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Tonight and Saturday rain or snow.
Not so cold.

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ALMOST MIRACLE SANDERS ESCAPE

Explosion of Oxy-acetylene
Welder Completely De-
stroyed Building.

**BUT FRED SANDERS
WAS ONLY SCORCHED**

Preparing to Start the Machine
When It Exploded Causing
Considerable Damage.

That Fred Sanders, foreman at the Albany Iron Works is alive this evening is a miracle. No more wonderful escape has ever been recorded than he experienced this forenoon.

Just before 11 o'clock he was getting the oxy-acetylene welder, located in a small addition, 12 by 15, to a small building, adjoining the foundry ready for use, and had stepped to the door when he heard a sizzling noise in the welder, and hastily stepped to the machine and turned it off. At the same time there was an explosion, heard for many blocks away, that completely shattered the structure, scattering it in all directions. The roof was blown far out into the gulley adjoining the place, some parts of it, including a window sash, being thrown fully a hundred feet; the sides toppled over; the top of the machine after hitting the roof dropped back, and things in the room were thrown everywhere. Many of the windows in the molding room of the main building were shattered by the shock. On the opposite side of the molding room, high up near the ceiling two window sashes were knocked completely out, and fell down to the dirt floor of the room. In one of them not a glass was broken, in the other only two panes.

In the little house, of which the addition was a part a water closet was knocked to pieces, and things on the opposite side of the house broken. In fact everything around was affected by the shock.

In the midst of it all was Mr. Sanders, close to the exploded machine. He must have been at the one psychological spot of safety in the room, for with things flying and popping in every direction he was only scorched by the face and arms, not seriously. He had been raising some whiskers, just long enough to protect his face, undoubtedly saving him from a much worse burn. He had on goggles at the time, one glass of which was knocked out, and though his eyebrows were burned, his eyes were not injured at all. Climbing over the debris near the place he met his fellow workmen, rushing from this foundry, and walked to his home across the street, where Dr. J. P. Wallace attended him. While suffering from the burns there is rejoicing in the home that it was no more serious.

The damage amounts to several hundred dollars to the machine and buildings.

STRONG FEATURE OPENS AT ROLFE THEATRE TONIGHT

A mutual Masterpicture of unusual merit will be shown at the Rolfe theatre tonight and Saturday, "The Bait." This is a five act drama of life in the trappers' country, showing stalwart men and women strong of heart as well as body. The famous Bostwick animals are used in the production, and some forest scenes true to life are shown.

The acting is superb, headed by William Clifford and Betty Hart. A specially selected cast of artists assisted in the making of the picture, and this edition DeLuxe is said to be one of the best yet offered by the Mutual, and gives promise of being a splendid show. At least advance reports from other places where it has exhibited place it as one of the big ones.

In addition to the feature picture will be seen a ripping comedy, "Betty Burton, M. D.," telling the novel experiences of a lady doctor. The title role is portrayed by the dainty comedienne, Linda Griffith, and a strong cast supports her.

NO MAIL FROM EAST UNTIL SATURDAY NOON

Rural Routes Will Receive None
Until Monday Morning at
the Earliest.

Many people who have been expecting their Saturday Evening Post and other eastern mail may be relieved of the suspense by knowing that the first mail for four days is expected in Albany not earlier than Saturday noon. Postmaster Stewart states that he is not even sure of it then and that it may be night before any arrives. Rural routes will receive no mail before Monday.

This means a rush worse than the Christmas pile-up, for most every thing will be letters and papers and a number of pieces will be greater than at the holiday season. But the post office force will do their best to handle the situation and the mail will not be held up here.

The present hold-up is the worst in many years. Twenty years ago there was a similar blockade in about the same place, holding the trains up for two or three weeks. The difference between the present case and the former one is that in this instance all of the trains are anchored at towns, while then many of them were stalled in the mountains and away from towns, food having had to be taken to trainmen by men on snow shoes. The blockade is located in the Columbia gorge between Bonneville and The Dalles and in the Blue Mountains between La Grande and Pendleton.

THOUSANDS ARE SAID TO BE STARVING IN POLAND

Germany to Finance the Relief,
Americans to Have Charge
of Situation.

Berlin, Feb. 4.—It is announced that the government has agreed to permit American representatives to take complete control of the food situation in Poland, and relieve the starving thousand, if adequate funds can be raised. The government agreed to partly finance the relief, with no requisition for Poland food. American leaders predict a famine unless relief starts promptly. They need two million dollars monthly.

TWO FATAL FIRES IN EAST CAUSE DEATH OF ELEVEN

Six Burned in New York Home
and Five in Hotel Fire at
Atlantic City.

