

The Weather - OREGON - Cloudy with possible local rain in north and west portions; moderate temperature; south and southwest winds. Monday—Max. 49; Min. 40; River 11.3; Atmos. part cloudy; Rainfall .01; Wind SW.

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is national spirit week. Plans are under way to make this a week that you will remember as the big week of the year. Watch for further announcements.

SEVENTY-FOURTH YEAR

SALEM, OREGON, TUESDAY MORNING, JANUARY 6, 1925

PRICE FIVE CENTS

MAYOR GIESY GIVES STAND TO ALDERMEN

Annual Message Includes Permanent Bridge Program; Municipal Owned Water System and Re-numbering of Houses

PROGRESS DEPENDENT UPON DEVELOPMENTS

Continue Auto Park and Playgrounds Is Plea; Departments, Boards, Praised

Outstanding needs of the city which will receive his attention while in office were outlined in the annual message to the city council last night by Mayor John B. Giesy, who is entering upon his second term of office. Principal of these are a permanent bridge program; a municipal owned water system; a city planning commission; general re-numbering of houses; extension of North Seventeenth to connect with Silverton road and the State Fair grounds and other minor matters.

In his message Mayor Giesy stressed the efficiency of the various departments of the city government, the need of keeping up and developing the auto camp grounds and the children's playgrounds and the work and interest taken by the city library and park boards.

Speaking of what should be accomplished by the administration, the full text of the message being given, Mayor Giesy said:

Need Permanent Bridge.

"The recent damage sustained by a number of our bridges on account of floating ice in Mill creek recalls the urgent necessity for the inauguration of a permanent bridge program. The policy of maintaining to repair our old bridges is an extravagant and wasteful one. By the adoption of a definite plan of replacing our old bridges with permanent structures a considerable saving of money to the taxpayers can be effected. The cost of such a program can be financed either by the issuance of serial bonds or by a special tax levy, preferably the latter plan since no interest charge would be involved. I believe that this council should make a careful study of this problem and see that a definite bridge building program is submitted to the voters of Salem for their consideration.

"The municipal auto campground has made a splendid show-

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OREGON BARS SOLDIER VOTE

Enlisted Men in Any Branch Can Not Become Citizens While on Duty

Regularly enlisted men in the army, navy and marine corps are prohibited from becoming citizens while on duty. This is the ruling of the United States Supreme Court in a recent decision. The ruling applies to all states and territories.

All such soldiers, sailors or marines are classed as non-residents of the state and as such are not permitted the right of expression at the election polls. The franchise cannot be obtained by residence in the state, no matter the length of service, as long as they are stationed in the state on duty.

Other states have different laws regarding the vote of the regularly enlisted man. In California, for instance, the man can vote for state officers but not for president of the United States. If he is a property owner he is subject to \$25 taxes, after which his property is immune from further taxation until his enlistment expires or he retires from active duty. Oregon has no provision, such as property, and places all soldiers, sailors and marines in the same class, regardless of whether they have made their residence in the state a month or 10 years, and does not permit them to vote.

Champoeg Painting Is Unveiled in Office of Governor by M. Gegoux

Unveiling of an "Inception of the Birth of Oregon" drew a large crowd of state house employes to the governor's office Monday afternoon. The history of the painting was told by Theodore Gegoux, the artist. The painting is of great historical value as it commemorates the settlement of Oregon at Champoeg on May 2, 1843, when by a vote of 52 to 50, the early pioneers decided to cast their lot with the United States and not with Great Britain.

The painting is on a canvas 7 by 11 feet, surrounded by a frame 11 by 14 feet. This in itself is a work of art for it was made by hand by M. Gegoux. Ornaments on the frame represent the four states included in this settlement, Oregon, Washington, Montana and Idaho, a 11 four being grouped as the Oregon territory. The border is composed of Oregon grape, representing this state; rhododendron for Washington; bitter root for Montana and the syringa for Idaho.

