

TURKEY MARKET OPENED TODAY

Few Birds Placed on Sale Today by Growers Who Bring In Fine Fowls.

BIG DAY TOMORROW

Several Thousand Christmas Birds Several Thousand Christmas Birds Oakland Tomorrow According to The Present Indications.

The vanguard of the Christmas turkeys came in today, approximately 500 birds being sold on the local market this afternoon. The turkeys are in exceptionally fine condition and the quality could not be improved. In regard to price the usual "diddle" is heard and the buying price is still unsettled. Choice lots of birds sold at prices around 45 cents, with a guarantee of top price when the market reaches its limit. It is very probable that the price for Christmas turkeys will reach 50 cents and not at all improbable that even the same will be realized. The buyers are in the field and report that the market is stronger than at Thanksgiving time, although they naturally decline to make any statement their respective houses are willing to pay for the birds.

Tomorrow will be turkey day, and reports from the country districts show that the turkey raisers all over the county are killing today in anticipation of selling their fowls tomorrow. The early indications are that practically all of the birds now ready for the market will be handled locally, and that the bulk of them will be brought to the city Saturday morning.

The birds are plump and in fine condition and consequently the majority of them will bring top price. The reports from Oakland indicate the same condition, existing there, and it is quite evident that the buying will be heavier for the Christmas season than for several years. The largest part of the turkeys have been held off from the Thanksgiving market for the Christmas market because of their poor condition. This means that the number for the Christmas trade is larger than usual, and several thousand turkeys will be in evidence in Roseburg and Oakland tomorrow. A few crates were sent forward to the respective wholesale houses late this afternoon and others are to be sent out tomorrow.

Roseburg turkeys have been in great demand during the past few days, and several orders, and wholesale houses not formerly represented here have been making inquiries here, while several orders for birds have been shipped out for special functions, an order of 500 turkeys having been shipped by George Robinson to the Vancouver Hotel, to be used for a turkey trot there. The Douglas county bird is rapidly becoming known all over the coast and is demanded wherever it is known, as the quality of the turkey raised in this climate is far superior in quality to all others.

Mrs. Henry Miller Dies at Hospital

Mrs. Henry Miller, a well known resident of this city, passed away at the Mercy Hospital last night. Mrs. Miller had been ill for several years, and has been receiving treatment at the Mercy Hospital for the past two weeks. She resided in North Roseburg.

Mrs. Miller was born December 24, 1854, and was nearly 41 years of age at the time of her death. She has made her home in Roseburg for a number of years. She is survived by her husband, and six children, Henry, William, Frank, Leonard, Joe and Isabelle, all of this city. The funeral services will be held at the Catholic church at 2 o'clock, Sunday afternoon, with Father Sharkey conducting. Interment will take place in the Catholic cemetery. The deceased was a member, will attend the funeral in a body.

Churches to Aid in Drive for Funds

Sunday, December 19, churches of all races and creeds in the United States will join with Herbert Hoover in the European Relief Council in the launching of a national collection of \$10,000,000 for the undernourished and diseased children of Eastern and Central Europe.

dependent upon American support. The child relief program is sponsored by eight of the largest charitable institutions and organizations in the country, which have united for the purposes of the emergency. They are: The American Relief Association; The American Red Cross; The American Friends Service Committee; The Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America; The Jewish Joint Distribution Committee; The Knights of Columbus; The Y. M. C. A.; and The Y. W. C. A. The collection will be carried on through the holiday season in the churches, theaters, and public places, and through the newspapers, civic organizations, women's and men's clubs and societies.

Since the governments and communities aided furnish two dollars for each dollar of American assistance, in the form of transportation, rent, labor, clerical help and cash contributions, every penny of American money contributed for food reaches a hungry child. One dollar will provide one meal a day for a month.

LOCAL SCHOOLS TO HAVE PROGRAMS

The Christmas Spirit is Paramount Among Pupils Large and Small.

VACATION STARTS WED.

Santa Claus to Make Visit to Fullerton School—Mistletoe, Evergreens and Holly Used Lavishly—All Rooms to Have Xmas Tree.

