

CAR LOADINGS TO INCREASE DURING YEAR

Pacific Northwest Advisory Board Hears Optimistic Predictions.

BUYING POWER TO GAIN, IS BELIEF

Brighter Future Seen For Wool — Heavier Movement of Livestock and Grain Expected.

PORTLAND, Dec. 12 (AP)—Prospects of increased car loadings from the Oregon country next year led all discussion at the regional quarterly meeting of the Pacific Northwest advisory board here Friday and added a decidedly optimistic color to the deliberations.

Estimates of increased car loadings, as compared to the present year, were made by livestock men, the grain, flour and mill products group, hay producers, sheep men, fish packers, vegetable dealers, and men who deal in explosives, chemicals, petroleum products, furniture, sugar and other commodities and manufactured products.

Use of Cars to Gain
An increased use of cars was taken to indicate an increased consuming power and therefore an increased buying power.

R. J. Stephens, reporting for the grain, flour and mill men, predicted 10 per cent more freight cars would be needed to move grain commodities in the first quarter of 1932 than in the corresponding period of this year.

Roy A. Ward predicted a brighter future for wool. Car loadings in this commodity, however, are not altogether indicative as much wool moves by truck and water.

O. M. Plummer said he could see a 10 per cent increase in the movement of all kinds of livestock except sheep. The chairman of the sheep committee, R. L. Clark, predicted a 6.1 per cent increase.

Discusses Grains
In discussing the movement of wheat, flour and mill products, Stephens said "here in the Pacific Northwest our farmers have been able to obtain for their export wheat several cents per bushel over Chicago prices, and a very substantial premium for milling wheats. This is due

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Less Crimes Over District, Noe Says

BAKER, Ore., Dec. 12 (Special)—Police records show that there has been a scarcity of crime in Eastern Oregon so far this winter, but officers are not certain as to the cause. Captain H. Lee Noe, head of the Eastern Oregon division of the Oregon state police, stated that "it has been as quiet for the last month in criminal lines as have ever seen it in Eastern Oregon."

Captain Noe has been engaged in law enforcement work in Eastern Oregon for 22 years.

Sheriff Henry McKinney said there has been an unusual scarcity of crime in Baker county this winter.

Walter Pierce To Speak at Banquet

With Walter M. Pierce, of La Grande, former governor of Oregon, as speaker, plans are progressing for a Wilson banquet to be held at the Grand hotel on Dec. 28 in Walla Walla. Acceptance of the invitation to address admirers of former President Woodrow Wilson, has been received by Lee Mant, Democratic county chairman, of Walla Walla.

Both Republicans and Democrats will assist in arranging for the event, which, it is expected, will be non-partisan. Attendance at the banquet is expected from all points in the southern Inland Empire territory, assurance having been received from points as distant as Colfax, Lewiston, Kennewick, Pasco and Pendleton, the Walla Walla reports say. W. E. McCrocker, former Walla Walla mayor, will act as toastmaster.

WEATHER FORECAST

Oregon: Generally cloudy, with little change in temperature tonight and Sunday.

WEATHER TODAY
7 a. m. - 23° above
Minimum - 19° above
Condition: Cloudy.

WEATHER YESTERDAY
Maximum 27°, minimum 19° above.

WEATHER DEC. 12, 1930
Maximum 41°, minimum 26° above.

Condition: Partly cloudy, precipitation .31 of inch. Range - 15 degrees.

Edith Foltz On Last Leg Of Air Trip From N. Y.

Portland Aviatrix Hops Off For Home, After Spending the Night in La Grande.

By Bess Duke
Dressed in a bright red suit topped by a trim brown hat which accentuated the brown of her eyes, Edith Foltz, pretty aviatrix par excellence of Portland, sat at breakfast here this morning before leaving for the airport, from where she took off for Portland, her "home town." Miss Foltz is flying from New York to Portland and was forced to turn back at Meacham last night and land at the La Grande airport.

