

# STORM RAGES YET THROUGHOUT STATE

Business Demoralized—Cars Stopped—Schools Closed.

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Blue Mountain Area and Mid-Columbia Region Buffeted by Icy Winter Blasts.

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cluding the logging camps. The ever-increasing depth of snow in the yards, together with the shortage of cars caused the shut-down, which will end as soon as the storm is definitely over.

Troubles of the Bend Water, Light & Power company, which started yesterday when snow dams cut the flow of the Deschutes to one-third of normal, were augmented today when one of two water mains supplying the west side of the city, broke when the footbridge across the Deschutes, to which it is attached, went out under the weight of ice.

Reports from the farming districts indicate that stock are in little danger, as an abundance of feed has been collected.

In the Pine Mountain country, 30 miles from Portland, a slight thaw reported to be rapidly attacking the drifts.

Bumper crops in the dry land sections are predicted for next year as a result of the unusual precipitation. More than 100,000 jack rabbits will die of starvation should a slight thaw followed by a freeze crust over the present snowfall.

## OREGON CITY HAS 26 INCHES

Train Service Blocked and Cars Are Delayed in Streets.

OREGON CITY, Or., Dec. 10.—(Special.)—Twenty-six inches of snow on the level was this city's record at noon today for the present storm, and since the measurement was made precipitation has added to the depth of the blanket of white. Not in 40 years, according to records of this section, has there been a snow storm to compare with the one that has prevailed since midnight Monday. From that hour until 4 o'clock this afternoon Oregon City practically was cut off from the world.

Southern Pacific train No. 14, northbound from Roseburg, reached here in the afternoon and at 5:30 o'clock the first southbound Southern Pacific passenger train from Portland passed through, bringing mail. The electric trains from Portland have been able to operate only as far as Sixteenth street, owing to formation of ice in the guard rails, and the Willamette Valley Southern has been tied up. An effort will be made tomorrow to operate trains. It is anticipated also that trains from Portland will be running on schedule.

People who live in the country adjacent and work in the city found it necessary to spend Tuesday night in town. Every hotel and lodging house was filled to capacity and many opened their homes for accommodation of those who were unable to obtain rooms downtown.

While the mercury has remained low since winter made its appearance, the temperature has not been as unusual as the snowfall.

## STORM HITS EUGENE HARD

Snowfall Demoralizes Traffic. Schools Are Closed.

EUGENE, Or., Dec. 10.—(Special.)—Six inches of snow fell in Eugene last night and today and the storm continues tonight. Traffic in this part of the valley is demoralized. Street cars in Eugene and the Eugene-Springfield interurban line were unable to operate until the middle of the afternoon and no trains arrived from the north on either the Southern Pacific or Oregon electric lines all day until tonight.

All branch lines out of this city are tied up with little prospect of a resumption of service for several days unless the snow should occur. Power and light wires were out of commission for two hours this forenoon. All schools were dismissed.

Mail carriers on rural routes out of Eugene were unable to make their rounds because of the heavy and soft snow. The snow storm last night and today extended only as far south as Creswell, 12 miles from Eugene, but reports from that part of the county tonight state that snow is falling now, while Eugene and points north of here were experiencing almost a blizzard.

A heavy rain was falling in the territory out south and as a result the Willamette river rose three feet today. It is now at a height of over eight feet and still rising.

## UMPQUA VALLEY IS BALMY

Temperature Is 50 Above White Storms Rage Elsewhere.

ROSEBURG, Or., Dec. 10.—(Special.)—Although the Willamette valley and the entire country north of here are covered with snow, Roseburg and the entire Umpqua valley are enjoying a fine warm rain. That this section is the warmest spot along the coast between the California-Mexican line and British Columbia is shown by weather bureau reports, which credit the temperature as ranging from 42 during last night to 60 today. There has been no hint of snow in the Umpqua valley, and nothing higher than a ten-mile wind to disturb the serenity of the valley.

Only 41 of an inch of rain fell in the 24 hours ending this morning, and several hours, when the storm broke, the sun shone delightfully. The barometer is rising rapidly tonight and the local weather bureau predicts that no snow is likely to be experienced here at this time.

## HOOD BUSINESS PARALYZED

Persons Who Have Fuel May Be Asked to Help Others.

HOOD RIVER, Or., Dec. 10.—(Special.)—The snow storm continues over the mid-Columbia. Indeed, with a depth already 35 inches, the storm seems to have begun with renewed intensity tonight.

The storm has paralyzed business here today. Except for sale of snow shovels by hardware stores. Dealers have sold more than 300 shovels and men and boys are cleaning sidewalks and removing snow from roofs. City authorities have tried vainly to keep streets cleared.

Apple hauling has ceased. Indeed, shipment of fruit will be necessarily discontinued. It is feared, by a block-side of rail lines. The Hood River road company was unable to clear its tracks this morning, a locomotive

having balked at deep drifts on the switchboard south of the city. O. W. R. & N. officials here are expecting a blockade momentarily. The east-bound limited, due here at 11:32 a. m., arrived at 4 p. m. after jacking heavy drifts the entire distance from Portland.

