

The Weather — OREGON —
Rain with moderate westerly winds. — Thursday's Report—Max. 52; Min. 41; River 5.8 rising; Rainfall 1.26; Atmosphere Cloudy; Wind south.

The Oregon Statesman

TWELVE PAGES TODAY
Just seventeen more shopping days until Christmas. You will find many suggestions in this issue of the Statesman that will help you choose appropriate gifts. Read the ads.

SEVENTY-FOURTH YEAR

SALEM, OREGON, FRIDAY MORNING, DECEMBER 5, 1924

PRICE FIVE CENTS

UNIFORM CITY PLUMBING LAW BEING SOUGHT

Special Committee Appointed to Investigate Conditions and to Draw Up Necessary Ordinance

BEST WORK IMPOSSIBLE UNDER PRESENT SYSTEM

Plumbers Admit Quality Not What It Should Be But Say Are Helpless

A committee composed by three members of the city council and six members from the plumbers of Salem was appointed last night by Mayor John B. Giesy to formulate plans for the enactment of a uniform city ordinance for plumbing. At present time there is no machinery by which the plumbing of Salem is properly inspected and handled. The purpose of the committee will be to investigate thoroughly the present situation and to draw up the necessary ordinance.

Aldermen Dancy, Van Patten, and Simeral were appointed to represent the interests of the city and Ed Pratt, Joe Bernady and A. C. Nelson for the Master plumbers and Fred Lelay, E. S. Patton, and Charles Humphrey are to appear for the journeymen plumbers.

The meeting is called for Monday night at 7:30 o'clock and will be held at the city hall.

Want Qualified Men
Representatives from the local plumbers' association and the journeymen plumbers of Salem, and members from the ways and means, police, and the plumbing committees met at the city hall to consider the matter. After two hours deliberation the committee was adjourned.

The plumbers want a qualified man to fill the office of plumbing inspector in Salem, and one who is qualified to judge the work which they have performed. At the present time the city has an inspector who takes care of the plumbing and sanitation. There is, however, too much work for one man to do and the plumbers are demanding that the office of inspector of plumbing be appointed.

According to the state law an officer is required where there is a board of plumbers in an incorporated city of over 4000 population.

Work Not Satisfactory
According to their own word, the plumbers of Salem are not giving the best service that is possible. They claim that the "curbstoners" who come into Salem are causing them to fall down on the quality of work that is given to the citizens. They claim that their work has fallen down because of the competition of outside men. It becomes necessary that they reduce the quality of their work to compete with the curbstone workers. Salem citizens have, therefore, suffered because there has been inadequate inspection of plumbing. At the present time a state license is required to do plumbing in the city, and an officer means of checking up on the work performed by the plumbers is in effect.

L. J. Simeral, who has been on leave from the city council during the past three weeks, was brought to the meeting at the request of the council members. Simeral is not able to be on his feet very long at a time, and it will be two or three weeks before he can come down town.

RAILROADS FIGHT REDUCED RATES

Action Taken Against Lowering of Express Rates by Government Board

ST. PAUL, Minn., Dec. 4.—(By the AP.)—Fifty-three railroads launched a fight against a reduction in express rates authorized under an order of the interstate commerce commission May 17 to become effective January 1 in a suit filed in United States district court here today against the federal government and the American Railway Express company. The case attacks the validity of the interstate commerce commission's order of May 17, and asks that that part of it which requires reductions in class express rates in zones 2, 3, 4, and 5, be adjudged illegal.

The railroads ask that enforcement of the order be temporarily enjoined pending the suit, and that a permanent injunction be issued thereafter. Forty-eight percent complaint in the action was filed by W. S. Scandrett, solicitor for the Great Northern railway in behalf of the roads interested.

Naval Affairs Target Of New Investigation; Results Not Obtained

WASHINGTON, Dec. 4.—Investigation by the senate naval affairs committee to determine the availability of naval yards and personnel for future naval construction and repair work is proposed in a resolution introduced today by Senator John King, democrat, New Mexico, by Senator King, democrat, Utah, who was absent.

