

SNOW COMING AS FAST AS IT GOES

Coast Counties Have Higher Temperatures and Contradictory Conditions.

WEATHER SHARPS PUZZLED

Likely as Not There Will Be Lifting Weather in Portland Today, With Easterly Winds—Only Zephyrs Blowing.

With a light south wind in Portland; east winds, snow and cold weather over Eastern Oregon...

Contradictory conditions prevailed generally. Storms, where there were storms, appeared to be local.

All these reports made the Weather Man scratch his head. After a season of thought, he decided that, likely as not, Portland will have clouds and east winds today, with probably clearer weather.

Storm Hampers Wires.

The storm has put nearly all the telegraph and long-distance telephone wires out of order, and last night the only wire in operation between Portland and San Francisco was broken.

Some of the long-distance telephone wires near Portland suffered, resulting in suspending communication between this city and Tillamook and some smaller places.

At the offices of the Postal Telegraph Company yesterday afternoon it was stated that the company's lines from California and lines directly from the East were out of commission, and that messages sent to San Francisco had to go by way of Vancouver, B. C., and Chicago.

The Western Union office was asked yesterday afternoon if the wires of that company were in good shape, the reply was that they were working well, although the day before some delay had been occasioned by the weather.

At the Weather Bureau it was stated later that the Western Union service on all the lines working, as stated, and that all the commercial lines of the company to San Francisco were out of order.

The trouble was said to be serious on both sides of Ashland.

Winds Are Light.

Wires of the Pacific Telephone & Telegraph Company between Portland and San Francisco were interrupted, according to information obtained from the company early yesterday afternoon, and it seemed indefinite when they would be in working order again.

Weather sharps were at a loss to account for the wind along the coast, which was blowing from the east or west, while other coast points reported from a depth of 24 inches yesterday, but at points up the Willamette Valley it was much deeper. The heaviest snow was recorded at Salem, where it reached a total depth yesterday of 12 inches.

Although the snow was having a part in the storm, the maximum temperature of the day, as officially recorded, was 31 degrees and the minimum was 29 degrees. The wind during the 24 hours ended last night.

Streetcar Men Busy.

Our company has not experienced any more trouble in maintaining a satisfactory service during this snow storm than other railway carriers. This is due to other large cities either in the East or West under the same circumstances.

It is said that the snow storm in Portland was the heaviest since the storm of 1893, when it reached a total depth of 24 inches.

At 1 o'clock Saturday afternoon we sent our tripper service for the double purpose of keeping the track in good condition and to make up for any delay in the service which might result from the snow. At no time Saturday or today was the service on any part of the system seriously crippled.

The Vancouver service was not abandoned. Only two trips were lost on that division during the snow storm. This was due more to the fact that the ferry could not land on the Oregon side on account of the high winds. This resulted in the delay of several cars for two or three minutes with the result that in the aggregate about two trips were lost.

Shop Car Delayed.

The Sellwood line was delayed more than an hour by reason of the dropping down of a motor case on one of the cars and not being able to get it replaced as quickly as we otherwise might, owing to the delay in getting the shop car to the scene of the accident, on account of the snow. After this accident had been repaired all cars on the Sellwood and the Oregon Water Power divisions were operated on good schedule, some being delayed but not seriously under the circumstances.

The Oregon City and Cadadero trains were operated strictly on schedule. There was some trouble on the Montavilla line in the outskirts of the city caused by the drifting snow which drifted in as fast as it could clean it away. This was a feature of the storm which made it difficult to operate the cars on schedule.

"We kept our service in operation over all of the principal lines last night Saturday night and that we succeeded in keeping the tracks open was evidenced this morning when all cars were started strictly according to schedule. We are willing to submit to the general public that our service was even better than might reasonably have been expected under the unfavorable circumstances."

SNOW HEAVY ABOUT REDDING

Wires Out of Commission South, but Trains Keep Running.

REDDING, Cal., Dec. 5.—(Special.)—The snow storm ceased at midnight last night after ten hours' duration. The storm extended from Chico to Ashland, Or. Chico reports one inch, Red Bluff two



CHILDREN SLEDDING.

