BAD FLOOD WOULD COME WITH THAW

Cold, However, Becomes More Severe, With No Indications of Change.

MERCURY 10 ABOVE ZERO

Portland Experiences Worst Day for Years, but Public Adapts Itself to Conditions—Partial Car Service Is Maintained.

CONTINUED COLD TODAY.

The forecast for today's weather shows continued cold and light snow flurries of snow. This condition is regarded as fortunate since it will remove the dangers of floods which a chinook would create.

Portland's security from worse inconveniences than snow and cold lies in the foot-thick mantle of white which spreads over the entire Willamette Valley. Only continued cold to prevent this boundless area of snow from being converted hastily into water may prevent the most severe flood conditions of years in the Willamette Valley.

Last night conditions were reported by the local weather bureau as most favorable to continued cold weather. District Forecaster Beals held a careful finger on the pulse of the weather until he was convinced there could be no immediate danger from rising waters. Chinook conditions, he said, would bring a limitless amount of water into the bed of the river and just what the result might be would be hard to determine. With fully nine inches of well-packed snow over the entire valley and most of the headwaters district a chinook might make boating a necessity in the Front-street district.

Water Already Is High.

For several days to come the river will be watched with the closest care. Heavy rains have occurred in the extreme headquarters district and the river is already bowling along well towards its full capacity. Decided lowering of temperature in the region of rains held back most of the water. Gradual rising of the thermometer is what is hoped for. Then the valley can lay aside its heavy garment gradually and the river will not have to overreach itself in the gigantic task of drainage.

Portland remained in the grasp of the storm king all of yesterday and Jack Frost, by special dispensation from the sovereign disported himself to the fullness of his capricious nature. Now he would nip someone's ears or cheeks or he would freeze a water pipe or impede traffic by freezing the snow. He cut the merchants' trade in half by forcing the buying public to seek refuge at the glowing grate and he performed such other pranks as pleased him. But through all he was serving a useful purpose so none need complain. For Jupiter Pluvius who would succeed him means only to bring down the torrents from the valley snows.

Coldest Day in Years.

It was the coldest day of the storm period, in fact the coldest day of the year or of last year or the year before. Not since 1896 has the thermometer crept down so near zero as at 5 o'clock yesterday morning, when ten degrees above was recorded. Last night there was prospect of going even below that mark and before morning anyone looking at the thermometer need not be surprised to see it register eight or even seven or six degrees above. The lowest previous record of recent years was eight above, which was shown on January 4, 1895.

While the day was colder and there was a very scattered fall of snow, yet the inconveniences of yesterday were fewer than at any time within the past several days of the storm king's reign. For Portland had made its adjustments. There would have been no inconvenience at all for that matter except for the unpreparedness. It is pointed out that states of the Wintry East and Middle West would really think nothing of such a spell as Portland is just going through. It would even be pronounced mild if, indeed, any comment were occasioned at all. But Portland was expecting nothing of the sort, having only a remote precedent, and hence the disturbances in traffic and business and individual comfort.

There was something bordering on a streetcar service throughout the day and early night. Cars started running at an early hour and something like a regular schedule was attempted. In order to succeed in this undertaking the snow plows and brushes had been kept going practically all night, especially on the suburban lines which had not been previously cleared in a satisfactory way. Thousands of East Siders who had to walk in heretofore during the storm period found cars to convey them to the business district.

Hundreds Forced to Walk.

Many blockades occurred, however, and many hundred persons had to walk. These blackades were especially noticeable where heavy grades occur and where there is much teaming. For teamsters, with their own conveniences solely in view, took to the cleared tracks and thus covered the frosted rails with crusts of frozen snow.

Business picked up somewhat, there were more people on the streets, the theaters reported somewhat increased sales, the streetcars took in more money, the bank deposits were a trifle larger and in all lines of business a slight stimulus was felt, due, no doubt, to the fact that the city is becoming adjusted to real Winter. Anyway tradespeople find solace in the knowledge that a reaction is bound to occur when the cold snap passes. Then the shoppers will have to make up for lost time and the clerks are now standing about enjoying a mild species of vacation will be kept busy up to the limit of human energy.

