

COLUMBIA GORGE IS SWEEP BY STORM

The worst storm that has ever visited this section hit the country last Friday night which started with a heavy rain during the night and turned into a sleet storm and continued during Saturday and Sunday. Never in the history of this section can any one remember such conditions. While the storm was severe enough in Gresham and the sections east of here toward Powell Valley and Pleasant Home, the conditions are nothing compared to those at Troutdale, Fairview and along the Columbia river highway. Traffic of all kinds has been held up from the east since Saturday night and seven passenger trains are reported stalled between Portland and Hood River. One train is at Bridal Veil, one at Multnomah Falls, one at Oneonta Gorge and the others shut in at various points along the way.

Corbett is the farthest point east with which any kind of communication could be established. Reports coming in were to the effect that ice a foot deep covered the highway. Trees are stripped of branches or have fallen under the weight of ice. Scarcely a telephone or electric light pole has been left standing. Fruit trees in every place have been broken to the ground and the entire community is reported to present an arctic atmosphere which can scarcely be magnified. The ten-acre prune orchard of T. L. Evans is reported as broken to the ground with only stubs of trees showing above the ice.

The Sandy river is at flood stage and at a point above the club house the river is cutting into the bank and has almost reached the pavement.

Troutdale has been isolated since the storm and only a few of the most venturesome have been able to get there to see the damage. They report conditions the worst in the history of the place.

The telephone lines, telegraph lines, fences, trees, in fact everything that the weight of ice could break down was flat on the ground. No reports of seriously damaged buildings was given but it was said that buildings and streets were alike, a glare of ice.

Near Troutdale the large peach orchard of C. M. LaFollette, which comprises nearly 50 acres and has just reached the bearing stage, has been practically destroyed hardly a tree in all those wide fields but what has been split open or has been broken entirely down. Many other orchards were similarly ruined. In some sections the trees were broken and in some places they were entirely uprooted.

Storm conditions were worse near the Columbia river and the worst sections near here were on the Sandy boulevard through Fairview and Troutdale and in the Park Rose, Mt. Tabor and Montavilla sections in Portland.

The Willamette river was reported reaching flood stages last night government reports showing a 7-foot rise in 24 hours.

The Molalla river is out of the banks and the Clackamas river which, last week could be waded by school children at a point near Oregon City, is now a raging torrent carrying logs and other debris in its surging waters.

The Columbia river at Vancouver

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is reported as having raised three feet since the storm.

At home Johnson creek has been covering the flats along its course and the road bed of the O. W. P. line was damaged to such an extent that car service was delayed Monday. Two hundred or more feet of road-bed were washed out at Meadow Brook station and the track was also undermined near Palmbad station east of Gresham.

The Japanese gardens on the flats near the O. W. P. depot have been covered with water since Sunday. The large celery beds are under water.

A. C. Guynop's recently-built large chicken house is partly undermined and is in the midst of a surging flood.

Ornamental and fruit trees in various parts of the town have been uprooted or badly broken.

The telephone system has been completely demoralized by the storm, only the sections in town being in use. Most of the lines in the city are cable lines and have proved the value of that type of construction. Out on Powell street in several places large ice-coated limbs have fallen from the fir trees and are hanging on the cables but the lines have not broken from Gresham to the Lutheran church in Powell Valley where the cable lines end in that direction.

Beyond the cables there are all sorts of conditions. On the Powell Valley road there are only one or two poles standing from the end of the cable line to Elliott's store. From there on the wires are twisted and broken but only a few poles are down from there on to Pleasant Home.

North from Gresham the conditions are even worse and the entire line, poles, wires and all are turned over the fences and some are entirely upside down in the adjoining fields.

People who have been over the route say that the telephone lines along the Base Line road and Sandy boulevard are all down. How conditions are in the Troutdale and Fairview districts can hardly be estimated because everything is down and still covered by many inches of ice. More than 50 lines serve that part of the territory and these are all out of commission and there is no way of telling how long it will be until service can be resumed.

The telephone company will start a crew out Wednesday to establish lines running eastward and expect to restore service in a few days. No at-

tempt will be made to reset all the poles at present but the main object will be to restore service.