WINTER DIVERSIONS WERE IN EVIDENCE YESTERDAY.

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Coasters Out in Force Wherever Sled Will Slide.

MANY SPILLS MAKE FUN

Various Long-Distance Coasting Feats Successfully Negotiated to Great Envy of Possessors of Slower Means of Travel.

Before the police put a stop to coasting and bob-sledding last night, some remarkable things were accomplished on the Johnson-street hill. One heavy bob-sled succeeded, with the impetus gained from a load of 11 passengers, in flying from Malinda avenue and Twenty-fifth street down the grade to Fifteenth street before it stopped.

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AFTER THE GRIPPE

Vinol Restored This Man's Strength

"Several years ago I was attacked by a severe case of grippé, which left me with a hacking cough, soreness in my chest, and bronchitis. I took nearly every kind of cough syrup sold on the market, besides medicine given me by physicians.

I received no permanent relief until my druggist asked me to try Vinol, and after taking three bottles I was entirely cured.

I believe Vinol to be the greatest blessing ever offered to the public, as it does what is claimed for it." R. E. R. Hicks, Maplesville, Ala.

The reason Vinol cures chronic coughs, colds and pulmonary troubles is because it contains tonic iron and all the healing and body building elements of cod liver oil but no oil.

Vinol is also unexcelled as a strength builder for old people, delicate children, weak and run-down persons, and after sickness.

WOODARD CLARKE & CO., DRUGGISTS, PORTLAND.

INFLAMED KIDNEYS

Medical writers declare it incurable after the sixth month whether albumen or not.

"The average man prefers to think of it as 'kidney trouble' and lets it go but the census shows that appalling fee-out of the body from kidney troubles the last census year over nine-tenths of them (58,000) took the form called 'Bright's Disease,' although it is quite probable that a high percentage of these up to the last moment thought of it as and called it 'kidney trouble,' when as a matter of fact the only possible hope laid through a specific for Bright's Disease.

There never was one until Fulton worked out his Renal emollient (Fulton's Renal Compound).

Since then inflammation of the kidneys, whether albuminous or not or whether called 'kidney trouble' or 'Bright's Disease' or whether six months or six years old commonly yields.

If you have had kidney trouble over six months no matter what you call it it is the Renal Compound of Fulton's where I agents do not wait until bed-ridden, although some of them recover. It can be had at all druggists.

We desire to draw your attention to patients not noting the usual improvement by the third bottle. Literature mailed free. Write John J. Fulton, Co., 212 First St. San Francisco, Cal.

HOUSEHOLD NEEDS

Coal CHURCHLEY BROS., wood and coal dealers, 211-213 Commercial, Phone 1111 and 1112. Phone Main 981. A. 3911.

Florist Cut Flowers always fresh from Florida. Phone 1111. 2111 Washington St. Both phones.

Coal Richmond and Westside Australia. Independent Coal & Ice Company, opposite City Library. Both phones.

AUCTION SALES TODAY.

At Wilson's Auction House, corner Second and Yamhill, sale at 10 A. M. of T. Wilson, Auctioneer.

MEETING NOTICES.

CAMELLIA CHAPTER, No. 27, O. W. P. U. C. - Official communication this (Monday) evening in Masonic Temple, West Park and Yamhill sts. Election of officers. ANNIE E. COOTE, Secretary.

WILLAMETTE LODGE, No. 2, A. F. AND A. M. - Stated communication this (Monday) evening at 7:30 o'clock at new Masonic Temple. Election of officers and reports of committees. Company of 25 degrees. Visitors are cordially invited. W. M. DE LIN, Secretary.

FOR RENT - Eagles' new hall, Marquam bridge, for dances, entertainments, and large parties. Call on Mr. J. P. Lankin, 205 First St., or I. Fogel, 220 Third St.

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NEW HALL FOR RENT. 111 2d, near Washington, Howe, Davis Co. DIED. BLANCHARD - At the residence of his parents, South Mount Tabor, Fred Floyd Blanchard, age 21. Funeral notice later. LE ROY - At her residence, 617 Third St., wife of Dr. A. Le Roy, 617 Vancouver ave.

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