WILLAMETTE RIVER BEGINS TO RECEDE

Portland's 1916 Winter Freshet Is Passing-Rapid Drop Is Official Forecast.

COLUMBIA RISE IS SLOW

Movement of Ice in Big Stream Affects Local Conditions-Navigators Reckon With Possible Diffleulty From Vancouver Jam.

Portland's 1916 Winter freshet is

Between \$ and 2 o'clock yesterday the Willamete River recoded two-tenths of an tenh here, will centinue to de-cine slowly today, and tomorrow with exhibit a more rapid pace, endeavoring to reach its normal level, says District Forecaster Beals.

Ice continues to run heavily in the Columbia River, as it breaks from jame up-atream, but cooler weather has effectively checked rapid rising at all points. The Columbia dropped one-tenth of a first yeaterday at The Dalles, and at Vancour the value for the fact. and at Vancouver the gain for the day was one-tenth of a foot.

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There was a decline noted at every noint on the Willamete River, and the highest water was shown to be at Portland at 5 o'clock in the afternoon, the gauge rending 13.5 feet. At Vancouver the Columbia reading was 15.7 feet, and, while there was a marked check in the current here, due to the fact the erest of the freshet had passed and there was exough of a rise in the Columbia to have slight effect, there will be gwift water for a few days.

Cold is Parter.

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Cohler conditions Friday night ex-erted a powerful influence on both streams and their tributaries, especially in the Willamette, where another rise had been reported upstream as a consequence of heavy rains during the

middle of the week, forested to forested to wind provide the rain, with southeastering winds prevailing, is the forecast for Fortland and vicinity today; but with snows close to the river having largely chappeared, it is reasoned there is little likelihood of J. Pluvius evering him-self to an extent that would again swell the Willamette's volume to the danger point.

Along the Conet an offshore wind prevailed up to last night, the direction being east at North Head, and with a subscity of only 16 miles, the sea being

lee Movement Bothers,

The principal difficulty now con fronting rivermen is the movement of ice in the Columbia, and with the release in the Columbia, and with the re-lease of the steamer Tahoma near Cape Horn, where she had been frozen in since January L the end of the fleup was assumed to be in sight, though there is a jam at Vancauver to be reck-ened with, and as that passes out it may bother the lower-river venuels.

River readings as reported to the weather bureau at 5 o'clock resterday

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SEATTLE HAS MILDEST DAY

Mountain Snow Melts and Whatcom County Reports Washouts.

SEATTLE, Feb. 12.-The tempera ture here today ranged from freezing point is 30, but the average, 41, was the highest since last Autums. Snow the highest since last Autumn. Snow metted well on the sunny slopes of the mountains, but the temperature at high sittindes will be low tonight. A minimum of 28 is forecast for Seattle

ionight. The only damage of importance re ported from Western Washington to-day was wushing out of highways and obstruction of railroads in Whatcom County. Wurmer weather is at hand.

The Milwaukee railroad has decided to build during the coming Summer, three miles of concrete snowsheds in the Lake Keschelus country, just east of the summit of Seequalmic Pass. But for answelldes there the Milwaukes would have suffered no serious inter-twelton of its incumiain line this Win-

ICE PREVENTS FARM PLOODS

La Grande Reports Thaw Is Fear in Grand Ronde Valley. LA GRANDE, Or., Feb. 12 -- (Spe

If a thaw comes farmers in that regular traffic will be wicinity may attempt to dynamite the parm. Island City lies in the companies the parm.

jam. Island City lies in the path of the back water that would follow pro-longed damesing of the river.

BAKER FLOOD DANGER PASSES

Temperature Drops 22 Degrees, Ice Forms and River Recedes.

BANKER, Or., Feb. 12.—(Rpecial.)—
With a drop from 42 to 2s above zero last night the flooded area north of the high water in vanceur received, the Fowder River dropping at Inches. No reports of further bridge damage were received to danger has passed for the present.

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alling its reported between Canyon City and Frairie City, so that travel on the main read is blocked. A read crew is working to get the thoroughfare open.

Hood River Reports Ferries Are

Again Held Up. HOOD RIVER. Or, Yeb, 12.—(Special.)—After one week it complete its control of the flood caused by melting flows of 10 years, gractically stopping trips of local ferries, which began to cross the river justically stopping that it is estimated will take three week's them, the Columbia has fallen week's them, the Columbia has fallen week's them week's that week's them week's that week to repair.

