

SNOW FOR A DAY OR TWO LONGER

THE WEATHER MAN MAKES A PROPHECY AND RECALLS WINTER OF '88, WHEN THE WILLAMETTE WAS FROZEN SO THAT PEOPLE COULD CROSS ON ICE.

Although the ground is perfectly hard and the snow flakes are melting as fast as they fall, some local prognosticators have the idea that this is quite a snow-storm. The weather man knows better. Fifteen inches of snow fell at Portland, January 2, 1895, the record for depth since the local weather bureau was established in 1870. It lay on the ground until January 15, and there was excellent sleighing for two weeks.

The coldest weather ever experienced here was January 15, 1888, when it was 2 degrees below zero. In reference to it a note in the record reads: "Clear; coldest day on record. Minimum temperature, 2 degrees below zero. River is frozen over, and people are crossing on the ice. Clear at sunset."

The cold snap continued for ten days, when it began to moderate. Relative to the change a foot note is as follows: "January 25, 1888: It rained all day. The ice in the river broke at 7 a. m. The Morrison street bridge was in danger until 3 p. m. All the sawlogs belonging to the mill were carried along with the ice. So great was the pressure that some of the logs were entirely out of the water. The river is rising quite rapidly, and a strong current is running. The ice jam moves slowly. Blasting with gun powder was resorted to, but with little effect. The damage to wharves, docks, bridges and sawmills will be quite large. Governor Penney, who owns a sawmill, lost all his sawlogs, valued at \$25,000.

It will therefore be seen that the present weather is mild and pleasant, compared to the kind experienced in years past. During recent years there has been but little snow, however, and scarcely any cold days worthy of particular mention. For this reason many have ventured the opinion that the climate is becoming more mild.

District Forecaster Beale says the prospects are that there will be snowy weather in the valley for the next day or two. The indications for snow this morning, he states, were stronger than at any time since Sunday. The thermometer still stands at 34 degrees, the same as yesterday.

DIPLOMATIC FAVOR FOR 1905 EXPOSITION

THEODORE HARDEE, THE LEWIS AND CLARK EASTERN REPRESENTATIVE, IS PROMISED ASSISTANCE BY EUROPEAN AND SOUTH AMERICAN DIPLOMATS.

Theodore Hardee, the St. Louis representative of the Lewis and Clark centennial exposition, has returned to his post from a successful visit to New York and Washington. At New York he called on the consul-general of Argentina, Chile, China, Cuba, France, Germany, Great Britain, Japan, Persia, Peru, Russia, Sweden and Norway, and discussed with them the plan and scope of the Lewis and Clark centennial. They all promised their cooperation to the extent of receiving and distributing centennial literature and answering all questions that might be asked in regard to the exposition.

At Washington, Mr. Hardee called upon the ambassadors of France, Germany, Great Britain, Italy, Mexico and Russia, and the ministers of Argentina, Chile, China, Cuba, Japan, Korea, Peru, Siam, Belgium and Sweden and Norway. At Mr. Hardee's request these diplomatic representatives promised to notify their governments that the United States department of state will very likely, in the near future, issue a formal invitation for participation in the Lewis and Clark exposition.

Ambassador Aspiron of Mexico told Mr. Hardee he would command the Lewis and Clark exposition to his government's consideration. Minister Calderon of Peru said he would recommend to his government its participation in the Lewis and Clark exposition. At the suggestion of the exposition management at Portland, Mr. Hardee, while in Washington, requested the British ambassador to invite the Hudson's Bay company to make an exhibit in Portland in 1905. Sir Mortimer Durand, British ambassador, wrote to the governor-general of Canada, requesting that the Hudson's Bay company be communicated with in regard to the proposed exhibit. The invitation to the Hudson's Bay company has also been brought to the notice of the British foreign office in London.

LONE ROBBER HOLDS UP ROSEBURG MEN

Roseburg, Or., Jan. 20.—A half hour after Judge Fullerton was held up last night the same robber as identified by his gray suit of clothes and his stature, held up Oscar Signalless in North Roseburg. Signalless refused to throw up his hands and grabbed the barrel of the robber's pistol. In the scuffle the robber wrenches the pistol loose and struck Signalless to the sidewalk by an ugly blow over his head with the butt of the weapon. He then disappeared without attempting to secure his booty. His victim was not seriously hurt.

Sentenced to Penitentiary. Harvey Rice, the 17-year-old horse-thief, was today sentenced to two years in the penitentiary. Frank Randolph of Myrtle Creek was given one year in the same institution for larceny.

PROFESSOR STODDARD DANGEROUSLY SICK

Cambridge, Mass., Jan. 20.—Prof. Charles Warren Stoddard, head of the English literature department at the Washington, D. C. Catholic university and a noted California author, is very sick and not expected to live more than a few days.

Professor Stoddard went to California in the early '60's and wrote a number of books on California and Pacific coast subjects. He also wrote for the San Francisco dailies as a traveling correspondent on the lower colony of Montana and visited many of the South Sea island groups and wrote several volumes of poems and travel. He was born at Rochester, N. Y., in 1843. He has been here some time working on translations of Indian legends.

