Rain tonight and tomorrow; southeast winds; humidity 65.

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Central Appropriation Committee to Handle All Supply Bills in House Urged for Next Congress.

APPROPRIATION BILLS TO BE PARED TO LIMIT battle

Rivers and Harbors Bill May Be Eliminated Altogether, Present Outlook.

(United Press Lonsed Wire.)

Washington, Jan. 29 .- The creation of a central appropriation committee bills in the house, is in prospect today as the result of the economy dictum of the administration because of the falling-off in revenues resulting from the European war.

Representative Fitzgerald of New York, chairman of the appropriations committee, and the "watchdog of the reasury," is favorable to such a plan. It is probable that at the next session of congress the proposal will be strongly urged and a body will be created to frame all general appropriation measures.

As the result of the serious deficit in the treasury, congress faces the measures or providing for a bond lasue. The material reduction, if not the entire elimination of the \$34,000, 000 rivers and harbors bill is declared to be certain. Administration leaders are also considering a reduction of the appropriations in the postoffice bill, such as was proposed by Postmaster General Burleson and rejected by the

Democratic leaders predict that the president will send a special economy appropriation bills be pared to an ir reducible minimum.

The situation was the subject of a lengthy discussion at the White House esterday between President Wilson, scretary of the Treasury McAdoo, Representative Underwood, the majority leader in the house, and Representative Fitzgerald. The conferees decided that it was not necessary at this the government but that provisions down appropriations for the coming of Pont-a-Mousson year. The administration leaders will wait until the end of the present fiscal year, when they can more readily European war and determine what is necessary to be done.

President Wilson summoned Secretary of the Treasury McAdoo to the White House today, presumably to discuss the administration's course in regard to the appropriation bills pending in the senate and house.

## **MEXICO** CITY TAKEN BY GENERAL OBREGON: **RUMOR VILLA IS HURT**

Capture of Capital by Car-Heavy Loss of Life.

(United Press Leased Wire.) the capture of Mexico City by General Alvaro Obregon, at the head of Carranzista troops, according to a dispatch received this afternoon by the state department from John R. Silliman, United States consular agent. Silliman's dispatch seemed to remove all doubt that the Mexican capi-tal had fallen.

According to this account, Obregon marched into the city at 2 o'clock Thursday afternoon at the head of 10,000 Carranzista troops.

It is admitted that a manifesto proclaiming the form of government to prevail in the capital during the Caranza occupation of the city will be

ssued today. Bumor Villa Is Wounded. Silliman cabled that unconfirmed reports received in Mexico City said

Villa had been seriously The dispatch gave no details.

Silliman could give no details ex-cept to say that the rumor was current in Mexico City. So far as was known, state department officials had received no word

from American Agent George Carothers, who is with General Villa. Carranza agents here were jubilant over the recapture of the city. They expressed the opinion, however, that General Carranza would not move his capital to Mexico City from Vera Cruz, as he believes that the principal fighting of the coming campaign will center about Mexico City. He undoubtedly will wish to keep his government

subordinates as far from the scene of battle as possible, it is stated. Would Push Villa Into United States. There will be considerable fighting, also, it is believed here, at Saltillo, Torreon, Aguas Calientes and Ciudad Chihuahua. The present strategic plan of General Obregon is believed to contemplate pushing General Villa northward until he is forced to cross the border into American territory. a It is not known whether General Carranza himself will return to Mex-

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## German Children Receive Gifts of a Belated Santa

loys Sent by American Children, Many From Portland, Are Distributed to Berlin Orphans.

Carl H. von Wiegand, United Press

Berlin, via The Hague, Jan. 29.-Americans and Germans exchanged the "Hoch Deutschland," and "Long Live America," at a belated Christmas celebration yesterday.

Five hundred poor children gathered at the ice palace where the gifts received from the United States on the Christmas ship Jason were distributed. Many were accompanied by deep mourning, showing that the fathers of the little ones had fallen in

Jack Meyer of New York distributed the gifts and, in addition, gave each child a dollar. Ambassador James Gerard and Mrs. Gerard, Consul General and Mrs. Lay, the entire staff of the American embassy and many rominent persons were present. The kaiserin was represented at the elebration by Countess von Keller.

