

SEVENTY-THIRD YEAR.

SALEM, OREGON, SUNDAY MORNING, DECEMBER 16, 1923.

PRICE FIVE CENTS

PRESIDENT GRANTS PLEA FOR AMNESTY

War Law Violators Will Be Released Before Christmas—31 in Leavenworth Are Affected

SPECIAL COMMITTEE MAKES ITS REPORT

Offences Not Condoned in Any Sense Since No Pardons Granted

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—The plea for amnesty which has been presented repeatedly to three national administrations was granted finally today to President Coolidge in commuting the sentences of all remaining imprisoned violators of war laws.

The action of the president will bring about the release before Christmas of 31 now serving sentences in the federal prison at Leavenworth, Kan., for violation of the espionage act. Two of these men were convicted at Kansas City in 1919 along with 24 other alleged members of the I. W. W., nine of them were convicted in Chicago together with William D. (Big Bill) Haywood, general secretary treasurer of the I. W. W., and the others were found guilty in Sacramento in 1919.

Committee Reports.
Mr. Coolidge acted upon receipt of a recommendation for amnesty from the special committee he appointed several weeks ago to make a disinterested study of the question of clemency for war law violators. This committee was composed of Newton D. Baker, secretary of war during the war period; Major General James G. Harbord who served overseas as head of the service of supplies of the American army and Bishop Charles H. Brent of the Episcopal church who was chief of the army chaplain service during the war.

The report of the special committee was not made public but the White House announcement of the president's action said a majority of the committee members favored amnesty.

FIRST SHIPMENT OF TOW IS MADE

State Flax Industry is Steadily Getting Nearer to Full Operation

The first shipment of tow from the Rickerall warehouse has been made, and another shipment is ready, and a third nearly ready.

Part of the machinery of the state flax industry is in operation at Rickerall, pending the finishing of the new warehouse at the penitentiary outside the wall, and the new machinery building inside the wall. About half the steel work for the warehouse roof is in place, and the timbers are being hauled for the roof of the machinery building.

Machinery Coming Over
As soon as the buildings at the penitentiary are ready, the machinery at Rickerall will be moved over, and other machinery installed—so that all the operations may be carried on at the penitentiary; and there will be some operations. It will be a day and night job to get the flax of 1923 out of the way for the crop of 1924; but Superintendent Robert Crawford says it can and will be done. However, there is surely no time for delay, any where along the line.

A good deal of flax seed is already on hand, having been threshed at Rickerall, and some of it will be worked up as soon as the warehouse roof is on. There are orders on hand from the drug store, and consequent need for haste. This should be by January 10, at the latest.

THE WEATHER

OREGON: Rain west, probably rain or snow east portions Sunday; moderate to fresh southerly winds.
LOCAL WEATHER (Saturday)
Maximum temperature 48. Minimum temperature 49. River, 4.3; rising. Rainfall, none.
Slightly cloudy.

BUILDERS OF OREGON



JUDGE T. A. MCBRIDE

Thomas Allen McBride, chief justice of the Oregon supreme court, has the front of some 78 winters resting on his locks. Counted in years he is the oldest member of the bench. But time, some way, has never been able to make any impression on the judge except to change the color of his hair to an intellectual white. As for his mind, his spirit and his legs—they haven't slowed down a bit. The judge's main diversion is duck hunting and he is still able to cast a wicked fish-hook.

Judge McBride has seen law in operation in Oregon in about all its various phases and methods—both the laws that are printed in the statute books and those that are just sort of understood, man to man, and sometimes are not a bad code at all. Before he was a lawyer, even before he was a judge, he worked in the gold mines of eastern Oregon, where law, as we know it, was in printed form, struck quickly and sharply against the man who violated the liberal ethics of the earlier day. In those times the six-shooter might represent either law or lawlessness—depending on who could draw first. As for the courts, it wasn't infrequent that a man was sentenced one day and hanged the next.

Perhaps it was the practical and expeditious methods of those times that developed in the future chief justice an expeditious way in reaching the big idea—in a supreme court opinion, for example. As the years went on the judge didn't fail to become modern, but he became modern in a sensible way. His opinions are something more than disquisitions on law; they have a literary keynote running through them that is not fiction by any means but that makes the document interesting to most any layman.

Chief Justice McBride is an Oregonian by nature. He was born in Yamhill county in 1847, and after he had received his common school education he matriculated with McMinnville college—recently rechristened Linfield.

