

**The Weather** — OREGON —  
Rain west, rain or snow east portion; warmer east; moderate to strong southerly gales along the coast.  
Monday—Max. 51; Min. 48; River 6.5 Rising;  
Rainfall .53; Atmosphere cloudy; Wind south.

# The Oregon Statesman

**EIGHT PAGES TODAY**  
The Big Annual number of the Oregon Statesman will be out on January first. Send one to your friends in the east. Boost the Salem district. The Annual contains much information.

SEVENTY-FOURTH YEAR

SALEM, OREGON, TUESDAY MORNING, DECEMBER 30, 1924

PRICE FIVE CENTS

## AUTO OWNERS MUST OBTAIN 1925 LICENSE

Either Get Plates or Make Application, Advice Given By Kozler; Penalties May Be Inflicted

### ANNUAL RUSH DRAWS CROWDS TO CAPITOL

More Than 1000 Tags Issued Over Counter Monday; Force Is Swamped

Salem automobile owners will either have to dig up the price of a 1925 license plate between now and Thursday or else store their machines and use street cars until they have saved the needed cash if the sheriffs, chiefs of police marshals, justices of the peace and city recorders of the state follow out instructions mailed yesterday by Sam A. Kozler, secretary of state.

Early in November all owners of motor vehicles received printed instructions and other necessary information for use in making application for their 1925 license. Secretary of State Kozler points out. This action was with a view of facilitating the work of the motor vehicle division of the department and to relieve the counties of unnecessary demands for temporary license tags around the first of the year.

**Opportunity Given**  
"Motor car owners received the blanks long before January 1 and there should be no excuse for requests for temporary tags to cover the operation of vehicles duly licensed in 1924," the instructions read. "Motor car owners who are found operating their cars after January 1 and who have not made application for the 1925 license are doing so in open violation of the motor vehicle law of the state and subject themselves to the penalties imposed for such violation."

**Long Line Formed**  
Limousine, truck and fliover owners stepped on each other's toes in the long line at the automobile department of the secretary of state's office Monday, waiting their turn to receive a 1925 automobile license plate. The line extended in a long circle to the middle of the main lobby on the first floor of the state house. Approximately 1000 plates were issued over the counter in the secretary of state's department Monday while a total check of plates issued so far this year gives but 30,560. This number is way under the number of plates issued for the corresponding period last year.

**Mail Sacks Filled**  
Every mail is bringing in sacks of applications for licenses, and nearly 2000 such letters were received yesterday. Every effort is being made to speed up the applications and to prevent, if possible, the last minute rush. Because of the lack of interest in "early shopping," it is probable that the new yellow and black tags will not be distributed to all automobile owners for several weeks.

Several automobile owners are putting the new tags on their machines. These should not be placed until the first day of the year, according to T. A. Raffety, chief state traffic officer.

## WILL DISCONTINUE ARMY OFFICE HERE

Headquarters of 382nd Infantry, Organized Reserve, "Out" Jan. 1

Headquarters of the 382nd Infantry, organized reserve, will be discontinued after the first of the year, according to Sergeant C. R. Lucy, who has been in charge of the office at the postoffice for the last year and a half. No reasons for the abolition were given in the orders received by the sergeant.

Sergeant and Mrs. Lucy have been making their home in West Salem for several months, but will move to Portland, where Sergeant Lucy will report to the chief of staff of the 96th division. Sergeant Lucy does not know where he will be sent from Portland, but anticipates being kept in that city on duty for some time.

## Ice Undermines Bridge Spanning Mill Creek; Others Are Threatened

Underpinning of the North Firteenth street bridge over north Mill creek was swept away by the ice and raging torrent in the creek late Monday afternoon and both the North Fourteenth and North Winter street bridges were seriously threatened at a late hour last night. Both of these bridges were resting with one end in the water. The bridge on North Church has also been placed on the unsafe list by the fire department and is not out of danger. The State street structure, between Nineteenth and Twenty-first, was partially closed yesterday because of danger.

High water, brought by the melting of the snow and the rain over the week-end, has caused a rush of the current, the ice cakes being flung with tremendous force against the wooden underpinning of the bridges.