Bead Supervisor John Morris declares the damage to reads in Garfield county will reach \$25,000. Several in temperature to 15 degrees above in temperature to 15 degrees above.

N. STEELE DIES, AGED 85

Was arrested found guilty, was sentenced, but his sentence was aumonition by the court he with an admonition by the court he wish an admonition by the court he was arrested on the second charge, was found guilty and fined \$50.

In reply to the recent report that the proposed repetition of the operation of the second charge, was a summary of the recent report that the operation of the operati

SOME OF THE GIRLS WHO WILL TAKE PART IN PUBLIC AUDITORIUM GROUND-BREAKING CEREMON-IES TOMORROW NOON.



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The cause is a jam in the Grand Roode River near the Peach bridge in the center of the valley. The ice is forming and piling up and raised the water two feet this evening, but, due to freezing, the river has less water running than yesterday. Comsequently, no perjous harm has been done.

PENDLETON TRAINS RESUME

Pasco Line Is Repaired and Walla 1916 REPUBLICAN Walls Service Begins.

PENDLETON, Or., Feb. 12-(Spe (al.)-After a lapse of three days, rail service between Pendleton and Walla Walla was resumed today. The dam-

ICE FLOES FILL COLUMBIA Bridges. County Roads and Rail

VANCOUVER, Wash., Feb. 12 .- (Spe-

TAXIDERMIST FINED \$50 the children's department.

county Judge Charles Marah, nearly to the first of the political situation of Linguist and Morrow counties, with the exception of a few steel bridges along the steem, were washed out during the past few days.

GARFIELD DAMAGE IS HEAVY

Bridges. County Roads and Rail

Lines Suffer in Flood.

POMEROY, Wash. Peb. 12.—(Special.)—After one week of complete isolation, without trains or mail, the residing of the flood caused by melting o

Ceremonial Arranged for Auditorium Block Tomorrow.

YOUNG WOMEN WILL ACT

immediately After Set Programme Contractor's Forces Are to Get Busy-Mayor Albee and Mr.

Baker to Speak.

Much ceremony will attend the dig-ging of the first shovelful of dirt tomorrow noon on the Market block at Third and Market streets, the site of Portland's proposed \$600,000 public auditorum. The ceremony will start steam shovels, wagons, trucks and a large force of men to work on the ex-cavation. Six weeks will see the work completed ready for work on the suempleted ready for work on the superstructure.

The ten commercial organizations which are to take part in the ground-breaking ceremonies announced their lists of appointments of young women yesterday and will have their representatives on hand promptly at 12:30 eclock, Glebisch & Joplin, contractors, will have steam shovels, trucks, wagons and a large force of men to start work as soon as the ceremonies close.

work as soon as the ceremonies close. The Progressive Business Men's Ciub and the Ad Club have named their representatives, but have no made the names public because features they have arranged require secrecy. Other organizations submitted their names to Commissioner Baker yesterday.

The organizations, members of the City Council and the public will assemble at the site at 12:30 colock and start the ceremonies at once. Giris will turn over the first shovelful of dirt, after which short talks will be given by Mayor Albeg and Commissioner Baker and possibly by one or two others. The police and fire bands will provide music.

Motion-picture men have arranged to

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Following is a list of the delegations
selected by the various organizations
to take part in the ceremonies:
Rotary Club-Marjorie M. Pike, Marion Spoeri, Bernardine Grabel, Myrtle
MeLean, Stella Riggs.
Monday Musical Club and Daughters
of the Confederacy—Dorothy Logan,
Beth Ludlam, Henriette Heppner, Etelrea Parrish, Frances Allen.

Beth Ludiam, Henriette Heppner, Etel-ca Parrish, Frances Allen. Chamber of Commerce-Ruth Plum-mer, Maris Haller, Hortense Ballin, Lenore Biassing, June Carroll. East Side Business Men's Club-Edith Camp, Hildreth Caddon, Mildred Caddon, Agnes Miller, Dorothea Car-

Transportation Club-Florence Pat-terson, Mrs. Hazel A. McKown, Edna Baldwin, Theima Hollingsworth, Lena

Krieger.

