

The Weather — OREGON —
Rains; no change in temperature; strong southeast gales along the coast. Monday—Max, 51; Min, 34; River 4.2 falling; Rainfall .34; Atmosphere cloudy; Wind northwest.

The Oregon Statesman

EIGHT PAGES TODAY
Do you know that there are only twenty more shopping days until Christmas? Shop early, pack and wrap carefully and mail early.

SEVENTY-FOURTH YEAR

SALEM, OREGON, TUESDAY MORNING, DECEMBER 2, 1924

PRICE FIVE CENTS

CONGRESS NOW OPEN; ROUTINE AFFAIRS TAKEN

Sixty-Eighth Congress Re-convenes for Final Term With Show of Outward Calm; Hold Recess

COOLIDGE GIVES ANNUAL BUDGET MESSAGE TODAY

Leaders Believe Session Will Be Marked With Many Stormy Debates

WASHINGTON, Dec. 1.—With an outward calm viewed generally as only the forerunner of storms that are to come, the 68th congress reconvened today for its final session. It must give way on next March 4th, to the new congress elected last month.

The opening was brief and perfunctory. The senate was in session exactly 20 minutes and the house 55 minutes. The only departure from the usual opening routine was the adoption of the house of a resolution for a congressional memorial service for Woodrow Wilson on December 15.

Each house adjourned at noon out of respect to the memory of members who have died recently, after it had adopted resolutions of respect. Before that, new members had been sworn in and a joint committee had been named to advise President Coolidge that congress was in session. This committee did later in the day.

President Coolidge's message to the executive branch of the government, which he would transmit tomorrow, would send in his own annual message on the state of the union. This will not be delivered in person, thus obviating the necessity for a joint session.

Facing the necessity of passing more than a dozen annual appropriation bills in three months, congress will get down to business tomorrow. The house will receive the interior department supply measure and begin its consideration on Wednesday.

The program in the senate will be similar, although the republican steering committee will not map out a definite program until late this week or next week. Meanwhile, however, the senate will give attention to Muscle Shoals which comes up Wednesday under a special order.

Will Be Referred
The present expectation is that it will be sent back to an agricultural committee. While a new legislation of importance will be proposed and take its place on the calendars with much that came over from the last session, there is little prospect of action on many matters other than the supply bills. The republican insurgents still hold the balance of power and their leaders have declared they will continue a drive for their program.

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OREGON PIONEER CALLED BY DEATH

Mrs. Catterlin, Salem Resident for 45 Years, Passes Away Monday

Mrs. Della Adeline Catterlin, age 81, died at her home, 465 North Twelfth, where she had resided almost continuously for 45 years, shortly before noon Monday. Mrs. Catterlin was born in Indianapolis, Ind., on June 15, 1843, coming to Salem in 1875, where she continued to make her residence almost without a break. She was a member of the W.R.C. for a great many years. Her husband, S. B. Catterlin passed away in August, 1920.

Mrs. Catterlin is survived by three sons and one daughter, F. J. Catterlin, of Los Angeles; W. Ed. Catterlin, of eastern Oregon; Frank Catterlin, of Portland; and Mrs. Florence Irwin, of Salem; six grand children and one brother, N. R. Brassfield, of North Dakota. Funeral arrangements have not yet been completed.

Mrs. Cummins Given \$500 in Damage Suit

NEWBERG, Ore., Dec. 1.—In the suit of Edna F. Cummins, tried before Judge Belt at the McMinnville, for \$50,000 damages for defamation of character, against the K. K. K. organization of Newberg, the jury returned a verdict Saturday for \$500 damages against eleven alleged members of the clan: Mayor Enoch A. Ellis, three Stevens brothers, Grande, Carl and Byron; two Grotf brothers, John and Vera; W. A. Bond, Mrs. Perry Miller, James Ferris and Dunton.

High School Trophies Outgrowing Showcases And More are Expected

Salem high school has a problem in caring for the many trophies that have been awarded the school during the past seasons. There are two cases of cups, vases and various awards in the hall way, and additional cases must be secured at the end of this school year, when the Salem high school student body again starts bringing home the awards.

Of the outstanding awards, the silver cup presented by the Oregon Agricultural college for the best prepared and edited annual is the most interesting. It has been won for two successive years by the Clarion staff and they are hot on the trail to win it the third year, in order that the prize may be kept in the school.