The resolution stated that the government had expended more than \$150,000,000 in the last 10 years for submarine construction, but that of 224 under water craft delivered within that time none of approximately 100 built by private shipbuilders "have proved satisfactory."

Asserting that the government "is not obtaining proper and adequate results" from its expenditure for naval construction, the resolution named the Lake Submarine company of Bridgeport and the Submarine Boat company of New London, Conn., as having taken "millions of dollars of profit" on the submarines which have

LICENSE FEES RECORD GAINS

Total of 193,000 Motor Vehicles Expected Before Books Close This Month

Receipts from licenses issued this year show an increase of \$684,505 over the amount of business transacted by the state automobile department in 1923. Total registration up to and including November 30 was 191,450 passenger and commercial vehicles; 2756 motorcycles; 509 dealers; 14,546 chauffeurs, and 47,156 operators. The total revenue derived from these was \$4,763,915.

Fees from registration of 2368 motor cars in November totaled \$21,088.55, which is slightly under that for the same month a year ago. Based upon the registration for December last year, it is estimated that the total registration this year will be 193,000 vehicles.

During the year a total of 74,143 visitors' permits were issued to foreign or out of state automobiles. Of this number 39,939, or nearly 50 per cent, were from California, and 17,119 from Washington. The registration station at Ashland checked the greatest number, having a tally of 18,052. Other states in order of registration are Idaho, 3597; Canada, 1048; Colorado, 1004; Montana, 989; Illinois, 825; Michigan, Minnesota, Ohio, Oklahoma, Texas, Utah and Arizona all have around 500 each. Every state in the union was represented, besides machines from Alaska, British Columbia and Hawaii.

CHRISTMAS CHEER TO BE GIVEN MANY

Statesman Christmas Fund Increased \$5 More Today; Family Reported

Here is a family that probably will be helped by the Statesman Christmas fund. It is for just such families, who will not have such a Christmas unless it is given them from some outside source, that the fund is intended. Of course the committee will investigate and see if the family is really needy, and if their report is favorable, which it no doubt will be, help will be given. Read this letter:

Editor Statesman:
As you are raising a Christmas fund wish to inform you about a family that lives at such and such a number on such a street. There are four small children who will have no Christmas cheer unless some outside assistance is given them as their father hardly earns enough to furnish food for the family. There are two girls and two boys whose ages are from about 4 to 12.
Friend
The Royal Neighbors of America added five dollars to the list today, bringing the total amount of the fund up to \$30.
The contributions to date are:
D. A. White \$ 5.00
Henry Jaquet 5.00
I. L. McAdams 1.00
Edis Belle Matheson 2.00
Ida Mary Matheson 2.00
Daniel J. Fry 5.00
Francis Rollow 5.00
Royal Neighbors of America \$30.00
Total \$50.00

AIR SERVICE STOPS

RENO, Nev., Dec. 4.—Heavy storms over the Sierra-Nevada mountains prevented the usual air mail flights between Reno and San Francisco today. Mail planes for the east from Reno went out on scheduled times.

SIX ARE DEAD IN COLLISION: TRAINS CRASH

Seven More May Die; Forty Injured When Interurban Electric Is Crumpled by Following Train

SLIPPERY TRACKS SAID TO HAVE CAUSED WRECK

Passengers Mangled When Rear Car Buckles and Leaves Rails

OAKLAND, Cal., Dec. 4.—A Sacramento short line train crashed into a Key route train near the Key route pier here in a rear end collision today, killing six persons and injuring 40 others so badly that seven may die.

A score of less severely hurt were able to continue their work in San Francisco, or returned to their homes on the east side of the bay.

Halted by a semaphore signal one mile from Oakland pier where its passengers were to take a ferry boat for San Francisco, an interurban electric train from Oakland was run into by a following train from Sacramento.

