

DEPARTMENT STORE TRADE PARALYZED

Thousand Clerks Unable to Reach Places of Duty. Houses Close Early.

LAMPS, CANDLES STAPLE

Stocks of Leggings Exhausted and All Storm-Proof Goods Sales Are Brisk—Companies Provide for Employees.

Business was paralyzed yesterday as a result of the continuation of the storm and the inability of the streets to maintain regular schedules. Most of the business houses were open, but their trade was scant and articles that were absolutely necessary for immediate consumption were chiefly in demand.

Department stores reported that there was not enough business to cover the expense of the day's operation. Many of the clerks did not appear for duty until nearly noon, and the stores closed at 4 o'clock in the afternoon.

Unusually brisk, however, was the trade in candles and hundreds of oil lamps were sold by department stores. Many people were out for candles, and with the electric light wires down, hundreds of Portland people have groped about in the dark, not being prepared for any emergency that came Wednesday night.

Stocks of Leggings Sold Out. Almost every pair of leggings in the city has been disposed of during this storm. All department stores, and other dealers have the same thing to say: "We have sold out our entire stock."

Rubbers and rubber boots have also had an enormous sale, and, in fact, every article of wearing apparel that has been put forth against the severe weather has proved a popular seller.

Approximately 1500 clerks were absent from their places at local department stores yesterday morning, being unable to reach their posts of duty because of the storm's intensity. The force on duty, however, was amply able to take care of what business there was.

The Meier & Frank store reported most of its business done in the grocery department, 23 of the delivery wagons being fitted with runners, and deliveries on telephoned orders being maintained throughout the day to all parts of the city.

500 Absent at One Store. Out of the approximate 1900 employees of the Meier & Frank store, nearly 500 failed to appear when the doors were opened yesterday morning. More than 100 men and women clerks have for the past few days been taken care of in lodging-houses, the hotels being crowded. The Employees' Co-operative Association has provided for the distribution of many of the employees, those living within a short radius of the store caring for those whose homes are on the outskirts of the city.

Lipman, Wolfe & Company reported the absence of more than 100 clerks, both men and women, were taken care of by that company in the above rooms. Approximately 100 were provided with supper, lodging and breakfast on the seventh floor of the building.

Approximately 200 Olds, Wertman & King employees were absent yesterday, and the superintendent of the store began sending the employees home at 10 o'clock. The store was closed at 11 o'clock. Many other downtown firms made provision for caring for their clerks, and Wednesday night Woodard, Clark & Co. reserved rooms at the Seward Hotel for their clerks.

Milk supply is short. Stores and hospitals being looked after. Small dairies on outskirts deliver alternate days, but majority abandon attempt.

PICTURES SHOW SOME UNUSUAL ACTIVITIES TO WHICH PORTLAND WAS SUBJECTED BY THE UNPRECEDENTED STORM YESTERDAY.



(1) STREET-CLEANING CREW AT WORK IN CENTRAL BUSINESS DISTRICT. (2) AUTOMOBILE WITH BURDEN OF SNOW STUCK IN DRIFT ON N FIRST STREET.

JITNEYS AROUSE IRE

Council Expected to Investigate Ordinance Breaches.

EXCESS FARES DEMANDED

Majority Elect to Stay Housed Until Streets Have Been Prepared for Them to Run With Comfort. Streetcar Work Halted.

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STORM AVOIDS OREGON CITY

Schools Are Well Attended, but Trains on All Lines Are Late.

OREGON CITY, Or., Feb. 3.—(Special.)—Oregon City has escaped the storm. Storms are opened today as usual, and the schools are running with their usual attendance.

PARLIAMENT HOUSE BURNS

tempting to obtain his coat from a small locker in one of the corridors outside the chamber. These lockers were hidden behind a curtain of smoke.

The Parliament and departmental buildings at Ottawa are among the

DETAILS IN DEAL KNOWN

C. C. COLT ADMITS PLANS AS ANNOUNCED ARE UNDER WAY.

Story Published in The Oregonian Wednesday Morning in Eastern Oregon is Confirmed.