## MARCUS QUILTS CITY COUNCIL

Paul V. Johnson Endorsed for Vacancy; Low Retained Street Commissioner

Alderman A. F. Marcus last night tendered his resignation at an informal meeting of the city council, effective January 1. While the council could not elect his successor, it endorsed Paul V. Johnson to represent Ward 3 in the place of Alderman Marcus. The council also endorsed Walter Low for street commissioner. The election of those endorsed will take place at the next regular meeting of the council. Alderman Marcus has been in ill health for some time.

Work on city sewers will get under way immediately, the street committee announced, and needy men will be given the preference to help relieve the unemployment situation in Salem.

Several streets in South Salem, which are on the 1925 paving program, will see preliminary work under way in the near future. Considerable rock work and excavation is necessary preliminary to hard surfacing the streets when the season opens. Men actually in need of employment, those with families and veterans, will be given preference in this work as well as on the sewer construction program, Mayor J. B. Giesy said last night.

Mayor Giesy stated last night that the damage done to the wooden piling bridges only emphasized his contention that the city needs permanent bridge construction, pointing out that all those of this nature have withstood floods and ice. Wooden piling bridges are only a constant source of expense to the city, he said.

## PROHIBITION BILL CARRIES BIG SUM

Provision Made for Expenditure of \$11,000,000 for Dry Enforcement

WASHINGTON, Dec. 29.—Provision in the treasury post office appropriation bill for expenditure of \$11,000,000 for prohibition enforcement during the coming fiscal year was approved today by the house.

Rapid progress was made with consideration of the bill which is the largest peace time supply measure ever before congress, carrying nearly three quarters of a billion dollars. Taken up under an agreement limiting debate to three hours, general discussion was completed after little more than half of the text had been read.

Prohibition enforcement was assailed during the debate, Representative Hill, republican, Maryland, complaining about the cost which he declared would exceed \$28,000,000 during the coming fiscal year, while Representative Legard, republican, New York, declared three or four times as much money as is now being spent must be made available for enforcement activities if the federal government is to get anywhere in its effort.

## FRENCH DEBTS WILL BE MET, EMBASSY SAYS

Rumor That War Debts to United States Were to Be Disavowed Is Held Untrue By Officials

### WASHINGTON IS STIRRED BY UNOFFICIAL REPORTS

Incident Grows Out of Publication of New Financial Balance Sheet

WASHINGTON, Dec. 29.—(By The Associated Press.)—Hints that France might be moving toward a disavowal of her war debts to the United States were repudiated unconditionally tonight by the French embassy after they had caused an unaccustomed stir in Washington.

Embassy officials not only reiterated the intention of their government to meet its obligations, but declared the widespread apprehension that suddenly enveloped the American capital today had been evolved from a set of circumstances which in themselves had no international significance.

The incident apparently had its genesis in the publication of a new balance sheet by the French ministry of finance, in which all reference to the debt to the United States was omitted. This the embassy declared, was due simply to a provision of French law, which prevents inclusion of contemplated expenditures in the budget unless the exact amounts are known and specific appropriations are included to offset them. No settlement having been reached with the United States it was stated, no such item could be entered on a ledger which must balance down to the last centime.

This explanation was made by the embassy after it had been secured indirectly of conferences among administration officials and speeches in congress, warning the French nation against any program of repudiation.

Because of the diplomatic amenities, the administration had not itself made formal comment on the incident, but emphatic dissent from any cancellation of debts had none the less been made unmistakably clear and there had been a rumble of debate on the subject in both senate and house.

Secretary Hughes held a long conference during the day which assistant Secretary Wadsworth of the treasury, who is secretary of the American debt commission and afterward there were indications that the American government was receiving news of the French balance sheet with astonishment amounting almost to disbelief. It was pointed out on high authority that France heretofore had recognized her obligations in various ways. That less than a week ago Ambassador Jusserand had declared in a public speech that his government would pay, even though it could not do so at once, and that at the present moment discussions were under way looking to a method of settlement.

## EZRA MEEKER HAS BIRTHDAY PARTY

Ninety-Fourth Anniversary Celebrated; Oregon Pioneers are Present

SEATTLE, Dec. 29.—Ezra Meeker of Seattle, who drove an ox team from Indianapolis to Olympia, Wash., in 1852, celebrated his ninety-fourth birthday anniversary here today.

More than fifty Washington and Oregon pioneers were Mr. Meeker's guests at a theater where films were shown of his trip in October of this year from Vancouver, Wash., to Washington, D. C., with Lieutenant Oakley K. Kelley.

