

LONGEST NIGHT, SHORTEST DAY ON ANNUAL APPEARANCE

Today is the shortest day of the year and tonight is the longest night of the year, and the proof is the following from the geographies published by McMillan company, and used as a text book in the public schools: This is the date for our "shortest" day and longest night.

For those who would like to know why December 21 is a short day, it is about like this. The world, instead of sitting straight up and down as it should, inclines over to one side about 23 1/2 degrees. Then when the world revolves around the sun, this great luminary shines straight on that part of the earth which is nearest. Just today, it is shining straight on the Tropic of Capricorn, 23 1/2 degrees the other side of the equator.

From now on for the next six

months, those straight rays will be traveling up our way, and the straighter the rays, the hotter it gets. Officially speaking, today is the first day of winter, notwithstanding the experience of the past few days.

It is the revolutions of the earth around the sun that makes our seasons. Along in March, as the earth shows a different angle to the sun, its direct rays will be on the equator. Then on June 1 those rays are directly over the Tropic of Cancer, and then our weather begins to change.

All of which means that beginning tomorrow, the days are getting longer, the nights shorter and the real winter season is upon us.

Report for Long Period Gives Average Snowfall

The average annual snowfall in Salem for a period of 17 years is 8.2 inches, according to the government's official weather report, figures being compiled by the weather bureau at Portland.

Portland had an average of 15 inches for the same period and Albany 11.3 inches. Eugene has had less than Salem in the way of snowfall, as its average has been only seven inches.

When it comes to heavy snowfall, government camp, on the south side of Mt. Hood, has more snow than any place in the state, with an average of 33 1/2 inches during the period of observation, 17 years. In Marion county, Detroit shows up with heavy snows, the average snowfall being 28 1/2 inches during the 17 years of record.

Ashland has twice as much snow as Salem, according to the government's figures. Its record on the average is 18.8 a year. Grants Pass has had an average of 9.7 inches a year, and Roseburg exactly the same as Salem, 8.2 inches annually.

The average snowfall for other cities during the past 17 years is as follows: Bend, 4.1 inches; Klamath Falls, 3.3 inches; The Dalles, 3.6 inches; Marshfield, 2.2 inches; Astoria, 7.3 inches, and Newport, 1.4 inches.

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guides, to investigate the horrors for their own satisfaction, they were arrested. Schwartz was asked by "Comrade" Trotsky, "When will the laborers of America take up the red flag?"

For saying, "They will never take it up; the Schwartzes were imprisoned, and the wife died in the prison."

Mr. Schwartz has spoken before a committee of congress, and before many important bodies of America, on the failure of the Soviet government and the chance America has to solve their nightmare of politics by supplying them with coal, food, clothing, and morals.

Institute Will Stage Christmas for Kiddies

Tonight at the state institution for the feeble minded there will be presented an operetta for custodial children, entitled "The Fairies and Brownies."

The story of the operetta of course includes a Santa Claus and the way he delights the little ones. There is a Cinderella, a sleeping beauty, golden locks and several other favorites of the children, all parts being taken by those who live in the institution.

On Thursday evening the operetta will be presented for school children, and on Friday evening for visitors and friends. To this Friday evening performance the public is invited.

On Christmas day there will be the usual distribution of gifts, candy and nuts and exercises to make the life of all as pleasant as possible. A special Christmas dinner will be served.

Christmas Dinner Menu Announced by Hospital

Inmates of the state hospital for the insane will again feast sumptuously on Christmas day. Dr. R. E. Lee Steiner announces the following menu for the Christmas dinner:

Two thousand two hundred fifty pounds chicken, 500 pounds dressing, 130 gallons giblet gravy, 125 pounds mashed potatoes, 125 pounds cabbage salad, 600 pounds pumpkin pies, 500 pounds raisin cake, 250 bundles celery, 6 barrels cranberries, 200 gallons milk, 150 doz eggs, 500 pounds sweet potatoes, 100 pounds fruit cake, 100 bushels apples, 200 gallons coffee, 20 pounds fruit salad, 100 pounds plum pudding and trimmings, 2 barrels cider, 1,100 pounds candy, 1,300 pounds mixed nuts, 4 barrels pop corn.