As the time for the Christmas vacation draws closer the school rooms in the various buildings begin to take on a holiday appearance, and the hearts of the students, from the tiny first-grader to the dignified high school senior have become imbued with the gay festival spirit.

Wreaths of evergreen, holly and of mistletoe, huge Christmas bells and like decorations have been hung in the class rooms, while in the primary grades, all the cut out work for the past several weeks has been of a Christmas character, resulting in a jolly, fat Santa Claus to be placed around the room, with dashing reindeer, and pack of toys.

No school has planned an elaborate program of any kind, but each room is using spare moments in decorating a small tree, to occupy the place of honor, and a short program will be in the order of events. The tiny tots at the Rose school will have their tree and gifts, and all have been trained by Miss Parrott for a short program. Other rooms at the Rose school will do the same.

Miss LaLiberte, who teaches the third and fourth grades at the Fullerton school will have a visit from Santa Claus, and his coming is being eagerly awaited for by her small pupils. He will distribute gifts from a large Xmas tree to all who have been good enough to deserve them. The beautiful story of the Christ child will be told to the students. The fifth and sixth grades of the Fullerton school, under the supervision of Mrs. Church will have a fish pond and will be fishing for their gifts. The primary grades have been busy for weeks on their Xmas posters, and learning their small pieces and songs about Santa Claus.

The Benson school has arranged a general program similar to those in the other schools and each room will have a small tree with a short program and Christmas songs.

The Christmas vacation will begin in the schools on Wednesday, December 22, and end Monday, January 3. The majority of the teachers are planning to spend their vacation at their homes, while several will go to Portland to visit with friends.

Supt. Compiles School Report

The regular school report for the month ending December 3, has been compiled by Supt. Hamm. The report showed 1082 pupils in the schools at the end of the month. There were 616 absentees, and 291 were tardy, with 677 pupils who were neither absent nor tardy. The percent of attendance was 97.93.

The competition among the various rooms for the highest percent of punctuality is keen, and is doing much to improve the order in the schools. The second grade at the Benson school with Miss Mahala Ray as teacher was first this month with 99.45. The seventh grade at the Benson with Mrs. J. K. Falbe as teacher was second with 99.35, and the third grade at the Rose, Miss Roseboro, teacher, was third with an average of 98.97. The fourth grade at the Fullerton school, Mrs. Church teacher, had 98.82; the fifth grade at the Rose, Miss Tracy teacher, 98.77; and the third and fourth at the Fullerton, Miss La Liberte teacher, 98.58.

'PEACE ON EARTH GOOD WILL TO MEN'

Goodfellows, Rally to This Drive and Aid the Starving Children of Europe.

IS DUTY OF EVERYONE

Those of Us Who Live in a Land of Peace and Plenty Should Lend a Helping Hand Across the Seas To The Suffering Children.

Are you prosperous and enjoying a comfortable home, with a happy, well nourished family around you, with no fear of the future? Do you answer "yes" and still button up your heart, and say "I am tired of drives"? Are you really tired of relieving human distress?

Is it due to your merit that you live in a land of plenty? Were all of these good things given you, just for yourself? Don't think so for a minute.

You are going to help the 3,500,000 starving children of Europe, who are not to blame for their plight, any more than you are entitled to credit for being born in a more sunny clime. Herbert Hoover is at the head of the "drive" and he proposes that all money given will go to feed and clothe hungry and naked children. His word is good with all of us. Read the following from a Portland newspaper:

Oregonians quote:—"The lives of 25,000 children. Says Herbert Hoover: "Ten dollars buys a child's life until harvest time in Europe."

In The Scheme of Life, "a thousand years in a day." Nature's ways is ruthless. Hers is a wholesome plan. She feeds the world, sometimes sparingly, sometimes bountifully.

"Wait until harvest," says Nature. But little children cannot wait.

And so, America out of her richness, must span the gap and make the way of nature a little less ruthless. Herbert Hoover leads.

There is involved no question of race, of religion, or partisan belief, or any other question that vexes the minds of men grown stupid with years.

