

Christmas Buying Season Gets Under Way Here

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KNOX LIQUOR BILL UP TO HOUSE AGAIN

VARIETY OF MERCHANDISE IS APPEALING

Merchants Prepare For Annual Yuletide Volume of Business.

FINE ASSORTMENT OF GIFTS OFFERED

Attractive Show Windows Display Suggested Purchases; New Money in Circulation.

Gay with green and red colors, emblematic of the Yuletide season, windows and store interiors of La Grande's business section greet the Christmas shoppers. Indications are that a heavy volume of buying will be experienced here between now and the last week of the month.

Expecting a large demand, merchants in every line have completed stocking their shelves with gifts— toys, furniture, clothing, etc. This weekend really marks the start of the actual buying season here, which is expected to reach a high peak next weekend and the one following, with the usual last-minute rush probably on Saturday, Dec. 23.

Although the business section is not fully garbed in holiday decorations, already an occasional fir tree is seen either on the sidewalk or inside the store, and more are expected to make their appearance during the coming week. Salvation Army pots are up on Adams avenue. Show win-

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Salvation Army Kitchen Opens; Issue Food Call

The Salvation Army emergency relief kitchen is now operating, according to Captain Daniel Rody, with transient families and local emergency cases receiving relief. Anyone with a surplus of vegetables, fruit or any other foods and who wishes to assist the Salvation Army, may call the hall and Mr. Rody will call for the donated articles.

Since the Red Cross has temporarily halted distribution of clothing, the Salvation Army has received several calls for clothing. Anyone with cast-off clothing that could be utilized is urged to communicate with Mr. Rody.

The Story of Christmas



And even as the shepherds gave praise for the birth of their Saviour, there came out of the east unto Jerusalem Three Wise Men, saying, Where is He that is born king of the Jews? We have seen His star in the east.

12 SHOPPING DAYS UNTIL CHRISTMAS

ALLEN WOULD CURB MINOR MEASURES

Representative Allen, of Wallowa, who represents his county in the state legislature, is becoming disquieted with the flow of minor bills that besieged the assembly during the special session scheduled to end tonight. Called to act on certain major issues, the legislature nevertheless also found itself wallowing through scores of minor measures.

So yesterday in Salem, Rep. Allen announced that he was preparing a resolution to submit to the people a constitutional amendment restricting

WILL ROGERS SAYS:

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Dec. 8.—United States cabinet members can change, but when Notre Dame changes coaches you are getting into real news. Anderson just run into bad breaks. I bet he will go somewhere else and turn out a great team and Elmer Layden will come there and do great, for he won't be following Rookne. There just didn't happen to be anybody living that could follow Rookne.

And while we are on football and off the gold, this Columbia college that's coming here New Year's, being New Yorkers, they never was away from home so naturally they are not known out here. But we have heard of Nicholas Murray Butler, so we want 'em to bring "Nicholas" with 'em. We will hear a good speech even if the game is bad. Yours, Will Rogers

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\$2300 IN C. W. A. CHECKS IS PAID OUT HERE TODAY

Another civil works administration pay day took place here today, spreading approximately \$2300 among 115 Union county men who put in a full week of work between last Friday morning and Thursday night.

Last week the pay day saw only a little more than \$1000 distributed, but most of the workers did not get in a complete week. F. L. Meyers, disbursing officer, had charge of the pay-off today.

Local C. W. A. officials were still waiting for word from Portland of state approval for more county jobs before the state board, and were hoping that some action would be taken in the immediate future.

PASS RESOLUTION TO MAKE FUNDS AVAILABLE HERE

To make all outstanding certificates of deposit available to the depositors of the First National bank, a resolution was passed by two-thirds of the stockholders of the bank this morning at a meeting at the city hall. The United States congress has enacted legislation bringing all regular bank deposits of \$2500 and less under

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FOUR GAME LAW VIOLATORS FINED

Four game law violations were taken into justice court here by the state police this weekend. Arlo "Harney" Twidwell and John W. Stewart, charged with trapping beaver and muskrat in the closed season, each was fined \$100 and costs. Unable to pay, they were committed to the county jail to serve out their fines at the rate of \$2 a day.