The Salem school has a debate cup, which was presented by University of Oregon for champion

REPUBLICANS GIVE REPORT

Nearly Two Million Dollars Received as Campaign Contributions by GOP

WASHINGTON, Dec. 1.—Campaign contributions received by the republican national committee between October 25 and November 5 inclusive totalled \$1,199,338.44. William V. Hodges, national treasurer, reported today to the clerk of the house, while expenditures in the same period totalled \$1,628,520.99.

Of the amount contributed, \$463,803.72 was received by the national headquarters in Chicago and \$728,969.06 at the New York headquarters. Expenditures at the former office were placed at \$1,235,918.09 and at the latter \$339,628.90.

Contributions under \$100 listed for the period totalled \$245,919.12, and contributions of more than \$10 amounted to \$853,918.82. The report filed today, it was pointed out, was the final report of the committee and was supplementary to reports previously made to the public on contributions and expenditures.

The sum received from the Oregon Republican state central committee was \$5,000.

EGYPTIAN CABINET DISCUSSES CRISIS

Report That Minister Has Resigned Untrue; Prowlers Are Fired On

CAIRO, Dec. 1.—(By the Associated Press.)—The Egyptian cabinet sat until late tonight discussing the situation growing out of the demands of Great Britain in connection with the assassination of Sirdar Stack. The British considered that no official statement regarding the British demands had been published until tomorrow.

Although it was reported today that the minister of communications had resigned it was said tonight such was not the case. Tewfik Pasha Rifaat has accepted the portfolio of minister of education and no difficulty is expected in filling the remaining vacancy of minister of public works.

Last night sentinels posted in the British residency grounds fired upon two persons presumed to be prowlers.

Music and Dance in Lobby Arranged As Feature of Open House at Hotel

Frank Bligh Invites Public to Inspect New Furnishings Wednesday; Restaurant Will Also Be Opened for Business

Music by the Orpheus, a 7-piece orchestra, at 8 o'clock with dancing in the lobby from 9 o'clock until 11 o'clock will be a pleasing feature of the "open house" to be held at the New Salem Hotel, in the Hughes building, Wednesday night. Frank Bligh, manager, has issued a cordial invitation to the public to come and inspect the new hotel.

The new hotel has 61 rooms with bath or shower and no expense was spared in its furnishings, which are the best that money can buy. Mr. Bligh has spent more than \$20,000 in the equipment. An automatic stoker in the basement will keep the temperature at a constant point.

It will not be until Thursday morning that the New Salem hotel will be open for business under the management of George B. Crater, former manager of the Palace hotel in Missoula, Mont. for six years. Mr. and Mrs. Crater have been in Salem for nearly a week.

With open house at the hotel, year.

KEYTE TELLS HOW FRIENDS WERE ROBBED

Swindler Who Fleed with Two Million Dollars Is Returned with Twelve One-Dollar Bills

EXPERT IN FRENZIED FINANCE CONFESSES

Victims Said to Have Begged to Buy Stock in Fake Panama Oil Scheme

CHICAGO, Dec. 1.—Leo Keyte who fled from Chicago a year ago with a large portion of the \$2,000,000 that friends, relatives, and acquaintances had begged him to invest for them in a fake Panama Oil scheme returned today with 12 one-dollar bills in his pocket and the clothes he wore as his only assets.

Tonight, sitting in the office of State's Attorney Robert E. Crowe, the promoter of the Bayano oil bubble, who was arrested last week in Halifax, calmly related his method of promotion which caused the money to flow in so fast that he often took the cash of his friends and relatives under protest.

Keyte, after making what the state's attorney termed a clean

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FLAX INDUSTRY HELD BIG AID

Would Develop Valley Declares Kay; Flax Mill Quota Filled Tonight

Relation of the flax industry to the development of Salem and the surrounding community was well illustrated by Thomas B. Kay at the regular weekly luncheon of the Salem Chamber of Commerce Monday noon.

Giving many figures to support his views Mr. Kay stated that there should be a market created to care for the local produce raised by the farmers and to give him a profit for the crops he produced. One way of giving the farmer the profit he should have was the planting of flax, and the establishment of flax mills in Salem, he said.