New York, Feb. 4.—The \$50,000 home of Mrs. Casimir Tag, widow of the president of the German-American Bank of Brooklyn, was burned this morning. Six are known to be dead, Hannah Snaebly and Caroline and Helen Tag, daughter, and Jennie Edman, Lizzie and Annie Cain. A woman cook is missing.

Atlantic City, Feb. 4.—Five are dead, with a loss of \$100,000, and a score injured when the hotel Overbrook burned this morning.

O. A. C. HAS THINGS DOWN FINE ON SCHOOL LUNCHES

Oregon Agricultural College, Corvallis, Feb. 4.—Can a high school student getting a lunch in the school get more than twice the value of lunch secured elsewhere at the same price? That this is actually the case is shown conclusively in a comparison of foods and prices made by the department of Domestic Science at the Oregon Agricultural College. According to this list the following food and prices are obtained at the high schools, having a food value of 700 calories.

In a typical school lunch the following items at the prices given are procured: Cocoa and whipped cream, 3c; egg sandwich, 4c; banana, 1c; dates, 1c; 3 cookies, 1c; total, 10c. Of the usual lunches purchased elsewhere the following is said to be typical of those bought by high school students: 3 crackers, 5c; cup of coffee with cream and sugar, 5c; total, 10c.

LUSITANIA CASE CAUSING BREAK

Declared That Germany Will
Not Disavow Torpedoing
of Boat.

**THIS PRESIDENT
WILSON INSISTS ON**

Next Two Days, It Is Said, May
Decide Future Relations of
U. S. and Germany.

Berlin, Feb. 4.—Unless America waives the demand of Germany for a disavowal of the Lusitania torpedoing or submits the question to The Hague arbitration, an amicable adjustment is impossible, is the unanimous view of officials and newspapers. The Lokal Anzeiger declares that Germany has done its utmost to prove its friendship for America.

Washington, Feb. 4.—Officials are pessimistic over the latest Berlin Lusitania communication. It is known that the president is determined not to yield, and feels unable to "dicker" longer. The next two days may decide the fate of the German-American relations. Ambassador Bernstorff does not conceal his surprise over the concern shown by the Ackerman dispatch. He would make no comment. The German embassy expects further delay to develop in the matter.

Back at Washington.
(By United Press)

Washington, Feb. 4.—The president returned at 1:15 today. His closest friends predict his preparedness program will be adopted by the end of March. It is understood the president will immediately begin plans for a southern trip. He is satisfied with the results of his trip.

Raided by Aeroplanes.

Vienna, Feb. 4.—It is announced that Austrian aeroplanes raided Durazzo and Avlona, the greatest Austrian aerial activity since the war began.

Dr. Wallace Howe Lee went to Salem this morning.

cal of those bought by high school students: 3 crackers, 5c; cup of coffee with cream and sugar, 5c; total, 10c. The food value of this latter lunch is 250 calories in comparison with that of 700 calories of the typical lunch.

Reports from some of the schools of Oregon where lunches are served, show that there are other advantages connected with the practice of furnishing the school lunch. It affords a means of furnishing instruction and training in preparing and serving meals economically and wholesomely. It also lends additional attraction to the work of schools and tends to keep attendance and interest at the best. Teachers are frequently regular customers of the school lunch which they find to be helpful and pleasant in comparison with the cold lunches which they might otherwise have to eat. The following is a typical menu of the Kenton school of Portland:

One apple; 2 slices of bread and butter; 2 crackers, and a bowl of thick soup.

MOTHER FAINTS WHOLE FAMILY ARGUES WITH OFFICER.

W. O. Fuller, of Cornelius, Awarded
Children by Court Takes Two
Away from Former Wife.

Griff King, acting deputy sheriff, went to Lyons yesterday and brought to this city Charles and Agnes Fuller, aged 9 and 10, to their father, W. O. Fuller, of Cornelius, who was waiting for them.

Armed with a divorce decree from Washington county awarding him the custody of two minor children, W. O. Fuller arrived in the city yesterday and presented the papers to Sheriff D. H. Bodine for service. The matter was turned over to Deputy King who went to Lyons on the morning train and then drove two miles to the home of Frank Berry, husband of the mother of the two children. Here a scene ensued, the mother fainting, the children crying and a general turmoil resulting from the forced separation. On the way back to the depot Mrs. Berry's father and mother remonstrated with King and tried to get the children, claiming the papers were illegal, but the children were brought in spite of protests.

The Fuller children had been living with their mother for about a year. Since her divorce from Fuller the mother married Frank Berry and for the past two months they have been living on a small farm two miles southwest of Lyons.

