

## TRAINS FROM EAST BLOCKED BY SNOW

Christmas Mail Coming Over  
Union Pacific Delayed  
Beyond Baker.

## DEPTH AT BAKER 8 INCHES

Pendleton Reports Three Inches of  
Snow and Farmers are Jubilant.  
Board Walk at Seaside Dam-  
aged by Sunday's Gale.

BAKER, Or., Dec. 22.—(Special).—Eight inches of snow covers Baker and the heavy fall which began last evening and continued all night is still going on. Saturday night the temperature, which was at 8 above zero, moderated and the snow brought warmer weather.

Trains are blocked from the East, no through mail from the East having reached here for 24 hours. East of Huntington the O.-W. R. & N. Company reports tracks are blocked by heavy snow in the mountains and no assurances are given that Christmas mail will be brought to Baker in time for delivery, or, for that matter, to other points in Oregon dependent on service over the O.-W. R. & N. lines from the East.

## GROUND SOFT BEFORE SNOW

White Mantle Will Be of Great Benefit to Wheat Farmers.

PENDLETON, Or., Dec. 22.—(Special).—Starting shortly after 8 o'clock last night, the heaviest snow of the winter has covered Umatilla County today, and tonight the snow was still falling. It is estimated that about three inches have already fallen.

Farmers of the county are generally pleased, as the snow will serve as a blanket to protect the growing wheat. The ground had been in a soft condition up to the time of the storm, the cold not having been severe enough to cause it to become frozen, and most of the moisture from the snow will be rapidly absorbed.

## HIGH SEA ROLLING OUTSIDE

No Vessels Are Able to Leave Mouth of Columbia River.

ASTORIA, Or., Dec. 22.—(Special).—Reports received from the mouth of the river say the bar is breaking clear across with a high sea running outside, and no vessels were able to cross out today.

The waves are breaking over the jetty trestle and several of the pilings have been carried away.

## WAVES DAMAGE BOARD WALK

Heavy Swell Carries Out 105 Feet of Planking at Seaside.

SEASIDE, Or., Dec. 22.—(Special).—Yesterday morning's tide backed a heavy swell from the Southwest to a height sufficient to tear out 105 feet of the boardwalk and throw large logs over the "der embankment" that the new hotel building for years.

Little damage was done except to the boardwalk.

## Centralia Has Snowfall.

CENTRALIA, Or., Dec. 21.—(Special).—The first snow of the season fell in Centralia yesterday afternoon, the downfall lasting for several hours.

## ECONOMY CAMPAIGN URGED

Barleson's Assistant Makes Report on Postal Savings Growth.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 22.—Difficulties experienced by postal officials in teaching the people to "save and economize" are set forth by Third Assistant Postmaster-General Dockery in his annual report made public tonight. To minimize the problem Mr. Dockery recommends inauguration of a campaign of education by which the people might be brought into closer touch with the postal savings service.

A statement showing the growth of the postal savings system is contained in the report. At the close of the first six months of operation there were 11,818 depositors with \$677,145 placed to their credit. On June 30, 1913, at the close of two and a half years, there were 221,005 depositors with \$33,818,870 to their credit.

## LAND TITLES DISPUTED

Suit Involves 300 Newport Lots, Many Held by Summer Residents.

NEWPORT, Or., Dec. 22.—(Special).—Suit involving title to 300 lots held mostly by Newport Summer residents, is being instituted by the six heirs of the late Leslie Bailey of Peach, Wash., son of Dr. J. R. Bailey, who died in 1901. The property is nearly all in that part of Newport known as Case and Bailey's Addition, which is a level plot overlooking the ocean.

The heirs, through their attorney, H. J. Hibbschman, of Spokane, charge that Dr. M. M. Davis, of Eugene, obtained an assignment of a judgment against Dr. J. R. Bailey from Mrs. Margaret A. Stevens and sold the property three days before the statute of limitations had expired.

