

Main North Santiam Picked, Water Source

Snow, Sleet Storm Rages; Highways Are Icy

Severe Storm Will Continue Says Forecast

Fall Here is Steady but Only One Inch Up to Midnight, Record

Minor Accidents Proving Numerous; Silver Thaw in Some Districts

Snow, which made its first visit to Salem for this "winter" in late October when legislators were providing for a new statute, came back to town early yesterday.

It returned as a cutting sleet blew out of the north and covered the already frozen earth with an icy sheen.

From mid-morning yesterday until mid-afternoon, the snow continued, but the fall amounted to only one inch, the official weather report stated. The temperature remained constant throughout the day, registering 23 degrees at 6 a. m., and varying no more than one degree anytime during the day, with 22 degrees registered at midnight.

As the day began, there was no outlook for relief. Weather reports said it was probable there would be snow today and mayhap on Wednesday with the thermometer continuing to stay well below freezing. In the southern part of the state the outlook is for warmer days, with snow pelting by rain. Off the coast, fresh, strong easterly winds are blowing; in the valley the wind continued out of the north.

Traffic Unhindered on Main Highway

Traffic on the main highway was continuing steadily last night, north and south stages running almost on schedule. Stage lines to points off the Pacific highway were delayed last night. Motorist-reported roads slippery and minor skidding accidents were numerous. At noon yesterday the state highway department quickly hurried several light snow plows onto the main arteries of travel in the county, and paved highways were being sanded late in the afternoon.

Claudia Benson, representative of the Oregon State Motor association here, reported late yesterday that the Pacific highway south of Salem was open but warned that careful driving was necessary.

Snow extends as far as Eugene, Mrs. Benson declared. South of Eugene there is some sleet and occasional rain.

Mrs. Benson said motorists would have no trouble getting north to Seattle if they drive carefully.

Cale is Blowing in Columbia Gorge

The office warned motorists to provide chains for their cars if they attempted to drive east over the Columbia river highway. A 40-mile an hour gale was blowing at Cascade Locks and the intensity had increased to 50 miles an hour at Crown Point.

Motorists were warned last night that the Salmon river cut-off road from Grand Ronde west for three miles was icy and dangerous although there was little snow. Sleet had frozen on the road and made transportation difficult.

The McManis-Tillamook highway west from the agency is reported very icy and hard to drive.

Reports here yesterday were that the Newport ferry was out of commission due to trouble with the pontoons with expectations that the ferry would be operating again late last night.

A silver thaw prevailed along the Detroit-Mill City-Swanton road yesterday, reports were, and with considerable ice on the road, driving was difficult.

Nut Bread Is Recipe Topic For This Week

Already nut bread recipes are coming in to The Statesman Round Table. Everyone is invited to contribute to the contest which awards cash prizes each week to the three best recipes submitted. The current topic, nut bread, embraces all varieties of this delicious "zoodle" including raised, baking powder, white or whole wheat. Entries must reach The Statesman office by noon Thursday.

No Objection by WPA Workers; Pay Goes on Though Tasks Stopped

Halt Ordered Early Monday May Continue Till Snow Disappears; Direct Relief Can't Be Increased But Wood Will Be Distributed, Stated

SNOW means no hardship for WPA laborers. Their wages will go on regardless of whether they are able to work providing they report to their usual assembling places each day, J. J. Karstetter, district engineer, announced yesterday afternoon. All outdoor projects in this county were ordered shut down for the day.

Lead Figures in Blizzard Drama



Farmers Will Be Paid Says Riches

Congressional Action on Monday Assures AAA Debts' Payment

All holders of contracts for reduction of agricultural products in Marion county are going to get their money from Uncle Sam, according to Harry L. Riches, county agent. Riches said he had received this word from Washington following passage of a \$300,000,000 appropriation by congress to be used by AAA for winding up its reduction program.

Riches said it was estimated Oregon farmers would receive \$1,340,000. For Marion county the payments will run from \$20,000 to \$35,000. Heretofore Marion county farmers have received from AAA a total of \$175,993, of which \$80,141 went to wheat growers and \$95,852 to corn-hog growers.

