

CITY IS NOW MAKING GREAT EFFORT TO GET SNOW OFF STREETS

Gangs Worked All Night on Main Thoroughfares; All Departments Active.

WARNING IS SOUNDED

People Asked to Use Caution to Prevent Fire—Alarm Box System in Bad Shape.

Citizens condemn city administration. Citizens complain that the city administration has fallen down in the cleaning of the snow, ice and slush from the streets. Citizens heap vituperation on the heads of the city commissioners. The landlords were joined with the officials as objects of public wrath this morning. In many instances no effort was made to clear the icy drifts from business streets.

A great effort to cope with the storm situation is being made by the city today.

Hundreds of men under the personal supervision of Will H. Daly, commissioner of public utilities, are cleaning the downtown streets clear.

The fire bureau is taking every precaution possible. Every available man is on duty.

Every member of the fire alarm and telegraph division of the fire bureau is working in an attempt to put the fire alarm system on the east side in service.

The water bureau has everything in readiness for emergency repairs in case of large breaks in mains.

Fire Chief Dowell says that the condition is the worst the department has ever experienced and urges that the public take every precaution to prevent fires.

Gangs Work All Night.

Every man of the street cleaning bureau was at work yesterday morning, but when they could not cope with the unusual conditions hundreds of other men were secured through the public employment bureau.

Twenty large motor trucks were hired and numerous gangs of 100 men each were worked in four-hour shifts through the night and much of the snow was cleaned from the streets of the business district by morning.

The crews are still working today. Time off periods for members of the fire bureau have been suspended and every member of the bureau is now on duty.

On the east side, however, Chief Dowell has the fire apparatus moved to buildings where the telephone service is still intact. All companies are still in service.

Worst Storm Experienced.

"With this the worst storm the fire bureau has ever experienced," said Chief Dowell this morning, "the public should take care that fires are not started."

"It is extremely difficult for the heavy apparatus to move. Last night's fire at Seventeenth and Thurman streets demonstrates that. Many of the pieces of apparatus on their way to the fire were stalled and the firemen had to carry hose and ladders for several blocks."

"Every building owner should see that the fire exits are kept clear of snow and ice so that in case of fire people can get down safely and the firemen can handle the fires as they should be handled."

Fire Marshal Stevens also sounds this warning:

"In case of a chimney fire or burning flue, do not attempt to summon a fire company, but call the fire department by telephone and explain the trouble. A man will be sent to extinguish the blaze. By calling on the apparatus for chimney fires other sections of the city will be left unguarded."

How to Give Fire Alarm.

"In case of serious fire and the fire bureau cannot be reached by the box alarm or telephone, run to the nearest fire alarm station and give the alarm. Every child in Portland should know the location of the nearest fire alarm box and fire station. If the adults don't know, they should immediately find out."

The fire alarm system in the business district, with the wires underground, is working. It is on the east side and the residential districts of the west side, where most of the trouble with the alarm system exists.

In the water bureau men are on duty waiting and watching. Men were sent on horseback this morning to keep the huge standpipes at Burdette and the Vernon district open. These standpipes hold the water supply for several large residences.

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CITY FATHERS HAVE DIFFICULT TASK IN REACHING CITY HALL

With many of its employees and officials stalled in the snow, the city hall early this morning.

Mayor Albee left his home for the city hall early this morning, and arrived at noon after walking most of the way. He lives in Laurelhurst.

Commissioner Baker lives in the Sellwood district and arrived shortly before noon.

City Auditor Barber left his home about 10 o'clock but he had not arrived until noon.

City Auditor Le Roche also lives in the Laurelhurst district. He started down town but gave it up and was camping at home at noon.

Commissioner Daly gave his attention to the streets last night and didn't go home. He gave personal attention to handling the man on the streets.

Commissioner Dieck lives on Main street, a few blocks from the city hall, and had no difficulty in getting to work.

Commissioner Bigelow put on a pair of rubber boots this morning and walked from his home on East Twelfth street to the city hall.

FIRES ADD DANGER TO THE FURY OF STORM; \$7000 IS LOSS IN 8

Drifts and Fallen Wires Impede Progress of Firemen in Reaching Flames.

More than \$7000 damage was done in a series of eight fires that broke out during the storm yesterday and early today.

Under conditions that were almost impossible to combat, the firemen struggled, going to some of the fires on foot, to others with double teams, and in some cases not arriving at all. Down wires, snow drifts and frozen hydrants were the difficulties encountered.

The most disastrous was the one that virtually wiped out the store, frame buildings at Seventeenth and Upshur streets at 12:30 this morning. The buildings were owned by H. F. Petersen, a complete loss is upwards of \$4000. A restaurant and barber shop, the former belonging to E. Powers, the latter to Christ Marsch, were destroyed, together with vacant rooming house and dance hall above.

