

WEST ALBANY HAS SURPLUS SUPPLY OF WATER TODAY BASEMENTS FULL

Ice in Santiam Canal Causes Stream to Clog and Water Backs up and Overflows Banks.

INCONVENIENCE FELT

Many Homes Surrounded by Water; Crews of Workmen Labor to Break Ice and Clear Way to River.

Residents of the southwest part of the city were greatly inconvenienced yesterday and today on account of the overflow of the Santiam canal.

Yesterday afternoon the basement in Dr. A. Stark's house was reached by the sheet of water stretching northeast from the canal and later in the day it reached as far as the home of E. F. Fortmiller at Eleventh and Ferry Streets.

The water in the canal was shut off about half at Lebanon and this relieved the pressure to a considerable extent.

The power company has a crew of 15 to 20 men at work breaking the ice and floating it down the ditch and over the falls at the outlet of the flume into the Calapooia river.

The belief that Albany is apt to have a water shortage is not founded, officials of the company say, and unless a fast thaw comes they are of the opinion that they can handle the situation.

Care in the use of water is still advised, for a conservation of the supply is a necessity.

Rancher Is Released EAGLE PASS, Tex., Dec. 15—Fred Hugo, of El Paso, American ranch manager kidnapped by Villistas near Miquiz, Mexico, several days ago, has been released.

Albany College Suspends Albany College has closed until January 3 on account of the cold and snow, a week before the regular holiday closing time.

NEW CLASSIFIED WANTED—Position as housekeeper for man and wife. Address, Mrs. F. Care of Democrat. d16*

WANTED—About 30 head, 2 to 3-year old ewes, Shropshire preferred.—Bell phone 22F1-2 J. H. Mulligan, Rt. 2 W1t D16d18*

We Have Some Fine Land Buys We certainly have just at present some very fine "mid-winter" for sales in shape of farms. Soon as this eastern snow leaves the ground, we will get busy with you buyers now waiting. We consider soil first, location with roads next, then improvements in order to size up a good buy.

H. R. Schultz Real Estate Co., 15d18 Cor 4th & Lyon.

GOVERNOR NAMES STATE COMMITTEE

Representatives of State to Discuss Industrial Insurance Rates Given

SALEM, Dec. 15.—By A. P.—Governor Olcott today appointed Leslie Butler, Hood River; Sidner, Graham, Portland; C. L. Hawley, McCoy; Del Dinsmore, Portland; Dr. T. Thoraldson, Portland, a committee of five to represent the state at a conference December 22 to inquire into the question of increasing rates for injured workmen under the workmen's compensation act, which is the main reason for calling the legislature into special session on January 12.

WEATHER TURNS FOR THE BETTER

Mercury Unable to go Below 6 Above Zero Last Night

The weather took a turn for the better yesterday and while it is still cold enough to satisfy the most pessimistic, there is hope for a rapid clearing up of the situation. The minimum temperature recorded Saturday night was eight degrees below zero, while Sunday night the mercury only went to six above zero.

Yesterday skating was enjoyed by devotees on the overflow of the Calapooia in Bryants park and at Copenhagen. The overflow of the Santiam canal furnished a smooth pond this morning and some were seen gliding over its surface.

Restrictions Against Use of Coal Removed

CHICAGO, Dec. 15.—Restrictions against the use of coal made necessary by the recent strike of the miners was removed today and industry throughout the country approached a normal basis.

W. C. Mitchell Called By Death After Two Years Illness

W. C. Mitchell, a prominent farmer of near Albany died at his home on Salem Road yesterday evening at 6 o'clock following a lingering illness of about two years.

Mr. Mitchell was born in Ohio in 1852 and came to Oregon many years ago, locating near Albany where he has been engaged in farming most of that time.

He is survived by his wife, two sons, one daughter and three grand children, Bruce Mitchell, of Seattle; Lynn Mitchell who is still at home and Mrs. L. B. Burnett, of Albany. He is also survived by a sister, Mrs. H. D. Burkhardt, of Albany and four brothers, P. H. Mitchell, of Yoncalla; Homer Mitchell, of Montana; R. C. Mitchell of the gate of Ohio and Ed Mitchell of Portland.

Plans for the funeral services were not completed at press time today.

No Irish Bill

LONDON, Dec. 15.—Premier Lloyd George announced in the House of Commons today that no Irish bill will be introduced at this session of parliament. He promised to outline a measure in a statement Monday.

German Reply Delivered

PARIS, Dec. 15.—A. P.—The German peace delegation today handed Germany's reply to the entente's note to the peace conference secretary

PRESIDENT WILSON AGAIN FORCES TREATY TO FRONT IN CONGRESS WITH STATEMENT BLAMING G. O. P.

