

RIVER WATCHED WITH INTEREST

Sudden Thaw Would Raise Havoc Along Waterfront of Willamette.

WEATHER IS UNCERTAIN

Forecast Says Warmth With More Snow—Present Situation Is Unknown in Annals of Local Weather Conditions.

With millions of tons of snow lying intact, the Willamette valley, more snow falling last night, and the weather remaining too cold for a gradual thaw, the river situation is being closely watched by the local Weather Bureau officials.

There was little in the weather of yesterday to give any hint as to what the future policy of the storm king may be. Throughout the morning and afternoon there was a gradual rising of the thermometer, accompanied by a marked fall in the barometer.

Coldest Yet Registered.

Not in 21 years was it so cold as during the early hours of yesterday morning. At 5:45 A. M. the mercury crept down to 24 degrees above zero.

But while the populace at large is watching the thermometer only with joyful expectations of a sudden and decided rise, the dealers along Front street and the water front district are praying for warmer weather only to the slightest degree, and without rain.

There was some relief from the extreme cold during yesterday afternoon when the mercury rose to 15 degrees above zero. But this was not sufficient to melt any amount of snow.

The day began with a temperature of 9 degrees above. It remained at 9 until 2 A. M., when it was recorded. An hour later it had fallen another notch and at 5 o'clock was down to 6.

Mists Fall Away.

The continued cold is the surprising thing about the present situation. Rarely has such persistently cold weather prevailed. Since January 6 the highest mean temperature has been 46 degrees above.

City Gets Used to Cold.

Little inconvenience is now being experienced, the city having adjusted itself fairly well to the snow and cold. Business is considerably better than the street cars continue running on their regular schedules, and the theaters are prospering.

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The Morrison bridge is the most seriously affected this way and passing cars receive a considerable jolt now when "passing the gap." There is no danger, however, and warm weather will bring an expansion that will return the draws to their normal length.

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At Sellwood the purchase of a park of some 12 acres east of the Oaks on the high ground meets the approval of residents according to statements made yesterday by a number of citizens. It had been charged that the tract is partly on the city View Park, and is really of little value for park purposes.

Lighting a Lantern He Gives Danger Signal and Streetcar Stops—In Time to Permit Hobbed of Youngsters to Escape.

Macbeth Linklater, a small boy who lives at Fifth and Grant streets, made a hero of himself Monday night and was so greatly admired by his youthful companions whom he saved from perhaps serious disaster that they took up a purse as a small token of their admiration of his deed.

In Grant street is a steep hill which has been crowded with hobbed sleds, small boys and small girls since the snow began to fall. At the foot of the hill is a stretcher track and many lives have been endangered since the coasting began.

The Linklater boy goes to school, but in the afternoon and evenings earns money by serving as watchman for the boys who own the hobbed sleds to aid in preventing accidents. He stands at the foot of the hill near the tracks, armed with a lantern at night to stop approaching cars in case a collision is impossible.

Monday night the hill was crowded as the sled returned to his post of duty with the lantern.

He had not lighted the lantern, and just as he arrived he saw a car approaching and at the same instant discovered a bobbed sled crowded with youngsters pounding down the hill. He realized instantly that a collision was imminent and that it was his duty to prevent it.

There was no time to hesitate or to weigh various plans in his mind. He must act quickly and he did. Placing himself in the middle of the track he attempted to light the lantern. The car was approaching rapidly, and so was the bobbed sled, and when he finally succeeded in turning on the light the car then ran at full speed directly towards the sled.

The other youngsters cheered, as did passengers on the car. And they were so enthusiastic that they raised a purse and presented it to him. None of the occupants of the sled was injured and it was by the narrowest margin that a collision was averted.

Passenger Officials Confer.

At a conference between representatives of the various railroads of Oregon and Washington yesterday in the offices of William McMurray, general passenger agent for the Harriman lines in the territory, matters of mutual interest between the carriers were discussed.

Sargent Sues E. A. Baldwin.

The Circuit Court has been asked to decide whether or not E. A. Baldwin has a right to engage in the restaurant, hotel or saloon business within ten miles of Portland until January 1, 1910.

Reports received at the head offices of the O. R. & N. yesterday showed that it was the coldest day yet experienced in Eastern Oregon. Thirty degrees below zero was registered at Arlington yesterday morning and at 8 A. M. the average temperature on the Oregon division of the O. R. & N. in the Eastern Oregon district, further east, it was even colder.

PROSPEROUS CONDITIONS ARE REFLECTED

in the annual meetings of Portland's four national banks, that were held yesterday. Eloquent reports and resolutions made a splendid showing in the annual reports. Confidence was expressed in the management of the different institutions and the outlook for the coming year is most encouraging.

The First National Bank held a perfunctory session at 11 o'clock yesterday morning; the other meeting occurring later in the day. The form of voting the stock was gone through with, the same officers and directors being re-elected as follows: President, A. L. Mills; cashier, J. W. Newkirk; assistant cashier, W. G. Alvord; directors—J. F. Failing, H. L. Corbett, H. E. Conner, Jacob Kamm, J. W. Newkirk, A. L. Mills.

About 90 per cent of the stock of the United States National Bank was voted by proxy, it being held outside of the city. The same officers were re-elected as follows: President, J. C. Almsworth; vice-president, R. Lea Barnes; cashier, R. W. Schmeier; assistant cashier, Alex. M. Wright; assistant cashier, W. A. Holt; directors—L. W. Hellman, Percy T. Morgan, San Francisco; Governor Chamberlain, D. W. Wakefield, Rufus Mallory, R. L. Macleary, R. Lea Barnes and J. C. Almsworth.

The Merchants National Bank held its meeting last night, re-electing directors as follows: J. Frank Watson, Ralph W. Hoyt, R. L. Durham, F. S. Morris, A. F. Smith, J. L. Healy, A. C. Mowrey and George W. Hoyt. Directors will meet this morning and are expected to re-elect the present officers as follows: President, J. Frank Watson; vice-president, R. L. Durham; cashier, Ralph W. Hoyt; assistant cashier, George W. Hoyt.

The Lumbermen's National Bank, whose first annual meeting as a National institution was held yesterday, opened a prosperous year. All indications pointed to a greater measure of prosperity during the coming year than ever before in the history of the bank.

"It's not a new food to me," remarked a Va. man, in speaking of Grape-Nuts. "About twelve months ago my wife was in very bad health, could not keep anything on her stomach. The Doctor recommended milk, half water, but it was not sufficiently nourishing. "A friend of mine told me one day to try Grape-Nuts and create. The result was really marvelous. My wife soon regained her usual strength and today is as rosy and plump as when a girl of sixteen.

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Ever read the above letter? A new one appears from time to time. It is genuine, true, and full of human interest.

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