

WEATHER FORECAST: Unsettled with rain; moderate temperature; southwest gales on coast. Maximum yesterday, 42; minimum, 36; river, 4.2; rainfall, 1.67; atmosphere, cloudy; wind, northwest.

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BEAVERS BEAT OREGON TEAM ON WET FIELD

Aggie Eleven Rides Roughshod Over Lemon Yellow Squad, 16 to 0

MAPLE SUPPLIES THRILL

Slippery Halfback Intercepts Pass and Dashes 70 Yards Through Oregon Team to Score Touchdown

BELL FIELD, Corvallis, Ore., Nov. 20.—(AP)—Breaking a precedent by winning a game from the University of Oregon on a Corvallis field for the first time in history, the Oregon Aggies dumped Oregon today 16 to 0 in the state's annual football classic.

The game was played in a field of slop and mire, which slowed down both elevens and prevented a display of anything but straight, old fashioned football.

Maple, flashy Aggie halfback, supplied the most sensational moment of the game when he intercepted an Oregon pass in midfield and wove his way down the field for a touchdown late in the fourth period. It was his second touchdown.

A blocked punt gave the Orange-men their chance for their first touchdown early in the fourth period. Jarvis recovered for the Aggies on Oregon's 12 yard line, and Maple wove his way across the goal line with the ball.

The famed Aggie power machine failed seriously to dent the Oregon defense in the first two periods and the half ended scoreless. In the third period, however, the Aggies got the first real break and blocked an Oregon

TRAIN SERVICE FIGHT STARTED

CALIFORNIA SCHEDULES HELD UNFAIR TO OREGON

Public Service Department Preparing Case for Interstate Commission

Sixty-three hour passenger train service on the Union Pacific lines between Portland and Chicago will be sought in a complaint now being prepared by the Oregon public service commission, for filing with the interstate commerce commission.

The complaint will allege discrimination on the part of the Union Pacific company against Portland and in favor of Los Angeles, San Francisco and other California points. It was said that the public service commission of the state of Washington would be requested to intervene in the petition of the Oregon commission.

Such a move, it was explained, might have the effect of reducing materially the passenger train service between Chicago and Puget Sound points.

Data gathered by the public service commission here today indicated that Union Pacific passenger trains now covering the distance between Chicago and Los Angeles in 63 hours, while the best service between Chicago and Portland is 70 hours. Mileage reports in the offices of the public service commission show that the distance between Chicago and Los Angeles is 2298 miles, while the distance between Chicago and Portland is 2262 miles. The distance between Chicago and San Francisco is 2261 miles, or one mile less than the distance between Chicago and Portland.

Although the complaint of the

MURDER TRIAL HALTED

MEDICAL EXPERTS TAKE UP DAY IN M'GEE CASE

TILLAMOOK, Ore., Nov. 20.—(AP)—The trial of Mrs. Eva N. McGee, charged with the murder of her husband, Dr. W. G. McGee, was halted this afternoon with the announcement of the death of the other of Judge R. Bagley who is hearing the case. Court will be resumed Tuesday morning. Mrs. McGee, the state declares, poisoned her husband following his illness as the result of an automobile accident.

BIG APARTMENT TO RISE

R. A. HARRIS TAKES OUT PERMIT FOR BUILDING

A third big apartment house will rise in the central part of Salem in the immediate future. A permit for one to be located at 1240 Chemeketa street was taken out in the city recorder's office yesterday by R. A. Harris.

Two mammoth apartment houses are already rising on N. Summer street near Union. Harris apartment will be but a block from these two.

The new apartment will be \$24,500, according to the building permit taken out, and will be story high, with a court in center. Henry Carl will be builder.

Santa Claus With Reindeer, Sleigh And Driver Coming for Visit Here



Old Santa Claus Himself and His Favorite "Dancer"

AYRES RECEIVES PRINCESS ILEANA

FORD REPRESENTATIVE COMPLETES WITH REQUEST

Queen Marie Turns to Quiet of Tuxedo Sixty Miles from New York

NEW YORK, Nov. 20.—(AP)—When Princess Ileana arrived with her mother, Queen Marie, tonight she was greeted by J. B. Ayres, representative of the Ford Motor company, who was put off the train in Seattle.

They shook hands warmly and after a moment the princess stepped into an automobile held by Ayres and with him beside her, she drove off to Tuxedo where she and Queen Marie are to rest until they sail on Monday. The royal mother preceded the couple in another car.

It was learned from a member of the entourage that Ayres was present at Ileana's request, and that she had previously asked to have him in the car during the drive.

Ayres, still wearing the huge racoon coat that identified him as a member of the royal party during the western reach of the tour, was all smiles as the princess guided the car out of the station. His dismissal from the train at Seattle followed upon publication of interviews in which it was said Henry Ford's money was helping to finance the tour.

