

## SESSION MAY BE SWAMPED WITH BILLS

Already Ten Proposed Measures in Excess of Those Enumerated by Governor Have Made Appearance

## MORE MONEY NEEDED FOR STATE FAIR STOCK

Gasoline, Crime, High Living Cost, Banks Stated for Consideration

Proposed legislation that is to be introduced at the special session of the legislature next month, in addition to the five measures mentioned by Governor Olcott in his official call, is multiplying rapidly as the date for the session approaches. The special session called by Governor Chambliss in 1912 when 40 bills were introduced and the governor invited "a square to" when he attempted to curb the saloons, many people believe will be discounted two to one, when the Oregon lawmakers come together next month.

Governor Olcott in his official call set forth five measures that he believes need consideration. Already no less than 10 others are mentioned from various sources and the number is increasing every day. Doubtless all of them will be introduced at the special session in some form or other.

## Governor Names Questions

The five subjects mentioned by the governor are:

Increased rates of compensation for injured workmen under the workmen's compensation act to meet the high cost of living.

Remedial legislation for the constitutional amendment whereby the state may guarantee interest on bonds of irrigation and drainage districts up to five years.

An appropriation to meet a deficiency of about \$200,000 that is sure to appear under the educational aid act for soldiers, sailors and marines.

The question of re-estimating the people an act re-estimating capital punishment.

Qualification of the national woman in a large amendment.

Fair Needs Money.

Some other measures that are sure to come up are of much merit and it would appear should go through with little opposition. But nearly every measure is expected to provoke extended discussion. For example, it was learned yesterday that a bill may be introduced to in-

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## CHILD MURDER, CHARGE WEIRD STORY GIVEN UP "DELUSION" IS PLEA

ATLANTIC CITY, N. J., Dec. 16.—Mrs. Esther Miller Blake, a prisoner in the city hospital charged with the murder of her five year old son, has abandoned her story that the child was kidnapped by two negroes in Ventnor last Friday night, according to Dr. L. R. Souder, county physician. She told the doctor today that the kidnapping story was a "delusion."

"I have had delusions before and I guess I had one this time," Mrs. Blake remarked to me," said Dr. Souder.

## SUGAR BOARD IS CONTINUED

Senate Votes for Maintenance of War-Time Control Body

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16.—By a vote of 256 to 34 the house late today passed the senate bill continuing the sugar equalization board through 1920. Amendments retaining in force the war-time powers of the government for controlling prices and movements of sugar were approved necessitating the sending of the measure to conference committees of the two houses.

## 126 MILLION IS COST OF STRIKE

Government Loses Huge Amount Due to Coal Walk-out—Loss Heavy

COLUMBUS, O., Dec. 16.—Loss to the United States on account of the recent coal strike amounted to that to operators was about \$27,000,000, according to W. D. McKinney, secretary of the Southern Ohio Coal Exchange. Additional loss to railroads from curtailed service and to industries forced to shut down on account of the fuel situation could not be estimated and no allowance therefore is made in the estimate, Mr. Kinney stated.

The miners were the greatest losers in the strike, Mr. Kinney's figures showed. Sixty million dollars was his estimate of their losses in wages. The loss to the railroads he placed at \$40,000,000 while the operators' figures he set at \$26,000,000.

## GASOLINE TO RISE 1 TO 4 CENTS HERE

Increase in Price of Motor Fuel Due to Requirement of Oregon Law for 56 Degree Specific Gravity

## ALL OREGON EXCEPT EASTERN PART IS HIT

Advance of Cent-and-Half Is Formally Announced in Portland

Gasoline will advance from one to four cents a gallon in Salem in the next two days, according to announcements made, yesterday by an official of the Standard Oil company plant in this city. The advance will be general all over the state, it is said.

According to announcements made here, after conference in Portland with the company's sales manager for Oregon, the exact amount of the advance is not yet known but it will be between one and four cents. The requirement of the Oregon laws for 56 degrees specific gravity, is given as the cause for the advance.

## ANNOUNCEMENT OF INCREASE MADE IN PORTLAND

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 16.—Because of the requirements of the Oregon state gasoline law which provide that gasoline sold in this state must be of 56 degrees specific gravity gauge, the Standard Oil company announced an increase in price of one and one half cents per gallon. This increase is effective in all western Oregon and as far east as The Dalles, these points being supplied with gasoline from California.

