



## HEAVY DOWNPOUR DOES BIG DAMAGE

### Rainfall in Two Days Is 5.69 Inches.

## RISE OF RIVER IS CERTAIN

### Danger Stage of 15 Feet to Be Reached by Tomorrow.

## RAILROADS WASHED OUT

### Southern Pacific Diverts Trains to West Side Line—Suburban Electric Lines Have Worst Trouble in History.

## TRAIN SERVICE ON SOUTHERN PACIFIC ANNULLED.

All train service on the Southern Pacific, with the exception of the Shasta Limited, was annulled last night.

The northbound Shasta, due here at 2:30 yesterday afternoon, is expected to arrive here over the West Side line at 4 o'clock this morning.

The southbound Shasta, due here at 5:20 P. M., is still held north of Ridgefield, Wash., but will likely be released in time to enter Portland and start for California less than 12 hours late.

## TRAIN SERVICE IS IMPAIRED.

Street traffic is demoralized, navigation interests are threatened, property is endangered, streets are flooded, basements are filled with water, sewers are broken, telephone and telegraph service is crippled and homes are made desolate as the result of the continuous downpour of rain in Portland and immediate vicinity the past 48 hours.

The total precipitation from the time the rainfall started, at 3:50 Tuesday morning, until 7:40 last night, at which hour the Portland weather bureau took its last sounding, was 5.69 inches.

## 4.10 Inches Fell in 24 Hours.

In the 24 hours ended at 5 P. M. yesterday the fall was 4.10 inches. This is the heaviest 24-hour rainfall since January 5 and 6, 1883, when a fall of 4.88 inches occurred. On December 12 and 13, 1892, a 24-hour rainfall of 2.66 inches was recorded and with these two exceptions the rainfall for the 24-hour period ended at 5 o'clock last night was the heaviest since the weather bureau was established in this city in 1870.

The greatest rainfall in two consecutive days also was December 12 and 13, 1892, the precipitation from 11 P. M., December 12, to 11 P. M., December 13, being 10.75 inches. The present storm is not likely to approach that record.

District Forecaster Beala predicted last night that the rainfall will continue today but with less volume than during the past two days. He does not expect the precipitation of the next few days to produce a flood. The outlook for a steady downpour is not threatening.

However, the greatest danger is from the certain rise in the river. The river has been rising at the rate of four inches an hour since early yesterday morning and will continue to rise during the next two days. It will reach a stage of 12 feet in Portland this morning and 15 feet by tomorrow afternoon on Saturday. At 5 P. M. yesterday it was 7.3 feet in Portland, a rise of 2.3 feet in eight hours.

## Cellars May Be Flooded.

As 15 feet is the danger stage in Portland, it is probable that the lower cellars and cellars on Front street will be flooded tonight or tomorrow. Persons having property likely to be damaged by a 15-foot river are warned to take steps to protect it.

Conditions are such as to preclude the probability of a record-breaking rise in the river. The high water mark was reached on February 5, 1890, at 28.7 feet. On February 7, 1891, it was 28.5 feet. The most recent flood record was 22.5 feet on February 8, 1897. The famous flood of June 1894, was not caused by rainfall but by melting snow, causing the Columbia to "back water" into the lowlands along its banks and those of the lower Willamette.

Danger from the river is augmented by the snow that lay on the foothills and bottom lands before the rain began. Several inches of snow covered the Coast Range when the warm weather broke. The depth in the Cascades exceeded that. The streams now are carrying the present rainfall, as well as the melting snow. As the Columbia is comparatively low it will carry all the water emptied into it by the Willamette and there is no danger of back water from that source.

## DRIVERS WHO DRINK TABOO

### Washington Senator Also Opposes Oysters in Foreign Shells.

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## 16 MEN IN SINKING CRAFT OFF BLANCO

### SCHOONER LAKME WRECKED, LIFEBOAT DASHED TO PIECES.

### Wireless Rushes Three Steamers to Aid of Vessel, but Rescue Is Impossible in Hazing Sea.

MARSHFIELD, Or., Jan. 18.—(Via Wireless to Seattle.)—Sixteen men seem doomed to death on the sinking schooner Lakme, lumber laden, which is drifting helplessly toward Cape Blanco in one of the fiercest hurricanes known to the Coast.

