

FURIOUS STORM RAKES 2 STATES

Rivers Are Rising Rapidly; Roads Inundated.

LOWLANDS UNDER WATER

Willamette Up 8.2 Feet; Residents
Along Molalla River Flee as
Flood Waters Rise.

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Willamette valley and along the
coast. The Willamette as well as
the smaller streams feeding it were
reported to be rising rapidly and
much lowland to be under water.

Throughout Tillamook county the
heavy rains had sent many small
streams out of their banks and much
acreage was inundated.

Families living along the Molalla
river began fleeing from their homes
last night when the water began to
rise rapidly. Several families had
moved out before 9 o'clock and a
number of others were prepared to
leave if the water continued to rise.

Bridges Show Weakness.

All of the bridges along the river
near here were showing signs of
weakness and the steel bridge, 2 1/2
miles east of here, went out early to-
night. This was a comparatively new
structure, having been built six years
ago at a cost of \$15,000. Men were
working all day on the Willamette
Valley Southern bridge, clearing
driftwood away from it in an effort
to save it from the flood.

Western Washington was still in
the grip of one of the most severe
snow and sleet storms in its history.
From points in all parts of that state
came reports of heavy snowfall and
resultant tieups in train service, tele-
phone and telegraph communication,
streets and automobile traffic.

Ellensburg reported the Kittitas
valley covered to the depth of 20
inches, with the snowfall continuing.
Eighteen inches were reported at
Prosser and over the lower Yakima
valley, the heaviest November fall on
record in that district.

Aberdeen Has Three Inches.

At Aberdeen three inches of snow
was reported, the greatest November
fall in six years. Near the summit
of the Cascade mountains the fall
was about four feet, interfering
greatly with railway operation. All
transcontinental trains were late.
Temperatures ranged from 15 to 35
degrees above zero.

At Prosser, Wash., a heavy snow
had fallen, but the wheat farmers
were jubilant as they declared that it
would protect their crops from frost.
At Astoria a disagreeable rain was
accompanied by a brisk wind.

At Hillsboro, only a few miles from
Portland, much of the lowland territory
had been flooded by last night and
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Within 48 hours after Oregon and
Washington had been struck by a
snow and rain storm, streams in
many parts of the two states were
reported to be rising rapidly. Many
of the smaller creeks were out of
their banks and several of the main
arteries of highway travel had been
blocked. Automobiles were marooned
all along the Columbia highway and
the Pacific highway.

At several points along the Pacific
highway, the road bed was six inches
or so under water. In the western
portion of the two states, a torrent
of rain was continuing to fall, partic-
ularly in the eastern section and partic-
ularly in the mountains there was
little or no let-up in the snow.

