

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 Difficulty From Vancouver Jam.

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Between 1 and 3 o'clock yesterday the Willamette River receded two-tenths of an inch here, and tomorrow will exhibit a more rapid pace, endeavoring to reach its normal level, says District Forecaster B. A. ...

Colder conditions Friday night exacted a powerful influence on both streams and their tributaries, especially in the Willamette, where another rise had been reported during the middle of the week.

Increased cloudiness, probably followed by rain, with southeasterly winds prevailing, is the forecast for Portland and vicinity today, but with snows close to the river having largely disappeared, it is reasoned there is little likelihood of ice forming.

Along the Coast an offshore wind prevailed up to last night, the direction being east at North Head, and with a velocity of only 14 miles, the sea being smooth.

The principal difficulty now confronting rivermen is the movement of ice in the Columbia, and with the rest of the steamer Tahama near Cape Horn, where she had been frozen in since January 1, the end of the ship was assumed to be in sight.

River readings as reported in the weather bureau at 5 o'clock yesterday were as follows:

Station	Flood	Height	Change	Barometer
Portland	11.0	11.0	-.2	30.2
Vanouver	12.0	12.0	-.1	30.1
Seattle	13.0	13.0	-.1	30.0
Spokane	14.0	14.0	-.1	29.9
Bozeman	15.0	15.0	-.1	29.8
Butte	16.0	16.0	-.1	29.7
Helena	17.0	17.0	-.1	29.6
Great Falls	18.0	18.0	-.1	29.5
Missoula	19.0	19.0	-.1	29.4
Butte	20.0	20.0	-.1	29.3
Helena	21.0	21.0	-.1	29.2
Great Falls	22.0	22.0	-.1	29.1
Missoula	23.0	23.0	-.1	29.0
Butte	24.0	24.0	-.1	28.9
Helena	25.0	25.0	-.1	28.8
Great Falls	26.0	26.0	-.1	28.7
Missoula	27.0	27.0	-.1	28.6
Butte	28.0	28.0	-.1	28.5
Helena	29.0	29.0	-.1	28.4
Great Falls	30.0	30.0	-.1	28.3

SEATTLE HAS MILDST DAY

Mountain Snow Melts and Whetcom County Reports Washouts.

SEATTLE, Feb. 12.—The temperature here today ranged from freezing point to 59, but the average, 41, was the highest since last autumn.

The only damage of importance reported from Western Washington today was washing out of highways and destruction of railroads in Whatcom County. Warmer weather is at hand with rain.

The Milwaukee railroad has decided to build, during the coming summer, three miles of concrete snow sheds in the Lake Kachela country, just east of the summit of Snoqualmie Pass.

LA GRANDE REPORTS THAW IS FEAR IN GRAND RONDE VALLEY.

LA GRANDE, Or., Feb. 12.—(Special.)—A sudden drop in the temperature has saved a half dozen farms in the Grand Ronde Valley from inundation, but, in the event that a thaw develops and swells the river, the farms will suffer.

PENDELTON TRAINS RESUME

BAKER FLOOD DANGER PASSES

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



These girls will take part in the ground-breaking ceremony at the Public Auditorium tomorrow noon. They are members of the Theina Hollingsworth Transportation Club, Crystal Hyland Manufacturers' Assn., Beth Ludlam Monday Musical Club, and Marion Sporer Rotary Club.



Miss Lucille Dunn, Manufacturers' Assn.

The wind has continued in the east throughout the day, and the melting of snow has been imperceptible. The melting of snowbanks at the top of the east gorge of Hood River released a miniature lake yesterday and washed out a small section of the track of the Mount Hood Railway Company's line.

WHITE SALMON, Wash., Feb. 12.—(Special.)—No further rise in Columbia River at this point has occurred since yesterday afternoon.

1916 REPUBLICAN YEAR

TAXIDERMIST FINED \$50

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WORK DUE TO BEGIN

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 digging 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 auditorium.

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 o'clock.

The organizations, members of the City Council and the Public Works Commission, will assemble at the site at 12:30 o'clock and start the ceremonies at once. Girls will turn over the first shovelful of dirt, after which short talks will be given by Mayor Albee and Commissioner Baker and possibly by one or two others.

POSTER-RELIC IS GIFT

ABRAHAM J. DITTENHOEFER, LINCOLN ELECTOR, IS HONOURED.

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

To Abram J. Dittenhoefer, prominent in Republican circles in New York, sole surviving member of the Lincoln club that gave to Abraham Lincoln his second term as President of the United States, has been presented a poster of the Lincoln election campaign.

LIBRARY SHELVES FILLED

Books Bought at Stores and Presented to Ontario Institution.

MAN FREED AFTER DEER LAW VIOLATION

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GUARD ADDS MARINES

PORTLAND MEN ARE FORMING NEW SELECT MILITIA BODY.

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

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.

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

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. Howard, formerly Battalion Sergeant-Major and First Sergeant, Third Infantry, Oregon National Guard, who has nine years' service to his credit, have received authority to organize the company.

The company will be a crack organization, composed of select men. All marine companies, both regular and militia, are composed of picked men from the military life, and certain rigid requirements have been set up in organizing the Portland company.

W. A. HARRIMAN VISITOR

Union Pacific Territory Covered Often by Director.

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.

ENTERPRISE DEBATERS WIN

Man High School Forensic Team Defeated on Military Question.

UNION, Or., Feb. 12.—(Special.)—The Enterprise High School debating team defeated the Union High School team here last night.

CENTRALIA DIRECTOR IS CANDIDATE

CHEGONIA, Wash., Feb. 12.—(Special.)—John Saunders, who was recently appointed Centralia school director to fill the unexpired term of Mrs. L. S. Turner, who was killed in an auto accident, announced his candidacy yesterday for the office subject to the school election March 21.

East Side Club to Repeat Play.

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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 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 House recently passed the Shackelford 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.

FIGHT IS STILL YOUNG.

It is evident that some of the Democratic 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 probabilities are that the scrap between the two committees over the question of jurisdiction will be used as the excuse for sidetracking all good roads legislation.

AUDITOR DEFENDS REPORT

John W. Richardson Answers Criticism of W. Al Jones.

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

SEAMAN'S BILL IS ISSUE

Chamber Will Ballot on Referendum of National Body.

The Chamber of Commerce will issue ballots and agents to the membership Tuesday on the referendum of the National Chamber of Commerce on the seaman's act.

ONE ST. JOHNS PROGRESSIVE SIGN.

One lone Progressive thus far has registered in St. Johns for the primaries. Practical unanimity in that entire hamlet registered voters in that political affiliation, the following are shown on the books: Socialists, 498; Democrats, 135; Socialists, 15, and Progressives, 1.

EAST SIDE CLUB TO REPEAT PLAY.

So successful was the Rose City Park Club presentation of "Untangling Tony" that it will be repeated next Thursday night at the clubhouse.