

MERCURY FALLS TO 15 DEGREES BELOW

City Threatened with Failure of Water Supply; Public Must Aid

YEGG IS CAUGHT WITH THE GOODS IN GETTING AWAY FROM WILL STORE

Dick Rodgers Nabs Criminal Emerging From Jewelry Store With Stolen Articles Valued at Nearly \$500.

MAY GET REWARD

Man Convicted at Roseburg Last Month Declines Legal Aid and Votes to Take Medicine in Court.

Taking advantage of the extremely cold night when he believed that the streets would be free from travelers and the night police snugly hugging some warm fire, Charles Brown, a regular yegg, giving his home as Chicago threw a brick through the front door of F. G. Will's jewelry store at 328 West First Street and proceeded to help himself to watches and jewelry in the show cases in the store.

But Mr. Brown judged wrongly, at least as far as the night police were concerned, for as he was about to emerge from the store with his swag he was confronted by Night officer Dick Rodgers who covered the thief with his gun and proceeded to march him off to jail.

When searched Brown was found to have a large collection of watches, two small diamond rings, numerous chains, La Vallieres and other articles of jewelry. Mr. Will has not made an accurate inventory of what was taken, but it is believed that the value of the goods will run between \$400 and \$500. This morning Mr. Will and Walter Biddle were unable to discover the loss of anything else and it is thought that Rodgers recovered the entire amount of loot taken.

The plate glass door that was broken is valued at between \$50 and \$75 the present market price of glass of that character not being known today.

Mr. Will has a mighty warm spot in his heart for Dick Rodgers today and will make a strong effort to secure for him the reward of \$100 believed to be offered by the Pinkerton Detective Agency, by which he is protected, for the apprehension of the crook.

Brown, as he gives his name, was taken before Justice of the Peace Victor Olliver this morning and waived examination and was bound over to the grand jury under \$500 bonds. He was unable to deposit the money and was taken to jail to await action of the jury.

When Judge Olliver explained his rights in court to him and told him that he was privileged to ask the court to appoint a lawyer to defend him, Brown dismissed the matter with the remark that:

"There's no use, Judge, dey's got the goods on me and I might as well take my medicine."

Brown was arrested in Roseburg on a similar charge last month and was sentenced to one year in the penitentiary, but was paroled by the court. This time he will probably take the full count.

NEW CLASSIFIED

WELDING—Pumps and other castings, at the Snider Shop at 404 2nd St. 13d16 FOR SALE—Ten head of good milk cows. Inquire of Frank P. Steles Tangent, Ore. 13d17

Conference Postponed Owing to the severe storm the dates of the annual state Chamber of Commerce convention in Portland have been changed from Dec. 14 to Dec. 20-21.

ALLIES WILLING TO ACCEPT SOME RESERVATIONS

England and France Doing All Possible to Effect Adoption in U. S.

PARIS, Dec. 13.—By A. P.—As a result of the conference being held in London by Premiers Lloyd George and Clemenceau, the American government will be notified that in order to facilitate a compromise between adverse parties in the American senate the allies are willing to accept to as great an extent as possible some of the reservations to the Versailles treaty made by the foreign relations committee, according to the Matin.

It is said that the allies will do everything possible in order that America may participate in future conferences. Important problems, the newspaper says, will henceforth be settled by the premiers of France, England and Italy.

American Ambassador Called LONDON, Dec. 13.—American Ambassador John W. Davis, late today visited Downing Street where Premiers Lloyd George, and Clemenceau are in conference. Viscount Chinda, Japanese Ambassador, was also called into conference.

LODGE HOLDING OLIVE BRANCH

Republican Leader Proposes Compromise on Peace Treaty in Speech

WASHINGTON, Dec. 13.—By A. P.—Charging that President Wilson is "perfectly immovable" urging unreserved ratification of the peace treaty of Versailles, Senator Lodge told the Senate today that the president should present proposals for a compromise. He promised that the Republicans would give them careful consideration.

Enver Crowned King of Kurds

Constantinople, Dec. 12.—A. P.—Enver Pasha, former Turkish minister of War, has been crowned king of Kurdistan in the Turkish region lying between Mesopotamia and Persia, according to reports reaching here.