Although snow fell throughout the day, it added little or nothing to the layer already covering the ground. Between the hours of 6 o'clock yesterday morning and 6 o'clock in the afternoon there was a fall of an inch and a half. It was a very scattered and frosty fall, however, and during most of the day one could almost count the flakes within the limits of vision, as they fell. This inch and a half added nothing at all to the city's snow mantle for there was a settling of the snow already down which equalized the new fall. The average depth did not go above nine inches although the actual fall has passed the 15-inch mark.

Reports from up the valley received yesterday by the local weather bureau revealed that Albany has 14 inches with prospects of more. Harrisburg has six inches, Eugene seven and a half, and Salem 12. Weather bureau bulletins and press dispatches disclose that the storm king continues his dominion over the entire Northwest. The cold and snow are attributable to winds from the North and East which swept down the frosty monarch from his accustomed abodes east of the Cascades. The whole storm may really be described as an intruder from the realms of real Winter, for it is no part of the normal climate hereabouts.

Mail, freight and passenger service is still a little bit put out but the various railway lines are able to keep up a daily schedule, most of the trains being several hours late. Serious trouble is being encountered at the terminal yards and Union Depot grounds because of the snow packing the hundreds of switch frogs. Great delay in the making up of trains and the handling of freight has been occasioned in this way. The night train on the West Side line departed with a double engine and snowplow attached so as to prevent any tieup in the hills where winds have banked the snows deeply. On both sides of the Columbia snowplows have been utilized to clear a way in the drifts.

The temperature of ten degrees above zero, as recorded early yesterday morning, stands out in glaring contrast with the coldest day of 1908, when 23 degrees above was recorded. And that coldest day of the old year was experienced December 19, only a few weeks ago, so that it was in fact a part of the present season. The coldest day of last Winter was February 2, 1908, when 25 degrees above was reached.

Five Hours at 10 Degrees.

The 10-degree mark was reached at 5 A. M. when not a few open-window, fresh-air faddists were forced to tie themselves in knots or rub their feet or rush about for more coverings. At ten above it remained for five full hours and then began rising slowly. Through the day the mercury hovered between 10 and 14 degrees, the highest point of the day being 14 above. There was just enough breeze stirring to make this cold intensely felt. It was necessary to keep moving, no matter how warmly clad the pedestrian might be, and the streets were dotted with hurrying people with great clouds of steam emerging from their throats as from the exhaust of a locomotive.

Sleighing continued excellent and there was some skating on outlying ponds where the snow was swept away. Last night the air was all a-jingle with the enlivening music of sleighbells, and the merry laughter of bobsleigh parties was on every hand. The average person, to be sure, preferred to remain near the fireplace or stove or with his arms about the radiator. Only the romantic and enthusiastic could be tempted into sleighs.

"But people ought really to feel very thankful for the cold weather at this time," said District Forecaster Beals, in discussing the storm yesterday afternoon. "It is a peculiar thing that heretofore it has been so warm south of Portland that heavy rains have fallen in the district of the Willamette headwaters. This might have resulted most uncomfortably, but on account of continued cold weather it is entirely probable that the flood waters will run off more gradually. I do not believe there is any immediate danger of a flooded river.

Prophets Hit It at Last.

"This is real Winter," Mr. Beals added. "It reminds me that every Winter season since I've been here the prognosticators of the goose-bone variety have been predicting a severe Winter. Some hermit living back in the woods has noted the squirrels taking in a larger store of nuts than usual or some other sign in Nature has indicated a severe Winter to them. At last they've hit it; all of which goes to prove that if the goose-bone forecasters keep at it long enough they are able to forecast most anything."

An army of men have found temporary employment shoveling snow. The streetcar companies have been hiring all applicants. It is a noticeable fact that the various saloons seem to be the first to get their sidewalks cleared, for there are many slaves of Mr. Barleycorn who will do anything for a few drinks. The spectacle of workmen scooping layers of snow off roofs was also very common. Where there are flat roofs, the snow must be shoveled away or there is apt to be annoying leakage when the first thaw begins with the drain pipes yet frozen.

Plumbers and fuel dealers continue capacity business. Frozen water pipes are the rule rather than the exception and the plumbers have their hands full taking care of the burst variety of pipes. Several coal companies are not attempting deliveries, declaring that it is unsafe for their delivery horses to try to convey heavy loads through the slippery streets. Intelligent coal and wood dealers, however, have taken the trouble to have their animals provided with steel corks so that they can pull on smooth ice without danger.