Schools have closed down till the storm is over. Rural mail carriers were forced to discontinue carrieries. Rural highways are impassable and no country people are in the city today.

The temperature reached seven degrees above zero at valley points last night. Eighteen degrees has been the maximum today.

The steady cold has frozen flumes of one of the two local plants of the Pacific Power & Light company. The other is badly hampered by the storm and energy is being supplied here from the Northwestern Electric company's plant on the White Salmon river. Snow and ice have blocked ditches and flumes of a water power system supplying the vinegar factory, machinery of the Apple Growers' association and the Hood River Glacier. Without power for its presses, the Glacier, the city's pioneer newspaper, missed getting out its weekly issue on schedule today for the first time in its 31 years of existence.

The fuel situation grows worse. With no coal available and the snow drifts making transportation of wood impossible, it is likely that those heavily supplied will be asked to divide with less fortunate neighbors. Some of the city's business houses have but four days' supply of fuel.

## CAPITAL IS STORMBOUND

Salem Has 20 Inches of Snow, Tying Up Rail Traffic.

SALEM, Or., Dec. 10.—(Special.)—Train service is practically paralyzed, telephone and telegraph communication is interrupted and street cars are at a standstill here as the result of the heaviest snowfall experienced in Marion county since the year 1880.

Tonight the snow had fallen to a depth of more than 20 inches, and it was still snowing.

Southern Pacific train No. 14, which arrived here from the south at 9 o'clock last night, was icebound within four blocks of the Salem depot, and did not leave for Portland until this afternoon. At 7 o'clock tonight no Southern Pacific trains had arrived here from Portland for more than 24 hours.

The Oregon Electric train due here from Portland at 6:25 o'clock last night became stalled at the outskirts of the city, and it was necessary to convey the passengers to the business district by automobiles. Other southbound Oregon Electric trains were stalled in the dead school, north of Salem. Although not attempting to operate on a schedule, the Oregon Electric officials announced this afternoon that through service had been resumed.

The Falls City motor, which was stalled in a snowbank some distance from Salem yesterday afternoon, was today supplanted by a steam train, and partial service on that branch is being maintained.

Street-car traffic was abandoned late last night and no attempt had been made late this afternoon to resume service. Because of the coal shortage and the almost impassable condition of the streets, the schools were closed today. Practically all state departments operated with short forces today, many of the stenographers and clerks being unable to reach the capital.

Farmers and fruit growers say the damage in the rural districts will be nominal unless the snowfall is followed by intense cold.

## ALBANY TIED UP BY STORM

Heavy Snowfall Isolates Other Towns in Vicinity.

ALBANY, Or., Dec. 10.—(Special.)—With snow piled two feet deep in the streets and more falling, Albany is in the midst of one of the worst storm tie-ups it has ever experienced. The official record of snowfall since the storm began is 20 inches, but in many places it has drifted deeper. It is the biggest snowstorm in 38 years.

Two northbound through trains on the Southern Pacific have been stalled here all day. They started north this evening.

No southbound Southern Pacific trains from Portland arrived today. Railroad men are making heroic efforts to keep the main lines open, but have been compelled to abandon the effort to maintain travel on the several branch lines from this city.

Oregon Electric trains have been stalled here, too. An improvised snow plow has been working all day on the electric line through Albany and conditions are better tonight.

Telephone lines to Lebanon, Brownsville and Solo are all down and with no trains running and travel on roads impossible these cities are practically isolated.

Many rural telephone lines are down. Some local phones are out, but the company is maintaining good local service, though compelled to house its operators at hotels.

There is no taxi service here and delivery service has been abandoned. The roof of the big warehouse of Irvin's garage, at Tenth and Vine streets, caved in this morning.

A barn here collapsed this afternoon, killing a cow.

There was no school here today. None of the rural mail carriers left the local postoffice today.

A strong wind last night drifted the snow over the streets and walks, cleared yesterday.

## THE DALES IS SNOWBOUND

Light and Power Are Cut Off and Fuel Situation Critical.

THE DALES, Or., Dec. 10.—(Special.)—Regular business is demoralized, all trains either annulled or hours behind schedule, public schools here indefinitely dismissed and the heaviest snow storms in years. At 6 o'clock this evening 25 inches of snow covered the ground, and every indication points toward hours more of snowfall. The official thermometer registered 11 degrees above zero this morning and added further discomfort to the heavy snowfall.

All branch and local trains have been annulled, according to the local railroad officials. An effort will be made to put one westbound and one eastbound train through some time today, but when they will arrive is problematical. Eastbound train No. 9, which was scheduled to leave here about 1:45 this morning, did not depart until 9:30 this morning. All trains are being double-headed.

Early this morning storm-dressed folk were out in the streets endeavoring to clear the way for pedestrians and vehicular traffic. Practically all deliveries outside of the business district have been abandoned.