Ayres denied responsibility for the statements, but Colonel John H. Carroll, in charge of the train, refused to permit him to remain aboard. Immediately afterward, Ayres left for Denver, where it was expressed by many aboard the train that he would rejoin the party.

When Denver was reached, however, Ayres had been called to Detroit, the Ford home office. Interest of the royal party in Ayres came to light when Colonel Carroll and Major Stanley Washburn, special aide to the queen, wrote to Mr. Ford in Ayres' behalf. Both pointed out that the young man had made himself useful to the queen and her entourage and that he was well liked.

Ayres explained tonight that he had planned to remain in the

MURDER WILL OUT!

LEGAL TECHNICALITY

INSANITY PLEA

CRIME

EVASION

UNWRITTEN LAW

Visitor happy through service he does, friend of old and young.

Whoever saw a Santa Claus without reindeer?

He'd be about like a dinner without food—nothing but dishes; or like a summer with only ice and no fruit or flowers.

Indeed, there ain't no such animal as a Santa Claus without reindeer. They at him just like his own skin.

Well, Santa Claus is coming to Salem; reindeer, sleigh, Eskimo drivers, whisks, everything. He may bring snow, and then maybe he won't; Santa Claus is too busy with other things to look after making the weather. But whatever it is, he comes with all his stuff.

He's coming early—about the first week in December. Long ways up to the north pole, and he has lots of places to go. Funny, isn't it, that the little folks down towards the south pole think of Santa Claus as living down there, too. That is, they would, if there were children. But there aren't

PRUNE TROUBLES TO BE DISCUSSED

GOVERNMENT EXPERT WILL GIVE CHAMBER ADVICE

Why California Prices Stable and Oregon Market Varies, Is Chief Question

B. H. Critchfield, agricultural economist from the United States department of agriculture, will tell some of the troubles in the local prune industry to the chamber of commerce at its weekly luncheon Monday. Mr. Critchfield has been here for several weeks investigating the industry.

Mr. Critchfield, considered a prominent authority in this line, was brought here through efforts of United States Senator Charles L. McNary, who interested the department of agriculture in the prune situation.

Mr. Critchfield has conferred with many prominent growers and packers in his effort to solve the

SNOW NARROWLY MISSES VALLEY

FAIRER WEATHER FORECAST FOR DISTRICT TODAY

First Real Taste of Winter Felt in Oregon, Cold Weather Reported

PORTLAND, Ore., Nov. 20.—(AP)—Narrowly missing snow or a silver thaw, according to the local weather observer, this part of Oregon is in line for balmy weather tomorrow, although little prospect is seen for cessation of rain. Rising temperature is foreseen by Forecaster Wells of the United States weather bureau here. Rain of 1.55 inches here today was the heaviest reported throughout the state, the observer said.

With a heavy fall of rain in the lower Willamette river valley and in the Coast Range and a snow of varying depths in the Cascades and up the Columbia river valley, northern Oregon and southern Washington experienced their first real taste of winter.

Transportation and wire service has not been seriously hampered by the storm, although wires were reported temporarily out of commission in several districts.

Snow and sleet on the Columbia highway from Multnomah Falls east across the state slowed up stage travel to a small extent, operators stated tonight. Portland-bound stages reported 4 to 16 inches of snow at Parkdale, on the Mount Hood loop and a flurry of snow and sleet at Crown Point, the highest elevation on the highway.

The Federal Telegraph company's radio station at Hillsboro stated that no ship reports mentioned severe storm conditions off the coast. An 18 mile wind was reported at the mouth of the Columbia river.

From Condon, Gilliam county, came the report that heavy snow yesterday morning. Other points of eastern Oregon have several inches of snow.

Heavy sleet is falling at Hood River, following a snow storm that raged throughout last night, leaving a blanket of eight inches of level ground. The temperature dropped to 34 degrees tonight with a biting east wind blowing.

CARS OF TURKEYS SENT

UMPUQUA VALLEY SHIPS BIRDS FOR THANKSGIVING

ROSEBURG, Ore., Nov. 20.—(AP)—Seven carloads of turkeys have been shipped out of the Umpuqua valley for the Thanksgiving market while several other small lots have gone by express.

The turkeys represented in these shipments have resulted in payments to growers of approximately \$70,000. Less than one half of the country's crop was placed upon Thanksgiving market and the rest will be held for the Christmas and New Year trade.

TRUCK THROUGH BRIDGE

SILVERTON, Ore., Nov. 20.—(Special)—The Silverton Truck and Transfer company's wood truck went through the Abiqua bridge near Dullum's Friday. The truck was loaded with a double deck of slab wood.

