

TRAIN DISPATCHING HURT BY STORM

Only Short Strip of Road Near Bonneville Closed to Railway Traffic.

VALLEY GETS MUCH RAIN

Sleet Did Not Extend East of Cascades Nor North of Kalama on Puget Sound Line—Trains Run Under Flag Service.

WARMER WEATHER PREDICTED.

Weather forecast for today: Rain and warmer; southwesterly winds. The conditions are favorable for rain today in Western Oregon and for snow in the district east of the Cascade Mountains. The forecast indicates that the sleet of the storm has been reached and it is hoped the promised rise in temperature will end damage from the storm. Weather forecasters here, however, say the rise in temperature may be slight, and makes no definite promise of relief.

The mercury hovered around freezing point all day yesterday. The minimum temperature was 23 degrees and the maximum temperature 34 degrees. The total precipitation between 5 A. M. and 5 P. M. was 1.78 inches.

Had the ice on the telegraph wires not prevented the successful dispatching of trains, service in and out of Portland would not have suffered as a result of the storm. The tracks were open in all directions, with the exception of a short strip near Bonneville on the O. W. R. & N. main line, which was cleared late last night.

So far as the railroad was concerned the damage wrought by the storm centered itself in the immediate vicinity of Portland. It did not extend much farther south than Salem. The Upper Willamette Valley had plenty of rain, but ice did not form on the wires. The sleet did not extend east of the Cascades nor north of Kalama, on the Puget Sound line.

To send a telegraph message from Portland to Seattle yesterday it was necessary to make connection through San Francisco and Chicago, forming a circuit of approximately 5225 miles to cover a distance of 185 miles.

Trains Run Under Flag Service.

Wires used for dispatching the Northern Pacific, O. W. R. & N. and Great Northern trains between Portland and Seattle were broken and trains were compelled to run from station to station under flag.

There are two typical results of the storm. There are numerous other consequences that illustrate what the railroads and telegraph companies in this territory believe is the worst situation they ever have been called upon to face.

Wire service to the north, east and south was paralyzed last night, excepting at intervals. The Postal maintained north and west connection with Seattle and Astoria, and this at that time was the only wire in commission.

Power Wires Affected.

The Associated Press wires went down early in the evening. With them went the service of the Pacific Telephone Company, as they use the same wires between here and San Francisco. The Western Union service was put out of commission late in the afternoon. An occasional flash was obtained from San Francisco and once in a while from the East, but could not be relied upon for the transmission of messages.

Trains service between Portland and the East suffered more than that between this city and Seattle and this city and the south. The Shasta Limited, on the Southern Pacific, arrived here on time yesterday afternoon and left on time for the north.

The Roseburg local train came into the Union Depot half an hour late. The main line of the Southern Pacific did not suffer greatly, although the West and Yamhill divisions were badly crippled by wire trouble. Telegraph wires on the West Side went down and made dispatching of trains impossible.

Roads East Suffer.

Service south of Portland on both the North Bank and O. W. R. & N. roads suffered. In addition to the special train bearing the party of Canadians the Pendleton local was delayed at Bonneville, No. 15, the Oregon-Washington Limited, from Chicago, due here at 8 o'clock last night, had not arrived early this morning. The eastbound service was better, as it is leaving here for Chicago yesterday, passed through Umatilla all right last night and had a good track ahead.

The O. W. R. & N. Co. had a snow-plow at work between Portland and The Dalles and succeeded in cutting through the snowbanks at the worst places.

The suburban electric lines quit operations last night, but a force of men was put to work to repair the wires with the hope of resuming service today.

TAXICAB ORDERS ARE MANY Demand for Auto Conveyances Is More Than Supply.

When the streets failed yesterday, taxicab business began to rush at such a rate that by 5 o'clock practically every taxicab and carriage in the city was engaged for the rest of the night. At the taxicab headquarters hundreds of calls had to be turned down because the cabs were engaged. An order at 6 o'clock would be placed on the waiting list with a chance of being filled by 9 or 10 o'clock.

One company reported at 4 o'clock in the afternoon that it had more calls than could be answered between then and midnight.

Hours-long calls were not so much in demand because of the slippery condition of the streets, especially in the residential districts, and that increased the demand for autos.