Every man who is a father— hopes to be one—every woman who has a child—or hungers for one— must answer the cry of the millions of starving children that come to us, moaning, from the other side of the world.

Did you ever see the old, dead look in a starving baby's eyes? Hoover leads and Oregon follows. The campaign for the relief of Europe's starving children starts on December 19, and ends on Christmas day. Oregon's leaders ask your help. They say:

There is not a heart in Oregon hard enough to withhold the money that will buy food and save the lives of Europe's baby war victims.—Edward Cookingham, Director Liberty Loan Campaigns.

When such an exponent of common sense altruism as Mr. Hoover has been at all times, both in word and deed, comes forward now with this appeal, there can be no doubt but that there is need of the request and an obligation for all of us to respond.—L. Allen Lewis, American Red Cross.

The great generous heart of America will not fail to respond to the cry of several millions of starving children for food.—J. F. Daily, Knights of Columbus.

Your families are safe and comfortable. Can you conscientiously celebrate "Peace on Earth and good will towards men," knowing there are millions of children starving, without doing your bit for their relief?—M. S. Hirsch, President Jewish Relief Association.

It would be nothing less than a tragedy for the young men of Oregon not to respond to the needs of the starving children of Europe at this time.—H. W. Stone, General Secretary, Y. M. C. A.

American women will not be truly American until they learn to serve all suffering mankind.—Mrs. W. D. Wheelwright, Y. W. C. A.

Window Cleaners Have Fixed Rules

CHICAGO, Dec. 17.—Practically all of the windows of Chicago's skyscrapers are cleaned by a small body of men—325—who are members of the Chicago Window Washers' Union, according to William McDade, business agent for the organization. The men work on a weekly basis, 8 hours constituting a day's work. If weather conditions make work on the outside impossible, the men are employed on the inside.

The contract for the cleaning of the windows is given to a contracting company, who bids on the work, when the bids are accepted, they furnish the men from the union. They also furnish all working materials used in the washing of the windows, such as a sworthing harness, pails, the sponges, chamois, etc., in fact they supply everything except the water.

COMMITTEE WILL CARRY XMAS CHEER

Many Families Probably in Need of Help Xmas—Committee Wants Names.

PELTON IS CHAIRMAN

Elks Select Men to Represent Organization in Carrying Cheer to Desolate Families—Aid of Those Reporting Cases is Asked.

Somewhere in Douglas county there is perhaps a tiny boy, whose little eyes pop with delight as he looks in the store windows and sees there the many beautiful Christmas toys and shivers with anticipatory pleasure as he thinks that only a few days more must pass until Santa Claus visits him. Or, maybe there is a little girl, whose mother instinct causes her to yearn with all the might of her loving soul for one of those darling dolls that draw her irresistibly to the window to peer in at the loveliness there unfolds, and dreams that in a few days Santa Claus will put in her arms one of those darling dolls for which her heart is crying out. But will he? Perhaps there is a widowed mother, or an invalid father, perhaps sickness has come with all its worry and expense, perhaps—but why go on? We all know what poverty means. Perhaps we have been fortunate enough not to experience its sorrid depths, and we know that we can never realize the heart aches that come at the Christmas time, the time of the year when all should be happy and should strive to give happiness to those whose lives hold so little of pleasure because of misfortune.

If there is any such person in the whole of Douglas county, there is an organization ready to see that they have a Merry Christmas. That organization is the Elks lodge, which has appointed Jack Pelton, Joe Murphy and G. W. Young to represent the order in carrying Christmas cheer in all homes where for some reason Christmas will fail to come otherwise.

The committee has only a short time to work, and its members need the aid of every person in the county. Consequently, if you know of any person in the county, not necessarily in Roseburg, but within the limits of Douglas county, notify Mr. J. E. Pelton, either by telephone or by letter. His telephone number is 222-L and a letter addressed to him at Roseburg, Oregon, will reach him.

It is asked that any people sending in names to this committee, suggest what would be best for the person or persons for whom help is wanted. This will greatly aid the committee in buying the supplies, toys, or whatever is needed, and will also save delay and expense.