IMPROVING HEALTH OF PORTLAND

INSPECTOR HULME IN HIS ANNUAL REPORT ASSERTS THAT SANITARY PLUMBING IS A NECESSITY—PRAISES THE WORKING OF THE PRESENT LAW.

Plumbing Inspector Hulme's report, which was filed at the city hall today is a lecture on sanitation.

He says that during the past year there were 373 entries into buildings completed with plumbing systems and 483 alterations and additions, showing an increase over former years and that there has also been more than seven miles of new sewers installed in the city of Portland.

"While there is a remarkable lack of study and knowledge of sanitation shown in our city," the report continues, "we must be fair and say that when the defects have been pointed out in the plumbing and ventilating systems, they have been rectified in all cases."

"Good Plumbing a Necessity." "The greatest opposition with which we have to contend comes from people who are often greatly benefited and whose ignorance leads them to believe that a hardship is imposed upon them for the sole purpose of some other person's benefit in that vicinity. They do not consider that the unsanitary conditions of their property is a menace to the health of the neighborhood. It becomes our duty to compel unwilling property owners to improve their unsanitary surroundings and all future legislation in sanitary matters should tend to assist to accomplish these ends with the least formality and greatest dispatch consistent with legal duty.

"There is a lamentable carelessness and lack of knowledge among people, who allow the plumbing fixtures and leaky property owner or builder to become unbearably foul, and to become a breeding place for all forms of disease germs. Properly arranged toilet rooms, with proper light and ventilation and proper and simple plumbing fixtures with proper concentration of durable plumbing fixtures are no longer a luxury but a positive and urgent necessity.

"The present law governing plumbing, drainage and ventilation has given better results than any prior laws in our city governing sanitation. It protects the property owner or builder against inferior materials being used on his work, and in many other ways improves the system of sanitation, and I would recommend that with a few minor changes it should be left as it now stands.

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MINISTER SAVES A BANK FROM ROBBERS

REV. ANDREW MOE, PASTOR OF METHODIST CHURCH HEARS EXPLOSION AND GETS GUNS TO DISCOVER TROUBLE—CRACKERS GET LITTLE BOOTY.

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FOR SAFETY OF CROWDS

ing a new electric wiring system with a new switchboard. "Your committee considers that the exits are not adequate for the needs of the public in case of panic or fire, and should be changed at once if this theatre is to be allowed to continue. As it now stands, the only two exits are in one corner of the building, and should a fire occur in the corner, ceiling or in the basement the means of egress would be practically cut off.

"Your committee therefore recommends that the present ordinances be followed very closely in the changing of this theatre, and that it be made to comply with them.

"We found a small amount of accumulated rubbish under the stage, but generally speaking, this place has been built over on the premises. We would suggest that a proper chimney, etc., in the proper places. Also that a suitable shutter be provided for each of the exits which can be used in case of fire in the adjoining property to keep back smoke or fire while the other exits are allowed on the premises. We would suggest and recommend that an additional exit be provided from the basement on the Third street side of the building.

"Generally your committee would recommend that the 'No Smoking' signs be placed in each theatre in all dressing-rooms, and that they be strictly enforced. Your committee would also recommend that means be devised for lowering the fireproof curtains in each theatre from the stage as well as from the fly gallery.

"That all theatres be provided with a fireproof curtain. "That all false ceilings in scenes be done away with. "That no candles, coal oil or gasoline be allowed on the premises. Your committee would recommend for the safer protection of the fire department that all stages be cleaned up after each performance and the stage not left set up. "Your committee would recommend that each theatre be provided with two firemen, to be stationed in the theatre under the orders of the chief of the fire department, said firemen to be detailed by the fire chief and paid for at the regular fire rates to the city by the theatres. These men must be regular members of the fire department, and should not be stationed in one theatre over one week at a time. "Your committee would recommend that the fireproof curtains of all theatres be dropped between each and every act after close investigation your committee finds that the ordinance regarding chairs in the aisles has been violated. We recommend that this be enforced to the letter. We recommend that all rubbish and unused material should be taken off the premises and not allowed to accumulate around the theatres. "Your committee would recommend that the main exit from the balcony be changed so as to provide an exit for the people independent of the main entrance. A guide railing should be placed on the passage in the balcony. A fire alarm box should be placed on all stages with an additional box in each box office. "We recommend that no more permits be issued for any theatres within the city limits to be built in any way except thoroughly modern and fireproof, also that fireproof paint be used on the scenery. "The work involved in the inspection by this committee has proven to be quite a laborious task and we have devoted all the time possible since our appointment to this work. We have been unable to complete our inspection of the theatres and other places where the public should be safeguarded, and would respectfully ask for an extension of time for a further report."

"That the theatre shutters should be changed to the standard shutter, well put on and means provided for their frequent inspection; the present shutters are inadequate. The buildings on the corner of Seventh and Alder streets, particularly the small cottages or shacks, should be removed by the proper city authorities at once. "That a new stage door be provided running directly out on to Alder street with the doors opening out. This will enable the management to close the present stage door and clean out the alleyway, which could be used in case of fire or emergency. We find there is a solid brick wall between the stage and the theatre. We find there are some minor or small openings in this wall which are not protected. We recommend that all openings in this wall be protected by standard doors, all to slide and be in accordance with the requirements. "That the switchboard be removed to a safer place. 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