

WHITE STILL PURSUED VICTIM AFTER HER WEDDING

WILLAMETTE FLOOD EAST GOING DOWN

Columbia Is Rising But Will Not Affect City. Upcoming Boats Battle With Drift.

River Almost a Solid Field of Logs in Places—Ice Gorge in the Columbia Goes Out, and the Great Cakes Are Piled Up Very High.

The flood crest passed Portland at 12 o'clock last night with the government gauge showing 22.5 feet of water above zero.

No serious damage was caused by the flood this morning so far as has been reported, and the bridges are practically considered out of danger now that the crest has passed.

The piers have been pretty well freed from drift by means of hooks and drag lines worked from the bridge decks.

The Columbia river is beginning to rise, but it is not thought the rise will be sufficient to affect the stage of water in the Willamette.

The river is still blocked to navigation, however, the boats being unable to get closer than within seven miles of The Dalles from the lower river.

In reference to the temperature, the dispatch says that the upper river country has not been visited by a chinook, but that the ice has gradually thawed and rotted away.

The thermometer registered 45 degrees at The Dalles yesterday.

NEW BRIDGE AT MADISON STREET

Judge and County Commissioners Declare Steps Should Be Taken at Present Session of Legislature for Structure.

That the present legislature should provide for the building of a new bridge across the Willamette at Madison street was emphatically asserted today by County Commissioners Lightner and Barnes and County Judge Webster.

Four years has now passed and if no action is taken by this legislature two years more will pass before the matter can be taken up again.

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ARCHITECT STILL SOUGHT EVELYN AFTER SHE BECAME THAW'S WIFE

Conspiracy by White and Hummel to Blacken Name of Her Future Husband Revealed by Evelyn

New York, Feb. 8.—Evelyn Thaw resumed her testimony on the trial of her husband, Harry K. Thaw, for the murder of Stanford White, immediately on the calling of the session of court this morning.

The first intimation was given today of the point upon which the defense expects to secure the acquittal of Thaw. That point is the fact, if established, that White was unwilling to give up Evelyn Thaw and sought to draw her down to the depths, from which the genuineness of Thaw for her and of herself for Thaw had raised her.

She told how White twice tried to speak to her, once on Fifth avenue, when she held out her hands to him, and once when he followed her in a hansom.

Delmas, Thaw's attorney, read the postscript of the letter from Thaw to Longfellow that was submitted in court yesterday and showed it was incoherent.

In it Thaw spoke of himself in the third person. Evelyn testified that he meant her when speaking of a third person. Thaw in the letter expressed sympathy for the subject of it and discussed upon lines that had been told her.

The reading of the letter occupied some time, its phraseology and abbreviations were confusing to counsel. Its contents were a jumble of ideas.

A letter from Thaw to Evelyn with the same confusion of ideas was read. It contained this sentence:

"I promise never to hurt you again."

Jerome expected to controvert Evelyn's statement that Thaw was always good to her and to refute her testimony that he did not abuse her while they were in Europe.

Tells of White's Pursuit. Delmas asked Evelyn: "Did you at any time..."

Portland Passengers. Snow-bound in Canada. See Wolves Eat Cattle Frozen in Their Tracks.

Passengers who arrived in Portland last night after traveling across Canada told of the terrible ride they had over the Canadian plains and mountains, the lack of food and fuel, and the sight of seeing from the train cattle frozen in their tracks and devoured by wolves.

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EVELYN NESBIT THAW

Mrs. Thaw Rubbed Tinsel Off World of Gaiety Revealing Graveyard of Ruined Womanhood Beneath

New York, Feb. 8.—Evelyn Nesbit Thaw's testimony in defense of her husband, Harry K. Thaw, moved men and women to tears in the crowded courtroom yesterday.

It was a sensational as well as a deeply pathetic recital. There had been hints of what she would tell about Stanford White, the murdered man, but these were far from sufficient to prepare the minds of the listeners for her narrative.

The trial began permitted a full view of her slim, lovely face, worn from the start the sympathy of those who beheld her. Her manner on the stand, half timid at times, notwithstanding its underlying bravery, also appealed to every man in the room.

The Appeal of Early Poverty. The tale of the poverty of her family and her own struggles and exertions for a livelihood before she met Stanford White were as the opening chapters of a tale which should put the audience in a condition of heart and mind to appreciate fully the climax of her story.