J. E. and J. E. Desveiller, of La Grande, charged with hunting on a game refuge, were fined \$25 and costs each and then paroled to the court.

CHILDREN AT ACKERMAN TO PRESENT PLAY

Each year during the Christmas season, the children of the J. H. Ackerman Training school present a nativity play. "The First Noel" will be given Tuesday morning, Dec. 12, at 10 o'clock. The play will be presented at the time of the regular E. O. N. Tuesday assembly, in order that the E. O. N. students, as well as parents and friends, may attend. The assembly in the auditorium will take the place of the regular meeting of the J. H. Ackerman P. T. A. for December.

U. S. Liquor Czar



Regulating temporary liquor control measures for the government pending enactment of permanent legislation is the responsibility of Joseph H. Choate (above), New York lawyer, appointed by President Roosevelt to be director and chairman of the Federal Alcohol Control Administration. A close friend of the President, Choate has been prominently identified with the repeal movement.

CIRCUIT COURT POSTPONED UNTIL LATER BY JUDGE

An adjourned term of circuit court, scheduled to begin here next Monday, has been postponed, it was announced this morning by Circuit Judge J. W. Knowles. Date for the cases has not been set as yet. The reason for the postponement was because some of the cases were not ready for trial.

One arraignment took place yesterday. In the case of the state vs. Thomas S. Collins, charged with making a false statement to the state industrial accident commission, Collins is to enter a plea at some later date. He was released on his own recognizance.

I-ACT COMEDY TO BE STAGED BY LODGEMEN

"Freezing a Mother-in-Law," a comedy in one act, is under rehearsal and will be presented by the Odd Fellows lodge on Dec. 20, the proceeds from the production to be used for the cemetery association of the lodge. Dancing also will be enjoyed during the evening with music furnished by the high school orchestra.

The lodge is taking steps at the present time to beautify the cemetery grounds.

MAHONEY, OF KLAMATH, MAY ENTER RACE

Democratic Mayor Considering Opposing Rep. Pierce in Primaries

RUMORS OF PLANS SPREADING TODAY

Adds Interest to Congressional Contest, With Upton Favored by the Republicans

Additional interest in political possibilities in the second congressional district—Eastern Oregon—was created overnight when it was learned that Mayor W. R. Mahoney, of Klamath Falls, is ambitious for a seat in the U. S. house of representatives.

Mayor Mahoney, who has been much in the limelight since his stormy entry into Oregon politics with his election to head the Klamath Falls municipality, hasn't made any announcements. But reports are current down in his territory, that he would like to make a try for a trip to Washington with a "Rep." in front of his name.

Mahoney has been talked as a possible candidate for governor, also. So far, he has given no public intimation of what his plays may be, and friends believe he will bide his time, and later on will jump whichever way the best opportunity lies. If he runs for congress, he, of course, will oppose Congressman Walter M. Pierce, of La Grande, for the Democratic nomination in the May primaries. Which makes it look like there

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Butler Passes Out Broad Hint To The Kingfish

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 9 (AP)—Major General Smedley D. Butler, retired marine officer, took it upon himself here last night to offer a little friendly advice to Senator Huey P. Long, the Louisiana "Kingfish."

"You stick by the people that fight for you, soldier," said Butler in addressing the senator. "Don't pay any attention to anything but your business. What the hell do you know about the gold standard?" Long was just arriving in the banquet hall and it was the occasion of addresses before the local organization of Veterans of Foreign Wars, an organization that is familiar to the senator from Louisiana from his experiences in World War.

"FIRST LADY" OF U. S. EMBASSY



The "First Lady" of the American embassy in Russia! That's the proud distinction of Anne Bullitt, nine-year-old daughter of William C. Bullitt, new American ambassador to Russia. She is shown here as she left New York with her distinguished father for Moscow.

U. S. CHAMBER OF COMMERCE SEES BETTER OUTLOOK

NEW YORK, Dec. 9 (AP)—Favorable dividend changes in the past week totaled 43, the largest number for any week in the last two years, says Standard Statistics Co.

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Duke And Captain Victim of Fire

WHITCHURCH, Hampshire, England, Dec. 9 (AP)—Two house guests of Mr. and Mrs. L. J. McCormick, of the prominent Chicago family, were killed by a fire which destroyed "The Heron," the McCormick's country home early today.

