

WATERSUPPLY OF CITY IN DANGER

Waste Caused by Open Faucets Drains Reservoirs—Fire Department Would Be Helpless in Case of Conflagration.

Light snow and continued cold with easterly winds, is the weather forecast for today.

Snow fell at intervals all of yesterday and during the night in Portland. The temperature remained nearly stationary during the day, varying from 10 to 13 degrees above zero.

In eastern Oregon and southern Idaho it will be still colder with zero temperature for several days.

The Willamette river is falling above Albany and there is no immediate danger of a flood at Portland. The ice in the Columbia is increasing and navigation will probably come to a complete standstill if the cold weather continues as predicted.

Following are the hourly temperatures recorded at the weather bureau from 12 o'clock yesterday morning to 6 o'clock last night: 12 a. m., 12 degrees; 1 a. m., 12; 2 a. m., 11; 3 a. m., 11; 4 a. m., 10; 5 a. m., 11; 6 a. m., 11; 7 a. m., 11; 8 a. m., 11; 9 a. m., 11; 10 a. m., 12; 11 a. m., 12; 12 noon, 13; 1 p. m., 13; 2 p. m., 13; 3 p. m., 13; 4 p. m., 13; 5 p. m., 13; 6 p. m., 11.

Portland faces serious danger of a water famine, and therewith of a fire which may sweep over the city and destroy a great portion of it. This danger is not remote, but is imminent. There is not water enough in the city reservoirs to last longer than two days more, and even now if a big fire were to break out, the fire department would be almost powerless to fight it with any hope of success—and all because the people of Portland have been letting their water faucets run to prevent them from freezing.

This statement is made by F. T. Dodge, superintendent of the water department, who says that his only hope of remedying the alarming conditions which exist at present is an appeal to the people to close their faucets and to waste water. Last Thursday Mr. Dodge issued a warning of the effect which this might have on the city, but he has been steadily decreasing, until now there is barely enough left to last two days longer, if there is no exceptional call for an extra amount of water for fire fighting.

Cold Increases Danger.
And the cold weather increases the danger of fire, for everybody keeps fires burning, usually hot fires, which are liable to cause many chimney fires. A great fire during such weather as Portland is experiencing at present would cause an immense amount of suffering, not to speak of the pecuniary loss.

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STUPID PLUMBER CAUSES A FIRE

Leaves Gasoline Torch Blazing in Kitchen at 47 North Seventh Street.

A plumber left his gasoline torch burning when he went away from 47 North Seventh street yesterday afternoon for a few minutes. As a result the interior of that house was a mass of flames and smoke, and the fire department was called. The damage amounted to only \$200 or \$300, but most housewives would want that much at least for the job of cleaning out the house after the firemen had extinguished the fire.

There are several large buildings in the neighborhood, the fire apparatus, nearly all being equipped with four or five horses instead of two or three, came in a hurry. Battalion Chief Young arrived in a newly made sled and Chief Campbell wore gloves an inch thick. The fire was in the kitchen, and the plumber had been working under the sink, having cut a hole in the wall. By the time the firemen had chopped holes in the kitchen ceiling and quenched the blaze with ice water, there was nearly as much snow on the roof of that house as there was in the front yard. There was snow and dishes, and food, and furniture, and a little more snow.

The plumber had not returned late in the afternoon.



Jay Bowerman Who Will Undoubtedly Be President of the Oregon State Senate.

SOLONS MEET MONDAY NOON

Bowerman Will Be President of the Senate and McArthur Will Probably Preside Over the House—Chamberlain to Be Elected United States Senator.

Oregon will have a legislature in session tomorrow at noon. Up to this time there has been little attention paid to the legislation it is certain this body will consider and perhaps pass, the main attention having been centered upon the senatorial question and upon the organization fight involving the president of the senate and the speaker of the house.

