

### M'CORNACK BLOCK IS IN NEW HANDS

B. L. Steeves and W. W. Moore Will Remodel Prominent Salem Landmark

Dr. B. L. Steeves, president of the Salem Bank of Commerce, and W. W. Moore, one of the bank directors, have bought the McCornack block at Court and Liberty. The basement and street floor of the building is now occupied by the Miller Mercantile company. The second floor is in offices, and the third floor is lodge quarters. It is planned to leave the lower floor as it is, but to devote the entire upstairs to high class offices. The Miller company will continue to hold its present quarters.

The building is one of the landmarks of Salem. At one time it contained Reed's Opera house. It has stood for more than 50 years, with a considerable variety of tenants. When Mr. McCornack, the builder, died a few years ago, the property went into the hands of his estate, a large number of heirs being interested. The sale price at this time is said to be approximately \$85,000. It will cost something like \$50,000 to make the alterations contemplated, but the new owners have that much faith in the present and the future of Salem and are going ahead with their plans to make this one of the most desirable properties in the whole business district.

The reported sale of the building now occupied by the Stiff second hand department to the Owl Drug company, is denied by John H. McNary, owner of the building.

### Valuable Aeronautics Book Held in England

LONDON, Dec. 26.—The Council of the Royal Aeronautical society announced recently that through the generosity of the trustees of the Carnegie United Kingdom trust it has been able to arrange for the purchase of a large number of valuable historical books on aeronautics which would otherwise have been sold to the American company.

The books are of interest as they were written before the possibility of aircraft were fully realized, and there are remarkably few copies known to be in existence.

These works, together with the library already possessed by the society, makes its collection of early and modern aeronautical literature probably unsurpassed in this or any other country. The books in the society's library are available to any student in the British Isles.

**MEAL COSTLY**  
BLOEMFONTEIN, ORANGE RIVER COLONY, Dec. 26.—Two hungry natives recently stole a ram, killed it, and had a feast. The animal turned out to be a prize winner, owned by the government, and valued at \$2500. Today the natives are in prison and confront 18 months at hard labor.

### PRIZE WINNERS ARE ANNOUNCED

Awards Made in Letter Writing Contest Put on by The Statesman

The following persons have been adjudged the winners of the Statesman Christmas letter contest and awarded places as follows:

First prize—Mrs. George H. Leavell, 1445 South Fourteenth street, Salem.  
Second prize—Viola Hoover, 404 South Seventeenth street, Salem.  
Third prize—Dorothy Sneed, Route 6, Box 122, Salem.  
Winners of \$2 checks—R. E. Fuson, Box 235, Salem; Minta Tavis, 341 North Commercial street, Salem; Mrs. Allan Brown, 1335 Madison street, Salem; Lou Vina Harper Macleay, Ore.; Mrs. A. V. Davidson, 1524 South Commercial street, Salem.

### Specialty Show to Have New Location at Once

SILVERTON, Ore., Dec. 23.—(Special to The Statesman)—The Women's Specialty shop closed this morning, and will be closed until it opens in the new location. The shop will be located in the store room west of the Coolidge & McClaine bank in the new bank building. L. F. Evenson will also move into a small store room in the new bank building directly between the specialty shop and the bank. For the past few years Mr. Evenson has had his jewelry business in the Gem building on North Water street.

### PIG CLUB MAKES GREAT RECORD

Operations of Six Members for One Year Produce Remarkable Results

The Salem Pig club, in existence for one short year and composed of only six members at this time, has made a record which, in proportion to its size, has been unequalled by any other one county in the state, according to W. H. Ballie, rural school director.

Figures submitted by Mr. Ballie show that the club has won \$462 in prizes during the past year, raised 22 pigs and made a net profit of \$814.50 or approximately \$135.60 for each member.

Of these amounts 11 of the pigs were raised by one boy, Homer Bray of Salem. In addition he is responsible for \$382 of the prizes and \$583.50 of the total net profits. He entered his stock in three stock shows, the Pacific International, Spokane Western Royal, and Oregon State fair, winning prizes of \$116, \$98 and \$144 respectively.

