

WINDS TO KEEP ICE ON PONDS FORECAST

Weather Man Makes Prediction Calculated to Delight City's Boy Skaters.

BREEZE MAY LAST LONG

Many Portland Lakes Are Frozen Hard Enough for Gliders and Slough Near Oaks Is Boon for Sellwood Residents.

Boys who were watching every white fleck in the skies, fearing it would bring rain and spoil the "skating" are assured at least 24 hours and possibly 36 hours more of the cold wind that is making an outdoor ice rink of every pond around Portland.

The minimum yesterday was 29 degrees, but it seemed a lot colder, reports the forecaster, because of the biting east wind which swept over the city.

The slough along the railway line near the Oaks is frozen solid and hundreds of Sellwood residents may be seen on the sheet every day from morning till night.

In the Columbia Slough, lakes almost a mile wide are frozen thick enough to bear skaters without danger. These are ideal for the expert and offer long stretches to try out all the old canners of boyhood days.

On the Willamette, Guild's Lake is the only ice skating place. This is not frozen over entirely, but the eastern end is heavy enough to stand any of Portland's skaters.

Guild's Lake Draws Boys. Guild's Lake formerly was popular with the skaters, but this year has failed to attract many grown-ups and has been left entirely to the boys of the neighborhood.

The northern suburbs of the city are reported much colder than the city proper. The Willamette River, flowing through Meek's Bottom, is frozen from the shore to a point 100 feet out and each of the arms of that part of the river has a thin sheet of ice on it.

Many other Northwest cities were colder than Portland yesterday. Baker had a touch of 20-degree weather. Other temperatures were: Boise 29, Marshfield 48, Medford 38, Roseburg 22, Spokane 18 and Seattle 40.

The temperature of the country is recorded as far below normal. Portland is still deficient in rainfall average, rain since September 1 being 4.25 inches below the usual precipitation.

FIRE BREAKS UP MEAL

Flames and Explosion Destroy Home of Abraham Jacobs.

As the members of the family of Abraham Jacobs, 905 East Thirty-third street North, were about to sit down to their evening meal Tuesday night the house was filled with smoke, an explosion followed, and they rushed from the house, just escaping the flames that quickly gutted the building.

The exact origin of the fire is unknown, but it is assumed that it was from a defect in the chimney. Mr. Jacobs assumes that the explosion was due to the bursting of a hot water boiler.

Mr. Jacobs is a wholesale dry goods agent and had lived in this house for the past five years. Neighbors provided for himself, wife and six children last night.

GERMANS GIVE UP GOLD

Increase of Reserve Explained by Patriotic Propaganda.

DEATH LAID TO CLERK

Thomas M. Ellinger Accused of Murder of Thomas Ruffie.

SERBS CONTINUE PURSUIT

Austrians Driven Out by Use of Bombs; Much Material Captured.

POPULAR OFFICIAL ELECTED

James M. Kyle, STANFIELD, Or., Dec. 16.—(Special).—Although he had formally withdrawn from the race, "Jim" Kyle has been elected Mayor of Stanfield again. This makes the third time. It is beginning to look as if he has a life lease on the job.

On the northwestern front our troops on December 14 continued a vigorous pursuit of the enemy. They had cleared all the territory between the Drina and Save rivers and occupied Srebarna and Lomnica in the Mladavono-vitz-Belgrade region.



On the other fronts there is nothing to report. During the day on December 14 on all fronts we captured 17 officers and 2450 men, not including the battalion and a half taken at Koviana.

WIFE CHARGES SLAVERY

ILLINOIS STATE AUDITOR IS ACCUSED OF VIOLATION.

Woman Declares Her Marriage Not Legal in State and Mate Refuses to Make It Lawful.

CHICAGO, Dec. 16.—James J. Brady, State Auditor, was today accused of having violated the Mann law, which forbids the sale of liquor to women. The charge was made by Mrs. Mary Quinlan Kuhn Brady, whom he married in Michigan and whose suit for divorce is pending.

JETTY APPROPRIATION CUT

bill as it will be reported to the House is as follows: Columbia, \$1,250,000; Columbia and Willamette (Portland to sea), \$800,000; Coos Bay, \$50,000; Nehalem Bay, \$18,175; Clifton River, \$76,000; Siuslaw River, \$117,500; Celilo Canal, \$80,000; Yaquina River, \$30,000; Snake River, \$20,000; Columbia, from Celilo to the mouth of the Snake River, \$45,000; canal at Cascades, \$10,000; Coos River, \$30,000; Clatskanie, \$10,000; Inner Grays Harbor, \$15,000; Lake Washington Canal, \$50,000; Grays River, \$50,000; Puget Sound, \$25,000; Skagit River, \$10,000; Cowiwa and Lewis rivers, \$22,000.

HOUSE AND BARN BURNED.

Fire destroyed an empty two-story structure at 34 Union Avenue North last night. A barn on East Forty-ninth street, near the O-W, R. & N. tracks, also was destroyed by fire. The building was valued at about \$1500, and contained a wagon, a buggy and a quantity of hay.

MOVING PICTURES SHOW DESTRUCTION OF BELGIAN CITIES.

