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BREAKUP OF WINTER AT HAND---MAYBE

REPORTS FROM ALL SIDES INDICATE THAW IS NEAR

Longest Winter in History Is Near Its Death—Rain in the Mountains—People Will Welcome Warm Weather.

Stockmen and citizens generally are becoming fully imbued with the belief that the end of the longest severe winter within the memory of eastern Oregon's oldest inhabitant, is about to come to an end. Reports from Mencham and Kamela say the snow is melting rapidly there and it is expected that the chinook will be in full swing here by morning, though the snow is thawing very slowly at present. Reports from the west are also favorable to a breaking up of the storm. The snow in the cascades turned to rain this forenoon and the big rotary snow plow which had been ordered from the Blue mountains to do duty in the cascades, was stopped here at noon and is being held pending developments. From all along the line of the O. R. & N. come reports of milder weather. While it was cold in Pendleton last night it lacked one degree of being as cold as the night before. The minimum temperature registered by the official thermometer was 13 degrees above zero, whereas the night before it was only 12 above. A little more snow fell but hardly enough to be counted.

It is doubtful if ever before in the history of this section has there been a time when the breaking up of winter has been looked forward to with such a great degree of pleasure as the present. There have been colder winters in the past and there have been winters in which more disagreeable weather was experienced, but so far as can be ascertained there has never been a winter in which there has been such a long stretch of disagreeable weather. Beginning early in November and extending up until the first of March there have only been a very few days in which the ground was entirely free from snow. This condition is extremely remarkable in a country which has become famous for its mild winters.

PRESENT CENSUS WILL MEAN NEW CONGRESSMAN OR TWO

Portland.—Oregon will be given another congressman, and possibly two, it is believed, after the coming census is taken. According to the basis of representation expected to be fixed by the new census, one congressman will be allowed for every 224,000 of population. The basis at present is one representative for every 192,182 of population. It is expected the coming census will show a population for the state of close to 300,000. This would give three congressmen and if the hopes of some are realized and the state is found to have 1,000,000, then four congressmen will be allowed.

Uncle Hiram: "That was a fine banquet the lumber exchange men had last night."

Eph: "No wonder. Each guest was a board expert."—Chicago Daily News.

Isn't every banqueter a bored expert?—Journal of Education.

PERSONAL MENTION

Charles Holman of Echo, is a Pendleton business visitor. Mrs. Belle Hamilton of Echo, spent last night in Pendleton. A. R. Smith of Echo, is transacting business at the county seat. A. R. Smith of Echo, is transacting business at the county seat. Dr. W. H. Lytle, the state veterinarian, is in Portland this week. Bert Collings of Weston, is a county seat business visitor today. Mrs. Clara E. Stocker has returned from Portland, where she has been spending the winter. J. E. Taylor of Echo, is staying at the Hotel St. George, while transacting business in this city. R. V. Brownell of Umatilla, came up last evening from the town by the Columbia for a brief business visit. Louis Winters, the well known rancher of the Freewater country, is in Pendleton today on a trading trip. W. J. Furnish came up yesterday from his present home in Portland, to look after business interests here. Attorney Edward S. Taylor of the reclamation service legal department, is in the city today on official business. Jake Bowman of Echo, came up from that town last evening and is transacting business at the county seat. E. P. Croarkin, the Echo dealer in real estate, came up from the west end of the county last evening on business. Harold H. Scudder, traveling correspondent for the Spokesman Review, has been in the city today on his way to Walla Walla from Union, where he has been in the interest of the news department of his paper.

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MUST WAIT ON EXPERT

Walla Walla Fireman Have New Engine, but Don't Know How to Manage It. Walla Walla, Wash.—Members of Fire Station No. 1 are occupying the same position relatively as the small boy does the day before Christmas, when he knows that Santa Claus has his gifts in the house but he can not get at them. For the fireman have a new fire auto truck and they want to get it in action and all learn to run it, but they have to wait for an expert.

After a series of delays the machine arrived and is now in the city waiting the arrival of an expert who will pay the \$500 freight and handle the machine for 60 days, the city to take possession at the end of that time if everything proves as represented. The new machine will displace a hose wagon and chemical two drivers and two teams, and in this way it is expected to prove a money saver. The horses have been put out to pasture to be fattened for sale. No disposition has been made of the apparatus which will be displaced, but it will probably be saved and put in a small substation in some district which has poor fire protection.

PLAN TO BRIDGE COLUMBIA.

North Coast Line Seeking Connection With Harriman System. Husum, Wash.—Amos Underwood, owner of the townsite of Underwood at the mouth of the White Salmon river, is authority for the report that railroad men have been investigating the plausibility of constructing a bridge across the Columbia river at that point. Commencing 80 rods below the town a chain of rock islands extends across the river to the Oregon side. Only two of these islands are visible during high water, but Underwood says that solid rock foundations for bridge abutments can be found the entire width of the river. For two days men were seen taking soundings across the river along the line of islands and submerged reefs, and it is the supposition that the North Coast is figuring on building a bridge across the Columbia river to connect with the Harriman system. They have nearly completed their survey from the Yakima valley to Underwood.