For some years Mr. McBride taught in the country schools of Oregon and in 1870 he was admitted to the bar. First he practiced at La Fayette, Or., then went to St. Helens and then to Oregon City.

In 1882 he was elected district attorney for the fifth Oregon district, comprising Clackamas, Washington, Columbia, Clatsop, Wasco and Crook counties, and served 10 years in that capacity. Then he was elected circuit judge of the same district and served 12 years.

In 1909 Judge McBride was appointed on the supreme bench by Governor Benson, succeeding Justice Robert S. Bean, who is now federal judge in Portland.

The venerable jurist is now serving his fifth term as chief justice of the Oregon supreme court, he and Justice Burnet, because of their seniority, alternating in that position.

The judge is socially inclined and his fraternal connections are with the Masons, the Shriners and the Elks. But he is also very much of a home man. His home is on a farm in Columbia county, near St. Helens and he returns there from Salem nearly every week-end.

He comes of a family famous in Oregon and the west. His father was a minister and physician and was known publicly all over the state. He the state as United States senator. He was George served as minister to the Hawaiian islands by appointment of President Lincoln. A brother served W. McBride, who also served Oregon as speaker of the house of representatives and as secretary of state. Another brother, John R. McBride, was chief justice of Idaho and a prominent lawyer of that state. Another brother is Dr. James McBride of Pasadena, Cal.

Chief Justice McBride was married February 7, 1876, to Mary E. Merrill. His son, George McBride, is in Portland. A daughter, Miss May McBride, lives at home.

RESERVE OFFICERS ORGANIZE SECTOR

Petition for Membership to National Organization Signed Here

Petition for a Salem section of the Reserve Officers' association of the United States was signed by nearly 25 reserve officers of Marion and Polk counties at a meeting held in the armory last night.

Col. Carlie Abrams was elected temporary president and Captain Allan Carson temporary secretary treasurer.

Capt. Arthur Selinger, A.G. O.R.C., secretary of the Oregon chapter, addressed the meeting, outlining the objects of the association. Addresses were made by Col. F. J. Arnold, cavalry D.O.L. AC of S. G-3, 96th division, Maj. George W. C. Whiting, infantry, D.O.L. 96th division; Col. William A. Aird, infantry, O.R.C.; Lieut. Col. Harwell W. Palmer, cavalry, O.R.C.; Lieut. Col. Henry C. R. Allen, field artillery, O.R.C., and Lieut. Vere Painter, quartermaster corps D.O.L. 96th division. Major Gledsted of the adjutant general's office, urged those present to help put the organization across.

The next meeting of the Salem section will be held Monday, January 14, the hour and meeting place to be announced later.

Wolcott Buren Finishes At University in June

UNIVERSITY OF OREGON, Eugene, Dec. 15.—One of the 28 persons who will receive a degree from the University of Oregon in January, 1924, is Wolcott Buren of Salem. He will be granted a degree from the department

Principals' Association Wars Upon the Cigarette

The Marion County Principals' association went on record Saturday as favoring the proposed action of Governor Walter M. Pierce in his campaign against cigarette advertising, particularly by means of the billboard. The secretary was instructed to write the governor, commending him upon his stand. F. E. Fagan of Woodburn presided. Nearly 25 principals were present.

Intelligence tests were discussed with Prof. D. E. Hughes, University of Oregon, speaking upon the subject in general. A scheduled discussion of athletics and of deplorable contests was postponed until the next meeting. The meetings, which are arranged so as to be held at regular intervals during the school year, are held every nine weeks.

Will Tell What East Thinks of Loganberries

H. H. Haynes, of the Salem Baking company, will tell the Chamber of Commerce what the east thinks of the loganberry when he speaks at the regular luncheon Monday noon. By cooperating with the loganberry growers last August, the Chamber of Commerce sent Mr. Haynes east in an effort to establish a new market for frozen loganberries. He made an extensive trip talked to a great many pipe manufacturers and business concerns, and will make a complete report of his investigations.

Though Marion county has more acres in hops than in loganberries, there are more growers interested in the berries, as they are in smaller tracts. At present there are 4231 acres of loganberries in this county and over 700 or 800 acres

TAG DAY SALES STILL GOING ON

Nearly Six Hundred Dollars For Soldiers' Monument Fund Already Received

Returns are still coming in from the recent tag day sale of the Salem War Mothers, for the soldiers' monument fund; to go towards a monument to be erected on the court house grounds.

