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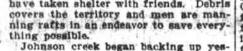
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Precipitation Is Greatest for Any 48 Hours Since 1882.

The rain storm, after wreaking damage in a hundred different ways and breaking all records for precipitation in than they have ever been known to be 48 hours since 1882, is over, and now danger lies from the Willamette river. which at 11:30 o'clock this morning had reached a 14 foot stage and was still

"Light rains tonight and Friday, with eut off from any fire protection be-southwesterly winds," was the forecast cause of the destroyed bridges and of the weather observer today. Storm warnings are still flying. Indications are, however, that the floods will not be so great as last year.

Early in the day the rain decreased to a drizzle, where before it had poured, and before noon the clouds set for themselves only the work of sending down occasional showers. But for the 48 hours of the storm government records show that the precipitation was 6,16 inches, and 3.60 inches for the last 24 hours. For the 48 hours the rainfall was heavier than sluce December 12 and 13, 1882, when more than 10 inches fell during the same time.

Throughout the Willamette valley the rainfall was heavy, but south of Albany was somewhat lighter than in the region north. Nearly all parts of western Oregon were soaked. In eastern Oregon the precipitation was light. With Chinook winds blowing over the

Cascade and Coast ranges, melting the snow, and the unusual amount of precipitation, all streams flowing from those heights are running full to their banks, and will continue to do so for several days. The river probably will continue to rise for a day or so, and lands lying low will be inundated. But, according to the weather forecaster. there is little likelihood that the floods will be heavy. The river forecast for today says that the Willamette will reach a stage of 16.5 feet Friday and about 18 feet Saturday. Nearly all railroads leading in and out of Portland have been seriously at-

fected, and some of them have stopped their trains. Streetcar service has been hurt and telephone and telegraph service crippled. In nearly every part of the city has come news of basements filling fast with water. Damage to the sewer and water systems has been heavy.

Monroe, Wash., Jan. 19 .- The analysis of the contents of the stomach of George Allen, the ball player, who died here last week, bears out the suspicion that Allen died by arsenical poisoning,

ough investigation. The analysis was made by Dr. Edward P. Fick of Seattle. and showed large quantities of the polson had been administered. In the meantime Coroner Smith is de-

laying the burial of Allen and of his mother, who died the day before under similar circumstances.

Five other members of the family are ll, with symptoms similar to those ex-

broken mains. The undertakers have Bowerman has declared he will sup-announced that it will be impossible to port the resolution, but some of his hibited by Allen and his mother. If it is found that Allen's death was hold any funerals for a day or two be- followers do not like the idea and sevdue to polsoning, a police investigation eral earnest councils have been held. will follow. The Willamette river at this point is tion will go through without serious Allen was a member of a family in tion will go through without serious which a feud existed over the distribution of a \$30,000 estate.

Senator Fletcher of Florida today spoke in the senate, indorsing the minority office of the city auditor yesterday, report of the congressional investigatshows that the city spent, for mainte-

ing committee. nance and improvement of parks in "Between vulgar graft and perfec- 1910, \$196,863.14. This sum includes tion," he said, "lies the standard of con- an item of \$82,609.92 for the purchase duct of their officials that the people of land in Mt. Tabor park. have the right to exact. They do not require infallibility, but they certainly are not satisfied to have their officials and improvement of parks and for adbarely keep on the windy side of the ditional acreage, the sum of \$479,023 law and pursue a course of neglectful City park was the most expensive. ness and unfaithfulness to their inter. Maintenance of that beauty spot cost essts which is just within the line of \$24,098.54. Improvements cost \$20, criminal guilt. 709.36. An interesting item in the cost

## Says Ballinger Deceived Taft.

of maintenance was that of zoo supplies and tenders. To feed and care "Ballinger was far from candid in his for the animals the department exletter to the president, in which he denied the truthfulness of Glavis' statepended \$7259.56. Among the improvements made were playgrounds costing ment, and there is no doubt that after \$11,063.40. Sellwood park was second his resignation as land commissioner he in point of the cost of improvements acted as the legal representative of the this being \$25,411.24. Improvements (Continued on Page Rour.) to Peninsula park cost \$7088.32.

That the new incinerating plant constructed by the Public Works Engineering company for the city will prove to be almost an entire failure unless it is remodeled so as to comply with the specifications under which the health board let the contract, became evident today at a special meeting of the board. Dr. C. H. Wheeler, city health officer, told the mayor and the board that the company has absolutely refused to burn certain kinds of refuse, although the contract between the company and the city specifically states that this shall be burned. On account of the refusal of the company to comply with the specifications it has been necessary to incinerate many loads of manure, offal and tin cans in the old crematory plant, said Dr. Wheeler.

## Was Mistake Made?

After the board had adjourned Dr. A W. Smith, a member of the board, made an informal report of a visit he made to the new plant yesterday afternoon. unannounced. The other members of the board, Dr. R. J. Chipman and Dr. George B. Story, and City Health Officer Wheeler, did not heaitate to express their disapproval of the methods by which conditions at the new plant have been kept from the official knowledge of the board, after hearing Dr. Smith's recital. They declared that City Engineer Morris had made a reprehensible mis-take in certifying to the board that the plant had been completed, the board having authorized the payment of \$29.-000 to the company upon this certifica-tion. The city has already paid out, on the contract price of \$99,900, more than \$60,000 for an incinerator that can not be finally accepted in its present condition, according to the unanimous opinion of the board.

Finds Awful Mess. "I have been reliably informed by a man whom I know to be an expert on man whom I know to be an expert on brick work," declared Dr. Smith, "that a dozen different kinds of brick have been used in the construction of the first 100 feet of the chimney stack of the plant, notwithstanding the fact that City Engineer Morris told us that math-ing but the best grade of refractory fire brick had been used. The city engineer had no right to allow this departure from the specifications. "I dropped in at the plant restarday

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## her, chairman of the resolution commithe city of Salem is under water and tee of the senate, says the committee many people are this morning unable is preparing to report out the house to get out of their homes, being com-

resolution providing for a joint comand the authorities today began a thormittee to investigate the site in east ern Oregon for a branch insane asylum. Reports have been circulated that this resolution is being held in the committee because of opposition of the concrete bridges just finished, are stand- Bowerman men, but Kellaher says this is not correct. He expects the resolution to come out with unanimous re-