Realty Board—Fannie S. Taylor, Mildred Seufert, Marjorie Englehart, Geraldine Palmer, Eunice Cowgill.

Third-Street Business Men's Club—Mru. Hazel B. Roberts, Mrs. Marcus Cohn, Elizabeth E. Erickson, Marguerite Politisch, Anna Golden.

Manufacturers' Association—A. G.

Manufacturers' Association—A. G. Labbe, chairman; Francis Kingsley, Lu-cille Dunne, Nancy Van, Eisle Feld-man and Crystal Hyland.

POSTER-RELIC

ABRAM J. DITTENHOEFER, LINCOLN ELECTOR, IS HONORED.

Surviving Member of Group That Named President Recalls Emancipator as He Knew Him.

To Abram J. Dittenhoefer, prominent n Republican political circles in New electoral college that gave to Abraham Lincoln his second term as President of the United States, has been pre-

sented a poster of that second Lincoln election campaign.

Judge Dittenhoefer is the father-Judge Dittenhoefer is the lather-in-law of Leon Hirsch, secretary of the Meier & Frank Company. He has re-ceived a copy of the New York Times magazine of February 6, centaining a magazine of February w, containing a full-page article descriptive of the poster, and containing the statements of Judge Dittenhoefer, recalling the days when he was stumping for both Lincoln and Fremont, the first candidates put up by the Republican party.

From the Times comes the following description of the poster.

description of the poster:

"It is an exceptionally good example of littlography and is printed in blue and red. It is five feet high and three and a half feet wide. There is a border of stars and shields in red and blue around the entire poster, and at the top, also in colors, under the heading "Union Nomination," an eagle and shield appear."

Arrived in Fortland yesteron, a brief business visit.

Mr. Harriman is accompanied by Mrs. Harriman and E. E. Adams, engineer for the Union Pacific system in New York. Mr. and Mrs. Harriman were in Portland on a similar visit a few months ago.

"I aim to get over the Union Pacific Chamber Will Ballot on Referendum territory every few months," said Mr. Harriman upon arriving at the Benson of National Body.

been a custom for several years. A gratifying number of volumes was received for the shelves, especially in

J. C. BUSH SELLS FARM

the Baby Home would probably have to be abandoned, because of the re-fusal of a costume house to loan the stage costumes without charge, Mrs. Fred G. Wonder, of the Chicago Cos-tume House, yesterday made the fol-lowing statement:

lowing statement:
"I think the committee headed by
J. E. Werlein have asked too much
of me. When the first production was
staged I rented them 20 costumes and
outfits for the 16 principals for \$330.
Later they asked for 45 additional costumes, and I gave them without charge.
"When they came to me again I said owing statement:

"When they came to me again I said I would be glad to furnish the cos-tumes, and the services of myself and help, without charge, if they would have the costumes cleaned and pay for have the costumes cleaned and pay for the cartage. I think that was a rea-sonable offer, but they apparently do not appreciate it. They discovered that it would cost about \$250 to have the costumes cleaned. I had to pay for the cleaning in the previous instance."

PORTLAND MEN ARE FORMING NEW SELECT MILITIA BODY.

Organizers Seek to Have Cracks Company for Duty on Board Trainlug Cruiser Marblehead.



Leon Howard, One of the Leaders in Organizing the Company of Marines for the Oregon National Guard.

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when she arrives in the river in March, will be the mustering in of the company. Stanley D. Young, formerly ensign of the Oregon Naval Militia, who served five years, and Leon E. Heward, formerly Battalion Sergeant-Major and First Sergeant, Third Infantry, Oregon National Ghard, who has nine years' service to his credit, have received authority to organize the company. They have started work, and yesterday 24 of the necessary 48 men had been obtained.

The company will be a crack organization, composed of select men. All marine companies, both regular and militia, are composed of picked men from littia, are composed of picked men from

marine companies, both regular and militia, are composed of picked men from eivil and military life, and certain rigid requirements have been set up in organizing the Portland company. The applicant must be five feet eight inches in height or over, of good physique, good moral character, living permanently in the city, of good family connections, and seriously interested in the National Guard and Naval Militia work. A master gunner from the Navy work. A master gunner from the Navy and it of the books of the State Fair nections, and seriously interested in the National Guard and Naval Militia work. A master gunner from the Navy will be engaged to drill the men, who will be put through not only the naval, but also the military, paces because of the duty required of marines.