The dead are the Duke de La Tremolles, French cavalry officer, and Capt. J. H. Rodney of London, the husband of the former Frances Strickland Lovell, daughter of R. P. Oldham of Seattle, Wash.

CENTRAL TAX COLLECTIONS WINS FAVOR

Administration Opens the Way for Congress to Establish National System

By Cecil B. Dickson
WASHINGTON, Dec. 9 (AP)—The administration has opened the way for congress to establish a national taxation system by which the federal government would collect all revenues and divide them between the nation's treasury, states and political subdivisions.

The interdepartmental committee set up by President Roosevelt to study alcoholic beverage taxation has suggested to congress that 20 percent of the total federal receipts on liquor be returned to the states to prevent double levies.

This is in line, officials and members of congress claim, with the president's plan to call a conference of governors for the purpose of elimin-

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SPANISH RIOTING FATAL TO SCORE

By Rev. Smith
MADRID, Dec. 9 (AP)—Premier Diego Martinez Barrios declared a "state of alarm" throughout Spain today following the death of at least twenty persons and the wounding of hundreds in extremist revolutionary disorders in the northeast.

"A state of alarm" is the next thing to martial law and supersedes the "state of prevention" declared Sunday which placed assault guards and other national police forces on the alert in preparation for the convening of parliament yesterday.

Wheat Today

The price of local cash wheat stood at about 51 cents bulk today, according to quotations at the Pioneer Flouring Mills. Portland cash 60 cents.

CHICAGO, Dec. 9 (AP)—With broad general commission house trade, corn acted as runnerrup for all grain values today.

The incentive came from widespread reports of farmers signing up for government corn loans at 45 cents a bushel, thus obtaining a guaranteed price much higher than prevailing quotations at terminal markets. Country offerings of corn to arrive in Chicago were meager, and advice continued that some United States corn was being sold abroad, with corn in Liverpool saleable at about 69 1/4 cents a bushel, 2 1/4 cents higher than Argentine wheat.

Corn closed strong at the day's top level, 1 1/4-1 1/2 above yesterday's finish, wheat 3/4-1 1/2 up, oats 3/4-1 1/2 advanced, and provisions unchanged to 7 cents down.

JUST BEFORE PRESSTIME

MAY BOOST EMPLOYEES' PAY
APPOINTMENTS ANNOUNCED
LIQUOR ARREST REPORTED
CONFIDENCE IN CABINET

WASHINGTON, Dec. 9 (AP)—Prediction that at least a part of the 15 per cent salary cut on government employees would be restored on January 1 by President Roosevelt was made today by Speaker Rainey.

SOUTH BEND, Ind., Dec. 9 (AP)—The appointment of Elmer Layden, one of Notre Dame's famous "Four Horsemen," as athletic director and football coach, and the selection of Joe Boland as his assistant on the gridiron staff was announced at Notre Dame today.

CHICAGO, Dec. 9 (AP)—The first alleged illicit liquor dealer to be arraigned in a Chicago court since repeal of the 18th amendment was fined \$250 and costs by Municipal Judge Frank H. Madden.

PARIS, Dec. 9 (AP)—The cabinet of Premier Camille Chautemps, in a surprising show of strength in the face of attacks from many sides, won an overwhelming vote of confidence in the chamber of deputies today. The count was 403 to 63.

NEW YORK, Dec. 9 (AP)—President Roosevelt had today a recommendation from the national association of manufacturers that he stabilize the dollar on a gold basis as soon as he sees fit and that he give definite assurance this stabilization will take place even though the gold content of the dollar be modified.

EASTERN OREGON WHEAT MEETING IN CLOSING DAY

MORO, Ore., Dec. 9 (AP)—Discussions of transportation and marketing problems, and further consideration of the rapidly changing agricultural credit picture held the attention of nearly 300 delegates to the annual meeting of the Eastern Oregon wheat league today as the conference entered its last day.

Major committees, of which there were only four this year, were to report late this afternoon, and the convention was to close with election of officers.

Representatives of district credit banks at Spokane, and officials of private commercial banks joined yesterday in discussing with the wheat ranchers the many problems involved in farm financing.

