

THE WEATHER
Tonight and Tuesday rain, colder to night. Strong southwesterly winds.

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HEAVY DOWNPOUR BRINGS RIVER UP

Total of 3.11 inches in 48 hours swells valley streams and fills many basements.

NO DANGER THOUGHT TO BE IMMINENT HERE, HOWEVER

Stage Predicted at 25 Feet by Tuesday P. M. But Not Expected to Be Higher.

Oregon seems to be in the business of copying on a small scale the weather conditions in other sections of the country. Not content with some snow and ice, after the fashion of Eastern and middle-western states, the Willamette Valley is now having high water. With warm rains amounting to 3.11 inches at Albany in the 48 hours preceding 8 o'clock this morning the Willamette and Santiam, as well as the Mackenzie river came up with a rush. Yesterday afternoon the Santiam river was reported to be rising at the rate of a foot and a half an hour. This morning the Willamette river at a place was rising at the rate of 7 of a foot an hour. The temperature for the 24 hours preceding 8 o'clock this morning ranged between 52 degrees and 46 degrees. The rainfall for the same period was 1.64 inches.

The stage of the river at 8 o'clock this morning was 15.8 feet. At 9 o'clock it was 16.5 feet and at 3 o'clock this afternoon it had risen to 18.5 feet. "The river is coming up rapidly," said Weather Observer F. M. French this morning, "and will reach a stage of about 25 feet above low water by tomorrow afternoon, but I do not look for anything dangerous. I believe 25 will be about the limit. The stage at Eugene this morning was 17 feet, and that means about 25 here. The chances are that this freshet will do more good than harm."

The effects of the heavy rains of the past 48 hours are being felt by many homes in this city, where the water has backed up in the sewers into many basements. In some places two feet of water stood in basements, and this morning four feet stood in the basement of the Junior high school building at Ninth and Broad-albin streets.

A little concern is felt by the railroads. Yesterday an inspector was sent out from Salem to Laussen, near Eugene to look after possible trouble at the sub-station at that place. More effects are felt from high water in the territory between Eugene and Harrisburg where the country is low and flat than in this district.

No alarm need be felt locally if the river does not reach much about the 25 foot mark, but if it rises to the 30 foot mark there is apt to be much damage. This is not expected, however.

People coming from Brownsville this morning state that the town is divided by the flood. In some places houses are surrounded and residents of one part of the town are unable to reach the other section without the aid of a boat. School is dismissed and business is interfered with.

The approach to the C. & E. railroad bridge east of Thomas over Thomas Creek was washed away and two trains were held up this morning until repairs could be made. By 11 o'clock it was again open.

Oak Creek overflowed its banks about two miles south of the city on the Tangent road and covered the road for a distance.

A dispatch from Eugene this afternoon was to the effect that the river was 18 feet, and had begun to fall, which means that the crest of the flood will be here tomorrow evening, and will be about 25 feet.

Washington, Feb. 7.—The weather bureau has warned against the possibility of dangerous avalanches in the mountains of Oregon, Washington and Idaho, and floods on the eastern slopes of the Cascades in Washington as a result of the rains, and warmth following the snow storms.

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DEATH OF WM. M. POWERS PROMINENT PIONEER 1849

Born in N. Y., Came to Coast in '49 and to Linn County in 1851.

William M. Powers, one of Linn county's most prominent pioneer citizens, died at 6:35 o'clock this morning, after an illness of some time, and the state loses a good citizen.

He was born in Batavia, Genesee county, N. Y., August 12, 1827, and was 88 and a half years old at the time of his death. He came to the coast in 1849, called here by the gold excitement of that year. In 1851 he came up to Oregon, settling near Shedd, where he resided until about fifteen years ago, when he moved to Albany, living at 937 West Fifth street.

He is said to have been the oldest Mason in Linn county, one of the earliest members of the Albany lodge. He was also an Indian war veteran, serving his country faithfully in the troubles of the pioneer days with the Indians.

He leaves a wife, Mary, and three children, Mrs. H. B. Sprenger, of this city; Guy Powers, of Oakland, Calif., and Burr Powers, of near Shedd.

Another son, Frank, died at Portland a few weeks ago, and also a nephew, Fred Powers, making three deaths in the family within about a month.

Arrangements have not yet been completed for the funeral.

War Ended.

(By United Press) Chicago, Feb. 7.—On motion of the Federal League, Judge Landis dismissed the suit against organized baseball, ending the war between the factions.

CITY NEWS.

Miss Hinckley Home—
Miss Beulah Hinckley came up from Portland Saturday evening for a short visit at home, returning last night.

