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PRICE FIVE CENTS

STUDENTS POSTURE IMPROVES BY TEST

Number in Grade Schools Needing Special Help Cut 7.9 Percent Since 1914

TEACHERS ARE PRAISED

Examination Shows Percentage Higher Than Last June, Due to Sickness and Pupils From Other States

Effect of training in health in Salem grade schools is shown in the first complete report of the "posture test," just completed by Miss Grace Snook. Due to the large number of pupils entering Salem schools this fall and to sickness, the number of pupils needing individual help in posture, with its important bearing upon health, is greater than at the close of school last June, but lower than in fall of last year.

Importance of this work is shown, however, in that the check made last November showed 34.9 per cent of the 2034 children enrolled in the grade schools in the first to sixth grade inclusive were found to have some muscular defect. The check in February last showed the percentage cut to 16.9, and further reduced to 5.6 in June.

The report in full, with percentage of students needing help in each school, follows:

"The first posture check for the school year has just been completed by Miss Grace Snook. The results of the first check are highly satisfactory, and shows the good work that is being done by the grade teachers. Due to the large number of pupils entering Salem schools this fall and sickness, the per cent of pupils needing individual help in posture is greater than at the close of school last June.

"Four posture tests were given last year and in November, 1924, 34.9 per cent of the 2034 children enrolled in the grade schools in the first to sixth grade inclusive, were found to have some muscular defect, such as shoulder wings, short pectoral muscles, flat chests, found shoulders, weak abdominal muscles, protruding heads, prolated or supinated ankles, etc., which needed special attention. Due to the cooperation of the teachers, this percentage was lowered to 16.9 per cent in February, 1925, then to 10.9 per cent in April and to 5.6 per cent in June when school closed.

"The result of the first check just completed shows an enrollment of 1012 girls and 1026 boys, or a total of 2038 pupils in the eight grade schools of Salem. Of this number: 259 girls and 292 boys, or 551 pupils, or 27 per cent need individual attention in posture training. This is 7.9 per cent less than the check last November.

"This fall we had 248 children in the 1B grade who are attending school for the first time. There are 346 pupils enrolled from 1A grade to sixth inclusive who have not attended Salem schools until this fall. These children are from various parts of the United States and Canada. We have many from California and several from Texas, New Mexico, Arizona and New York.

"The following will show the schools, number of pupils and per cent of children needing individual posture training:

Garfield, 298 pupils, 20.9 per cent; Englewood, 252 pupils, 22.5 per cent; Park, 294 pupils, 28.5 per cent; Highland, 256 pupils, 25.7 per cent; Richmond, 279 pupils, 27.5 per cent; Lincoln, 326 pupils, 31.5 per cent; Grant, 290 pupils, 32.4 per cent; Washington, 42 pupils, 40.4 per cent.

"The following are the number of new pupils that have never been in Salem schools until this fall:

"Garfield 94, Grant 94, Lincoln 83, Richmond 83, Park 75, Highland 72, Englewood 67, Washington 26.

OLD QUERY IS ANSWERED

PSYCHOLOGISTS FIND WHY WOMEN 'KEEP YOU WAITING'

BALTIMORE, Dec. 9.—(By Associated Press.)—The old question "why does a woman keep you waiting?" has been solved, Johns Hopkins university psychologists announced. A series of tests have shown, the announcement says, that women as a rule show nearly 100 per cent error in estimating time. Men show an average for 45 per cent error.

One test had the subjects sit still for a minute and a half and then estimate the time. Women's estimates ranged from a few seconds to ten minutes. The most incorrect estimate by a man was 3 1/2 minutes.

BABE BORN IN STREET

GIRL MOTHER REFUSED ADMITTANCE TO HOSPITAL

SEATTLE, Dec. 9.—(By Associated Press.)—A baby girl was born in the streets of Seattle today because there was no available room for the mother in the county hospital. Mrs. Frank Benson, 17 year old half-breed Indian girl after being refused admittance to the county hospital, attempted to walk to the city hospital, but the stork overtook her before she reached her destination.

Mrs. Benson failed to make clear that her's was an emergency case when she applied at the hospital, attendants said in explanation of their action.

Both mother and child are doing well, despite their ordeal, it was reported later at the city hospital where they were taken. Mrs. Benson's home was in Hugo, Okla., near the Choctaw nation. She came here several weeks ago to seek work.

