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## CHINOOK BRINGS SUDDEN CHANGE

Warmer Weather Reported This Morning from Different Sections of County---Storms of Past Week Sets Old Timers Recalling Hardships Undergone Nineteen Years Ago.

At last Boreas, the blusterer, after a week's sport with his freezing wind, has given way to the warm mild Chinook and this morning the mercury had risen to 2 degrees above freezing. It's a sudden change. Have you noticed it yet? Only a few nights ago it was 20 below zero.

The great amount of snow covering the ground all over the county will mean enough moisture to insure good crops this year. A sudden thaw followed by freezing weather might do some damage to crops, while it would relieve the stockmen who are short of feed.

### RECALLS OLD STORMS.

King Winter rules in Gilliam County and the old timers say that this is the coldest spell since 1889, nineteen years ago. That winter was one that those people have been unable to forget since nearly all of them lost everything. The winter of '89 began in earnest in December, the mercury falling to 35 below zero, while the ground was covered with a thick blanket of snow that lasted until February. Just when the stock that had survived was thought to be out of danger, another storm, much harder than that which had ended twelve

days before, came over the country. So damaging were the results that the winter of '89 still remains firmly planted in the memory of the many stockraisers and sheepmen who were put completely out of business.

The deep snow of 1884 is also remembered, but the present spell, with the actions of the storms, snow, sleet and winds, the pioneer stockman say reminds them as a repetition of the terrible winter of 1881, when so many lost all their worldly goods—at that time cattle and horses. The storm that year also began in January, with the ground covered with 18 inches of snow. For months blizzards of snow and sleet raged over the country while the thermometer ranged from 20 to 35 degrees below zero. Thousands of unsheltered cattle, covered with ice, unable to get feed, perished before the March Chinook.

Men who went through the ordeals of that winter and who have been comparing the actions of the present storm and the winds, predict a long spell of weather, many even say that it will not break until March.

### COLD DURING PAST WEEK.

The coldest night in this city was last Saturday night when the mercury fell down to 20 below zero. The thermometer has

been ranging below zero during the day ever since the storm started on January 4th. From the Mayville country comes the report of 28 below on last Monday, while at Arlington it reached 26 below. Quinton this far reports the coldest, 32 below on Monday. The extreme cold in the northern part of the county, is due, no doubt, to the piercing wind along the frozen Columbia.

### MEANS GOOD CROPS.

The snow in different parts of the country ranges from a depth of 16 inches to two feet. All wheat growers are jubilant over the prospects for good crops since the soil was in the best of conditions to receive the white blanket and the cold snap. Cattlemen and sheepmen are feeding and the majority have plenty of feed for some time. Only one or two exceptions have reached this city that certain sheepmen were short of feed.

Josh Hardie who has several thousand sheep in the Ferry Canyon country was in town the first of the week arranging for the hauling of feed to his winter quarters and there is no doubt that plenty of feed can be had.

On Monday the trains along the main line were blockaded but with the aid of big rotary plows, traffic has been kept open since that time.

## THE WHEAT CITY SEEMS TO BE ON THE MAP

### Condonite for President of Senate.

The legislators of Oregon are busy these days at the capital. Everything in the way of organization went on smoothly. McArthur's election as Speaker of the House was made unanimous on Monday. The name of the caucus nominee was presented to the house by Campbell, chairman of the caucus. Munkers, of Linn, representing the House minority, nominated his colleague Corrigan, of Yamhill, for Speaker. McArthur cast a complimentary vote for Conyers and himself received the votes of the other 50 Republicans present.

There was likewise no opposition to Jay Bawerman of Condon, Senator for Gilliam, Sherman and Wheeler, for permanent President of the Senate.

A large number of bills have already appeared before the house and senate. In the house Mariner is expected to be chairman of the committee on commerce. Irrigation and experiment stations will be big subjects during this session.

### Proposed Basketball Tour.

The basket ball squad of the Condon Athletic Club are expecting to take a trip the first week in February under the management of Geo. W. Parman. They will go to The Dalles where they will play the Lane & Sexton team, and from there they will go direct to Walla Walla to play the Y. M. C. A. team of that place. From Walla Walla they will go to Weston and play the State Normal team and thence home. The boys will begin practicing at once and good results can be expected.

### P. O. Receipts Prove Condon Is Growing.

The building activity that is to come over the Wheat City during the year 1909 brings up the question of Condon's growth during the past year. The residents can readily bring to mind the many improvements made, the new buildings that were erected, the organizations that were started, etc., all pointing to a good substantial and healthy growth.

But for still further proof that Condon and vicinity has had a good increase during the past year, the reports of Postmaster Reisacher will give the fact that the general gross receipts during every month of the year 1908 were larger than the corresponding months of the previous year. The business of registered mail during the year 1908 was more than double that of 1907, while the money orders sent out of the office amounted to \$500 more in 1908 than in the previous year.

This all goes to show a healthier condition in the community and necessarily an increase in population.

W. A. Tate of Rock Creek, Ore. is in this city making final proof on a homestead. His witnesses are W. Head and H. Barnhart, also of Rock Creek—Tuesday's Dalles Chronicle.

Otis Campbell, county assessor is a business visitor in Portland this week. On Tuesday he attended a meeting of the county assessors held in the Rose City. He is accompanied by Mrs. Campbell and they will return Monday.

### Condon Man Carries Presidential Vote.

In due form Oregon's four presidential electors met at the capitol Monday and cast their ballots for William Howard Taft for president and James Schoolcraft Sherman for vice-president of the United States. After a sharp contest, R. R. Butler of Gilliam county was elected messenger to carry the sealed ballot to the president of the senate at Washington.

The members of the electoral college from Oregon are R. R. Butler, A. C. Marsters, Senator Frank Miller and J. D. Lee. The electors met in the private office of Secretary of State Benson, who called them to order. Organization was effected by choosing R. R. Butler chairman and J. D. Lee secretary. Thirteen ballots were cast before the election of messenger was effected. J. D. Lee and R. R. Butler being the candidates.

The vote for President was taken and properly recorded. One copy will be filed with Federal Judge Wolverton in Portland and one with the secretary of state. Another will be mailed to the president of the senate at Washington and the fourth carried to Washington by the messenger.

M. H. Stoneman, the Lone Rock mail carrier sold his route during the past week to Mr. Matthews the Lone Rock hotel man. G. I. Skinner is carrying the mail for the latter. The fact that the route has changed owners a half dozen times during the last year shows that it is a hard route to cover.

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