

The Weather — OREGON — Generally fair and continued cold; fresh northerly gales along the coast. Tuesday—Max. 29; Min. 17; River 4.6 ft. Rainfall—none; Atmosphere cloudy; Wind north west; Snow on ground, 2 inches.

The Oregon Statesman

Eight Pages Today

Only six 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, WEDNESDAY MORNING, DECEMBER 17, 1924

PRICE FIVE CENTS

HARVEST FOR 1924 BRINGS HIGH PRICES

Farm Products Valued at Over Nine Billion of Dollars; Corn Maintains Rank as King of Crops

PRICES ARE HIGHEST IN FIVE YEAR PERIOD

Total Producing Acreage Not as Extensive as for 1923, Report Says

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16.—This year's harvest of important farm crops, the highest priced in five years, though not the greatest in volume of products, was valued at \$9,479,902,000 today by the department of agriculture.

Better prices than last year placed the value \$753,013,000 higher than last year when the total, as revised, was \$8,726,888,000, and \$1,682,882,000 higher than 1922 when they aggregated \$7,316,020,000.

The combined acreage of the principal farm crops was smaller this year than last, there having been a total of 355,210,400 acres as compared with 355,594,730 in 1923.

Potato Crop Large

Both the spring and winter crops were extremely satisfactory but corn had an unfavorable season. Cotton, planted late, was affected by drought to some extent, but a fair crop was produced. A large crop of potatoes on a smaller acreage than in recent years resulted from unusually favorable weather.

Corn maintained its rank as king of crops and although production was 600,000,000 less than last year, its value was \$188,000,000 more than the 1923 crop. The total value of corn was placed at \$2,495,468,000. Cotton ranked second with a total value of \$1,682,882,000, of which \$1,487,225,000 was the value of lint and \$195,657,000 the value of seed.

Hay with a total value for tame and wild of \$1,467,648,000, was third crop in point of income. Wheat ranked fourth with a total value for spring and winter of \$1,136,596,000.

FEEBLE-MINDED TO ENJOY XMAS

Four-Day Program, Musical Numbers, and Big Dinner are Arranged

The program for Christmas at the state school for feeble-minded is arranged for four days. The first day, December 22, is to be devoted to an operetta for custodian children. Tuesday visitors and friends will be permitted to see an operetta. On Wednesday evening there will be a picture show for all children and on Christmas day there will be the distribution of gifts, candy and nuts.

The operettas to be presented are the "Dolls' Lullaby and Frolic of the Toys." It will be presented by the kindergarten children. "The Capture of Santa Claus" will be presented by the school children.

For their Christmas dinner the inmates are to be served with roast goose and all the trimmings.

Hiram Bingham Is Elected Senator From Connecticut

NEW HAVEN, Conn., Dec. 16.—Governor-elect Hiram Bingham, republican, was elected United States senator from Connecticut today. He will fill the vacancy resulting from the death of Frank B. Brandegee, republican. Bingham defeated Hamilton Holt, democrat, by a good margin with 113 towns out of 169 in the state reported Bingham was leading by more than 30,000 votes.

The votes for these towns was Bingham 84,161; Holt 52,244.

FEED THE BIRDS

This snow came unexpectedly but even if it had been forecast the birds would not have been prepared for it. The livestock can be properly taken care of in an emergency but the only thing to do for the birds is to place food outside for them. Unless this is done thousands will die during this storm.

Drainage Problem Is Center of Arguments; Two Factions Contend

Entering objections to the proposed drainage district in north-east Salem and adjoining property outside of the city limits, 166 people have announced their position regarding the plan. Eleven special objections have been filed, and 155 names are represented on the remonstrance to the petition. The original petition favoring the drainage district was signed by 171 people.

The objections state the land will not be beneficially effected by the operation of the proposed drainage district, and hold that the property mentioned in the petitions is not a contiguous body of swamp. The territory in question is located in the southeastern section of the city, and also takes in property outside of the city

POISON LIQUOR DEATHS MOUNT SHIP WRECKED ON BAD STORM

Holiday Booze Kills 26; 76 Others in Hospital; 12 Expected to Die

NEW YORK, Dec. 16.—With 10 deaths here from poison liquor in the last three days bringing the total for December to 26, police headquarters tonight ordered detectives and patrolmen stationed at all the principal ferry slips in the city to stem the flow of the annual Christmas tide of the poison.