Liverymen throughout the city are reaping a golden harvest out of the snow. Every horse and sleigh available is in demand, and many of the horses are being worked overtime hauling the sleighs about the city. Exorbitant rates are charged in many instances, while the normal charge for a horse and cutter seems to be $5 an hour.

BIRDS FACE STARVATION.

Thousands of birds face starvation. The snow has cut them off from their food supplies and unless humane people provide food for the birds, countless numbers must perish. Many persons have already made clearances in their yards for the scattering of crumbs. Birds sitting mournfully on pickets and in the bare trees were to be seen in all parts of the city yesterday. None should overlook these little sufferers today. It will take you only a couple of minutes to make a small clearance—and not only will the exercise be good and the moral effect better, but dozens of little lives may thereby be saved.

Two special trains on the Spokane, Portland & Seattle will make Vancouver today, leaving Portland at 11 A. M. and 2:40 P. M., and leaving Vancouver for Portland at 10 A. M. and 1 P. M. The ferry continues frozen in and the special train service will be in effect until the Columbia again becomes navigable.

O. R. & N. TRAINS ARE DELAYED

Electric Lines Near Portland Are Experiencing Less Difficulty.

Passenger trains on the O. R. & N. yesterday were from two to four hours late in arriving, caused by snow obstruction as far east as Umatilla. In the vicinity of The Dalles, particularly, heavy drifts retarded train service, but officials of the road reported yesterday that fairly good service was maintained all day from that point to Portland. They said that with no further fall of snow in the valley, trains would be making as good time as customary in the Winter season by another day.

Electric lines leading from interior points were running on about regular schedule. The main office of the Oregon Electric system reported that cars were making regular time yesterday. Cars of this line are equipped with snow guards, so that no difficulty is encountered when a fall of snow appears of no greater depth than was one of the last few days.

Portland People in Chicago.

CHICAGO, Jan. 8.—(Special.)—Portland people registered in Chicago hotels today as follows:

Great Northern, L. G. Holmes, Mrs. Edith Holmes; Morrison, E. Jennings.

Today and Monday will positively be the last days for discount on West Side gas bills. **

SNOW AREA NOW SPREAD TO SOUTH

Falling Temperature in Willamette Valley and Heavy Snow in Siskiyous.

BLIZZARD IN LA GRANDE

Light Snow Continues Over Inland Empire—Columbia River Filling With Ice—Zero Weather at Pendleton and Spokane.

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inches of snow fell here this morning, making the total snowfall of the storm 18 inches. The snow has settled somewhat, making the depth now on the ground 14 inches. The Government thermometer here recorded the coldest mark of the Winter at 6 o'clock tonight, reaching 14½ degrees above zero. It reached 15 above last night and is getting much colder now. The maximum temperature today was 23 above.

THESE ARE THE DAYS TO BUILD MEN OF SNOW.
In all parts of the city youngsters may be seen enjoying the sport of building snow men. The above photograph shows two snow men built by the children of H. A. Maddock, of Woodstock.

SNOW IN DOUGLAS COUNTY

Hills About Grants Pass Covered and Flood Is Feared.

GRANTS PASS, Or., Jan. 8.—(Special.)—The heavy rain that has been pouring down the last 12 hours, turned to snow about noon today and tonight the hills are covered several inches deep. In the valley and lowlands, the snow has formed a slush under foot, owing to warm temperature prevailing.

If a warm rain carries off the snow, there is sure to be high water with danger to travel and wire communications.

At noon today the temperature changed, and by evening soft snow fell to a depth of five inches. Wire communication is seriously interrupted, owing to the heavy coat of snow on the wires. Western Union wires are down at West Fork and communication from this point for Portland goes to San Francisco.

At 9 o'clock tonight, Weather Observer J. B. Paddock reports the maximum temperature for the last 24 hours, 43; minimum, 31.

At 10 o'clock the weather is moderating, with a mixture of snow and rain.

ALL BUSINESS SUSPENDED

Kalama Shivers With Temperature 16 Above Zero.

KALAMA, Wash., Jan. 8.—(Special.)—Thirteen inches of snow had fallen here this morning and the weather is intensely cold. This morning the mercury stood at 16 above zero and is expected to drop to 12 above tonight. Water pipes froze in different parts of town last night and considerable difficulty is experienced in maintaining a supply of water.

