

SNOW MELTS, STREAMS RISE

Chinook Winds in Many Sections of Northwest Dissipate Last of the Cold Weather—Mercury Goes Up at Rapid Rate.

Weather Conditions Throughout Northwest Today.
McMinnville, Yamhill county—Heavy rain, rising temperature. Floods imminent if thaw continues.
Salem, Marion county—Curly jumps from 24 to 48 in half hour. Warm wind from south increases in intensity.
Roseburg, Douglas county—Chinook winds melt snow in hills. Temperature rises to 52.
Walla Walla, Wash.—Indications for chinook wind. Mercury rises rapidly. Damage from flooding streams feared.
La Grande, Union county—Heavy snow melts under warm waves. High water expected.
Eugene, Lane county—Heavy rain. Willamette river reaches 10 foot mark at 10 a. m. City inundated.
Condon, Gilliam county—Light chinook wind. Thermometer registers 2 above at 6 a. m. Ranchers fear thaw.
Albany, Linn county—Rapidly rising temperature means flood. Rain comes down in torrents.
Vale, Malheur county—Light frost checks melting of heavy snow. Snakes and other streams have risen one foot.
Vancouver, Wash.—Fine rain. Columbia river still frozen.
Heppner, Morrow county—Warmest weather since present cold spell. Chinook reported south and west.
Grants Pass, Josephine county—Warm rains deluge Rogue river valley. Stream is rising.

Reports of rising temperatures, accompanied in many instances by chinook winds, from every section of Oregon, and from the most of the states to the west, have given rise to the belief that the cold spell has given way to tropical Oregon weather. The streams are already showing the effect of the thaw, though the heavy floods are not expected for 24 hours, providing the present weather conditions remain unchanged.
Fed by the melting snows, the headwaters of the Willamette river are said to be rising at a rapid rate. The river has already been reported at Eugene (the headwaters of the stream are in the southeastern part of Lane county), but had not yet been noted at Albany and other points further north. In eastern Oregon floods are looked for, though the weather is not abating as rapidly as in the western part.
Railroad traffic, telephone and telegraph service is expected to be paralyzed by the impending land and snow slides. In Douglas county the Southern Pacific railroad is holding its steam shovel in readiness for any emergency. In the mountainous districts of the state heavy landslides are momentarily expected. Stage travel into the coast counties—Coos and Curry—is expected to be at a standstill within 12 hours.

Snow Disappears at Eugene.
(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)
Eugene, Or., Jan. 15.—A heavy rain has been falling since early last evening, melting the snow rapidly. If the rain continues, the snow will be melted. The little snow left in this part of the valley tomorrow morning. The Willamette river is coming up rapidly and had reached the 10 foot mark at the gauge at the big bridge here this morning at 10 o'clock. It was expected to reach 11 or 12 feet by 2 or 3 o'clock this afternoon. It is expected to overflow in a few hours. So far no damage is reported. As yet it is not out of its banks except in a few places.
In Eugene the streets are full of water, the melting snow causing gutters and sewers to overflow. Many basements are filling up with surplus water and considerable damage is expected from that source. Streetcar traffic, which was tied up for two days on account of the last heavy snowfall, was resumed this afternoon and the streets once more have taken on their normal appearance.
Little damage is reported in the farming districts from the snow and freeze. It is thought the wheat crop will be benefited. Fruit trees are in good shape.

Washington's Floods Have Begun.
(United Press Local Wire.)
Tacoma, Wash., Jan. 15.—The heavy rains which began last evening and continued to fall today, together with the melting of the great drifts of snow, has caused grave apprehension on the part of railroad officials here and serious washouts and snowslides are predicted should the rain continue 24 hours longer. Northern Pacific railroad officials report snow falling heavily in the Cascades, but state that so far no difficulty in keeping the line clear has been experienced. If the present storm continues the railroads will be confronted with a serious situation, as the melting snow and the rain have already caused mountain streams to become swollen and great volumes of water are being sent down into the valleys.

Chinook Wind at Salem.
(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)
Salem, Or., Jan. 15.—Between 3 and 4 o'clock last night the mercury rose from 28 to 42 degrees, a chinook wind sprang up and the thaw began. All night the warm wind and rain melted the snow. Today the storm from the south is even more severe. The streets are filled with water and mud.
As yet the melting snow has had no noticeable effect on the height of the river. Since 9 o'clock yesterday morning the river has fallen from five feet, five inches to four feet, eight inches. If the storm is general high water is certain and the damage will be great. Snow sliding off trees and houses is knocking out telegraph and telephone lines. Large icicles are dropping off buildings, making it dangerous to walk about.