Everyone can help the little tots to have the pleasure that is rightfully theirs on Christmas if they will let Mr. Pelton know of any worthy cases where help can be given.

As usual the committee will be assisted by Miss Agnes Pitchford, the county juvenile officer, who has always taken a great part in movements of this kind.

China Is Rocked By Big Earthquake

PEKIN, Dec. 17.—An earthquake was felt here at 8:20 o'clock last night. It rocked buildings and created much excitement.

Philippino Peace Officers in Fight

MANILA, Dec. 17.—Following a free-for-all fight Wednesday night between constabulary soldiers and police, during which four Americans and seven Filipinos were killed and a score or two wounded, the entire constabulary garrison was disarmed today and placed under arrest. Complaints prepared by the prosecuting attorney involve 75 constabulary soldiers who are alleged to have participated in the riots. The fight was the outgrowth of ill feeling between the police and constabulary soldiers.

Large Sum Realized on Art Exhibit

The results of the Elson art exhibit recently held at the high school have been compiled by Supt. Hamm's report showing that a total amount of \$347 was taken in. This report is very gratifying, as it much exceeds the sum which was expected. The schools held a ticket selling contest, the school selling the most tickets per capita enrollment being the Fullerton school with a result of \$485 per pupil; Rose follows with \$437, and Benson with \$394. Fullerton school, as winner, has its choice of two large pictures, one being Baby Stewart, and the other Washington crossing the Delaware. These were offered as prizes by the Elson company. The picture not chosen by the Fullerton school will be given to the Rose school as second prize.

The expenses for the exhibit were between fifty and seventy dollars, which will leave about \$275 for the purchase of pictures for the Roseburg schools.

Bulah Bovingdon came to Roseburg this morning to spend a short time shopping and visiting with her friends.

Tariff Measure is Agreed Upon

(By Associated Press). WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.—Senate and house leaders have practically agreed on a program for the enactment of an emergency tariff measure, which will serve as an embargo on the importation of wheat, cotton, wool, beans, potatoes, livestock and meats. It is proposed to make the emergency law effective for one year, so that there will be time to take up the tariff issue in detail during the next congress and enact a comprehensive law, protecting all American industry.

BACKING CHAMBER COMMERCE URGED

Sam Josephson Says Roseburg People are Making a Grave Mistake.

INTEREST IS LACKING

In Montana the Names of All Oregon Towns, With the Exception of Roseburg, Are Frequently Heard Mentioned.

District Attorney George Neuner, Jr., president of the Douglas County Chamber of Commerce, has received a very interesting letter from Sam S. Josephson, a Roseburg boy, who is now holding a responsible position as secretary of the Roundup Commercial Club in Montana. Mr. Josephson urges Roseburg citizens to get behind their chamber of commerce, and writes as follows:

"I see by the papers that you have been elected as president of the chamber of commerce, and congratulate the town as well as sympathize with yourself.

"From time to time I see articles in the papers relative to the activities of the chamber and also noticed the fact that the American City Bureau had been turned down. Roseburg probably made one big mistake there in not letting them go ahead, but regardless of that, she is continuing to lose heaps over her policy of not supporting a chamber properly.

"We hear frequently here of Medford, Klamath Falls, Salem, Eugene and many of the other towns of Oregon, but I have heard no one speak of Roseburg unless they happened to visit there. Hundreds of people go to Oregon to buy homes from Montana, and the other communities are getting them. I never realized what advantages Roseburg has to offer until I lived in Montana a year or two, and the people there are making the mistake of their young lives when they persist in that policy. Of course it is none of my business, but I naturally take an interest in the town I was born in and it seems a shame that they do not wake up.

"Why don't you have Frohbach of Medford, or Stanley of Klamath Falls, or McCroskey of Salem, all of whom are former Montana secretaries, tell the Roseburg people at a luncheon what we do in Montana or what they are doing in their towns. They would be glad to do it, and they might make some of the old-timers sit up and take notice. I have been offered some pretty good secretarial jobs on the coast in the past few months, but Montana beats them all for pep. Besides we expect to have heaps of oil here soon.