The logging camps have all shut down and will not reopen until warmer weather comes. All business is completely at a standstill.

CLEAR SKIES ABOVE SALEM

Full Moon Makes Beautiful Wintry Scene at Capital City.

SALEM, Or., Jan. 8.—(Special.)—The temperature at Salem went down to 13.5 last night. It rose slightly today. Two degrees lower is expected tonight. The total snowfall to date is 13 inches.

For the first time since the snow storm began, the sky is perfectly clear tonight and the full moon makes the Wintry scene a beautiful one.

The Willamette continues rising and reached 12 feet today, with a probability of 13 or more tomorrow.

THREE INCHES AT ASHLAND

In Siskiyou Mountains Snow Is 16 Inches Deep and Still Falling.

ASHLAND, Or., Jan. 8.—(Special.)—The barometer took a sudden tumble here today, the temperature dropping with it, and the rain turning to sleet this afternoon, followed by wet snow which tonight covers the ground to a depth of three inches. Snow is still falling. Sixteen inches of snow are reported from Siskiyou station tonight and still falling. The temperature at 10:30 tonight was 20 and the snow was melting.

Hillsboro, Ten Inches of Snow.

HILLSBORO, Or., Jan. 8.—(Special.)—Ten above zero is the record today, with indications for colder before morning. A very large fall of snow was last night's contribution of the cold wave. It now seems certain that the mercury will get within 5 of zero before daybreak. Water pipes are frozen in over half of the houses in the city. Ten inches of snow is the maximum.

Twenty-three Above at Astoria.

ASTORIA, Or., Jan. 8.—(Special.)—There is as yet no break in the cold wave that is sweeping over this section. In fact, the temperature was lower today than at any previous time this Winter. At an early hour this morning the thermometer at the weather bureau dropped to 23 degrees above zero, just two degrees below the record on Wednesday and Thursday, and at 5 o'clock tonight it registered 23½ degrees with every indication of dropping several degrees before morning. No snowfall today.

RANCHER PERISHES IN COLD

Harry Scorey Frozen to Death Near Mission Junction, B. C.

VANCOUVER, B. C., Jan. 8.—A dispatch from Mission Junction says:

Harry Scorey, a rancher aged about 40, who lived with his mother and two sisters a few miles from here, was frozen to death two nights ago. His body was found by his nephew, Harry Davis, a lad of 11.

Blanket of Snow at Eugene.

EUGENE, Or., Jan. 8.—(Special.)—Six inches of snow fell in Eugene last night. A very fine snow has been falling intermittently today, and tonight the snow is seven inches deep. The river rose one foot last night, and as the temperature is falling it is thought the river will recede considerably tonight. Heavy traffic has not been interfered with, but streetcar service has been irregular. The minimum temperature today was 22.

Cold at Oregon City.

OREGON CITY, Or., Jan. 8.—(Special.)—Thermometers stood at 12 degrees this morning, but have gone to 15 degrees tonight. Snow has fallen during the day and indications are there will be more tonight. The snow is ten inches deep. The river is still rising and today the upper river stood at 8.7 feet while the lower river stood at 16.2 feet. The river rose 1.5 feet at Corvallis last night.

Snow One to Five Feet Deep.

CASCADE LOCKS, Or., Jan. 8.—(Special.)—There has been a continuous snowfall for three days, the depth now varying from one to five feet. The minimum temperature this morning was five above, varying three degrees during the past 48 hours. The Columbia River is about entirely frozen over. The steamers Dalles City and Sarah Dixon in the locks will be frozen in for several days. All work here is suspended.

Snohomish River Frozen Over.

EVERETT, Wash., Jan. 8.—For the first time in 15 years, the Snohomish River was this morning frozen over with a thin coating of ice. The weather continues cold, and many of the mills are shutting down. It was 8 below at Cascade Tunnel last night. The Great Northern is having trouble with freezing water-tanks in the hills.

Ten Above in Baker City.

BAKER CITY, Or., Jan. 8.—(Special.)—With maximum temperature of 46 and minimum of 10, Baker City and vicinity passed a day of almost continuous sunshine. Between 6 and 8 o'clock this evening two inches of snow fell and a cold north wind blew. At 9 o'clock the sky was clear, with no further indication of snow.

