RIVER UP INCH AN HOUR BELOW FALLS

Oregon City Expects No Flood Stage Unless Heavy Rains Continue.

WATERS DOWN AT ALBANY

Government Locks Closed to Navigation; Prospect Reported to Be Good for Continued Operation of Paper Mills.

OREGON CITY, Or., Dec. 27.—(Special.)—The Willamette River below the falls is rising at the rate of about one inch an hour, but unless the heavy rains of the last few days continue there is no danger of its reaching a flood stage.

The river tonight registers 31.5 feet, while the upper river gauge is 63 feet, the rise in the upper river since last night having been six inches.

The river at Albany has fallen three feet since yesterday, according to reports received here this afternoon. The Government locks will stay closed to navigation for several days, but there is no immediate prospect of the paper mills having to close down.

The municipal elevator will continue closed until Saturday at least, as city officials decline to place the big hoist in operation again until the reservoirs are full. While water is coming in steadily through the south fork pipeline, its use is constant. The two reservoirs have a capacity of 6,500,000 gallons. Until they are filled water will be shut off at 9 P. M. in the downtown section on Main street and at 10 P. M. in the residence section on the hill, and will be turned on at 5 A. M.

TACOMA FEARS ANOTHER FLOOD

Continuation of Warm Weather Looked Upon With Apprehension.

TACOMA, Wash., Dec. 27.—(Special.)—City officials made a trip to the river today to see if there had been any rise in the night. It was found that the river was two feet higher and that there was great danger of its rising higher. The rain that fell during the night is given as the reason for the sudden raise and it is feared by the officials that if the warm rains continue there may be another flood similar to the one about a wek ago.

ANOTHER FLOOD IS EXPECTED

Chinook Starts Snow to Melting Between Seattle and Tacoma.

SEATTLE, Wash., Dec. 27.—Valleys between Seattle and Tacoma will be flooded again very soon, possibly tonight, Samuel J. Humes, County Engineer, said today when he received reports that a warm chinook wind, accompanied by rains, is melting the snows in the surrounding mountains.

He said it would take about half a day for the torrents from the mountains to swell the valley rivers out of their proportions.

STORM AT ASTORIA IS DELUGE

Thunder and Lightning Said to Mean Unsettled Weather for Days.

ASTORIA, Or., Dec. 27.—(Special.)—Astoria was visited at noon today by one of the heaviest downpours of rain this section has ever experienced.

The storm continued intermittently for an hour and was accompanied by thunder and lightning. This is said by observers to mean unsettled weather conditions for 10 days.

FILM COMEDY PLEASES

"CALENDAR GIRL" SHARES HONORS WITH VAUDEVILLE.

Juliette Day in Hippodrome Photoplay Repeats Success She Made on Legitimate Stage.

Juliette Day, who came to Portland two seasons ago in "Twin Beds" and made herself immediately liked as one of the best of America's younger comedienes, has since made a big name for herself in the motion-picture world. A proof of this is afforded over at the Hippodrome on the new bill opening yesterday.

Miss Day makes her appearance in a comedy called "The Calendar Girl," the big photoplay which is featured on the bill, and divides honors with the six-act vaudeville show.

Another clever maid, and one who appears in the flesh and not in a screened version, is Elsie Follette, who is very attractive with big, sparkly eyes and a contagious smile. She and her partner, Jack Wicks, who is a clever chap, present "Taking the Census," in which they take the senses, but never the census. It is just one of those indescribably funny potpourris of chatter exchange, with only one object in view, namely, to please. All of this Follette and Wicks do for a certainty.

An artistic offering is that of two musicians, Spencer Kelly and Marion Wilder, who evidently play with their hearts entirely in their art. All sorts of music they are versed in—piano playing the violin, and both are accomplished vocalists. They have solved the problem so many musical acts overlook, of having a repertoire which includes not only the popular melodies of today, but a few of the old-time ones as well.

The Hippodrome audience voiced its entire approval of the monologue and yodeling by Jere Sanford, who wandered in clad as a rube chore lad. His comedy observations are pat and his yodeling is above the usual run in this difficult art.

A delightful act is the opening number, in which the "Two Venuses," in the attractive personages of Amico Jackson and Ruby Decring, post-graduates in skateology, offer a novel demonstration of their accomplishments on roller skates.

A team of amusing men are Marshall and Covert, in blackface, who present a dancing demonstration of new and varied steps, punctured with a fresh, funny patter.

The three Regals in "The Village Blacksmith Shop" are a trio of iron-jawed wizards, who defy every law of physiology apparently in their sensational athletic act. The act has an unusual stage setting, showing a life-like blacksmith shop.

Albany Man Gets License.

TACOMA, Wash., Dec. 27.—(Special.)—Francis Falles, Albany, and Sarah A. Watson, Tacoma, obtained a marriage license here today.