# GERMAN ATTACKS IN TROOPS, SAYS PARIS

Slight Gains by Allies Are Claimed, While Germans Said to Have Lost 10,000.

necessity of pruning all appropriation By William Philip Sims, United Press Staff Correspondent,

Paris, Jan. 29.-Slight gains by the allies near Nieuport where infantry fighting has been in progress for the past 24 hours, were announced in the war office statement issued this afternoon.

German positions between Lom paertzyde and Saint Georges have also been captured. There have been several infantry clashes elsewhere along the Belgian coast and south of Ypres but the Germans are evidently awaiting the arrival of reinforcements before resuming operations on an extensive scale.

The communique declares a German aviator was brought down in Beligum and captured when he was maneuvering to drop bombs on allied positions At Cronne, Lens and Arras cannon ading and infantry fighting were almost constant yesterday. German guns must be made immediately to cut in the forest of La Pretre, northwest of Pont-a-Mousson, are declared to

The slaughter of German soldlers on the plateau of Craonne estimate the permanent effects of the man soldiers on the plateau of Craonne continues, officials of the war office declared today. The heaps of dead, already piled high, are mounting higher. Military men declare that at the village of Hurlebise the most sanguinary fighting of the entire war has taken There the French light artilplace. lery is mowing down the Saxon troops, who, undaunted by each repulse, re-turn determinedly to the assault. It is estimated here that the German killed and wounded on the fifth day of the battle in this region numbered 10,000, and that the French loss was small.

> Austrians March on Lemberg. Vienna, via Amsterdam, Jan. 29.— The recapture of the city of Lemberg

> and the raising of the siege of Przemysl are the objects of a strong Austrian column which is advancing rapidly northward through Galicia. The Austrian war office announced

today that this army had been heavily reinforced for the campaign and that one division already was less than 80 ranzista Forces Marked by miles from Lemberg. The movement was made possible, it was declared, by a serious reverse administered to the Russians at Vyskof, in the Carpathian mountains. This pass was strongly defended by the Slavs, but the official Washington, Jan. 29. - Vigorous war office statement declares they fighting, in which large numbers of were thrown back with great loss and completely defeated. The Austrian troops immediately poured through.

> Russians Drive at Prussia. Petrograd. Jan. 29.-Koenigsberg. capital of East Prussia, is menaced by

> teday in an official statement issued The first is advancing from the

north through the extreme northeastern section of the province against Tilsit, 60 miles from Koenigsberg. The Germans are declared to have been driven back to within three miles of

The second army is advancing westward from a point north of Insterburg, along the Inster and Preger rivers. It is the Russian plan to catch the Germans between these two armies and

The war office asserts that the Russian advance through northern Poland against the fortress of Thorn continues inchecked. The kaiser's attempts to stop this movement have been repulsed,

Successes are also claimed along the Vistula, where an artillery duel is in prograss, and in the Carpathians. In the latter region the Austrians are declared to have been repulsed in an attempt to recapture Verezke Pass, an important point in the mountains.

Los Angeles Cars Collide.

San Francisco, Cal., Jan. 29.-Attending physicians expressed the opinion today that Albert Welin, Mrs. Annie Franzen and three others persons inured in a street car accident last night would recover. Welin and Mrs. Franzen were thought at first to be fatally hurt. Two street cars, one outbound and crowded, the other inbound, col-lided at Haight and Fillmore streets during the rush hour.

Taft Opposes Patronage.

Charlottesville, Va., Jan. 29 .- Forner President Taft, in an address, advocated extension of the civil service to curtail the president's power of appointment, and thus remove one cause for "waste of the president's time and consumption of his nervous vitality."

First Units of New Armies Having Been Trained Six Front Next Week.

BRITISH ARMY NOW ON CONTINENT IS 280,000

Allies Still Outnumbered in the West, Lack of Munitions Hamper Them.

France-Fighting on Craonne plateau continues. Germans attacking repeatedly. French assert 10,000 German casualties yesterday near Hurlebise. Cannonading constant at Lens, Arras, near Pont-a-Mousson and in La Pretre forest. German aeroplanes again barded Dunkirk.