In explaining the painting, M. Gegoux, who was born in 1850, said in his brief explanation: "The painting before you, entitled 'The Inception of the Birth of Oregon,' represents a great

CLEAR DECKS FOR NEW LAWS

Return of Convention System Urged; Applications are Being Sought

With the decks being cleared for action next week when the 1925 session of the state legislature opens, word of pending legislation is beginning to be heard. The usual list of appropriation seekers for various causes is coming to the front.

One of the big amounts sought is an appropriation of \$50,000 over a period of two years to assist the State Chamber of Commerce in its work of exploiting Oregon. This will be presented by Representative Andrew M. Collier, of Klamath Falls. Many of the Chambers of Commerce of this state have endorsed the proposal.

Under the provisions of the measure all money would be expended by a board of five members, the state board of control and two selected by the state chamber. With this arrangement, the funds would be under direct supervision of the state at all times, it is held.

An amendment of the direct primary law would revive the convention system in the state is sought by A. L. Mills, of Portland, president of the direct primary league. If approved by the legislature the bill calls for the submission of the amendments to the direct primary law to a referendum of the people. The bill provides that the nominations of all parties shall be made as present with the exception that unless a candidate is nominated in the primary by receiving 40 per cent of the vote cast, the nominations shall be made by a county, district or state convention.

These conventions shall be held after the primary. Delegates to county conventions are to be elected at the primary. The county conventions elect the delegates to the state and district conventions. The state conventions will convene at the state house.

NOTE IS RECEIVED ON DEBT QUESTION

Acknowledgement of Unofficial Report is Made By US Commission

WASHINGTON, Jan. 5.—With the text of M. Clementel's "personal and unofficial" communication to Ambassador Herriek on the French debt question filed for information with the debt funding commission official Washington turned attention today principally to the more definite developments expected with relation to the status of American war claims against Germany when that subject comes up this week before the conference of allied finance ministers in Paris.

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NEW OFFICERS ARE SWORN IN; CHANGES MADE

Officials Assume Duties Immediately; Thomas Kay Succeeds Jefferson as State Treasurer

MEETING OF BOARD OF CONTROL IS POSTPONED

Few Changes Made in Treasurer's Department; Belt Succeeds Pipe

Changes in the personnel of state and county officials were effected Monday, the new officers assuming their duties immediately upon being sworn into office.

The most important change was that of T. B. Kay, who succeeds Jefferson Myers as state treasurer. State Treasurer Kay spent the afternoon gathering up loose odds and ends and in getting a line on the office. Current correspondence occupied his attention chiefly.

Because Governor Pierce was visiting his ranch in eastern Oregon a meeting of the board of control was not held, but will probably take place today. The appointment of a permanent secretary is slated for this meeting.

There will be few changes, and no radical ones, in the state treasurer's department. George Griffith, of Salem, state commander of the American Legion, went in as deputy treasurer, taking the place of John Bryant, of Albany, who returns to his bank job. Miss Grace Gilliam, of Pilot Rock, will probably be cashier, succeeding Clarence Thompson. Alexander Hamilton, of Portland, appointed by the late O. P. Hoff, and retained as bookkeeper by Jefferson Myers, will remain in this capacity. Neale Boyle, of Salem, is slated to succeed Dean H. Dickinson as head of the inheritance tax department.

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MRS. ROSS IS HEAD OF STATE

First Woman Ever Inaugurated Governor Is Installed in Wyoming

CHEYENNE, Wyo., Jan. 5.—(By The Associated Press)—A climax to more than 55 years of equal rights for women in Wyoming came shortly after noon today when Mrs. Nellie Taylor Ross formally took over her duties as governor of the state.

Inaugural ceremonies, Spartan-like in their severity and simplicity, marked the induction into office of the first woman governor of any commonwealth in the United States.

With a pledge placing her mental and physical qualities at the disposal of the people for administration of affairs of state, and calling for "divine guidance" to direct her, a woman, heavily swathed in mourning for her husband, the late Governor William B. Ross, stepped into the place made vacant by the death of her husband less than three months ago.