Wireless messages from the imperiled craft to Cape Blanco rushed the Standard Oil tank steam Asuncion, the passenger steamer Watson and the tug Argyle to its aid, but rescue of the captain and crew of 15 is impossible in the face of the driving gale and waves that tower mountain high.

The Lakme attempted to put out a lifeboat, but the frail craft was smashed against the side of the steamer by hurrying waves. Then a line was passed successfully from the sinking schooner to the steamer Watson, but before any of the crew could leave the hawser parted.

The steamer Asuncion then left the scene of danger, but the Watson and Argyle are standing by, although they have abandoned all hope of saving the crew.

The Lakme was bound for San Francisco from Coos Bay with a cargo of lumber. The vessel became waterlogged yesterday and early this morning its plight was most perilous.

The wireless operator sent signals of distress to Cape Blanco and from that point the signal, "S. O. S." was dispatched to all vessels within hearing, rushing three vessels to the aid of the Lakme.

The last wireless report from the rescuing steamers said that the Lakme's cargo was being thrown overboard and that preparations were under way to make a second desperate attempt to launch a lifeboat in the raging sea.

The Lakme is in command of Captain Malmgren.

## GIRL'S INJURIES AVENGED

### Friend Thrashes Man Who Threw Hot Water on Her; Pays Fine.

MEDFORD, Or., Jan. 18.—(Special.)—Under the impression that the proper authorities were not taking sufficient interest in the scalding of Miss M. L. Cook, by William de Robosom in the latter's home at Jacksonville, William Cook, of that place, today found de Robosom and thrashed him, then went voluntarily before Justice of the Peace H. G. Cox, told his story and paid a fine.

Miss Smith, who was confined to the Southern Oregon Hospital for several weeks following the scalding, has refused to prosecute de Robosom, saying that he did not know that the water was hot when he threw it on her. She barely escaped having to undergo a painful skin grafting operation as almost all the flesh was peeled from her back and hands by the deluge of scalding water. Notwithstanding the girl's protest and the fact that she has received punishment at the hands of Cook, de Robosom will be made to tell his story of the affair by District Attorney R. F. Mulkey.

## \$5 EGG NOW PRIZE CHICK

### Evolution of Blue Ribbon Pullet Takes Place in Eight Months.

WALLA WALLA, Wash., Jan. 18.—(Special.)—From a \$5 egg in June to a blue ribbon winning White Wyandotte pullet in January is the record of a chicken owned by Dr. H. A. Loundagin, of Pomeroy, who has an exhibit standing at the Walla Walla Valley Poultry Show. The pullet was awarded the first prize this morning.

In June Dr. Loundagin purchased one egg at the cost of \$5. The egg was set and hatched in due time and as a result Dr. Loundagin has a fowl that scored 94½. Judges Dixon and Collier both agree that this is the best-cooped show that they ever saw on the Pacific Coast.

## MORE SCHOOL DAYS ADDED

### Bill Would Abolish Holidays, So Far as Pupils Are Concerned.

STATE CAPITOL, Salem, Or., Jan. 18.—(Special.)—Representative Neuner's standing among the school children of the state will depreciate about 100 per cent if the bill he introduced in the House today becomes a law. The measure proposes to abolish all school holidays. In this it does not even except Washington's birthday or Arbor day. It provides, however, that on these two days exercises appropriate to the occasion shall be held in the schools.

Provision is made that general election or primary day, where the teacher is a legal voter, school may be closed at 2:30 o'clock in the afternoon to enable the teacher to vote.

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## BORAH'S REPORT IS NOVEL TO SENATE

### Popular Election Resolution First Made.

## JUDICIARY COMMITTEE ACTS

### Favorable Recommendation Made and Speeches Follow.

## VOTE IS NOT EXPECTED

### Idaho Man's Report Points Out Clearly Reasons Why It Is Advisable to Change Method of Electing Senators.

## OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Jan. 18.—

Never, until Senator Borah, of Idaho, made a favorable report from the committee on Judiciary a few days ago, has the United States Senate had before it for action a joint resolution proposing an amendment to the Federal Constitution providing for the popular election of Senators. Time and again this subject has been discussed in the Senate, but never with a resolution of this character pending.