Details were made known here yesterday of the announcement made exclusively in The Oregonian in Eastern Oregon on Wednesday morning that the Corbett Estate, of Portland, had sold a half interest in about 140,000 acres of land located approximately 30 miles south of Burns, in Harney County, to the officers of the Big Swift Packing Company, of Chicago.

C. C. Colt, representative of the Swift interests in this city, admitted last night that he swears individuals had "gone in" with the Corbett Estate on the deal.

MAN DIES ALONE IN SHACK

Identity of Heart-Failure Victim Is Sought by Officials.

TWIN FALLS, Idaho, Feb. 3.—(Special.)—The body of an unidentified man about 45 years old was found in a shack here last night by his roommate, Otto Hoser, who, however, knew the man only by the name of "John."

STOCK IN GILLIAM IS KILLED

School Classes Interrupted and Mail Service Is Cut Off.

CONDON, Or., Feb. 2.—(Special.)—A terrific storm is raging in Gilliam County. Mail service has cut off and stockmen report heavy losses.

MARYVILLE, Mo., Votes Dry.

MARYVILLE, Mo., Feb. 2.—Maryville voted "dry" today in a local option election.

NEW ZEALAND FACTORIES IN 1915 MANUFACTURED CLOTHING VALUED AT \$400,000.

DAILY SCHEME OUT

People Wade Through Slush; \$2000 "Saving" Is Lost.

PAYROLL ACCOUNTS ARE IN

Now Forces Are Hard at Work Clearing Snow Off Streets and Dumping It Into River and Cost May Reach \$2000.

By allowing snow to accumulate in the business district streets and finally turn into a sea of slush and water through which thousands of persons were forced to wade, City Commissioner Daly saved about \$2000 in his street-cleaning bureau payroll for January, according to the payroll accounts as filed yesterday.

POLICE PLOT CHARGED

CHICAGO DETECTIVES SAID TO BE IN CRIMINAL LEAGUE.

State's Attorney Issues Statement in Connection With Probable Shooting of Policeman.

CHICAGO, Feb. 3.—(Special.)—State's Attorney Hoyne threw another bombshell into the ranks of the police department when he issued a statement today alleging a conspiracy between certain sergeants assigned to

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WOODARD, CLARKE & CO. DRUGS. Several Exhausted Fighting Blaze in Storm. NEARBY HOMES EMPTIED. Sleepers Are Warned by Patrolman and Flee in Night Garments. Structure Valued at \$4000 Nearly Destroyed.

GOLD BESTS FIREMEN

PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 1.—Boards were piled up and panels tapped for the blinding dust filled with gold that was reputed to exist in the home of Miles Sinner, a recluse, who, though 75 years old, worked until two days before his death.

BURGULARS' DONT'S GIVEN

Recluse Warns Robbers Not to Stay Too Long in His Home.

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WOODARD, CLARKE & CO. DRUGS. To Our Patrons—the Public: Through this stress of storm we are exerting every effort to fulfill your demands. Our phone exchanges have not as yet been interfered with. Our delivery service has been increased to meet the unusual conditions. Where motors may fail, sturdy young men are seeing to it that every prescription, every package given them for delivery, shall reach its destination without fail, without delay. Phone Your Needs—Marshall 4700; A 6171 and receive, as ever, the careful, efficient service which our calling as druggists obligates us to give.

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RHEUMATISM 6088. Use Zemo for Eczema. Never mind how often you have tried and failed, you can stop burning, itching eczema quickly by applying a little Zemo furnished by any druggist for 25c. Extra large bottle, \$1.00. Healing begins the moment Zemo is applied. In a short time usually every trace of pimples, blackheads, rash, eczema, tetter and similar skin diseases will be removed. For clearing the skin and making it vigorously healthy, Zemo is an exceptional remedy. It is not greasy, sticky or watery and it does not stain. When others fail it is the one dependable treatment for all skin troubles. Zemo, Cleveland.