Tears welled in her eyes as Acting Governor Lucas, in a brief address pledged to her fullest cooperation of the state officials in her administration of the government, called upon the electorate of the state to stand solidly behind her and paid a glowing tribute to the virtues of her husband.

Tonight, flushed with happiness, excitement and sadness in turn with the thought of her recent ruffled through a great heap of congratulatory telegrams coming from persons of all walks of life from the country over. Included in the list was one from Mrs. Miriam A. Ferguson of Texas, who after January 26 will share with Mrs. Ross the distinction of being a woman governor.

IS STABBED 23 TIMES

BRAWLEY, Cal., Jan. 5—Quen Queu, Chinese merchant, is dead from 23 knife wounds and Charles Wong, another Chinese merchant, is dying, following the hold-up here late today of Wong's store by Mexican bandits, who escaped with several hundred dollars from the cash register.

28 ARE SENTENCED

SEATTLE, Jan. 5.—Sentences ranging from half an hour to two years were given 28 persons convicted of violating the federal prohibition laws in federal court here today.

PATTON PEEVISH WHEN HE LEARNS OF COMMITTEES

Favoritism Charged and Strongly Objects to Being "Rubber Stamped"

Hal D. Patton waxed furious last night at the city council after the appointments to committees had been made by Mayor Giesy. He bitterly objected to his appointments to "rubber stamp committees" which did not require much thinking and acting. What he wanted was an appointment to a regular committee in which things were happening.

He charged that the mayor had favorites and friends and that they were served first and that this time he was "sore." In another statement Patton stated that he had "something on his chest that he had to get off."

In the main the speaker objected to his appointment to a committee which he considered unimportant and, refused to act upon the committees to which he had been appointed. He would, however, he declared, attend the city council meeting but would not take any part on the floor.

XMAS DAY BRINGS WIDE TEMPERATURE

Difference of 22 Degrees Recorded; Maximum for December 63 Degrees

Christmas day had the greatest range of temperature than any day in December, when 22 degrees were recorded, according to Clarence Oliver, official weather observer, in his report to last month. The coldest was 5 degrees above zero, on December 25 and 26. The mean maximum for the month was 42.1 and the mean minimum 23.6 degrees. The maximum was 63 degrees on December 11. Two killing frosts occurred, on December 15 and on the 28. Sleet occurred December 27.

There was a total of 4.61 inches of precipitation, with .96 inches falling on December 4. Fifteen days had .01 inches or more of rain, eight were clear, four partly cloudy and 19 cloudy. Six inches of snow were recorded.

From 4.2 feet on December 1 the river rose to 8 feet on December 7 after which it fell to 1.3 feet on December 27. On the 29th it stood at 5 feet and the following day at 11.1 feet, the greatest daily rise. On December 31 the river stood at 13.8 feet.

Attention was called last night that it was just two years ago now that the highest water in the last 30 years was flooding the Willamette valley from Eugene north, doing considerable property damage, including the washout of the bridge and highway at Jefferson.

ELECTION OPENS NEW CITY COUNCIL

Paul V. Johnson Succeeds Alderman Marcus; Old Members Thanked

The first official act of the 1925 city council was to elect Paul Johnson to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Alderman A. F. Marcus. After the installation of the new members the council waded through a mass of detail matters that carried them into a late session.

Physicians are to place flags in cases of contagious diseases, according to the action of the city council. The ordinance concerning the appointment of a plumbing inspector and the examination of plumbers was held over to await the action of the state legislature. It is expected that action will be taken by that body to remedy certain weaknesses in the present law.

The petition of V. C. McDonald of 3546 Hazel will not receive damages from the city because a manhole lid flew off and damaged his truck. The committee reported that the manhole belonged to the state of Oregon and the city was not liable.