Anticipating a difficult trip, the flyer was breakfasting on grapefruit, a soft boiled egg, toast and coffee, and between bites she related her experience since leaving New York about a week ago. She ran into two storms in New York state and one in the middle west and was forced down each time, nevertheless making the trip to Boise in three days. Miss Foltz followed the airmail lanes, although a few times she was unwilling to take the risk of starting through the blankets of snow in her ship which is not equipped with radio. Airmail planes are fully equipped with sets. She was forced to remain in Boise three days.

First Solo in La Grande
In a measure Miss Foltz belongs to La Grande, because it was on the local field four years ago that she made her first solo flight which was followed with a record of courageous endeavors. She was barnstorming at the time. She also cracked up on the La Grande field, breaking the propeller of her plane, it is stated. Typical of the brilliant career of the aviatrix is her present flight, which she is making at a hazardous time of year.

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Snow Falls In Western Oregon; Southeast Cold

PORTLAND, Dec. 12 (AP)—Snow flurries reported today from Astoria, Castle Rock and Crown Point, while points in between experienced chilly weather and looked up to overcast skies. Rain was falling this morning at Hood River and The Dalles.

At Burns the temperature fell off to two degrees below zero during the night.

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Crowd Pleased With Concert At Church Friday

The concert presented at the Central Church of Christ last night was attended by a fair-sized audience which was delighted with the various numbers on the program. Every number was generously applauded, and several demands for encores were responded to. Rev. Paul D. Mortimore, who had the affair in charge, says that he is delighted with the enthusiasm shown and the evident pleasure derived from these concerts, and he is planning another, to take place during the latter part of January. No admission will be charged to any of these "Chautauqua" programs.

The program included orchestra and solo selections, with several well known La Grande musicians taking part. The entire Christian church orchestra played "Gems from the Opera." Miss Mildred Spencer played a piano solo; Miss Jennie Neilson presented a violin selection; and Miss Grace Skully played a clarinet number.

Kermit Ragain sang a baritone solo, "The Road to Mandalay." Mrs. Stella Huffman gave a reading, and Mrs. Manley M. Arant closed the program with a whistling solo, "Gypsy Love Song."

Little Girl Hurt Friday Afternoon

While leaving Greenwood school yesterday afternoon, Clara May Woodell was pushed down the steps on the outside of the building by a boy, falling on her head with sufficient force to knock her unconscious. That she sustained a fractured skull was believed at first, but after taking an X-ray picture it was found her skull was not injured.

Clara May is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Woodell, of Monroe avenue.

She was rushed to the Grande Ronde hospital, where she will be kept under observation until this evening.

Winter Slaughter Of Deer Protested

THE DALLES, Ore., Dec. 12 (AP)—Local sportsmen have appealed to the state game commission for a more efficient patrolling of the brakes of the White river in the southern part of this country, to prevent the repeated wholesale winter slaughter of deer by Warm Springs Indians.

T. Leland Brown, president of The Dalles-Wasco Rod and Gun club, says he has been reliably informed that a party of Indians last year killed 63 deer on a single hunting trip. The tribesmen, he said, kill the deer for their hides.

DECIDE ON WAR DEBTS DUE TUESDAY

Informal Understanding is Reached Today in Washington.

DEMOCRATS PLAN NO PARTY VOTE

Senate and House Irrigation Committees Would Extend Time For Water Users to Pay.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 12 (AP)—The administration was taken to task today by Senator Borah, Republican, Idaho, for not calling a special session for ratification of the moratorium. He said, so far as he was concerned, the foreign nations would be in technical default if they did not make the payments due Tuesday on war debts which would be suspended by the moratorium.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 12 (AP)—An informal understanding was reached today between the administration and senate leaders that foreign governments would not be considered at fault if their war debt payments due next Tuesday are not paid, pending formal ratification of the one year moratorium suspending these payments.

Under Secretary Mills, of the treasury, discussed the situation with leaders of both parties in the senate.