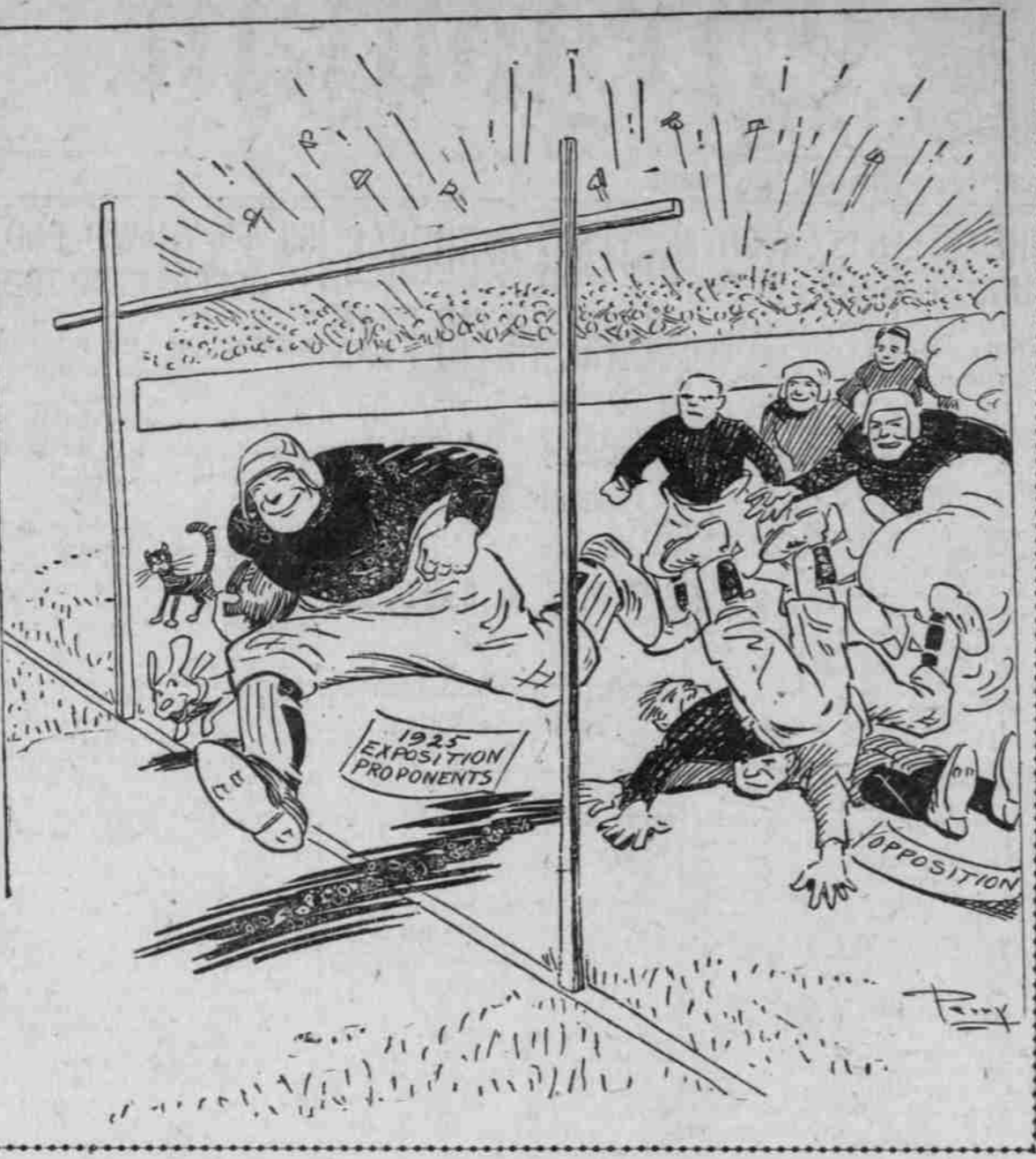
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MARION COUNTY STREAMS UP

Heaviest Rainfall in Several Years
Lasts for 36 Hours.

SALEM, Or., Nov. 20.—(Special.)—
Salem and Marion county during the
last 36 hours experienced the heaviest
rainfall in several years. Reports
from the rural districts indicated that
many of the streams were overflowing
their banks, while some of the
highways were covered with water
several inches deep. The Willamette
river was rising rapidly, and Mill
creek, which flows through Salem,
was nearing the danger point.

City authorities said that every pre-
caution was being taken to prevent
the wreckage of a number of wooden
buildings. As a result of the heavy
rain and slippery pavements, there
was a heavy increase in the number
of automobile accidents. A half dozen
or more cars were damaged on the
Pacific highway between Salem and
Woodburn. None of the occupants
were injured seriously.

There has been no interruption in
train service and stage lines were
operating on regular schedule to-
night.

Farmers said the heavy rain would
prove beneficial to winter crops.

RAIN HEAVY AT CORVALLIS

Pacific Highway Reported 6 Inches
Under Water at Some Points.

CORVALLIS, Or., Nov. 20.—Rain,
which has been falling here steadily
for the last five days, came down in
torrents last night, accompanied by a
heavy wind. Small creeks were bank
high and all low flat territory was
flooded. The new Pacific highway
paving south of town was covered
by six inches of water in several
places between here and Eugene, 18
cars were counted this morning
wrecked because of slippery pave-
ment. No material damage was re-
ported except the washing out of
crops in some of the lowlands. The
rain was still falling tonight.