The total so far received is \$584.40. Mrs. Geo. H. Alden and Mrs. Carl Chapter turned in the largest sums: Mrs. Alden collected \$115 and Mrs. Chapter \$35.15. The most turned in from individual tag sales was by Maybelle Harker, \$31.16. Those who worked hard with splendid success were Mrs. Mark Skiff, Mrs. Reed Rowland, Mrs. J. A. Carson, Mrs. Sraah Minkler, Mrs. Joe Martin, Miss Pauline Welch and Charles Kay Bishop. The last named was the only boy who volunteered, and he sold tags to the amount of \$15.50. This was much appreciated by the War Mothers, also the services of members of the Salvation Army, who can always be counted on.

From Outside Points
The Salem total is now \$481.31, and outside towns \$103.09. There was a most generous response from Sublimity and Butteville. Sublimity sent \$10, and promised more. Butteville sent \$10.30, mostly in 50 cent collections, showing the names of nearly all the people here. Turner sent \$14.90. There are only partial reports from several outside points, and no reports at all as yet from others.

The War Mothers expect to keep going till there is enough money to pay a creditable soldiers' mon-

TEA POURED INTO HARBOR AT BOSTON

Far Farmer Party of 1773 Is Re-enacted in Old South Meeting House

BOSTON, Mass., Dec. 15.—In Boston's old South meeting house from which December 16, 1773 a band of colonists disguised as Mohawks went forth to the famous tea party was re-enacted today in commemoration of its 150th anniversary.

The Dramatic association of Boston college portrayed the pouring of the tea, on which the colonists refused to pay a tax, into Boston harbor—the event that led directly to the revolutionary war.

Salem Principal Chosen Secretary of Association

ALBANY, Or., Dec. 15.—School superintendents, athletic coaches high school principals and student managers of seven Willamette valley towns here today for the purpose of arranging football schedules, the formation of a district league and for discussing the athletic composition between the valley schools in general. E. A. Hudson, principal of Albany high school, was chosen as the first chairman of the association, which was perfected at the meeting. Principal J. O. Nelson of Salem was chosen secretary. The association went on record as favoring a division of the state into districts for a better organized athletic program.

HARRY PLANT IS IN LEAD TODAY

New Schedule in Vogue This Week in Statesman's Great Contest

(By The Contest Editor.)

This week we are going to offer to the contestants a new bonus offer. Every \$15.00 worth of subscriptions turned in between the dates of December 17 and December 22nd, inclusive, you will receive 150,000 extra votes. If you can only secure a total of \$15.00 on subscriptions during this week you will have won the extra bonus of 150,000 votes. If you can secure more than one club by all means do so for the bonus of 150,000 votes will be awarded on every club of \$15.00 you secure. These bonus votes are in addition to the regular schedule of votes and do not interfere with them in any way. They can consist of new subscriptions or old, by carrier or mail, and may range from one month up. Send or bring all subscriptions as you secure them. We keep an accurate record and will award you the bonus on all the \$15.00 clubs you secure.

I am also offering this week \$25.00 in gold in the city of Salem to the contestant who turns in the most money on subscriptions. I am also going to give \$25.00 in gold to the contestant on the outside territory of Salem who secures the most subscriptions. These gold pieces will mean a great deal to you during the Christmas holidays. It will mean a Christmas present that you did not expect to get and it may mean more to you. Now let me see what you can do towards winning one of these extra bonus offerings of \$25.00 in gold.

Mr. Harry Plant of Salem, Oregon, holds the lead in the race for the Champion Overland Sedan with a total of 614,980 votes.

Mr. Plant started in the contest quite late and today he has reached the top notch. He asks his friends to help him during the remainder of the contest. Mr. Raymond Ely holds second place, Miss Glenna Russell and Miss Hazel Peetz, both on the outside territory, tie with a total of 614,970 votes. Miss Russell and Miss Peetz are near neighbors. They both are very deserving candidates at present, and also ask their friends to help them. Mrs. Carl Muller is another one that has reached the six hundred and fourth thousand mark. She is another who decided late in the contest to work and today we find her among the leaders. There are many more in the contest who I am unable to talk about today, and who have reached the six hundred and one thousand mark, and are on the Honor Roll.