To Be Married at Keokuk—
A marriage of interest to Albany people will take place tomorrow at 8 a. m., at an Episcopal church in Keokuk, Iowa, when Alden Sears, a son of C. W. Sears, of this city, and also a native of Albany will be united in marriage to a prominent young lady of Keokuk. Alden is foreman of the operating department of the big power plant, of which his brother, Chas. A., is superintendent and manager. The four sons of Mr. and Mrs. Sears will then have all been married.

Left for Hawaii—
Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Mason left this morning over the Oregon Electric for a month's trip in the Hawaiian Islands. Enroute they will stop at San Francisco, where they will meet Mrs. P. A. Young and other Oregon people and at San Pedro, Cal. They will also stop at Hilo, in the Islands, enroute to Honolulu.

Ideal Church—
The last of the series of sermons on ideals was preached by Rev. Fagan yesterday evening before a large audience. Like individuals the ideal church has to have many high qualities, above all the Christ spirit. At the close there were six or seven baptisms of young people converted during the series.

Back from Pendleton—
Peter Paulus arrived in the city this morning from Pendleton, where he has been located for the past few months.

Ministers Met—
The Albany Ministerial Association held a meeting in the parlors of the Y. M. C. A. building this morning.

Bowlers to Meet—
Y. M. C. A. men interested in bowling will meet in the association rooms this evening to arrange for a tournament to be held during the next few weeks. The checker tournament, which has been in progress for the past week, will take on added interest with two or three nights featured in a week instead of one as formerly.

Final Account Filed—
The final account of the administrator in the estate of John J. Hahn was filed today.

BIG PREPAREDNESS FIGHT IS BEGUN

House Makes An Appropriation For Increase of Battleship Building Facilities.

CALIFORNIA TO GET HALF A MILLION

A Move to Increase the Naval Cadets at Annapolis Caused Fiery Debate.

(By United Press) Washington, Feb. 7.—After three hours' debate the house passed the bill providing for \$600,000 appropriation for increase of battleship building facilities at New York and Mare Island yards. A roll call was not demanded. Five-sixths of the appropriation goes to California, the remainder to New York. The money will be used to build ways for dreadnaughts authorized last year. A fiery debate occurred on the bill to increase the number of Annapolis naval cadets. It is regarded as the opening skirmish on the preparedness fight.

COUNTY CLERK WORRIED OVER SLOW REGISTRATION

With Less Than Two Months to Register Only One Fourth Have Signed Up.

Registration continues slow in Linn county. During the past week only 47 new names were added to the file in the county clerk's office. County Clerk Russell is worried over the matter and predicts a very short registration or a mighty rush in the last few days before the primaries. Only about one-fourth of the number of voters in the county have so far signed up, and a little less than two months are left. To date the total registration is 1725.

Lebanon continues to be the stronghold for women voters. That city has so far registered 188, 95 being women and 89 men. In the following precincts no women have registered: Albany No. 1, Albany No. 2, S. Berlin, Foster, Providence, Rowland, Sisk, Shedd, Shelburn, Tallman and Tassent.

Lebanon is the most nearly registered of any of the precincts. At the last election there were 182 voters and to date 118 of these have registered.

Serbs Fleeing.
(By United Press) Rome, Feb. 7.—The Austrian cavalry reached Arzeno river four miles from Durazzo, awaiting the arrival of the main body of Austrians who defeated the Serbs on Sunday. The Serbs are retiring Southward to escape envelopment by the Bulgarians at Elbasan.

Ralph Thom spent the week end at Lebanon.

Judge P. R. Kelly went to Salem this morning to attend to circuit court matters.

Wm. Pollack went to Portland on business this morning.

CLARENCE W. TEBALD AND MISS RUTH EDDY TO WED

Prominent Albany Newspaperman and Roseburg Girl to Be Married Tuesday.

Albany College folks were given a pleasant surprise yesterday when the news leaked out of the engagement of Miss Ruth Josephine Eddy, of Roseburg, and Mrs. Clarence W. Tebald, of this city. The formal announcement will be made at a reception to be given in Tremont Hall tonight. Mrs. B. L. Eddy and daughter, Dorothy, arrived in the city Saturday and Mr. Eddy came down from Roseburg this morning to be present when the announcement is made.

The wedding is the culmination of a short romance and the announcement is in the nature of a shock to the many friends of both Miss Eddy and Mr. Tebald, for but few had an inkling of their engagement.

Miss Eddy is the daughter of Hon. and Mrs. B. L. Eddy, prominent Roseburg people. Mr. Eddy is a prominent attorney of that place, has served his county in the Oregon legislature and is well known throughout the state. Miss Eddy is a graduate of Roseburg high school and in her home city she was one of the most popular members of the younger society set. She entered Albany College last fall and it was during her residence here that she met Mr. Tebald and their friendship rapidly ripened into love that will result in Tuesday's wedding.

