

**The Weather** — OREGON —  
Rain or snow  
and colder; fresh northerly winds. Monday.  
Max. 42; Min. 33; River 4.5 falling; Precipitation .64; Snowfall 3 inches; Atmosphere cloudy; Wind northwest.

# The Oregon Statesman

Eight Pages Today

Only seven 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, TUESDAY MORNING, DECEMBER 16, 1924

PRICE FIVE CENTS

## THREE DEAD; TWO WOUNDED IN TRAGEDY

### Vancouver Man Kills Wife and Daughter; Two Children Seriously Wounded; Commits Suicide

### FAMILY QUARREL STARTS OVER FINANCIAL MATTER

### Boy and Girl Flee for Shelter; Hit By Bullets From Father's Gun

VANCOUVER, Wash., Dec. 15.—In a family quarrel over money, J. M. McGinley tonight shot and killed his bride of five days; then shot and killed Lucille, her four year old daughter, using both a revolver and an axe on the girl. McGinley then shot and injured Jack, 12, his wife's son, and Minnie, 8, a daughter, and as officers approached, shot and killed himself.

McGinley was reported to have taken place in a shack on the Magley race track near Vancouver. Minnie ran frightened from the place and was struck by a bullet as she fled. Jack, too, was shot as he ran away. Both were hit in the legs. Their injuries, however, were not said to be serious.

McGinley and Mrs. G. M. Calloway came to Vancouver five days ago from Montana and were married here. They then took living quarters at the race track, asking permission from the Magleys to stay several days.

The trouble was said to have started over money owed to McGinley by his brother, when the two were in business in Montana.

Mrs. McGinley, said Jack, who appeared to be an unusually intelligent youngster, demanded that her husband get the money from his brother at once or she would call the police. "All right," McGinley was said to have replied, drawing his revolver. "I'll fix you."

McGinley then fired at his wife, killing her instantly.

Then he turned on Lucille. She died shortly afterward in the Vancouver hospital.

Chief of Police McCrite and Harry Williams, state traffic officer, were the first to reach the scene. As they approached they heard a shot. Entering they found McGinley lying on the floor. He had apparently died instantly.

Before her marriage Mrs. McGinley was Mrs. G. M. Calloway and lived for several years near Spokane, Wash. Her husband was arrested several years ago as a suspect in the robbery of a bank at Vader, Wash. Later she obtained a divorce and some time afterward went to Texas, where she is said to have met McGinley. The pair, officers said, went from Texas to Montana by automobile and McGinley engaged in business with his brother.

### Vancouver Hit By Severe Gale; Zero Temperature

VANCOUVER, B. C., Dec. 15.—Wind assuming nearly cyclonic proportions tore through the Fraser valley today, disrupted automobile and railroad traffic, and blew down telegraphic and telephone lines at several places. The gale was accompanied by a severe drop in temperature, the thermometer hovering near the zero point tonight.

## MONDAY IN WASHINGTON

Memorial services for Woodrow Wilson were held at the capitol.

The national conference on street and highway safety began a meeting at the call of Secretary Hoover.

Corporation incomes derived from export trade were held by the supreme court not exempt from the income tax.

The department of justice reiterated its intention to leave the Weohawken, N. J. liquor cases to the local authorities.

Navy air experts, it was learned, have plans for a six million cubic feet airship which would be the largest ever proposed.

A favorable trade balance of \$198,000,000 for November was shown in American trade figures issued by the commerce department.

Looseness in execution work in the internal revenue bureau was charged by Chairman Couzens of the senate investigating committee.

The senate judiciary committee appointed a sub-committee to investigate the Washington Herald's editorial on the Underwood Muscle Shoals bill.

## Anti-Picketing Bill Is Again Introduced After Has Long Laid Dormant

After being covered with dust for several months in the archives of the city council, the anti-picketing ordinance was passed by the city council by a margin of four votes last night. The ordinance was first introduced to the city council some months ago during a series of picketing operations, which were in process at that time. Only two readings had been given the ordinance when it was returned to the dark.