MOVING PICTURE NEWS

Douglas Fairbanks And Seena Owen In "The Lamb" At Sunset Theater

TODAY'S FILM FEATURES.

Liberty—Geraldine Farrar, "Joan the Woman."
Majestic—Mae Marsh, "The Cinderella Man."
Peoples—Maciste, "The Warrior."
Star—Mary Pickford, "Rebecca of Sunnybrook Farm."
Sunset—Douglas Fairbanks, "The Lamb."
Columbia—Jack Pickford, "Tom Sawyer."
Globe—"Who Is Number One?"

Sunset.

"THE LAMB," the photoplay introduction of Douglas Fairbanks to the film world, makes high-class entertainment, even if the superlatively-inclined critics have been wont to apply the term "best ever" to numerous Fairbanks pictures since that date two years ago. Triangle has issued a number of new prints of the old Hart and Fairbanks successes, and "The Lamb" is the first of the series to be presented by the Sunset Theater.

Seena Owen, wife of George Walsh, is "Doug's" leading woman in this romance-comedy thriller of New York and the Mexican border. It will be remembered that Miss Owen, who has retired from pictures for a time at least, was in Portland with her husband last Summer on a film-making trip.

The athleticisms of Fairbanks are much in evidence in "The Lamb," which unfolds a tale of a New Yorker, a mild-mannered young chap, who develops into a border scrapper of the first water. He wins the girl of his heart but the path to success is not an easy one. He has scraps galore and many narrow escapes from death, but he wades through his opponents with the abandon of a Jess Willard and in the end is hero in the eyes of the one person who counts.

Exhibition in France.

In addition to making things spick and span wherever they may happen to be "somewhere in France," the American soldiers are educating the populace to the joys of motion pictures through the medium of a complete outfit used in camp.

At one end of the field headquarters they built a stage that measured 30 feet across and 16 deep. Over the entire front they threw a screen of white cotton and at the other end of the interior rigged up a projector. Borrowing films from the French army, they opened a movie, free to any and all, military or civilian, inhabiting the town or country about. Success was instant.

Three shows are given daily and the populace literally flock from miles around to attend them. There is not another movie within 30 miles and that is in a town of much more importance.

"Doug" in Demand.

Douglas Fairbanks is proving to be a prominent Southern Californian, a poopular native son, so to speak. Seldom is there an event of importance scheuled for that part of the country but that the popular Artcraft star is asked to officiate. At the Ascot automobile races held recently, in which Barney Oldfield and Teddy Tetzlaff took part, Douglas acted as referee.

Another event in which the athletic actor figured prominently was the benefit football game for the soldiers' and sailors Xmas fund, held in Los Angeles. Douglas punted the first ball, which invited an immediate offer from the famous Mare Island Marine football team to join that eleven. Fairbanks watched the game from the side lines as a guest of Lieutenant Newton Best and Sergeant Norton.

Creel Knocks Censorship.

In a deposition which he gave in connection with the suit of the William Fox Film Corporation to enjoin Major Funkhouser, of Chicago, from forbidding the showing of "The Rose of Blood," in which Theda Bara takes the star part, George Creel, chairman of the committee on public information, declared that "there is the same right to a free film that there is to a free press or free speech."

Coming, as the statement does, from the Government's official censor for newspapers and magazines, the remark is significant and has been received with great interest by the motion picture industry as a whole.

Screen Gossip.

The press agent for Anita King, former Portland girl, now starring in American-Mutual pictures, asserts that Anita is to make two more pictures and sail for "over there," serving her country as a special secret service agent near the firing line. Anita has been in a Los Angeles hospital for several weeks.

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Big Bill Russell is a dog "bug." He owns 11 canines and was forced to buy a small ranch on the outskirts of Los Angeles to take care of his pets.

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A day or two ago the film world was electrified by the news that a pimple on the pretty face of Mary Miles Minter caused a producing layoff of a week. Now comes another shock. Bill Russell's cohorts are resting because Bill has a black eye.

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Clara Kimball Young turned her New Rochelle, N. Y., studio over to a detachment of troops recently, 50 soldiers using the plant for sleeping quarters.

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Nell Shipman, Vitagraph star, is now having an opportunity to sweater, scarf and outfit generally, one of her own to join the United States Army, her brother, Maurice Barham.

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Charles Mariott, old-time actor and a pioneer in playing for the screen, died December 7 at Hollywood, Cal. Mr. Marriott had been with the Vitagraph Company for some months.

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Jackie Saunders has a new scheme to aid New York's poor. She is going to make personal appearances in Southern California theaters and arrange for a percentage of the receipts to go to a coal fund.

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Sophye Barnard, former altar of "Cheer Up," the light operatic hit of the New York Hippodrome, is working on her first picture down at Long Beach for the Horkheimers.