The question of the presidency has been settled for several days, no formidable opposition having been developed against the aspirations of Bowerman. In the house the situation has been different, as there has been considerable opposition to McArthur, though it has been scattered and diverging, the opposing candidates each seeking his own interests and refusing to come into any combination for the defeat of the Multnomah county candidate.

Goes to McArthur.
McCur of Clatsop county came into the legislature camp late yesterday, and Bean, the Lane county aspirant for the speakership, is expected to come in today or tomorrow at the latest. Patton of Marion is fighting alone, but has no chance of success, while Campbell of Clackamas will go into the caucus, and will therefore be bound by the vote of the majority. McArthur has the majority, now having more than 30 votes pledged to him, and there seems to be no possibility of his defeat.

The members of the senate and those of the house will have separate caucuses at Salem tomorrow morning at 10 o'clock to determine the question of organization. With the fight over for the speakership, the time being taken chiefly with the selection of the minor desk clerks and general officers of the two houses. At noon the two houses will be called together and permanent organization effected.

If the usual custom is followed the first business session of the house or

CABINET MAKERS KEEP COUNSEL

Nothing Official Till Inauguration—Unofficial Disclosures Made.

(United Press Leased Wire.)
Augusta, Ga., Jan. 9.—President-elect Taft failed tonight to make public the personnel of the cabinet that will assist him in administering the affairs of the country after March 4. It had been thought that he would do so, but Senator Knox, who will be premier of the next administration, prevailed on him to withhold his decision until the day after inauguration. Mr. Taft did state, however, that Frank Hitchcock can be postmaster general if he will withdraw as chairman of the national committee.

Hitchcock tonight refused to discuss the matter for publication but he seemed to be a general feeling among the politicians that he would do so. If Hitchcock withdraws from the committee he will have to designate a vice chairman to conduct the affairs of the committee until the next national convention, four years from now. The general belief tonight is that if he does so the man who will time will be William Howard of New York, secretary of the committee.

The announcement of Hitchcock's selection for postmaster general is a strong indication that George Von L. Meyer, the present postmaster general, has been provided with a cabinet position. It seems certain that he has been offered and has accepted the secretaryship of the navy. This is substantiated by the fact that Taft withholds formal announcement of Hitchcock's selection until he could make it under circumstances as would not embarrass Mr. Meyer.

That James M. Wilson of Iowa will not be permitted to retain his office as secretary of the agriculture until he is inaugurated, Mr. Taft did state, however, that Frank Hitchcock can be postmaster general if he will withdraw as chairman of the national committee.

BE TILLMAN PLACED ON DEFENSE

At Crisis in Stormy Career—Faces Land Graft Accusation—Cries Theft of Papers—Ultimate Possibility of Expulsion.

Washington, Jan. 9.—Senator Benjamin F. Tillman, of South Carolina, has known once before what it is to be publicly rebuked by the body of which he is a member. After his first fight with his colleague, McLaughlin, on the floor of the senate, he was subjected to censure and made to offer a fitting apology to the senate. A feature to which Tillman's attention will be called Monday, following a statement which, he promises, shall be a vindication of himself regarding his relation to the Oregon grant lands matter, is the fact that if the lands which he was after were forced to sale at \$2.50 per acre under the law they could not be bought except by bona fide settlers, and he will be asked whether he really intended that he and his family would become sure enough settlers on the Oregon lands after he had acquired them.

Washington, Jan. 9.—Senator Benjamin F. Tillman, charged by President Roosevelt with participation in land frauds, made a sensational announcement this afternoon that valuable private documents bearing upon the affair had mysteriously disappeared from his desk. Explaining the loss of his papers, Senator Tillman said:

"I had a big box locked in my desk last spring and in that envelope were all the letters and telegrams that I received from Reeder & Watkins, and also several maps and other documents. This envelope is gone. Of course, I don't know where it has gone, but there are certain places where those documents may have been wanted."

The firm of Reeder & Watkins, mentioned in the president's letter to Senator Tillman, was a Washington, D. C., firm which had correspondence last winter concerning the purchase of land embraced in government grants to the California & Oregon railroad in Oregon, and against this firm Tillman persuaded the postmaster general to issue a temporary order forbidding its use of the mails.