Petitions for an electric sign, to operate a rooming house and to place a concrete pavement on Howard street were considered. Reports of the police matron, city engineer, police department and city park board, were received.

Five resolutions were adopted by the city council concerning the intention to improve Fairmount, Marion, Cross and Ferry street. A thing vote of thanks was given to the retiring members of the council last night as the final act during the first session of the year.

Viscount Cecil Receiving First Woodrow Wilson Foundation Award of \$25,000 and Bronze Medal



Viscount Cecil of Chelwood is shown receiving the medal from Norman H. Davis, chairman of the Foundation and former Under Secretary of State, at a dinner given in New York City. Mr. Davis addressed Viscount Cecil as "Woodrow Wilson's spiritual successor."

The \$25,000 and the medal were awarded for the year's most meritorious service in the interest of international peace based on justice. Viscount Cecil was British Minister of the Blochade and Assistant Secretary for Foreign Affairs during the war, and in 1917 he went to Paris to collaborate with President Wilson in fashioning the League of Nations.

COAST LOSES COURT MEMBER

H. F. Stone Will Succeed Justice Joseph McKenna in Supreme Court

WASHINGTON, Jan. 5.—Associate Justice Joseph McKenna today concluded his active service as a member of the supreme court and Attorney General Harlan F. Stone was nominated to succeed him.

The resignation of Justice McKenna, deprived the Pacific coast of representation in the membership of the court, and the selection of Attorney General Stone to fill the vacancy will give New York a member. The circuit embracing New York also is represented by Chief Justice Taft, who claims Connecticut as his residence.

Solicitor General Beck will automatically become acting attorney general upon Mr. Stone's retirement from that office. The president has given no indication of his intention with respect to filling the vacancy permanently, but a number of names were suggested in other circles tonight, including those of Mr. Beck, Secretary Wilbur, Federal District Judge Dietrick of Idaho, Chief Justice Arthur P. Rugg of the Massachusetts supreme judicial court and Charles B. Warren of Michigan, former ambassador to Mexico.

The nomination of Mr. Stone meanwhile must await action by the senate which referred it today to its judiciary committee. It is not expected to come before the chamber again for several days.

RIVER PROGRAM NOW COMPLETED

Harbor and River Bill is Outlined; Carries About \$38,000,000

WASHINGTON, Jan. 5.—A tentative legislative program to call up within the month a rivers and harbors bill carrying approximately \$38,000,000 and the McFadden bill, to amend the national banking laws, was agreed on today by house leaders.

The rivers and harbors measure is expected to be taken up the latter part of the month with the McFadden bill scheduled for consideration about January 15.

As reported last year, the rivers and harbors measure would make available 153,000,000 and the rivers and harbors committee plans to meet tomorrow to reduce the amount to conform with the views of leaders.

It is understood that friends of the bill were desirous that the figure be placed at \$40,000,000 while leaders waded to reduce to \$35,000,000, and the amount agreed upon was a compromise. Just what items would be reduced was problematical among members tonight.

MAYOR SELECTS HIS COMMITTEE

All Aldermen Given Places; Van Patten Resigns; Successor Not Named

Resignation of Alderman C. Van Patten last night was accepted at the city council, though in the appointment of committees for the year his name appears. A successor to Alderman Van Patten has not yet been named.

Committees to serve during the year are as follows:

Accounts and current expenses—Hal D. Patton, Paul V. Johnson, L. J. Simeral.

Band—George D. Alderin, B. B. Herriek, George J. Wenderoth.

Bridges and approaches—J. A. Galloway, W. H. Dancy, C. Van Patten.

Fire and water—W. H. Dancy, George W. Thompson, Hal D. Patton.

Health and police—Paul V. Johnson, C. O. Engstrom, B. B. Herriek.

Licenses—George J. Wenderoth, George D. Alderin, C. O. Engstrom.

Lights—C. O. Engstrom, J. A. Galloway, George J. Wenderoth.

Ordinances—W. W. Roffenbrough, S. E. Purvine, L. J. Simeral.