LINEN MILL MACHINERY PROBLEM FACES BOARD

EQUIPMENT ORDER WILL BE SENT OUT THIS WEEK

Day Is Spent Inspecting Possible Sites With No Decision Forecast

Directors of the new Oregon Linen Mills, Inc., with the assistance of J. H. Black, eastern linen expert, and Hamilton Oliver, representative of the largest textile machine manufacturers in the world, have been working days and nights this week in an endeavor to determine the location of the mill, and to arrange for the starting of construction.

Several sites are being considered. None has yet been selected, nor is likely to be this week. Several sites along the river bank, as well as various places farther east have been offered.

Location inland will do as well as on the river bank, it is said as in either case a tank will have to be built. The committee yesterday visited the various sites offered, including the grounds of the state hospital for the insane, on which a well has already been sunk.

Matter of purchasing machinery is one of the most important confronting the board of directors. The idea now is to study the raw material with the view of deciding on the best equipment to be used.

No two flax operations are alike it is said. Local conditions make a large difference in the type of machinery used. Oliver is helping in solving this problem. He sold the entire equipment to the Miles Linen Mills of Salem.

It is probable that the machinery will be ordered this week. At least, an outline will be made as to the best machinery adaptable to the climate of this section. It is thought urgent to purchase the machinery as soon as possible, as it takes some time for the machinery to arrive.

Mr. Black, who grew up in the linen industry in Scotland, and who has been in the business in the United States for fifteen years, now being looked upon as one of the best linen men in America, first became interested

CONTAGIOUS CASES GROW

THIRTEEN REPORTED ILL IN FIRST THREE DAYS

Thirteen cases of contagious disease have been reported to the Salem city health office this week. Five are smallpox, five are diphtheria. There is one case each of pneumonia, scarlet fever, and chickenpox.

Smallpox cases are: Howard Maw, 2185 North 4th street, a pupil at Highland school; Barbara Roome, 985 North Summer street, a pupil at Grant school; Frank W. Cheney, 777 North Capitol street; Mrs. G. C. Wolf, South 19th street; and J. Greenbaum, 2359 State street.

Diphtheria cases reported are: Merle Plank and Lusette Plank, both of 744 Chemeketa street pupils at Garfield school; Vera McCune, 245 South 22nd street, student at Parrish Junior high school; George W. Thompson, 2266 North 5th street; and Earl Johnson, 2199 Broadway street, pupil at Highland school.

A case of pneumonia was reported from 1450 North 17th street. Elizabeth Weiss, of 215 East Lincoln street, has scarlet fever. The case of chickenpox reported is that of Phillip Brown, 945 Summer street, a pupil at Grant school.

STATE TAX VALUES FOR 1926 RELEASED

Marion County Listed at \$44,781,877.57; Polk \$14,206,352.59

25 MILLION INCREASE

Assessment Summary Shows \$25,656,482.30 Increase Over Last Year, State Total Reaches \$1,084,537,618.91

Taxable property in the state of Oregon, including that equalized by county boards of equalization, and the utility properties equalized and apportioned by the state tax commission, is \$1,084,537,618.91 according to the assessment roll summary for the year 1925, which was completed here last night by the state tax commission.

It is upon this figure that the state tax levy for 1926 will be based, after being equalized by application of the tax rates of the various counties. The assessed valuations for this year show an increase of \$25,656,482.30 when compared with those of last year.

The summary shows the assessed valuation of the counties, exclusive of utilities, as \$929,483,911.20, which is an increase of \$19,058,120.88 over last year. Valuations of the public utilities, as fixed by the state tax commissioner aggregate \$155,053,707.71, an increase of \$6,598,761.42 over last year.

It was announced last night that the tax levy would be made at a meeting of the state tax commission which has been called here for Friday.

The first column of figures in the following summary shows the

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HIGHWAY BRIDGE OPENS

HARRISBURG UNIT NOW COMPLETES HIGHWAY ROUTE

The new \$200,000 bridge forming the last Willamette river bridge unit of the Pacific highway will be thrown open to traffic today, it is announced by State Engineer Roy Klein.

This new structure is of steel and concrete and required 18 months in construction. There are three spans of 180 feet each forming central units, the total length of these being 540 feet. Over 1,000 feet of trestle work was required for the approach, making the entire length nearly 1600 feet.

The bridge, one of the largest in the state, replaces the famous old Harrisburg ferry, terminating a service of nearly 50 years.

