

The Weather — OREGON — Cloudy and warmer; rain or snow west portion; east to northeast; gales along coast. Saturday—Max. 22; Min. 18; Riv. 2.6 falling; snowfall 2 1/4 in.; Snow on ground 4 1/2 in.; Atmosphere cloudy; Wind NE

# The Oregon Statesman

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SEVENTY-FOURTH YEAR

SALEM, OREGON, SUNDAY MORNING, DECEMBER 21, 1924

PRICE FIVE CENTS

## STATE TAX IS IN EXCESS OF CURRENT YEAR

Levy for 1925 Will Be \$7,492,761.47, an Increase of More Than \$30,000 Over Levy for 1924

### MARION'S SHARE IS TO BE LITTLE MORE

County Quota, Reported to Clerk, is \$324,793.42, Gain of \$7,360.69

The state tax levy for 1925 will be \$7,492,761.47 in excess of the levy for 1924, according to a compilation completed Saturday by the state tax commission. The levy for 1925 will be \$7,492,761.47 against \$7,460,370 for this year.

Several items not included in the recommendations of the state budget commission are included in the levy, such as a \$500,000 building program; \$45,000 for the public service commission and \$50,000 for the industrial accident commission. The total to be raised for general state purposes is \$5,275,000 and for elementary school purposes \$2,117,761.47.

### Income Tax Considered

Of the total levy \$5,569,712.63 represents millage levies outside the 6 per cent limitation amendment of the state constitution. This leaves \$1,923,048.79 which must be raised by a direct levy within the limitation amendment. This figure represents the difference between the total estimated expenses of the state for 1924 within the 6 per cent limitations, which is \$4,767,134.73 and the estimated receipts and unexpended balances which are placed at \$2,844,105.94. The estimated expenses of the state takes into consideration the income tax yet uncollected, which amounts to approximately \$600,000.

Marion county's share of the state tax for 1925 will be \$332,154.11 against \$324,793.42 for 1924 or an increase of \$7,360.69, according to figures sent to U. G.

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## Fund Is Still Growing; Number Families Needy

Deserving People Should Be Reported to Statesman Office or Committee

The wintry weather causes some people to think of Christmas back east, and others to think that the Christmas here is going to be hard. There are a number of families who are not destitute but who are lacking Christmas good cheer. It is precisely to meet these cases that the Statesman neighborhood fund is being collected.

The organizations that are looking after the poor are doing very creditable work, and little suffering is left uncare for. However, there are families that do not have the money for a real good Christmas, and there are children who will be skimped more than usual. The Christmas fund is to meet those cases. If you know of any such, either report to the Statesman office or to Mrs. F. A. Elliott, whose telephone number is 1505. There is still time to contribute if you want in on this neighborly kindness and proper acknowledgments will be made.

The list this morning is as follows:

- D. 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 Rolly ..... 5.00
- Royal Neighbors of Am. ..... 5.00
- E. S. White ..... 5.00
- J. L. Ingey ..... 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
- J. C. Conner ..... 5.00
- Edw. T. Barber ..... 5.00
- Mrs. F. H. Strand ..... 2.00
- Salom Women of KKK ..... 5.00
- A. Friend ..... 1.00
- Theo. Sampson ..... 3.00
- F. A. Doerfler ..... 3.00
- Misc. .... 5.00
- Mother Hubbard ..... 5.00
- Misc. .... 1.00
- B. B. Morse ..... 20.00
- Employees Cashiers Office of Accident Com'n. .... 5.00
- Elizabeth A. Downing ..... 5.00
- Walter F. Downing ..... 5.00

Total ..... \$165.00

## Warmer Weather Is Due and Cold Spell Broken by Snow Fall Saturday

Dry snow, lacking the dampness of that which covered the district Monday, started falling about 8:30 o'clock Saturday morning and by midnight last night added nearly three inches to that which has blanketed the community all week. The snow fell nearly all day, with a slight let-up around noon and again during the dinner hour last night.

The snow was accompanied by a corresponding rise in temperature and the mercury remained almost stationary during the day, ranging from 18 degrees to 28 degrees, a decided improvement over the previous day when 11 degrees was recorded.