In preparation for cleaning up the past obligations of the government under the crop control program Oregon officials have been notified from Washington to return records and materials to the government.

Three Skaters at Everett Drowned

EVERETT, Wash., Feb. 17.—(AP)—Three unidentified boys skated to their deaths in Silver lake, five miles south of here, tonight and a fourth, who plunged through thin ice with them, owed his life to a daring rescue by two men.

A crew, working from a boat, recovered one body and reported the other two had been located beneath the ice.

Jack Johnson, Rugg Lake, Wash., said he crashed through the ice with the others, but did not know their names.

He was rescued by Ray Treichel, principal of the Silver lake school, and Cliff Hagerman, a former state patrolman.

While Treichel held one end of a rope, Hagerman crawled out on the ice until he could grasp Johnson, clinging to the ice. The ice gave way as Hagerman pulled Johnson out, but Treichel dragged them both to safety.

Drifting Snow Now Handicaps Rescue Effort

Towns Reached Earlier Isolated Again as Food Supply Cut

Corn, Fence Posts Used for Fuel; Abnormal Cold Continues

CHICAGO, Feb. 17.—(AP)—Drifting snow raised new barriers about isolated villages in the mid-western storm country today as slender stores of food and fuel dwindled toward the privation level.

A half dozen South Dakota communities—Hereford, Volunteer, Stoneville, Creighton, Fairpoint and Hoover—were cut off again after rescue expeditions had cleared roads over the weekend. Meager reports from the hamlets represented conditions as approaching the privation point.

Corn and fence posts were burned at Hereford. All the flour was gone at Hoover.

Aviator George Hight piloted a ski plane 75 miles through the blizzard to bring Gus Anderson of Capitol, Wyo., to a hospital at Belle Fourche.

Cold settles down, North Central Area

Six sleds were used to draw provisions across snow-filled fields to Hatfield, Mo., marooned for a month.

Abnormal cold settled down for another two-day stay in the north central states. Fresh snow—now a white plague—halted rail and automobile travel in the vicinity of Grand Forks, N. D. Drifts hampered travel in other portions of the northwest and midwest.

Cold records were shattered at several points. An all-time mark was broken at Watertown, S. D., when the 37th consecutive day of subzero weather was recorded.

Farmington, Minn., suffered its 31st successive day of temperatures that averaged -18. The 27th day in a row of subzero readings bested a mark established in 1888 at Lincoln, Neb.

Fuel shortages closed schools of schools. A two-day coal supply was reported at Enning, S. D. Elm Springs, S. D., had neither fuel nor food.

Relief Work Not Limited to Union

Relief workers, to get WPA help, do not have to belong to a union, Governor Martin officially advised Don W. Hicks of this city. Hicks had complained to the governor in a letter that he was told he would have to join a union before he received employment.

At the statehouse it was thought Hicks' complaint grew out of the fact that many contractors will only employ union labor and insist that all persons sent them from a federal re-employment office must belong to a craft union.

Governor Martin took Hicks' letter up with C. C. Hockley, state PWA administrator, and obtained verification that the relief worker need not be a union man.

Three New Autos to Be Purchased for Police; Bid Call Is Authorized

City Recorder Jones last night was authorized by the council to advertise for bids for three new automobiles for the police department. Specifications will be submitted by the council police committee.

Valentine Day Revenge Case



On St. Valentine's day seven years ago, seven "Bugs" Moran gangsters were killed in Chicago. "Machine Gun" Jack McGurn, shown above, was suspected but established an alibi. Almost exactly seven years to the day later, he was slain in a Chicago bowling alley; and the blonde young woman who was his alibi on that earlier occasion heard about it in an anonymous telephone call.—International Illustrated News photo.

Frances Laws Is Severely Injured

Salem Girl Given Slight Hope; Accident Occurs Near Jennings Lodge

Reports from the Oregon City hospital early this morning were that Miss Laws' condition was "about the same."