## ROADS BLOCKED IN SHERMAN

Snowfall Continuous Since Monday and 2 Feet Lies on Level.

MOHO, Or., Dec. 10.—(Special.)—There has been continuous snowfall in Sherman county since Monday night. Roads are blocked in all directions. Today the snow is two feet on the level, and numerous drifts are six feet deep. Trains on

the Shaniko branch are cancelled. Tuesday's southbound passenger was held at Grass Valley at night. A snowplow is needed to dig them out.

If a Chinook wind hits this snow the track will be washed out entirely for many miles.

WALLA WALLA ROADS CLOSED

More Than Foot of Snow Covers Southeastern Washington.

WALLA WALLA, Wash., Dec. 10.—Conditions in Walla Walla are similar to those preceding the big snow of January-February, 1916, when 40 inches of snow fell, according to Meteorologist Garrett. More than a foot of snow is now on the ground, and trains are delayed, roads in and out of Walla Walla blocked, street car service annulled, and delivery so difficult that fuel dealers tell customers to come and get fuel if they want it.

Ten carloads of coal were distributed to dealers today through the railroad administration and A. N. Davis was named fuel administrator.

## STORM FIERCE AT LA GRANDE

Blue Mountain Area Whipped by Snowy Blasts.

LA GRANDE, Or., Dec. 10.—(Special.)—Trains are running far behind

schedule and in reduced numbers, due to the storms that have raged in the Blue mountain area for the past 35 hours. Winds are whipping the dry snow in great strength, and country traffic is at a standstill.

The ferocity of the storm is unparalleled in the memories of present-day inhabitants.

Late this afternoon two freight trains only had left the yards. Passenger trains are struggling through the snow many hours late.

## PENDLETON HAS HEAVY SNOW

Minimum Temperature 6 Above. Trains Are Delayed.

PENDLETON, Or., Dec. 10.—(Special.)—Not since February, 1916, when the snow piled up to a depth of 38 inches, has Pendleton felt such a storm as has raged here for two days.

Snow has fallen steadily since early yesterday morning. It was 14 inches deep at 2 o'clock today and still falling.

Major Lee Moorhouse, official weather observer, predicts that a chinook is coming and will take off the snow blanket in a short time. He says the change may come this evening.

Train service is entirely disrupted, but two passenger trains having come in up until 4 P. M. No. 19, due from the east at 4:45 P. M., got in at 1 o'clock after a snow blow had

broken the way for it, while No. 4, due last night from Portland, arrived at 5:20 this morning. Today's maximum temperature is 11 above zero, with a minimum of 6 above. The zero mark was reached night before last for the first time this winter.

WASCO FEELS ZERO TOUCH

Snowstorm Is Unabated and Fuel Scarcity Is Acute.

WASCO, Or., Dec. 10.—(Special.)—One of the heaviest snow storms in many years has fallen here in the past 48 hours. The snow is about 20 inches deep and in places the drifts are four or five feet. The thermometer is hovering around zero, with no indications of the storm abating. The trains on the Shaniko branch have been annulled on account of not being able to make connections with the main line.

The fuel situation is becoming more acute every day. There has been no coal here for several days, and wood shipments are slow.

## SNOW PILES UP AT LEWISTON

More Than 20 Inches on Ground and More Falling.

LEWISTON, Idaho, Dec. 10.—The Lewiston valley continues to experience unprecedented winter weather. The United States weather records

show, until the recent storm, the coldest December weather occurred on December 29, 1890, when 4 above zero was recorded. On December 4 last the registration was 5 below zero, and on December 9 it was 11 below.

There was a rise in temperature today, accompanied by a snowstorm with a depth on the ground at this time of 20 1/2 inches. The previous December snowfall record was 5 1/2 inches, on December 22, 1915. The snowstorm continues tonight, with a depth assured of breaking all records of the valley. Railroad trains are operating with difficulty.

## Long Beach Has Snow.

LONG BEACH, Wash., Dec. 10.—(Special.)—Snow began falling Monday night, and yesterday morning there was about four inches on a level and still snowing. There was no wind, but it is freezing cold. Hydrants are frozen. The morning tram was an hour late. There has not been any snow here for about ten years.

## Snow Benefits Vale Farmers.

VALE, Or., Dec. 10.—(Special.)—With six inches of snow covering the ground Vale has experienced some of the coldest weather in years the first of this week. Monday the thermometer registered 18 below. Temperatures were somewhat modified Wednesday with a cold rain falling. Heavy snows and rains mean thousands of dollars to ranchers in the

orchard district provided with grain. The Hood River game protective association is leading the movement, and grain has been purchased. Many bob white and mountain quail, liberated by local sportsmen, face extinction unless the birds are fed through the snow storm.

## HOOD FEEDS GAME BIRDS.

HOOD RIVER, Or., Dec. 10.—(Special.)—With the earth snow-covered, local sportsmen have started a movement to keep China pheasants of the

Warm Springs district and the dry land farmers in the country.

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