Boys' sledding was enjoyed last night by numerous parties, who hitched their sleds behind automobiles driven by obliging motorists. The snow was packed so rapidly as it fell, making an excellent surface for the sleds. Mayor John B. Giesy last night issued a warning regarding skating, holding that the ice in Mill creek in particular is dangerous. As the snow has covered the frozen surface, anticipated skating parties, for the most part, were abandoned.

## CONDITION ON FARMS BETTER

Agricultural Districts Show Encouraging Progress, Report States

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.—An encouraging picture of conditions in the agricultural regions was reported to congress today in the annual summary of the war finance corporation.

"Most of the important farming districts," the report said, "are in better shape than they have been for several years. Bank deposits have increased, bank reserves are being restored, business has greatly improved and the farmers generally are making excellent progress in cleaning up the burden of indebtedness under which they have been laboring and in strengthening their economic situation."

The price of range cattle, the report said, has not followed the trend of prices of other agricultural commodities and conditions in the breeding end of the industry were described as still unsatisfactory. Approval of 561 applications for agricultural and livestock loans totaling \$12,240,000 was made by the corporation during the year ending November 30. The amount, the report said, is a substantial reduction from the preceding year and evidence of the general improvement in the agricultural situation as well as the condition of country banks.

Of the amount approved \$4,670,000 represented advances authorized to 201 banking and finance institutions and \$7,570,000 to 24 livestock loan companies.

The last six months, the report said, have witnessed a noteworthy improvement in the agricultural situation which in turn has brought about substantial improvement in the condition of many country banks.

## MODERN PIRATES VEX COAST GUARD

Officials Fear Hijackers May Turn to More Serious Form of Robbery

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.—Coast guard officials have asked the department of justice for legal enlightenment on the question of dealing with rum runners turned hijackers.

Although the days of Captain Kidd have passed, the modern hijacker of the sea has become so strong that coast guard officials fear his type may grow into the more serious form of robbery of legitimate cargoes as well as those on rum row. The coast guard does not know how far it can go so it has asked the attorney general whether it can apply the mailed fist to the hijackers.

Officials explained today that there were real questions of state involved. Rum row's tenants are said to be made up mostly of foreign flagships. The state department, therefore, has been kept advised of what the coast guard is doing and most of the foreign nations have been informed.

### PLACE IS HELD

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.—The Muscle Shoals question remained at the head of the senate calendar when congress recessed today for the Christmas holidays.

## LEADERS SAY CONGRESS HAS GOOD RECORD

Adjourn for Holidays; Legislative Accomplishment for First Three Weeks Is Held Good

### THREE OUT OF NINE SUPPLY BILLS PASS

Navy and Soldiers' Bonus Measures are Carried Over; Treaties Made

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.—Congress adjourned today for over the Christmas holidays after attaining what leaders regard as a good record of legislative accomplishment in the first three weeks of its present short session.

Three of the nine annual supply bills were passed by the house and sent to the senate where committees have completed consideration of one of them, and are well advanced with the work on a second one.

The senate passed two important measures left over from the last session—the \$100,000,000 bill for modernizing the battle fleet and the construction of eight additional light cruisers, and the \$186,000,000 deficiency bill, carrying funds for putting the soldiers' bonus into operation and enacting a new reclamation policy.

In addition congress approved the war debt settlements with Poland and Lithuania and sent to the president a resolution appropriating \$100,000 for use in curbing the European fowl plague and other poultry diseases.

Four new rum treaties—those with France, Canada, the Netherlands and Panama—were ratified by the senate and a number of measures of minor importance were passed by each house.

After the holiday recess, the house will turn to the postoffice and treasury appropriation bill while the senate will continue consideration of the Muscle Shoals question. Early in January it will act on the president's veto of the postal employees' salary bill, and after the Muscle Shoals question is disposed of it will consider the Isle of Pines treaty, under a unanimous consent agreement for final action on this convention with Cuba which has been pending for 20 years.

Beyond action on these matters and the appropriation bills the senate's program is indefinite.