Eastern Oregon which is supplied

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## COKE YIELDS ALCOHOL BRITON IS DISCOVERER POSSIBILITIES ARE GREAT

CLEVELAND, England, Dec. 16.—It is announced here that a local engineer has succeeded in extracting commercial alcohol and its derivatives from coke. It is claimed that if the process, which requires the use of gas, is applied to all coal carbonized in Great Britain an estimated yield of 50,000,000 gallons of motor gas will be obtained annually, revolutionizing the supply and cost of liquid fuel.

## MEXICAN REPLY IS SUBMITTED

Release of Jenkins Removes Cause of Feeling Is Gist of Note

MEXICO CITY, Dec. 16.—The release of William O. Jenkins, American consular agent at Puebla, under bail, has removed all motive for misunderstanding between the Mexican and United States governments regarding the Jenkins issue according to the reply of the Mexican government to the second American note. The Mexican reply was handed to the American charge d'affaires this evening.

## RANCHER FOUND DEAD IN CABIN

John Mork Perishes From Cold at Home on Puget Island

ASTORIA, Ore., Dec. 16.—John Mork, a rancher on Puget Island, perished from the cold during the recent blizzard and his dead body was found today in his cabin. Mork lived alone on his ranch.

## FRED M'GREW HAS NARROW ESCAPE WHEN MIDNIGHT BLAZE DOES HEAVY DAMAGE TO HISTORIC WALLER HALL

At 1:30 o'clock the fire was still burning and it was not believed at that time that the building could be saved.

Fred McGrew, Willamette student, had a narrow escape from the fire

which badly damaged Waller hall of the university, at 12:30 o'clock this morning. The fire originated in the chemistry room on the first floor and after the department arrived five explosions were heard in the room. Low water pressure hampered the firemen in combatting the flames.

R. McGrew, who sleeps on the fourth floor of the building, was not aware of the fire until after the department had been summoned and had got into action on the flames. Effort was made to awaken him by students who knew he was in his room, by throwing rocks at the window and shouting. Efforts proved unavailing, however, and he finally awakened from the crackle of flames and the dense smoke in his room. He dressed hurriedly, threw his effects to the ground, and then crawled out upon a ledge and over and around the eaves to a fire escape, all the while being in dense smoke and on a narrow ledge, reaching the fire escape he was helped to the ground by Assistant Fire Chief William Iwan.

The pumper an dthe chemical engines responded to the call, which was turned in at 12:25 by two students, but despite every effort the flames rained headway because of low water pressure.

## SILVER THAW NOT PROBABLE

Temperature Down Town Ranges From Thirty-Two to Thirty-Four Degrees

Indications at 1:30 o'clock this morning were that Salem would not be visited by a silver thaw and that the snow would go off with a warm rain and possibly winds. Thermometers at 1:30 on State street and in other downtown sections registered from 32 to 34 degrees above zero.

However, should a silver thaw set in, Manager Hamilton of the Willamette valley branch of the Portland Railway, Light & Power company warns the people that trouble with the electric lights may be expected and that the wise will law in a supply of candles or other lighting equipment.

Early last night there were indications of a silver thaw. Trolley wires were covered with ice and street cars made their way along the tracks with difficulty. This condition grew no worse toward midnight.

Sidewalks and outdoor steps were exceedingly slippery, and are yet for that matter, making pedestrian traffic rather dangerous. No accidents were reported.

## PALMER HAS PROGRAM TO LOWER H.C.L.

Attorney General Maps Out System to Put Facts Before Public and "They Will Take Care of the Rest"

## SALARIED MAN BEARS BRUNT OF INCREASES

"Prices Must Come Down" Is Sole Purpose of Campaign Outlined

CHICAGO, Dec. 16.—Attorney General A. Mitchell Palmer today mapped out the program of the department of justice to bring down the cost of living at a meeting of 400 city officials, heads of civic organizations and clubwomen of Illinois, called by Governor F. O. Lowden.

Pledging the full power of his department in the prosecution of hoarders and profiteers, Mr. Palmer called for the assistance of every man and woman for a national fight against high prices.

Plan is Outlined. Explaining the plan of action whereby fair price committees in every community become agents of the federal government in enforcing its decrees, Mr. Palmer laid down a program of five courses of action which, if carried out, would do much to deal a death blow to the high cost of living. They are:

1.—Organization of fair price committees in every city and county backed by mayors and prosecuting attorneys, with the committees supporting United States district attorneys.

2.—Organization of women to refuse to buy anything but actual necessities until prices come down.

3.—Holding of "conservation and economy meetings" in every community under the auspices of civic bodies.