Last night, however, it was quietly brought to the meeting unheralded. Members of the city council did not know that it was to be brought up for discussion. It was read and voted upon by 12 council members, eight of whom voted yes and four no.

The ordinance is designed to prohibit loitering, picketing, carrying or displaying of banners for certain purposes named in the ordinance, and carries a penalty for the violation thereof.

Following a motion to lay the matter upon the table which was lost, the ordinance was brought to a vote and declared constitutional, saying that it was in direct conflict with state laws pertaining to picketing and anti-picketing.

There was no meeting of the labor council to help frame the ordinance, it developed during the

meeting. Neither was there a public meeting of any sort, wherein discussion of the matter was taking place.

Councilman Dancy asked for an opinion from the city attorney, who stated that he had not been consulted regarding the ordinance and therefore could not give a statement concerning it. He said, however, that he could give a written statement later.

L. J. Simeral, who is a member of the labor council as well as the city council, stated that he had not heard any discussion of the bill.

Councilmen voting in favor of the ordinance were George Alderlin, B. B. Herrick, Hal Patton, W. W. Rosebraugh, H. Galloway, H. Vandervort, C. Van Patton, and G. Wendenoth. Those voting no were W. H. Dancy, L. J. Simeral, George Thompson, and Ralph Thompson. The ordinance is framed along the same lines as the one of Los Angeles.

According to the opinion of local labor leaders it will not be declared unconstitutional, saying that it was in direct conflict with state laws pertaining to picketing and anti-picketing.

## WHEAT FUTURE NOT POLITICAL

### Expert Holds Solution of Problems Depends Upon Economic Principles

The solution to the problems of the farmers is not political, but must be found on sound economic principles, according to F. L. Shull, general manager of the Pacific Flour Export company and prominent Portland business man, who spoke on the "American Farmer and His Relations to Foreign Wheat Markets" at the Chamber of Commerce forum Monday noon.

The chief remedy is to inspire co-operation in production and consumption, and until the farmer and grower and the business men get together little can be accomplished, he held. The speaker took a firm stand against any proposed price fixing by the government.

"Canada and Argentina are the main competitors of the United States in the production of wheat," Mr. Shull said. "Wheat can only be produced profitably upon cheap lands and the trend has always been toward the west. Argentina produces ten times as much present crop, and Canada is using only one-sixth of the land adapted to wheat production. The average yield in Canada for the last five years was 16 1/2 bushels an acre. Wheat is produced 50 cents a bushel lower than in the United States and is of a better milling quality. Land values are much less, averaging \$40 an acre against \$79 in this country. Freight rates are

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## FIRE DEPARTMENT HAS ACTIVE YEAR

### Estimated Damage About \$28,000 Caused By Blazes—Many Miles Covered

The annual report of the Salem fire department discloses that for the year ending December 1, 1924, a total of 234 alarms were answered in which 395 miles were covered and 18,150 feet of 2 1/2 inch hose and 3,500 feet of 1 1/2 inch hose was laid. In the meantime the fireboys raised 649 feet of ladder and used 1,203 gallons of chemicals.

The loss of buildings during this time was \$9,415.65, while the insurance paid on buildings was \$3,255.95. The loss on the contents of the buildings amounted to \$18,220 and the insurance amounted to \$11,120.

During the past year eight alarms were answered outside the city.

## WOOD ALCOHOL POISONS EIGHT

### Six Men and Two Women Dead From Holiday Liquor; Five More are Dying

NEW YORK, Dec. 15.—Eight persons—two women and six men—are dead and five reported dying as the result of an epidemic of poison liquor cases here since last Saturday. Sixty-seven persons, including 11 women, are now in the alcoholic ward of the Bellevue hospital.