Mr. Tebald is a prominent newspaper man of this city and popular in Albany social circles. He is a son of Mrs. C. W. Tebald, who is now visiting her sister in Washington, D. C. He is a representative of the Portland Journal and the Evening Herald.

The Oregon.

(By United Press) San Diego, Feb. 7.—The battleship Oregon sailed for San Francisco this morning and Wednesday will court-martial Lieut. Jones, accused of losing the code book, held aboard her. February 15, the Oregon will be given to the California naval militia for a training ship.

PHOTOGRAPHIC BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL DIRECTORY

Portland Production Has Several Former Albany Men Pictured.

The Democrat has received a neat booklet from Portland, entitled, "Photographic Business and Professional Directory, Portland, Oregon, 1916." Among the fine displays of celebrities are the following who formerly resided at Portland: J. G. Kelly, consulting engineer; E. E. Larimore, manager of the Hotel Oregon, a former Albany painter and baseball player; E. B. Piper, editor of the Oregonian; once his satanic majesty on the Democrat; E. L. Thompson, of the Hartman-Thompson Banking Co., a native of Albany, once a harness maker and insurance agent here; I. N. Walker, president of the Behlke-Walker Business College. Several other former Albany men, prominent in business professionally, are not in the book.

Miss Lilla McCoy returned to the city this morning after spending Sunday with friends at Brownsville.

Mrs. Lillian Rediker left this morning for Seattle for a visit with relatives.

RUMANIA GETTING INTO TROUBLE

Bulgarians and Turks on the Border Prepared to Meet, Forces There.

BENEVOLENT NEUTRALITY OFFER WAS IGNORED

Furnishing Wheat For the Allies Set Things to Going Against Country.

(By United Press) London, Feb. 7.—The Bulgarians and Turkish forces are moving along the Roumanian border to meet the concentration of the Roumanians there, Milan reported. It is stated that the central powers demanded a partial Roumanian demobilization, with the pledge of benevolent neutrality toward the Teutons. This was ignored. The Chronicle declared that the Teutons protested against the Roumanian sale of eighty thousand car loads of grain to the allies. Roumania replied that this is a necessary safeguard to economic interests. Austria is reported to have protested against the nomination of two Roumanian parliament candidates, pledged to the acquisition of Transylvania.

CAPT. GRAHAM SAYS RATES HAVE BEEN REDUCED

Declares Statement of P. D. Gilbert Erroneous, and Denies Any Combination.

Portland, Feb. 5.—(Editor Albany Daily Democrat)—In your issue of February 2, you have a front page column headed "Free Locks Fail to Lower Rates" wherein Mr. P. D. Gilbert of your city makes a written statement to the Public Utilities commission of Salem, that since the advent of the free locks, there has been no reduction on freight rates and that the boat lines have absorbed the lock charges that were intended for the public benefit.

We are surprised that so bright a business man as Mr. Gilbert should make such a statement to the public without at least taking the trouble of informing himself of the facts. We naturally presume the transportation company he mentioned was our company, as we are the only boat line doing general freight and passenger business on the upper Willamette. Our published tariffs are open to the public at all stations, and if Mr. Gilbert had taken the trouble to ask us for copies of our tariffs before and after free lock and had compared those tariffs, he would have had no excuse to rush into print.

We also wish to say that the stock of this company is owned wholly by A. B. Graham, A. W. Graham and Clyde Raabe, all active officers, and that there is no arrangement whatsoever with either the Oregon Electric railway or the Southern Pacific company as to what freight rates we shall make. This company is strictly an independent one and our whole effort during the past twenty-five years on the Willamette has been to give the best possible service at the lowest

SMALL TOWN OF COBURG VISITED BY BAD FIRE

Seven or Eight Buildings Destroyed, With Total Loss of About \$20,000.

Coburg had a destructive fire yesterday morning, one that would probably have cleaned out the entire town but for a hard rain that was occurring at the time. The Eugene fire department was asked for aid, but could not go. Several went in autos from Eugene. The losses are estimated as follows:

Cook & Rice, hardware and furniture, loss \$4000 to \$5000, insurance \$3500. Building owned by N. J. Nelson, loss \$2000, partially covered by insurance.

Dr. M. E. Jarnagin, drug store, including stock, fixtures and building; loss, \$4400; no insurance. Vogt Bros, confectionery store and pool room, loss, \$2400; insurance \$1500. Building owned by Mrs. Lucy Soddors, of Minnesota; loss, \$1200; insurance, \$800.

United States Government, loss, \$5 Building owned by M. J. Skinner, loss, \$1000; partially insured. All mail and postoffice fixtures, together with the property of the postmistress, Mrs. John Fitzhugh, who lived in the building, were removed.

Pacific States Telephone & Telegraph company, loss, \$200. Building owned by Lock & Washburn, loss, \$700; insurance, \$500. A switchboard, valued at \$600, belonging to the telephone company was saved.