Besides the 26 dead, 76 persons are in Bellevue hospital because of having drunk poison liquor. Of these 12 are expected to die and others will lose their sight. Of the dead, two were women. The hospital cases include 11 women.

Police believe most of the holiday bootleg product is being brought here from New Jersey by ferry concealed as various kinds of merchandise.

Two trucks were seized today loaded with what the four men in charge of them described as denatured alcohol. The men were held pending chemical analysis of the liquor.

SENATE RECEIVES CHEMAWA MEASURE

Appropriation for \$208,250 Passes House; Students on Increase

The interior appropriation bill was reported to the senate yesterday as passed by the house, according to a telegram received by Harwood Hall, superintendent of the Salem Indian school at Chemawa, from United States Senator Charles L. McNary.

The bill contains an appropriation of \$208,250, which is an increase over last year of \$9000. The bill also provides for 850 pupils, an increase of 50 over last year.

Senator McNary advised that it was his desire to be helpful in every possible way.

"The Yankee Four Flusher" Staged by De Molay With Remarkable Success

Third Annual Show Is Excellent Comedy Drama; Harold Mero Stands Out in Brilliant Part; Characterization Fine

By AUDREY BUNCH
Of the drama there was no question, and the comedy came mighty close to real life, in speaking of the De Molay third annual show last night at the Grand theatre. The play, "Yankee Four Flusher," a remarkably good comedy drama in three character-crammed acts, will be presented again this evening. The house last night was more than moderately well-filled when the curtain rose on the Hunter home, the living room to be exact,—on an ordinary evening among people of ordinary circumstances.

The entire play centered around the "four-flusher" himself, Harold Mero taking the part. His dramatic ease throughout was commendable, and the audience will feel Archie, and think Archie, and breathe Archie for a week. Archie the braggart, the egotist the unaltered dreamer. The part of Alice, who after the first act has become the wife of Archie Snyder, was taken by Helen Selig, who adored him from first to last, and was the still pretty, sister

PAPER SUPPLY DEPENDS UPON CONSERVATION

Sufficient Pulpwood for Future Use Only Possible by Careful Management of Forest Service

TREE DESTRUCTION MUST GIVE WAY TO CULTURE

Domestic Requirements Make Serious Inroads on National Supply

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16.—Under intensive forest management, sufficient pulpwood to meet future domestic requirements could be grown in this country. "but if our pulp and paper industry is to be permanent, forest destruction must give way to timber culture," William B. Greely, chief of the forest service declared in his annual report to the secretary of agriculture.

Recalling that in 1922, the United States used 8,000,000,000 tons of paper—more than half the world consumption—and that one million tons of it were imported, Mr. Greely estimates that 1950 the paper industry will require 15,000,000,000 cords of wood annually. Of the 9,000,000,000 cords of pulp wood used in this country in 1922, he adds only 5,000,000 cords are grown here.

"The problem is complicated," said the report, which was made public tonight by concentration of the pulp industry in the New England, middle Atlantic and lake states, with a resultant drain on forests in those regions. Few mills are situated in Alaska or the Pacific coast, or in southern states which have much larger supplies of pulp timber.

Pointing out that to grow timber to meet future needs, would require a decade, the report describes the immediate problem as a need to find enough timber to keep the pulp industry going. Confidence is expressed, however that the advisory committee of pulp manufacturers appointed last year by the secretary of agriculture will discover means of alleviating the shortage.

STORM TAKES TOLL

DENVER, Colo., Dec. 16.—While still held in the frigid grip of the season's most severe cold wave Montana and the Rocky mountain states were taking a check tonight of the death toll and property damage.

In Montana six deaths were reported as being attributable to the cold and snow. At Helena, Montana, four persons lost their lives in a train accident, while at Bozeman two children were burned to death while their mother was Christmas shopping.

WAGE SCALE IS RAISED ON S.P.

Retroactive Settlement Is Reached With Engine Service Workers

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 16.—The differences between the Southern Pacific company and its workers in engine service, which resulted recently in an overwhelming vote to strike, have been amicably settled, according to an agreement made public today by the company.

The agreement will mean a total wage advance of approximately \$500,000 a year on the Southern Pacific system, the company announced. The new wage agreement is retroactive to September 1.