## CHRIS KOWITZ IS NAMED NEW CITY ATTORNEY

### Van Patton Resigns From Council and Mrs. Anderson Elected to Park Board; Return Other Officers

### COUNCIL CONSIDERS SEVERAL ORDINANCES

### Dogs and Parking are Discussed; Routine Business Occupies Meeting

Chris Kowitz, present assistant city attorney, was elected city attorney to succeed Ray L. Smith, who recently resigned, at a special meeting of the city council last night. He will take office at the first of the year.

Other changes in the personnel of the city officers will be Damon Fleener, who was elected to fill the vacancy in the council left by C. Van Patton, who resigned January 1. Mr. Fleener was a candidate against Alderman Galloway in the sixth ward. Mrs. Everett Anderson was elected a member of the park board to succeed Miss Edith Hazard, who in turn filled the vacancy left by Mrs. A. N. Bush. The office of plumbing inspector was wished upon Batty Cooper in connection with his duties as sanitary inspector, who was re-elected.

All the present city officers were re-elected. They are Frank A. Mintz, chief of police; Harry (Buck) Hutton, fire chief; Hugh H. Rodgers, city engineer, and Dr. William B. Mott, city health officer.

Plumbing Ordinance Read An ordinance providing for plumbing license and examination of plumbers was read for the first and second time and will come up for final action during the next meeting of the city council, according to the action taken last night at the regular meeting of the council, which is incurring coming up for the first and second reading concerned the driving over sidewalks, private driveways, dirt in gutters and the kinds of signs to be placed in cases of contagious diseases.

An ordinance regulating the keeping and running at large of dogs and for their impounding was discussed in an ordinance, which was read for the first time last night. The bill concerns the improvement of the present city pound, which is incurring much criticism. Conditions at the pound, it is said, are very bad.

Parking Not Permitted Cars cannot be parked longer than two hours between the hours of 12 o'clock and the early hours of the morning if the ordinance that was read is passed. It was brought up for the first reading last night. Ordinances assessing the cost of improving the alleys in blocks 67 and 81 were discussed. The council milled over a mass of detail preceding the main business of the evening. Such matters as petition for the grading of McCoy from Market to Madison were considered. The petition to improve South Twenty-four and South Twenty-first was not granted. The same time befell the petition for a lateral sewer on Nebraska.

Plans and specifications for a concrete aqueduct on Division street was read for the first time and ordered filed.

Lights Not Allowed Street lights came in for a hard knock this time. Petitions for lights at Liberty and State, McCoy and Hood, Norway and Madison, and on Waller at Fourteenth and Nineteenth were not granted. However the Page & Jewett company was granted permission to erect a light on the east corner of the city council to a fitting close last night, when a resolution which was to provide for the commencement of proceedings to down such improvements, went down to defeat by a vote of 3 to 9.

The climax came when Alderman Vandervort demanded a roll-call and after the result stated that the remaining councilmen would receive stinging rebukes because they had sent the resolution to a mitigated defeat.

## SHOALS PROBLEM MUST BE SETTLED

### Position on Question Must Be Declared; Further Delay Impossible

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—The senate, under an unanimous consent agreement, must declare its position on government or private operation of Muscle Shoals by 3 p. m. tomorrow.

Senator Underwood, author of the Underwood Muscle Shoals bill now before the senate has demanded such an expression of the senate in its vote, on the Smith amendment which would strike out of the bill the entire leasing clause and leave only the government operation provisions. The Alabama senator holds that the amendment would strike out the heart of his bill and has said he would regard the vote on it as a forecast of the final vote. The opposition, meanwhile, is centering its effort to kill the bill through support of the amendment.

## Vandervort's Last Meeting With Council Lively One

Putting up a strong argument for the property owners on north Summer, Councilman H. H. Vandervort brought his last session with the city council to a fitting close last night, when a resolution which was to provide for the commencement of proceedings to down such improvements, went down to defeat by a vote of 3 to 9.

