

MONTH'S SNOWFALL IS NEARLY RECORD

Total for January 33.6 inches. With Highest Month Listed 35.3 inches in 1890.

NO CHANGE IS IN SIGHT YET

Trolley Company Has Hard Fight to Keep Lines Open and Schedules Are Not Maintained. Light Cars Are Useless.

Within 1.4 inches of a new record for snowfall. That was the result in January, 1916.

During the month just passed the snow has piled up to a total depth of 33.6 inches, snow falling on 21 of the 31 days in the month. The record that still stands and promises to stand for some time yet, was established in January, 1890, when the official depth of 35.3 inches was recorded for the entire month.

The excessive snowfall has kept the Portland Railway, Light & Power Co.'s employees busy, and four snowplows and four snowblowers, one pair each on each division, have been kept constantly at work. All of the lines have been kept open, although the schedules have not been maintained. The Rose City Park line was the worst sufferer, due to the fact that the light cars at first tried on that line were found incapable of forcing their way through the drifts.

There seems to be no immediate relief from the storm conditions that now prevail, for the barometric registrations do not indicate any approaching moderation.

The forecast for today promises no change of temperature. Yesterday a maximum of 25 degrees was recorded and a minimum of 23 degrees. Snow is promised for today again, with southeasterly winds.

Yesterday's snowfall of three inches for 24 hours ending at 5 P. M., which amounted to rainfall was recorded as .11 inch.

VANCOUVER SNOW CONTINUES

River Is Heavy With Ice and Ferry Operation Is Difficult.

VANCOUVER, Wash., Jan. 31.—(Special.)—About 20 inches of snow fell during the month and the fall is continuing. Snow has been heavy, and practically all day during the month, a record month for snow and ice for more than 12 years.

The Columbia River is running heavy with ice and the ferry required an hour to make one trip. The work of assembling steel for the Columbia River Inlet bridge has ceased. One crib has been pushed downstream about a quarter of a mile, while another is partially overturned near the excavation made for it. The Tahama is yet in the ice.

31-YEAR RECORD BROKEN

Walla Walla Has Most Snow and Lowest Temperatures.

WALLA WALLA, Wash., Jan. 31.—(Special.)—The mercury dropped early this morning till at dawn it was one above zero. More snow fell, the fall yesterday and last night being three and a half inches, making a total of 31 inches for the month, and for the winter 21.1 inches. The mean temperature this month is 34.2 degrees. This breaks all records for monthly snowfall and low temperatures for 31 years, the time the weather bureau has been established. The greatest total winter snowfall here was in 1893-94, when 47 inches fell.

EUGENE SNOWFALL 22 INCHES

Maximum for Seven Years Previous Is 6.8 Inches.

EUGENE, Or., Jan. 31.—(Special.)—The snowfall in Eugene during the past month has been greater than the aggregate snowfall for this vicinity during the last seven years, according to an official report by H. M. Mayo, weather recorder.

More than 22 inches of snow fell in Eugene during January, according to Mr. Mayo. The maximum snowfall in any winter of the previous seven years has been 8.5 inches, which was reached in 1908.

Snow Melting Rapidly.

MARSHFIELD, Or., Jan. 31.—(Special.)—The cold spell has broken and the temperature today showed most of the snow is melting rapidly. In the hills and mountains the thawing has not been so general. The barometer was high today, although the sky was overcast a portion of the time.

Linn County Sheep Die.

ALBANY, Or., Jan. 31.—(Special.)—Many sheep have died in Linn County during the past two weeks as a result of the snow storm. This is due to the fact that stockmen here are not prepared for cold weather, and more particularly to the condition that valley stockmen engage in early lambing.

Spokane Has 11 Below.

SPOKANE, Jan. 31.—The coldest weather in four years was experienced here today, when the Government thermometer registered 11 degrees below zero. The sky was clear and the ground was covered with snow 12 inches deep.

Nehalem Has Its Worst Storm.

NEHALEM, Or., Jan. 31.—Fourteen inches of snow fell from 7 o'clock Saturday night to 2 o'clock Sunday afternoon in the Nehalem Valley. It was the worst snow storm in the history of the valley, making 23 inches for January.

Rain Breaks Cold Snap at Hoquiam.