Traffic experts estimate that the bridge will "speed up" traffic on the highway and will greatly stimulate routing of cars on the east side of the river.

GOVERNMENT EXPENSES FOR 1927 ARE LISTED

COOLIDGE DECLARES MINIMUM COST HAS BEEN FOUND

Estimated Expenditures Will Run to Nearly Four Billion, Budget Shows

WASHINGTON, Dec. 9.—(By Associated Press.)—Government expenditures for the fiscal year 1927 were estimated at \$3,896,207,921 in budget figures submitted to congress today by President Coolidge who declared that the minimum cost of running the government had about been reached.

The estimate represented an increase of \$160,083,326 over the funds appropriated for the current fiscal year, and the executive suggested that the normal expansion of a growing nation would henceforth involve added expenditures to keep the government's machinery in motion. Despite the increase in the total estimates, the budget figures showed an anticipated surplus for 1927 of \$330,307,000 and an estimated surplus of \$262,041,756 for the current year.

While estimates for most of the government agencies disclosed about as many decreases as increases, compared with current appropriations, numerically, the post office department and the veterans were given important increases in the amounts which congress is asked to appropriate for them. The postal service was estimated to require \$103,808,148 more than it had this year, while the veterans' bureau was accorded an increase of \$53,265,000. Much of the added for the post office department was attributed to the payroll increases while growing requirements under the soldier bonus law.

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JURY PROBE DEMANDED

JUDGE ORDERS RHINELANDER CASE INVESTIGATION

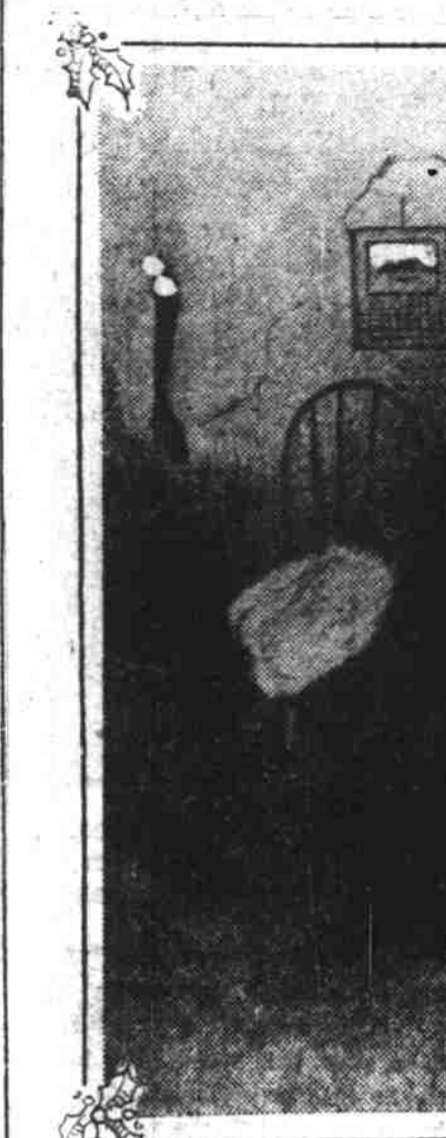
WHITE PLAINS, N. Y., Dec. 9.—(By Associated Press.)—Interest in the Rhineland marriage annulment case which subsided following a verdict last week favorable to Leonard Kip Rhineland's mulatto wife, revived today when Supreme Court Justice McShaw ordered a grand jury investigation of alleged tampering with the jury.

The investigation was ordered after Frederick C. Sanford, one of the jurors who heard the case, had reported that he had been approached by three citizens of Yonkers during the trial. One of these citizens who he named as having discussed the case with him was Dr. James C. Bennett, an eye specialist of Yonkers.

Both Dr. Bennett and Sanford were subpoenaed to appear before the grand jury tomorrow.

Sanford said that none of the persons who talked with him about the case had spoken in favor of Rhineland or his wife.

The Empty Stocking



This pathetic picture first appeared in "The Inland Printer" of December, 1903. It was executed by F. S. Manning. Since then it has been reprinted innumerable times all over the world because of its appeal.

This is a picture. It must not appear in reality.

There are Salem homes unable to furnish the joys to which every child, born in this good land, nourished on the alluring romance of holiday visits of good hearted spirits, has a right to expect.

Santa Claus must make all calls. No stockings should be allowed to hang empty.

