

ALL CITY PREVIEW ORDERED IN DUTY

Department Answers 36 Alarms in 24-Hour Period.

ENGINES STICK IN SNOW

Fire Chief Tells Citizens Chimney Blazes Do Not Warrant Calls; Apparatus Out.

So that the fire department might be ready to combat fires which break out during the present storm and every effort might be made to respond to all alarms sent in, both shifts of firemen were ordered on duty yesterday and will remain on duty until the emergency ends.

It was announced late yesterday that the department had responded to 36 fire alarms in 24 hours, most of them being chimney fires caused by unusually hot fires in stoves and furnaces. Nearly every call required the fire apparatus to be out two or three hours working through the snow to the fire and back to the fire station.

Fire Engines Stall. Warning for householders to take all precautions against fire during the present storm was issued yesterday by Chief Grenfell, fire marshal, who declares it extremely difficult for the fire apparatus to aid in extinguishing fires, especially when quick responses are necessary.

The reasons for the alarms yesterday and the preceding night caused a number of pieces of fire apparatus to stall for hours in the snow. Others broke drive chains. Both shifts of firemen were called out to make greater speed through the snow. A fire at the foundry of the Columbia shipyards caused from an overheated cupola Tuesday night resulted in engines 4 and 5 being stalled in the snow from 11:35 until 5 o'clock yesterday morning, when they were finally extricated, the fire did some damage to the roof of the building.

Chimney Fires Not Dangerous. All the fire apparatus in south Portland was out for several hours Tuesday night as a result of two chimney fires. Chief Grenfell urged that fire alarms be not sent in for chimney fires, as he said there is no danger with the roofs covered with snow.

A smudge pot set on the floor to keep some warm water at a stove foundry, Hood and Caruthers streets, resulted in a fire which damaged the floor. The flames spread to the basement and for a time threatened the whole building.

Numerous chimney fires were reported yesterday. The principal feature was the difficulty experienced by apparatus in responding.

A call to Seventy-second street and Foster road caused engines 31, truck 4 and engine 2 to be out for several hours. Engine 21 suffered a broken drive chain as a result of responding to a fire call at Second and Ankeny streets. Engine 4 and 5 also suffered broken drive chains.

Fire Chief Grenfell appealed to householders not to thaw pipes with torches or burning paper. Several fire calls resulted in the use of gas fires set in this way. He urged that hot water be used in thawing pipes.

MILK DELIVERIES HALTED

DAIRYMEN UNABLE TO BRING PRODUCT TO CITY.

Hospitals and Baby Homes Are Supplied, and Plans Are Made to Establish Depots.

Inability of farmers to bring milk through heavy snow drifts to rail way stations, added to the badly damaged railway and steamboat service yesterday, resulted in a serious milk shortage. Because of the heavy snow drifts, many milk dealers made no attempt to deliver the small amount of milk that reached the city to individual consumers.

Nor is it likely that deliveries can be resumed today, according to officials of the leading dealers. An attempt will be made to furnish stores on the main artery with milk, and all persons calling at the depots and dairies will be supplied. It was announced today that deliveries were made to the hospitals and baby homes and some milk was delivered to a few homes.

Unless conditions improve, stores abate quickly, the situation promises to be critical, according to A. M. Work, president of the Portland and Damascus milk company, who said last night that he had telephoned to the large condenser in Salem, where but one can of milk had been delivered by milk producers throughout the day. This condenser will ship all milk delivered to them directly to Portland.

Mr. Work also telephoned to officials of the Carnation company at Seattle and obtained permission to use all the milk delivered to the condenseries of this company located at Forest Grove and Hillsboro. Arrangements were made with officials of the Condensing plant at McMinnville for use of its supply during the present crisis.

The milk situation is already critical, said Mr. Work. "The dealers are doing all possible to supply milk to retail stores, but under present conditions it is impossible to make the house-to-house deliveries. If we can obtain milk from the producers we will be able to give some service, but with the supply virtually shut off, as at present, the situation is extremely serious."

STREET CAR HITS SLEIGH

Two Telephone Employees Slightly Injured in Accident.

Two persons were injured yesterday afternoon when a Sellwood street car struck and demolished a sleigh in which employees of the Pacific Telephone company were being taken to the Sellwood exchange, the accident occurring at the corner of Milwaukee avenue and Hill street.