4.—Influence of mayors and prosecuting attorneys to be brought to bear on the "warring elements" to prevent "factional disturbances in industry," and particularly to bring about an industrial peace of at least six months duration.

5.—Re-mobilization of the "four-minute men" to deliver "work and save" addresses in theatres each night.

Real Relief Hoped For.

"Despite all objections and obstacles, I propose to go through with this campaign," Mr. Palmer said. "If industrial conditions do not get too bad during the next few months, we can bring real relief."

## Salaried Man Bears Brunt

The wage earners were in the class of the rich, in that their income, as a rule, had kept pace with the rapidly mounting cost of living, Mr. Palmer added. The salaried worker was the man who had felt the full brunt of high costs, because he had been the last to obtain relief.

The chief causes of the high cost of living, he pointed out, were increased production incident to the war, inflated currency due to government borrowings and heavy taxes, which he charged were passed on by businessmen to the ultimate consumer.

"In every line of trade there are selfish and greedy men who have taken advantage of after-war conditions to add a bit to their prices and profits," Mr. Palmer said. "Such men are the profiteers and I purpose to dovre all the power at my command to root them out and expose them to public scorn, and, if necessary, in public prisons. The profiteer is worse than unapologetic, he is criminal. I ask the states' attorneys of Illinois to go after these devils with all the force you command."

## 219 Cases Acted Upon

Activities of the department of justice, he said, had already uncovered 219 cases against food hoarders, which had resulted in the libeling and distributing in 18 states of millions of dollars worth of food.

Ninety-eight cases had been brought against profiteers, many of whom were indicted, and some of whom were serving sentences.

The campaign was to continue, with one purpose—"prices must come down." "I am not worried over hurting the retail dealers," he added, "they have had their harvest time and now the people are to get a look in. The finest weapon in this campaign is knowledge. Let the people know the facts and they will take care of the rest."

## Statement "Juggled" Says Flying Parson Maynard

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16.—Lieutenant Belvin W. Maynard, the "flying parson," declared tonight in a formal statement that his recent statement concerning the effects of alcohol on aviators, which was issued through the anti-saloon league had been "juggled" until it has left a false impression and had erroneously attributed his remarks as applying to aviators participating in the trans-continental reliability test.

## END OF WORLD "BUNK" ASTRAL CRASH DECRIED NONSENSE SAYS FROST

WILLIAMS BAY, Wis., Dec. 16.—Predictions of a crash of planets tomorrow which might put an end to the world were characterized as "the sheerest and most miserable nonsense" by Professor E. B. Frost, of the Williams Bay observatory today.

"There is absolutely no foundation," he said, "for any such tommyrot as a forecast that a world disaster is in prospect. The planets have been in the position they will assume tomorrow at least a thousand times during history and harm has never come to the world."

## WEEK'S SUPPLY COAL ALLOWED

Another Carload is Released in Salem and Will be Apportioned

Another carload of coal has been released to Salem, H. H. Kwock, the new state fuel official announced yesterday, and is in the hands of a local fuel yard. It will be apportioned among users in the residence district of the city, but no one user will be allowed more than a week's supply. Anyone having that amount now on hand will not be allowed a further supply until the present supply is exhausted.

Utilities and public buildings of the city are taken care of. The Salem gas plant has arranged to receive two carloads from Portland which will tide over until it is able to get coal directly from the mines. Mr. Kwock stated that the priority list, which was published some time ago by the government, is not being followed.

## MUCH SUGAR IS TO BE RELEASED

Three and Half Million Pounds in Three States to Go to Trade

SPOKANE, Wash., Dec. 16.—Three and a half million pounds of sugar belonging to the Utah-Idaho Sugar company, which was seized December 6 under libel proceedings brought by the government, will be distributed in cities of Washington, Oregon, Idaho and Western Montana at once at a wholesale price of 10 1-2 cents seaboard basis. It was stipulated here tonight at conferences of company officials and United States government officials. The seized sugar is at the Toppish and Sunny-side plants of the company.

## HEAD OF REED OFFERED PLACE

Foster Will Be Elected Superintendent of Los Angeles Public Schools

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 16.—Dr. William T. Foster, president of Reed College of Portland, will be chosen superintendent of Los Angeles schools at a meeting of the board of education Thursday. Charles J. McCornick, a member of the board, announced tonight. Other members of the board confirmed the announcement.

## Von Lersner Has Hopes for Formal Peace by Christmas

PARIS, Dec. 16.—Baron Von Lersner, head of the German delegation said that hope was entertained in entente circles that ratification would be exchanged and peace would become effective by Christmas.