He said Secretary Stimson will deal with the foreign governments respecting their payments but does not expect the secretary to make any formal statement on the question.

Mills was informed the legislation

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CLUB INSTITUTE HELD AT UNION

Meeting One of a Series Being Held in Fifth District This Winter.

By Mrs. L. Z. Terrall
(Observer Correspondent)
UNION, Ore., Dec. 12 (Special)—The first institute to be held in Union and Baker counties for the Federated Women's clubs was held yesterday at Union, with a large attendance in spite of stormy weather.

This meeting was one of a series of meetings that are being held in the fifth district this winter. The sessions took place in the Women's club building which was attractively decorated for the occasion. The program in the morning was opened with music, led by Mrs. S. B. Morgan, of La Grande. The assembly sang "Star Spangled Banner" and "America the Beautiful." Mrs. Roy Conklin, president of the Union Women's club and one of the directors of the fifth district, presided and introduced the first speaker, Mrs. E. D. Towler, of La Grande, president of the fifth district federation. She spoke briefly on the various departments of the organization, including the international relations, the legislation and the American.

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BLAST KILLS YOUNG WOMAN IN PASADENA

PASADENA, Cal., Dec. 12 (AP)—A mysterious explosion, hinting of a deliberate dynamite plot, killed Mrs. W. A. Baker, 20, wife of a well-to-do oil man, early today and half wrecked the eight-room home where the couple lived.

The explosion occurred about 6 a. m. Mrs. Baker was in bed and her husband was sitting in the den of the home.

Mrs. Baker, investigators said, probably died without knowing what happened.

Gas company officials and police joined in a statement that the blast was not one of gas but probably was the result of some other explosive.

Lenz and Jacoby Run Away From Culbertsons—Net Lead Now 5650

By Tom O'Neil
NEW YORK, Dec. 12 (AP)—Sidney S. Lenz and Oswald Jacoby took advantage of great crowds to run away from Mr. and Mrs. Ely Culbertson in the fourth session of the contract bridge marathon ending early today.

By taking seven of the 12 rubbers of the session representatives of the "official" system of bidding accumulated 3835 more points net for a grand net total of 5650.

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ARMY DOWNS NAVY, 17-7, IN CHARITY TILT

Seventy-Seven Thousand Spectators Pay \$375,000 to See Game.

LONG PASS GIVES NAVY LONE SCORE

Cadet Eleven, Led By Stecker, Scores Touchdowns in Second and Fourth Quarters.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 12 (AP)—The Trojan score quickly—OLYMPIC STADIUM, Los Angeles, Dec. 12 (AP)—A chill wind, sweeping down from snow capped mountains, presented ideal weather for football as Georgia's men of Athens invaded the territory of the University of Southern California's Trojans here today.

Spartling on an end around reverse went 38 yards, then after Pinkert and Musick picked up a few yards, slipped around the same end for 26 yards and a touchdown.

It took five plays to go 67 yards to score. Baker kicked goal.

The Trojans scored another when Shaver ran back a punt to midfield, battered the Bulldog line for big gains to the 16-yard line, whence Spartling's end-reverse scored again.

Baker again kicked the goal.

Pinkert hit tackle for 13, and Shaver and Mohler made several tackles, and racing across for the third Trojan touchdown.

Erskine failed to kick the goal.

Score: Georgia 0, Southern California 20.

By Allan Gould
YANKEE STADIUM, New York, Dec. 12 (AP)—In a spectacular charity battle before 77,000 spectators, Army closed its season with a decisive 17-7 victory over the navy today.

Roy Stecker led the West Point

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GANDHI, POPE FAIL TO MEET; BLAME CLOTH

ROME, Dec. 12 (AP)—Mahatma Gandhi missed an opportunity for an audience with Pope Pius today, apparently because his odd costume did not conform with the Vatican requirements of modesty.

Gandhi, who arrived in Rome today on his way home to India from the London round table conference, spent an hour and a quarter at the Vatican but did not visit the pope.