Mrs. Berry and her parents claim that they were sworn to and that the court never should have given Fuller possession of the children. Mrs. Berry is the mother of four other children by two former husbands, according to the reports brought to the city by Deputy King.

Mr. Fuller left last night after the arrival of the Mill City train for his home at Cornelius, near Hillsboro, taking the children with him.

STATE BANKS AVERAGE FIVE PER CENT PROFIT

But Some Make As High As 20
Per Cent, Says Superin-
tendent Sargent.

Statesman: In the combined report of the earnings and dividends of the 175 state banks of Oregon, completed yesterday by S. J. Sargent, superintendent of banks, the net profits of these institutions are given as \$439,110.33 for last year. This is 5.1 per cent on a total capitalization of \$8,548,250, or 3.8 per cent on the aggregate capital and surplus of \$11,433,079.89. Of the total number of banks in the state, 144 made net profits, aggregating \$500,534.68, while 32 banks showed a net loss of \$161,415.45.

Eliminating the 32 banks from the calculation, the remaining 144 banks earned 8.6 per cent on their total capitalization, of 6.3 per cent on the aggregate capital and surplus of \$9,497,877.89. Based on capital—32 banks made a loss for the year, 42 banks earned 5 per cent or less, 40 banks earned over 5 per cent and less than 10 per cent, 31 banks earned over 10 per cent and less than 15 per cent, 13 banks earned over 15 per cent and less than 20 per cent, 18 banks earned over 20 per cent.

Quit-Claim Deed.
Elizabeth Bone and husband to Chas. Kirk, Jan. 20, 1916. Lands in Sec. 8, Tp. 14, 3 west, \$10.

THOMAS SAYS MILL WILL BE BUILT

Has Been at Work in Portland
and Phones Success in
Interesting Capital.

**THERE WILL BE NO LET
UP UNTIL SECURED**

Says That He Will Be in Albany
When Weather Improves to
Begin Business.

That R. Thomas, the paper mill man, who has been in Portland for several weeks, has been earnestly at work on the paper mill project, is learned by a message received last evening at the Albany Garage, by Ora Baker, an employe there, who had been closely connected with Mr. Thomas in his experimental work carried on last fall. Mr. Thomas stated that he had been quite successful in getting capitalists interested in the project, and that as soon as the weather sufficiently improves he will be at Albany again prepared to go to work on the mill, of course first organizing the company for it. With a spirit of determination that excites admiration he has kept at the difficult task of interesting men with money in the big enterprise, and in this message declares that it is bound to be a go, and that actual work will begin.

When Mr. Thomas returns he should be given local support needed to set the project in motion. It's actual establishment here will mean the making of Albany beyond a question, and there should be no let up until it is secured.

Down at Portland.
(By United Press)

Portland, Feb. 4.—Snowfall ceased this morning, and half the car lines are operating. Several thousand persons are still stranded down town. The schools remain closed. The latest estimate of the damage is \$200,000.

Federals Objected.
(By United Press)

Chicago, Feb. 4.—The Baltimore Federals objected when the organized baseball counsel this morning moved to dismiss the case against the National Commission in Judge Landis' court. Judge Landis set Monday for hearing of arguments.

Revival Meetings.

The revival meetings at the Evangelical church, corner of East First and Pine streets, will begin Sunday, February 6.

The public is cordially invited to attend these meetings. We are expecting an old time revival, like we had in days gone by. Come not merely to see and to hear but come to make or be made a good soldier for Jesus Christ and give God your time, for which He promises to give in return a hundred-fold in this present world and in the world to come everlasting life.

Rev. M. Heverling, of Everett, Wn., has been engaged for this meeting, a man of God, filled with the spirit and enjoying just what he preaches. Don't fail to hear him. J. F. Emmert will have charge of the singing.

Bring your unsaved friends and your children and get them saved.

WHAT STRUCK THE OTTOWAY PARLIAMENT BUILDING

Origin of Explosion Still a
Mystery; Question, Was It
Incendiary?

Ottawa, Ont., Feb. 4.—The latest advices give six known to be dead and several injured by the fire which destroyed the parliament building. At three o'clock the fire was controlled. The library will probably be saved. The origin of the fire is still a mystery, and many rescued insist that they heard explosions indicating bombs. Colonel Sherwood, head of the Dominion police, denied that incendiaries were responsible.

Washington, Feb. 4.—Sen. Thomas introduced a resolution denouncing the destruction of the Ottawa parliament house as wanton, barbarous, and unwarranted incendiary. It was referred to the committee. Senator Gallinger demanded proof of incendiaryism.