While there appears to be no prospect whatever that the Senate, before March 4, will vote upon the pending resolution, there will be a number of speeches in its favor, and the progress made this session will be a stepping stone toward further action in the 63d Congress.

In past Congresses, resolutions proposing such an amendment to the Constitution have passed the House of Representatives, and similar resolutions have been introduced in the Senate, but never have any of them, in the past, been favorably acted upon by a committee of the Senate. Now, however, with sentiment in favor of the popular election of Senators spreading from one end of the country to the other, the friends of the proposed change have determined to force action, and the report made by Senator Borah is the start in that direction.

## Vote May Be Reached.

This resolution, having been favorably reported, another favorable report probably can be secured early in the next Congress, and if the fight starts early enough, it is quite possible that a vote may be reached in the Senate during the next long session. The vote may or may not be favorable, but it may be set down for a fact that if this resolution once passes the Senate, it will go through the House in a hurry, and the Legislatures of the respective states will then have opportunity to vote upon this much-discussed change.

The report made by Senator Borah points out concisely the reasons why it is advisable to change the manner of electing Senators, and while no specific reference is made, it is understood from the text that the pending Lorimer case is to be depended upon as one of the strongest arguments in support of the resolution.

## Report Is Reviewed.

From the report of Senator Borah the following extracts are taken:

"It has been urged that if the method of electing Senators is changed then we

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## THE OREGONIAN'S ESTABLISHMENT.

The Oregonian, which a half century ago was printed on a small hand press, now possesses one of the most modern newspaper plants in the United States. An interesting page in the Fiftieth Anniversary Edition, to be printed February 1, will be filled with pictures showing busy scenes in the various departments of this newspaper. Especially to those unfamiliar with the establishment of a metropolitan newspaper, will this page be of interest.

Although the Anniversary Edition will be much larger than previous special numbers, which have usually been published on January 1, there will be no increase in price. The Anniversary Edition will be sold for 5 cents a copy.

All persons desiring extra copies of this number, which will contain more than 100 pages, should send in their orders now. An immense edition will be printed, but the demand will be so large that, to be absolutely sure of getting as many copies as desired, orders should be placed at once.

The postage on the Anniversary Edition will be 7 cents in the United States, Canada, Mexico and the Island possessions; 14 cents to all other countries.

## BIGAMIST BARBER PLEADS

### No Compromise for Him When Wife No. 1 Sees No. 2 With Spouse.

EVERETT, Wash., Jan. 18.—(Special.)—James B. Dyson, a barber of Snohomish, was held to the Superior Court today in the sum of \$1000, on a charge of bigamy preferred by his first wife, who says she married him March 11, 1907, at Lents, Or., and had never been divorced from him, although she left him four months after marriage and has made her home with her parents.

Dyson admitted on the stand that he married Rose Ernst, in Tacoma, since his marriage to the first Mrs. Dyson. Mrs. Dyson suddenly appeared at Snohomish last night and found that Dyson had been living with a comely young woman. This forenoon an effort was made by Dyson to arrange matters by giving his wife a certain sum of money and alimony, upon condition that she sue for a divorce and drop the bigamy prosecution. Wife No. 2 is said to have had a "brain storm" when she learned of wife No. 1, and Dyson will have her on his trail also. It is said they met at the Alaska-Yukon Exposition and it was a case of love at first sight.

## LEGISLATORS ARE GUESTS

### Salem Board of Trade Dines Solons at New Hotel Marlon.

SALEM, Or., Jan. 18.—(Special.)—Members of the Legislature and prominent visitors were entertained by the Salem Board of Trade tonight at the Hotel Marlon, the purpose of the banquet being to gain a better feeling between the legislators and Marion County and to offer the visitors a formal introduction to the new hotel. More than 250 were in attendance.

Toasts were responded to by Justice McBride, Judge P. H. D'Arcy, William Hansen, Mayor Louis Lachmund, Colonel E. Hofer and J. H. Ackerman, of Salem; Edgar R. Piper, Seneca Fouts and D. C. Lively, of Portland; John P. Busk, Speaker of the House; P. W. Jobman, Astoria, and Mr. Derby, of Hood River.