WALLA WALLA ROADS CLOSED

Car Line Service Is Paralyzed and
Farmers Are Isolated.

WALLA WALLA, Wash., Nov. 20.—
(Special.)—With 16 inches of snow on
the ground by mid-afternoon the
storm in Walla Walla had not abated.
Snow has been falling since
Thursday and since last night the
fall was steady and heavy. As a re-
sult all trains were running late.
No mail was received today, and auto
stages between Walla Walla and
nearby points, such as Pasco, Pendle-
ton and Pomeroy, were unable to
operate.

At intake, 13 miles from Walla
Walla, 23 inches of snow had fallen
at 3 P. M., and the mercury there
stood at 15 above zero. In the moun-
tains the snow was several feet deep.
Some stock in the highlands will suf-
fer unless the storm ends soon, as it
was impossible to get feed to them.
The streetcar company gave up at-
tempts to operate city lines today as
well as to keep interurban cars on

schedule. Fuel and goods supplies in
large supplies in anticipation of the
threatened railroad strike.

The deep snow has temporarily iso-
lated farmers living a distance from
town.

The jingle of sleighbells was heard
in Walla Walla today in queer ac-
companyment to harsh auto signals.

About 150 tons of the 50,000 tons of
sugar beets raised in the Walla Walla
district this year are under snow in
the fields. All of the rest have been
gathered and shipped to the sugar
factory at Toppenish.

ALBANY HAS HEAVY RAIN

Fall of 6.68 Inches Since Friday
Reported by Observer.

ALBANY, Or., Nov. 20.—(Special.)
All local records were broken when
a rainfall of 6.68 inches was recorded
at Albany in the 24 hours preceding
8 o'clock this morning. The records
of F. M. French, United States
weather observer here, showed that
this was the heaviest rainfall here in
26 years of the 30 during which a
record has been kept. The previous
record was 3.60 inches on January
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The north Santiam, south Santiam
and Galapoolia rivers were all ex-
pected to be badly flooded by to-
morrow. The Willamette was rising
rapidly here, but will not reach flood
stage for some time. Mr. French es-
timated that the Willamette will
reach about 25 feet above low water
mark here, which is five feet above
flood stage. When the rains began
the river was remarkably low, hav-
ing recorded only 1.2 feet above low
water on November 14. This was
practically a low-water record for
the month. Had the river been nor-
mal when the rain began a flood
would have resulted.

Hillsboro Has Heavy Rain.

HILLSBORO, Or., Nov. 20.—(Special.)—
Heavy rain which continued
through Saturday and increased in
volume during the night and all day
Sunday flooded low lands, but no re-
ports of damage to bridges or fills
were received. While the snow has
fallen on the surrounding hills, none
fell in the valley. A change from rain to
snow during the night was expected.
Seeding was nearly completed and the
rain was welcomed by the farmers.

Moro Has 3 Feet of Snow.

MORO, Or., Nov. 20.—(Special.)—
The storm which began Friday after-
noon was continuing tonight. The
snow averaged three feet on the level
and was falling heavily. The South
local changed to hail. The Shanks train
this morning turned around at Grass
Valley. Owners of flatroof buildings
were organizing gangs of men to
clean the roofs because of the fear of
collapse. Large trucks and caterpil-
lars used by Sherman county in road
work were caught in the freeze Fri-
day night.

Tillamook Rivers Overflow.

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panied by a biting east wind. Fears
were expressed that the rain would
turn to snow before morning. The
barometer dropped to the lowest
point it has reached this fall, regis-
tering 29.25 at 5:30 tonight and still
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Snow ceased falling in La
Grande at 3 o'clock this afternoon,
when a light rain set in. The snow
was 27 inches deep on the level and
the rain had melted but little of it
tonight. Automobile traffic was
practically at a standstill in and
around La Grande all day long because
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