To meet this need, The Oregon Statesman Associated Charities

Christmas Cheer Fund is being raised. Food and money contributed for this use will be placed in the hands of experts and distributed with full wisdom.

Christmas will be fuller when each shopper knows that some humble home has been made happy by a small cash gift. Send gifts now, that those in charge may undertake definitely the pleasant duty of investigating and determining the calls that should

be filled on that gay day when Santa Claus comes down your chimney with gifts and happiness for you.

Look at this picture. It must remain only a picture. Give to The Statesman Associated Charities Christmas Cheer Fund at once.

GIFTS
Acknowledged \$11.00
Cash 1.00
Anna S. Kantner 1.00

DEBATERS BREAK EVEN

U OF O AND OAC TEAMS DISCUSS CHINA QUESTION

EUGENE Or., Dec. 9.—The University of Oregon affirmative team today won the unanimous decision of the judges in the annual debate with Oregon Agricultural college here, and the negative team from the university lost the decision to the college at Corvallis by a unanimous vote.

The question discussed was whether or not the foreign powers should immediately relinquish all government control in China except that usually exercised over consulates and legations.

The Oregon affirmative team consisted of Benoit McCroskey of Salem and Beryl V. Ludington, who won from Frank Despain and Mark Evans. The Oregon negative team that lost at Corvallis consisted of Jack McGuire and Herschel Brown.

AUTO DEATH TOLL HIGH

15.7 PER 100,000 ARE KILLED IN MOTOR CRASHES

WASHINGTON, Dec. 9.—(By Associated Press.)—The 1924 motor accident death rate for the United States was placed by the commerce department today at 15.7 per 100,000 of population, compared with 14.9 in 1923, 12.5 in 1922, and 11.5 in 1921.

The figures were compiled from data covering 88.4 per cent of the population of the nation. Deaths numbered 15,528, while in 1923 the total was 14,411, and in 1922 it was 11,666. The total did not include deaths from crossing accidents, which added 1532 fatalities in 1924.

California's motor death rate was the highest among states for 1924, being 32 per 100,000, although the actual number of deaths there, 1254, was smaller than the actual number of deaths in New York or Pennsylvania. Wyoming's rate, 27.2 per 100,000 was next highest, followed by Florida with 22.6; New Jersey, 21.7; Michigan, 21.2; Delaware, 19.8; Connecticut, 18.4; Washington, 18.2; New York, 18.1; Rhode Island, 17.9; Oregon, 17.3.

North Dakota's death rate was lowest, 6.6 per 100,000 of population.

APPROVE PERSHING PLAN

TACNA - ARICA COMMISSION SETS HEARING FOR DEC. 16

ARICA, Chile, Dec. 9.—(By Associated Press.)—The Tacna-Arica plebiscitary commission today approved General Pershing's motion for fixing the dates for a plebiscite. The commission rejected the Chilean motion and the Chileans will appeal to the arbitrator, President Coolidge.

General Pershing's motion named January 15 as the date for the presentation of the election laws; February 15 for the beginning of the registration; March 15 for the ending of registration; three weeks more for appeals and the vote to be taken April 15.

General Pershing's motion begins with a long preamble in which it is charged that Chile has not fulfilled the requirements of a free plebiscite, has unlawfully administered the territory, violated the award by refusing to carry out the ruling of the commission and otherwise rendered the holding of a free referendum impossible.

MAN BROKEN ON SHAFT

CLOTHING CATCHES ON SWIFT TURNING MILL WHEEL

SEATTLE, Dec. 9.—(By Associated Press.)—Thomas Castro, a workman 23 years old, was killed here today when a shaft in a clay-drying machine caught his clothing and whirled him around the apparatus.

BOB PRICE IS SLASHED

PRICE REDUCED TO 25 CENTS; NECK SHAVES FREE

BELLINGHAM, Wash., Dec. 9.—(By Associated Press.)—To make it easy for Bellingham bobbed haired women to keep their locks trim and neat, union barbers tonight voted to slash the price of bobbing hair from 50 to 25 cents. And to make it still easier they decided to neck shave fair customers for nothing, anytime they feel disposed to grace the barber chair. It need to cost 25 cents. The action followed an unauthorized cut by one union shop of neck shave from 25 to 10 cents. The union then decided to go one better, and also took away the union card of the shop which led the way.

BOYS MOVED TO SCHOOL

First removal of boys to the new buildings of the state industrial school for boys near Woodburn took place yesterday when 15 of the older lads were lodged in quarters there.

