

GREETINGS and Best Wishes for the New Year HARTMAN BROS. O. JEWELERS OPTICIANS, State and Liberty Streets

CITY NEWS

TODAY AT THE THEATERS. OREGON—State street near O. E. depot. Home Artcraft and Paramount pictures. Mary Pickford in her latest, "The Little Princess." BLIGH—State between Liberty and High. Mutual and Bluebird films. Special films. YE LIBERTY—Liberty near State. Greater Vitagraph, Perfection and Goldwyn films. "I Will Repay," with Star Vitagraph cast.

returned. Lenherr was committed from Douglas county and Demorest from Multnomah county and has been in the hospital several times. At a Cost of \$30,000—Mount Crest Abbey Mausoleum was built to give Salem people an opportunity to provide the best burial in the world. Manager. Phone 1040-W.

DIED BAUER—In Salem, Sunday, Dec. 29, 1917, Henry Bauer, 35 years old. The body was sent to Portland yesterday for interment by the Rigdon company.

Child's Funeral Held—The funeral of little Paul Meyer, the fifteen months old child who died from burns received by accident was held yesterday afternoon from the Rigdon undertaking parlors. Rev. George Koehler read the funeral services and burial was in Odd Fellows cemetery.

Regular Meeting—Of Chadwick chapter No. 27, Order of Eastern Star, Tuesday evening, January 1, at 8 o'clock. Installation of officers.

Present From German Society—The Salem German society held its Christmas celebration Sunday night. Owing to high water and inclement weather, there was not a large attendance. However, the usual collection was taken up for some worthy object. It resulted in the president, August Kehrberger, who has held that office for the past seven years, being able yesterday morning to hand over to the Red Cross the sum of \$10. This was done by direction of the society.

Willard Day Observed—The W. C. T. U. will observe Madam Willard day at 2 o'clock this afternoon at the Old People's home with an appropriate program.

Cherry City Home Restaurant—Will give a special chicken dinner today, from 12 to 2:30, for 35c.

1400 MEN, 60 GUNS TAKEN BY FRANCE (Continued from page 1) Some form of drastic action may be taken later against consignees who fail to unload shipments as promptly as possible, the director general explained today.

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WASHINGTON SPIRIT PATH TO TRIUMPH (Continued from page 1) in common by so many and such different nationalities, in so many and in such distant parts of the globe. A superhuman and irresistible force, a divine impulse unites them and harmonizes the force and impulse of the great principles of justice and humanity to bring peace to modern civilization.

World's Destiny Is at Stake, President Yalder's greeting said. "The republic of Panama views with calm satisfaction the future of the world in this hour of history when the destinies of the great modern community are at stake. This calm satisfaction rests upon sentiments of loyalty and decision which impelled it at the first moment to embrace the cause of American democracy, which is the cause of the allies and the hope of the small nations which believe, despite everything in the rule of right. May the new year bring final triumph to those principles and crown with the laurel of victory the brave warriors which are shedding their blood on the altars of a true peace which shall abide."

England's Friendship Cemented. LONDON, Dec. 31.—Messages from the British premier, Lloyd George, have been sent to all the allies except Russia, but including Greece. All express the good wishes of the British war cabinet to the governments and peoples addressed. To President Wilson, Mr. Lloyd George said: "At this season I wish in behalf of the British war cabinet to send to the United States government and people a message of good will. Every day that passes must make us realize more clearly that the hopes of the human race center upon the triumphs of our cause."

Every day proves to us that our friendship for one another is becoming more and more the cement of the league of free nations which now stands as the guardian of justice and liberty throughout the world. We wish in particular to send a message of thanks to the United States navy for the great services it has rendered in the past year and of greeting to the young American army now in training to take its place in the battle for human freedom. We are relying upon the great addition this army will make to strengthen the allies in their joint struggle for free civilization, and we are confident that when the time of battle comes they will sustain the great traditions set by their own forebears by helping to win a complete triumph for the cause to which they have dedicated themselves."

Cables From France—Rev. and Mrs. G. F. Holt yesterday received a New Year cablegram from their son, Corporal Herbert B. Holt, who is with Company B, Eighteenth Railway engineers, in France. The message was dated December 30 and read: "Am well. Love to all."

County Superintendent Here—County school superintendents of Oregon, representing practically every county in the state, are gathered in Salem for grading of papers turned in at the state teachers' examinations held in December. Results will be announced in two or three weeks.

Library "At-Home" Today—New Year calls may be paid at the Salem Public library between 2 and 5 o'clock this afternoon. The library board, librarian and assistant librarians will be hosts and all friends of the library and persons interested in its work will be guests. The library will be closed during the day as far as regular service is concerned.

FREIGHT ORDERED TO MOVE FASTER (Continued from page 1) vitation and probably will urge that with the scarcity of railroad labor it will be necessary to pay higher wages to retain men. Many advisers of the director general advocate increasing wages, particularly for many unorganized classes.

Justice to Labor Promised. The federal board of mediation and conciliation will continue to pass on wage disputes now pending. It was announced after a conference of the board with Mr. McAdoo, but eventually the director probably will handle wage questions directly. The government's attitude toward wage changes will not be determined until the problems of speeding up transportation are threshed out. McAdoo limited his comments

on the labor situation today to saying that he would "treat the men with justice and equity," and would give "a just and square hearing" to the brotherhood heads.

The director general conferred during the day with Secretaries Baker and Daniels, Chairman Hurley of the shipping board, Food Administrator Hoover, Fuel Administrator Garfield and other government officials.