The fire spread to a machine shop adjoining, owned by Peterson, but firemen saved it with small damage.

Pet Dog Gives Alarm.

Mrs. A. Mann was asleep in her home at 29 North Seventeenth street early this morning when fire broke out. A pet dog aroused the woman, and she staggered through smoke to turn in an alarm. The fire started in an overhead kitchen range, and swept to the second floor. The loss is \$200.

When J. T. Betteridge of 725 East Fifteenth street went downstairs before daylight he found the kitchen ablaze, the woodbox having ignited from a hot stove. His wife and two daughters climbed from a rear window, clad only in their night clothing. The fire originated from a defective flue, and the loss will amount to about \$100.

Boy Scouts helped the firemen play the hose at a fire which partially destroyed the home of F. C. Struck at 281 Fargo street last night. The fire originated from a defective flue, and the loss will amount to about \$100.

Extinguisher Beats Firemen.

Firemen failed to reach the fire in the basement of the Montgomery Ward & Co. wholesale house at 681 Upshur street at 8 o'clock last night until long after the blaze had been extinguished by the automatic sprinkling system. The damage is estimated at \$1000. Firemen started for the scene, but the truck stuck in the snowdrifts.

Two other small fires from short circuits occurred yesterday afternoon, one at the home of Mrs. Margaret E. Reed, 10 East Sixteenth street, the other at the residence of J. H. Bartle, 10 East Thirteenth street.

Live Trolley Wire, in Falling, Hits Auto

Five occupants of a big touring car had the narrowest escape from death of their careers about 5 o'clock last night, when a row of poles collapsed, the live wires falling directly upon the top of the vehicle.

In the car were George A. Cobb, 541 Tillamook street, who was a candidate for the gubernatorial nomination last year, Dr. Thomas W. Kirby, 501 East Broadway, and three young women who had been picked up on their way home and given a "lift" through the storm.

Mr. Cobb was driving his car along Grand avenue and had reached a point near Flinders street when the whole row of poles on the east side of Grand avenue fell, westward, carrying with them the wires, including the trolley wires.

The sparks began to fly all around the car, only a few inches from the heads of the passengers. But no one was harmed and Dr. Kirby managed to crawl out the side and lift out the girl. The latter were taken to a neighboring house for shelter and the men walked home.

Efforts to reach the power company to have the electricity turned off failed because the telephone wires went down with the rest.

The car was towed to a garage this morning, badly battered.

Valuable Furs Are Lost in Snowdrift

Somewhere in the drifts between the Portland hotel and 171 Park street, a set of furs valued at \$1000 is buried. Mrs. L. V. Magoon of the Park street address went to her home from the hotel Monday evening, and on the way the fur set dropped from her shoulders.

The set is of Russian sable and is made of three whole skins with tails and claws. A reward has been offered for its recovery.

Miss Cora Schupp of 981 Commercial street reported to the police last night that she had lost her purse in the street. It contained \$2 in money and an open faced watch.

TELEPHONE SERVICE IS DISRUPTED AND LONG DISTANCE SUSPENDED

5000 to 6000 Phones Out of Order; Poles Go Down Before Blizzard.

From 5000 to 6000 telephones are out of order in Portland today and long distance service has been suspended completely. The disabled phones are scattered all over the city.

Broken wires, fallen poles and trees, the result of last night's blizzard, are responsible for the demoralization of the service of the two telephone companies here.

The Pacific States Telephone & Telegraph company officials stated this morning that between 4000 and 5000 of its phones are not working. The Home Telephone company reported 1000 out of order. Both companies expect to have service reestablished by Saturday if weather conditions permit repairs and do not cause further damage.

Both companies engaged all available help this morning and sent out crews to begin restoration of service. In many cases one broken pole or fallen tree disrupted service in an entire district without doing much damage to the property. In such cases restoration of the service will be prompt, it is said.

Estimate of the damage in dollars and cents to the telephone companies has been impossible as yet, it was stated this morning.

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City Improvement Bonds Sold Today

Price of 100,000 Sold for Securities to Cover Cost of Improvements in Former City of St. Johns.

Municipal improvement bonds to the amount of \$12,000 were sold to the Citizens' bank by the city this morning, at a premium of 5.55 per cent.

The bonds were of the former city of St. Johns to cover the cost of improvements made in that district before becoming a part of Portland. As these bonds are of shorter life than regular Portland improvement bonds the bids received were not as high as those received by the city at its last sale of municipal bonds.

Bids were also opened by Commissioner Elmer at \$1238 in street extension bonds, but these bonds were taken by the city for sinking fund investments in 1912.

Besides these W. V. Dink offered a premium of 5.7 per cent for both issues and the Lumbermens Trust Co. offered a premium of 4.26 for the \$12,000 in improvement bonds.

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