Premier Mussolini received him, however, this evening after Gandhi had spent more than an hour visiting the Vatican without seeing the pontiff.

Vatican authorities said the arrangements for an audience with the pope had been cancelled because his holiness had other pressing engagements.

It was learned, however, that they had felt the Gandhi loincloth would be improper but that it would be too delicate a matter to ask the Indian mystic to change his costume.

Continue Fight To Abandon Railroad

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 12 (AP)—A Washington dispatch to the Journal today said "argument before the interstate commerce commission, reopening the application of the Sumner Valley railroad for abandonment of 20 miles of line between Bates and Prairie City, Ore., was concluded Friday."

The argument ended with the statement of Blaine Hallock, of Baker, attorney for the railroad.

The dispatch said "protestants who have been fighting the application were not represented."

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AN UPSETTING EXPERIENCE



Nice day for a boat ride, eh? No speed records to break — nothing to worry about. In fact, Gar Wood seemed to be having mighty smooth sailing in that scull of his. But wait—



here's the spill the noted speedboat racer took a few minutes later. And of course the cameraman had to spill the news! The scull sprang a leak, and Wood was forced to swim ashore. It all happened at Miami Beach, Fla.

Holman Charges Leak In State's Automobile Fund

SALEM, Dec. 12 (AP)—Oregon budget \$1,225,286 for operation of automobiles and other traveling expenses of state employees, without providing proper supervision of the expenditure of the money, Rufus C. Holman, state treasurer, charged in a letter released to the press today.

Holman stated he based his charges on an investigation of state-owned and private automobiles used in state business by W. W. Ridehalgh, who has been conducting a probe for the past few months.

"I am convinced that here is one of the greatest leaks of public funds in the state, and ways and means must be devised to stop it," Holman's letter read. "There is no centralized supervision of state traveling and incidental expenses. No one knows how many automobiles the state owns, nor how many automobiles are privately owned and operated at state cost."

"It is my purpose," the treasurer announced, "to compile a budget of these items, to install a perpetual inventory of motor equipment, and to devise method for the supervision and control of this great sum by an officer of the board of control." Holman announced the license department record shows a total of 1228 automobiles and trucks owned by the state, but that this number "was found to be incorrect and incomplete."

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Examiner Liable If Law Disregarded

SALEM, Dec. 12 (AP)—An examiner of the state traffic department is liable for damages resulting from an accident, if laws are disregarded while the examiner is conducting a driving examination of an unlicensed operator, the attorney general held in an opinion given the secretary of state today.

"Whether or not a driver is liable for damages in any given case is a question of fact to be decided from the evidence presented in the matter," the opinion held, but "if the examiner disregards the laws of the road, or is in any way negligent in directing the applicant, as to the manner in which he shall proceed, or fails to assist the driver in case of a threatened accident," then the examiner may be held liable for damages.

Grid Game Brings \$4114 For Charity

PORTLAND, Dec. 12 (AP)—The unemployment relief funds of Salt Lake City and Portland each will be enriched by \$4114 from proceeds of the Oregon State college-University of Utah football game here Dec. 5.

Ticket receipts were \$14,697. About \$1000 was added by donations and program sales.

Total expenses were \$7470. Utah was given \$3600 for expenses, and C. S. C. received \$1901.

Convict Father Of Torturing Boy

BOWLING GREEN, Ohio, Dec. 12 (AP)—A father was convicted here today of torturing his 10-year-old son with a hot stove lid lifter, because the lad ate sugar which the parent had forbidden.

The father, John Bates, 48, of Rising Sun, was sentenced in probate court to serve 60 days in jail, and was fined \$100, after the boy, Ralph, told of the punishment.

Ralph's school teachers discovered the cruelty when he appeared in school with burns on his face.

INUKAI FORMING JAPAN CABINET

Financial Circles in Flurry—Expect Gold Standard Suspension.