## MANY VOTES SOLD IN CANNON'S HOME

### Grand Jury Lifts Lid to See Rank Corruption.

## MONEY BAIT FOR FOREIGNERS

### Over 500 Bought Votes in Danville Alone in 1910.

## COLORED VOTE IN MARKET

### Buyers of Votes, Assured of Immunity, Rejoice at Inquiry Which Is Likely to Affect 3500 Men.

## DANVILLE, Ill., Jan. 18.—

(Special.)—Vermilion County, the home of Speaker Cannon, is at the present standing directly over a seething, hissing volcano, which threatens to erupt at any moment and blow the whole political machinery of the district into shreds. The "volcano" is personified in 23 grand jurors who are sitting in session in the Courthouse here.

Under their sworn oath, these men are to investigate the wholesale buying and selling of votes in the county. It takes but a single rift in the thin crust that now overlies the surface and an election fraud scandal far overshadowing the Adams County, Ohio, sensation will be bare.

## Situation Is Serious.

Everywhere among politicians and business men, the situation is regarded as more than serious. No one denies that elections in Danville and in the county for years have been little more than farces. In Danville alone, the "bought vote" in the last election was more than 500, while another 1000 might be added for outlands for a divorce and drop the bigamy prosecution.

The colored vote is switched by money like leaves in a wind. The foreign miners are led to the polls with money as their bait.

Conditions at the Soldiers' Home also need investigation, it is said. Foreman Woodard fully realizes the great task that lies before the grand jury. When Circuit Judge R. E. Kimbrough delivered his instructions he told the inquisitorial body that it must act as it saw fit in the inquiry independent of further instructions by the court and without direction from State's Attorney Lewman.

## 100 Witnesses Sought.

The grand jury proposes to issue 100 subpoenas at once for witnesses who are said to have knowledge of "bought votes."

The elections subject to inquiry are the primary of September 15, 1910, and the regular election of November 8, 1910, in which Joseph G. Cannon was re-elected. The Ministerial Association of Danville has taken a hand and is said to have furnished a list of voters to the state's attorney. The evidence includes the towns of Westville, Grass Creek, Belgium and Ridge Farm and charges are declared to be

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## FOUR BOYS HOLD UP GIRL IN STORE

### SAN FRANCISCO YOUNGSTERS ROB CHILD OF 14 YEARS.

### While Two Hold Her, Others Empty Till—Stolen Money Is Spent at Bathhouse.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 18.—(Special.)—Four boys, who have confessed to holding up and robbing a 14-year-old girl, while she was in charge of her father's grocery, were arrested early this morning and are being held at the Juvenile Detention Home. They are Derwood Weaver, Martin Herman, David Lefkewitz, each 16 years old, and Abe Lefkewitz, 15 years.

The young victim of the boy footpads is Annie Holden, daughter of John Holden, who keeps a store at 125 San Carlos avenue.

Little Annie Holden was alone in the store when four boys entered. They cautioned the girl not to make an outcry. Two of the boys held the girl while the other two rifled the till, taking \$2.15.

After the youths had departed the girl gave the alarm of robbery and a search was made for the boys. They were found on Bryant street this morning by Policemen Louis Cornelius and Leo Bunner and taken to the Central police station.

The youths readily admitted having participated in the holdup and said that they had gone to the Lurline bath immediately after the robbery and had spent the money there. They declared that Abe Lefkewitz had planned the robbery. David Lefkewitz and Martin Herman admitted holding the girl, while the other two lads confessed to robbing the till.

## MAROONED TOURISTS RUE

### Road Manager Declines to Pay Hotel Bills When Train Stalls.

RENO, Nev., Jan. 18.—(Special.)—A suit for damages against the Nevada-California-Oregon Company is to be instituted by nine passengers who were marooned by the snow storm in one of the trains of the company on the Madeline Flats. The railroad is charged with negligence by the passengers, who, upon reaching Reno last night, placed their case in the hands of an attorney.