Germany-Petrograd declares wo Russian armies approaching Konigsberg, East Prussia. one from north, one from east, Northern army reached Tilsit. Christmas gifts received on "Christmas ship" Jason, distributed in Berlin. Poland-Russians claim ad-

vance in north toward Thorn and in south along Vistula Austria - Hungary - Severe fighting in Carpathians. Russians claim re-captured Verezke

Belginm-Slight French gains at Nieuport. German aviator drowned near there. German positions near Lombaertzyde taken. Roumania—Berlin asserts authoritative Bucharest patches deny Roumania

By J. W. T. Mason, Former European Manager of the

New York, Jan. 29 .- Next week will see the first units of the new armies training move to the front for the second offensive phase of the European war. How the proportion of fighting strength will be affected when both sides have completed their reinforcements can only be roughly approx-

The basic difficulty does not relate to men, but to munitions. All the nations are feeling the strain of supplying the enormous quantities of war stores the armies demand, and all have volved. more men than equipment. The probing strength of the rival forces will be is complicated by the inability of the em of estimating what the new fightworld's war factories to keep up with the killing pace set on the battle-

The only official figures presented by the combatants are those issued by the French in December, which gave 2,236,000 as the German strength in the west and 924,000 as the German strength in the east. Both English and French reports confessed that the German western armies were numerically stronger than the allies, but

not how much stronger. London, however, has announced that there are now four British armies in France. The strength of a British army probably is two army corps of (Concluded on Page Seven, Column Three)

## Robert A. Miller, Busy Politician, May Be Benedict

Marriage License Record and Other Circumstances Set Friends to Planning Congratulations.

resident of the Jackson club, promient attorney and a Democratic leader, have strong reason to believe that he is a married man today. Not that Friend of Church Makes anyone has seen either him or his bride. In fact no one could be found Months Will Be Moved to today who had seen them since yesterday, when a license was issued at the county courthouse for "Robert A. Miller and Daisy E. Allen, legal age." Nevertheless there is little doubt but that the license was used some

time within the last 24 hours. the colonel's office in the Worcester building, the sign "Out" is conspicuously in evidence on the door. His residence at 670 Johnson street apparently was unoccupied, which lends substance to the rumor that there is a honeymoon trip being taken.

colonel contemplated his second matrimonial voyage. Friends here and at Albany, Mrs. Allen's home, have speculated on it for some time over afternoon tea cups.

Albany, where she has lived for a number of years. Her former husband nas been dead some years, and was well known in Linn county business circles. Mr. Miller has been a widower for 000. about 12 years. He is a native of Oregon, and comes from a pioneer family that settled in Jackson county in early For several years he was in the land office at Oregon City, during the Cleveland administration, and came to Portland more than a decade ago.

### We Are on Eve Of New Prosperity

President Wilson Makes Optimistic Speech Before American Electrical Railways Association.

Washington, Jan. 29,-A message of hope to the big corporations of the nation was voiced here today by President Wilson in an optimistic address to the members of the American Electrical Railways association,

"I think I can state." said the pres ident, "that we are on the eve of a new era of prosperity. Business has been checked in the last 20 years because of a moving maze of interrogation points. The main thing was to find out what ought not to be done. "I believe suspicion has given way to confidence, Henceforth nobody is

ness merely because it is big." air and it's up to America to grasp polygamy may continue to do so. ts opportunities. said Vice President Kingsbury of the American Telephone & Telegraph company, in his address. Kingsbury declared there was not Sam. much the matter with the country. He bury said the attitude of his company was not to violently oppose government ownership of telephone lines, but be strictly prohibited. to advise the public as to what it in

House Immigration Members Pix Thursday As Day For Vote After Agreeing to Reject Wilson's Veto. Washington, Jan. 29.-The house immigration committee voted today to reject President Wilson's veto of the until early in July. Dillingham immigration bill, and set next Thursday as the day to attempt to override the veto in the house.

The debate will be limited to six hours.

# Friends of Colonel Robert A. Miller,

Handsome Provision for Gifts Aggregating Nearly \$500,000 in Will.

BISHOP INSTRUMENTAL IN SECURING THE GIFT

Construction of Girls' Dorm tory at Salem One of the Provisions Named.

Through the instrumentality of Bish-R. J. Cooke, resident bishop of the Methodist Episcopal church in this state, Oregon Methodism is to be the

Although for obvious reasons the to pass. name of the legatee is withheld, it is understood that he is an Oregonian of means who is anxious that his personal fortune shall go toward the upbuilding of the Methodist church and its institutions in Oregon.