Plumbing—George W. Thompson, C. O. Engstrom, C. Van Patten.

Printing—S. E. Purvine, George D. Alderin, C. Van Patten.

Public buildings—C. Van Patten.

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POLICE ARE BUSY DURING LAST YEAR

Total of 4293 Complaints Received and 1580 Arrests Made By Cops

The annual report of the police department was presented to the city council last night by Chief of Police Mintz. The report was as follows:

Number of complaints on the police blotter 4293, a total of 1580 arrests were made, 1526 accidents reported, 595 speeders arrested, 957 given beds at the city jail, 36 stolen automobiles reported, and 32 recovered.

During the past year 58 bikes were stolen and for the same time 83 were found by officers.

Only 53 burglaries were reported and 44 cases of petit larceny recorded.

A total of 64 automobile accessories were stolen during 1924 and 39 arrests were made for larceny and burglary.

The arrest of 127 drunks were made during the past year and 51 persons were charged with the possession of liquor. There were 124 persons were charged with the possession of liquor.

Officers made 290 special reports and a total of \$13,774 was collected by the police judge.

CONGRESS MAY SUSTAIN VETO ON POST BILL

Test Ballot Taken on Motion to Recommit Postal Pay Measure Is Voted Down 52 to 30

HOUSE WILL NOT ACT IF COOLIDGE IS SUSTAINED

Senate Consents to Vote on Bill Not Later Than Four P. M. Today

WASHINGTON, Jan. 5.—President Coolidge's veto of the postal pay increase bill will be sustained in the senate tomorrow if administration leaders can hold the strength they were able to develop tonight on the first vote. They are confident they can do so.

The test came on a motion by Chairman Sterling of the post office committee to recommit the pay measure which received executive disapproval last June. That motion was voted down, 30 to 52, but the 20 votes cast for recommitment is two more than the one third necessary to prevent the measure becoming a law without presidential sanction.

If the president is sustained the house will not be called upon to act, the pay raise measure having originated in the senate. In its place will be advanced the administration's commission pay and postal rate increase bill introduced last week by Senator Moses, republican, New Hampshire, who failed in an effort today to place it before the senate prior to consideration of the veto.

Under the unanimous consent agreement which became operative today, the senate must vote on the veto not later than four p. m. tomorrow.

Under the parliamentary situation now existing the pay and rate advance measure cannot be brought up immediately and there were free predictions today by senators, speaking for the over riding of the veto that the bill would not be passed at this session.

One democrat, Dial, South Carolina, joined with the 29 republicans in voting to send the pay measure to the post office committee, while 18 republicans, among them Jones, of Washington, party whip, and Reed of Pennsylvania, and Wadsworth of New York, joined with 33 democrat, and one farmer labor, Shipstead, in defeating the motion.

MONDAY IN WASHINGTON

Leaders agreed to pass at this session a \$38,000,000 rivers and harbor bill.

Associate Justice McKenna of the court resigned and Harlan F. Stone, attorney general was nominated to succeed him.

Finance Minister Clementel's memorandum on the French debt was transmitted to Secretary Mellon by the state department.

A motion to recommit the postal pay bill vetoed by President Coolidge was defeated and the senate must vote on the measure by four p. m. tomorrow.

President Coolidge endorsed cooperative marketing in an address before the national conference of farmers' cooperative marketing associations.

The war finance corporation cancelled and retired \$499,000, 000 of its \$500,000,000 capital stock as the initial step toward winding up its affairs.

Senator Walsh, democrat, Montana, denied in the senate, there had been an alliance between democrats and republican insurgents at the last session.

The navy department announced scheduled flights to Bermuda, San Juan, Porto Rico, the Canal Zone and either Honolulu or Europe for the air liner Los Angeles next spring.

The supreme court affirmed the injunction restraining the Chicago sanitary district from diverting from Lake Michigan more than 25,000 cubic feet of water per minute.