TOKYO, Dec. 12 (AP)—Tsuyoshi Inukai, following a summons to the Imperial palace, today began the formation of a new cabinet composed exclusively of members of the Seiyukai party.

The calling of Inukai to the palace caused a tremendous flurry in Tokyo financial circles as the possibility of a new cabinet with him as its head, whether a cabinet of the Seiyukai party alone, or a coalition, was taken to foreshadow almost certain renewal of the gold embargo and suspension of the gold standard.

All through the conference tonight bank and financial institutions kept in closest touch with developments. The Tokyo and Osaka stock exchanges suspended sessions early in the afternoon because of a sudden advance in stocks due to anticipation of abandonment of the gold standard.

M. Inukai, at 76, is an "old timer" as a politician but he is a comparatively new member in Seiyukai party circles, having joined the party in 1920. He became its president on the death of former Premier Baron Tanaka.

Even as an ambitious youngster M. Inukai had his eye on the pre-

VESSEL SINKS OFF NORWAY; TWO RESCUED

OSLO, Norway, Dec. 12 (AP)—Eleven British seamen, members of the crew of the German-owned trawler Venus, which sank off the Norwegian coast were reported missing today, together with the trawler's commander, Captain Vinsarotky, and a German member of the crew.

The first knowledge that disaster had overtaken the Venus came when a raft drifted ashore near the coastal village of Maaloy bearing two exhausted seamen and the bodies of four others. The survivors had barely enough strength to say that they had come from the Venus.

There were indications, the authorities here said, that the Venus was a run runner recently reported to have sailed from Lerwick, in the Shetland Islands, with a cargo of liquor. The commander of that ship also was named Vinsarotky.

BUYS NEW FIRE TRUCK

KLAMATH FALLS, Ore., Dec. 12 (AP)—The city council last night signed an acceptance slip for a new fire truck costing \$13,500. The city authorized the purchase of 4000 feet of fire hose and awarded the contract to a local firm.

Jane Addams Goes Under Knife Today

BALTIMORE, Dec. 12 (AP)—Jane Addams, of Chicago, social worker, Nobel prize winner, and president for 15 years of the women's international league for peace and freedom, underwent a major operation at Johns Hopkins hospital here today, performed by Dr. Thomas S. Cullen, of Baltimore.

The entrance of Miss Addams to the hospital was delayed a week by bronchial trouble—an affliction that has attacked the peace advocate anew each winter for the last decade.

Caught Between 2 Cars, Boy is Killed

COQUILLE, Ore., Dec. 12 (AP)—Ray Brown, 9, was killed and William Keller, 7, was hurt so badly he was not expected to live when they were caught between two passing automobiles here last night.

Police said the boys had been playing near the school grounds until dusk and then attempted to cross the street en route home.

Both boys were taken to a hospital where the Brown boy died.

Marks "Perfect Substitute" For Governor Meier

No Changes Occur in Administration Activities in Absence of Elected Executive.

By Clayton V. Bernhard
(Associated Press Correspondent)
SALEM, Ore., Dec. 12 (AP)—There will be no change in the administration of Oregon during the absence of Governor Julius L. Meier. The first week's activity of Willard L. Marks, governor in the absence of Meier from the state, demonstrated he has no intention of interfering with the policies of the elected executive, but will carry out his program.

Marks has been active at the capitol and on state business ever since he took his place in the executive office last Monday morning, and his days have been long. Before the middle of the week he had presided at a banking board meeting, a long session of the state land board, and the regular monthly meeting of the state board of control.

In all of these Marks not only expressed his desire to become acquainted with the activities of these boards, but showed familiarity with conditions and apparently ruled in each instance as Governor Meier would have done.

No Clashes With Holman
Any anticipated clash between Marks and Rufus C. Holman as a result of the aggressiveness of the state treasurer in board sessions did not materialize, nor is it likely to.