## CLEAVER MAY BE PROSECUTED

Prohibition Officer Returns More Liquor Than Was Seized From Ship

PORTLAND, Or., Dec. 20.—Recommendation that George L. Cleaver, state prohibition commissioner, be prosecuted for violating the federal statutes and treaties in raiding the British vessel London Merchant, Wednesday night will be made in a report to be filed with the United States treasury department by Dr. E. C. McFarland, collector of customs the collector said tonight.

United States Attorney Coke is disposed to ask the attorney general to dismiss charges against Cleaver, filed Thursday by Chief Assistant Byrnes with Judge Coke's approval.

The two reports of the incident and divergent recommendations will go to Washington early next week it is expected.

The federal attorney agreed to make his recommendation for dismissal at a conference at which Cleaver promised to return the liquors seized and to submit a letter of apology to owners and the captain of the vessel raided.

Cleaver carried out his promise. The liquor was returned Friday night. Careful check of it was made today by customs officials. "We found all the liquor had been taken back," Collector McFarland said. "We found also that Cleaver returned one more case of liquor than he took away, so the ships officers will probably make no complaint on that score."

## SALVATION ARMY FUND IS GROWING

Total of \$447 Received by Three Kettles; Must Average \$100 Daily

Each of the three kettles in the downtown section will have to average \$100 apiece if the Salvation Army fund of last year is equaled, it was announced last night. In spite of the cold and snow, faithful workers in the army have been on duty all day, faking turns at the kettles.

Cash contributions through the kettles in the last 11 days, including Saturday, were \$447.70. To this amount is added \$172 made out in checks from business firms and individuals, bringing the total to \$619.70.

Saturday was the best financial day that the kettles have received, a total of \$90.55 being received, an average of a few cents over \$30 for each of the kettles. December 12 was the poorest day, when only \$25.16 was received. The remainder of the days ranged from approximately \$27 to \$60. The average daily contributions were around \$40 it was reported.

### U. OF W. DEAN INJURED

SEATTLE, Dec. 20.—Matthew Lyle Spencer, dean of journalism in the University of Washington, and his wife were among the injured in a railroad wreck today at Chippewa Falls, Wis., and their baby was one of the nine killed, he stated in a telegram to the university.

## HUGE WHITE STAR WILL GLEAM FROM CHRISTMAS TREE

Salem Cherrians to Decorate Court House Fir as Usual Again This Year

A large white star will be fitted to the topmost limb of the big fir tree on the west side of the court house and numerous colored lights will be placed on the limbs to make the Christmas display of the Salem Cherrians. The organization sponsor the decorations every year, and they are not departing from this custom. Decorating will start immediately. It is estimated that about 2500 feet of electric wire will be used to carry the electricity to the 257 lamps. Red, green, and white lamps are to be placed on the tree.

The Salem Electric company has the contract for installing the wiring which will be placed soon. The lights are to burn until after the New Year is ushered in.

## TRAIN WRECK KILLS EIGHT

Eight Others Seriously Hurt When Passenger Train Plunges in River

CHIPPewa FALLS, Wis., Dec. 20.—(By The Associated Press.)—Eight persons are dead or missing, and eight are at a hospital here in a serious condition, result of a wreck on the Minneapolis, St. Paul & Sault Ste. Marie railroad here today when the cafe-observation car on a passenger train plunged into the icy waters of the Chippewa river.

Only four of the dead have been identified, Mrs. Harry Jones of Sioux City, Iowa; Charles Pardee of Minneapolis; the six months' old child of Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Spencer of Washington, D. C., and Kenneth Henderson of Moose Jaw Sask.

Another unidentified man died at a hospital here at 3:30 p. m., making the total of dead and missing eight.

The thermometer registered 10 degrees below when the wreck occurred.

## WATCHMAN KILLED BY OFFICER'S SHOT

Member of Police Vigilantes Mistakes Caretaker for Night Prowler

PORTLAND, Dec. 20.—An unidentified night watchman, known only as "Red," was shot and killed almost instantly early today when he was mistaken for a burglar by Maynard Cole, prominent business man and sergeant of the police vigilantes, a local organization formed to aid in criminal suppression. Cole was shot through the groin and seriously, though probably not fatally injured, by the night watchman.

The shooting occurred at the office of the Columbia Contract company, East Water and Salmon streets, after Cole had responded to a burglar alarm. Not until after the shooting was it found out that the dead man was not a burglar but the night watchman.