"With best regards to all of my friends, I am, Very truly yours, SAM S. JOSEPHSON, Secretary."

"Note—Saturday was elected president of the Montana Association of Commercial Club Secretaries. We have 176 clubs in Montana."

105,708,771 is the Population U. S.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.—The final report on the census just made public today, places the population of the United States on January 1, 1920, at 105,708,771. This report will be used as a basis of reapportionment of members of congress. Oregon is credited with a population of 782,389.

Chinese Capital Shaken by Quake

(By Associated Press). WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.—A heavy earthquake shock was recorded by the seismograph at Georgetown University today, and is alleged to have occurred at Peking, China. The shock is said to have been a separate and distinct earthquake from the one recorded during the night at the university. The first earthquake noted by the seismograph is stated by the university professors to have been extremely heavy, probably the worst

BRIDGE PLANS ARE UP FOR APPROVAL

County Surveyor's Specifications are Placed Before State Engineers.

QUICK ACTION ASKED

Requested That Approval of Plans be Given as Soon as Possible in Order That the Contract May Be Awarded.

The contract on the Evans park bridge, which is to replace the old Alexander bridge, is being held up while the state engineer looks over the plans prepared by County Surveyor Floyd Frear. The engineers have had the plans for some time, but have evidently not considered them as yet, although they have been requested to act on them as soon as possible as it is desired to allow the contract at once in order that the contractor making the successful bid may start work at once getting out timbers and doing the preliminary work during the winter months so that the actual construction may proceed as soon as water will permit in the spring.

It is provided by law that any bridge span over the length of 45 feet must be approved by the state bridge engineers and consequently before the county and city can proceed with the construction of this important bridge it is necessary to obtain the approval of the state bridge designers, who are now figuring on Engineer Frear's plans.

Those who have had an opportunity to inspect the plans drawn by the county surveyor state that the new bridge will be much less expensive than those prepared by the state, and that at the same time the bridge will be as strong but not as fancy.

The bridge plans which were rejected by the county court and the city because of the great expense of building in accordance with the specifications, provided for many items which have been eliminated in Mr. Frear's plans. Oak bearings, steel splicings, and many other such features which would add to the expense have been withdrawn and new plans substituted.

It is believed that the structure proposed by Mr. Frear will be within the reach of both the county and the city and that if a suitable bid can be received that work will be started within a very short time after the contract is allowed.

The accident which recently happened at the site of the former bridge when four persons almost lost their lives while trying to cross the river by boat, shows conclusively the imperative need for the bridge, and the people of the county will demand its construction. The city and county have reached an agreement whereby they co-operate in its construction, the county assuming 60 per cent of the cost and the city 40 per cent. This makes practically a 50-50 agreement, as the city of Roseburg pays approximately 10 per cent of the county tax and consequently is represented to the extent of 10 per cent in the sum to be appropriated by the county court.

INAUGURAL DATE IS TARGET

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16.—A constitutional amendment to make the terms of senators and representatives begin on the first Monday in December following November elections instead of March 4, was offered today by McArthur, (rep.) of Oregon. It automatically abolishes the short session of congress and legislation by defeated members.

Section two fixes the second Monday in December as the date when the new president assumes office, leaving the week between the opening of congress and the inauguration for congressional canvass of the vote for president. It provides also that in case of no majority in the electoral college the house would elect a president by individual membership rather than by states.

AUTOISTS ARE WARNED

SALEM, Or., Dec. 16.—Automobile owners who place 1921 licenses on their cars prior to January 1 do so in violation of the motor vehicle laws and are subject to prosecution, according to a statement given out today by Sam A. Koser, secretary of state. Information has reached the secretary of state that some car owners already have placed 1921 licenses on their cars, despite the provisions of the motor vehicle laws which specifically state that the duration of these permits shall be from January 1, 1921, until December 31, 1921.

Field deputies employed by the secretary have been instructed to enforce the laws providing for registrations and licenses, and violators will be arrested as fast as they are detected.

Mrs. M. C. Bond of Sutherlin spent this morning in Roseburg attending to business matters.