## COURT POSTPONES HEARING

Corporation Commissioner Permitted to Amend Complaint.

SALEM, Or., Dec. 22.—(Special).—Declaring that the complaint did not make any mention of a fund for the department, the Supreme Court today postponed the hearing of the case of Corporation Commissioner Watson to compel State Treasurer Kay to honor a warrant issued to Claude McCulloch for legal services rendered the corporation department. The court postponed the hearing to January 7 to give Mr. Watson's attorneys an opportunity to amend the complaint.

The State Treasurer refused to honor the warrant on the ground that the Corporation Commissioner could not employ special counsel.

## POWER PROJECT PROBE ON

Feasibility of \$23,000,000 Plant at The Dalles to Be Determined.

THE DALLES, Or., Dec. 22.—(Special).—The joint Legislative Commission, which has been authorized to investigate the Dalles power project, as it is known officially, visited the scene of the proposed electrical power plant at Five-Mile Rapids, on the Columbia River, yesterday, making arrangements to have preliminary borings made for tests. The committee is composed of Senators Day, of Portland, and Smith, of Grants Pass; Representatives Forbes, of Bend, and Abbott, of Portland, and State Engineer Lewis, of Salem. Besides creating the commission, the last Legislature appropriated \$15,000 for the use of the committee in its work of ascertaining whether the proposed project is feasible.

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## RABBIT HUNTER IS SHOT

BAKER MERCHANT RECEIVES 55 SHOTS IN HIS BACK.

Companion Fires at Fleeing Animal, Charge Striking Friend Hidden From View by Brush.

BAKER, Or., Dec. 22.—(Special).—William Caldwell, hardware dealer, was accidentally shot in the back while out on a rabbit drive near Keating late yesterday, and today is in St. Elizabeth's Hospital in a serious condition, although physicians said today that unless complications arise from blood poisoning there is no great danger of fatal results.

Eighty-five shots from the gun of Charles Kirkpatrick, who stood 25 yards away, struck Mr. Caldwell in the back from the neck to the knees, and the majority of these were removed at the hospital, but there are believed to be some particles of shot and clothing still in his back.

Four hunters—Mr. Caldwell, Mr. Kirkpatrick, George Lew, all of Baker, and Fred Bennett, of Lower Powder—were beating up a gulch after rabbits when the accident occurred. All except Mr. Caldwell were in a line, and Mr. Caldwell was in the rear. Suddenly a rabbit jumped out and Mr. Kirkpatrick fired just as the Caldwell rushed between him and Mr. Caldwell, the charge striking Mr. Caldwell.

With a cry, "You've killed me!" Mr. Caldwell threw up his hands and dropped his gun, but did not fall. His companions rushed to his side and found him stunned, but he soon revived. A hurry trip was made to town, where medical aid was given the wounded man last night.

## CALDWELL BANK CLOSES

AMERICAN NATIONAL TAKEN IN CHARGE BY EXAMINER.

Officials Announce That Depositors Will Receive Dollar for Dollar on Their Money.

CALDWELL, Idaho, Dec. 22.—(Special).—The American National Bank here closed its doors this morning and is now in charge of National Bank Examiner Fred Brown.

The failure caused scarcely a ripple of excitement in the other three financial institutions, all of which are in strong condition and ably managed. The deposits in the American National on Saturday night amounted to \$114,000, with assets, including stockholders' liability, of \$120,000. The reserve amounted to 23 per cent, 3 per cent over the legal amount required. Officials of the bank say depositors will be paid dollar for dollar.

S. D. Simpson, former cashier, resigned and left town a couple of months ago. After his departure it was found he had borrowed money on his personal security. His accounts with the bank are straight, but the effect of his operations has been injurious, causing heavy withdrawals.

W. G. Simpson, a brother of the cashier, was president of the bank until recently, when he resigned and was succeeded by M. H. Deyers. The bank was established in 1908 and was capitalized at \$50,000. The officers and directors are all local men. At the last statement to the Controller the deposits amounted to \$161,000, with loans and discounts of \$170,000 and resources of \$285,000.

