

# Morning Oregonian

## BLIZZARD LEAVES PORTLAND WHITE

### Snow Plows Are Used to Keep Cars Running.

## COLUMBIA HIGHWAY CLOSED

### Blockade of Snow and Ice Is Reported.

## RAILWAY IS ON GUARD

### O. W. R. & N. Also Sends Out Engines to Clear Tracks; Trains Hour or So Late.

Portland blanketed in white. Plows used to keep street cars going. Railways follow suit. Columbia highway virtually sealed and locked by snow and ice. Hood River paralyzed by blizzard. New snow hits Astoria. Total fall on Grays harbor brought to 15 inches. Pendleton has snow flurries with maximum of 10 above zero. La Grande mercury drops to 6 below zero. Vancouver has four inches of snow. Ice runs in Columbia river. The Dalles again has zero weather and more snow. Columbia river frozen over. Walla Walla welcomes snow as relief from bitter cold. Ashland has ideal, sunny weather. Albany has three-inch snow. Corvallis students go home, as snowfall continues. Snow falls at Salem, but cars continue to run. Chehalis has more snow. Hourly temperatures for Portland yesterday afternoon were:

Degrees	Degrees
1 P. M. .... 19	5 P. M. .... 20
2 P. M. .... 20	6 P. M. .... 21
3 P. M. .... 21	7 P. M. .... 21
4 P. M. .... 20	

BY BEN HUR LAMPMAN. When the good burghers went to bed, Portland was a city of conventional gray pavements and sooty roofs. When they awoke their city was clad in ermine, like a duke on his way to the coronation. A raw and roaring blizzard from the east, freighted with a very superior grade of selected snow, had wrought the transformation by the simplest of natural processes. The clang of the brandished snow shovel, up from the basement for the first time this winter, rang through the town yesterday morning. Forthwith the street railway company, having in memory those occasional storms which have grizzled the thatches of motormen overnight, dispatched a snow-plow or so to parade importantly up and down the tracks. The shovels tossed back the thin blanket of drift without effort, and various small boys prayed fervently for tanks worthier of the equipment. But to the circumstance of the snow-plows is officially credited the chagrined defeat of the infant blizzard, as the Portland Railway, Light & Power company bears witness.

## DRIVER GETS SIX MONTHS

### Reckless Motorist Sent to Jail in San Francisco.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 14.—A sentence of six months in the county jail was imposed today on John Rhodes as a result of his conviction on a charge of reckless driving of an automobile. Rhodes was arrested after an accident in which Sigel Webb, his companion in the machine and son of Attorney-General Webb, was killed.

## FRANCE TO ACT ON PACT

### Washington Naval Agreement to Go to Parliament Soon.

PARIS, Dec. 14.—(By the Associated Press.)—The Washington naval agreement will be submitted to the French parliament for ratification immediately after the chamber reconvenes early in January. M. Ribbott, minister of marine, made this announcement in parliament today during discussion of the marine budget.

## JAIL INMATES ESCAPE

### Two Gain Freedom While 60 Others Remain in Cell.

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 14.—Two short-term prisoners walked out of the city jail here today after sawing their way through a steel mesh window and getting into the jail corridor. Sixty other prisoners in the tank remained behind the bars despite the inviting opening left by the fugitives.

## HELPER OF YOKEL LANDED IN PRISON

### RHOEY BEER, 18, INVOLVED WITH WEST IN ROBBERY.

### Prisoner Admits He Stood Guard Outside While Younger Boy Held Up Pearlman Store.

Rhoey Beer, 18 years old, confessed partner of Herbert West, the "yokel" burglar, in the robbery of the Pearlman second-hand store at 148 Front street, was taken into custody yesterday by the police. The arrest was made at Beer's home, 368 Cable street, after West had implicated the older boy in one of his several robberies. The police went to Beer's home and surrounded the house. Beer evidently saw their approach, because he attempted to escape by climbing down over the roof from the second story and dropping to the snow-covered ground. He dropped almost into the arms of one of the officers.