Widow of Elsie Perry Dies.

SEATTLE, Wash., Jan. 6.—Mrs. Sarah R. Perry, widow of Elsie P. Perry, who was territorial Governor of Washington and afterwards the first state Governor, died tonight. Mrs. Perry was 55 years old.

Another historic old landmark has passed. A storm recently felled the tree near Neah, under which John J. Astor, of Portland, was peacefully sleeping, after the death of Neah, the tree which was treacherously murdered by Herman Van Kure. The tree was believed to be over one thousand years old.



Clearance Sale of Rugs

Nearly all of our rugs—hundreds of patterns—are reduced, and you may feel sure of finding what you want at or less than the market price.

Among the lines marked for a thorough clearing out are the famous Scotch Rugs, woven by Alex. Morton & Co., of Glasgow, and frequently sold in America as Tiffany Rugs. We are sole Portland agents. Sizes range from 6x9 to 12x12. Five qualities are shown. There are:

\$58.00 Rugs, reduced to.....	\$42.00
\$48.00 Rugs, reduced to.....	\$38.00
\$45.00 Rugs, reduced to.....	\$35.00
\$40.00 Rugs, reduced to.....	\$30.00
\$35.50 Rugs, reduced to.....	\$30.00
\$40.00 Rugs, reduced to.....	\$27.50
\$38.50 and \$33.00 Rugs, reduced to.....	\$27.50
\$31.50 Rugs, reduced to.....	\$23.95

Domestic Rugs in the Scotch weaves and styles are reduced, in size 9x12, to..... \$17 and \$24

Many unusual values are shown in large rugs made from carpet remnants and dropped patterns. Sizes up to 10.6x12. Clever designs and colorings.

Drapery Specials

Our entire year's accumulation of remnants, short lengths and dropped patterns in every grade of nets, drapery and upholstery fabrics will be sacrificed. Many of them selling for only a third of regular price.

Clearance Sale of Fine Furniture

As is well known, we carry the largest stock of fine furniture in the Northwest, and the only large stock in Portland. We don't show pictures of fine furniture. We show the furniture itself—hundreds of pieces of it, for every room and in every style.

In offering such furniture at special prices we present a rare opportunity to careful buyers. Check through the list of your furniture needs for this year. Ascertain our prices on the pieces you want. You will be surprised at the money to be saved on good furniture by early buying.

Dressing Tables and Chevals

Fumed Oak Dressing Table, regularly \$12.00, for.....	\$ 7.00
Birdseye Maple Dressing Table, regularly \$19.00, for.....	\$14.00
Enameled Dressing Table, regularly \$25.00, for.....	\$15.00
Golden Oak Dressing Table, regularly \$35.00, for.....	\$20.00
Mahogany Inlaid Dressing Table, regularly \$60.00, for.....	\$40.00
Circassian Walnut Dressing Table, regu-	

larly \$60.00, for.....	\$48.00
Enameled Dressing Table, regularly \$70.00, for.....	\$58.00
Circassian Walnut Cheval, regularly \$45.00, for.....	\$35.00
Circassian Walnut Cheval, regularly \$60.00, for.....	\$48.00
Solid Mahogany Cheval, regularly \$75.00, for.....	\$45.00
Solid Mahogany Cheval, regularly \$80.00, for.....	\$48.00



Here is a beautiful Satin Walnut Colonial Dining Set. The pedestal table is 64 inches in diameter, and extends to 8 feet. All the other pieces are proportionately large and are finely made and finished. Sideboard, china cabinet, table, arm chair and six chairs, all complete for only..... \$187.00

Here are the prices—	China Closet.....	\$38.00
Sideboard.....	Table.....	\$42.00
Arm Chair.....	Side Chair.....	\$7.50

You will find sweeping reductions in the very finest of our Dining Furniture—magnificent suites in mahogany and oak, made by America's finest makers—including reproductions of famous period furniture.