MADAME SCHUMANN-HEINK AT BAKER CITY MARCH 9

Through the enterprise of one woman, Baker city is to have the honor of entertaining and being entertained on March 9 by the greatest contralto of this, and perhaps of any age—Schumann-Heink. She will be heard in the same program which she sings in Portland and San Francisco, but at a lower scale of prices, as this is in no sense a money-making scheme.

rather an effort to give the music lovers of eastern Oregon a supreme treat.

A special train will be run from La Grande and many will attend from outlying towns. A number of Pendleton people are taking of taking in this unusual opportunity, and it is likely that the party will assume good proportions. The great diva will sing a program of sixteen numbers, ranging from "grave to gay, from lively to serene," and including five English songs, among them that ever popular one, "The Rosary."

Seats on the lower floor and boxes are uniformly \$4 first two rows in balcony, \$2.50; next three rows in balcony, \$2. No other seats are being reserved though there will be cheaper ones. Places are reserved for out-of-town subscribers as the orders, with money, are received.

In order to get good seats, write at once to Mrs. Thomas C. Burke, Baker City, Ore.

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ANOTHER BAD CHECK ARTIST IS LANDED

MILTON BOY APPREHENDED AFTER SEARCH OF A YEAR

Sheriff Taylor Traces Forger Over Three States and Finally Locates Him in Portland—Four Such Criminals Caught in Past Few Days.

Sheriff T. D. Taylor left for Portland today to take into custody another bad check artist who was arrested in Portland Monday night by Sheriff Stevens as a result of the activity of the Umatilla county sheriff and his deputies. Wilbur H. Bailey, aged 21 and a resident of Milton for practically his entire life, is the name of the forger.

Young Bailey is not only wanted at Milton where he passed a bogus check, but also in Walla Walla, where he exchanged a worthless check for some good money. Both offenses were committed on the same day, Feb. 19, 1909.

Sheriff Taylor has been close on his track since he left Walla Walla and the arrest by the Multnomah county sheriff brought to a close a hunt which has extended over three states and consumed nearly exactly a year of time. After securing the money at Milton and Walla Walla, Bailey went to San Francisco where he attempted to cash a draft for \$299. He left the draft with the Merchants Saving bank in that city and failed to call for it or his money. From there he went to Salt Lake where he also attempted to get \$200 in exchange for a forged draft. From Utah he returned to the Oregon metropolis where he was apprehended. This makes the fourth bad check artist that Sheriff Taylor has landed within the past few days.

"BOOSTERS" BOWLERS ARE STILL LOCAL CHAMPIONS

In a close and exciting bowling contest held last night at the Pastime alley the "First team" succeeding in winning from Goodman's "All stars." The following was the game in detail:

Boosters.				
Gibson	186	144	141	471
McDevitt	112	164	132	408
Noel	177	176	153	506
Moller	155	137	135	427
Hoover	153	162	126	441
Total				2253
All Stars.				Total
Goodman	136	155	131	422
Krebs	162	151	171	484
Cooney	134	155	170	459
Burrows	140	144	123	412
Crystal	122	120	124	366
Total				2143

ABERDEEN LOSES FIGHT FOR BASEBALL TEAM

Seattle, Feb. 22.—Judge Gilliam today decided against Aberdeen in its fight to remain a member of the Northwestern league. The league will be composed of Spokane, Seattle and Vancouver.

Aged Couple Perish in Fire.

Santa Fe, N. M., Feb. 23.—John F. Revis, aged seventy, and wife, aged 68, were burned to death when their home was destroyed by fire at Clayton early today. The fire is believed to have been of incendiary origin.

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NEW PACKING PLANT TO BE OPENED MARCH 14

Portland, Ore.—The new packing plant of the Swift interests on the peninsula is expected to start operations on March 14. Because of the magnitude of the work embraced in the Swift plans, there has been a delay in the original project of nearly a year in getting ready for packing, but the plant is now practically complete. The opening of the plant means that 500 people will be employed at the start with the probability that the number will be doubled within the coming year. It will furnish a big livestock market for the farmers and stock raisers of the Pacific northwest and other packing plants and factories for utilizing side products of the packing houses will be established.

Politician—Congratulations, Sarah. I've been elected. Sarah (with delight)—Honestly? Politician—What difference does that make?—St. Louis Times.

AFTER "GYPSY" SMITH

Evangelist Wanted to Stir Things Up in Walla Walla.

Walla Walla, Wash.—Officers of the Walla Walla Ministerial Union have written to "Gypsy" Smith, the famous evangelist, to secure him for a series of revival meetings here in which all of the Protestant churches will take part. The ministers claim that conditions are right now for a revival here and hope to induce Smith to take charge.

Over 1000 people were converted during a series of meetings held in a hastily and roughly built tabernacle at the series here some time ago. When Billy Sunday was in Spokane the ministers went to report on him and efforts were made to secure him for meetings but his time was taken for so far ahead that no contract was made.

The house of representatives simply nailed the whitewash brush down to the floor.—Portland Telegram.



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