A light rain that was falling may have been the cause of the wreck for trainmen could offer no other explanation than slippery tracks as a reason for the Sacramento train rushing through two blocks of tracks in which semaphore signals were presumably set to stop it. Probably with airbrake locked wheels, they said, the Sacramento train slid into the local, crumpling the rear car, in which most of the casualties occurred. The first car of the Sacramento train was hurled upon the trucks of the local car and was not so badly wrecked. Buckling up the rear and local car it managed to stop on the pier, but that identification was difficult for others it maimed so terribly that their death is expected with hours.

Statement issued
Responsibility for the crash was definitely placed by W. R. Alberger, superintendent of the Key route system, on the crew of the Sacramento train, in a statement issued this afternoon. The Sacramento train passed block signals ordering it to stop, Alberger said. V. C. Brubaker, engineer of the Sacramento train, stuck to his post and was injured, probably fatally.

List of Dead
The dead are Cyrus C. O'Loughlin, manager of the Spencer Lens company, San Francisco; C. M. Doty, chief engineer of Graham & Co., brokers of San Francisco; Frederick J. Gibson, mechanic at Goat Island lighthouse; Frank B. Hoppe, Oakland, an engineer of the Key route who was a passenger on the local train; Miss Lillian Johnson, Oakland; a clerk of the United Grocery company, San Francisco; Mrs. Eva Roberts, Oakland.

According to railroad officials the semaphore signals were working perfectly before and after the accident.

The local train had been halted by a semaphore, they asserted, and they believed the following train in from Sacramento must have passed two semaphore signals; the first a yellow board directing it to proceed cautiously, and then a red board, which meant stop.

At their investigation tomorrow they expected to fix the cause of the accident.

Coroner Grant Miller, the railroad commissioner, Major John L. Davis, will also hold investigations.

Paulo Helms
When the crash came there were shrieks of fear and agony, then a period of silence that was broken by cries of injured. More than a mile out on the Mole from the shore line ambulances could not reach the scene, and a train was being made up to convey the dead and injured to Oakland doctors and nurses aboard the train were aided by volunteers.

Some of the injured waited beside the tracks in the dreary rain but most of them were taken in the undamaged train. The unnamed hero, a telephone lineman of the Pacific Telephone & Telegraph company, with first-aid kits of the company bound up wounds of many, and spectators said he probably saved several of a number of the badly injured. He was at work on a pole when the trains came together below him.

Ambulances met the train load of injured and rushed them to Oakland and Berkeley hospitals where tonight several of them were fighting for their lives.

CORONER'S REPORT DECLARES SUICIDE

Formal Official Statement Says Mrs. Addie Sheatsley Died by Own Hand

COLUMBUS, Ohio, Dec. 4.—Mrs. Addie Sheatsley, wife of the Rev. C. V. Sheatsley, pastor of Christ Evangelical Lutheran church at Bevelly, whose body was found in the furnace of the Sheatsley home, committed suicide, coroner J. A. Murphy held in his formal report of the tragedy, filed with the county clerk of courts today.

VIGILANTES TIE BOOZE RUNNER TO TREE BY THUMBS

Posse Arrives to Prevent Possible Disorder Between Citizens and Smugglers

REDWOOD CITY, Cal., Dec. 4.—Sheriff T. McConover of San Mateo county left with a posse today for Pescadero, on the sea coast, 50 miles south of San Francisco to prevent possible disorder there as a result of what is reported as a war between citizens and alleged liquor smugglers.

The clash between citizens and alleged smugglers culminated the other night in an attack by a band of unidentified citizens of Pescadero on Victor Diaz, according to reports to the sheriff. Sheriff McConover said Diaz told that he was seized by a group who took him outside the town and hung him with a rope by the thumbs from an oak tree.

When he pleaded for mercy Diaz said, he was cut down and covered with liquor smugglers' operations involving a number of other men.

It is assumed by officials that if Diaz's story is true his assailants constituted a vigilante committee who objected to the town being used as a liquor smugglers' cover.