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## GRAVEYARD FRAUD PLACES TWO MEN IN TOILS OF LAW

### New Version of Time-Honored Gold Brick System Worked Successfully in Los Angeles

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 15.—John R. Osborne and C. C. Fitzpatrick used the Osborne-Fitzpatrick finance corporation to dig between \$3,000,000 and \$5,000,000 in fraudulent profits out of a graveyard promotion scheme, according to the federal indictment on which they were arrested here today charged with using the mails to defraud.

F. G. Waterman, an associate of the finance corporation founders, also was arrested. His bail was placed at \$15,000, while Osborne and Fitzpatrick were released on bonds of \$25,000 each.

The three men were secretly indicted after an investigation of several months had revealed, federal authorities said, that the defendants sold cemetery lots for from \$150 to \$2500 to customers by promising them fabulous prices. Burial space was so scarce in and about Los Angeles, their salesmen were alleged to have said, that bodies were being buried two-deep in the existing cemeteries. So readily were investors convinced of the big profits to be had by providing rest places for the crowded dead that the agents had no difficulty in disposing of a 65-acre tract comprising the Valhalla Memorial park north of here, and an adjoining 52-acre tract called the Valhalla Mausoleum park.

## ROTARY LADIES ARE ENTERTAINED

### Fine Program and Dinner Offered By Club at Marion Hotel Last Night

An excellent program and banquet was offered at the Marion hotel last night for the annual ladies' night of the Rotary club, when wives and friends of members were entertained.

Prof. I. E. Yining, of Ashland, president of the State Chamber of Commerce, was the principal speaker. He was introduced by George Griffith, Rev. J. J. Evans, vice president of the club, read the Rotary principles. T. B. Kay, president, presided.

Special music was furnished by Frank Jue, Chinese tenor, who has appeared in recitals and theaters along the coast. Mr. Jue lives in Portland and is a student at the University of Oregon. Several numbers were given by the McDowell ladies' quartet. The hotel dining room was decorated for the occasion, featuring flags and the Rotary emblem.

## CONFESSION HELD UNTRUE BY WOMAN

### Mrs. Elsie Sweetin, Accused of Poisoning Husband Takes Witness Stand

MOUNT VERNON, Ill., Dec. 15.—On the witness stand today for the second time in her own behalf, Mrs. Elsie Sweetin, who, with Lawrence M. Hight, former pastor, is charged with the murder by poison of her husband, and Mrs. Anna Hight, told Judge Kern that she had signed a confession that she gave her husband poison three times—once in candy, once in oatmeal and once in tomato soup—but declared that it was not true.

"I signed it because Hight told me to," she said. "I never poisoned my husband."

"He told me when they left him in the room with me at the Mount Vernon court house that everybody believed I had poisoned my husband and that there was a mob forming and that unless I confessed the officers would let the mob get us and hang us," Mrs. Sweetin said. "I believed what he told me and I signed the confession, but it is not true."

## PURVINE BREAKS WRIST IN FALL

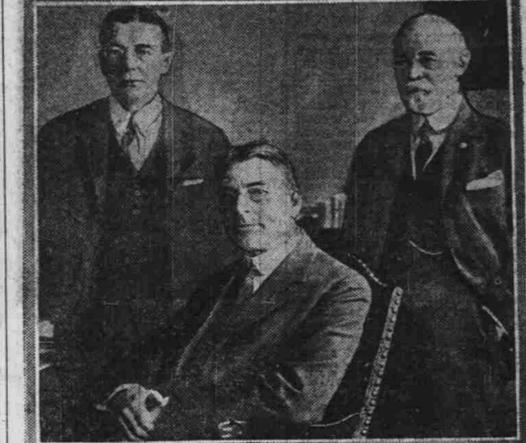
### Slippery Pavement Too Much for Alderman Who Had Been on Sick List

S. E. Purvine suffered a fractured left arm at the wrist when he slipped and fell on the pavement Monday morning, while on the way to his office. The accident occurred on South Commercial between Court and State.

Mr. Purvine was returning to his office after being confined to his home for nearly three weeks. He is a member of the city council.

It was reported that he was resting comfortably as could be expected at his home, last night.