"I am not afraid of the outcome of this matter," said the senator. "The president has thrown his bomb and I am not even jolted. Before this thing comes to an end the president will find himself hoisted by his own petard. Meantime I hope the public will suspend judgment."

The news of the loss of Senator Tillman's private papers has caused a stir at the capitol. Senators gravely discussed the matter in the cloakrooms this afternoon and the house was held out there was a mistake somewhere and that the missing papers would eventually turn up.

The Unfranked Typewriter.
Additional evidence against the accused senator was made public today in the shape of a charge that he was in consultation not long ago with Postmaster General Barnes to make an effort to frank a typewriter through the mails. Postmaster Barnes discovered that the machine was franked and sent Senator Tillman a bill for \$15 for postage, which Senator Tillman refused to pay, saying the typewriter was a government machine and he would not be asked to pay for it.

Senator Tillman said this afternoon that he had been sending a typewriter to his home in South Carolina and back for 14 years and that it had been used by him for official correspondence.

The senate appropriations committee met this morning and turned over to Senator Tillman such part of the papers as the president had sent to Senator Hale.

Despite his assumption of confidence it is plain that the South Carolinian is deeply perturbed. Probably for the first time since he has been a member of the senate he will write out the speech in advance and read it to the senate. This will take place Monday immediately after the reading of the journal.

Members of the senate absolutely declined to discuss the case for publication. The inevitable reply to any question of the senate was "I will hear Senator Tillman's defense first."

Told Bonaparte About It.
Tillman says he will give a full explanation of his dealings with the firm of Reeder & Watkins and of his attempt, through them, to secure part of the Oregon grant lands.

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W. N. McArthur Who is Slated for Speaker of the Oregon House.

TUNNEL ROOF CATCHES CAR

Three Men Killed on Western Pacific in Nevada—Two Badly Hurt.

(United Press Leased Wire.)
Salt Lake, Jan. 9.—Three workmen were killed and two others injured in a tunnel on the Western Pacific near Wells, Nev., today. Five men were riding through the tunnel on a work car when a portion of the temporary timbering in the roof of the tunnel collapsed, falling on the car. Three of the men were dead when removed and the other two were badly hurt.

RED CROSS FUNDS TOTALS \$650,000

For Italian Earthquake Sufferers—New York Leads States With \$250,000.

(United Press Leased Wire.)
Washington, Jan. 9.—More than \$650,000 has been received at the office of the National Red Cross from various state branches for the Italian earthquake relief fund. Some of the contributions are New York, \$250,000; California, \$120,000; Illinois, \$84,000; Christian Herald, \$50,000; Missouri, \$25,000; Wisconsin, \$10,000; Pennsylvania, \$60,000; Washington, \$50,000; Ohio, \$30,000; Iowa, \$30,000; Indiana, \$30,000; Michigan, \$25,000; Nebraska, \$10,000.

TREASURY CALL MADE ON DEPOSITARIES

(United Press Leased Wire.)
Washington, Jan. 9.—The secretary of the treasury today announced a call on the national depositories for approximately \$25,000,000 of government deposits, \$15,000,000 to be paid on or before January 23, and the remainder to be paid on or before February 15.

Savings Interest Rate Lowered.

(United Press Leased Wire.)
New York, Jan. 9.—Claiming that monetary conditions do not permit of a continuance of the 4 per cent rate, several of the savings banks of this city decided today to reduce the rate to 3 1/2 per cent at the next interest period.

ferent the president declared he would refuse to send to the senate the reason why Attorney General Bonaparte had refused to prosecute the United States Steel corporation for absorbing the Tennessee Coal & Iron company. The president believes it is nonsense to make such a demand, for, as he told his callers, the government has never explained why it did not prosecute the corporation that it did not find his views, if the steel trust was being operated legally the mere requirement of another law abiding corporation did not change the situation.