Ten Above at McMinnville.

M'MINNVILLE, Or., Jan. 8.—(Special.—The mercury during the greater part of the day has ranged between 16 and 22 above. No snow has fallen since last night. It is clear tonight with very little wind blowing. The mercury is rapidly falling, standing 10 degrees above at 8 o'clock. About 10 inches of snow covers the ground.

Ten Inches at Cottage Grove.

COTTAGE GROVE, Or., Jan. 8.—(Special.)—Snow began to fall here at 10 o'clock last night and continued until 4 P. M. today, covering the ground at a depth from eight to 10 inches. The temperature has been falling rapidly this afternoon and is now freezing. This is the heaviest snowstorm in this section for many years.

Three Inches at Roseburg.

ROSEBURG, Or., Jan. 8.—(Special.)—Roseburg is receiving its share of the cold snap today. Snow has been falling all day, three inches being reported by the Weather Bureau this evening, with a prediction of snow tonight and tomorrow. The temperature has ranged at 29 and 30 above today.

Clatskanie Camp Closed.

CLATSKANIE, Or., Jan. 8.—(Special.)—Claskanie is taking advantage of the first heavy snow in several years by making merry with coasting and sleigh-riding. About eight inches of snow covers the ground. Logging camps and mills in this vicinity have closed temporarily.

Corvallis Reports 16 Above.

CORVALLIS, Or., Jan. 8.—(Special.)—The temperature at 8 A. M. registered 18 degress; at noon, 25; 6 P. M., 16. The sky was partially clear at 7 P. M. Four inches of snow fell last night.

14 Above in Seattle.

SEATTLE, Wash., Jan. 8.—All public schools were open today and streetcar lines were operating. The minimum temperature was 14 above at 4 o'clock. Snow is eight inches deep.

Four Inches of Snow at Drain.

DRAIN, Or., Jan. 8.—(Special.)—Four inches of snow covers the ground and the minimum temperature was 26 today. Rain fell all day yesterday.

Taft Plays Canny Game.

AUGUSTA, Ga., Jan. 8.—The President-elect, with his Secretary of State, Mr. Knox, played a game of golf and spent the remainder of the day in conference on the makeup of the Taft Cabinet. No political callers came today.

SENATOR TRIES TO FORCE BLOCKADE

San Francisco Steamer Makes Attempt to Reach Astoria Through Ice Jam.

SOLID FLOE AT VANCOUVER

Situation Rapidly Growing Worse and Jam Is Heavy at Warrior Rock—Astoria Steamers Go by Way of Willamette Slough.

Navigation on the Willamette and Columbia Rivers was practically at a standstill yesterday. The steam schooners Yellowstone and Mayfair, lumber-laden, left down, but were unable to proceed further than the mouth of the Willamette River, on account of the ice. The steamship Senator, the only iron ship to sail from this port yesterday, left down at 4 o'clock; but up to an early hour this morning it is not known whether she got through or not.

Below the mouth of the Willamette the ice jam was heavy. The floating ice was more than a foot thick, and at the jam at Warrior Rock was several feet in thickness. The wooden vessels would not attempt to run the ice blockade; but Captain Nopander, of the Senator, decided to try and make it through.

At Vancouver the situation is rapidly growing worse. The ice is solid out from the Washington shore for a distance of 400 feet, and outside of that the floating ice is fully 18 inches in thickness. Shore ice is forming rapidly on the Hayden Island side, and there is only a narrow space where the ice is moving.

Below the mouth of the Willamette the ice is jamming up rapidly, and at Warrior Rock the river is blocked the entire way across. The ice floes have grounded, and by tonight, it is safe to say, the jam will pile several feet above the present stage of water.

The steamer Lurline, from Astoria, arrived in Portland last evening at 6:45 o'clock. She had to come through the Willamette Slough, on account of the heavy ice in the Columbia. Regular service between Portland and Astoria will be continued by the river steamers as long as the Willamette Slough is kept open. Shore ice is forming along the island side of the slough, and that outlet may close at any time.

FORECASTER'S OFFICIAL REPORT

Continued Cold, Snow Flurries and Easterly Winds Predicted for Today.