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## DENVER PLAGUE ABATED

### Smallpox No Longer Epidemic in Colorado City.

DENVER, Dec. 14.—Smallpox no longer exists in Denver in epidemic form, according to a joint statement issued here today by health officials. Ninety-five persons died of the disease in November, while only 13 have died in December, most of the deaths being due to attacks of black smallpox that developed last month, the statement asserts. Curbing the epidemic, according to the statement, has been due to the fact that practically the entire population of Denver has been vaccinated, including the pupils of all schools and colleges. All public vaccination stations were closed here today, as these no longer are needed.

## AID FOR TEUTONS URGED

### Appropriation for Food Purchases in America Proposed.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 14.—Appropriation of \$70,000,000 for relieving famine conditions in Germany and Austria was proposed in a resolution introduced today by Representative Newton, republican, Missouri. The resolution, which declares the people are in despair, provides that the fund be expended for purchase of food supplies in the United States to be distributed by the American Red Cross with the assistance of Red Cross organizations in Germany and Austria.

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## CHARGES TO BE HEARD

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## WOMAN WAYLaid IN DARK

### Attack With Revolver Has Marks of Mistaken Identity.

An attempted holdup, or a case of mistaken identity? This is the question police attempted to solve last night after Mrs. A. Culton, 627 East Twelfth street North, reported that an unmasked man had halted her in Stanton street, between Twelfth and Thirteenth streets, about 8:30 o'clock, with the cry: "I've got you now," at the same time showing the muzzle of a nickel-plated revolver against her side. Mrs. Culton screamed, she told police that she slipped and fell twice before he disappeared, going south in Twelfth street. She described him as being about 50 years old, about 5 feet 8 inches tall and weighing about 150 pounds. He wore a gray cap and dark overcoat.

## FLIGHT SOUTH CONTINUES

### American Seaplane Now Nearing Brazilian Capital.

MARANHAO, Brazil, Dec. 14.—(By the Associated Press.)—The seaplane Sampaio Correia II arrived here today from Braganca. This completes another leg of the flight from New York to Rio Janeiro being attempted by Lieutenant Walter Hinton and his companions.

## SANTA IS DOOMED BY SOVIET EDICTS

### Religious Hoax Ays Target of Red Chiefs.

### Pro-Christmas League Takes Up Cudgels in Defense of Myth of Old Kriss Kringle.

### By George Selde

MOSCOW, Dec. 14.—After abolishing the myth of the stork some time ago, communist leaders and teachers today began a systematic program to ruin the reputation of Santa Claus. Throughout Russia this Christmas is a "battle against all religious holiday making" has been begun, being sponsored by such men as M. Stannoff, a leading anti-religion writer, and groups like the central committee of the communications union and the league of communist youths. The efforts to abolish Santa Claus will be followed by a campaign against the religious significance of Easter, Passover, Yom Kippur, in fact, all Christian, Jewish and infidel holidays alike. Besides hoping to give Santa Claus a death blow, the communications union platform calls for the abolition of angels from Christmas decorations.

## FORCING OF WOMEN ON JURIES FAVORED

### Resolution Is Adopted by County Clerks.

### Oregon Association Takes Action After Snappy Discussion but Little Opposition.

After a snappy discussion in which little opposition was voiced, the association of county clerks of Oregon went on record yesterday as favoring compulsory jury duty for women, just as for men, or else abolition of the present law leaving the matter optional with the woman whose name is drawn. The resolution was referred to the association's legislative committee for further action. The clerks proclaimed against the present election provisions which permit a voter to change registration on election day. This arrangement, under which the voter has the privilege of switching from one party to another, "vitiates the primary," declared the resolution adopted. It recommends that the law be changed so there may be no change of party affiliation after the primary registration period ends, 30 days before the election date. Floyd D. Moore, clerk of Polk county, was elected president of the association for the ensuing year, succeeding Joseph W. Beveridge, Multnomah county clerk. C. K. McCormick, clerk of Union county, was elected vice-president. R. M. Russell, of Lane, and J. W. Hunt, of Columbia county, were re-elected secretary and treasurer, respectively. The new president immediately appointed the legislative committee for 1923 as follows: R. S. Bryson, Lane county; U. G. Boyer, Marion county; and H. A. Kuratla, Washington county. The president and secretary are ex-officio members of the committee.