Other reports received by the sheriff said that smugglers had threatened reprisals on the town and that many of its residents were going armed and had made sponser threats.

PROTOCOL IS AGAIN ISSUE

Notes From Great Britain and United States Received by League

VICTORIA, B. C., Dec. 4.—The fight against Japanese penetration in British Columbia is to be carried on with more determination than ever A. W. Neill, federal member for Comox-Alberni, and chief anti-Asiatic campaigner in the house of commons, announced here today.

The only way to check the illegal entry of Japanese into this country is to put in a measure providing for the registration of every Japanese in the country, just as was done recently with the Chinese, Mr. Neill said. The increase in the number of Japanese along the coast is astounding, he asserted.

Mr. Neill has been visiting a number of his mainland and island constituencies, studying the effects of the amendments he had introduced at Ottawa to cut the number of Japanese in the fisheries industry along the British Columbia coast. The number of Japanese fishing has been reduced by from 15 to 25 per cent a year and the number of their fishing licenses is being heavily cut this year.

The note from the United States was merely a courteous acknowledgement of Washington's receipt of a codified copy of the protocol and of the fact that states non-members of the league may sign it. However, while the league of nations officials are hoping to have later some detailed expression of Washington's views on the protocol itself, they seem content that the United States in continuing her collaboration with the league, has promptly taken notice of the protocol's arrival.

Coming virtually on the eve of the session of the league council, which opens Monday in Rome, Great Britain's reminder to Egypt has created extra-ordinary interest.

The United States, Egypt as a non-member, state has officially received a copy of the protocol. Briefly England has told the league that if Egypt signs the protocol, Egypt does not thereby in the view of England acquire any right to invoke league intervention on those matters which were expressly reserved by England when the British protectorate over Egypt was terminated.

EUGENE SWINDLER BELIEVED KNOWN

Draft Forger Is Said to Have Served Time in Kansas State Prison

EUGENE, Or., Dec. 4.—The swindler who got \$2,710 out of W. E. Miner, local capitalist, Tuesday, by a clever bank draft forgery was named today by Sheriff Frank E. Taylor as A. L. Chance, aged 53, of Ontario, Oreg., now out on a parole from the Oregon State penitentiary to which institution he was committed four years ago from Ontario for 15 years for forging an \$1800 check. He was positively identified, according to the sheriff. No trace has yet been found of Chance. Chance has served time in the Kansas state penitentiary, according to Sheriff Taylor. He was a manager for a lumber company at Ontario.

MOTORLESS PLANES SPEEDY

BERLIN, Dec. 4.—Two interesting flights in gliders have been recorded here. In the Grimes an aviator remained aloft in a glider for five hours and 15 minutes, while in Italy a German flyer traveled 17 1/2 miles in 18 minutes in an airplane without motive power.

John Van A. MacMurray, Recently Appointed Assistant Secretary of State, at White House



Mr. MacMurray, named by President Coolidge as assistant to Secretary of State Hughes, is seen here as he called to pay his respects to the Chief Executive. With him is J. Butler Wright, Third Assistant Secretary of State.

FIGHT AGAINST ILLEGAL ENTRY

British Columbia Will Advance Legislation to End Japanese Invasion

LONDON, Dec. 4.—The British cabinet ministers have been placed under special police protection, says the Daily Mail. This precaution has been taken because of information received from the headquarters of Viscount Allenby, British high commissioner in Egypt, that a plot has been discovered to assassinate prominent members of the British government.

The home secretary attached so much importance to the information that he immediately ordered, according to the paper, certain of his cabinet colleagues to be guarded day and night by armed police in plain clothes.

There is every indication, the Daily Mail says, that the plot is the outcome of propaganda fomented by the Waif—the executive of the Egyptian nationalist organization—whose emissaries are spread throughout Europe, including England.