Next week will give us a better showing of all the candidates in the contest. Now you are winning two good offers this week. Let me see what you all can do and do not wait until the end of the week to turn them in, but bring or send them to me daily so that

INSURGENTS IN CONGRESS WIN FIGHT

Nelson Given Place on Rules Committee and Senate Forces Plan Defeat of Senator Cummins

HOWELLS AND COUZENS TO COME UP MONDAY

Plan to Elect Democratic Member if Other Members Fail of Election

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—House insurgents won the fight today for place on the rules committee which shapes the legislative program of the house. At the same time senate insurgents strengthened their lines to prevent the re-election of Senator Cummins, Republican, Iowa, as chairman of the interstate commerce committee.

By a vote of 198 to 2, a Republican party conference approved the assignment of Representative Nelson, Wisconsin, the insurgent leader, to the rules committee in place of Representative Tilson, Connecticut, who withdrew voluntarily in the interest of harmony. This dispelled any hopes of the Democrats to increase their membership on the committee from four to five.

The Republican conference action was taken in the face of a threatened insurgent-Democratic coalition which might have created in the house Monday a situation similar to that in the senate where there were increasing signs of a combined insurgent and Democratic vote for the election of Senator Smith, Democrat, South Carolina, as head of the interstate commerce committee.

Abandon Caucus

Convinced that the organization Republicans and insurgents standing together will have the votes to put through the house Monday the standing committee sates a now drawn. Democratic leaders having abandoned the party caucus which had been called for Monday forenoon to consider the rules committee question. Once the assignments are ratified by the house the various committees will be able to function and Chairman Green of the ways and means committee has sent out word that consideration of tax reduction legislation will begin next Tuesday.

Satisfied that neither of the compromise candidates they have proposed for the chairmanship of the interstate commerce committee—Senators Howell, Nebraska, and Couzens, Michigan—will receive the support of organization Republicans, at least some of the insurgents are laying plans to throw their votes once more to Senator Smith. Some of them say they will have strength sufficient to elect the Democrat, but others make no prediction.

Rumors of further defections in the Democratic ranks were current during the brief session held by the senate today, but these were denied by a number of Democrats who said that with the exception of Senator Bruce, Maryland, who voted last Tuesday for Senator Cummins, their lines would remain intact.

La Follette Favorable

Election of Senator Smith, if the "old guard" refuses to accept either Senator Howell or Couzens, was endorsed today by Senator La Follette of Wisconsin, the insurgent leader, who declared in a formal statement that this would be a "clear-cut victory for the Progressives in the senate and in the country."

Senator La Follette's statement was issued from his home where he is recovering from an attack of grippe, and was the first public announcement from him on the fight since the senate deadlock began last Monday.

The insurgents' plan as outlined today is to vote for Senator Howell on the first ballot Monday and then, if he fails to obtain a majority, to switch to Senator Couzens. Should he also fail to gain sufficient support for election, some of the group at least would throw their votes to Senator Smith, who received five votes from Republican insurgents and the two Farmer-Labor senators from Minnesota last Wednesday and failed of election on ballot

EARLE SANDE MAKES RECORD IN EARNINGS

Son of Salem Man Rode Horses to Victory That Netted \$444,125

NEW YORK, Dec. 15.—Earle Sande, Premier American jockey, established a new money winning record in 1923 when he rode horses to victory that netted \$444,125 to his employers, according to figures made public today.

Sande accounted for 39 important stake triumphs in the east and middle west but his most notable victories were astride Zev, Rancocas stable three year old crack. Sande had the mount on Zev in all but one of the colt's 1923 performances, including the \$100,000 international race with Papyrus and the Kentucky Derby. Sande and Zev met defeat twice in the Freakness, and the \$50,000 championship stakes at Latonia, Ky.

All of Sande's winnings, however, were not in the colors of the Rancocas stable. He rode for several other eastern owners, including Rear Admiral Carey T. Grayson, whose colt, My Own, the jockey piloted to a number of victories.

FINAL FLASHES

(By The Associated Press)

VERA CRUZ, Dec. 15.—Revolutionary forces according to El Dietamen are in possession of Puebla and trains already are running between Puebla City and this port. The capture of Puebla was affected by forces under General Antonio Villareal.

LITTLE ROCK, Ark., Dec. 15.—Two railroad engineers were killed and more than a score of persons were injured when Missouri Pacific Train No. 403 and No. 106 crashed head-on at Amboy Switch, 40 miles north of here shortly before 10 o'clock tonight.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 15.—A report was received here tonight by Joseph J. Tyman, general manager of the Bethlehem Shipbuilding corporation that his daughter, Mrs. James L. Tattersall, was killed at Santa Ana, Cal. There were no details.

