

The Weather — OREGON — Fair in east and cloudy and foggy in west portion; moderate temperature; variable winds. Saturday—Max. 59; min. 45; river, 5.5, stationary; rainfall, none; atmosphere, part cloudy; wind, southeast.

The Oregon Statesman

Twenty-two Pages Today
Only nine more shopping days until Christmas. This issue carries many suggestions for practical gifts. Read the advertisements—they will assist you in making up your list.

SEVENTY-FOURTH YEAR

SALEM, OREGON, SUNDAY MORNING, DECEMBER 14, 1924

PRICE FIVE CENTS

INSTITUTIONS WILL DEMAND HUGE AMOUNT

Legislature Will Be Asked to Approve \$2,659,480 for Maintenance During Coming Biennium

EIGHT RETURN MONEY INTO GENERAL FUNDS

Only Two Show Deficit Incurred During Past Two Year Period

The state legislature will be asked for \$2,659,480 to maintain the 10 eleemosynary, penal and educational institutions for the next biennium, according to the recommendations of the state budget commission, which has just completed its task.

This amount is \$46,023 less than the total appropriated for 1923-24, but \$97,967 in excess of the actual expenditures for the biennium for the 10 institutions turned back into the general fund approximately \$114,000. Of the 10, eight institutions showed an unexpended balance ranging from approximately \$1500 to \$62,500, while two showed a deficit. The state tubercular hospital \$87,000 and the Old Soldiers' home at Roseburg, \$4,000.

4551 Are Inmates

All the amounts recommended are for salaries and operation and do not include new buildings. The 10 institutions reported an average total population of 4551 inmates. The total appropriation for 1923-24 was \$2,705,514.

Maintenance of the state hospital is the largest single expense, for the 1900 average population costs \$17.50 a month each. Salaries will amount to \$237,120 and operation \$420,380. Repairs, replacements and improvements are estimated at \$27,625, giving a total of \$955,825 for the next biennium. The appropriation two years ago was \$973,000, including \$314,000 for general maintenance and \$40,851 for repairs and improvements. The estimated expenditures for the past biennium were \$815,128.

Over 225 in Prison

Recommendations for the state penitentiary are for an appropriation of \$393,590. Of this amount \$114,800 will be needed for salaries and \$278,790 for operation. The total general maintenance for an average of 225 inmates at \$30 a month, including the salaries and operation is \$373,000. General repairs will add \$15,000 and a fund of \$500 to aid paroled prisoners is needed. The appropriation two years ago was \$329,000, which included \$20,000 for maintenance, \$9,000 for transportation of convicts and \$37,000 for general repairs. The total estimated expenditures for the past biennium was \$330,014.

Many Feeble Minded

With an average population of 850 at \$16.25 a month each, the state school for feeble minded will cost \$241,250. This includes \$139,340 for salaries and \$201,910 for operation. General repairs and improvements amount to \$20,450, bringing the total needed to maintain the institution during the biennium to \$361,000.

SATURDAY IN WASHINGTON

The naval appropriation bill, carrying \$88,285,578, was reported to the house.

The Blue Ridge of Virginia was selected as a national park site for the eastern section of the country.

The Chamber of Commerce of the United States urged President Coolidge to consider an economy conference.

Increases in postal rates on virtually all classes of mail except letters, were raised by Postmaster General New.

The house committee which framed the naval appropriation bill reported no ground for alarm that "our naval prestige is rapidly waning."

Major General Patrick, chief of the army air service, told a house committee army aircraft now used were obsolete.

The house shipping board committee was told the board held claims aggregating \$117,000,000 on which it estimated only \$5,000,000 could be collected.

Secretary Wilbur's testimony before the house appropriations committee disclosed his opinion that the United States would have to spend \$110,000,000 annually for 20 years to maintain a navy equal to Great Britain and superior to Japan.

Uncle Sam Refunding Large Sums of Money Paid by Salem Firms

The Washington bureau of the Portland Journal has been publishing tax refunds made to individuals, firms and corporations of Oregon, as reported to congress by Secretary of the Treasury Mellon, listing those only above \$500. Among those reported in that paper of last evening are the following for Salem:

Commercial Cider Works, \$3,402; Northwest Fruit Products Co., \$4602; The Phe Co., \$4337; The Phe Co., \$25,621.

