

COLDEST WEATHER RECORDED IN OVER 30 YEARS EXPERIENCED IN ALBANY AND PACIFIC NORTHWEST

MERCURY DROPS TO 11 BELOW ZERO HERE LAST NIGHT; ELLENSBURG, WASH., FEELS COLD AT 31 BELOW; MEDFORD ISOLATED BY WORST STORM IN HISTORY OF VALLEY.

The record for cold weather for a great many years was broken here last night when the mercury dropped to 11 degrees below zero, according to the report of local weather forecaster F. M. French & Sons.

In 1881 it is said that the thermometer showed 16 degrees below zero. The zero point was reached at 9 o'clock last night and the weather dropped at about two degrees an hour until the extreme was reached.

Cold at Portland FORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 12.—By Associated Press.—Only three times since the local branch of the weather bureau was established has Portland experienced colder weather than today when the thermometer dropped to four degrees below zero.

Medford is Isolated MEDFORD, Ore., Dec. 12.—For 36 hours Medford and Jackson county have been cut off from the rest of the world by the most severe snow storm and cold weather in history.

Jefferson Cut Off Two feet of snow on the ground and the thermometer showing eight degrees above zero is the situation here this morning.

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FARMERS MAY FEEL LOSSES IF SNOW DOES NOT DISAPPEAR SOON ACCORDING TO REPORTS

STOCK IN NEED OF FEED IS ALREADY SUFFERING; WHEELED VEHICLES MAKE POOR ROADS; HOUSEHOLD SUPPLIES LOW IN SOME CASES.

Some suffering and loss is unavoidable if the present fall of snow remains long, say reports today from country districts.

Heavy sleds are the only means of making solid roads over which loads of feed can be hauled.

The many hundred head of sheep pastured in big fields will suffer, it is predicted, where they cannot be gotten under sheds.

ICY BLAST HELD VALLEY FOR WEEKS

Weather Phenomena of Olden Days Recalled by Present Storm

It was some 37 years ago, say old time Oregonians, that things became mixed up above and Dakota weather was doled out to the Willamette Valley.

Local weather prophets, while keeping an anxious eye on the southwest for signs of welcome rain-clouds, declare that weather, like history, repeats itself.

Catholic Bazaar Postponed The ladies of the Catholic Church have decided to postpone the bazaar for indefinite period.

Battle In Progress

EAGLE PASS, Tex.—Five hundred Mexican Federal soldiers encountered a Villista force that raided Muzquiz and fighting is reported in progress late yesterday.

BEAUTIFUL SNOW By D. C. McClure

Show me the villain who wrote "Beautiful Snow," And I'll break him in two; I'll fill him with woe; I'll break his old back; I'll tear from him his clothes, I'll kick him all over; dislocate his nose.

BURGLAR ALARM BEING INSTALLED

Albany State Bank Putting in Device to Protect Against Robbery

The Albany State Bank is this week installing an electric burglar alarm system in their big vault to protect their books and funds and the funds and valuables of their patrons.

E. C. Palmer, president of the Signal Service Company, of Seattle, is here directing the installation of the apparatus, which is being put in at a cost of \$1,500.

The signal also affords protection against hold-ups. Many stations are placed around the bank and should robbers appear one of several persons could kick the switches and start the bells to ringing.

RED CROWN MILL HAS PROSPERITY

\$900,000 Paid out for Grain in This Section; Capacity of Plant Doubled

The Albany Red Crown Mills owned by the Portland Flour Mill Company, and managed by C. J. Johns, completed the installing of new machinery today.

The records in the office of the mill show that the company has bought more grain since the first of last August than the total bought for the last six years.

The mill has been run night and day since September 27. Under present operations the plant can grind about one half of the grain bought by the company.

The company is on of the largest financial institutions in this part of the state and has paid out for grain this season about \$900,000 to the producers of grain.

Warning Issued Against Danger from High Water

T. P. Hackleman, one of Albany's oldest and most prominent pioneers, writes the Democrat and issues a warning to people living along the Willamette and Santiam rivers to be on the lookout against high water caused by the sudden melting of the snow.

MILL WATCHMAN SHOT AT BY TWO UNKNOWN MEN AT HARRISBURG WED

W. F. Woodcock, Guarding Old Pattison Lumber Mill, Target for Bullets Which Fly Close to Body.

SHERIFF INVESTIGATES

Local Men Denounced Inference of Suspicion Placed Upon Representatives sent to Mill to Get Logs.

W. F. Woodcock, keeper of the defunct J. Al. Pattison Lumber Co. mill at Harrisburg, was fired at Wednesday afternoon by two men who appeared at the rear of the mill.

At the second shot Woodcock threw himself on the floor, either to escape being hit or to fool his would-be assassins.

"My God! we've killed him!" Assaults Run Away

With this they turned and ran and entered a boat which was tied up below the mill and rowed rapidly down stream.

The shooting would appear to be due to trouble over the logs of the J. Al. Pattison company, the president of which was recently indicted in the U. S. District Court for making improper use of funds of the Linn-ton Bank, near Portland.

Veal Sends For Logs Fred Veal Wednesday sent L. F. Hadley and John Fierstein, of this city, who are working at the Veal logging camp at Irish Bend, to Harrisburg to tow away that portion of the logs which were tied up at the mill.

The Veal representatives called up the office in this city and were instructed to wait at Harrisburg until the matter was settled.

Mr. Veal this afternoon emphatically denounced any attempt to place suspicion upon his men in connection with the shooting and refused to make a statement in the case until Fierstein and Hadley made a report.

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