Gilliam Gets Chinook.
(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)
Condon, Or., Jan. 15.—Weather conditions have changed in Gilliam county during the past 24 hours, the thermometer registering 2 degrees above at 6 o'clock this morning. A light chinook wind is blowing from the southwest; the weather is very warm. It is raining this morning. Ranchers of this county fear a sudden thaw, as, if it were to be followed by freezing weather after the protecting coat of snow had gone, great damage would result. The thaw would be appreciated by stockmen.

April Showers in Douglas.
(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)
Roseburg, Or., Jan. 15.—The thaw has not yet worked any serious damage. The river rose 10 feet yesterday and last night. This morning a chinook wind from the south melted the snow in the valley south of the hillsides and but very little snow is in sight this morning. Typical April showers are falling today. The Espie is keeping its big steam shovel and crew in readiness to clear the track in the canyon in the event of slides or washouts. The temperature is gradually rising, the maximum last night was 52, the minimum 38.

Albany's Streets Submerged.
(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)
Albany, Or., Jan. 15.—The thermometer has risen above the freezing point and a rapid thaw is taking place. A heavy rain set in last night and is still coming down in torrents. The streets of Albany are inundated and almost impassable. Much damage is reported on account of leaking roofs. Even new dwellings have been damaged to a great extent by the melting snow.
The Willamette river at this city is very low and is still falling, the effect of the thaw having not yet appeared. F. J. French, a Frenchman, predicts the river to abate for the next 12 hours, and then a rapid rise.

45 Above at Cottage Grove.
(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)
Cottage Grove, Jan. 15.—There has been a decided change in weather conditions in the past 24 hours. Rain has fallen steadily since last night and the wind has changed to the south. The temperature has risen to 45 degrees above. The headwaters of the Willamette are rising at a rapid rate and the weather conditions of rain and warm weather continues the highest water known in many years is expected.

Yamhill Expects Floods.
(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)
McMinnville, Or., Jan. 15.—A cold spell has broken here. At 6 a. m. the temperature was 35. This is a rise of 9 degrees. The thermometer registered last night at 5 o'clock. A heavy rain began falling during the night, and more than an inch was recorded this morning. If the rain keeps up, within 24 hours every creek, channel and river in the county will be flooded.

Floods in Malheur.
(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)
Vale, Or., Jan. 15.—The snowfall this week has aggregated on an average of nine inches over this section of Oregon, but the return of light frosts has checked the rise of the rivers. The Snake and Malheur rivers have risen only about one foot. There is no immediate danger of serious floods. On the range conditions are favorable for live stock and the feeding of sheep has not been necessary.

Rainfall About Vancouver.
(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)
Vancouver, Wash., Jan. 15.—A fine rain is falling over Clarke county, freezing as it falls; much damage to trees probable, with interruption of telephone communication. Columbia remains ice covered, with people crossing river on foot.

Warm Wave Hits Union.
(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)
La Grande, Or., Jan. 15.—A warm wave struck this section of western Oregon Thursday and rain fell most of the day and last night. The snow is going rapidly and there will probably be high water in a few days, on snow is of incalculable benefit to farmers and fruit growers.

Medium Cold at Weiser.
(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)
Weiser, Idaho, Jan. 15.—The Weiser country is medium cold; snow and rain Thursday, with a freeze Thursday night.

Cold Abates at Walla Walla.
(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)
Walla Walla, Wash., Jan. 15.—The weather is appreciably warmer this morning, the minimum last night being 20 above; at 6 this morning the mercury had risen to nine. The sky has the bluish tint which precedes a chinook wind and a heavy thaw is expected today or tonight. The thermometer is rising. A heavy thaw cannot but do great damage, flooding basements and overflowing the land along the creek. Preparations have been made to resist the flood but little can be done. The rain this morning has succeeded the snow of yesterday.

Rogue Rises in Josephine.
(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)
Grants Pass, Or., Jan. 15.—Warm rains have been pouring in the Rogue River valley the past 24 hours. The snow has all gone except in the higher ranges. The mountains are still covered with snow and the cold spell is completely broken. The Rogue river is rising.

Morrow County Thaws.
(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)
Heppner, Or., Jan. 15.—Last night was the warmest since the present cold weather began. The thermometer registered at 6 above at 6 a. m.; 16 above at 11 a. m. Chinook winds are reported south and west of here.

Cove Anticipates Floods.
(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)
Cove, Or., Jan. 15.—The temperature throughout the night was 38 and 40 above, with some rain. The snow is melting fast and floods are feared.