Dr. E. E. Fisher of Salem was in the list a few days ago for a refund, and J. Wolfard Co., Silverton, were in the list of yesterday for a \$553 refund.

The refunds from the Commercial Cider Works and the Northwest Fruit Products company and the Phe Co. were for over payments on fruit juices, made mostly several years ago, as far back as 1918.

H. M. Miall was the president of the Phe Co. company at that time, and he registered vigorous protests against the over charges, and made trips to Washington to have justice done to his company; but to no avail then.

C. M. Miall is now in charge of The Phe Co. company, and is president of the Northwest Fruit Products company, and he will with his associates get the benefits of these tardy acts of justice.

Arthur F. Beardsley, Salem, route 8, was the owner of the Commercial Cider Works on North Commercial, near North Mill creek. When the over payments were made on fruit juices, and he is the beneficiary of the present refunds.

There are probably several more payments to be made to Salem people on these accounts—and the above sums do not represent all the money coming back to the firms and people named. Perhaps the full amount will be around \$50,000 for The Phe group alone.

The fact is, a lot of money got away. Those who over paid on fruit juice revenue taxes, mostly through the over payments made to the treasury receipts. They are getting refunds only in cases where the receipts are produced.

PUBLISHERS TO SCHOOL BOARD PROTEST RATES MEETING HELD

Increase in Postal Service Will Prohibit Mailing of Newspapers

WASHINGTON, Dec. 13.—Advances in postal rates, designed to yield very close to the proposed \$68,000,000 a year increase in the day of postal employees were suggested to congress today by Postmaster General New.

They would affect virtually all classes of mail except letter mail. Simultaneous with the transmission of the postmaster general's recommendations to the president, the postal committee of the American newspaper publishers' association attacked the departmental measure declaring that the suggested increase of \$10,376,000 annually on second class mail consisting of newspapers and periodicals, would have the effect of doubling the rates on newspaper circulation going through the mails.

"This action by congress," said a statement from the association, "will have the double result of reducing the revenues accruing to the department and absolutely forbidding the circulation of daily newspapers in the mails."

CANADIAN BANDIT MAY BE IN SEATTLE

Dominion Officials Search for Men Who Robbed Bank of \$40,000

SEATTLE, Dec. 13.—At least one member of a band of bandits who escaped yesterday with \$40,000 from the Nanaimo branch of the Royal Bank of Canada was being sought near here for participation in recent Seattle robberies, Chief of Police W. B. Severyns declared tonight on receipt of descriptions of the robbers from bank clerks.

Authorities announced that Canadian police officers were hastening to Seattle with warrants for the arrest of at least one of the suspects.

Christmas Season Finds Salem Dressed in Best Holiday Attire and Smiling

Apex of Shopping Is Reached Saturday When 1200 Persons Pass Corner of State and Liberty During 15 Minute Count

Salem, as though realizing that Christmas comes but once a year, seems bent on making this one an event of note. Like a family preparing to entertain the pastor of their church at Sunday dinner, Salem has bedecked herself with all of the season's finery. Shop early stickers greet the eye upon all sides, and every store window has its array of splendors to catch the attention of the passer-by.

Every thing in the human scale of understanding, from a shoe string up to a diamond ring, and all the way down the scale again to a Ford car has its place of prominence, if for only a few short days, after which it must all surely be relegated to the stock shelves there to await the coming of another Christmas. But why think of that now. The stage is set for a splendid time, the weather is perfect, and every one is so happy, what more can be asked?

Saturday undoubtedly marked the apex of this season's shopping crowd. Every farm for miles around Salem must have been de-

NAVY PROBLEM IS ALTERED BY TESTIMONY

Fitness of American Fleet for Warfare Is Questioned in Testimony Given to House Committee

SECRETARY WILBUR ASKS LARGE APPROPRIATIONS

Government Must Spend \$110,000,000 Annually Next 20 Years, Stated

WASHINGTON, Dec. 13.—The controversy as to whether the American navy is fit to fight found new fuel today with the publication of confidential testimony given to a house committee during the preparation of the annual naval supply bill.

The committee itself reported to congress that it did not feel "the country need be alarmed" that "our naval prestige is rapidly waning."