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Wilfred Lucas has joined the directorial forces at Universal City. His first production will be one featuring Ruth Clifford and Monroe Salisbury.

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Buster Keaton, the village pest of the Fatty Arbuckle Comedies, was badly shaken up while doubling for another member of the company in Fatty's new comedy, "Out West." Mad Dog Gulch, the wild Western town founded by the comedian, is laid at the bottom of an enclosed canyon which is about 500 feet in height. Buster leaped off the highest cliff 20 feet below on a sand slide, rolling and tumbling to the bottom. He collided with a rock on the way and suffered bad bruises. Nothing daunts Buster, who has earned the name of the nervlest comedian in pictures, and next day he was taking the same chances.

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Marguerite Clark, filming the remaining scenes of "The Seven Swans," her Paramount Christmas play, in Florida, returned last week, rather regretting the joys of life in a semi-tropical country during the Winter season.

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While there was at no time any question in the minds of those responsible for the production of "Tom Sawyer," as to its probable reception by the public, it is doubtful if even the most sanguine had any conception of the tremendous interest that has awakened in Mark Twain's famous story, in its screen form, as presented by Paramount. When Julia Crawford Ivers wrote the scenario it was discovered that five reels would be altogether inadequate to tell the story of Tom and his boyhood companions, and so it was decided to make two five-reel films, calling the first one "Tom Sawyer," and the second "Huck and Tom," or "The Further Adventures of Tom Sawyer." William D. Taylor directed both productions and the release of the first picture by Paramount has already justified the making of the second.

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William Drummer, head of the Balboa art property department, has invented a transparent "break-away" bottle. To get a transparent bottle which would hold liquid and could be smashed without danger of injury to anyone, has been the ambition of every property artisan in the film business. Drummer has at last succeeded. Through a secret composition, the formulae for which he has been working on for some time, he is now able to make up bottles that look exactly like glass, even in that they are transparent, and which can be shattered over the heads of actors without leaving a dent.

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After much time spent in negotiations and elaborate preparations for the production, the Famous Players-Lasky Corporation is now able to announce the fact that it has secured "La Tosca" for the screen and that Pauline Frederick will appear in the role of Floria Tosca.

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One of the most sought-after fields of fiction in many of the leading National magazines today is that supplied by the motion pictures. The film magazines long since have used short stories made from the picture versions on the screens and recently magazines which do not purport to appeal immediately to picture fans have recognized a public demand for this form of fiction, illustrated with stills from the motion picture. It is the custom to publish such novelettes in the issue of the magazine which comes out currently with the release of the picture.

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Norman Kerry and Eugene Pallette have leading roles in Mary Pickford's next film subject.

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Sessue Hayakawa and his squad are back from Hawaii, the scene of filming for "The Hidden Pearls."

CARING FOR TROOPS IS PORTLAND'S TASK

War Emergency Council Plans for Reception and Entertainment of Soldiers.

NEW YEAR'S FETE IN VIEW

Auditorium Dance Will Be Repeated if Sufficient Number Can Leave Camps and Come to City for Next Holiday.

Everything possible is to be done for the protection of soldiers and sailors visiting Portland. Plans for entertainments, receptions and for the meeting of incoming troops and getting the boys in proper sleeping quarters were made yesterday by the business and community clubs committee of the Portland War Emergency Council at a meeting held in the office of Mayor Baker.

Sub-committees were appointed to make plans at once for special transportation at reduced rates from Bremerton, Fort Stevens, Fort Canby and Fort Columbia, so that the men at those stations may make regular week-end trips to the city. Also a committee will keep after the week-end special train programme from Camp Lewis, Wash.

Quarters Will Be Provided.

Another committee will make up at once a list of the hotels and rooming-houses in the city where men may have quarters. Each place which is a proper place for soldiers and sailors will be listed along with information as to rates. The same will be done with restaurants. Also efforts will be made to have a standing list of good homes where soldiers, either singly or in twos or threes, will be welcome for week-end visits. Mayor Baker's office will receive lists of this sort. The same will be done in the matter of meals and particularly Sunday dinners.

While Portland has not yet been charged with any attempt to raise prices as a result of the crowds of soldiers and sailors being here, the entire committee will look after this end of the programme, and merchants attempting to take advantage of the visitors will be severely dealt with. The committees will get all price information assembled in advance and the public will be given the names of any dealers attempting any extortions.

Special Trains Planned for New Year's.

A subcommittee was appointed to look into the question at once of entertaining the soldiers coming here for New Year's day. A telegram was sent yesterday by Mayor Baker to Brigadier-General Irons, commandant at Camp Lewis, asking him for information as to the number of men who may be free to come here for New Year's. The O.-W. R. & N. is planning a special train for the occasion.