HOQUIAM, Wash., Jan. 31.—(Special.)—A warm rain here this morning broke the cold snap and the snow, which was the heaviest on record, is melting rapidly.

Elma Snow Heaviest in 60 Years.

ELMA, Wash., Jan. 31.—(Special.)—Snow has been falling here for the past 26 hours surpassing any previous year since 1879, according to J. A. Atkins, 50 years a resident.

CULPRIT SAVES MOTHER

Asstoria Prisoner Also Clears Brother of Fraud Charge.

ASTORIA, Or., Jan. 31.—(Special.)—The case against Mrs. M. H. Zimmerman and her sons, Frank and Charles, charged with obtaining goods from local merchants under false pretenses,

will be dismissed. Frank Emmerson, who confessed that he planned and was responsible for the fraud, is held in jail awaiting the arrival of an officer from Virginia to take him back to Richmond for trial on a Federal charge. In clearing his mother and brother of guilty complicity in the Astoria fraud, Frank Emmerson confessed that he had escaped from jail at Richmond in August, 1914, while awaiting trial on a Federal charge. Since then, he said, he has gone under the name of Frank Woodward, sometimes being known as Frank Porter.

LA GRANDE HOST TO COLLEGE STAFF

Entire Extension Department From Corvallis Ready for Farmers' Instruction.

FEDERAL EXPERTS ATTEND First Day Largely Given Over to Felicitations With First Educational Address by "Farmer" Smith, of O.-W. R. & N.

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"Farmer" Smith, O.-W. R. & N., apostle of corn culture, was the first regular speaker on the programme. The afternoon was largely one of felicitations and introductions; welcoming by City Manager Lafky and Mrs. George Gilbert, president of the Neighborhood Club, and responses by Director Haezel and Miss Turley, home economics expert. Music was interspersed and then came the evening programme. In his lecture tonight Farmer Smith reviewed the history of the desire for home-making. "For a period of 300 years," he said, "the idea and purpose of men and women who settled on virgin land was to make a home. They had no money, for it was with difficulty they hewed out a home, a farm and living facilities, but they were free from debt. I maintain that a home is more important than money-getting. Be his earnings great or small, the man on the farm should give his first attention to the making of a home. The character of our homes and conditions of living in these homes is a better measure of civilization than bank clearings. Home economics taught in our public schools will make a larger contribution to human happiness than Latin, Greek or even grammar. There is little room for religion in a man if his stomach is full of sour bread and soggy potatoes."

Farmers will arrive tomorrow for Agronomy day. The programme as outlined is one of the most important of the week.

Mrs. Rachel R. Fleming, whose death occurred on Sunday at the home of her son, F. H. Fleming, 435 East Couch street, was well known in Portland and in Pittsburg, Pa. She was born in the latter city about 75 years ago. She was the widow of John Fleming, a pioneer merchant of Pittsburg. Four sons survive Mrs. Fleming. Two of these, Frank H. and Glenn H. Fleming, were at her bedside when she died. The other two sons, Park and Harry Fleming, live in Cheyenne, Wyo. The funeral will take place this morning at 10:30 o'clock from Holman's chapel. Rev. Frank L. Loveland, pastor of the First Methodist Church officiating.

FORMER PENNSYLVANIAN WHOSE FUNERAL WILL BE HELD TODAY.

to save his mother, asserting that she was entirely innocent of wrongdoing. The local authorities believe the woman and her son, Charles, were only tools in victimizing storekeepers by representing that they had opened a fur and military store here.

J. G. LEWIS BOOM IS BEGUN

Washington Governoratorial Campaign Plans Formulated.

ABERDEEN, Wash., Jan. 31.—(Special.)—Nearly 25 Aberdeen supporters of the candidacy of John G. Lewis for the Republican nomination for Governor gathered at a noon luncheon here today at which several plans for furthering the Lewis candidacy were announced. The chief of these was the naming of next Saturday as John G. Lewis' letter day.

Thirty 3000 letters it is expected will be mailed from here on that day by Mr. Lewis' friends, indorsing his candidacy. Each of these will carry an envelope sticker with Lewis' picture displayed upon it. Alexander Falson, former State Senator from this district, was the principal speaker. He declared Mr. Lewis' prospects to be bright and pledged his support to his campaign.