Accompanying this report was an official transcript of the testimony of Secretary Wilbur that the government must spend \$110,000,000 annually for the next 20 years for new construction if the navy is to be maintained on an equal footing in all branches with that of Great Britain and superior to that of Japan.

COUNCILS NOW CLOSED

France Willing to Base World Policies and Settle Disputes By Protocol

ROME, Dec. 13.—(By the Associated Press).—Laying new emphasis on the power of the Geneva peace protocol to allay the anxieties of mankind, the thirty second session of the council of the league of nations adjourned today with its members expressing determination to pursue the study of the protocol at the March meeting and inaugurate arrangements for an international conference on the reduction of armaments.

France has given notice through former Premier Briand that she is ready to base her world policies on the protocol and henceforth submit all her disputes for arbitration. She was ready, it was stated, to even examine amendments to the protocol in a friendly spirit.

The French government also made it clear that if the other great powers do not want the protocol, it will not be the fault of France if the peace system provided by it falls and the republic is driven to continue its series of defensive alliances and increase its military strength so that the future security of the country may be safeguarded.

The members of the council separated this evening without taking any action on the Anglo-Egyptian dispute.

EMPLOY VETERANS CONTRACTORS TOLD

State Highway Commission Requests Preference Be Given to Soldiers

The state highway commission has requested all contractors going state contracts to give consideration to the employment of ex-service men on their contracts in order to relieve the unemployment situation as far as possible. Quoting from a letter on this subject as follows:

"There seems to exist at the present time a large amount of unemployment among ex-service men, which this department desires to help relieve as soon as possible.

"It is requested that when employing labor for work under your contract with this department, in so far as practicable, preference be given to honorably discharged soldiers, sailors and marines, and to citizens of the United States.

"This same subject is also covered in the conditions of your contract which will appeal to you in the present emergency as a patriotic duty."

ECONOMY IS URGED BY BUSINESS MEN

U. S. Chamber of Commerce Asks Conference for Tax Reduction

WASHINGTON, Dec. 13.—American business as represented in the Chamber of Commerce of the United States urged President Coolidge today to consider the advisability of calling a conference of representatives of the several states with a view of promoting economy in expenditures and reduction in taxation.

The suggestion was made as a part of a program submitted by the chamber as a means of aiding in the recovery of agriculture. It was presented by a special committee consisting of Richard F. Grant, president of the chamber; Julius H. Barnes, former president and Lewis E. Pearson chairman of the chamber's executive committee.

"The administration has played a great part in tax reduction," the committee said in a statement issued after the conference with the president. "The chamber hopes that the administration will particularly consider the advisability of some form of contract with the governors of each state that they may facilitate legislation and administrative action—state, county and municipal—toward the utmost economy, particularly of taxes which rest on farm lands."

FAMOUS CLUB PUTS ON ANNUAL FROLIC

Cabinet Members and Diplomatic Set Attend Mirth and Music Feast

WASHINGTON, Dec. 13.—(By the Associated Press).—The gridiron diners had their winter frolic tonight to the accompaniment of mirth and music in which public men and officials came in for the usual good natured roasting of the gridiron of this oldest club of Washington newspapermen correspondents.

Gathered at the banquet table as guests, as heretofore, were President Coolidge, members of the cabinet, of congress, the diplomatic set, several governors of states, and men prominent in the business and professional life of the country.

As a graceful interlude, the club presented to the retiring French ambassador, Jules J. Jusserand, dean of the Washington corps, a decoration in the form of a large golden gridiron similar to the one it presents to "Uncle Joe" Cannon on the occasion of his retirement from congress.

Sandwiched in between the skits of comedy and music were speeches. Under the rule of the club none may be published.

MOTHER-IN-LAW CAUSES GOSSIP BY DAMAGE SUIT

Salem Druggist, Out of One Similar Action, Again Likely to Face Court

Gossips were busy yesterday and many were the conjectures that were passed when it became known that Mrs. Janet Waller, mother-in-law to Z. J. Riggs, Salem druggist, had brought suit against her son-in-law for \$9,000 for alleged damages received when she was injured in an automobile accident a few months ago.

The machine driven by Mr. Riggs collided with one operated by Andrew Junor, former golf professional at the Illihoe Country club, early in the spring. Mr. Junor sued for \$20,000 and was awarded approximately \$1500 for his injuries. Mrs. Waller was riding in the Riggs' machine.