It developed that Capt. M. R. Remington of the tug Romarts had gone to the office of the company to get his orders. The building was locked and he finally found the night watchman, and the two gained entrance to the place by means of a window.

## CHANGE PLANNED IN MOTOR TAXES

Raise in Gas Tax and Cut in License Fees Is Contemplated by Board

PORTLAND, Or., Dec. 20.—Oregon motorists may be confronted with a six cent tax on gasoline if a plan now being prepared for the legislature which meets in January should be enacted by the law makers. There is at present a three cent tax. The idea is being debated by directors of the Oregon state motor association and the most ardent advocates of a higher gasoline tax are some of the officials of the organization.

The plan is to cut motor vehicle license fees 50 per cent and make up the difference with an increased tax on gasoline.

## BRIBE IS CHARGED

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.—Officials of two postal workers' organizations charged today that a story of a bribe to a senate committee employe to influence votes for the postal bill had been concocted by opponents of the legislation to defeat it.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.—Navy yard civil service employes' pay scales for the next calendar year as approved by Assistant Secretary Robinson and made public today at the navy department, disclosed no important general changes from the rates now in effect.

## COLD WAVE IS GENERAL OVER WHOLE NATION

Atlantic Seaboard Is Hit; Midwest Gets Brunt of Storm; Pacific Coast Is Warmer

### ZERO WEATHER DOES CONSIDERABLE DAMAGE

Fuel Shortage Is Felt in Some Districts; Storm May Break Soon

CHICAGO, Dec. 20.—(By The Associated Press.)—Winters icy hard tonight held in its grasp nearly an entire nation. The severe cold coming six days ago in the northwest neared the Atlantic seaboard. The brunt of the zero weather was felt in the middle-west while in the northwest and Pacific coast regions temperatures were moderating.

In the wake of storms, followed by general near-zero, sub-zero temperatures was left a trail of upwards of a score of dead, badly disrupted wire communication, delayed train service, suffering on the part of humans and livestock.

States' temperatures, which will be expected tomorrow, never been so cordial and promising. Only the closest working friendship between Great Britain, the United States, Japan and the other powers can maintain a so badly-needed era of peace.

"I wish once for all that the jingo elements in the various nations of the world, mine included, would not always go out of their way to interpret the actions of Japan and the United States. Perhaps it is not giving away a secret to say that Secretary Hughes, when in London, made it clear that it was the duty of all of us to disregard the unfortunate remarks made by some politicians."

## FALLING TREE CRUSHES FIVE

Five Persons are Instantly Killed When Motor Stage Is Struck By Tree

CHEHALIS, Wash., Dec. 20.—Five persons were killed and three seriously injured, two of them seriously, when a tree fell today upon a Moto-to-Chehalis automobile stage and a motor truck 23 miles southeast of here.

The dead: Daniel Schuler and his son, age 7, of Mossy Rock. Boyd "Buck" Balcher of Mossy Rock.

F. W. Kisser of Ajlune. F. L. Chapman, Harmony district teacher, near Mossy Rock.

The seriously injured were Mrs. Osborn of Centralia and E. N. Belcher, brother of Buck Belcher; W. V. Collins, driver of the stage, suffered slight injuries.

The bodies of the four dead men and the boy were brought here together with the injured. Witnesses declared the stage was waiting at a turn near Silver Creek, Lewis county, for a motor truck to pass when a tree fell without warning and pinned the passengers beneath. The truck driver, seeing the tree falling, jumped to safety. The truck and stage were demolished.

## LYONS SHOPPER FRACTURES ARM

Mrs. Newton Allen Taken to Home of Relatives Following Accident

Mrs. Newton Allen age 50, of Lyons, suffered a fracture of her right arm and a dislocated shoulder when she fell on the icy pavement yesterday. Mrs. Allen was in Salem to do Christmas shopping, but met with the accident on the sidewalk on State near Liberty. She was taken to the home of relatives, where she is resting as easy as could be expected under the circumstances.

Many other persons were unable to keep their footing and falls were frequent in the shopping district yesterday, though a majority escaped with a shaking up and few of the injuries were painful.