Acting under the director general's authority, A. H. Smith, president of the New York Central, and assistant director, who has charge of the task of clearing congestion in the east, tonight ordered eastern lines to start a systematic campaign to move freight and to report daily to him the congested conditions, so that other roads less burdened might be used for the overflow.

"Embargo any consignee who does not release freight promptly on arrival," said the order.

Freight Put Foremost—"So far as practicable, annual passenger trains which interfere with giving necessary freight service."

"Call upon all employees to lend their efforts in this matter of service to the government and the people."

Director General McAdoo explained that there was no intention of abandoning the system of priority as directed by Robert S. Lovett of the war industries board, but that in the future these orders would be issued through the director general, who believes the selection of preferential lines in many cases is more trouble than to move causes more delay and that every class of shipment will move faster if the whole bulk of freight goes forward without priority.

Railroad authorities will use their discretion, however, concerning the expedient movement of perishable articles, coal and any other materials which they may believe justifies being put ahead.

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A shipment of Red Cross relief supplies, consisting of 600 barrels of flour, quantities of clothing, disinfectants and general foodstuffs, will leave New Orleans Thursday for Puerto Barrios. It will be followed by a shipment of tents by the end of this week.

YEAR 1917 IS RECORD MAKER AMONG BANKS

Never so Prosperous, Says Annual Report of Superintendent Sargent

BUSINESS FOOTING FIRM Legislation Desired to Make Federal Reserve Affiliation Easier

Banks in Oregon have never been as prosperous as during the year 1917, declares an annual report issued yesterday by S. G. Sargent, state superintendent of banks. This is accounted for largely by the high price of farm products, which was more than high enough to offset the shortage in crops which prevailed in practically all sections of the state.

Oregon banks have nearly all taken advantage of the opportunity to "clean house," and to that end have deferred the payment of dividends in many cases and have ad-

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justed their doubtful assets, leaving them on a business footing to begin the new year that probably has never before been as substantial. Nine Charters Granted. Nine applications for bank charters have been approved by the superintendent during the year and seven of these have gone through all the preliminaries necessary while two others have not quite completed arrangements to begin operation. Three state banks have joined the federal reserve system during the year and a large number of others have made application, while the directors of others are considering making application and will doubtless do so. In view of this inclination of the banks to come under the federal reserve laws so that it will not be a difficult matter for them to come under the reserve system. He believes that by the end of 1918 nearly all the state banks will be under the system.

Employees Are Active. Examiners from the superintendent's office made 336 bank examinations during the twelve months just closed and employees of the department traveled a total of 52,000 miles on official business.

A statement of receipts and expenditures for the year shows the present balance in the state banking fund to be \$7249.53. On January 1, 1917, the balance was \$6066.46 and total receipts for the year were \$19,469.09, while disbursements have totaled \$17,586.02.

On the present salary basis of the department the superintendent and the employees draw an aggregate of \$10,600 yearly.

On the subject of general banking conditions in Oregon the report says: "Notwithstanding the heavy demands made upon our banks due to war conditions, and the fact that they have assisted in financing two Liberty bond campaigns, deposits in both state and national banks have shown a steady and substantial growth, and on November 20, 1917, reached a grand total of \$196,958,775.40, including balance due from other banks. This is an increase of \$24,361,794.66 since November 17, 1916, and indicates a most satisfactory and prosperous condition throughout the state."

"On November 20, 1917, continues the report, "there were 173 state institutions reporting to this department with total resources aggregating \$92,427,718.15, being an increase of one in the number of banks since November 17, 1916, and an increase of \$14,259,381.36 in total resources. Total deposits held by these banks amounted to \$76,642,054.74, with cash on hand and due from other banks aggregating \$23,562,095.84, giving an average reserve of over 30 per cent."

Over-Competition Avoided. Superintendent Sargent has been careful to avoid over-competition in banking circles and relative to this subject remarks in his report: "Believing that it is incumbent upon the department to protect existing banks from undue competition, I have refused to issue charters in several instances. Careful investigations made of these applications convinced me that the fields were already sufficiently served and that local conditions did not warrant the organization of new institutions. New banks, however, will be organized and charters granted just as fast as the development of the state offers opportunities for their establishment."

Dr. M. P. Mendelsohn graduated in Medicine and surgery from Heidelberg College, but after he started on his life's profession he decided there was a larger field, and that he could do more good to mankind in correcting defects of vision, so after spending most of his time in studying the eye he has been actively engaged in that ever since. Dr. Mendelsohn practiced in San Francisco for twenty-three and one-half years, but left the large California city after the fire and earthquake and moved to The Dalles, Oregon, where he was engaged for some time. Since coming to Salem he has made thousands of friends among his patrons. The Doctor never did turn away a patient that needed professional skill regardless of his ability to pay for treatment. He has over 16,000 names on his books from Marion and Polk counties for whom he has made the proper correction of defects of vision. Aside from his local practice the doctor receives professional visits from people from all points in Oregon who have heard of his dependability. Dr. Mendelsohn places a thorough examination above everything and after the examination he will use only the best grade of materials to be had. Dr. Mendelsohn recently returned from his summer vacation relatives in California and is now in his offices in the United States National Bank building. He is much improved in health and it is a pleasure to attend to his constantly increasing practice.

LADD & BUSH, Bankers CAPITAL \$500,000.00 ESTABLISHED 1890 A Government income tax officer will be at the Court House from January 2 until January 30, 1918, and will advise all those who wish it, explain the new income tax law and will furnish the necessary income tax blanks.

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