The government is getting out of the direct loaning business as rapidly as possible, the delegates were told by federal representatives, although it was said, federally administered agencies will become more and more important to the farmers.

E. M. Earhardt, manager of the federal land bank at Spokane, declared these banks "are in reality

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Disliked Eating After Cat, So Seeks Divorce

SALEM, Dec. 9 (AP)—Because he disliked eating after a cat, Wilbur L. Moorman asked a divorce from his wife.

"Many times the defendant left the remainder of the food and soiled dishes from one meal for consumption and use (except for breads thereon and some cleaning thereof made and effected by said cat) at the following meal," the complaint charged.

Unfaithfulness, laziness and intemperance were also charged. Moorman asked for custody of the three children. He said Mrs. Moorman could have the cat.

DOUG'S 'GIPSY-FOOT' CAUSE OF DIVORCE

HOLLYWOOD, Cal., Dec. 9 (AP)—Love that came to them in the Maytime of their film careers and blossomed into a marriage that for years was regarded as Hollywood's perfect romance had found its end today for the middle-aged Mary Pickford and Douglas Fairbanks in a brief but revealing divorce complaint.

In cold and concise legal phraseology, Miss Pickford, known to millions of theatregoers as "America's sweetheart," wrote an unhappy female yesterday to what had been considered as Hollywood's most beautiful love story. Supporters of Hollywood often referred to "Doug and Mary"

SENATE ACTS ON MEASURE FRIDAY 28-2

House Must Approve the Amendments Before Bill Goes to Gov. Meier

LEGISLATURE TO FINISH TONIGHT

Unconstitutionality of the Knox Bill Counteracted With Amendment by Senators

SALEM, Dec. 9 (AP)—The Knox state liquor store bill passed the senate 28 to 2 following yesterday's extended debate. Senate amendments to the original house bill were sent back to the house today for concurrence or rejection. House leaders declared most of the amendments would probably be concurred in, but a few would have to be compromised, probably by a conference committee from both houses.

Senate amendments calculated to make the Knox bill constitutional were incorporated. Validity of the bill is based on the 21st amendment provision granting states jurisdiction over imports, and on senate bill 10 by Francisco.

Senator Francisco's bill, which passed the upper house, provides specifically that the repeal of a constitutional amendment in Oregon shall not revive the prior amendment which the repealed clause quashed.

Attorney General I. H. Van Winkle ruled as follows on the new bill: "It is my opinion that senate bill 10 will be controlling upon the courts as to the extent to which the common

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Lindberghs Will Fly Over Jungle Land of Brazil

PARA, Brazil, Dec. 9 (AP)—Colonel Charles A. Lindbergh decided definitely today to fly into the interior of Brazil tomorrow.

The flying colonel set his goal as Manaus, more than 800 miles inland up the Amazon river.

He planned to leave that point Monday to return to the United States by way of Trinidad, Puerto Rico and Miami.

It was not indicated whether he would fly overland from Manaus on his homeward journey or return to the southeast by way of the Amazon. The shortest overland flight to the coast would require him to pilot the big seaplane, in which he and his wife recently made their transatlantic flight, over more than 600 miles of jungle.

Wholesale Liquor Code Signed Today

WASHINGTON, Dec. 9 (AP)—Codes for the liquor wholesaling and the rectifying industries were signed today by President Roosevelt.

At the same time, it was learned the distillers had put their signatures to a marketing agreement and that the document had gone to Secretary Wallace for his signature. The distillers' code was signed by the president a fortnight ago.

SOCIETY WILL MEET TUESDAY

The Union county Historical society will hold its December meeting Tuesday evening at 7:30 o'clock at the Sacajawea Inn. Because of the Christmas holiday, no program will be given and the business meeting will be short. All who are interested in the society are invited to attend.

DOUG'S 'GIPSY-FOOT' CAUSE OF DIVORCE

as the answer to the question: "Do Hollywood marriages endure?"

Thirteen years ago the lovely Mary Pickford was "blissfully happy." Yesterday she told her lawyer she was miserable and unhappy. Once she said Fairbanks was the "one great love in her life," but in her divorce complaint she described him as being mentally cruel to her and indifferent.

She pictured him as being other than the brave, heart-stirring hero of a dozen cinema dramas on which he built a reputation as being one

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