"The opportunity to do this is here and every loyal citizen should support E. C. Miles in his project," was the statement of the speaker. One particular phase of the flax industry was pointed out by Mr. Kay and that was the market for fisherman's twine which existed in the Pacific northwest. At the present time over 1,000,000 pounds of the twine is consumed in the northwest alone. Of this amount 300,000 pounds was handled by one firm in Seattle. That market will be ready to receive the products of the Salem mills, was his contention.

That the flax crop was the most profitable one that the farmer could plant, because it brought profit to the grower and to those who handled the product, Mr. Kay stated that from a ton of number 1 and 2 long flax fibre grown in the Willamette valley for manufacturing purposes would produce about \$12 for the flax seed, between \$65 and \$70 for the flax fibre, and \$5 for the tow.

At the present time the State of Oregon is equipped to handle all flax grown in the valley. With the \$36 which is paid to the grower and the \$80 which the state would receive for retting the flax and preparing it for manufacturing purposes there was a margin of great profit. It would be the one way of making the penitentiary self-supporting in addition to building up an industry in the Willamette valley, which would cause a market to be established for the staple products of the farms here.

Mr. Kay contended that there was an overproduction of staple products here and the only salvation of the farmer was to grow a crop that would free him from this factor.

The linen manufacturing industry was free from complicated processes than any other textile industry. There is always a staple market, which does not vary from season to season, but remains the same for a comparative number of months. Hence, manufacturers could run their machinery during a period of depression, and workers would not suffer from the shut-down of the mills, which otherwise would take place.

According to the statement of Mr.

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FAMOUS VESSEL STILL IN DOCK AT BREMERSON

Battleship "Oregon" Fund Not Touched By Adjutant; Federal Aid Is Lacking

Not a dollar has been spent of the \$30,000.00 appropriated by the legislature for bringing the battleship "Oregon" from Bremerton to Portland harbor, according to the annual report of the military department as submitted to the governor by Brigadier General George A. White, commanding the national guard, and who was vested with authority to spend the money in conjunction with the state general staff.

General White reports his refusal to accept the battleship during the past year unless the government spent all sums for conditioning, and while state and government were once within a few thousand dollars of an agreement, the adjutant general stood pat in refusing to spend a dollar on the vessel.

As the matter now stands, the report indicates by a reproduction of correspondence with the navy department that the old battleship is in a condition of status quo as to its final disposition. The government, at last accounts, was unable to put up the money immediately needed to put the ship in condition and the state refuses to provide the necessary funds.

WOOL IS SOLD

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 1.—A total of 700,000 pounds of Idaho's 1924 wool clip was sold here today at prices ranging from 12 to 18¢. The largest lot at the sale amounted to 300,000 pounds. It was offered by the Van Dusen Brothers company and brought 55 1/2¢ a pound.

DEBATE TEAMS ARE SELECTED

Seven Varsity and Freshman Candidates Survive Try-outs Held Last Night

Final selection of the Willamette university debating squad was made last night when Charles Redding, Joel Berreman, and James McClintock were successful in the try-outs against 14 other contestants. These men will be added to the squad now composed of Ward Southworth, Victor Carlson, and Warren Day, veteran lettermen. Mr. Redding, who placed first in the try-out is a freshman, while Berreman and McClintock are sophomores. Professors Harding and Erickson, and Coach Coach Rahnkopf acted as judges.

The freshmen intercollegiate debaters were also selected in the try-out. Those who succeeded in making places were Earl Pemberton, William McAllister, John Hill, and Heredith Woodworth. William Hamel, and Russell Cox were chosen as alternates.

The University of West Virginia will appear on the local platform February 7. Outside of this contest no final arrangements have been made. Contracts incorporating the terms for debates with institutions on the tour to commence March 15 were sent out yesterday by Victor Carlson, chairman of the forensics council. About twelve leading schools have agreed to meet Willamette and details in regard to the trip are fast being cleared up.

Contests are also being arranged for the Freshmen speakers. A meeting of the new squad will be held this afternoon and advance research and debate practices will be held. A trip to Eugene Wednesday evening to hear the Oxford-Oregon debate is being arranged for the squad.