DOGS EAT RINGS; X-RAY MACHINE FINDS VALUABLES

Examination of Thirteen Canines Locates Two Rings They Had Swallowed

SPOKANE, Dec. 16.—Seventeen springer spaniel dogs from the kennels owned by Mrs. Chris Steltz just north of Spokane, were examined by X-ray here this afternoon in an effort to find two valuable diamond rings which Mrs. Steltz says she placed in some barley fed to the dogs.

Mrs. Steltz said she put the rings in a jar of barley because of fear of burglars. She said that on Monday she fed the barley to the spaniels and forgot about the rings. After making the discovery she declared all efforts to locate the rings failed and as a last effort she tried the X-ray examinations.

One of the rings was located in the stomach of a large spaniel and was recovered through the dog's mouth. The other ring was not located but a later search of the kennels of 13 other dogs was made and it was found in some barley, she said.

Thermometer Is Sinking And Real Cold Predicted

The thermometer has been falling steadily all day in Salem, was the report of the weather reporter here late last night. At 7:30 o'clock Tuesday morning the temperature registered at 29 degrees above zero and at 7 o'clock last night it was 17 above. It has been falling steadily all evening and at 12 o'clock the temperature was registered between 14 and 15 degrees above. There was every indication that the zero point would be reached before the early morning.

DIES IN SNOW

LONGVIEW, Wash., Dec. 16.—Ulysses Jackson, 64, was found dead today in a field two miles from his home near Ostrander. He had died of heart disease, while seeking stray stock on a bitter cold night. Tracks in the snow showed he had wandered 15 miles over the hills between Ostrander and Kelso.

Cold Weather Increases Need for Statesman Fund

Some Salem Families Without Food or Bedding; Committee Selected

The cold weather has emphasized the need for Christmas good cheer. It is not the Statesman's idea to appeal to the sympathies, but it just wants to make a straight-forward offer of its services to distribute neighborly kindness to poor families who would otherwise be neglected. The regular organized associations are doing splendid work and there is no desire to interfere with them. The desire is to take an unoccupied field and bring Christmas good cheer to families who otherwise would not have it. A committee of three has been selected, whose names will be announced shortly, of representative Salem citizens of high standing in the community.

There have been several gifts of clothing. An unknown "friend" contributed a good supply of bedding; Mrs. Pugh, a gift of clothing; and Mrs. Grote, clothing, both gifts being very nice and very useful. The west side circle of the Jacob Lee church contributed clothing. B. I. Plummer, 1037 Union street, met the request for a stove by giving a very good one.

The Statesman will be glad to have letters from its friends telling of cases where neighborly helpfulness will be appreciated. Nobody will see these letters except the committee and no publicity whatever will be given to them. This is an opportunity to do a neighborly act in the spirit of neighborliness which is without display, yet effective. The following are the cash contributions to date:

- D. A. White \$ 5.00
- Henry Jaquet 5.00
- J. L. Adams 1.00
- Edis Belle Matheson 2.00
- Ida Mary Matheson 2.00
- Daniel J. Fry 5.00
- Royal Neighbors of Am. 5.00
- J. E. Ingrey 2.00
- A. Friend 2.00
- 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
- E. Friend 2.00
- Theo. Sampson 3.00
- F. A. Doerfler 3.00

Admiral, Who Built Czar's Navy, Living Humbly in New York with Daughter Who Works in Shop



Vice Admiral Vladimir Offenberg, who for fourteen years directed the construction of the Imperial Russian navy, is now in New York with a daughter who works for her brother-in-law in a fashionable woman's shop. Two of the admiral's sons are employed as a New York laundry and a third son is a chauffeur in the same city. The photograph shows (left to right) Vera Offenberg, Mrs. Lydia Utgoff, her sister, and Admiral Offenberg.

ROSS DUSTER REASON GIVEN POSTAL BILL NOT VOTED ON

Fish Commissioner Extravagant and Bought Liquor, Governor Says

Dr. Thomas Ross, of Portland, was relieved from the state fish commission because Governor Pierce has possession of an affidavit in which it is stated that the ousted commissioner purchased liquor from a policeman in Astoria and for allowing extravagance to enter into the affairs of the fish commission, according to a copy of a letter sent to Dr. Ross yesterday by Governor Pierce. Dr. Ross was notified to appear and show cause why he should not be removed from office, and December 22, in the governor's office, set as the time of appearance.