PORTLAND, Jan. 8.—Maximum temperature, 13.7 degrees; minimum temperature, 10.2 degrees. River reading at 8 A. M., 6.2 feet; change in last 24 hours, .5 foot. Total rainfall 5 P. M. to 5 P. M., .16 inches; total rainfall since September 1, 1908, 15.07 inches; normal rainfall since September 1, 1908, 21.23 inches; deficiency, 6.16 inches. Total sunshine, January 7, 1909, 42 minutes; possible sunshine, January 7, 1909, 8 hours, 48 minutes. Barometer (reduced to sea level) at 5 P. M., 29.74 inches.

PACIFIC COAST WEATHER.

Observations taken at 5 P. M., Pacific time, January 8, 1909.

STATIONS.	Maximum temp.	Precipitation past 12 hours	Wind Velocity	Wind Direction	State of weather
Baker City	46	0.06	10	NW	Snow
Bismarck	—14	0.01	10	NE	Snow
Boise	30	0.00	18	SE	Cloudy
Helena	20	0.34	4	W	Snow
Kamloops	—16	0.00	4	SW	Clear
North Head	28	0.01	14	E	Clear
Pocatello	48	T.	10	S	Cloudy
Portland	14	0.02	8	SE	Cloudy
Red Bluff	54	0.18	8	SE	Cloudy
Roseburg	32	0.54	4	NW	Snow
Sacramento	32	0.70	14	S	Cloudy
Salt Lake	52	0.00	12	SE	Cloudy
San Francisco	58	0.34	24	SW	Cloudy
Spokane	6	0.14	4	N	Snow
Tacoma	18	0.08	8	NE	Cloudy
Tatoosh Island	22	0.00	56	E	Pt cdy
Walla Walla	....	0.16	4	SW	Snow
Blaine	10	T.	10	NE	Cloudy
Kalispell	—8	0.08	8	NW	Snow
Tonopah	44	0.00	24	SE	Pt cdy

WEATHER CONDITIONS.

The Northwestern high pressure area with its attendant cold weather is moving slowly eastward and the low pressure area extending from the Washington coast southeastward to the Great Salt Lake basin remains nearly stationary. Cold air from the north continues to drain into the valleys in this district and the temperature has fallen 20 degrees since yesterday at Baker City and 16 degrees at Roseburg. The rain in Southern Oregon has changed to snow and it has reached a depth of ten inches at Eugene and about four inches at Roseburg. Snow has also fallen throughout the North Pacific states except in Southern Idaho, but the amount during the last 12 hours has generally been light. On account of the change to colder weather at the head of the Willamette River, that stream is not rising so rapidly as otherwise would have been the case and the stages are not sufficiently high in its upper stretches to produce a flood in Portland.

The indications are for continued cold weather in this district Saturday, with the conditions favorable for slightly more moderate weather Sunday. Snow flurries will continue over Saturday and it will be colder in Southern Idaho.

FORECASTS.

Portland and vicinity—Saturday, snow flurries and continued cold; easterly winds.

Oregon—Saturday, light now, continued cold west and colder extreme east portion; easterly winds.

Washington—Saturday, snow flurries and continued cold; easterly winds.

Idaho—Saturday, snow flurries and continued cold north, rain turning to snow and colder southern portion.

EDWARD A. BEALS,
District Forecaster.

LINES DOWN, BUT TRAINS RUN

Southern Pacific Depends on Telephones for Its Service.

It was reported at 10 o'clock last night that telegraph lines from a point about 20 miles south of Roseburg were down, but the Southern Pacific Company was not entirely dependent upon the telegraph, having telephones to supplement that service. As a result the train dispatcher's office here reported that trains were running on a schedule only about 10 to 15 minutes behind time.

There was little interference reported from the Siskiyou Mountain division. Some difficulty with the regular wire service was reported, but to what extent it was not said at a late hour last night. Weather conditions at Roseburg were reported as cloudy and cold at 11 o'clock.

ZERO WEATHER IN SPOKANE

Cold Continues Unabated Over Entire Inland Empire.

SPOKANE, Wash., Jan. 8.—(Special.)—With the mercury at zero or lower tonight and until noon varying six degrees from the warmest period of the day, the cold wave hangs onto the Inland Empire. Many rivers and lakes which for 10 years have been navigable the year round are frozen over. All boat traffic has ceased on the St. Joe River in Idaho. The Mountain Gem is tied up at Pasco, Wash., on the Columbia, being unable to make the up-river trip because of ice. Snow flurries are frequent, but of short duration.