OREGON CITY, Ore., Feb. 17.—(AP)—Miss Frances Laws, 23, who was injured in an auto accident early today, was in a semi-conscious condition at the Oregon City hospital tonight. Attendants held but slight hope she would live.

Miss Laws, the daughter of Lester L. Laws, head of the state flax plant at the penitentiary near Salem, incurred a fractured skull and lost considerable blood as a result of a severed artery in her arm.

She was injured near Jennings Lodge.

Others in Car Are Injured Somewhat

Her mother, Mrs. L. L. Laws, incurred a five inch scalp laceration, and her grandmother, Mrs. Eugene Harrison, was shocked and bruised. Mrs. W. B. Robinson, also of Salem, was slightly injured.

C. C. Norton, Milwaukee, driver of the second car involved in the mishap, also escaped with less serious injuries.

Investigators said it appeared the Laws car, which was demolished, slipped from a road shoulder at a highway construction project and went out of control.

Importance of Chemawa Recognized, Resolution

Recognition of the Salem Indian school's importance to this city and approval of its celebration at Chemawa next week were voted by the city council last night. City Recorder Jones was instructed to prepare an appropriate resolution and send it to Indian school officials.

Bonus, New Farm Aid Funds Approved Quickly by Senate

WASHINGTON, Feb. 17.—(AP)—The senate today broke all speed records for appropriation bills by approving in less than half an hour a \$2,889,751,905 measure including \$1,730,000,000 to pay the bonus and \$440,000,000 for the new farm subsidy program.

The remaining \$719,751,905 is to pay the running expenses for independent agencies in the next fiscal year. Voice votes put through the bill itself and the bonus and farm fund amendments offered by Senator Byrnes (D-SC).

TWA Decision Declared Boon To Northwest

Will Mean Completion of Columbia Dams Soon Leaders Assert

8-1 Ruling Says Surplus May Be Marketed; New Dealers Rejoicing

SEATTLE, Feb. 17.—(AP)—Pacific northwest reclamation leaders today hailed the United States supreme court's Tennessee valley authority decision assuring the legality of the Grand Coulee and Bonneville dams.

Director E. F. Banker of the Washington State Department of Conservation and Development, said the decision that the government may legally sell surplus power developed at federal hydro-electric projects, removed any doubt of rapid completion of the Grand Coulee and Bonneville dam projects.

"Few supreme court decisions have been of greater importance to the northwest than that on the TVA," remarked James O'Sullivan, Columbia Basin commission secretary. He said it removed "all doubt as to the legality" of the Grand Coulee project.

Marshall Dana, Portland editor, and chairman of Pacific Northwest Regional Planning commission, predicted congress would immediately provide methods of power sale at the two public northwest dams.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 17.—(AP)—Government sale of electricity generated at dams constructed for national defense or other constitutional purposes was upheld today by the supreme court in its long-awaited TVA decision.

Chief Justice Hughes, in an opinion from which Justice McReynolds alone dissented, ruled.

Linen Mill Debt Proposals Heard

Compromise Matter Taken Up by Control Board; Radio Funds Okeh

A debt compromise in which the Salem Linen Mills would settle a current account of \$8335 owed the state for \$4000 cash and would trade its income debentures, due in five years, for \$7,895 in accounts payable taken over by the Oregon Linen Mills, was proposed to the state board of control yesterday.

The board was asked to make the compromise in order to expedite reorganization of the Salem Linen Mills.

A letter from federal agencies announced that the proposed sale of funds with which to obtain new portraits of Oregon governors, to replace those destroyed in the capitol fire, had been cancelled. It probably will be necessary to obtain a legislative appropriation for this project.

Radio Plan Approved

The board received official information from Washington that \$144,673 had been allocated to Oregon for the establishment of five police radio stations and a telephone system. Funds for a central state heating plant previously were authorized.

Four 1000 watt radio stations and two 100 watt stations are proposed. The 1000 watt stations would be at Coquille and The Dalles.

Officials said these police radios would be operated under the direction of the state police.