## MONTANA IS COLD

LEWISTON, Mont., Dec. 20.—The minimum temperature for 24 hours ending at 6 p. m. was 22 below zero and the maximum 2 below. At 6 p. m. it was 12 below and steadily growing colder.

## JADED BRITAINS INVENT GAME TO SPEED UP DANCES

"Ballroom Busting" Is Latest Indoor Sport in England; Polo Is Help

LONDON, Dec. 20.—The latest stunt at London society dances is "ballroom busting," which has taken like wildfire.

Men dancers tie four balloons to their partner's ankles, and as the dancing proceeds, the men attempt to burst as many balloons as possible while keeping those of their partners intact.

A good deal of skill is necessary for this latest craze and it is said polo players have come off best, probably because they are used to quick turning and breathless rushes. It makes also for a considerable increase in noise because of the popping of balloons and the excited shrieks of the women.

## ERA OF PEACE MUCH NEEDED

Japanese Ambassador Deplores Unfortunate Remarks of Politicians

LONDON, Dec. 20.—Baron Hayashi, Japanese ambassador to the United States, deplored today the remarks of some politicians.

He said that the remarks were unfortunate and that they had a demoralizing effect on the Japanese people. He expressed his hope that a better understanding between the two nations might be achieved.

He also mentioned the recent visit of the Japanese ambassador to the United States and the friendly relations that have been established between the two countries.

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## OREGON GUARD PLACED FIRST THRU COUNTRY

Eastern and New England States Distanced for First Time; Washington and California are Low

### INFANTRY TROPHY WILL REMAIN IN WASHINGTON

Rifle Team Award Too Costly and Fragile for Shipment to State

First place in the United States in relative strength is now held by the Oregon National Guard, according to a report received by Brigadier General George A. White from the war department. This is the first time Oregon has distanced all the eastern and New England states, although it took first place in mobilization in the Mexican border trouble and again the following year in the world war. Washington stands twenty-first and California thirty-sixth on the list.

For the last four years the Oregon troops have placed first in the group of states in the Ninth corps area and long in second place in the United States. The lead was taken August 31 and has been held ever since although the fact did not become known until the war department tabulations were completed recently.

Surplus Is Greater In addition to having the largest national guard in proportion to population, the Oregon citizen soldiery also scored a second national "first" in having the largest surplus of enlisted strength above the basic federal requirements. At present the Oregon National Guard is recruited up to 140 percent of the government maintenance strength that is required by the war department for the allotment of federal drill pay.

The United States Infantry trophy, won by the Oregon National Guard in a sensational competition with the regular army in the national matches at Camp Perry, Ohio, in October, will not come to Oregon but will be placed on exhibition in Washington, D.C., according to an agreement between Brigadier General White, commanding the Oregon Guardsmen, and Major General George C. Rickards, head of the National guard in the United States.

Trophy Stays East Because of the danger of breakage in shipment, it was requested by the war department that the big trophy remain in the national capital rather than be sent to the coast. The trophy, which cost \$10,000, weighs approximately 1900 pounds and is competed for annually and cannot be replaced by the war department. It has always been exhibited in the office of the chief of infantry of the army, the regular army infantry won the trophy in all the previous matches. It will be on display in the national guard section of the war department.

Major General Rickards has been designated by General White as custodian of the trophy while the war department is in possession of it.

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## SATURDAY IN WASHINGTON

Congress recessed until December 29.

The senate continued its Muscle Shoals debate.

House and Senate agreed on a \$100,000 appropriation to fight poultry disease.

A \$40,000,000 forestry bill was introduced to both house and senate.

The War Finance corporation filed a report on conditions in agriculture.

The census bureau reported an increase in cancer deaths and a decrease in deaths from tuberculosis.

Representative Britten, republican, Illinois, introduced a resolution to ask the state department for information on the international status of gun elevation.

Vice Chairman Plummer denied that the Shipping board has voted down a resolution to carry out President Coolidge's recommendations for separation of the board and fleet corporation.

## 2 DEAD IN CROSSING WRECK

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 20.—Two men were killed and three others were injured when a Pacific electric interurban train struck an automobile at Carmelita crossing, a few miles south of here, today.

The dead are George Thomas, a teamster, owner and driver of the machine. William C. White, 17, of Torrence.