S. L. Tonnesen, feed store, building and stock, loss, \$1500; insurance, \$1,000.

Hotel owned by Mrs. Fred Higginbotham and conducted by D. B. Lock, damaged, loss on building and furniture, \$500, partially insured.

CITY NEWS.

Merchants' Lunch—
Merchants' lunch tomorrow night at the Whitney Sweet Shop, when oysters will be the feature of the evening. It will be a good one.

Howards Home—
Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Howard have returned from their bridal trip to Portland and will visit Alsea, after which they will start for their new home near Great Falls, Mon., on the way visiting with Mrs. Howard's father.

I. O. O. F.—
Come tonight at 7:30 for the purpose of conferring the third degree. By order of the noble grand, A. C. Baker.

To Firemen—
Special meeting of the Albany fire department Tuesday evening, Feb. 8, at 7:30. All members are requested to be present.

Immense Crowd—
Perhaps the biggest crowd ever at a movie show in Albany was the one at the Globe Saturday evening to see Charlie Chaplin and the other attractions. It was packed to the front door.

Explosion at Tacoma.
Tacoma, Feb. 7.—Three workmen are reported killed in an explosion at the Dupont powder plant this noon. The telephone lines are wrecked and details are lacking. Houses six miles away were damaged by the force of the explosion. The cause is not known.

Further controverting Mr. Gilbert, we have reduced our tariff, since the locks were made free, on class rates through the locks, including all points to Corvallis from 20 cents to 80 cents per ton and have taken off the full lockage of 50 cents per thousand on lumber, 25 cents per head on cattle and horses and from 20 cents to 30 cents per ton on hay, grain, feed, flour and other like commodities besides reducing our minimum carload weight from 30,000 pounds to 20,000 pounds.

If you will kindly give this letter as prominent a place in your valuable paper as you did to Mr. Gilbert's, it will have much to do with putting us right with the public.

Very truly yours,
OREGON CITY TRANSPORTATION COMPANY,
A. B. Graham, president.

CONFERENCE ON THE LUSITANIA

To Be Decided Whether the U. S. Shall Meet German Compromise.

SEVERAL CONCESSIONS SAID TO BE MADE

Government, Though, Is Getting Impatient Over Statements Made By Germans.

(By United Press) Washington, Feb. 7.—President Wilson and Secretary Lansing conferred on the question of whether America shall meet the German compromise on the Lusitania situation. It is intimated that Berlin has made several important concessions. Secretary Lansing declared that the American attitude remains unchanged. The White House is impatient because the Germans reported differences between the nations only a matter of phrasing. It is not determined yet whether to rebuke them for the statements.

Statement Denied.

Washington, Feb. 7.—Secretary Lansing denied the statement attributed to Secretary Zimmerman, at Berlin, that America increased her demands in the Lusitania case. He said he doubted if Zimmerman made such a statement, which he must know is utterly false.

VALLEY COMMERCIAL CLUBS ORGANIZE HERE SATURDAY

Next Meeting to Be Held Here March 11 to Continue Work Started.

Temporary organization of the Willamette Valley Development League was formed at the meeting of commercial club secretaries held here Saturday afternoon. The new organization has for its officers Dr. J. H. Robnett, of Albany, president; U. S. Laughery, Dallas, vice president, and O. H. Luck, of Salem, secretary. The organization voted to meet again in this city Saturday, March 11th.

A committee composed of C. H. Stewart, of Albany; J. G. Protzman, of Cottage Grove; U. S. Laughery, Dallas; George S. Saradam, McMinnville, and O. H. Luck, Salem, was appointed to recommend the name for the organization, which was adopted, and to state the purpose of the league. The league will act as a clearinghouse for the interchange of ideas and information, to get down to more organized and systematic work and to exercise a greater influence on the development of the valley.

A trade mark for identifying valley products was recommended. It is expected that when the club gets fully organized and down to work greater results will follow from the advertising received at the Panama-Pacific fair than would have otherwise obtained.

Watching Bridge.

(By United Press) Bridgeburg, Ontario, Feb. 7.—A man in a rowboat approached the pier of the international bridge spanning the Niagara river at Bridgeburg and Buffalo. The guards fired, and the stranger pulled for the American side and escaped. The guards have been increased.

Why Extra Guards.

(By United Press) New York, Feb. 7.—The police refused to reveal the reasons why extra guards were placed on the Brooklyn Manhattan bridges when the cruiser Washington arrived from Haiti yesterday. It is suggested that this was to guard against possible bombs being hurled on the vessel beneath.

Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Jensen returned to Lewiston, Mont., this morning after visiting at the home of Mr. Jensen's sister, Mrs. C. E. Pierce.

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—Hubbard