## HELL'S HALF-ACRE FOUND

### Region Is Located Officially in State of Wyoming.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 14.—Hell's half-acre was located today and located officially. It is in Wyoming and would be given to Natrona county for park purposes under a bill introduced by Representative Mondell, republican leader, who hails from that state.

## JURY GETS STORY OF HERRIN RIOT

### Prisoners With Bloody Heads Driven About.

### Mob Members Identified

### Witnesses Recount Finding Bodies Tied Together.

### ONE IS HANGED TO TREE

### Throng of Armed Marchers Torturing Workers Pictured at Trial of Five Men.

### Marion, Ill., Dec. 14.—(By The Associated Press.)—The march of several hundred armed men, driving before them through the streets of Herrin six bloodstained prisoners and the later finding of 20 bodies was described to the jury by several witnesses today at the trial of five men in connection with the riot.

Before a tense audience which packed the somber, dimly-lighted courtroom to the doors and overflowed into the stairway leading to it and the corridors below, witnesses for the state pointed out three of the defendants as men they had seen with weapons in their hands the morning of the tragedy. Six of the bodies, according to the testimony of J. Marshall Lantz, a Herrin real estate dealer, and I. N. Lantz, his brother, who is a blacksmith and a member of the United Mine Workers of America, were bound together with a single rope about their necks. Fourteen other dead or injured victims were found just outside the Herrin city cemetery on the outskirts of the town, they testified.

### Ropes Tied About Necks.

Marshall Lantz, the first of the two to take the stand, testified to seeing a crowd of several hundred men passing before his house in Herrin early in the morning of June 22, the day of the killings. He said that the crowd was shouting and singing and looked like a mob and that "about six prisoners with bloody heads were being driven ahead." Later, he said, he had gone with his brother through the woods at the edge of the village. "What did you see in the woods?" he was asked. "Fourteen men who had been shot down and some armed men," and added that he had then gone toward the city cemetery. "What did you find there?" asked Delos Duty, state's attorney. "I found six men in the middle of the road tied together with ropes about their necks. Three of them were still breathing. I think."

### Body Hangs to Tree.

"Did you see anything else of the wounded or dead men?" "Yes; we drove down the road in an automobile and saw four more dead—one of them was hanging to a tree."

Mr. Lantz said that he could not identify any of those he had seen with guns except Herbert Walker, who is not one of the defendants. (Continued on Page 4, Column 2.)

## SEASIDE GIRL SUICIDE; SUITOR IS ARRESTED

### VERNA LYTTLE, 16, DESPONDENT. SHOOTSELF.

### Victim Found in Mother's Home With Pistol and Book at Side; Howard Bain Held.

### SEASIDE, Ore., Dec. 14.—(Special.)—Miss Verna Lytle, 16-year-old Seaside girl, despondent, due to an unfortunate love affair, committed suicide at her mother's home at 10 o'clock this morning. Howard Bain, 18-year-old railroad-yard helper, who had been keeping company with the girl, was arrested by Chief of Police McCauley as the boy was preparing to leave this city and placed in jail.

While doing kitchen work the girl's grandmother heard a pistol shot. She hurried to the front room and found the girl lying on the floor with a bullet hole in the right temple. Beside her was a pistol, which her mother had hidden from her yesterday, and a book which she had been reading on the lounge. The girl's father committed suicide 10 years ago. The mother, Mrs. Belle Lytle, is a teacher in the public schools here. Funeral services will be held Saturday morning at the Methodist church.

## BRITAIN MORE HOPEFUL

### Continued Improvement in Exchange Cheers People.

LONDON, Dec. 14.—(By the Associated Press.)—The continued rise of sterling exchange yesterday was displayed prominently by this morning's newspapers, some of which enthusiastically anticipated a reduction in prices of foreign cotton importations from America. This view the newspapers bolster by citing the opinion of Premier Ramsay MacDonald, expressed in the house of commons last night, that unless some great disaster in foreign affairs occurs Great Britain will soon enjoy better trade.

