

GREAT HAVOC IS CREATED BY SILVER THAW

Traction Company and Phone Lines Felled by Sleet Storm.

IMMENSE DAMAGE DONE

Ice-Laden Wires Fall and More Than 200 Poles Crash to Street.

TREES TOPPLE EVERYWHERE

Light and Power Strands Break, Sputter on Ground.

LITTLE RELIEF PROMISED

Hardly One Throughfare of Portland Escapes—Suburban Districts Also Suffer—Several Injured in Day's General Havoc.

FEATURES OF 'SILVER THAW.' Car services demoralized. High-tension lines broken in many places and part of electric supply cut off all night.

Drizzling rain and sleet, which turned to ice as it fell, demoralized Portland's streetcar service yesterday.

TWO CARRY FRIEND IN SLUSH 7 MILES

TIMBER-CUTTER, WITH BOTH ARMS BROKEN, IS BORNE.

Tree Falls on Woodsman's Hut. When Companions Find Leo Roland They Improve Litter.

After being carried seven miles in a litter by two companions, Leo Roland, a woodcutter, whose arms were broken when a giant tree fell on the lonely hut in which he was living in the woods near Gresham, was brought to Portland last night.

Rolland, who is an employe of Rudlum Bros., timber cutters, was employed in the woods two miles from Gresham. The cold spell confined him to his hut. As he was sitting at his fireside, a big tree weighted down by snow and ice crashed upon the hut and splined down and severely injured Rolland.

HEALTH WILL BE TOPIC

Four Lectures to Be Given at Oregon Agricultural College.

OREGON AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE, Corvallis, Jan. 6.—(Special.)—George F. Sykes, instructor of zoology at the Oregon Agricultural College, will give four lectures in January on the Conservation of Health.

EDUCATOR IS DECORATED

Professor Frederick Starr Is Given Highest Honor by Belgian Ruler.

CHICAGO, Jan. 6.—Professor Frederick Starr, of the University of Chicago, received word today that he had been appointed commander of the Order of Leopold II, the highest honor in the way of decoration given by the government of Belgium.

TONS OF TEA PROTESTED

Association Appeals to Taft Against Threatened Importation.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 6.—Declaring 6,000,000 pounds of colored and adulterated tea which does not comply with treasury regulations, or with the pure food law, will be admitted and sold in this country within a few days unless the government acts quickly, Senator Root and a delegation from the New York Tea Association today appealed to President Taft.

PORTLAND CUT OFF FROM MANY SIDES

Wind Velocity Reaches 60 Miles on Coast.

VALLEY GETS FREEZING RAIN

3 O.-W. R. & N. Trains Tied Up; Relief Crews Sent Out.

ICE IN COLUMBIA FORMS

Disturbance at Mouth of Big River Indicative of Colder Weather.

OREGON ELECTRIC SERVICE IS HIT BY BROKEN WIRES.

Though the storm which swept over Portland yesterday and last night might have been termed "local" in the sense of the damage done to telephone, telegraph, electric light and trolley wires, there were violent weather manifestations over the greater part of Oregon and Washington.

THREE TRAINS TIED UP.

Up the Columbia River gorge sleet rolled down the mountainside and blocked traffic on the O.-W. R. & N. report at 1 o'clock this morning saying that three trains were stuck between Cascade Locks and Bonneville.

RAIN CONTINUES TODAY.

The conditions are favorable for rain in Western Oregon and Western Washington and for snow in the district east of the Cascade Mountains. It will be warmer today in Northern Oregon, Washington and Northern Idaho.

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The Weather. Maximum temperature, 54 degrees; minimum, 29 degrees. TODAY—Rain and warmer, southwesterly winds.

GREAT PAINT AND OIL MERGER PENDING

Standard Said to Be Back of Combine.

PORTLAND SLATED AS CENTER

\$1,000,000 White-Lead Factory for City in Huge Plan.

PLANTS ALREADY BOUGHT?

Contemplated \$20,000,000 Merger Embracing Zone From San Diego to Seattle Is Reported—Canal Trade Leads to Deal.

FEATURES OF GIANTIC OIL AND PAINT MERGER.

Standard Oil Company's allied interests are believed to be the moving power behind the scheme to control the oil and paint business.

"HIS'ER" NEW WORD IN TWO GENDERS

ELLA FLAGG YOUNG FILLS GAP IN LANGUAGE.

Chicago Principals Directed How to Speak When "He'er" Wishes to Save Valuable Time.

CHICAGO, Jan. 6.—Miss Ella Flagg Young, superintendent of Chicago's schools, announced today to her principals a new form of third person, singular number, personal pronoun, which she hopes may be introduced in general use.

67 ATHLETES VIE IN SNOW

Oarsmen in Their Track Suits Brave Cold to Secure Place.

UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON, Seattle, Wash., Jan. 6.—(Special.)—Striving with cold, while snow fell on their bare arms and shoulders and got inside their thin white track shirts, 67 oarsmen in their track suits and caps were propelling "fours" and "eights" over the surface of Lake Washington as steadily as if bright April sun, instead of cold January clouds, was glaring at them from the sky.

AMERICAN SHOT IN BERLIN

Millner Alleges Failure to Support Her Two Children.

BERLIN, Jan. 6.—Norbert M. Rodkinson, a prominent member of the American colony here, was shot, probably fatally, last night by a milliner named Alwyn Stede. The woman was intercepted as she was escaping from Mr. Rodkinson's office and immediately fired a bullet into her own body.

MAN'S INJURY IS FATAL

Shotgun, Accidentally Discharged, Wounds Woodchopper.

LA GRANDE, Or., Jan. 6.—(Special.)—Frank Pierce, a woodchopper, was shot and fatally injured tonight by the accidental discharge of a shotgun, the load of which buried itself in the man's groin.

CRAFT BEATS SEA; ENGINEER SAVED

Schooner Patsy in Port by Own Power.

DEANE, FREEZING, RESCUED

Swept Overboard, Man in Ice Waters Nearly One Hour.

HARROWING TALE IS TOLD

Breakers Off Tillamook Too High to Launch Small Boats—Life Buoy Proves Saver—Deane Once Almost Gave Up.

ASTORIA, Or., Jan. 6.—(Special.)

Bringing a tale of a narrow escape from destruction on the Tillamook Bay bar and a tale of the more narrow escape of Charles Deane, her chief engineer, and her owner, from drowning, the gasoline schooner Patsy, Captain C. H. Hanson, came into port this afternoon under her own power.

STRONG EBB TIDE RUNNING.

A strong ebb tide was running, and when the vessel was crossing the inside line of breakers she struck the bottom hard. The helm was put hard over to bring her to starboard, and just then a terrific sea hit the schooner, shifting her cargo to port and throwing her over until her rail was under water.

WEATHER AND WARS LEND INSPIRATION TO THE SERIO-COMIC PEN OF CARTOONIST REYNOLDS.