H. H. Masterson, switchboard line-man, 204 East Clay street, received a cut on the temple in the crash. Miss D. P. Oiler, 621 East Thirteenth street, received a sprained neck and bruises. She was taken to her home. Others in the party were bruised but not seriously hurt.

HUMOROUS SIDE OF BEING SNOWBOUND IS SEEN BY RESIDENTS OF ROSE CITY

Automobile and Street-Car Traffic Bit Uncertain, but Passengers Take Delays Philosophically, Saying Waiting Is Better Than Walking; Enforced Vacations Are Taken by Employees of Many Establishments.

"I NEVER laughed so much in my life," chuckled Arthur C. Dayton, district judge, as he recounted his experiences in trekking to the courthouse from 625 East Fifty-fifth street North. His good humor was due chiefly to the fact that he had not walked the entire distance, having made part of the journey in the storm-bucking automobile of a good samaritan.

"Every blockman has abandoned bread wagons, grocery trucks and private automobiles," he declared. "One handsome limousine was drawn up to a curb after futile fight with the snow drifts without chains. The owner had deserted it for the more sure method of hiking."

Near Fifteenth street was a big package of Morning Oregonians that the delivery boy had despaired of distributing. Every passer-by and there were many of them, grabbed a paper from the top of the pile and hurried on, leaving the boy to his fate. "One heavily laden automobile plunged down the street at about 30 miles an hour almost out of control, skidding from side to side of the street and many times all but aparting. We were forced to follow the wild ruts, as the going was easier that along fresh paths."

"Oh, brother, have a heart," called out a girl who ran from a Twenty-third street car yesterday at noon. Just as she said that she fell into a snow drift that covered her with fine white snow. But as she pondered to rise conductor 427, good natured and beaming, replied "come here, sister, and I'll pick you up. He waited for the stranded passenger and then helped shake the snow from her when she reached the platform.

Flying snow and heaped-up drifts were evidently too much of a formidable combination for many of the dodgers Tuesday and classes were uniformly small. Several unsuspecting dormitory dwellers awoke to find his or her room swarmed with the snow which a driving wind had sifted through the cracks in the roof. A sensation of arrival after arrival of winter bedecked residents.

Several of the more southern members of the student body were treated to their first glimpse of snow and, incidentally, when the fact became known, to their first immersion with vigorously applied "free-washings."

The Reed campus was wind-swept all day and snow piled high in entries to buildings. Reed oldtimers have been recollecting the days of the silver thaw in 1916, when dormitory people were cut off from the city for several days without fuel and with diminishing supply of food. Furniture was used to build fires and rationing became the compulsory order.

Everyman's club, at 234 Couch street, is hoping to solve the housing problem. The clubrooms are warm and cozy and there's a phonograph and many comforts, but best of all Joe Hanley has arranged that they shall be sleeping accommodations and yesterday installed 100 cots in the clubrooms. And so, any man who can't find a bed may be able to get a comfortable shelter in the club on South street. Joe Little says service men will have the first chance. He is in charge of the room and couldn't get home night before last, so sat up all night. It was this that inspired him to get cots. He submitted the plan to Joe Hanley and the cots who came in on a train at midnight last night enjoyed the shelter of the clubrooms.

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"We'll do it again and save the resident of this district from freezing, provided the oil company can get the oil somewhere near, said cadet Tom Taylor of Montana. Many of the boys came from snowy districts and to them this weather is a cake."

New boilers were being placed in the Central Heating plant when the storm struck. Portland and several other cities had planned to make every effort to keep the heat up. Everything now depends on the delivery of oil.

A Mount Tabor car with a full passenger list ran of the track at East Twenty-eighth and Morrison streets late Tuesday night. Many of the passengers were unable to remain in the car, rather than attempt the hike through the deep snow to their distant homes. John Blied of 104 East Nineteenth street, recognizing the plight of the freezing passengers, piled good samaritans and served hot coffee at 3 A. M.

Men of the delivery department of Olds, Wortman & King's department store, determined to "deliver the goods" yesterday, got saws, hammers, nails and boards and made sleds with box tops, and on these were piled the packages, marked "heat." and with the aid of rope the husky, good-tempered deliverymen went merrily on their way distributing the bundles. Articles needed for the sick were given first attention.