While Marks is eager to keep up to date on all routine matters, and has shown no tendency to put off any decisions until the return of Meier, he has likewise appeared anxious not to usurp any powers of his office, nor to perform any work which would be interpreted as presumptuous on his part. Miss Beatrice Walton, private secretary to the governor, and performing the same duties for Marks, characterized Marks as "a perfect substitute. He will spend as much time at the executive office every day as is necessary to carry on the work."

Many Changes in Year
The regular meeting of the state board of control, held on Wednesday

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Harry F. Powers To Die On The Gallows Mar. 18

CLARKSBURG, W. Va., Dec. 12 (AP)—Harry F. Powers today was sentenced to die on the gallows at the penitentiary at Moundsville next March 18.

Judge John C. Southern imposed the extreme penalty after overruling a motion for a new trial filed by the defense Thursday when Powers was convicted of the first degree murder of Mrs. Dorothy Pressler Lemke.

The judge said in his decision, declared "I have no changes to make in my previous ruling in this case." He apparently referred to his rejection several weeks ago of a defense motion for a change of venue.

The judge specified the time of the execution as "between sun-up and sun-down."

The state charged Powers slew Mrs. Lemke after luring her from her home on the pretext of marriage. He also was indicted for the slayings of Mrs. Asta Bulck Elcher, Park Ridge, Ill., widow and her three children but was tried only in the indictments involving Mrs. Lemke.

The state contended he killed his victims "for profit."

Mrs. Lemke's body was uncovered Aug. 28 from a ditch near Powers' garage at Quiet Dell. The bodies of Mrs. Elcher and her offspring had been found the previous day.

The three hurt, all girls, were Leta Walkery, of Creswell; Nellie Conley, Saginaw; and Phyllis Johnson, of Creswell. Their condition was not serious, the hospital here said today.

The eleven occupants of the car were members of the boys' and girls' basketball teams of Walker High school, and the driver. They were going to Florence to play Sluskey basketball.

Mrs. L. A. Hulbert and Mrs. C. M. Hulbert, who live in the vicinity, cared for the students and administered first aid. They said the water in the creek was about waist high and thought that had the accident occurred after dark the students might have been drowned.

Johnson, O. S. C., Is Best Speaker

EUGENE, Ore., Dec. 12 (AP)—First prize in the annual after dinner speaking contest sponsored by the Intercollegiate Forensic Association of Oregon, was won last night by Lewis Johnson, of Oregon State college.

Thomas Hartfield, University of Oregon, was second; Donald Gilbert, Pacific, third.

Wheat Today

CHICAGO, Dec. 12 (AP)—Affected areas by breaks in securities, the grain markets averaged lower today. The trade, however, generally regarded wheat as having given an excellent account of itself under the circumstances. A moderate export business in North American wheat was noted.

Wheat closed irregular, 1/4c lower to 1 1/2c higher, compared with yesterday's finish, corn 1/4c down, oats unchanged to 1/4c up, and provisions unchanged to 5 cents down.

DEATH ENDS DARING DASH FOR LIBERTY

Three of Seven Convicts Killed, Three Captured, One Escapes.

FEDERAL OFFICERS SEEK THAYER, 65

Oklahoma Train Robber Disappears Under the Noses of 200 Soldiers, Possemen.

LEAVENWORTH, Kan., Dec. 12 (AP)—Three of seven convicts who executed a daring plot to escape from the federal penitentiary here yesterday are dead, apparently by their own hands, three of their companions are again in confinement and the other, a gray-haired Oklahoma mail train robber, is hunted by possemen.

The fugitive, Earl Thayer, 65, an Oklahoma train robber, disappeared under the noses of 200 soldiers, prison guards, civilian officers, and citizens, who yesterday cornered four of the seven prisoners in the farm home of E. C. Saltsbury, eight miles west of Leavenworth.

Five Men Wounded
Five men were wounded during the flight of the prisoners, including Warden Thomas B. White, who was kidnapped from his office and used as a shield to aid in the departure through the massive front gate of the penitentiary. Robs of these hurt was in a critical condition.

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