Albany Water Supply Out of Commission

Several of the Albany restaurants and lunch counters had to close business today on account of the water supply being disorganized by the freeze and no water available to conduct the business. The city fire engine was taken out to the Southern Pacific water tanks this morning and pumped water from the ditch to supply some eight or ten rail road engines with water which were stranded here on account of a lack of steam.

Many private residences in the city which are very poorly piped are reported out of commission today. By virtue of no proper water supply in the city, every citizen is urged to be careful of the use of fire.

ALBANY SHIVERS WITH ICY BLASTS BLOWING WIND CHILLED TO 15 DEGREES BELOW ZERO; COLDEST YET

ALBANY SHIVERS—2col 30... Fifteen degrees below zero!

Only once in the history of Linn County has a lower temperature been recorded, when on one Sunday morning in January, 1875, the mercury dropped to 16, one degree lower than last night's record.

Weather forecaster F. M. French does not promise any relief from this condition within the next 24 hours, but indications are that tomorrow will be warmer, but not warm enough to thaw the ice and snow. To night is to be warmer, it is stated. Moderate southeast winds are due Sunday.

With the continued drop in the weather Albany residents felt the effects of the freeze-up more keenly last night. Many pipes were broken and much discomfort is experienced. Many places have trouble in keeping warm.

Last evening a pipe burst in the upper story of the post office building, and before Frank Powell could spread the alarm and, assisted by other employees, turn on all the faucets in the building, many gallons of water had been spilled, causing much damage to the building.

NATION FINDING RELIEF AGAIN

Train Service Resuming; Coal Shortage Being Relieved

WASHINGTON, Dec. 13.—By A. P.—The nation found partial relief today from the rigid fuel restrictions enforced through the railroad administration. Regional directors have modified the restriction, and where local conditions permitted they were revoked.

WAS PORTA RIGHT? IS QUERY HEARD ON EVERY HAND AS TO END OF THE WORLD PREDICTION

If the interference of converging planetary bodies has anything to do with the present cold wave, more or less general over the earth, the climax has not yet been reached and will not be until December 21. Until that time the warmth of the sun will decrease day by day.

At least, this will occur if Prof. Porta's diagnosis and predictions come halfway true. He is credited with sentencing the earth to come to an abrupt and violent end at that time due to the juxtaposition of several heavenly bodies in a position between the earth and the sun, so as to intercept the solar influence upon the earth.

But Prof. Porta's actual predictions, it is pointed out, do not necessarily call for the end of the world. They merely point to a radical disarrangement of the celestial heating plant, an interruption in space of the solar rays which make life possible on the planet earth. It is, according to his prediction, much as if the power line were cut temporarily.

Cold May Increase Several dates have been announced as Prof. Porta's "end" for all things earthly. As reliable as any of Porta's published dates, however, is the one foretelling a solar slump early in December which will not reach its crisis or turning point until about December 21.

If the present cold snap is this predicted slump, and if the warmth diminishes for another week—?

Many Are Concerned Scientists have rushed to refute Porta's prediction with figures and arguments. The layman cannot fully appreciate either the Professor's arguments or those of his doubters.

What he can appreciate is the bitter, increasing cold, and the remarkable coincidence that precipitated the cold spell at about the time Prof. Porta had marked out for it. Nature assuredly came to Porta's aid seemingly in an effort to substantiate his reasoning.

President Now Able to Walk About Building

WASHINGTON, Dec. 13.—B. A. P.—President Wilson is now permitted to walk about his room and along the halls of the White House, Dr. Grayson announced today. The President, the doctor says, dresses himself and walks with the aid of a cane unattended.

New Party May Have Candidate For President

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 13.—By A. P.—The new political party will have a candidate in the presidential race next November if plans formulated at the national conference of liberals materialize. The conference, which opened here Tuesday ended last night. It was decided to hold a convention before July 1.

Clifford Walker Celebrates His 31st. Birthday

Clifford Walker, eldest son of Cyrus H. Walker, yesterday celebrated his thirty-first birthday at the family home two miles southeast of the city. Clifford was born at Warm Springs, Indian agency when his father was superintendent at that place, on Dec. 12, 1888.