The destruction of the cities of Belgium from Alost to Antwerp is shown with startling effect in the motion pictures, "On Belgian Battlefields," which is showing at the Heilig Theater this week under the auspices of the Oregonian. The films are exclusive, being the only ones taken during the campaign and were secured through arrangements with the Chicago Tribune.

WOMEN PREPARING PENSION LAW CURE

Draft of Changes in Measure Nearly Ready to Be Given to New Legislators.

EVIDENCE GATHERED IN TWO YEARS TO BE PRESENTED WITH REQUEST FOR AMENDMENTS COVERING ITEMS BELIEVED NOT CLEAR.

The widows' pension committee of the Oregon Congress of Mothers, of which Mrs. E. E. Bondurant is chairman, within a week will place in the hands of the members of the coming Legislature, and every judge who has had or will have to do with the administration of the law, the proposed amendments to the widows' pension act, which were approved both by the Congress of Mothers and the Federation of Women's Clubs at their state conventions in Portland in October.

The committee also will arrange a meeting with the Multnomah legislative delegation to give the legislators to-be the reasons, based on the experience of the past two years, for suggesting the proposed amendments, which were drafted by the case committee of the Congress of Mothers, acting with the widows' pension committee.

The case committee has acted in an investigating and advisory capacity for the Juvenile Court, which has had the administration of the law for Multnomah County.

Their intimacy with the workings of the law, together with the fact that it was proposed by them two years ago and the interest they have in seeing it perfected, makes the Congress of Mothers, in the opinion of its members, peculiarly qualified to suggest amendments to the law.

The proposed amendments are as follows: The sum of money which shall be given to any family shall be, in the opinion of the court, sufficient to supply its needs, but shall not exceed \$40 a month.

Longer Residence Is Demanded. The child or woman for whom relief is granted shall live with the mother, and relief shall be granted only when it is necessary to keep the mother at home with the children, except for a definite number of days to be specified by the court. Mothers who are not citizens and who have not lived in the state three years and the county one year shall not be entitled to relief.

If the husband is physically or mentally incapacitated and his presence is a menace to the physical or moral welfare of the family, the court may require that he be removed from the home and cared for elsewhere, before extending relief.

Any attempt to obtain relief fraudulently shall be deemed a misdemeanor, punishable by a fine of from \$5 to \$200, or by imprisonment not to exceed six months, or both.

DR. H. V. HATFIELD WEDS

Portland Dentist and Miss Mary Shively Principals at Vancouver.

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HERMISTON PLANS CHRISTMAS TREE.

HERMISTON, Or., Dec. 16.—(Special).—Plans for the first municipal Christmas tree are being made.

See the European War Pictures for Local and Belgian Charities

Heilig Theater, Thursday, Friday and Saturday (but not Friday night), 12 Noon to 11 P. M. — Continuous Performance.

The Oregonian has arranged to show these wonderful pictures on the basis of turning over to the local Associated Charities its profits after giving the Chicago Tribune one-half of the gross receipts for their Belgian Red Cross fund.

Today you have another opportunity to see the first and only motion pictures of the ACTUAL WARFARE, taken on the Belgian battlefields by Edwin F. Weigle, staff photographer of The Chicago Tribune. Four reels of the war as events actually happened, showing The Burning of Antwerp, The Battle of Alost, The Destruction of Termonde, The Battle of Aerschot, The Flooding of Lierre and The Battle of Malines.

The Chicago Tribune secured the exclusive privilege from the Belgian government to take these motion pictures, on condition that 50 per cent of the profits be given to the Belgian Red Cross. Consequently, these are the ONLY true motion pictures of the Belgian battlefields. Manage to spare an hour and ten minutes to see these remarkable motion pictures—any time between 12 noon and 11 P. M. at the Heilig Theater.

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HAY CUTTER KILLS BOY

Ex-Baker High Star Dies When Leg Is Severed by Machine.

ST. PAUL ACADEMY HAS FIRE.

ST. PAUL, Or., Dec. 16.—(Special).—A blaze that started in the furnace room of the St. Paul Academy Monday morning for a while threatened the entire building. Prompt action of the volunteer firemen, however, extinguished the flames after about \$200 worth of damage had been done.

ASTORIA LOW, 29 1-2 DEGREES.

ASTORIA, Or., Dec. 16.—(Special).—The weather, which moderated materially yesterday, took a sudden turn last night and before morning the thermometer dropped to 29 1/2 degrees, the coldest of the season by one-half a degree. The sun was bright today, but there was a cold east wind.

HARRISBURG POSTOFFICE IS ROBBED.

HARRISBURG, Or., Dec. 16.—(Special).—Burglars forced an entrance to a rear door of the postoffice last night. About \$3 in cash and a few stamps were taken. No other damage resulted. A marked nickel was not taken from the cash drawer.

DODGE BROTHERS MOTOR CAR

On Exhibition at Our Salesrooms Today

To accommodate a great many who will not be able to get here before 6 o'clock in the evening we are pleased to advise that we will be open to 10 P. M.

Covey Motor Car Co.

Washington St., at 21st

Eliminating Duplication of Effort. The Hotel Multnomah will not have a Christmas tree for the children, as had been planned for the day before Christmas, owing to the coming celebration at the Armory—which is being so ably endorsed by the public. Instead our efforts will be concentrated in having the very best menu and entertainment in the Arcadian Garden for those who dine out on Christmas Day.