## INTOLERANCE IS BREEDER OF MOST OF WORLD'S EVIL

Dr. C. A. Elwood Declares Hatred and Fear are Product of Intolerance

CHICAGO, Dec. 29.—(By The Associated Press.)—Intolerance sweeping the world today in religion, education, economics, science, and government is breeding ground for hypocrisy, moral cowardice, hatred and fear, Dr. Charles A. Elwood, of the University of Missouri emphasized tonight in his address before the joint meeting of the American Sociological society of which he is president, the American Economic association and the American Economics association. No student of social life will deny that there has been a rapid growth of intolerance in the last two decades. "Fundamentalists have arisen to dispute the contention that the age of religious intolerance is past," he said.

Dr. Elwood cited without naming a secret organization with members said to number into the millions, as detailed evidence of wide-spread intolerance. "This organization," he said, "however lofty its pretensions, spring from radical, religious and political intolerance, and in every community feeds intolerance. Its very conception is inconsistent with our tolerant principles of government."

## Chaser Costs \$342,000; Is One of 15 Ships Ordered

SEATTLE, Dec. 29.—The seventh rum chaser of a fleet of 15 ordered for the coast guard service from the Lake Union Drydock and Machine works here was delivered today. The cost of the vessel was \$342,000.

The other eight rum chasers have been launched and engaged and, it is expected, will be delivered by the end of February.

### LIQUOR RULING MADE

SEATTLE, Dec. 29.—Prohibition agents cannot legally enter and search a private residence for liquor unless statutory requirements have been complied with and have evidence that liquor is being sold, Federal Judge Jeremiah Neterer ruled here today in granting a petition of W. E. Petersen for suppression of evidence.

## KERRIGAN MAY PROTEST KAY

Attorney Arrives Here to Investigate Charges; May File Papers

Further investigation of charges brought by Dr. A. Slaughter against T. B. Kay, state treasurer-elect, whose disqualification for office is being sought, brought T. M. Kerrigan, Portland attorney and former member of the public service commission, to Salem yesterday.

Mr. Kerrigan said yesterday that he had prepared a complaint similar to that made by Dr. Slaughter and had intended to file his papers Monday. Further investigation was found necessary. He said last night that the papers might be filed during the day, but that he was returning to Portland late this afternoon.

In speaking of his charges Monday, Dr. Slaughter said he was not so much interested in having Mr. Kay disqualified on the ground of violation of the corrupt practices act as he was in festing the law.

"I want to know if candidates can spend unlimited amounts of money to secure election to public office," Dr. Slaughter said. Records at the secretary of state's office, showing the expenses incurred by candidates and the amounts spent by each, indicate that Mr. Kay, who has had considerable experience along this line, had kept himself within the limits specified by law.

### SCOUTS GATHER

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 29.—Boy Scout leaders from all parts of Oregon and Washington were in session here today. More than 200 boys were in attendance. Scouting methods were discussed and song and yell contests held. The session will close tomorrow.

### KNIFE VICTIM DIES

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 29.—Neil Frederickson, who was stabbed last Friday in an altercation with William Bell, died here tonight. Bell was held by the police on a murder charge.

## Ralph T. Lewis and Bride, President Harding's Sister, Leaving on Honeymoon Trip to Bermuda



A romance that began many years ago culminated in the marriage of Miss Abigail Victoria Harding, sister of the late President, and Ralph T. Lewis, Marion, O., real estate operator. Miss Harding taught in Harding High School in Marion for more than twenty years. This photograph was made as the honeymoon couple were leaving New York for Bermuda.

## MORTIMER HIT IN TESTIMONY

Reputation for Veracity Held Bad; Would Not Believe Him Under Oath

CHICAGO, Dec. 29.—(By Associated Press.)—Eight witnesses for the defense testified in the Forbes-Thompson veterans' bureau conspiracy trial here today that the general reputation of Elias H. Mortimer, principal government witness for truth and veracity was bad and that they would not believe him under oath.

Four other witnesses were called to refute various allegations regarding the administration of the veterans' bureau under former Director Charles R. Forbes and the latter's relations with Mortimer, who was at that time—1922—contractor's agent in negotiations with the bureau. I. W. Thompson, wealthy St. Louis and Chicago contractor, whose firm, the Pontiac Construction company of Detroit, executed a contract for \$160,000 for the veterans hospital at Northampton, Mass., is co-defendant with Forbes on charges of conspiracy to defraud the government.