The will as recently drawn up provides for a bequest of \$10,000 for the Methodist Episcopal Old People's home at Salem; \$20,000 for the retired ministers' fund of the Oregon conference; \$25,000 for the construction of a girls' dormitory at Willamette university, Salem, and the balance for the construction, endowment and maintenance of a boys' industrial home to be located etween Salem and Portland. It is planned to make the proposed

home one of the leading Methodist institutions of the state. Methodists who have heard of the erms of the bequest are highly elated. and are unanimous in their praise of the bishop's efforts for the church.

### Moros Can Retain Their Plural Wives

Senate Committee Decides Not to Interfere With Those Who Have Them But to Prevent More Polygamy.

going to be suspicious of any busi-Washington, Jan. 29 .- Moros in the "Progress and prosperity are in the Philippines who are now living in But if any other Moros, not alread polygamists, attempt to take plural wives, they will be stopped by Uncle

This is what the senate committee said President Wilson had advised the on Philippine islands decided today business men of the country to be during consideration of the pending confident of the future and Kings- Philippine bill. It was agreed that bury asserted they should be. Kings existing polygamy among these savage people would not be interfered with but that any further polygamy would

# Canal Opening Is

to Override Veto Secretary of the Wavy Daniels Anmounces Formal Opening of the Canal Will Not Come Until Next Summer.

Washington, Jan. 29 .- Following a cabinet meeting here today, Secretary the First National bank, addressed of the Navy Daniels officially an- the realty board at its regular weekly nounced that the formal opening of luncheon at the Commercial club this the Panama canal would be postponed afternoon.

Wilson Wears McKinley Flower. Washington, Jan. 29 .- President Wilson appeared at the executive offices today wearing a pink carnation in his Committeeman Sabatt Goldfogle buttonhole, in memory of the birthday of the late President McKinley.

### RETURNED AS UNFIT!



## Use of Militia Is Expensive PRO Removal Power More Effective Governor Must Be Trusted

[Discussions of legislative matters by Ex-Governor West\_will be daily feature of The Journal during the session of the legislature.]

Salem, Or., Jan. 29 .- Section 10 of article 5 of our constitution provides that "the governor shall take care that the laws be faithfully executed." We find here a duty specifically and emphatically mposed upon the governor, but nowhere in the con-

stitution do we find him provided with the power and machinery necessary fully to carry out the said man-date, except that he may call the militia to his aid. I am sure that it was never intended that the governor should be driven to use the militia for law enforcement purposes, except in emergency cases. Such a use of the militia is fraught with danger and may easily lead to disorders far greater than those which it is hoped to suppress. The practice is not only distasteful to the officers and men but it is expensive to the state. Yet, under existing conditions, it is about the only means at the disposal of the governor through

which he can insure to the people a faithful execution of the laws.

Oswald West,

Futile Measure Passed by Legislature. Those who framed our constitution undoubtedly intended that section 10. article 5, should be supplemented by legislation which would give the governor ample power to carry out the mandate therein imposed. A bill with this purpose in view was introduced at the last session of the legislature. It beneficiary of an estate that will total proposed giving the governor authority to remove delinquent officials and somewhere in the neighborhood of \$500,- fill the vacancies by appointment. The bill was opposed on constitutional the judiciary committee in favor of a and other grounds, but after being amended beyond usefulness was allowed bill to repeal the present law, giving

> This law is practically a dead letter, for it forces the governor, who is without funds for such purposes, to gather evidence and prosecute the case in the local courts. It does not give the governor, who is the one charged with the enforcement of the law, power to control the situation, but puts it in the hands of a judge, who, by the way, may be in a manner responsible for the unlawful conditions complained of by reason of his failure to call the

> delinquent official to account. Under the present law, even if the governor succeeded in making a showng sufficient to support a finding by the court that the laws were not being enforced, the delinquent official could only be removed for a period of 90 days. This period is not of sufficient length to enable any extensive investigation and prosecution of law violators by the one who may receive the temporary appointment. A delinquency which would demand the removal of

> > No Danger of Abusing This Power.