## RETIRING MAYOR IS HOST

Appointees and Executive-Elect Are Banqueted at Marshfield.

MARSHFIELD, Or., Dec. 22.—(Special).—Mayor Straw, who retires on January 1 after eight successive years as chief executive of this city, banqueted his city appointees tonight. Mayor-elect Allen was among the guests.

Mayor Straw has been progressive and has been in office while Marshfield grew from a village to one of the handsomest cities on the Coast.

## NEW POSTAL RECORD SET

Vancouver Stamp Sales for Day Greater Than Ever Before.

VANCOUVER, Wash., Dec. 22.—(Special).—All previous stamp sale records of the local postoffice were broken today when the receipts at the stamp window amounted to \$294.11.

More than 100 sacks of mail were received from other places and fairly swamped the postal clerks.

## County Sued Over Wrecked Auto.

OREGON CITY, Or., Dec. 22.—(Special).—H. M. Terry is suing the County of Clackamas in the Circuit Court at Hillsboro for \$1000 damages for injuries received when his automobile went off of the bridge near Milwaukie some time ago. The suit has been carried to Hillsboro on an application for a change of venue. Several months ago the machine dropped from the bridge and was severely damaged. The plaintiff charges that the county should have kept the structure in better repair and that it was because of negligence on the part of county officials that the accident occurred.

## MAN FOUND ALMOST DEAD

William Cavanaugh, of Bend, Lies Beside Track for Two Days.

ROSEBURG, Or., Dec. 22.—(Special).—Almost dead from exposure, William Cavanaugh, of Bend, Or., was yesterday found beside the Southern Pacific Railroad tracks near Winchester and brought to this city for treatment.

The man gave no account of his wandering further than that he was in Roseburg Thursday night. When found he was half clothed and was in a precarious condition. Railroad men say he lay beside the track for two days and nights without food or drink.

Cavanaugh owns considerable land in Douglas County and has a deposit at a local bank.

## SPOKANE VIEWS CHICKENS

Inland Empire Show Opens With 175 Breeders Exhibiting Birds.

SPOKANE, Wash., Dec. 22.—(Special).—The sixth annual show of the Inland Empire Poultry and Pet Stock Association opened at the Armory this morning. It will last a week. A glance at the birds exhibited indicates that the boast of fanciers that this would be the greatest show for quality held in the Northwest may be substantiated.

Fifteen rows of coops, stretching the entire length of the big drill room, contain about 2000 of the country's finest birds.

One hundred and seventy-five breeders of blooded stock have entered in

## Marshfield Unions Affiliate.

MARSHFIELD, Or., Dec. 22.—(Special).—A Central Council of the American Federation of Labor was organized here yesterday. The council includes longshoremen, painters and bartenders' unions. The officers are: T. Meyer, president; L. H. Alger, secretary; George Kohl, treasurer; Bert Stanley, sentinel.

## Christmas special, Order of Good-Will.

at Globe Theater, commencing Wednesday.—Adv.

## LIFE ENDED IN SAFE

Mine Falls and Owner Takes Cyanide at Baker.

## LETTER EXPLAINS DEED

Physically Disabled and Facing Poverty, Once Prosperous Promoter Swallows Poison, Reels to Door and Dies.

BAKER, Or., Dec. 22.—(Special).—Dependent over business reverses, which reduced him from affluence to poverty, W. D. Benson, at one time a prominent mining man, killed himself at the Oregon restaurant tonight. He died in the doorway, to where he tottered after taking a dose of cyanide of potassium while seated at a table. Mr. Benson, 46 years old, entered the restaurant and ordered a meal. He placed 50 cents on the table beside him and when the waitress returned with his meal she noticed him reeling from the chair as though about to drop. He was hastened toward the entrance, but at the door he collapsed.

