, Sharkey and Vaughn. Councilman Kellaher was absent.

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LICENSE BILL GOES OVER COUNCILMEN DEMAND COPIES OF GRAY'S ORDINANCE.

Objection Delays Final Action on Measure Raising Retail Liquor License to \$800 Yearly.

Because objection was made yesterday to final consideration of the \$800 liquor license by the Council, the ordinance introduced by Councilman Gray was held over until the next meeting.

TORRENS BILL NOT KILLED. Senator Coshow Writes That Substitute Is Introduced.

Since the report that the bill of Senator Coshow, to amend the Torrens law, was killed in committee, he has written to R. C. Wright thanking him for his interest in encouraging legislation in this matter, and saying that he has introduced a substitute bill to provide the remedy Mr. Wright wants the act to cover.

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