Governor Withycombe in his message to the legislature points out that delinquent officials can only be reached through tedious criminal procedure and asks that the constitution be amended so as to give the governor power to remove any sheriff or district attorney within the term for which he was elected. This power should be given him. There is no danger of any governor abusing this power, for the people would not stand for such abuse. Those interested in law enforcement and who wish to strengthen the hands of the governor in this direction, particularly in view of the passage

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# OREGON'S BIG NEEDS

Encourage Settling of Land and Lend Money to Depelop, Says A. L. Mills.

Scoring the practice of various Postponed to July Portland clubs and organizations in taking junketing trips, and urging that the money spent thus and on advertising might better be placed in a fund for the bringing of actual settlers to Oregon and putting them on the land, A. L. Mills, president of

G. F. Peek was chairman of the proposition to Lawson, day. The attendance was unusually large, every seat being taken. Mr. Mills' address, which was on the subject, "What Oregon Needs," was the principal talk, and in it emphasis was given to the thought that the cities of the state are overpopulated as compared with the country. and that one of Oregon's greatest needs is more citizens who till the soil, and more capital to develop latent resources.

In substance Mr. Mills said: Steps Only Preliminary. More than anything else Oregon needs more population and more capital, more people to cultivate the soil and more capital for manufacturing and more capital for manufacturing enterprises.

The whole Pacific coast is over urbanized, too many people in the cities and too few in the country. The cities are too large for the country. The head is too large for the body. The only way this tendency can be overcome is by bringing the country people closer together by means of people closer together by means of good hard surface roads, up-to-date (Concluded on Page Three, Column One)

# Killed Singer Who Loved Her Children

Son of Rich Pittsburg Banker, Before Dying, Admits Killing Wife Because He Was Jealous. Houston, Texas, Jan. 29.-Ward S

Snyder, son of a wealthy banker and oil man of Pittsburg, Pa., died today from the effects of poison taken here yesterday, after he had killed his wife, formerly a grand opera singer. Mrs. Snyder's body was held today for word either from her former husband, Arthur Beresford of Chicago, or from Snyder's father. It was understood that Beresford will take his former wife's body to Chicago for interment. Snyder recovered consciousness

thortly before he died. He made a statement in which he said he was temporarily insane when he cut his wife's throat and slashed her arms with a large pocketknife. He also told how he wen Mrs. Beresford, saying she obtained a divorce and that they were married in Oklahoma. "But," added Snyder, who was 42 years of age, "my wife was unable to forget her three children by Beres-She begged continually to be

allowed to return to them. I was in-sanely jealous. This, coupled with dissipation, crazed me, and I killed her and swallowed poison myself."

# an official for 90 days would undoubtedly be sufficient to justify his removal

'Cannot Imagine How It Got Into Papers, Unless Lawson 'Gave It Away.' "

(Salem Bureau of The Journal.) Salem, Or., Jan. 29.—The loud denial of C. T. Haas, of Portland, of his attempt to "put over" a political deal with Warden B. K. Lawson, whereby Haas was to be permitted to name a deputy warden, Protestant chaplain and two other subordinate officers at the state penitentiary, and in return assure Lawson of retaining his position, falls flat in the face of a letter written by Haas to Walter H. Denton, of Salem, who was present when Haas made his "I cannot imagine how this got into the papers, unless Lawson himself was

the man who gave it away," confesses Haas, over his own signature. It is apparent Haas, endeavored to word his letter so cleverly as to avoid an open admission of the truth of the facts published in regard to the proposal he made to Lawson, but the above statement by him shows that he was unable to write regarding the matter without admitting its truth.

Reeps Up Claim of Influence, In his letter he also continues to assume the attitude that he is in a position of influence where he can pass judgment on whether Lawson shall remain at the head of the state penitentlary or not "To say that this certainly will not help Lawson's chance at this time

would be putting it mildly, if he is the man to blame," he writes to Den-"However, as I do not know, I am withholding judgment until I hear further in the matter." In between these two inadvertent admissions of the truth of The Jour-

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## WAS IT BILL NYE or SHAKESPEARE?

Possibly it was Shakespeare or maybe Bill Nye who in purest English gave voice to this pene-trating observation, "The world do move."