Though the judgment went against Mr. Riggs, it is understood that he was protected by a special insurance policy covering such suits, and the amount was paid by the insurance company.

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BEARCATS ARE MATCHED WITH CALIFORNIANS

New Relations Grow Out of Northwest the Conference While Anticipated Split Is Averted

FOOTBALL SCHEDULE IS NEARLY COMPLETE

Oregon, USC, Washington and Aggies to Play Willamette Next Season

The opening of athletic relations with two California institutions, the University of Southern California, and the College of the Pacific, was one of the outstanding things gained by Willamette university at the meeting of the northwest conference which ended Saturday afternoon in Portland after a two day session. These two schools are Methodist institutions and will meet Willamette in both basketball and football if present plans materialize. The entire Willamette schedule, one of the most promising ever drawn up by the university.

Twelve Hoop Games

Twelve basketball games on the home floor with every team in the northwest conference included were provided for by Coach Rathbun. In addition, several schools will be met on a trip to be taken before the season commences on the home floor. Games away from home have already been arranged with Whitman college, University of Washington, the College of Puget Sound, Multnomah club, and others will be added to the list later.

A barnstorming tour during the Christmas holidays to get the team into condition is being planned and Town and American Legion teams will be met on this trip. While the games are still tentative, it is practically certain that the University of Southern California will be here for a game February 27 and the College of the Pacific somewhat later. Oregon, the trip north, Southern California will meet Oregon, OAC, and Washington.

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ELDERLY MAN IS BUYER OF BOOZE PLANE; WILL FLY

Confiscated Ship Bought By Man 73 Years Old for \$485; Plans Flight to East

SPokane, Wash., Dec. 13.—An airplane, declared by H. S. McClure, federal prohibition agent for eastern Washington, to be the first liquor smuggler's airplane to be captured in the northwest, was sold here at auction today to Z. Fisher, 73, of Spokane. The plane was captured in February, 1923, near here.

Mr. Fisher bought the machine for \$435 and declared he will make a trip in it to Omaha, Neb., next summer to visit relatives. He said he made a trip from Portland to Spokane by air in five hours, recently.

Flood Mark Within Six Inches of Record Stage

SEATTLE, Dec. 13.—Flood waters in the Nooksack valley were receding tonight after they had reached within six inches of an extreme high record yesterday. Ross Alverson, Snohomish county engineer, reported that dikes threatened with highwater were holding and that the flood dangers were past unless heavy rains occur within 48 hours.

DEBS WILL GO AS DELEGATE

Socialist Party to Have Representation at Progressive Conference

WASHINGTON, Dec. 13.—The national executive committee of the socialist party voted here today to send delegates to the convention called by the conference for progressive political action in Chicago February 21 for the purpose of deciding whether the political forces which supported the presidential campaign of Senator La Follette last fall shall be marshalled into a permanent national political party.

More than 100 delegates, Eugene V. Debs and Bertha Hale White were named as the socialist delegates. At the same time the socialist decided to summon a national convention of its own party, to be held on the same date and in the same city as the progressive gathering.

ELKHART, IND., DEC. 13.—ONE POLICEMAN WAS FATALLY WOUNDED, A WOMAN PROPRIETOR OF A NEGRO ROADHOUSE NEAR HERE WAS INSTANTLY KILLED AND TWO OTHER MEN WERE SHOT BUT NOT SERIOUSLY INJURED TODAY WHEN A NEGRO, KNOWN ONLY AS IKE, RAN AMUCK IN THE ROADHOUSE WITH TWO PISTOLS IN HIS HANDS. HE WAS IN TURN SHOT AND KILLED BY AN OFFICER.

LARGEST APPLE SALE REPORTED

Hood River Sells 300,000 Boxes; Greatest Shipment in Northwest

HOOD RIVER, Ore., Dec. 13.—The Apple Growers' association today sold to New York City export apple merchants the entire remaining export tonnage of all grades and varieties of apples, totaling 300,000 boxes. The sale, which will involve payment of an approximate \$500,000, was the largest in the history of the northwestern apple industry.