While no accurate estimate of the damage can be obtained it is expected that it will cost \$7000 to \$8000 to repair the damages to the local company lines.

In Portland it is said 9000 phones are out of use.

Sunday and Monday local train service on the Bull Run and O. W. P. railway lines was badly upset and no cars ran on schedule. Today car service is resumed as usual.

Electric lights and power, which had been off since Sunday morning was restored to Gresham Monday evening about 6:30, after every one had prepared with candles and oil lamps, to chase the night shadows away. The power and light relieved the situation here and left only the lack of telephone service to remind folks that they had been through an early November sleet storm.

The sections nearer the river will not be restored so easily however as all lines are flat and broken trees and fences will remain for some time to tell the story of the worst storm the inhabitants can remember. The worst dangers now seems to be from flooded rivers and creeks which are cutting out fills, washing out bridges and flooding low sections. This condition prevails throughout the Willamette valley and many towns report serious conditions.

At least four auto loads of Gresham men are marooned somewhere in the storm-swept area, probably near Arlington, where they went duck hunting over the week-end. Included in the parties are the following: A. M. Wilkinson, Wallace Wilkinson, E. A. Taylor, Cecil Metzger, Floyd L. Mack, Wm. S. Everett, Wilbur Thompson, a Mr. Casper and probably others whose names have not been learned.

It is thought that they are still at Arlington and will probably return by train. It is certain to be some time before the highway is open again for traffic, as many slides have obliterated the pavement in some places. It is said that 75 cars are stalled at different places along the highway between Hood River and Corbett. The occupants have deserted the cars and made for the tracks where they flagged the trains. The conditions of travel for autos became impossible before that of the trains as big rotary snow plows kept the track open until the slides began to fall, blocking the way.

Snow to a depth of 32 inches has been reported along the highway and this added to the difficulties of the situation. Here at Gresham the absence of snow has been one of the unusual features of the storm as a "silver thaw" usually accompanies a snow storm or is preceded by snow. The storm evidently broke Monday evening when the temperature rose from 40 degrees to 56 degrees in 35 minutes, but rains and cloudy weather still seem a little threatening.

MEETING TO COMMENCE SUNDAY AT M. E. CHURCH

Rev. A. S. Hisey, pastor of the Gresham Methodist church, plans to open a series of services on Sunday evening, November 27, which will continue for the next three weeks. Rev. Mr. Hisey will be assisted by Thos. E. Isaacs, soloist and choir director, and the latter's cousin, Mrs. Rhoda F. Rennison, accompanist and children's worker.

Mr. Isaacs and Mrs. Rennison come highly recommended and it is to be expected they will add much to the inspiration and success of the meetings. Both studied at the Nebraska Wesleyan Conservatory of Music.

ENTERTAINMENT AND SALE IN UNION DISTRICT

The community club of District 26, Clackamas county, is preparing to give an entertainment and hold a sale at the schoolhouse Saturday evening, November 26.

There will be a program by club members, after which an autographed quilt and hand-made lunch cloth will be sold to the highest bidder. Supper will be served by the plate. Aprons will be on sale and the girls of the Bluebird club will be in charge of a home-made candy booth. Everyone is cordially invited to come out and help make this a financial and social success. A good time and a good supper are promised to all.

FUNERAL OF H. L. WAYBILL TO BE HELD WEDNESDAY

The funeral services of H. L. Waybill, a pioneer resident of eastern Multnomah will be held at the Pleasant Home Methodist church Wednesday morning at 11 o'clock.

The funeral service was first announced for Monday morning but storm conditions prevented the service from being held.

A little daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. Earl Stanley early this morning.

A Country Fair.

The Areme club will conduct a country fair at the Masonic hall in Gresham on Thursday evening, December 1. Inspect the fine displays of fancy work, vegetables and fruits then buy for your own use or Christmas gifts. Circus, side shows, lunch counter, hot dog, coffee and pie.—Adv.

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Big Extra Show Thanksgiving Day. At Gresham Theater. Chas. Ray in "The Egg Crate Wallop" will be the feature of a well balanced picture program at the Gresham Theater, Thursday night.