Aron Charge Faced in Eugene; Arrest Is Made

SAN DIEGO, Calif., Feb. 17.—(AP)—Ernest A. Keyser, 28, is being held in jail here pending arrival of police officers from Eugene, Ore., where he is wanted on Arson charges. Arrested yesterday on complaint of his wife, who said he was creating a disturbance, Keyser was taken to the city jail, where a check revealed he was wanted in Eugene, Detective Chief Harry Kelly said.

System Total Cost To be \$2,257,000 Council Estimates

Intake Above Stayton Is Designated in 9 to 4 Vote by Aldermen as Further Delays Rejected

Engineer's Latest Figures Indicate \$879,000 Expense For Supply; Debt Not Excessive, Held

THE North Santiam river last night survived two hours of bitter debate and became by a 9 to 4 vote of the city council officially Salem's permanent source of "mountain" water supply. The vote by which this action was possible was on an ordinance, amended, which Alderman Walter Fuhrer introduced last December 2.

Total cost of the water system completed under the plan proposed last night would be \$2,257,000, of which \$700,000 would be paid immediately out of accrued earnings of the plant, leaving a \$1,557,000 new issue of water bonds to be added to the \$1,100,000 now outstanding.

Adamant to the last, Alderman John D. Minto, David O'Hara and Fred A. Williams fought to delay action pending completion of an engineering survey of the Willamette river supply and of comparison of this, the North Santiam and the Little North fork of the Santiam rivers.

But nine councilmen headed by Alderman Brazier C. Small declared themselves ready to accept a report by Engineer R. E. Koon, dated February 12, which set \$879,000 as the cost of the North Santiam supply.

The vote designating the North Santiam river above Stayton as the permanent "mountain" water supply.

Yes: Armistead, Evans, Fuhrer, Goodman, Olinger, Perrine, Small, Wiedner and Young.

No: Dause, Minto, O'Hara and Williams.

The council then directed the ways and means committee, the mayor, city attorney and water commission to draft an ordinance for the sale of \$1,550,000 of additional city water bonds and submit it at the next council session, March 2.

An intake, gravity pipeline from above Stayton and a filtration plant would cost \$879,000, Alderman Small told the council in opening the debate. He declared \$198,000 additional was needed for a new reservoir and \$126,000 for a feeder main running north and south across the city, making a total new expenditure proposed of \$1,203,000.

"The water department says it can carry the debt load and handle its regular operating costs with a two and a quarter million dollar bond issue," Small told the council. "A majority of the water commission has joined in recommending this program.

Abandoning Willamette, Purpose of Small

"If the council sees fit to do it, we will have a gravity mountain water system and, what the people want, get away from the Willamette river. You could put in a new Willamette supply but never could correct outside advertising that Salem drinks sewage water."

Small averred the difference in interest burden between an \$879,000 North Santiam supply and a \$1,203,000 Willamette supply.

Hearing Set, Park Vacation Question

The city council last night unanimously adopted a resolution calling a hearing March 2 on the vacation of the section of Wilson park one half block west from Summer street for capitol building purposes.

Carl F. Gould, the capitol construction commission's technical adviser, "feels having this plot might lead to some architect's giving us a most superior capitol," Dr. H. H. Olinger, member of the council and of the commission, stated.

Late Sports

EDMONTON, Alta., Feb. 17.—(AP)—Playing a strong defensive game, the Portland Buckaroos held the Edmonton Eskimos to a 1-1 tie in a Northwestern Hockey league game tonight.

VANCOUVER, B. C., Feb. 17.—(AP)—Seattle's league-leading Seahawks staged off a desperate third period spurt by the second-place Vancouver Lions and gained a 4-4 overtime tie tonight in a Northwestern Hockey league game.

PORTLAND, Ore., Feb. 17.—(AP)—Jack Lipscomb, 159-pound mat man from Indianapolis, scored an upset tonight in defeating Don Sugal, Salem, Ore., 159, two out of three falls on the main event of a wrestling card.

Jean LaBelle, Montreal, won two of three from Ernest Pliuse, Portland. Otis Chingman, 167, Oklahoma City, won a fall from Jack Curtis, Jackson, Miss., 160.