CHURCH FAVORS ALBANY COLLEGE

President Williams Returns From Meeting in Portland with News

A. M. Williams, president-elect of Albany College has returned home after being snow-bound two days in Portland where he attended meetings of leaders of the New Era Movement from over Oregon and Idaho. Mr. Williams has been connected with that movement from the beginning and says that the churches in this section of the state can do no better than to organize their work in line with these movements which are all headed up in the Interchurch World Movement, whose conference is still in session in Portland.

Mr. Williams said that his association for several days with Presbyterian and other church leaders from over the state had enabled him to sense what he felt will be a favorable attitude toward the college under the new management which begins in January. He stated frankly that he had some misgivings about his reception as the new head of the college on the part of leaders in the Synod of Oregon. Mr. Williams added: "It is not yet written that the proverb about prophets in their own country is adjoined. However, the Presbyterian constituency in the west does not seem to rate things according to the 'honor' of men, but according to the capacity for what that men show. It is significant that of the half-hundred expressions from leaders I received only one that expressed sympathy for the new president. I shall be glad to have the Albany newspapers tell what leaders say about the college here and the next moves we ought to make. Here are a few:"

J. E. Wheeler, owner of the Portland Telegram—"I will help Albany College whenever I can. Stay with it and put the thing across. There is more need today for such colleges than there ever was in the world's history."

Rev. L. M. Boozer, Medford—"All we want to know is, have you a constructive program for the future. If so, there is no question about the Synod's backing you."

A. B. Stauson, with the Oregonian,—"You can make it go."

Take Your Receipts We have a lot of delinquent subscribers who had best hurry and get a receipt to show St. Peter when they get to the gate, continues the Review. We are not going to take any blanks with us and a delinquent will never be allowed inside the gate.

TYPHOID EPIDEMIC IS POSSIBILITY UNLESS WATER IS CAREFULLY SAVED

Water Plant Pumps 2,750,000 Gallons Per Day to Keep up Supply; Faucets Must be Closed at Night.

DANGER FROM FIRE

Meeting of Officials at Mayor's Office Reveals Conditions; Penalty Threatened Those Who Fail to Assist.

Danger of water shortage. Danger from fire. Danger from disease.

These contingencies face Albany unless the people of the city unite and cooperate with the Mountain States Power Company to conserve the water supply. The facts were brought out at a meeting held in the office of Mayor L. M. Curl this morning at which C. M. Brewer, Vice-president and general manager of the H. M. Byllesby properties in the northwest, R. U. Steelquist, division manager of the Mountain States Power Co. and representatives of the press.

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The power company representatives pointed out that the local plant is now pumping double the amount of water required during the dry season of the year. Between 400 and 500 gallons of water for each person in Albany, totalling two and three-quarters million gallons, are being pumped for local consumption.

In order to meet the emergency the power company is today pumping steadily but the water is shut off for 15 minute intervals in various sections of the city to accumulate a reserve.

The great shortage is due to the fact that in nearly every house in the city faucets are left running to keep the pipes from freezing up and the company is unable to keep up with the strain. The supply was exhausted at 4 o'clock this morning after an accident had happened to the machinery at the plant on West Third Street.

The public is requested to turn off their water outside of the house and drain the pipes every night. Where it is impossible to drain the water tanks and pipes it is urged that only a fine stream of water be left running, just enough to keep the water in the pipes moving.

The company has thus far been able to supply all filtered water, but if people insist on letting water run they will have to turn the water is from the ditch and give the city unfiltered water. Here lies the greatest danger, for with typhoid germs lying in the vats it will be a long time before they can be sterilized and made pure again, and in the meantime the city would be subjected to the worst typhoid epidemic in its history.

With the supply of water in the reservoir cut low there is also grave danger from fire, Messrs. Brewer and Steelquist state. Should a big fire break out there would be an inadequate supply of water with which to fight it.

AMERICAN LEGION

The big dance to be given at the Armory this evening under the auspices of the American Legion has been called off on account of the floor being too icy and the heating equipment of the building out of commission.