But even the Bard of Avon or inimitable Bill cannot claim the honor of being first to wish such a comprehensive truism on an unsuspecting civilization. Buried deep in the sands along the ancient Tigris: smothered in the aged dust of Egypt, and concealed in the ruins of Aztec life of old Mexico, have been found this self same thought, written on mud baked tablets or chiseled in gtone when the world was some though. when the world was some thou-sands of years younger.

And the world has certainly humped itself since those olden times. Speed is the rule and today is the auto age. Even our hearses are driven by gasoline. But a man does not have to be a dead one when he rides a motor car. There's a heap more fun motoring while alive and a live man who wishes to conserve his funds naturally buys a used car. Of course he finds out where to purchase and how by reading "used car" advertisements in the want ad section of Sunday's Journal.

State Senate Today Votes Adoption of Majority Report in Favor of Repealing the Present Law.

### GHOST OF OLD FIGHT REFUSES TO STAY LOW

Lo, Even Humble Crab Demands Recognition of the Upper House.

(Salem Bureau of The Journal.) Salem, Or., Jan. 29 .- As the senate oday voted down a minority report and adopted the majority report of school districts the right to vote on the question of furnishing free text books, it is probable that the free text book law will be wiped from the statutes as soon as the bill comes up

for final passage Back of the debate in the senate talked the ghost of the old fight against any law that will permit pupils attending parochial schools to be beneficiaries of a free text book law. Senator Bingham referred to this when he said: "In the background is something that shows this contention over free text books will be up before every legislature. But let us pray that never again will any school, public or private, come before the legislature and ask for a free text book law." Hours in Committee.

Several hours were spent by the ju threshing out the question. The bill under consideration has been passed for one introduced by Schuebel, who has also introduced a bill to give free text books to all public schools, thus excluding private and parochial schools. It is understood, however, that if the bill to repeal the present free text book law is passed, that the Schuebel bill will be withdrawn or

The members who signed the majority report in favor of passing the bill were Moser, Dimjek, Hollis, Vinton and Langguth. The minority re-

In behalf of the minority report, Garland declared that the people should have the right to vote on the question of free text books, if they so desire, Senator Moser pointed out that only four or five districts in the state have taken advantage of the law, and that there was no popular demand for it, (Concluded on Page Fifteen, Column One)

## HEALTH CERTIFICATE LAW FOR GROOMS IS UPHELD BY HOUSE

Two Doctors Vote Against It but Majority Decide in Favor of Retaining Measure.

(Salem Bureau of The Journal.)
Salem, Or., Jan. 29.—Renewed efforts to wipe from the statute books the requirement that a certificate of health be presented before a marriage license may be issued were defeated today in the house, when Representative Allen of Marion county moved the reconsideration of H. B. 161, introduced by Dr. E. J. Anderson of Wasco and defeated at Wednesday's session, Mr. Allen made two points against the present law. His first was that it takes away from the county clerks of

Oregon great sums in marriage license fees which go to adjacent states which do not require the medical certificate. The second was that the medical examination fee is so small that no physician can make any real test and make out a certificate that has any Mr. Schuebel declared the proposed repeal of the law an outrage and a slap in the face of decency. Mr. Michelbook asked him if he knew of single case where a man could not have passed a strict medical test be-

ing unable to get a certificate. Mr. Schuebel replied that he as it may, the law is there to protect those young women who insist that the man they marry must be straight and pure. Those who voted for the repeal of the law were: Allen, Dr. Anderson, Bowman, Thomas Brown, Cardwell, Davey, Forbes, Handley, Hare, Hinkle, Horne, Hurlburt, Jeffries Kuehn, Lewis, Littlefield, Olds, Olson, Pais-

ley, Porter, Ritner, Seiling, Dr. Smith, Stewart. Eastern Oregon Wins. Eastern Oregon triumphed in the house this morning when the majority report of the railway transportation committee was adopted on house bill 168. This bill changed the manner of electing railroad commissioners from the present system to a district system, one commissioner being chosen from eastern Oregon, one from the Willamette valley and one from Multi-

nomah county. Chairman Wentworth submitted the minority report, presenting substitute H. B. 168, providing that the commi sioners be elected at large. He de-clared that there has been no clamor for a change to the district system, and that no good reason appears for any Mr. Davey, of Harney, declared cast-

ern Oregon is virtually a separate state, with problems totally different (Concluded on Page Fifteen, Column One)