Men in Office Affected By Mr. Hindman's Bill

House bill No. 8, by Hindman, provides for making all elective or appointive officers who may take office ad interim, to fill out their full term without a series of re-elections. The case of District Attorney Myers in Multnomah county inspired the bill. He will have to go before the primaries both for the full two-year balance of the term, and also a few months hiatus between now and the general election.

Two elections, one for a few months and another for only two years on a two-year office, is held to be traveling too fast for even an agile officer to keep up. The case might easily apply to many other officers in the state, so it is sought to make the law of statewide application.

Alien Bootleggers Must Obey Law or Be Deported

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.—Montana's foreign born bootleggers and moonshiners may be deported as a result of a conference of federal prohibition Director Shelly of Montana with Commissioner Haynes here today, according to a statement.

"In view of the fact that a great percentage of the bootleggers and moonshiners in Montana are foreigners," the statement said, "Mr. Shelly on his return will recommend that such violators be cited to appear at the immigration office for deportation."

UPTON'S BILL PASSES SENATE

Measure Provides for Protection of Bonus Moneys Paid Service Men

The first bill to pass the senate was the Upton measure designed to protect ex-service men who are beneficiaries under the bonus and loan act. The measure provides that the money received under the bill shall not be applied to the payment of debts contracted prior to receipt of the money under the act. Its passage was unanimous.

The senate yesterday sustained the veto of Governor Olcott on six measures passed at the regular session a year ago. They were: S. B. 327, by committee on revision of laws—Relating to how conveyances of land shall be made.

S. B. 327, by committee on revision of laws—Relating to failure of corporations, stock companies, etc., to pay annual fees, and barring them from taking action to court.

S. B. 239, by Upton—Providing for the appointment of a commissioner for the cooperative marketing of meats.

S. B. 374, by committee on judiciary—Establishing liability of abstractors.

S. B. 157, by Senator Upton and Representatives Burdick and Oertgen—Increasing salaries of Klamath county officials.

S. B. 253, by Ellis—Increasing salaries of Harney county officers.

LIBERTY BONDS ON DOWN GRADE

Declines of \$1.24 for \$100 Vouchers Affects Transfers on Exchange

NEW YORK, Dec. 20.—Liquidation of liberty bonds at extreme overnight declines of 70 cents to \$1.24 per \$100 and from \$2 to \$3.70 from the high records of a month ago tended to unsettle prices on the stock exchange today. The speculative character of the day's operations was evidenced by the fact that most liberty issues recovered a considerable part of their losses before the close, of what seemed to be short covering.

Dealings in the bond list on the exchange approximated \$20,000,000 and of this total, the turnover in liberty issues represented almost 50 per cent.

Victory notes were the only government war flotations to hold firm, the 4-3-4's closing within a small fraction of the year's maximum of \$100.66.

MCCARTAN OBDURATE ON ASPECTS OF TREATY

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an attempt was being made to mislead the public.

Mr. Griffith cried: "Why is the document not given to the public?"

We got certain instructions from the cabinet, which we followed. An attempt is being made to represent certain men as standing on the uncompromising rock of the republic."

Mr. De Valera denied this. It was, he said, well known that the delegates went to London to secure recognition between Irish national aspirations and association with the community of nations. It was because this treaty did not recognize them that it was opposed by, he believed, a majority of the Dail.

Mr. Griffith answered: "We got certain instructions on November 25, will you allow them to be published?"

"The sooner the better," said Mr. Griffith.

LONDON, Dec. 20.—(By The Associated Press)—Accusations in the Dail Eireann that the treaty was signed under duress and that the premier threatened war in the event of refusal are met by a semi-official statement here that any duress must have been duress of the plenipotentiary's own mind, not any eleventh hour declaration from Mr. Lloyd George.

"But," adds the statement, "inasmuch as the well known alternative of acceptance was 'war there is an element of truth in the statement.'"

The contention is also set forth that the Sinn Fein delegates were negotiating to avoid war and were simply parties to a treaty to safeguard peace.

GASOLINE TAX NOW CERTAIN FOR FAIR

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let's be big enough to go ahead with this fair."

J. B. Kerr declared that the gasoline tax has all the elements of an income tax in that the person who pays does so in proportion to his benefits.