Another Liner Torpedoed.
(By United Press)

London, Feb. 4.—The captain of the British liner Commodore, reported the boat submerged in the Mediterranean Wednesday. He said the submarine carried German and Austrian flags and fired the German ensign upon ascertaining that it was a British liner. It is believed the German submarines are using Austrian flags when they attack Italian ships.

LOS ANGELES HAS MYSTER- IOUS WOMAN MURDER CASE

Unidentified Was Fashionably
Dressed Found in Lake,
Having Been Murdered.

(By United Press)

Los Angeles, Feb. 4.—With a man's handkerchief twisted around a throat, the body of an unidentified fashionably dressed woman was found in Echo Park lake. It is believed she was strangled and thrown into the water. Last night screams were heard in the park, which quickly ceased. This morning seagulls were seen perched on a floating body. On the left wrist were four finger nail indentations. The strangling handkerchief was buried deeply in her flesh, and there were many footprints on the bank, indicating a struggle. All identification marks were removed.

GLOBE THEATRE TO RE-OPEN SATURDAY

Conrad Meyer Will Have Per-
sonal Charge of Business and
Jack Warner Manager.

According to a statement made last night by Conrad Meyers, the Globe Theatre will reopen under new management Saturday evening. Mr. Meyers will conduct the business personally, with Jack Warner as manager.

Conrad Meyer went to Portland this morning to arrange for a new firm service and he promises to present to the Albany public the best to be had. What service he will bring to Albany he would not say last night, but it is understood that it will be of the best.

PERSONAL MENTION

J. J. Collins went to Salem this morning.

W. H. Hogan was a passenger to Salem on the morning train.

Glen J. McCadam, of Salem, is in the city today.

Robert Y. Hunter, of Corvallis, registered at the Hotel Albany last night.

H. W. Aldrich came down from Mill City on business yesterday.

A. C. Schmitt went to Portland on business this morning.

ALDEN'S LECTURE ON OLD MEXICO

Believes That the United States
Some Day Will Extend to
Panama Canal.

**MEXICANS THINK THEY
HAVE BEEN CHEATED**

Rich in Resources, Mexico Is
a Land of Crime and
Degradation.

Declaring that some day the United States of America will extend to the Panama canal, Dean Alden, of Willamette University, last night gave an illustrated lecture on Mexico, at the public library auditorium, filled to the door. He substantially endorsed the policy of President Wilson in the handling of the situation. Prof. Alden made a tour of Mexico in 1911, at a time when things were beginning to foment.

The Mexicans, who are a species of Indians, have always considered that they were cheated out of California and that Americans have exploited their resources, securing considerable of their property, always fearing our power.

The country, with its old land marks was described. Mexico City, 7000 feet high, is the center of some remarkable relics, reaching back to the days of the Aztecas. Even the tree under which Cortez wept is shown. It has the finest cathedral on the continent, and a theatre costing millions of dollars. At Guadalupe are numerous great relics, including the miraculous picture of the Virgin Mary.

For three hundred years Spain dominated Mexico, making it a land of oppression, crime and degradation. The idea has been that any government is good enough for Mexico. The people have become brutal in their feelings, reveling in suffering as shown by their bull fights, never giving mercy to those conquered. Begging, lying and stealing are common affairs. Marriage is rare in the lower classes, free love prevailing, with frequent changes of partners. Peonage prevails. It is a rich country, made so by billions of dollars of foreign capital.

The hope of the country is in the agrarian system, and this President Carranza hopes to develop, promising a general moralization of the country.

Following the address: numerous pictures were shown, with J. C. Irvine at the machine.

The next lecture will be by Prof. Danton, of Reed's College, on Wednesday evening, on simplified spelling.

Willard Davis returned to the city from Lebanon this morning, after playing in the Strawberry City last evening.

CHAPLIN AND VAUDEVILLE ON GLOBE OPENING BILL

Conrad Meyer, who went to Portland this morning to arrange for the new program at the Globe theatre, telephoned to Manager Jack Warner at noon that he had secured a four-act vaudeville feature and a four-act Charlie Chaplin picture, one of the latest and best of the Essanay company releases, "At the Show," for Saturday's bill.

The Daltons, known in vaudeville as the Australian Midgets, are a clever team, of comedy singers and dancers. In Salem recently they are said to have made a great hit, and their engagement on the opening bill by the new Globe management promises well for that theatre.

Charlie Chaplin, always popular, will be welcomed back in his funny capers and antics. His absence from Albany has been an unusually long one and local theatre patrons are about ready for another big laugh at his expense. In "At the Show" he takes two characters and his cutting up is said by those who have seen the film to be extremely funny. There will be one other reel of pictures, making five, besides the vaudeville, ville.

**KEEP BOOSTING
for the
Thomas Paper Mill**