## HARVEY IS COMING HOME

### Anxious About Wife's Health, Ambassador Plans Vacation.

LONDON, Dec. 14.—(By the Associated Press.)—The American ambassador, Colonel George Harvey, is returning to the United States almost immediately for a short visit. The reason ascribed for his visit is his anxiety about his wife's health, which has been unsatisfactory of late, and the ambassador desires to give her a much needed rest.

## CLERK IN JAPAN KILLED

### Sailor Stabs Englishman Fatally on Yokohama Street.

TOKIO, Dec. 14.—(By the Associated Press.)—William Pepper, an Englishman employed by the Canadian Pacific Railway company in its trans-Pacific steamship service, was stabbed to death on the main street of Yokohama today by a Japanese whom he had discharged as a member of a launch crew. The slayer surrendered to the police.

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## PARDON IS GIVEN TRUNK MURDERER

### Jesse Webb, Doomed to Die Once, Is Freed.

### 11-YEAR TERM IS SERVED

### Man's Reform Is Complete, Says Acting Governor.

### JOB ALREADY OFFERED

### Prisoner Leaves Penitentiary With \$2000; Circumstances of Killing Recalled.

SALEM, Ore., Dec. 14.—(Special.)—Jesse Webb, who on the night of June 20, 1910, murdered W. A. Johnson, a rancher, in a room in the New Grand Central hotel in Portland, tonight walked through the gates of the Oregon state penitentiary a free man. In his pocket he carried the cherished document which he had expected for years—a pardon bearing the signature of a sympathetic acting governor and the seal of the great state of Oregon.

In presenting the pardon to Webb there was enacted one of the most impressive dramas ever staged in the local prison.

Roy W. Rittner, acting governor, played the role of Santa Claus, while Webb was the other principal. The audience was composed of members of the state board of control, newspapermen and penitentiary officials.

### Webb Called Into Office.

Webb, who was busy in the printing office when the acting governor reached the prison, was summoned into the office under the pretense that he was responsible for a discrepancy resulting from the sale of tickets for the penitentiary minstrel.

"Can you explain how this discrepancy occurred?" queried Acting Governor Rittner, as he peered squarely into the eyes of the prisoner.

"No, sir, I cannot," responded Webb in a low tone of voice.

Then with the explanation that he intended to present the prisoner with a small gift, Acting Governor Rittner drew from his pocket a blank pardon. On the dotted line he affixed his signature, which meant so much to Webb. The acting governor then handed the pardon to Webb, who stood almost motionless as tears filled his eyes.

### Prisoner Loses Voice.

Members of the parole board and prison officials clasped the hand of the prisoner, but he was not able to talk. For fully two minutes he stood as a clay statue, apparently unaware that he was a free man after confinement behind the cold gray walls of the prison for more than 11 years.

Then followed the realization of the strange ceremonial. His face brightened and with unflinching step he moved a few feet forward and clasped the hand of Acting Governor Rittner.

"I want to thank you with all my heart," said the recipient of the pardon, "and you may rest assured that you never will have any reason to regret your action."

### Job Is Offered Webb.

Webb then shook the hands of the prison officials and newspaper men, after which he walked slowly from the room to his cell.

Tomorrow, with more than \$2000 in his pockets, Webb will leave Salem for Seattle and later will go east, where he has received an offer of a position. This money was accumulated during his term in prison. (Continued on Page 5, Column 1.)

## SCENIC OREGON ROADS.

Not one Oregonian in a thousand realizes the diversity of scenery offered by his state to the motorist. He has journeyed through the gorge of the Columbia and along the Pacific highway, but he knows nothing of the attractions of the "American Alps" in the Willowa country, the sparkling lakes, crammed to the brim with game trout, dotting the Cascades, or the story of cosmic upheaval presented by Picture Gorge in the John Day canyon.

And even though he has heard of some of these, he has but a faint idea of the roads which would take him there. For this man, and for the easterner who knows nothing of Oregon's scenic charm, a section of The Oregonian New Year Edition will be devoted to entertaining articles, profusely illustrated, answering the questions, "Where? What? When? and How?"