## R. C. PAULUS IS ELECTED CLUB HEAD

Manager of Salem Fruit Union Returned to Presidency of Commercial Organization—Chambers Vice-President

## INDUSTRIAL FUTURE OF CITY TRACED IN REPORT

Need for Legislation Seen in Japanese Labor and Land Holding Menace

Robert C. Paulus was re-elected president of the Salem Commercial club at its annual meeting in the club rooms last night. Other nominees for the place were Theodore Roth, W. G. Allen, and Isadore Greenbaum. Mr. Roth formally withdrew his name several weeks ago and Mr. Allen and Mr. Greenbaum at the meeting last night announced that they were not running for the office.

Mr. Paulus was elected "to the presidency at the annual meeting in December, 1918, being at that time vice-president of the club. He is the manager of the Salem Fruit Union and after January 1 will be manager of the Oregon Growers' Cooperative Association.

All Officers Elected. The other officers elected for the coming year, none of whom are in office at present, are: J. W. Chambers, vice-president; William Gahldorf, secretary; S. B. Elliott, treasurer.

Directors elected were: C. O. Rice, social department; L. J. Chapin, agricultural department; R. O. Snelling, civic department; Frederick Schmidt, industrial department; George Putnam, legislative department.

## League Elects Tonight

C. B. Clancey, by reason of his recent election as King of the Cherrians, is automatically director on the tourist, publicity, and conventions department. The president of the business men's league is director of the commercial department.

The election of president of the Business Men's league will take place at the annual meeting of the league tonight.

## Comparison is Made

Mr. Paulus in submitting his report to the club made a comparison between Salem and San Jose, Calif., in location and resources. He pointed out that San Jose was 50 miles from San Francisco and for that reason had the same relation and handicap that Salem has in its nearness to Portland. He said that San Jose has grown from 25,000 inhabitants ten years ago to 45,000 in population. San Jose has 28 canning plants doing an annual business of 20 million dollars, 30 fruit packing plants doing an annual business of 21 million dollars, five industrial plants which produce supplies incidental to the horticultural industry and the five plants do an annual business of two million dollars.

## Plants and Labor Problem

Mr. Paulus said in a short address following the submission of his report that the meat packing plant and the new paper mill will bring families to Salem and that while the men of the families will be employed in the mills the other members of the families will provide a solution of the lack of labor in the fruit industry of the city. He said that the shortage of the proper kind of labor is the greatest problem facing the fruit industry of this section at present.

## Japanese Menace Seen

Mr. Paulus called attention to the need of legislation to prevent an influx of Japanese land holders and

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## PROPERTY VALUATION OF UTILITIES SHOWN BY COUNTY ASSESSOR

Ben F. West, county assessor, has received from the state tax commission the valuations placed upon public utilities in Marion county. The county assessor's office has compiled the figures, showing the valuations of the property of the utilities in the road districts, school districts and incorporated cities and towns of the county.

The tabulation shows that the total valuation of public utility properties in school districts of Marion county is \$5,117,782. This figure represents the grand total valuation

of utility properties in the county. Of this amount public utility property valued at \$2,349,940 is in road districts and \$1,767,843 is in incorporated cities and towns.

The total valuation of public utility property in Salem is \$1,210,410 and in the Salem school district \$1,229,109.

The following tabulation shows the valuation of public utility property in each school district, each road district and each incorporated city or town of the county:

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Bornes Cash Store  
BORNES, PROPRIETOR



### "Niagara" Made Gloves

### A Very Unusual Sale

Of These Justly Famous Long Silk Gloves

Long Gloves are vogue for spring of 1920, however, if a short glove is preferred it is as easy matter for any one to convert these into such and thereby obtain a quality that can't be duplicated at double the price.

If it were not for the frequent misuse and abuse of the word we should be tempted to call it a very "sensational" sale. Think of getting a pair of genuine "Niagara Maid" Gloves in 12 to 16 button lengths, with the double finger tips, at prices such as we quote below! Think of buying almost any ordinary glove at these prices!

<b>At Pr. 45c</b> Black and White only, 12 button length in sizes 5 1/2 to 9. The pre-war price was 75c a pair, think of it!	<b>At Pr. 65c</b> Black, white, navy, assorted browns, pongee and pink, 16 button, 5 1/2 to 9. Pre-war price was \$1.80.	<b>At Pr. 95c</b> A very high grade black and white only, 16 button, sizes 5 1/2 to 8 1/2. See them, feel them, it's the old time quality.
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