### TWO MINT BILLS GO OVER COUNTER

Merchants Unable to Fix Time of Transactions—Notes New and Crisp

LINCOLN, Neb., Dec. 23.—State Sheriff Gus Hyers has received information, he announced this evening, to the effect that two five-dollar bills, corresponding in serial numbers with those stolen by the mint bandits at Denver, were expended Friday, one at Hastings, Neb., the other at Aurora, Neb.

In each instance, according to the sheriff's information, the currency went over the counter of merchandise establishments in payment for purchases. Discovery of the bills was not made until Friday, and suspicion was not aroused when the purchases were made.

### FARMER GIVES MONEY AWAY, THINK CRAZY

Santa Claus from Idaho Hands Out \$1,000 Bills—Turned Over to a Hospital

CHICAGO, Dec. 23.—An excess of Christmas good-will tonight landed on Gus Mallackas, aged 43, who says he is an Idaho farmer, in the psychopathic hospital.

En route to Chicago on a Chicago & Northwestern train Mallackas, carrying \$1820 in cash and two suitcases, secured with a huge padlock, began distributing his money among the passengers and crew. The conductor, after receiving a \$650 present, collected the funds again and turned the farmer over to the police. At the station Mallackas handed the captain's secretary \$1,000 and told him to go out and buy a turkey for Christmas.

### Prince Aage Decides to Return to French Army

COPENHAGEN, Dec. 26.—Prince Aage, son of Prince Waldemar of Denmark, who renounced his throne to marry an Italian countess, has accepted a commission as major in the French colonial forces.

Prince Aage, some years ago,

### 5 MEN WOUNDED IN PISTOL DUEL

Shooting Follows Altercation Between Rival Bus Line Operators

BEDFORD, Ky., Dec. 23.—Five men were wounded, one seriously, in a pistol battle here tonight. Three of the wounded men were bystanders.

Those wounded were M. E. Sanders, 45, and Sam Boatwright, 34, said to have been principals in the exchange of bullets and Vivian McManis, Charles Tingle and Claude Hackney. Sanders, the most seriously wounded, was struck by two bullets, one passing through his right lung.

The shooting was said by spectators to have followed an altercation between Sanders and William Hood, rival operators of automobile bus lines. Boatwright was declared to have become involved in the fight.

After Campbell's incarceration

### CAMPBELL GIVEN PARDON FROM PEN

Aged Slayer of John Becker Freed by Governor Ritter Yesterday

Morrison Campbell, 72 years old, who was serving a life term in the state penitentiary upon a conviction of murder in Douglas county, was late yesterday pardoned conditionally by Governor Ritter, in time to spend Christmas with his aged wife who is now a resident of Salem.

Campbell was received at the state prison June 30, 1914, and most of the time since has been a trusty at the prison. At one time Governor Olcott allowed him to go home unguarded to spend his golden wedding anniversary with his wife.

Campbell killed a man named John Becker. There were no eye witnesses. After the shooting Campbell gave himself up to the officers. He claimed that Becker was in the habit of driving his livestock upon Campbell's property. It was during an altercation over this, Campbell claimed, that he shot and killed Becker. He claimed self-defense.

The shooting was near Melrose in Douglas county.

After Campbell's incarceration

### YESTERDAY IN WASHINGTON

The senate and house, after a brief session, began their Christmas recess and the government departments took a half holiday by order of President Harding.

Secretary Weeks disclosed that much progress already has been made on the plan for industrial mobilization of the nation's resources for service in a national emergency.

President Johnson of the railway machinists' union charged that the railroad companies are "squandering money in a fight against their employees who went on strike last summer."

Chairman Curtis of the senate rules committee ordered the arrest of all bootleggers found in the capital building regardless of who may intercede in their behalf.

Senator Johnson of California publicly attacked the

proposal of Senator Borah of Idaho, another member of the irreconcilable group to a new economic disarmament conference here.

The pardon was recommended by the state parole board. The condition attached to the pardon is that if Campbell should commit another serious infringement of the law he must go back to prison. His citizenship is restored.



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