The president was apparently pleased with the spectacle of one branch of congress condemning him for his insistence against the restrictions of the police service of the government, when at the same time disclosures in the Tillman land deal showed the absolute necessity for some sort of espionage.

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SNOW CHEATS STOCK OF FEED

Lambs and Calves on Lane Ranges Will Suffer—Freezing Weather Continues Throughout the Entire Northwest.

Features of the Storm.
Wasco County—Columbia river freezes over and threatened milk famine is averted at The Dalles by hauling across the river on sleds. Coldest since 1890.

Gilliam County—Thermometer continues to fall; 15 below zero is reached at Condon and indications were that 20 mark would be touched last night.

Lane County—Old timers about Eugene predict recurrence of weather conditions of several years ago, when the thermometer touched zero. Stock raisers seek help to assist in taking care of cattle and sheep.

Polk County—Four degrees below at Dallas, and stock is suffering in surrounding country.

Yamhill County—Coldest weather in 20 years at McMinnville—three degrees below zero. Clatsop County—Water commission at Astoria orders water shut off during the night and citizens complain that the pipes will freeze as a result. Ice and slush in Columbia at Goble.

Umatilla County—Citizens of Pendleton keep water running in pipes to prevent freezing and the pumping plant is running at capacity, pumping 1,000,000 gallons daily. Mercury drops steadily.

Marion County—Chinook wind is expected hourly at Salem and apprehension is felt because of the flood which will result from the Willamette overflowing.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)
Eugene, Or., Jan. 9.—Weather conditions in Eugene and Lane county were better today than yesterday. No snow has fallen since yesterday afternoon and the temperature is higher, causing the snow to begin to thaw, the temperature rising to above the freezing point in the afternoon. The thermometer is down to 20 again, and prospects are that before morning it will reach a point several degrees lower, but it is not expected to be as low as last night.

BLIZZARDS OF SNOW IMPEDE TRAFFIC AT ASTORIA: 23 ABOVE

Astoria, Or., Jan. 9.—At 9 o'clock tonight the thermometer registered 23 degrees and it will probably go down to 15 before morning. The snow is six or seven inches deep on the levee. Many say it is the worst snowstorm in 20 years. All day the snow has been coming down in heavy flakes, like a miniature blizzard, and tonight it is still falling.

The Argo, Yosemite and Mayfair are

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ROOSEVELT WILL STAND PAT

Perfectly Willing to Indulge in Game of Battledore and Shuttlecock With House—No Information for Senate, Says President.

(United Press Leased Wire.)
Washington, Jan. 9.—President Roosevelt not only enjoined the action of the house of representatives in passing a resolution of rebuke because of his utterances on the secret service, but he is said to have told one of his visitors today that he considered the representatives who voted in favor of the resolution "a set of jackies." The president told several of his callers that he could not express his contempt for the action because that would be highly improper but he expressed on them his conviction that he had won out.

He declared that it was immaterial to him what the house of representatives did—that they could pass measures, etc. If they returned a message to him he would send it back and he was perfectly willing to indulge in an official game of battledore and shuttlecock if that was the wish of the house, and to show that he is perfectly indifferent.

ONE KILLED AND FIVE INJURED

Sleighting Party of Young Persons Meets With Fatal Accident in Seattle.

(United Press Leased Wire.)
Seattle, Wash., Jan. 8.—Archie Young, a sophomore of the Lincoln high school, was killed and five others injured when a bobbed car collided with an automobile at First avenue west and Queen Anne drive last night.

One of the victims, Miss Margaret Niven, is seriously injured. The accident occurred as an automobile driven by William H. Johnson was the beholder the long winding hill, when the bobbed car struck the side of the larger automobile. Joseph could not swerve the motor with fearful speed. Box hurled was thrown 20 feet, striking on the head, but not seriously injured. Archie Young struck the front of the automobile and sustained a fracture of the skull and other severe injuries. He was hurriedly taken to the hospital where he died.