A letter in Mr. Benson's pocket was as follows:

"I have no relatives to notify. I have destroyed all letters. My property has turned out to be valueless. Physically, I am disabled; financially, ruined. Am about 60 years. I am as sane as I ever was. I am neither under the influence of drugs or alcohol. I may be called a fool, etc., but that is all to one's point of view. I am tired of it all. The future does not worry me. The medical profession can have my body. The only thing I ask is silence. W. D. BENSON."

Mr. Benson had been about Cornucopia for several years engaged in investments, and formerly was in business at Butte and Anaconda, Mont. His wife died at Butte several years ago at a time when Mr. Benson was wealthy.

## FRANCHISE IS ATTACKED

Spokane Commission Would Cancel Telephone Company's Rights.

SPOKANE, Wash., Dec. 22.—(Special).—"After careful consideration of the telephone situation and consultation with such of our citizens as have expressed themselves to me on this subject, it is my opinion that the city government should now take such steps as are necessary to effect the cancellation of the franchise now held by the Home Telephone Company," C. M. Fassett, Commissioner of Public Utilities, said today.

On his recommendation this morning the City Council unanimously decided to start proceedings to cancel the franchise of the company as the result of the development of the fact at the recent Federal hearing here that a year ago the majority of the stock of the corporation had been purchased by the Bell interests.

"I recommend that the Corporation Council be instructed to prepare the necessary papers and take whatever legal steps may be advisable and make an effort to bring about the cancellation of the franchise under which the Home Telephone Company is now operating," says the Fassett communication, which was concurred in by the Commissioners without a word of comment.

## SAMUEL WHITE STILL ILL

Portland Attorney Confined at Home of Friends in Baker.

BAKER, Or., Dec. 22.—(Special).—Samuel White, of Portland, who is here as one of the counsel for the Service & Wright Lumber Company in its suit against the Sumpter Valley Railroad, is seriously ill at the home of C. I. Flynn, in this city.

Mr. White became ill Saturday morning and asked that court be adjourned until 2 o'clock in the afternoon, but court decided to adjourn until December 29. Mr. White had believed that he would be better, but instead he steadily grew worse and today his condition became serious, although physicians believe that the attorney is in no danger at present.

An intestinal obstruction has caused Mr. White's illness.

## WILLAMETTE WORK PUSHED

Road Ready to Begin Construction From North Side of Coos Bay.

NORTH BEND, Or., Dec. 22.—(Special).—The Willamette-Pacific Railroad will be under construction from the north side of Coos Bay at Sand Point, opposite the bridge site, during the winter months. There is a long fill of probably two miles to be made at this locality, and the work can be done in rainy weather. The survey in this district skirts the sandhills, and the sand is handy to the grading.

All the machinery that had been employed in this city for the past year has been moved to the north side of the bay and the steam shovel will be started this week. The grade will be pushed toward Tenmile as fast as the crew can work.

## Two ARE RECEIVERS NOW

John L. Sharpstein and Gilbert Hunt Left in Charge.

WALLA WALLA, Wash., Dec. 22.—(Special).—The order issued recently by J. C. Hursapoff, referee in bankruptcy, appointing A. C. Moore receiver in bankruptcy for the Gilbert Hunt Company, was vacated today by Judge E. E. Cushman, of the Federal Court. This leaves John L. Sharpstein and Gilbert Hunt, receivers in equity, in charge. They were appointed by Judge Cushman several days before Moore's appointment was made. Moore went to take possession of the Gilbert Hunt plant and this was refused him, the other receivers claiming priority. Moore's attorneys then took the matter to the Federal Court on a motion to oust Sharpstein and Hunt.

## Oakland Ships 2000 Turkeys.

OAKLAND, Or., Dec. 21.—(Special).—The Christmas shipment of turkeys, until 2 o'clock in the afternoon, caused poultrymen to enter only their best birds, thus making a smaller number of birds than would otherwise have been shown.

## Christmas Suggestions in the Book Line

Lord's Beacon Lights of History, 15 volumes .....\$15.00  
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