The marooned train left Alturas Saturday morning and, besides the coaches, carried eight carloads of cattle. At Terrio, 50 miles from Alturas, the train froze to the track Saturday evening and the crew started to Amdeed for oil and water, but the engine went dead.

A relief engine finally took the passengers to Madeline and they were to start for Reno Sunday. Manager Dunaway countermanded the order and also refused to pay hotel expenses. Hay was fed to the cattle, but exposure killed two of them. The cattle were killed by Miller & Lux.

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## BOURNE DERIDED ON SENATE FLOOR

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## OREGON SYSTEM IS SCORNED

### Malarkey Hails Him "Mentally and Morally Unfit."

## KELLAHER INTRIGUE SEEN

### Portland Lawmaker Accused of Jugglery in Urging Resolution. Boverman Refers to Hold-Up Session in Sharp Speech.

## STATE CAPITOL, Salem, Or., Jan. 18.

(Special.)—Riddled by invective in the State Senate this afternoon, Jonathan Bourne, Jr., United States Senator, was hailed by Carson, of Marion, as "the most picturesque political pirate and blatant blatherskite that ever came to the State of Oregon"; was made the object of Boverman's biting sarcasm; was termed "mentally and morally unfit" by Malarkey and held up to ridicule by many of the other Senators.

Not a word was raised in his defense. The attack grew out of a resolution introduced several days ago by Kellaher in which Oregon is declared to have "the best system of government in the world," and the resolution was defeated by a divided House.

Not for many sessions has there been such a sensational meeting in the Senate and practically all day war clouds hovered over Kellaher's resolution and Jonathan Bourne.

## Intrigue by Kellaher Alleged.

Kellaher was accused of holding up the report of the resolutions committee until he could secure the services of a stenographer to place all of the Senators on record in expressing their views on the resolution.

Many of the lawmakers were open in their assertion to the effect, declaring that the sole purpose of putting the resolution up to the Senate was political, that it was an attempt to place some of the Senators "in a hole," as Nottingham expressed it, and they accused Kellaher of exercising political jugglery in this respect.

Malarkey endeavored to obtain an amendment to the resolution, striking out reference to the Oregon system as being the best in the world, and replace it by a statement to the effect that the Legislature commends the Oregon system to other states.

"I don't wish to vote on a resolution that will bring odium upon the state," declared Malarkey, after he had spent several minutes in recounting his efforts to aid in the adoption of the initiative, referendum, recall and other progressive laws. "The men who insist on the passage of this resolution are not real friends of the system. I say to you, who are constrained to have this settled one way or another, that you are insincere. Are you not traitors to the system when you take the attitude that you do now?"

## Bourne Ad. Is Seen.

Nottingham declared that he could not believe the resolution was introduced for the benefit of any other state in the Union.

"It was done for political advertising and for another reason it was introduced to put some of us 'in a hole.' I think voting favorable on such a resolution would be degrading ourselves and prostituting our offices. I believe it is another one of the schemes, adopted by our high officials, as you know who is one of the worst machine politicians in the state, to advertise himself as the great 'I am.' He is advertising himself as the author of statement No. 1, as the author of this system of government in Oregon, and the resolution, I believe, was framed for his benefit. I don't believe in playing to the galleries, and furthermore, I don't believe that the author of the resolution had good intentions in introducing it."

## Boverman Reviles Bourne.

McCulloch of Baker declared that as a member of the minority party, he would stand by the resolution as it stood.

Following McCulloch, Boverman made the most striking speech of the day, ridiculing Bourne. Boverman said in part:

"Mr. President, there is one person in the land who is the chief product of the so-called Oregon system, and he is likewise the chief beneficiary of it, and I would respectfully ask that before this resolution is passed and before it is sent to the several Legislatures in other states, that our senior Senator at Washington be attached to it as exhibit A, together with a full statement of all his views and convictions, both public and private, and a detailed and truthful statement of the things he did in Oregon before he was elected to the Senate and of the things he has failed to do for this state since his election.

## 'Hold-Up' Session Recalled.

"I would request that the history of the notorious holdup session in 1897 and the lawlessness and corruption promoted and brought on by him; all the personal abnegation brought about and procured by him in the Eldridge block, and all the bribery and corruption par-

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