Firmly defending his report on his suddit of the books of the State Fair Board, John Y. Richardson, public accountant, yesterday severely arraigned W. Al Jones, retiring secretary of the Board, for his alleged criticisms of Mr.

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Union High School Forensic Team Defeated on Military Question.

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Read The Oregonian's Classified Ads.

Fight Marks Determination to Beat Appropriation.

PRECEDENT IS IGNORED

Jurisdictional Quarrel of Committees Probably Intended as Excuse for Sidetracking All Roads Legislation.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Feb. 12.—For the purpose of fooling the public, the United States Senate is staging a fine little fight between the committee on agriculture between the committee on agriculture and the committee on postoffices and post roads as to which committee shall have jurisdiction over legislation proposing Federal aid in the construction of good roads. The presumption is that the Senate will contrive to prevent the passage of any road bill this session that contemplates a data or Federal

A company of marines is to be added to the Oregon National Guard. One of the first official ceremonies on the new training ship, the cruiser Marblehead.

The House recently passed the Shack-leford bill, which contemplates an annual appropriation of \$25,000,000 by the Government to be used, with state funds, in building roads. This bill in the Senate was referred to the committee on agriculture.

Precedent Not Followed.

Last session and at all previous sessions bills providing for the construc-tion of roads in whole or in part with Federal funds have been referred to the committee on postoffices and post roads, and the Shackleford bill which passed the last House went to the post-office committee in the Senate. That committe, a year ago, rejected the Shackleford bill and substituted a bill drawn by the joint committee, of which Senator Bourne, of Oregon, was chair-man, but the bill never was brought to

a vote. Senator Bankhead, of Alabama chairman of the postoffice and post roads committee, is now insisting that the Shackleford bill be taken from the agricultural committee and referred to his committee. Senator Smith, of Georgia, and several others objected Georgia, and several others objected and frankly confessed they had had the bill sent to the committee on agricul-ture because they had assurance that that committee would report the House bill favorably, whereas they feared the postoffice and post roads commit-tee would reject the Shackleford bill again and report the Bourne substi-

Fight Is Still Young. It is evident that some of the Demo cratic Senators who two years ago favored the Bourne bill, based on a bond issue, are now going back on that plan. The fight on the roads bill, however, is yet in its infancy, so far as the Senate is concerned, and the

Richardson's report.

Mr. Richardson's reply to Mr. Jones. in full, is as follows:
"W. Al Jones, former secretary of the State Fair Board, has seen fit to UNION PACIFIC TERRITORY COV- in the matter of the audit of the accounts of the State Fair Board for the past year. Mr. Jones attempts to crit-leise a report which the press quotes

Son of Late Financier Says All Orders
for Car Materials and Ties
for Season Placed.

W. Averill Harriman, son of the late
E. H. Harriman, and director of purchases for the Union Pacific system arrived in Portland yesterday for a brief business visit.

Son of Late Financier Says All Orders

"For lis in senting that there is nothing in the report that is not based on facts, and that we are not prepared to substantiate. His insinuation that the report was purchased by the State Fair Board is entirely uncalled for and has the earmarks of libel. Neither Mr. Jones nor any other man in civil or public life has enough money to buy a report over my signature that is not

lar provisions. One St. Johns Progressive Signs.

One lone Progressive thus far has One lone Progressive thus far has registered in St. Johns for the primaries. Practically one-third of the entire number of legal voters in that district have registered. Classified as to political affiliation, the following are shown on the books: Republicans. are shown on the books: Republicans, 408; Democrats, 135; Socialists, 15, and Progressive, 1.

Centralia Director Is Candidate. CENTRALIA. Wash., Feb. 12.—(Special)—John Saunders, who was recently appointed Centralia school director to fill the unexpired term of Mrs. I. S. Turner, who was killed in an auto accident, announced his candidacy yesterday for the office subject to the school election March 4. Mrs. Turner's term would have expired April I. It is not believed that Mr. Saunders' candidacy will be contested. CENTRALIA, Wash., Feb. 12 .- (Specandidacy will be contested

East Side Club to Repeat Play.