The boys, under supervision, will build a thousand feet of reinforced concrete walk and aid in the task of preparing for the reception of the main group of 191 boys early in January.

New walks will join administration and service buildings to the cottage dormitories. The walks will form service routes for distribution of food from the central kitchen to the various cottage dining rooms. The working crew going on duty tomorrow is composed of boys of high school age and over and will be augmented to form a crew of about 25, Superintendent L. M. Gilbert announces.

A fifteen acre garden tract forming a part of the school's large acreage is being specially plowed and so suited for a garden tract. Orchards and other tracts will be given this special cultivation as winter farm work progresses at the institution.

HUBBARD BOY IS INJURED

BOY, 16, MAY DIE AS RESULT OF AUTOMOBILE CRASH

Brought to a local hospital where it is said he has a chance to recover, Leland Carl, 16, of Hubbard is hovering between life and death as a result of an automobile accident on the Pacific highway at 10 o'clock Wednesday morning.

Young Carl was injured when a roadster he was driving left the highway and turned completely over in the ditch and then righted itself. The accident happened about a mile north of Horseshoe park.

Carl was rushed to Salem where it was determined that he is suffering from serious chest injuries.

TAX REDUCTION BILL IS RUSHED IN HOUSE

Senate to Complete Organization Before Entering Into Discussion

HOUSE SESSION LENGTHY

Representatives Work Until Dark; Coolidge Recommends Increase in Budget Over Last Year

WASHINGTON, Dec. 9.—(By Associated Press.)—The house plunged forward today with the tax reduction bill, while the senate marked time to permit the disposition of final details of organization.

An atmosphere of mid-season activity pervaded the house which worked until dark.

Before resuming debate on the revenue measure, it received the budget message of President Coolidge recommending an increase in next fiscal year's appropriations of \$160,000,000 over this year.

While bills continued to pour into the hopper, many proposing to carry out proposals urged by the president in his message read to congress yesterday, some of the house committees were already at work whipping the measures into shape. Chairman Madden of the appropriations committee promised two supply bills next week which leaders said would be taken up immediately upon passage of the tax bill.

A large representation of members listened attentively today to four hours of debate on taxes in the house which included the first assaults on the nonpartisan bill drafted by the ways and means committee to slash the federal tax burden by \$325,000,000 next year. Representative Rainey of Illinois, a democratic member of the committee, declared he would not support the measure "unless materially changed," and with Representative Hull of Tennessee, another democratic member of the committee, urged a lesser reduction in the surtax rates and elimination of the provision to increase the personal exemptions from \$2500 to \$3500 for married persons and from \$1,000 to \$1,500 for single persons. Instead, they would repeal all of the war excise taxes and special levies and on various forms of business which they declared were purely war taxes.

Other members of the committee, including Representatives Hawley, Oregon and Mills, New York, republicans, and Dickinson, democrat, Missouri, came to the defense of the measure. Each admitted he was not in accord with every provision of the bill, but they endorsed it "in its entirety."

The passage of the measure almost without change is practically assured by the end of next week because of the bi-partisan support. Chairman Smoot announced today he would call the senate finance committee together January 2 to begin work on it. A report of the measure to the senate by January 15 was set as the goal for his committee by Mr. Smoot, who said this would give every opportunity to the senate to act on it and permit it to become law by March 1, in accordance with the desire of President Coolidge.

Enactment of the bill by that time will permit income taxpayers to take advantage of the proposed cuts in these schedules when first installments fall due March 15.

COMPROMISE BILL FILED

OLYMPIA, Dec. 9.—(By Associated Press.)—The compromise reclamation bill was signed by the presiding officers in the house and sent today and transmitted to the governor's office.

METEOROLOGISTS HIT AGED INDIAN SAYS WEATHERMAN NOT UP TO SNUFF

GREAT FALLS, Mont., Dec. 9.—(By Associated Press.)—Widely heralded prognostications of two years of continuous winter made by some internationally known long distance weather forecasters are disputed by Buffalo Roller, 90 year old Chippewa tribal wiseman of the plains.

Two Indians while hunting stumbled on a nest of rattlesnakes from which they escaped after defending themselves with stones.

Rattles are uncommon in December in Montana. Asked for an explanation of their presence, Buffalo Roller said: "Earth heap hot. Warm winter come now. Next year be dry."

Montana is enjoying "Indian summer" weather.