R. A. Booth, chairman of the highway commission, explained that whatever he might say was personal opinion and not representative of the commission's views. At first he was against the gasoline tax proposal as it affected highway funds.

Booth Eager for Fair

"I am thoroughly wedded to the 'exposition idea,'" said Mr. Booth, "but the proposal you are making is unsound and I can't give it my approval. The building of the roads is as important as maintaining them. I don't agree with you that the measure would ultimately increase our revenues. I think that license fees and taxes on fuel should go to the roads. If I were a bond buyer I should not want to see the fundamental principle of taking care of our bonds changed. As a taxpayer I would not favor a property tax."

In replying briefly to Booth Mr. Griffith asserted that the proposal would by no means be a letting down of the bars.

Bonds Held Impossible

Senator Eddy suggested that bonds might be issued by the exposition association and repaid from a gasoline tax. Griffith explained that, this could not be done according to the conditions on which the Portland tax levy was voted, which was on the contingency that the remainder of the state raise \$3,000,000 by some form of taxation.

Senator Hare asked how the estimate that the fair could be put on for \$6,000,000 was arrived at and whether any provision had been made against deficit.

"No provision has been made for taking care of a deficit," Griffith answered, "I understand that a budget will be prepared and that the association will keep within its bounds."

"In other words you will give us a \$6,000,000 fair," said Hare.

Key for Exposition

Griffith and Booth agreed that the gasoline tax ultimately would have to be levied regardless of the exposition consideration.

Representative Kay by process of elimination opined that the proposed gasoline tax was the last resort and Julius Meier and Griffith agreed. He declared the situation should be looked at as an emergency, declaring he did not want to see the fair abandoned.

Senator Hall asked Griffith if he had considered a general sales tax. Griffith replied that he was highly in favor of a general sales tax, but that no time is now available to prepare such a complicated measure.

As a parting shot Griffith said: "If any of you members of the committee believe Portland is going to finance the fair entirely, if the rest of the state fails, I want to disabuse your minds of that idea. If the state doesn't come through I'm off the commission."

The meeting adjourned after formal expression of the sense of the committee that the one-fourth mill road levy, diverted a year ago to produce funds for the new state training school, should revert to the road fund as soon as it has served the other purposes and not again be diverted.

Salem Sunday Schools in Basket Ball Tournament

A Sunday school basketball league was organized at the Y.M.C.A. last evening. Representatives from the South Friends, Leslie, First M. E. Presbyterian, Central Congregational, Baptist and Jason Lee Sunday schools were present. Other schools have made known their intentions of organizing a team, but were not present at the meeting. Clifford Smart was elected president and Everett Lisle, secretary.

Any Sunday school in Salem and vicinity may present a team for the league, regardless of Y.M.C.A. membership. The requirements to play on one of the teams is that the boy must be a regular attendant of the school which he represents, and weigh less than 115 pounds. A league will be formed later for boys over that weight. The team captains will meet at the Y.M.C.A. Tuesday the 27th, to plan out the schedule. All schools desiring to enter must make it known before that date.

Heavy Rains Are Noted In Central California

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 20.—Continued rain along the coast, with snow in the north Pacific section and in the interior of California, Nevada and Idaho, is scheduled for the next twenty-four hours in the forecast issued here tonight by the local office of the weather bureau.

Today's rainfall was the heaviest in the southern part of California where from an inch to two inches were recorded in the day. Thirty four inches of snow were on the ground at Summit, Cal., tonight, 27 inches having fallen in the day.

San Francisco and vicinity experienced rain and with all other sections of the state, is due for more tomorrow.

The storm warnings for all points of the American Pacific coast will be flying until tomorrow morning. At Tatoosh, Wash., a 76-mile wind was reported today.

Norblad Hears That His Sein Bill is Held Valid

Senator Norblad of Clatsop county was jubilant yesterday upon receipt of information from Marshfield that Judge Coke has held constitutional his purse-seizing prohibitory measure of the last regular session in the case of Tarabochia vs. Carl D. Shoemaker, master fish warden. Senator Norblad says he will not now introduce at the special session the purse-seizing bill which he proposed to do as a substitute to serve in event the enacted measure were held unconstitutional.