The inhabitants of this region are more interested in the weather continuing cold enough to allow the snow to stay on the ground than a change to a chinook, which would cause floods. Train service is no worse anywhere, on some roads showing an improvement.

SIX FEET DEEP IN CASCADES

Snow Plows Kept Constantly at Work to Keep Roads Clear.

TACOMA, Wash., Jan. 8.—(Special.)—The snow storm continued most of the day and indications are that the worst is over, but that the cold weather will continue several days. The snow covering the city has made teaming almost impossible and the streetcar service has been greatly hampered.

The snow on the Cascade Mountains is reported as falling fast and has reached a depth of six feet, but so far trains have not been delayed, as the rotary plows have been kept constantly at work.

There is great danger of a water shortage in the city as consumers leave the water running to prevent freezing in the pipes.

Ice Jam at Vancouver.

VANCOUVER, Wash., Jan. 8.—(Special.)—This morning the Columbia was blocked solid from shore to shore in front of Vancouver. The ice began to pile up until the river for miles up was one solid mass of ice, but about 1 o'clock the jam broke and the ice has been floating past ever since. The North Bank road is using two engines on every train both ways between here and Pasco.

Umatilla River Frozen Over.

PENDLETON, Or., Jan. 8.—(Special.)—The snow now lies ten inches deep on the level here, that being the amount of the fall for the present storm. The thermometer has not registered higher than eight above zero since Monday morning, and last night it was three below. Snow has been falling most of that time. The Umatilla River is frozen over.

Two Below at Lincoln.

SALEM, Or., Jan. 8.—A telephone message to the Statesman from Lincoln, 6 miles north of Salem, reported two below zero at Lincoln at 11 P. M.

WAVES WASH OUT TRACK

High Tide at Fort Stevens Cuts Off Railroad Communication.

FORT STEVENS, Or., Jan. 8.—(Special.)—Storm waves at high tide yesterday washed out 100 feet of track of the Astoria & Columbia River Railroad. Telegraph and telephone communication have also been temporarily cut off, but connections are rapidly being re-established. It is still impossible to communicate with points on the Washington side of the river by telephone.

The violent wind and sleet storm is being followed by an exceptionally heavy snowfall, said by local residents to be the heaviest they have ever witnessed.

Officials' Bonds Raised.

VANCOUVER, Wash., Jan. 8.—(Special.)—When the county commissioners raised the class of Clark County from the 13th to the 10th class recently, they did not believe that it would in any way affect the amount of bonds that would be required of any of the county officials.

The new county commissioners had their bonds made out for $10,000, as has been the custom, but when they were being approved, it was found that as the class has been raised, the amount of the bond required for the county commissioners is $15,000, or $5000 more than before. This caused much trouble as the bonds have each to be raised $5000.

Begin Work on Scouring Plant.

ECHO, Or., Jan. 8.—(Special.)—The Growers' Wool Scouring Company is ordering the material for the proposed extensive warehouses and scouring plant here. The local lumber yards are figuring to furnish the building stuff. Thomas Ross, of Portland, the manager returned to Echo yesterday, and regardless of the cold weather and blinding snow immediately got busy with the mechanics. Echo's future looks more promising now than for many years past.

Theater Attendance Affected.

Manager George Baker said last night that the unusual cold weather had affected theater attendance to probably 50 per cent. He said that the regular theaters had suffered a falling off to that extent up to last night, when the business picked up considerably on account of the restoration of streetcar traffic. As to the picture shows the report was that the entertainments practically had been losing propositions for the last few days.

Kline Accused of Fraud.

WALLA WALLA, Wash., Jan. 8.—Frederick R. Kline, recently indicted by the grand jury of Stanislaus County on the charge of having sold $30,000 of alleged fraudulent Bully Hill mining stock in Modesto, Cal., was arrested in this city today on advices received from officers in California. Kline appears confident of obtaining his release soon.

Humbug Park Indorsed.

ASTORIA, Or., Jan. 8.—(Special.)—The County Court has made an order indorsing the action of Senator Fulton in requesting Congress to make a National park of Humbug and Saddle Mountains, in this county, a district comprising about 3000 acres. The order, however, states that the court desires to be understood as not wishing to take away any rights of actual settlers.