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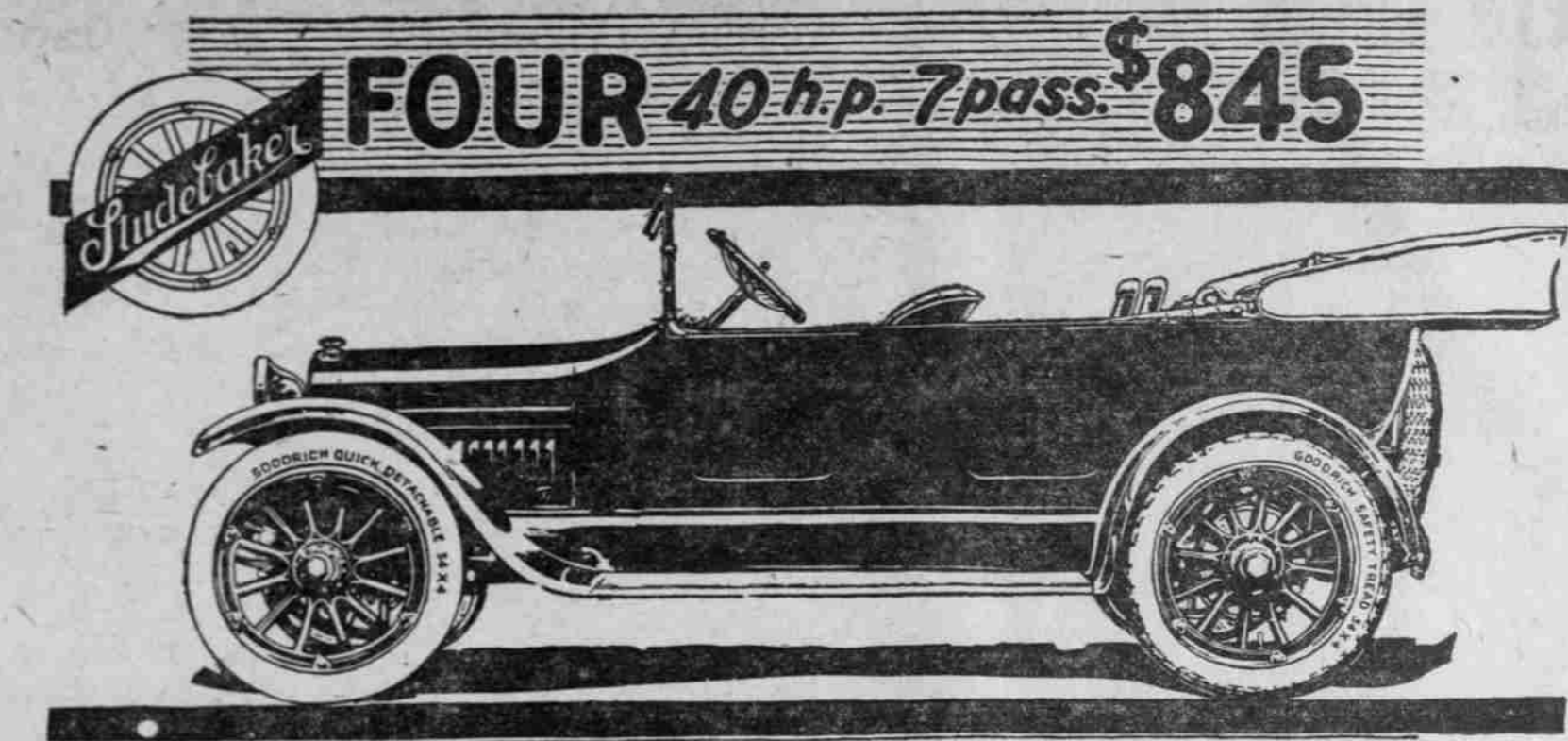
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Studebaker advertisement titled 'NEW SERIES 17' listing various models and prices.

Advertisement for 'LAND ENTRY IS SET' regarding a 19,000 acre area in Baker.

Advertisement for 'YOUNG OFFICIAL CANDIDATE' regarding Hood River's treasurer's widow.

Advertisement for 'OREGON PIONEER PASSES' regarding Isaac Foster.

Advertisement for 'RHEUMATISM!' featuring Sloan's Liniment.

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