HOLDS REPUBLICANS RESPONSIBLE FOR DELAY IN RATIFICATION OF TREATY AND REFUSES TO MAKE COMPROMISE OR CONCESSION TOWARDS SETTLEMENT.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—By Associated Press.—President Wilson's statement that he had "no compromise or concession of any kind in mind" that he would make no move toward the disposition of the treaty but would continue to hold the Senate Republicans responsible for the delay in the treaty's ratification, today again brought the treaty and the league of nations to the front in Congress.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—President Wilson Sunday intervened in the peace treaty dilemma with an announcement that he had "no compromise or concession of any kind in mind"; would make no move toward the treaty's disposition, and would continue to hold the republican members of the senate responsible for results and

conditions attending delay. The president's position, regarded as peculiarly significant, in view of the recent discussion in the senate of a compromise, was set forth in the following statement issued yesterday from the white house:

"It was learned from the highest authority at the executive offices today that the hope of the republican leaders of the senate that the president would presently make some move which will relieve the situation with regard to the treaty is entirely without foundation; he has no compromise or concession of any kind in mind; but intends so far as he is concerned that the republican leaders of the senate shall continue to bear the undivided responsibility for the fate of the treaty and the present condition of the world in consequence of that fate."

WAR PROHIBITION CONSTITUTIONAL

Supreme Court Holds Act is Valid; U. S. Law Held Supreme Over States

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—By A. P.—War time prohibition act was held constitutional by the Supreme Court. In deciding the question the court dissolved the injunctions restraining the revenue officials from removing about 70,000,000 gallons of whiskey from bond.

The signing of the armistice did not abrogate the war powers of congress, Associate Justice Brandies said in readmit the decision. The court held the constitutional prohibition amendment binding on the federal government as well as the states, and supersedes state laws.

1500 Army Men Try Fortunes in Africa

LONDON.—By Mani.—Fifteen hundred former army men are soon to leave England to try their fortunes in East Africa. This is the first of about 5,000 approved applications under a government scheme which grants the men free passages.

Lack of shipping is holding up transportation of the others for a time.

ADMINISTRATION WORKERS AGREE

Brotherhoods to Get Time and One-half for Overtime on Freight

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—By A. P.—Under an agreement between the railroad administration and the four brotherhoods, it was announced today time and one-half overtime for slow freight service will become effective December 1.

Railroads in Danger

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—Two thirds of the railroads of the country will be in the hand of receivers a month after they are returned to private control, unless congress enacts effective railroad legislation Senator Cummings told the Senate today, in urging speed on his railroad bill.

St. Johns Lodge To Observe Day

St. Johns Lodge No. 17, A. F. and A. M. will hold their annual banquet and program celebrating St. John's Day at Masonic Temple on December 27. This was decided at a meeting of the committees in charge last week and arrangements are being made for the event. The public is invited to the exercises.

FAITHFUL CARRIER BOYS MAKE DELIVERY ON ROUTES REGARDLESS OF STORMS, SNOW, ICE AND COLD

During all of this cold and snow, amid storms and aching cold, there has been one set of workers that has not stopped for the weather. Those workers are the newspaper carriers.

While grocery, meat and other deliveries all stopped, there has not been a day that the news boys have not gone out and attempted to cover their routes. They have not succeeded always in reaching every subscriber, but they have delivered all but a few of their papers in each instance and only those on the extreme ends of their routes were missed. The boys all walk and where it usually takes them an hour or so to cover their routes they are now forced to spend three or four hour trudging in the snow.

No more faithful workers are to be found in the city, or in other cities for that matter where the same performances are being repeated. In some cases papers have not done as here in Albany. Medford papers suspended publication for a few days. Corvallis had no paper Friday on account of a broken power line. Albany is indeed fortunate in being able to get the

news of the world, regardless of whether the mail comes or not, and subscribers, with the management of the paper, owe a vote of thanks to the sturdy little carriers.

There are times when the carrier service is aggravating and there is plenty of cause for complaint. The Democrat endeavors to give the best service possible at all times and invites complaints where papers are missed or where poor service is given. But boys are boys and a continual allowance is necessary for their shortcomings. The Democrat is proud of its force and keenly appreciates the efforts of the boys to meet the trying emergency. Too much cannot be expected, however, when the thaw starts, for in some places it may be impossible to get around for a few days.

The funeral services of the late Chris M. Widmer who passed away at the St. Mary's hospital Dec. 8 will be held at the Albany Masonic church tomorrow afternoon at 2 o'clock, Rev. N. A. Lind officiating. The interment is to take place in the Riverside Cemetery.

D'ANNUNZIO TO EVACUATE FIUME

Italian Troops to Have Control Over Port Long Under Discussion

FIUME, Dec. 15.—Preparations are under way for the evacuation of Fiume by D'Annunzio forces, and occupation, which has caused so much discussion, by a contingent of regular Italian army. Italy is to have complete sovereignty over Fiume and all provisions of the treaty of London will be carried out under the terms of the compact signed by D'Annunzio and Premier Nitti, according to D'Annunzio's press representatives.