Odd Pieces for the Dining-Room

\$75.00 Circassian Walnut Serving Table.....	\$50.00
\$85 Fumed Oak Sideboard.....	\$68.00
\$82.50 Mahogany China Cabinet.....	\$55.00
\$150.00 Early English China Closet for.....	\$65.00
\$90 Fumed Oak Sideboard for.....	\$55.00
\$120.00 Fumed Oak China Closet for.....	\$60.00
\$85 Mahogany Serving Table.....	\$48.00
\$285 Mahogany China Closet for.....	\$190.00

Fifth and Stark

SILVER THAW HERE

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.

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serious conditions this morning. It is said the damage up to midnight last night would total far more than the damage in Portland's first storm of the kind, January 28, 1907, that cost the utility companies and the city more than \$150,000. The storm is a typical "silver thaw," resulting from unusual atmospheric conditions. It extends over the entire Willamette Valley and into Western Washington between the Cascades and the Coast Range.

Forecast Not Encouraging.

Unless relief comes this morning it is said streetcar service will have to be abandoned on many lines and business will be at a standstill. No definite promise is made by District Forecaster Beals, who predicts rain and warmer weather. He said last night that "warmer weather" means probably only a few degrees of change. He says he expects the mercury to hover near the freezing point, in which event the conditions likely will not be relieved.

Sleet began to fall about 5 o'clock yesterday morning, when trouble was reported first by the streetcar company. The slippery tracks and the icy trolley wires delayed the service soon after the early morning start was made, and before noon no further effort was being made by the company to maintain a schedule. At noon the storm was more severe. The sleet froze to the trolley wires and cut off the circuit between the wire and the trolley wheel. The cars were at a standstill for some time while the wheels were being taken from the trolley poles. This had no sooner been done than power troubles began.

Power Wires Break.

The heavy coating of ice on the high tension wires connecting the Cascade power plant with the central station broke the wires in several places. Steam plants had to be brought into service and the cars were operated on limited schedules for the rest of the day. For an hour in the afternoon there were no cars, and hundreds of persons had to walk to their homes. In the early evening a large part of the interurban hundreds of residents either remained in town or walked home.

The heavy coats of ice began to break limbs off trees late in the afternoon and before midnight nearly every street which heretofore has been graced

with shade trees was strewn with branches. Many trees were uprooted completely and toppled into the street, carrying with them telephone and electric-light wires.

200 Poles Topple.

More than 200 poles fell into the street as a result of a stiff freezing breeze which sprang up in the heaviest fall of sleet in the evening. The poles took the wires with them and telephone service was cut off from several thousand homes as a consequence. In districts where falling trees and poles did not pull down the electric-light wires the residents were not furnished with lights because of the limited amount of power available. The entire up-town section was furnished with power but it was impossible to supply all the residence districts either with house or street lights.

Vast damage has been done in the City park by the breaking of shrubbery and trees. A force of gardeners and laborers was busy all day beating the sleet and ice from the bushes and trees and bracing and wrapping the branches, but the work could not be done fast enough to prevent damage.

Wreckage Litters Street.

Belmont street is littered for blocks with trees, poles and wires. Large branches were broken off beautiful trees and fell into the street. Near Mount Tabor a dozen telephone poles were precipitated into the road with a network of wires connecting more than 100 homes with telephone service. A street was sparsely by the storm. Where beautiful shade trees appeared Friday noon only splintered stumps covered thickly with ice may be seen. The falling trees became so stuck on some streets that men had to be sent out with axes to clear the way for streetcars and pedestrians.

One of the scenes of ruin is in the district east of Grand avenue and north of Weidner street, where nearly every street is lined with fallen trees, poles and wires. Hundreds of pretty shade trees, but a few years old, were washed by the heavy coat of ice. Streetcar traffic was blocked by the fallen trees to such an extent that the cars finally had to be routed by way of Irvington and it was with great difficulty that they moved through that part of the city.

Plaza Blocks Suffer.

Damage in the plaza blocks is heavy. Several trees were uprooted and others were stripped of big shapely branches. Considerable damage was done shrubbery in Chapman Square. Probably the most serious accident of the day was that caused by a collapsing tree in front of the Ladd home on Seventh street between Jefferson and Columbia streets, in which a new automobile, owned by Dr. C. G. Sabin, was demolished. The car was left at the curb by Dr. Sabin while he entered the Rose-Friedman Apartments. He had no sooner left the car when a huge tree in front of the Ladd home toppled onto the car, crushing it. The automobile was demolished. Another tree on Jefferson street near Sixth fell at 6:45 o'clock and blocked Jefferson street.