Havana, Cuba, Dec. 15.—Two boats were reported to be in distress in the Gulf of Mexico, about 100 miles south of Mobile, according to wireless information received tonight.

SUPERIOR, Wis., Dec. 15.—William McCann, sentenced to serve a life term at the Wisconsin penitentiary at Waupun, for killing Frank Allen at Lemington on August 6 last, was captured at Couderay, Wis., tonight.

LEAVENWORTH, Kan., Dec. 15.—Benny F. Casey, who shot and fatally injured D. W. Burns, record clerk and parole officer at the state penitentiary, Friday, while Casey and Charles O'Keefe were being returned to the prison at Leaning, has been apprehended at Humphrey, Ark., a short distance from Alletts, Ark.

STUTT GART, Ark., Dec. 15.—Eleven men, including two justices of the peace, were arrested here late today on charges of rioting, assault and battery, malicious mischief and aggravated assault in connection with a recent attack upon the editors and the plant of the Free Press, a local weekly newspaper. All of the men are prominent rice growers.

BOGOTA, Columbia, Dec. 15.—Many persons have been killed and a large number injured by an earthquake, which today destroyed two small towns in the region of Ipiales near the Columbian-Ecuadorian frontier.

LITTLE ROCK, Ark., Dec. 15.—Several persons are reported to have been injured in the collision of two trains late tonight on the Missouri Pacific railway at Amboy switch several miles north of Little Rock.

THE HEALTH NURSE

Dr. B. F. Pound says: "Marion county needs a public health nurse, two if necessary. It needs to expend more money for health in proportion to what it spends for highways. The state of Pennsylvania includes four million dollars for health and one million five hundred thousand for roads. Marion county is spending \$800,000 on its roads in five years and nothing for health."

"I know the work of the Pennsylvania health clinic which I observed when I was in Harrisburg last April. That state is known all over the country for its public health work."

Dr. Pound is one of a number of Salem physicians and specialists who have contributed their time without charge at the various health clinics conducted under the direction of the Marion County Health association during the year.

INCOMPLETE REPORTS FROM REVOLT GIVEN

Meagre Information Brought In From Border Points in Mexico Contain Little Information

SONORA AND SINALOA HELD BY FEDERAL MEN

Official Statement Issued at Del Rio, Texas, Says Estrada Abandoned

(By The Associated Press)

The meagre reports on the revolutionary movement in Mexico—all of them received by way of border points—contain little information on the military conflict but continue to tell, according to their sources, government or revolutionary reports, of various and sundry matters regarding that movement.

Official reports from San Antonio, Tex., report that Sonora and Sinaloa are still in the hands of federal troops with General Flores announcing his loyalty to President Obregon. The same dispatch says that Tampico also is guarded by loyal troops.

A rumor reaching El Paso of the revolt of federal troops at Camargo, state of Chihuahua, the garrison comprising about 400 men, was denied by federal officials at Juarez.

An official statement by the Mexican government issued at Del Rio, Texas, reports that because of the advance of federal troops the insurrectionist General Enrique Estrada, are abandoning him.

Man Is Speechless and Can't Read or Write

Mystery surrounds the identity of an elderly man who walked into the police station Saturday and was held overnight for investigation. He had lost his speech, and apparently was unable either to read or write. Questions put to him by the police were answered by a nod of the head. Dr. C. E. Cashatt, city health officer, examined the man, but could not determine the cause of the loss of vocal powers, which he believed to be recently, possibly within the last 24 hours.

The man appears to be a working man, about 50 years old, and though his personal effects, consisting of a small bundle of clothes in a gunny sack,

New Load Ruling Becomes Effective on December 22

Beginning next Saturday, December 22, a new ruling will go into effect in the county governing the weight of loads which may be hauled on unimproved roads. The order by the county court was filed in the county clerk's office yesterday. It will be in effect until May 1.

Under the state law a weight of 600 pounds to the inch is permissible, but under the ruling by the court a restriction of 350 pounds to the inch is placed in vehicles that have an entire tire width of 40 inches or more the concentrated weight bearing on the surface of the highway at contact with the tread of the two wheels on an axle shall not exceed the product of the sum of the entire width of the two wheels of such axle multiplied by 350.