NEW SALEM BONDS BRING HIGH PRICE

Record Set in Offering of Ladd & Bush Bank; Premium Is \$2121.25

The highest price ever paid for Salem improvement bonds was contracted last night by the Ladd & Bush bank of Salem, who agreed to pay a premium of \$2121.25 for Bancroft bonds amounting to \$32,385.54. Consequently the city of Salem received a total of \$34,506.79 for the issue of improvement bonds.

The Lumberman's Trust company offered a premium of \$1881.59; Ladd & Tilton offered \$1050.80 per \$1000 above par; the United States National bank \$1065.03 above par, and the Freeman, Smith & Kant company submitted a bid of \$1053.81 for the bonds.

Following the action of the council upon the closing of the deal, Councilman Patton introduced a motion making it possible for bids to be entered for bonds up to a meeting of the common council.

Head of Agriculture Department and Chairman of Federal Commission To Plan Aid for Farmer



This photograph, taken in Washington, shows H. M. Gore, Acting Secretary of Agriculture, and R. D. Carey of Wyoming, chairman of a special commission appointed by President Coolidge to conduct a comprehensive survey of farm conditions throughout the country. Relief for the farmer will be based on the commission's observations and recommendations.

STATE WITNESS TAKES ALL DAY

Prosecution Scores in Forbes Trial; Division of Profits Related

CHICAGO, Dec. 1.—(By The Associated Press.)—Elias H. Mortimer of Philadelphia and Washington, the government's chief witness in the conspiracy trial of Charles R. Forbes and John W. Thompson for defrauding the government, occupied the witness stand in federal court all day today describing the alleged agreements between the contractors and Forbes for splitting the profits of the hospitals constructed for wounded service men. He was about half way through his story when the adjournment bell sounded, indicating his direct testimony will fill nearly all of tomorrow's session.

Introduction of letters and telegrams exchanged between Mortimer and Thompson and James W. Black, relating to the awarding of the hospital contract, was strenuously objected to by the defense, but the objections were overruled. One long document, purported to describe the plans of the Columbian syndicate, a South American development project of Thompson, Black, his business associate, and others of which Forbes was supposed to be chief engineer, was withheld from the jury for examination by defense counsel.

Mortimer testified today that Black, now dead, and Thompson offered Forbes the job as chief engineer at \$100,000 a year, while Forbes was head of the Veterans' bureau and Mortimer testified that Forbes accepted. The Columbian syndicate, Mortimer testified, had visited Mortimer, offered contracts for \$100,000,000 and Forbes was to help in obtaining these.

President-elect Espina of Colombia was introduced to Forbes on a visit to New York, Mortimer testified and the contractors told Forbes to use his influence to have President Harding speak in favor of Thompson and Black when Espina was presented to President Harding.

The firm of Thompson and Black had retained Mortimer, he testified for 35 per cent of the net profits they made out of Veterans' bureau hospital contracts. On a trip to Atlantic City in May 1922, Mortimer testified he told Forbes he would give half of this 35 per cent on all the contracts. Forbes gave the firm.

G. C. LITCHFIELD DIES ON MONDAY

Old Salem Resident Passes Away at McMinnville; Funeral Wednesday

Gilbert C. Litchfield, aged 92 years, passed away Monday afternoon at McMinnville, following an illness. Litchfield was a former resident of Salem and has lived in and near Salem for the last 60 years. He is a brother of George P. Litchfield, 1082 Center street.

Gilbert Litchfield was born in Connecticut, June 14, 1832 and came to Oregon in 1858. Funeral services will be held from the Macy mortuary, Wednesday morning at 10:30 and burial will be in the Roseway cemetery at Portland at 2 o'clock.

Musical Comedy Appears in New Light

When Cherrians Present Annual Show Opium Smugglers, Sailor Girls and Gypsies Seen in Love-Making Scenes; Big Cast Wins Praise From Audience

By AUDRED BUNCH
Musical comedy took on new lights last night when the Cherrians brought to a big Salem house "G. S. Susan Nipper" at the Grand theatre. F. Ray Felker directed the performance and took the Irishman's part, under the name "I. McCorker," and proved himself with his hatch of red hair and florid complexion and persistent demands for "a pall," a perfect scream.