## Theodore D. Robinson Assumes New Navy Post, Has First Conference with Secretary Wilbur



This photograph was made the day Theodore Douglas Robinson of New York took up his duties as Assistant Secretary of the Navy. He met the various heads of Navy Department in the office of Secretary Wilbur. Robinson and Admiral Edward W. Eberle, Chief of

Operations, are standing and Secretary Wilbur is seated. The new Assistant Secretary succeeded his cousin, Col. Theodore Roosevelt. In announcing the appointment, President Coolidge said that it was the last request made of him by the late Senator Lodge.

## FRANCE WILL OUST REBELS

### Outbreak in Algeria and Morocco Feared; Spain Fails to Give Aid

PARIS, Dec. 15.—(By the AP.)—France will be compelled to take precautions in Morocco to strengthen her frontier protections and may have to exercise the right of pursuit in chasing rebels out of French occupied territory should the unrest increase, it was said in official circles tonight. Such measures, it was explained, would be taken solely for the protection of Algeria and French Morocco.

France has no desire to annex territory evacuated by the Spaniards, it was said. Under the French-Spanish Moroccan convention of 1912, Spain is responsible for the maintenance of order in her zone. Juridically if Spain does not fulfill her obligations, she forfeits her rights, and if the sultan of Morocco requests France to intervene to suppress a rebellion against the sultanate in the Spanish zone, it was said Spain would have no grounds to object.

## TAX RECEIPTS SHOW DECREASE

### Last of Quarterly Payments in; Reports Indicate Large Reduction

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—With the last quarterly payment of income and profits taxes theoretically in the coffers of the government and semi-annual payments on their debts to the United States accounted for from four foreign governments, the treasury tonight approached the end of the December cycle of financing.

It received payments today estimated at \$336,000,000 and practically \$92,000,000 in installments on the funded debts of Great Britain, Finland, Lithuania and Hungary. At the same time it retired in excess of \$400,000,000 in maturing certificates of indebtedness. Its financing operations will not be complete, however, until results of the present funding program through the issue of new long term bonds is concluded December 29.

The tax receipts (although estimated, are regarded as nearly correct and represent a reduction of \$10,000,000 from receipts in the same period last year.

## SHIP BREAKS LOOSE

SEATTLE, Dec. 15.—With fourteen girls aboard, the Camaraderie, a former United States shipping board vessel was torn from its Lake Union moorings here tonight by a gale and driven across the lake, crashing three house boats and damaging one of nine newly-built government rum chasing vessels.

## FEED THE BIRDS!

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## PIERCE IS HIT BY 2 OPINIONS

### Ousted Fish Commissioner and Legislative Candidate Is Favored

Members of the fish commission are appointed for fixed terms by and removed by the governor not only for cause and Dr. T. W. Ross, recent ousted member of the fish commission, has a right to be heard in his own behalf and to demand a statement of the cause which Governor Pierce may have for his removal, according to the opinion of I. H. Van Winkle, attorney general, in answer to an inquiry from the fish commission. The statutes require that before any removal order becomes effective the commissioner shall have had a notice including a statement of the causes justifying the dismissal.

Governor Pierce recently sent a telegram to Dr. Ross advising him of his removal from the commission, but gave no reasons for his action. Attorney General Van Winkle said it might be a week or so before he would have anything to say regarding his ouster of the commissioner.

Another opinion going against action by the governor was also issued Monday by Attorney General Van Winkle, who held that Governor Pierce has no alternative other than the issuance of a certificate of election to A. G. Rushlight, who was among the victors in the Multnomah county legislative race upon the faces of the returns. The opinion held that the duties of the governor and secretary of state in canvassing the election returns and issuing election certificates are entirely ministerial and that they have no right to go back on the faces of the returns. Should Governor Pierce refuse to issue the certificate, the successful candidate has the right to bring mandamus proceedings, the opinion holds.