The letter from Governor Pierce to Dr. Ross, in part, is as follows: "As reason for this action, I

TEMPERATURE IN OREGON FALLING

Stiff East Wind Carried Near Zero Weather; Relief Not in Sight

PORTLAND, Or., Dec. 16.—Falling temperatures throughout Oregon were reported tonight. At Portland the thermometer fell to 18 degrees early tonight with a forecast of 10 degrees above zero before morning. All western Oregon points were blanketed under a mantle of snow ranging from approximately six inches at Portland to two inches as far south as Roseburg. Below zero temperatures were in prospect throughout eastern Oregon.

The low temperatures were felt more on account of a stiff east wind.

162ND INFANTRY GATHERS TONIGHT

Annual Reunion of Company M to Be Addressed By Chaplain Gilbert

The annual reunion and banquet of Company M, 162nd Infantry, will be held tonight at the Grey Belle, and according to the plans announced it is to be one of the best meetings of the organization. Chaplain W. S. Gilbert, who was with the regiment overseas, is to be the main speaker of the occasion.

In addition, the company will pass in review. After their return from France the company was photographed by a cinema machine. Consequently, the boys are able to see themselves pass in review. This reel will be shown at the Gray Belle.

Members of Company L are to be there with Captain Stoddard. During the war the two companies were very close together and as a result, close comradeship between the two organizations resulted. Other features are to be presented at the meeting.

PIERCE RAPS DOUBLE WAGE NOW IN VOGUE

Married Women in State Departments with Husbands Also Working Draw Down Displeasure

EMPLOY VETERANS IS MESSAGE IN LETTERS

Steps Held Necessary to Re-Have Present Unemployment Situation

Married women holding down jobs in state departments and institutions who have husbands occupying lucrative positions and are in a position to support a wife while thousands of unemployed men and women are walking the streets, seeking work of any kind, are drawing down the executive displeasure of Governor Walter M. Pierce.

In letters sent to all department heads and superintendents of institutions directly under his jurisdiction, Governor Pierce makes an appeal for a careful consideration of all applicants during the present serious unemployment situation and suggests that it would be better to employ men and women with a war record if possible instead of married women whose husbands are capable of providing for their support. By giving consideration to the ex-service men and women and placing them in positions, the state can in a measure reward them for their services during the war and at the same time help solve the unemployment situation.

Letters Are Mailed

Letters sent to department heads and superintendents by Governor Pierce are as follows:

"Five years ago many thousands of men and women marched through the streets of Portland headed by bands and cheered by throngs of people that lined either side of the curb? These men and women had sacrificed their all and were on their way to the grim and blood-soaked battle fields of France and other foreign lands.

Many Are Jobless

"Last week more than 500 of these same men—some in overalls, others attired in shabby overcoats, and all without funds again marched through the streets of Portland. There were no bands at the head of this procession, neither did they receive the

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TUESDAY IN WASHINGTON

The house considered the navy appropriation bill.

The senate indicated a preference for private operation of Muscle Shoals.

Joseph W. McIntosh of Illinois was nominated as comptroller of the currency.

The national conference on street and highway traffic made recommendations and adjourned.

An attempt to override President Coolidge's veto of the postal pay bill was blocked in the senate.

President Coolidge, it was said at the White House does not believe an investigation of the navy is necessary.

Representative Crisp of Georgia, a member of the debt commission, told the house no concrete proposal on the French debt had been submitted.

It was indicated at the department of justice that the Montana federal penitentiary cases might involve a wider department.

State department officials declared the protest of soviet foreign minister, Tchitcherin, on the operation of the cutter Bear would not be answered.

The American embassy in Mexico was instructed to investigate the shooting of Deputy Sheriff Joseph Fierros of Webb county, Texas, near Nuevo Laredo.

The senate campaign expenditures investigating committee dismissed the report of a "million-dollar republican slush fund," reported to have been handled through four western reserve banks.

BELLINGHAM, Wash., Dec. 16.—All public schools of the city, except the Bellingham normal school, are to be closed tomorrow on account of cold weather, school officials announced tonight.

A temperature of eight degrees above zero was recorded here.

A stage service between Mount Vernon and Bellingham is to be started tomorrow to take care of interurban patrons while repairs are being made on the railroad lines which were damaged by an earth slide yesterday.

CALGARY, Alta., Dec. 16.—At 10:30 o'clock tonight the temperature as recorded on the federal weather bureau thermometer here was 44 degrees below zero, the coldest since January 13, 1911.