Opium smugglers, sailor girls, and gypsies followed through scenes of love-making, music, and "brookedness," the audience acquainting themselves in turn with Captain Tarr (A. A. Geoffrey); Lee Gage (Jack Lucker); Sallie Sall (Miss Helba Davanport) who decided to "stick"; Commodore Knott (Earle W. Hendrick); Georgia Gale (Mrs. Verna Couder Frank) who proceeded to "the top"; the Steward, (Lloyd Strausbaugh), and Miss Terry Mann (Mayle Hunter).

Effective sea backgrounds were used, the first act opening on the promenade deck of the ship. Sailor girls in costume for the first promenade were: Nancy Savage, Elvira Gould, Edith Brotherton, Madeline Watson, Cleo Walker, Margaret Borishman, Gertrude Barkley, Helen Savage, Hattie Brown, Hazel Hamman, Doris Kimmel, Edith Haun, Ethel Livesley, Thelma Janz, Marjory Mellinger, Kathryn Savage, Margaret Tucker, Fay Wassam, Lucille Pettyjohn, Elsie Boyton, Reatha Nash, Laura Mary, Helen Glue Knott, Tarr, the Steward, and the engaging chorus all pleased time and again with popular numbers and take-offs. Colorful gypsy airs by Sallie Sall, Gage, and the chorus introduced a picturesque scene in the play with Sallie the fortune teller who revealed to the would-be lover his diamonds and spades. At this interval were presented: Madeline Watson, Laura Mary, Margaret Burroughs, Lucille Pettyjohn.

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FEW BILLS ARE INTRODUCED IN HOUSE SESSION

Only Twenty-five Measures Are Presented; Two Hundred Private Bills Are Proposed

THREE GENERAL BILLS REFER TO TAX RETURNS

Immigration, Narcotics, and Muscle Shoals Measures Are Considered

WASHINGTON, Dec. 1.—A surprisingly small number of bills in view of the six months lapse of congress, were introduced in the house at the opening of the final short session today and even one was introduced in the senate. The situation was accounted for in part, however, by the fact that bills introduced at the last session and not disposed of remain on the calendars of both chambers.

Only 25 bills of general application were introduced in the house, and, even more unusual, only 200 that fall into the classification of "private" measures, carrying provisions of interest only to limited localities, were proposed. In addition, a joint resolution was introduced by representative Wright, democrat, Georgia, to authorize appointment by the president of a joint congressional commission to study and report on offers for Muscle Shoals.

Refer To Tax
Three of the "general" bills introduced today proposed amendment of the conflicting publicity provisions of the revenue act of 1924, one of which required that income tax returns be opened to public inspection, which would prohibit publication of such returns in newspapers, magazines and other journals.

Several of these bills also call for amendment of the immigration law. The Muscle Shoals commission proposed in the Wright resolution would consist of two senators and three representatives to be appointed by the president. They will be required to report for the consideration of congress within 30 days after appointment, propose as to the lease of the dam, power houses and nitrate plants at Muscle Shoals and at Sheffield, Ala. All proposals submitted, however, would have to guarantee the full use of the plant for the manufacture of explosives for the United States. Aliens who have more than 40,000 tons of nitrates in the form of fertilizer would be required in time of peace.

Chairman Johnson of the house immigration committee introduced a bill under which aliens would be deported if convicted of violations of the narcotic or liquor laws, if sentenced to one year or more imprisonment, or if convicted more than once for the violation of the statutes of the United States or any of its territories or possessions. Aliens who have become public charges for causes duplicated after their entry into this country or who entered by means of misleading information, also would be deported under the proposal and no aliens would be

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PRESIDENT'S POWER TO PARDON ARGUED

Counsel in Supreme Court Holds Right Is Not Invested in Executive

WASHINGTON, Dec. 1.—The president's pardoning power was debated at length today by counsel in the supreme court.

The question was raised by Philip Grossman, who by habeas corpus brought on an order of the federal district court in Chicago requiring him to serve a sentence for contempt notwithstanding a pardon by President Coolidge. Counsel for the district judge, who refused to recognize the pardon as within the president's constitutional powers, insisted that the life of the judiciary was dependent upon its unfettered and complete authority without executive interference to enforce its decrees.

Contenting that all contempt proceedings were alike and within the complete control of the courts, the judge's counsel argued that there could be no distinction between those contempt created in the presence of the court, contempt designated from an official, and contempt arising out of refusal to obey injunctions, which are generally termed criminal.

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