The streets all through the southwestern part of town are littered with the fallen trees and poles. Another accident caused by the slippery streets occurred at Fourth and Yamhill streets, when an automobile belonging to the Journal collided with a machine driven by Mr. Lewis, of Whitman Lewis. Both machines were demolished, but no one was hurt.

Many Injured Slightly.

Slight injuries were sustained by many persons in the residential districts in the early evening when the trees and poles were falling. J. S. Mulhoun, who lives near Mount Scott, was struck by an electric light wire and knocked down. He sustained slight burns about the hands and face. Mrs. Allie McQueen, who lives on Belmont street, was struck by a falling limb and was bruised about the arms and shoulders.

Several other minor accidents were reported to the police. There were no fatalities.

The amount of damage cannot be estimated until today because of the general destruction which started early last night and continued until late.

It was dangerous in the evening to walk on the streets because of the falling trees and wires. Beyond the business district there were no street lights and it was almost impossible in some sections to pick a way through the slippery ice-coated branches of trees. A source of trouble all day was the caving in of embankments along streets because of the water which ran from the snow and sleet in torrents. Particularly in the southern part of the city.

ALL LINES BUT ONE ARE IN OPERATION.

Frank D. Hunt, traffic manager of the Portland Railway, Light & Power Company, said at midnight last night: "We have every city line except the Broadway in commission, with cars running on irregular schedule. Broadway cars run over Irvington. Fallen trees on Broadway stopped that line. We shall keep cars going all night. With the Oregon Electric and the Union Pacific, 'out of back' I think we did mighty well."

city embankments over sidewalks caved in, covering the walk many feet under rock and dirt and in several instances pulling down large trees and rocks.

District Weather Forecaster Beals issued a warning yesterday for boat-owners and others to look out for a rise in the river. He says the enormous fall of snow and sleet in the valley will cause the river to rise rapidly, and when the "silver thaw" ends flood danger may be expected.

A laborer giving the name of J. S. Sabin was held up on the street yesterday morning by the police after he had fallen and sustained a fractured ankle. He was taken to St. Vincent's Hospital. While walking along a street in front of the Harter-Freedman hardware store at Second and Ash streets, L. B. Merton, of the firm of Hughes & Merton, manufacturers' agents, fell and sustained a broken arm Thursday afternoon.

SNOW DIMS SIGNAL LIGHTS

Fatal Collision Results When Train Runs Past Kansas Station.

WRIGHT, Kan., Jan. 6.—Unable to see the station lights in the blinding snow storm which swept Western Kansas Friday night, C. C. Deming, engineer of Santa Fe passenger train No. 12, ran past the station. Before he could back his train into the siding, he had discovered his mistake. His train was hit by the Newton-Dodge City local, westbound.

Deming was fatally scalded. J. W. Clifton, engineer of the local, was killed and 12 passengers were hurt.

WAITER HELD AS ROBBER

Two Men Identify Prisoner as One Who Held Up Restaurant.

Recognized by two men as the robber who held up the Lincoln Restaurant, 411 Washington street, Friday night and got away with a large quantity of 5-cent cigars, John Lee, a waiter, was arrested last night by Detectives Swennes and Coleman and Deputy Sheriff Leonard and Phillips. He refused to confess at police headquarters and is being held on a vagrancy charge.

HARRIMAN SEEKS GRANT

SOUTHERN PACIFIC ASKS FOR HILLSBORO FRANCHISE.

Officials Hold Conference With City Council, Majority of Which Favors Proposed Line.

HILLSBORO, Or., Jan. 6.—(Special.)—Again is the Harriman system attempting to "steal a march" on the Hill bills. With the arrival here today of Southern Pacific officials a franchise was asked for an electric line running into the business districts of the city, thus competing heavily with the Oregon Electric.

That the Harriman officials are determined to enter competition with a vengeance was evidenced when D. W. Campbell, F. H. Burkholder and G. J. B. Eddy, representing that line, immediately on arrival here in a private car held conference with the City Council.