Official Prison Hangman and Veteran Guard Is Enjoying "Forced Vacation"

William Lamb, Spanish War Veteran, Let Out About a Month Ago; Served as Government Executioner in Philippines

For more than 30 years William Lamb served his government in various capacities and for a number of years has been employed as a guard at the state prison. Past experience in the Philippines, where he was government executioner, made his appointment as official hangman at the penitentiary a matter of course. At present Lamb is taking a forced vacation in Portland, having found a notice in his mail box that his services at the prison were needed no longer. This was about a month ago. Warden A. M. Dairyple referred the writer to the ex-guard for an explanation as to his leaving the institution.

Ex-guard Lamb is a member of the United Spanish War Veterans and served in the Islands as a member of the constabulary. It was while he was in this capacity that he found it necessary to personally superintend the demise of hundreds of natives. This figure has been placed as high as 700 with a record of between 35 and 40 in a single day. Since coming to the state prison he has placed the noose around the neck of every condemned man, stopped the gallows and signaled for the three guards to each pull their lever, one of which sprung the trap. It is not a personal matter with him, but merely routine duty. An unpleasant one, but one that must be performed for the state.

While serving in the Philippines Mr. Lamb was badly wounded in the abdomen.

During the World War, Mr. Lamb was a state officer and while on duty was badly injured in a motorcycle accident, the effects of which are still noticeable. He has served under many administrations at the prison.

The scaffold in the Bertillon room and execution chamber of the penitentiary was built under his direction.

Before leaving Salem for Portland Mr. Lamb left word that he would return the first of the year.

GOMPER'S BODY LIES IN STATE NATION IS SAD

Loss of Labor Chief Mourning by People in All Walks of Life; Career is Illustrious

SOLDIERS FORM ESCORT FOR FUNERAL CORTEGE

Services Will Be Held in Washington; Burial at Tarrytown, N. Y.

NEW YORK, Dec. 13.—Chaplain of the Elks and the Masons and two other officers of the service for Samuel Gompers in the Elks club here next Thursday, Hugh Frayne, national organizer of the American Federation of Labor, announced tonight in making public arrangements for the funeral of Mr. Gompers.

According to present plans the body of the labor leader is scheduled to arrive here at the Pennsylvania station at 7 o'clock Wednesday morning.

The funeral train will be met at the station by an honor committee of fifty representatives of national and local labor organizations.

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Stranger to the rugged Sam Gompers, could he have looked upon them, would have been the scenes of his funeral cortege, as his mortal body was started on its long journey home.

With the home of a general, but also with the sentiments of the humble, labor's late chieftain was to be borne toward the rising sun by a passing throng.

His last ride in this city of his death was to be on an ordinary street car, and the last escort for the man who had fought all his life, but always in civilian clothes, was to be composed of men in military uniforms.

The government, whose hands he had upheld in peace and in war, stepped in to claim the body for the whole American people and through the United States army, the American people officially took back their dead. His last words were: "God Bless Our American Institutions," and one of those institutions—the United States army—claimed that he belonged to them as much as to any body.

Soldiers from Fort Sam Houston were assigned to the escort. Not only labor possessed him, they said, but the country also.

The music of a military band and the rumble of a military carriage were to be his requiem. Firemen and the police of the city, San Antonio's municipal officials, her citizens and her host of labor bowed in common homage to a more than common master.

Sleeping in his great bronze pa-

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STATESMAN FUND CREATING INTEREST; RECEIVE LETTERS

Committee to Be Selected to Investigate Families Reported Destitute

The Statesman Christmas fund is attracting a great deal of attention and interest. Several letters have been received telling of needy families and every list will be promptly investigated by competent authorities. A committee will be selected which will pass upon these and a report will be sent to contributors but will not be published in the paper under any circumstances. The entire object of this fund would be lost if the list were made public. The contributors deserve acknowledgment but the recipients will be respected in their privacy.

Those who have contributed 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	10.00
A. Friend	1.00
Francis Hollow	5.00
Royal Neighbors of Am.	5.00
J. L. Ingray	2.00
A. Friend	2.00
Mrs. J. R. Chapman	5.00
A. Friend	5.00
Tom K. Fry	10.00
A. Friend	1.00
Elmo S. White	25.00
E. A. Rhoten	5.00
A. Friend	5.00
W. H. Henderson	5.00
W. O. Conner	5.00
Daniel J. Fry	5.00
Edw. T. Barber	5.00
Mrs. P. H. Strand	2.00
Salem Women of KKK	5.00

Total \$112.00