Four Opinions Handed By State Supreme Court

The following opinions were handed down yesterday by the supreme court: G. L. Hunt, appellant vs. First National bank of Halfway; appeal from Baker county; action to recover possession of Liberty bonds valued at \$239.15. Opinion by Chief Justice Burnett, Justice Gustav Anderson affirmed.

Mary H. Couch vs. the Scandinavian-American bank et al, appellants; appeal from Multnomah county; action to recover money. Opinion by Justice Brown. De-

cession of Judge Robert G. Morrow modified.

Milton S. Hall vs. W. W. Brown appellant; appeal from Harney county; action to recover money for damages. Opinion by Chief Justice Burnett, Justice Dalton Biggs reversed and case remanded.

J. W. Hooper vs. S. A. Pennick, appellant; appeal from Union county; action to enforce contract and lease; opinion by Justice Bean, Judge J. W. Knowles affirmed.

Federal Court Upholds Alien Contract Rights

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Dec. 20.—Crop contracts are not in violation of the state anti-alien law, according to a decision handed down today by the United States district court in the case of J. J. O'Brien, Santa Clara county rancher, who seeks to make such a contract with J. Inouye, a Japanese.

"There is nothing from which it can be legitimately inferred that the design of the law is to prevent an alien from entering into a cropping agreement whereby he crops his labor for a share in the crops raised," said the decision, written by District Judge Maurice T. Dooling and concurred in by Circuit Judge William H. Hunt and District Judge Benjamin F. Bledsoe.

"A forced construction should not be put on the contract in order to bring it within the prohibition of the law," it added.

The decision granted O'Brien and Inouye a preliminary injunction against Attorney General T. S. Webb.

One Percent Decrease in Food Costs Now Prevails

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.—Food costs for the average family were 1 per cent lower in November than in October, according to labor department estimates. The compilation of the estimates was made from reports of prices of 43 food articles to the department's statistical bureau by retail dealers in 51 cities.

Since November 15, 1920, the department reported, retail food prices have decreased 23 per cent on an average. Since November 15, 1913, however, food products have increased an average of 45 per cent.

Another bicycle can be added to the sum total taken from the Y. M. C. A. parking strip. Yesterday evening between about 4 and 6 o'clock Oscar Hagman reported the loss of a heavy service bicycle.

Railroads Cut Freight Tax on Coal to \$12.50

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 20.—Reduction on rates on coal from Chicago and west to Pacific coast points were announced by the Southern Pacific company today, effective date to be announced later. Present rates from Chicago and St. Louis are \$16.70 a ton and from Missouri river points \$15.30

ton. The new rate will be \$12.50 a ton.

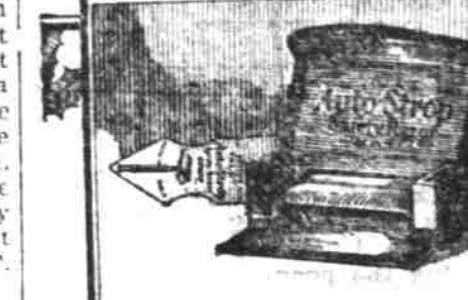
Announcement was also made of the extension of the privilege of fabricating in transit of iron and steel tank plates in shipments originating at Chicago and west, when shipments are destined for Pacific coast points.

Southern lines have not yet concurred in the coal rate reductions nor have the lines east of Chicago. It was announced, concurred in the extension of the fabrication in transit privilege on iron and steel plates.

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\$24.00 Table Lamp 13.00	50-lb. Cotton, best grade.....14.00	\$200 Ivory Enamel Bedroom Suites.....\$147.50	Wool and Cotton Blankets.....25% Off
\$20.00 Table Lamp 11.00	25-lb. Floss Mattress.....10.50	\$120 4-piece Ivory Suite.....79.50	All Comforters 25% Off
16x20 Oval Frames 1.00	30-lb. Floss Mattress.....12.50	Solid Oak Round Dining Tables.....24.50	Heating Stoves 25% Off
6 White and Gold Cups and Saucers.....1.00	35-lb. Floss Mattress.....13.50	Solid Oak Chairs—craft leather seats.....3.00	Fine assortment Picture Frames.....1-3 Off
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