The road asks right of way over Sixth, Main and Northrange streets for 25 years, the proposed line entering the city 200 feet west of the city park. If the right is granted the road promises to electrify as soon as possible and complete the road within the year. A majority of the Council is in favor of granting the franchise, and as a result during the meeting today the franchise asked passed its second reading and will be given its third reading at a Council meeting this week.

STRANGER-LODGER SUICIDE

Man Giving Name Jack Ross Rents Room, Swallows Poison.

Leaving an overcoat as security for the payment of room rent, a man who gave his name as Jack Ross locked the door of the room he had rented in the Californian rooming-house, at 624 Third street, and took strychnine Friday night. Going to the room to see if he desired it again Saturday night the night clerk, J. T. Branough, last night found that he was dead. A bank

Rheumatism!

A Home Cure Given by One Who Had It.

In the Spring of 1898 I was attacked by muscular and inflammatory rheumatism. I suffered as only those who have known, for over three years. I tried every kind of remedy, and doctor after doctor, but such relief as I received was only temporary. Finally, I found a remedy that cured me completely, and it has never returned. I have given it to a number who were terribly afflicted and even bedridden with rheumatism, and it effected a cure in every case. I want every sufferer from any form of rheumatism to try this marvelous home cure. Don't send a cent. Simply mail your name and address and I will send it free to try. If after you have used it and it has proven itself to be long-looked-for means of curing your rheumatism, you may send the price of it, one dollar, but, understand, I will send it free to you if you are perfectly satisfied to send it. Isn't that fair? Why suffer any longer when positive relief is thus offered you free? Don't delay. Write today.

Mark H. Jackson, No. 108 Alhambra Ridge, Syracuse, N. Y.

book, showing a deposit of \$50 in a his effects. The name on the pass Kelo, Wash., bank, was found among book was erased.

MAY BECOME A NATION OF BEARDED WOMEN

If You Value Your Face, Beware of So-Called Hair Removers.

They Cause a Soft Fuzz to Come Back a Stiff, Bristly Beard.

It is the opinion of eminent authorities that if women continue to remove superfluous hair with these questionable concoctions, pastes, powders and so-called "liquid cures," which invariably cause the hair to grow out again coarser and heavier after each removal, that it is only a question of time when we will practically have a nation of bearded women.

These concoctions and compounds are made of quicklime and other cheap ingredients which tests have proven only promote the growth of hair after each removal.

Even if it were true, say they, that in using them, why pay twenty-five cents to one dollar or more for them, when you can procure from any drug store for a few cents a safe and efficient quantity of the ingredients to last a year?

Of course, the injury done by such preparations does not manifest itself the first or second application, but the real danger lies in the frequent or continued use of them.

It is surprising that anyone should use these uncertain means for removing superfluous hair when there is such a thoroughly safe and logical method as DeMire's for removing these blemishes.

Every woman must realize that when a soft fuzz is removed by these so-called depilatories the hair comes back thicker and more numerous. It necessitates a much longer and more persistent treatment with DeMire's than it would have otherwise required if DeMire's had been used before the growth of hair had been stimulated by the use of them.

It is needless to say that there are several methods of deception practiced by the makers of these fake hair removers. Among them are those who resort to making extravagant and impossible claims in sensational advertisements. Others who publish fake "Beauty Article" advertisements.

Of them all, the meanest and most contemptible are those fakers who try to delude the public by making quotations published from newspapers, magazines and testimonials.

Even if it were true, as they say, that reliable publications could be bought with money, these charlatans would be the first to buy them in order to lend an air of respectability to their nefarious business.

As we know of no other concern whose depilatory is meritorious enough to warrant such high inducements, we take it for granted that these malicious statements are aimed at us; therefore, for fear some false impression may be created among those who do not know us, we have concluded to issue this general challenge:

First—We will forfeit One Thousand Dollars if we cannot show the original of any newspaper, magazine or letter from which we quote.

Second—We will forfeit another Thousand Dollars if any other manufacturer of a depilatory can show inducements from the same publications or from the same class of Physicians, Surgeons and Dermatologists.

Third—We will forfeit another Thou-