It was a plain statement which she made, but it gripped and held attention from the beginning to end, and, startling as it was, there was nothing theatrical in its telling.

The jurors themselves were on the verge of tears. Justice Fitzgerald's face showed that he also felt the common emotion. District Attorney Jerome, when he found objection necessary, was the only one who did not weep.

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WOODLANDS FOR MILWAUKEE ROAD

Purchases Along Line of Tacoma Eastern Significant of That Road's Ownership — Vast Purchase Near Little Falls.

The timber is largely located in the country reached by the Tacoma Eastern railroad and its extensions, which gives color to the rumors that the road has been bought by the Milwaukee.

A Effwilling, who has been buying the timber for the road, left for Spokane yesterday after several weeks spent here.

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SIGNS "JR." TO NAME OF R. W. LEWIS

Clever Swindler Has Goods Sent to Right House but Keeps the Cash Balance.

Underwear, Flowers, Whiskey, Etc., Arrive in Stream at Well-Known Residence, but Police Cannot Find Man Who Forged Checks.

When a florist's wagon left a quantity of flowers at the residence of R. W. Lewis, 509 Everett street, yesterday, members of the family expressed their thanks to the unknown friend for his kindness.

Investigation resulted in learning that a smooth individual had been cashing checks at various downtown business houses to which he signed the name of R. W. Lewis Jr. into various stores he went, purchasing different articles and proffering a check for \$15 in payment.

Took Difference to Cash. The bill was always less than that amount and the merchant readily gave the stranger the difference in money.

The police were notified and are conducting a rigid search for the smooth stranger. They have already found a number of victims of his deception.

Among those who were victimized was Townsend, the florist, at Sixth and Washington streets, who sent \$1 worth of flowers to Mr. Lewis' residence and gave the stranger \$11 in exchange for a check for \$15; S. Bromberger, 243 Washington street, cashed a \$15 check.

Detectives have been unable to locate the smooth stranger. He is described as apparently 25 years of age, 5 feet 3 inches in height, weight about 150 pounds, dark complexion and small black moustache.

Washington Solons Junkt. (Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Olympia, Wash., Feb. 8.—Members of the legislature will leave on a special train this evening for Aberdeen, where they will be the guests of the chamber of commerce of that city.

VOTES REPEAL OF ALL FRANCHISES

House Passes Freeman Bill Cancelling All Perpetual Franchises With but One Opposing Vote, That of Rogers.

Freeman's bill this morning repealing all perpetual franchises, with only one opposing vote.

Rodgers of Marion county opposed. He said that the legislature had no power to repeal franchises.

Perkins counseled delay to give the corporations a chance. Vawter was willing to let the courts settle the legal points and vote to assist Multnomah county people to get the relief promised them.

Rodgers said that the legislature had no power to repeal the franchises because of an amendment to the constitution June last, giving cities power to regulate franchises.

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SHALL THE WILL OF THE PEOPLE BE DEFIED?

With one voice the people of Oregon have demanded of this legislature the creation of a railroad commission, clothed with powers adequate to put an end to the intolerable tyranny under which the state groans.

The Chapin railroad commission bill has received the indorsement of every chamber of commerce and every commercial body in the state.

The lumbermen, scores of whom have been driven to the verge of ruin by the car shortage and by oppressive rates, demand the passage of this bill.

Two great conventions of shippers and producers have demanded this legislation as the only means of relief from conditions that are no longer endurable.

Farmers all over the state have indorsed the bill through their granges. Trades unions have urged its passage.

Yet in the face of this imperious and universal demand there is grave danger that the Chapin bill will not become a law, unless so emasculated as to rob it of its value.

Every day of delay is a victory for the railroads, a defeat for the people. The time has come to act. Unless the people are to be betrayed in their very citadel, the legislature must temporize no longer. Obey the people's will, and do it at once.

DAVEY TO FIGHT CHAPIN BILL

Salem, Feb. 8.—Speaker Davey of the legislature of the board of control has declared his intention of doing all in his power to prevent the passage of the Chapin road commission bill unless the provision empowering the governor to appoint the commissioners is stricken out absolutely and the appointive power placed either in

"You are a majority of the house members of the committee," Davey is reported to have said to the trio named, "and I want you to oppose any amendment or compromise whatever that would allow the governor to name the commissioners, even if only for the first year."

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