ASSISTANT LABOR SECY. IS URGED

Commissioner of Immigration Makes Many Suggestions in Report

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—By A. P.—Creation of an additional office of Assistant Secretary of Labor with jurisdiction over all immigration matters, deportation of alien draft slackers and strengthening of the border patrol service against undesirables, are among the recommendations made by Commissioner General Cominetti of the Immigration Bureau in his annual report.

Suggestions that immigration be suspended completely were opposed by the commissioner on the ground that it would have an "injurious effect upon our efforts to further American commerce and enterprise in foreign countries." Continuation of war-time passport, visa regulations and assignment immigration bureau representatives at consular offices to aid in excluding undesirables was urged instead.

Only two aliens were excluded from the United States during the fiscal year on anarchistic grounds, while 37 aliens in the same class were expelled from the country and 55 are now awaiting deportation. To reach American citizens who engage in similar propaganda, the report urges that "the acts prohibited by the anarchistic provisions of the immigration law" be made criminal offenses.

Deportation is "not punishment for crime" but merely allows the alien

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Narrow Escapes From Injury By Train Reported

William and Fred Fortmiller had a narrow escape from being struck by the Oregon Electric train Sunday evening when they just barely got out of the way in time to avoid an accident.

Fred Fortmiller had loaded the firm's undertaking equipment on a sled and stopped at the home of his brother at Fifth and Ferry Streets and they were starting for the home of the late Bert Veal. They started east on the car track and had gone but a short distance when they were startled by the frantic whistling of the train. They managed to get over the snow bank at the side of the track but the train struck the sled and demolished it. The regular 3 o'clock train, delayed, had just passed a short time before and they did not observe the approach of the next train until the warning was given a short distance from them.

Earlier in the afternoon Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Fortmiller and daughter Julianne, had a similar experience and barely got off of the track at the crossing when warned by Mr. Fortmiller's father who observed the train silently creeping up the street.

Hauls Sled Load of Meat to Corvallis

W. W. Green and Carl Porter of the Nebergall Market hauled a ton of meat to Corvallis yesterday on a sled the first load of freight to be taken from here to Corvallis since the snow fell. They report that the county authorities are dragging some of the leading roads and that the city authorities of Corvallis are having the snow cleaned off the streets so that the water will drain out when the thaw comes. The same policy is being advocated for Albany.

R. A. B. VEAL DIES AT HOME SUNDAY AFTER ILLNESS OF SEVERAL MONTHS

City Councilman and Prominent Businessman Passes Away at Age of 45 Years at Home Here.

WAS POPULAR CITIZEN

Death Comes as Result of Complications Following Attack of Rheumatism Last September; Set-back Fatal

Robert Albert Bertram Veal, city councilman and prominent Albany manufacturer and business man, died Sunday afternoon at 2:33 o'clock at his home at 410 Jefferson Street.

Mr. Veal had been a patient sufferer from rheumatism since last September, contracted while sleeping out in a tent in his yard after the fall rains had set in. He recovered about a month ago and was about the streets. He attended a meeting of the city council and presided in the absence of Mayor Carl. He suffered a relapse immediately and his trouble was followed by complications which resulted in his death.

"Bert" Veal was born in Clark County, Indiana, July 2, 1874. He came to Oregon with his father and later lived at Stayton, where R. Veal operated a chair factory. In 1888 the family moved to Albany and started the present chair factory, which has grown to be the largest exclusive chair factory on the coast. Mr. Veal attended business college in Portland and before coming back to Albany worked as bookkeeper for Lang & Co., wholesale grocers, where he served with credit to himself.

He was married to Miss Emma Ulrich March 10, 1909, and to this union one child was born, Percy Fred Veal, both of whom survive him. He is also survived by his mother, Mrs. R. Veal, and brother, Fred, of this city.

Mr. Veal took a prominent part in advancing the welfare of the city and twice served on the city council, the first time in 1901-2 and again being elected last December, being a member of that body at the time of his death. He served as official court reporter of the Third Judicial District Court in 1911.

Mr. Veal was recognized as a staunch friend among those who knew him best, liberal to a fault and ever ready to extend a helping hand.

Funeral arrangements have not yet been made.

Schools Closed For the Holidays

Owing to the snow, ice and inclement weather the public schools closed Friday, a week early for the Christmas vacation and will remain closed until December 29. The pupils are taking advantage of the occasion to enjoy the snow and ice and many coasting and skating parties are being participated in formally and informally.

SHOP EARLY and shop early in the day ONLY 8 More days to Shop until Christmas TOYS