Astoria Has 2597 School Children.

ASTORIA, Or., Jan. 8.—(Special.)—School Clerk Sherman has completed the census of children of school age in Astoria district and finds a total of 2597. Of these, 1311 are boys and 1286 are girls. The total number of children of school age in the county, according to the census, is 4101, which is 31 less than last year.

ROTARY PLOWS OUT

Two North Coast Limiteds Stalled in Montana.

NO IMMEDIATE LET-UP

Blizzard Rages in Eastern Section, With Temperature of 38 Below at Garrison — Deep Snow Blocks Road in West.

BUTTE, Mont., Jan. 8.—One of the worst snow storms since 1887 is reported in the Western portion of Montana, according to advices received by the Miner tonight. At Garrison a blizzard is raging and the temperature is 38 below.

At Missoula the snow is more than two feet deep, with indications that the storm will continue for another 24 hours. Northern Pacific passenger trains Nos. 2 and 6 with two freight trains, are snowbound on Evaro Hill, where four cars of cattle are threatened with freezing to death. The North Coast Limited is held at Missoula, and No. 3 Westbound is held at DeSmet.

Two rotary snowplows are at work clearing a way for the stalled trains.

It is 27 above zero in Butte tonight.

BLIZZARD STILL RAGING

Montana Still in Grip of Zero Weather and Traffic Demoralized.

HELENA, Mont., Jan. 8.—The blizzard which struck Montana Monday continues with unabated vigor throughout the state. Thermometers are at great variance, but from Kalispell and Missoula as far eastward as Miles City and Glendive, it is hovering between 20 and 30 below. Railroad and streetcar traffic is being greatly delayed.

GREAT NORTHERN SNOWBOUND

Oriental Limited 18 Hours Behind Time.

ST PAUL, Jan. 8.—Low temperatures prevailing throughout Montana and North Dakota continue to cause serious trouble for the northern transcontinental railroads. The Oriental Limited on the Great Northern due today was 18 hours late.

SNOWSLIDE BLOCKS TRAINS

Nevada Has 12 Feet of Snow in Mountains and Continued Cold.

RENO, Nev., Jan. 8.—The storm is general over the state. Twelve feet of snow is reported in the mountains west of here. A snowslide in the Sierras today delayed all trains about six hours.

More Storm Predicted.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 8.—Wyoming is threatened with possibly snow and colder Sunday, and in the north portion Saturday. The forecast for Montana is snow and continued cold Saturday and Sunday.

NORTHERN PACIFIC GIVES UP

Montana Blizzard Too Severe and Trains Canceled Temporarily.

BUTTE, Mont., Jan. 8.—(Special.)—Advices from the office of the superintendent of the Northern Pacific at Livingstone tonight, state that the work of getting trains over the Montana division has been practically abandoned as a result of the blizzard and demoralization of lines of communication.

A dozen overland passenger trains are now stalled at various points in the state, and about 20 freight trains.

WOMAN'S CLUB MAY BUILD

Committee Is Appointed to Consider Plans for Home.

At the session of the Portland Woman's Club yesterday afternoon the chief topic of discussion was the means to be adopted for the acquisition of a new clubhouse. A committee was appointed to formulate recommendations to present at the next meeting of the club. As yet the plans are so indefinite that no definite announcements regarding them can be made.

A resolution was adopted commending the action of the City Council in providing two medical inspectors and a nurse for the public schools of the city; indorsing the work of these inspectors, and requesting and urging the Council to continue this department as essential to the best hygienic and sanitary conditions of the schools.

The programme arranged by Mrs. M. Baruh for the "open day" January 22, was announced. Mrs. Roper will speak on the work of the Seaman's Friend Society, and music will be supplied by a sailors' quartet.

Owing to the inclement weather the "Forestry day" programme announced for yesterday was postponed indefinitely.

Bridgham to Hang March 26.

CHEHALIS, Wash., Jan. 8.—(Special.)—Judge Rice today sentenced Frank O. Bridgham, the Napavine wife murderer, to be hanged at the state penitentiary, Friday, March 26. Bridgham's conviction was sustained recently by the Supreme Court. When asked why sentence should not be pronounced on him, the prisoner spoke in a clear voice, taking occasion to thank the court for his consideration during the trial.

Today and Monday will positively be the last days for discount on West Side gas bills. **

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