BOYS AND GIRLS WORK BRINGS LARGE RETURN

Boys' and Girls' club work was decidedly profitable to those who took part in it and to the county as a whole, according to the annual report of County Club Leader Ethel I. Calkins. Three-hundred and fifty-eight boys and girls carried their work through to completion and made final reports in one or more of the eleven projects taken up. The value of the products which they produced amounts to \$20,922.37 and the cost of producing was \$14,963.97, leaving a profit of \$5958.30.

More boys and girls exhibited at the Multnomah county fair than at any other fair in the state and at the state fair Multnomah county clubs took high honors in ribbons won. At the Pacific International Livestock exposition the premium checks of Multnomah county boys and girls totaled more than those of any other county. In all \$1546 were won in premiums at the three fairs, which added to the profits of the projects, amounts to \$7504.30.

The money value is considered the least, as far as benefits to the boys and girls is concerned. The poultry clubs received the instruction of a specialist on poultry judging and culling. The potato clubs studied potato diseases with a potato specialist. The members of the livestock clubs were trained in stock judging and in the care of animals and made a number of educational tours. It is safe to say that few of the children would have done the amount of work in the home and in connection with the out-of-doors projects if it had not been for the inspiration of the clubs. Parents, on whom the responsibility of the training of the boys and girls rests, have found a wonderful help in the club work. They have, in general, been sympathetic toward the clubs, realizing the valuable asset that they are.

The following are 100 per cent clubs and their leaders, which will receive the certificate of achievement signed by the governor of the state and other prominent men of the nation; sewing clubs, Sylvan, Mrs. K. E. Prince; Springdale, Mrs. W. H. Wilkinsen; Gresham Division I, Mrs. A. S. Hisey and Miss Grace Ogilbee; Buckley, Miss Irene McTaggart; Orient, Mrs. Sadie Chase and Mrs. George F. Tucker; Fairvale, Mrs. P. Bensen; Wilkes, Mrs. T. C. Miller; Columbia, Miss Winnifred Joyce.

Cookery clubs: Bridal Veil, Mrs. T. A. Jones; Corbett, Mrs. E. Morgan; Russellville, Mrs. J. Welbes; Hillsdale, Miss Margaret Gabriel; Orient, Mrs. H. L. Ball; W. Portland, Mrs. P. R. Whitesides; Gresham, Miss Mildred St. Clair; Springdale, Mrs. I. J. Babbitt.

Home-making clubs: Powell Valley, Mrs. Axel Johnson; Canning clubs, Powell Valley: Mrs. B. Olson; Orient, no leader; Pork clubs: Orient, R. I. Anderson; Victory, Mrs. O. A.

Projects	No. Reporting	Value	Cost	Profit
Corn	3	\$ 390.00	\$ 114.60	\$ 275.40
Potatoes	22	2,475.00	982.00	1,493.00
Garden	18	896.83	191.91	704.92
Fig	27	10,651.79	10,084.12	567.67
Calf	10	1,985.00	1,258.37	726.63
Poultry	21	1,235.09	636.70	698.39
Sheep	9	198.22	145.48	52.74
Canning	20	820.95	394.07	426.88
Cookery	98	1,191.39	595.65	595.65
Sewing	121	978.19	560.87	407.02
Home-making	9	No-value		
	358	\$20,922.37	\$14,963.97	\$ 5,958.30

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Coming Events of Local Interest.

Musical entertainment and big sing, Gresham Library, Friday evening, November 25.

Near East Relief campaign November 21 to 24.

School meeting District No. 4 on Saturday, November 26, at 2:30 p. m.

Edgar S. Kindley, humorist-lecturer, the third number of the Cadmean Lyceum course, to be given Saturday, December 3, at Union High school auditorium under the auspices of the student body and the guarantors.

The Pleasant Home Methodist Ladies' Aid bazaar will be held on December 16, at the church.

Queen Esther bazaar to be held December 17.

A Thanksgiving program and basket social at Pleasant View school, November 23.

Mission Ladies' Aid bazaar at the church, Powell Valley, November 26.

Willing Worker's society of Cottrell community church announce bazaar and program for December 9.

Country fair to be given December 1 by the Areme club of the Eastern Star Lodge will be held in the Masonic Hall.