## PASSENGER LINER IS AFIRE AT SEA

Ship Burning in Pacific; Distress Call Ends With "Come Quick"

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 30.—The Japanese passenger liner Ginyu Maru, en route to Pacific coast ports from Haiboa, Canal Zone, is afire and calling for assistance, according to radio advices received here early today by the federal telegraph company.

The burning ship gave its position as latitude 7 degrees 52 minutes north, and longitude 152 degrees, 23 minutes west. The distress call ended with the plea: "Come quick!"

## NEW SCHOOL LAWS ASKED BY COUNCIL

Oregon State Teachers' Association Is Opened; Nominations Made

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 29.—The 1924 Oregon legislature will be called to pass upon eight questions involving change in the present school laws, including the free text book proposal, teachers' retirement fund and request for new normal school facilities, as a result of resolutions adopted by the representative council of the Oregon state teachers' association which opened here today.

Officers of the association were nominated today and it was said that the nominations would be ratified tomorrow without contest. Those nominated follow: Miss Cornelia J. Spencer, Portland, president; J. S. Landers, Monmouth, vice president; Susannah Holmes-Carter, Jacksonville, Heinlow, Pendleton and George W. Eg, Salem, executive committee.

## KID M'COY IS FOUND GUILTY OF SHOOTING

Jury Returns Manslaughter Verdict at 5:06 O'Clock After Being Locked Up for 78 Hours

### SENTENCE TO BE READ FRIDAY; JUDGE SILENT

Penalty Carries From 1 to 10 Years Imprisonment; 24 Ballots Cast

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 29.—Kid McCoy, former pugilist, was convicted in superior court late today of manslaughter in connection with the shooting here August 17 last of Mrs. Theresa Mors. The penalty for manslaughter is from one to ten years' imprisonment.

When the verdict was read McCoy's eyes became tear dimmed as he sat at the end of the counsel table. "I don't believe it was a just verdict," he said, "if I am not guilty as charged, I am not guilty at all. It was not a just verdict."

**Comforts Sisters**  
The prisoner then rose and in custody of bailiffs walked across the court room to comfort his three sisters, who were weeping.

Foreman P. W. Coulter of the jury said that the verdict was a compromise one—"the best we could do."

The jury, which was out longer than any other in the legal history of Los Angeles county, had been locked up for 78 hours when the verdict was returned at 5:05 o'clock tonight and had been in actual deliberation for 34 hours. Twenty-four ballots were taken before the fate of the former prize fighter was read in open court. The jury was comprised of nine women and three men.

**No Comment Made**  
Superior Judge C. S. Crall had no comment to make other than "I guess it was the best that they could do."

Several hundred persons, many of them women and members of southern California boxing circles, thronged the halls outside the court room when the verdict was returned.

Sentence will be passed Friday at 10 a. m. Defense attorneys announced tonight that notice of appeal would be filed at that time. Mrs. Mors, divorced wife of Albert A. Mors, and joint owner with him of the Mors antique shop in a fashionable shopping district here, was found dead of a bullet wound in an apartment leased to "Mr. and Mrs. N. Shields."

Her body was discovered about

## MONDAY IN WASHINGTON

Hearings were continued by the congressional joint committee on the postal rate increase bill.

Secretary Weeks approved a plan for rewarding the army world fliers by advancing them on the promotion lists.

A resolution was introduced by Senator Norris, republican, Nebraska, for the federal trade commission to investigate an alleged "power trust."

Secretary Hughes and Ambassador Howard of Great Britain addressed scientific gatherings on peace questions.

Senators Bruce of Maryland and Harrison of Mississippi engaged in an inter-party debate on democratic policies.

The state department directed Ambassador Kellogg to make inquiries of Great Britain regarding the British potato embargo.

Senator Couzens, republican, Michigan, introduced a resolution to reduce local appropriations to federal offices except in house cases.

Administration officials gave consideration to the French war debt question while the question was discussed on the floor of both the house and senate.

The department of justice announced it had confidence in such jurors as would be drawn from Hudson county, New Jersey, for trial of the Weekayken liquor cases.