A certain young man who writes feature stories for the Sunday paper has temporarily switched from feature writing to feature talking on account of this cold spell. This young man returned recently with a bride from Minneapolis. In addition to the customary arguments on behalf of wedding bells, it seems that he made some very optimistic statements as to winter weather conditions here—among others, that snow is so rare that generations will go by without a single snow flake. The very day he and his bride arrived in Portland an east wind struck town and stayed around for a week. The bride declared she had never been so cold in her life. A then came this snow storm, which she insisted could give a few lessons to Minneapolis blizzards. Now this feature writer is putting in several days of his winter vacation at the weather bureau records and quoting statistics to his bride to prove that such things happen here only once in 45 years or so.

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Whether the mechanism was frozen up or whether it merely decided that this was no time for a fan was not determined. At any rate, chilly pedestrians who trudged along Washington street found some consolation in the fact that the cold wind was not being augmented by any visual suggestions.

"When it comes to hardships no one in Portland has anything on the hapless houseboat inhabitant," declared a Willamette mooragee yesterday. Two times had pleasure boats been in the city. The delights of summer days when one can refresh himself after a hard day's work by a plunge from the front porch into the Willamette river were but hazy memories indeed, he declared, outside the present snowbound condition.

Inhabitants along the popular moorage above the city were working nearly all day yesterday, shoveling snow from the sidewalks into the river and cleaning their roofs. The boats in many instances were down in the water nearly to the floors on account of the added weight, and it was necessary to shove away from the roofs frequently during the heavy fall to offset the danger of sinking boats and the water level was into the icy depths. At the Willamette moorage the gas was off and the water was in the pipes.

Many faced the necessity of taking their hot-water plumbing out entirely, the heating systems were connected with the heating stoves and with the pipes frozen an explosion of the tank was threatened if a fire was maintained in the stove. In places on the still water between the houses a thin crust of ice formed which was sufficient to hold up the snow, and to the difficulty of such winter life on the moorage was added the danger of ice being broken up and swept that would send one into the water.

Patients in St. Vincent's hospital were forced to wait several hours after the accustomed breakfast hour before they could get their morning meal. The delay was caused by the late delivery of milk and bread, some essentials in the diet. Sufficient milk, bread and other supplies were delivered to the hospital late yesterday, however, to insure the serving of breakfast promptly at 7 o'clock this morning.

City Commissioner Trier was first to appear at the city hall yesterday morning. The hour was just 6 o'clock. Second honors went to Commissioner Briggs, who arrived at the city hall at 7 o'clock. Mayor Barber did not appear at the hall until noon, but he had a perfectly good reason for his tardiness, which was that he was out on the weather bureau records and quoting statistics to his bride to prove that such things happen here only once in 45 years or so.

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Children should not be permitted to play in the street; but they do. Drivers should not exceed the speed limit in the outlying districts; but they do. People should not cross the street downtown or in the suburbs except at street intersections nor without first carefully looking in both directions; but they do. Accidents—serious ones—in the outlying districts are the result.

Why not eliminate these bad practices—things that are a menace to life and limb. It can be done if each individual will remember that the street, at best, is a dangerous place and that observance of certain rules is the only way to avoid getting hurt.

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according to the report and the committee in that locality are still working hard to secure additional pledges. The Lane organization is headed by Commissioner Briggs, who is a tenant in the marine corps, and much of the success is attributed to his efforts.

MURDER CASE BAFFLES POLICE UNABLE TO GET CLUE ON WHICH TO WORK.

Lack of Co-operation by Military Authorities Said to Interfere With Civilians' Efforts.

Efforts to unravel the mystery surrounding the death of Private Mark A. Matthews of the camp hospital at Camp Lewis, who was shot at the intersection of Eleventh and Main streets Monday night, were unsuccessful yesterday, although the detectives and police continued their search for a clue.

A lack of co-operation on the part of the army authorities in the work of running down the mystery greatly handicapped the local police. Detective Captain Circle again yesterday took the matter up with the army authorities at Vancouver barracks in the attempt to have the non-commissioned officers returned to this city to assist in clearing up the mystery.

"We are especially handicapped in not knowing anything about the man who was shot," declared Detective Captain Circle yesterday. "We have nothing consequently on which to base our theories, except a little information we have been able to 'dig' up."

Efforts to determine the identity of the two men who made their escape after assisting C. M. Locke, 335 Eleventh street, in carrying the dead man into the house were also unsuccessful.

RILEY SEATTLE SPEAKER

Lecturer Addresses Meeting of West Coast Lumbermen.

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