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## TWO MEN HURT IN SEAPLANE WRECK

### Naval Aviators Receive Serious Injuries When Plane Takes Nose Dive

SAN PEDRO, Cal., Dec. 15.—Commander Fred M. Perkins, battlefleet gunnery officer and Lieutenant Malcolm Selby, naval aviator, were critically injured late today when their small fighting plane, piloted by Selby, went into a nose dive at 2000 feet and crashed into the sea a few feet from the San Pedro breakwater.

Small craft in the vicinity hastened to the wrecked plane and extracted its unconscious occupants. Aboard the USS Colorado, Surgeons said Commander Perkins had sustained four breaks in one of his legs, several broken ribs and internal injuries. Lieutenant Selby, whose home is in Bellingham, Wash., suffered a broken arm and three broken ribs, as well as possible internal injuries.

A naval court of inquiry has been ordered to convene tomorrow to investigate the accident.

## SNOWY MANTLE DESCENDS UPON WHOLE VALLEY

### Gales Threatening on Either Side of Salem Though Thawing Continues Here Until Midnight

### FREEZE IS FEARED BY WIRE COMPANIES

### Lines to Be Operated at Normal Today; Condition General in West

With 60-mile gales reported from both Montana and San Francisco, Salem is apparently in for more of the storm which visited the community Monday morning, though the thawing continued until midnight last night. The weather man was undecided last night what would be next, but predicted "either rain or snow, and possibly colder." Fear was expressed yesterday that a repetition of the "big snow" of 1919 might occur.

Snow started falling shortly before 9 o'clock and before it ceased early in the afternoon nearly four inches of a white mantle had covered the ground.

Wires Reported Down Toll lines leading in all directions from Salem were reported out of commission or working under difficulty, for the wet snow clung to everything that it touched. Several of the main line cables and poles were broken by the weight of the snow. At 4 o'clock in the afternoon, with one toll line leading to Portland still open, nearly 90 calls were waiting. Unless a heavy freeze sets in, this afternoon should see all damage repaired, according to W. H. Dancy, manager of the telephone company.

Both the Western Union and the Postal Telegraph companies experienced difficulty with their lines and it was early afternoon before they were reported as normal. Messages were received "subject to delay." Persons using telephone poles or wires of any kind that have fallen are urged to cooperate with the companies and notify the head offices.

Slight trouble was experienced by the PEP company. It was announced by W. M. Hamilton, manager of the Salem office. The high voltage wires escaped, and only the lighter wires were disarranged by the weight of the snow. The damage was repaired before the day was over.

Stage service at the Terminal office was continued as usual, although the huge machines were delayed from their regular schedules on the Portland-Salem run. Stage drivers from Reporting and Albany reported they did not encounter much snow until Albany was reached. The drivers reported the fall of snow in Portland as twice that here.

Though motorists were cautious, a total of 21 motor accidents were reported by the police by early hour last night. The peak was reached in the early part of the afternoon, though they were dis-

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## Christmas Fund Grows; Clothing Is Received

### Need for Cook Stove Is Pressing; Committee Will Be Announced Soon

The Statesman Christmas fund continues to grow and although names are being reported of worthy recipients of the fund. They will all be investigated and there will be no duplication. Clothing has been contributed by Mrs. H. L. Ritchie, WCTU, West Side Circle, Janna Lee church, and Mrs. Smith. Mrs. E. A. Harris sent groceries. Two comforters were received; also one cook stove, although another is needed. Somebody ought to supply another cook stove at once.

The fund will be closed in a short time and the committee announced who will have charge of the distribution. The following are the cash contributions to date:

D. A. White	5.00
Henry J. Hight	1.00
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 Am.	5.00
J. L. Ingrey	2.00
A. Friend	5.00
Mrs. J. R. Chapman	5.00
A. Friend	5.00
Tom Kay	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. C. Conner	5.00
Edw. T. Barber	5.00
Mrs. P. H. Strand	2.00
Salem Women of KKK	5.00
A. Friend	1.00
A. Friend	5.00

Total \$118.00