ORDER GUARDS FOR OFFICIALS

Plot Declared Discovered to Assassinate English Cabinet Members

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DEBATE CONTINUES ON MUSCLE SHOALS

Norris and Underwood Bills Argued for Four Hours; No Action Taken

WASHINGTON, Dec. 4.—Debate on the Muscle Shoals issue broke out in the senate today with the authors of the Norris and Underwood bills both arguing the claims of their respective plans for operation of the project.

Chairman Norris of the senate agriculture committee which reported the Norris bill providing for government ownership and operation of the plant, said that he would be re-arrested if he returned on account of leaving the jurisdiction of the San Francisco court without permission.

In the event of his early return to the south and re-arrest there he had information from Mr. McNab his counsel in San Francisco, that a new bond of \$50,000 would be demanded, which would be prohibitive, he said.

LAND OFFICE BILL IS LOST IN HOUSE

Sinnott Measure to Abolish 39 Offices Is Eliminated by Vote of 68-47

WASHINGTON, Dec. 4.—A section proposing abolition of 39 land offices was eliminated today from the interior department appropriation bill by the house.

The vote was 68 to 47 on the amendment offered by Representative Sinnott, republican, Oregon, to strike out the section.

The Oregon offices at which such consolidations would be effected July 1 next are: Lakeview, Portland, Roseburg, The Dalles and Vale.

The Sinnott amendment as well as the other proposals adopted today, under house rules, are subject to another vote before final passage of the bill, and it was indicated that the fight on the former would be reopened at that time.

CONTINUED AID TO FARMERS IS COOLIDGE'S AIM

President Speaks to Commercial Club at Livestock Exposition; Cooperation Advocated

MUTUAL AID HELD OF GREATEST IMPORTANCE

President and Mrs. Coolidge Are Much Impressed With Exposition

CHICAGO, Dec. 4.—(By Associated Press.)—Promise of continued governmental aid to agriculture, an appeal to the nation's farmers to take full advantage of such assistance and advice to business to cooperate with those on the farm were made today in two addresses made by President Coolidge during a 13-hour visit today to Chicago.

The visit to the livestock exposition and the address to the representatives of American agriculture was the primary purpose of the president's trip.

In the address to the Chicago Commercial club he declared business must henceforth consider itself an integral part of the life of agriculture of the country.

"The commercial and industrial side of our nation has been giving much thought to what are the means and corn to transportation and to their prices and not enough thought to the men and women who are engaged in agriculture to their welfare and to their prosperity," he asserted.

Mutual Faith Asked
The same principle of mutual aid, he continued, must be applied to the relationships among the nations. Even among the nations, he said, "there must be mutual understanding, mutual faith and confidence."

He emphasized, however, that in this relationship there should be no sacrifice of independence and freedom of action.

"I do not believe," he said, "that we are strong enough to accomplish any permanent good in the world through the indiscriminations of mere unorganized, undirected generosity. We can only help those who will help themselves. In any other rule, I am convinced, would lie disaster for us, and increase misfortune for those we are seeking to serve."

Arriving at the livestock exposition just at dusk after a five-mile drive through the cheering throngs, the president and Mrs. Coolidge and the members of their party were taken to the prize exhibit in the cattle yards.

They made their way among the pens over the regular visitors runways, then stopped at the model meat shop, the boys and girls club and finally passed between rows of steamheated, electrically lighted stalls for the individual prize exhibits.

THURSDAY IN WASHINGTON

Debate on Muscle Shoals was begun in the senate.

The house continued consideration of the interior appropriation bill.

Howard M. Gore was confirmed by the senate as secretary of agriculture.

Subscriptions to the new treasury bond issue were closed, the issue being greatly oversold.

Secretary Mellon in his annual report predicted years of prosperous and healthy conditions.

The internal revenue bureau reported to congress it cost \$1.24 to collect each \$100 in revenue taxes.

Senator Ladd, of North Dakota, insurgent republican, was dropped from the republican steering committee.

A navy board reported it was unable to decide the cause of the explosion on the cruiser Trenton off Norfolk.

The interstate commerce commission submitted its annual report with no important new railroad legislation requested.

Men Battle for Life for Three Days in Open Boat