A Necessary Investigation.
From the Wall Street Journal.
There can be no question that the appointment of a commission to investigate Wall Street and the Stock Exchange was in response to a definite public demand. It cannot be too often repeated that Wall Street has nothing to gain and everything to lose by a policy of duplicity or concealment. In its relations with the rest of the country it must be frank and above board, doing its business by methods open to the scrutiny of anybody and to be criticized only on account of inefficiency, not because of unfairness.
The Stock exchange may depend upon forming the most important part of the commission's inquiry. It has been pointed out before that it was placed in the position of having to set its house in order long before the question came prominently before the public in the past election. Nothing has been done yet, so far as the public can see. Certain members of the exchange have been expelled for practices which would have necessitated their expulsion from any exchange here or abroad. The Stock exchange was bound to do this, and this forms no part of a reform of its methods. Its action, in fact, was more a protection to its own members than dictated by any strong feeling for the public welfare.

Just as Lively.
From the Arizonian.
When General Schenck, whose greatest fame rests upon his having introduced the game of poker into England, first arrived in London as American minister to the court of St. James he took a little of his spare time to visit the sights of the British capital. Among other places he visited Mrs. Tussaud's wax works. "And what do you think of our great wax work exhibition?" asked a friend. "Well," replied the general, "of it, me as being very like the ordinary English evening party."

Official figures place the value of the mineral products of the United Kingdom during 1907 at \$67,000,000, an increase of \$13,000,000 over the preceding year, chiefly in the production of coal, of which 17,000,000 more tons were produced than in 1906.

FORCES CITY TO PAY IN ADVANCE

Light Company Will Keep Street Lamps Burning This Month in Consideration of \$3822 Warrant—Suit Still Pending.

Under an agreement between the city attorney and the legal representatives of the Portland Railway, Light & Power company, injunction proceedings begun by the municipality have been stopped and the city will be furnished with electricity until February 1, at least.
City Auditor Barber this morning turned over to the lighting corporation a warrant for \$3822 as the city's advance payment for street lights for January. Before the warrant was drawn the mayor and executive board personally signed an indemnity bond to protect the auditor.
The company has agreed to furnish service until February 1, when the proceedings may or may not be taken up in court, as may be decided by the officials of the city and the company. According to the city charter no contract with a corporation may be entered into before the city has advertised for bids for 60 days previous to the signing of contract and in compliance with this rule it would be impossible for the city to make a contract with the lighting company before some time in March of this year. At that time a contract for a term of years will probably be signed.

The warrant drawn by the auditor and tendered to the company is for the sum which the city has decided to be reasonable, and according to Mr. Barber is the same as was paid during the existence of the recently expired contract.
While the bid of the corporation for the lighting contract for the ensuing year is in substance the same as the previous agreement with the city, it allows for but 600 feet extension, where the old contract stood for 1200 feet, and because of this the new contract is not altogether satisfactory. A fixed rate per annum on arc lights and incandescents will be made in the terms of the new contract.
When the case was closed this morning it was agreed between the attorneys for both sides and the court that the case was to be dropped just as it stands with permission to reopen it at any time, this probably being in anticipation of the fact that the city must advertise for 60 days before entering into any definite arrangement, and in view of the possibility of proceedings similar to the present action before the lights for February and March will be furnished.

An Ideal Job.
From Judge.
Housekeeper—Who are you?
Tramp—Madam, I am an after dinner speaker.

The largest wooden building in the world is the parliament building at Wellington, New Zealand.

Footprints 50,000 Years Old.
From the Baltimore Sun.
A man never knows when he is covering up his tracks, he never knows how long they will stay covered or who will get on his trail. In Canada, where they are digging for the new Toronto waterworks, the diggers found in the blue clay 70 feet below the water line the footprints of a gentleman who had tramped around that way some years ago. The geologists disagree as to the exact time, some holding that the freshness of the footprints indicates that it was only 50,000 years ago, while others believe that the totemal prints indicate that it has been about 100,000 years since the gentleman passed that way. Not that this slight discrepancy matters to the gentleman or to us; for nobody had to sit on the fence there and wait for him 50,000 years, even if he did happen to be late.
This is really discouraging to people who don't want other people to know where they are going, where they are, or where they have been. Here this Canadian gentleman kept his trail covered for a period long enough to build the Panama canal and the new Union station, and yet after 50,000 years of concealment is discovered and exposed at last. Which teaches us that we, too, may make our lives sublime and departing leave behind us footprints in the sands of time—footprints that some of our old gossip may discover after years, go and tell the neighbors, bringing all our widows into tears. So if we would our tracks cover, let us not walk very far, and let us depart from the pathway go and take a trolley car.

The largest blue topaz known, which, when cut recently, was found to weigh seven carats more than the famous gem in the crown of Portugal, was kept by a Queenslander miner who found it to throw at stray dogs until a scientist saw it and recognized its value.

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A SECRET FOR WOMEN

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