Mayor Baker plans another big dance at the public Auditorium if a sufficient number of men are at liberty to come. The only question in the proposition is said to be that of special military work which is necessary on the last day of each month. This may make it impossible for many of the soldiers to leave their stations.

The general committee which formulated the plans yesterday is one appointed by the war emergency board. The members are: Mayor Baker, N. U. Carpenter, East Side Business Men's Club; Charles F. Berg, Retail Merchants' Association; Henry W. Kent, Portland Caterers; C. D. Schreiter, Oregon Greeters; Charles P. Howard, Central Labor Council; C. B. Waters, Rotary Club; Frank L. Maguire, Realty Board; Frank Hilton, Progressive Business Men's Club; E. E. Larimore, Oregon Hotel Men's Association.

COOS MILLS WILL PROFIT

Order Commandeering White Pine Lumber to Benefit.

MARSHFIELD, Or., Dec. 27.—(Special.)—The new order commandeering all manufactured white cedar lumber will prove profitable to several mills on Coos Bay, particularly that at Bay City, where the Smith company saws an average of nearly 100,000 feet daily.

Tie hackers and others working in the forests should profit also by the order. The ties made from white cedar are from trees that are windfalls and all such lumber is seasoned.

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With a glowing account of the commercial and industrial activity in the Coos Bay country and a boost for L. J. Simpson for the gubernatorial honors in the primary, A. R. O'Brien, editor of the Evening Record at Marshfield, accompanied by Mrs. O'Brien, is in Portland for a few days' visit.

"Every mill, every camp, two big shipyards and many minor plants are operating full time," said Mr. O'Brien. "In the Coos Bay section the merchants did more business this Christmas season than at any time in years back. People are all paying their bills, there are no idle men—even the overall girl has invaded Coos Bay and young women are drawing good wages employed at light work in some of the factories. We are shipping out a lot of coal, trains of stock are going out regularly, ship knees are being sent to shipbuilding plants in great numbers and we are holding up well in supplying the Government with spruce. We 'hit the ball' every time when it comes to putting up what we are asked for for the Red Cross, liberty bonds and the Y. M. C. A. funds.

"The young manhood of Coos County has enlisted to such an extent few are left; a slacker is not given a chance to make a peep down home. The old men have formed a Home Guard, so have the Elks and Sons of Veterans. The County has put up $10,000 to be used to prosecute un-American acts, all the women folk are busy knitting for the men in the trenches and we are putting up a $40,000 Armory at Marshfield. The people down home are able to get everything they go after, usually, but they have of late encountered something they don't quite understand.

"Every newspaper in the County has come out editorially favoring L. J. Simpson as a candidate for the Governorship. The labor vote in Coos County the coming election is going to surprise everyone—it will vote for Mr Simpson. However, up to now no word of acceptance has come from Mr. Simpson and no one knows what he will do in the end. If ever an office sought a man in the coast section of Oregon, that office is now chasing L. J. Simpson."

Mr. and Mrs. Simpson are at Hotel Portland.

CITY WORKER ASKS LEAVE

Board to Decide Question of Shipyard Work for Civil Employes.

Is shipbuilding work really a war service? This question now confronts the Municipal Civil Service Board. City Commissioner Bigelow has asked that an indefinite leave of absence be granted R. L. Hicks, a street cleaner, to go to work in a ship plant.

The Civil Service Board referred the question to Secretary Bortzmeyer to investigate. The board heretofore has decided against leaves of absence for civil service employes when they intended to take up other work, leaving the city work to be handled by temporary employes.

FLETCHER NOW AERO CHIEF

Major Named Department Officer for Western Army Division.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 27.J—Major Robert H. Fletcher, of the Signal Corps, was appointed department aeronautical officer of the Western Division of the Army today by order of Major-General Arthur Murray.

Major Fletcher has been stationed in the office of the public buildings and grounds at Washington, D. C. The position of aeronautic officer had been vacant prior to today's order.

Washouts Block Travel.

NEWPORT, Or., Dec. 27.—(Special.)—The stormy weather here for the past two weeks, causing numerous slides and washouts along the railway has resulted in an almost total absence of the usual crowd of midwinter visitors at Newport. Two days during this time there has been no train service and every night the mail is from three to four hours overdue, owing to delays from transferring same from one train to another across places where the track has been carried away. The continued stormy weather makes repair work impossible on the washouts in the county roads and travel by train is practically at a standstill.

Lincoln County Finances Improve.

NEWPORT, Or., Dec. 27.—(Special.)—The report of the financial condition of Lincoln County just issued shows that for the first time in many years the county is practically out of debt. With taxes due amounting to over $30,000, most of which is collectable, and the present indebtedness only about $6000, warrants are selling readily at par. Less than year ago it was necessary to discount them 10 per cent to get them cashed. At that time there was an indebtedness of over $100,000 The present reduction has been brought about chiefly by the efficient administration of the present county officials.

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