HENRY STEVENS CALMLY TELLS ALIBI TO JURY

Brother of Mrs Hall Declares He Never Heard of Choir Singer

FISHING TRIP RELATED

Neighbors Substantiate Story of Defendant Regarding Actions on Night of Pastor and Mrs. Mills' Murder

SOMERVILLE, N. J., Nov. 20.—(AP)—Henry Stevens and his fellow fishermen from Lavellette today told the jury trying the Hall-Mills case that the defendant was surf casting on the beach at Lavellette the night Mrs. Eleanor R. Mills was slain with his brother in law, the Rev. Edward W. Hall. Henry Stevens is on trial with his sister, Mrs. Frances Stevens Hall, and brother, Willie Stevens, charged with the murder of Mrs. Mills.

For three hours the defendant-witness told his story, calmly and carefully. He declared that he never heard of the slain woman before her death, knew nothing of any affair between her and his brother-in-law, and had not fired a pistol in 25 years, although he is an expert with a shotgun.

Behing Stevens came his neighbors, Mayor Enoch T. Van Camp, serving his third term as mayor of Lavellette, was supporting the Stevens alibi when court recessed over the week-end. During the afternoon three other men who were fishing on the beach the night of the double slaying, told of Stevens' presence there. One, William H. Egar, said that he left Stevens in his home as late as 10:20 the night of the killing.

Mrs. Egar, the only woman witness of the day, testified that Henry Stevens told her he was going to catch a big bluefish for her to bake.

Late in the crowded court day, Justice Charles W. Parker ordered the audience from the room and suspended proceedings until the spectators could be shooed out by the court crier, John Bunn. The dismissal of the crowd followed the loudest of several ripples of suppressed laughter which had punctuated sharp exchanges between the special prosecutor,

GERMAN BAND RESUMES

FAMILIAR STRAINS OF "VIENNA NIGHT" RENDERED

NEW YORK, Nov. 20.—(AP)—The "little German band" is back. Out of the East Side, where the Germans congregate around Avenue A, near Sixth and Seventh streets, have wandered three stolid grey-mustached minstrels. Little black caps on their heads and clad in the old loose-flopping trousers and baggy coats, they moved westward on New York.

And crowds below Fourteenth street going to work this morning heard, for the first time since the war, the old familiar strains of the Vienna Night as only a tuba, a tenor and a Teuton clarinet can produce them.

FATHER DISINHERITS SON

YOUTH IN PRISON FOLLOWING COLLEGE SCRAPE

CHICAGO, Nov. 20.—(AP)—Robert T. Meads, former Dartmouth college student, who shot and killed a fellow student in a quarrel over a bottle of whiskey in a fraternity house, was disinherited under the will of his father, Albert H. Meads, filed in probate court here today.

The estate of \$400,000 was left to the widow, Mrs. Ethel T. Meads. Meads pleaded guilty to manslaughter and was sentenced to ten to 15 years in prison.

SHOTS STARTLE CROWDS

MAN KILLS COMPANION AND TURNS WEAPON ON SELF

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 20.—(AP)—Football crowds were startled tonight when Mrs. Betty King, 30, was shot to death by George W. Barnett as the couple dined in a Market street restaurant. Barnett then turned an automatic pistol on himself and fired a bullet into his head. At the central emergency hospital it was said his wound was fatal.

CALLS TO BE PROBED

WASHINGTON, Nov. 20.—(AP)—Inquiries into what are regarded as mysterious telephone calls to members of the families of prospective jurors in the Elk Hills naval oil lease conspiracy trials to start here Monday were ordered here today by government counsel.

Meet Bill

Bill is just another wise lad who knows when to get in out of the rain.

Bill is perhaps the first chicken hawk on record to cheerfully exchange freedom for captivity without much of a struggle.

A week ago Bill was unnamed and was joyfully winging his way over Polk county hills in quest of rabbits, rodents and chickens. And the least of these was not chickens.

Bill was tumbled to the ground after coming within gunshot of Don Bolder, of West Salem.

Just a single shot pierced a muscle of Bill's good right wing. Hardly injured him a bit.

Yet he permitted himself to be picked up and since that time anyone can approach and pet or feed him.

Today he sits unchained on a perch in Russ Smith's tire shop and cheerfully cultivates the acquaintance of anyone who is interested.

Farmers and hunters acquainted with the habits of hawks and eagles assert that Bill is an unusual exception to the age old attribute of this bird's fierce desire for freedom.

ISLANDS TITLES REMAIN IN FORCE

ATTORNEY GENERAL NOT INTERESTED IN PROBLEM

Royalties for Sand and Gravel to Be Collected, States Mr. Van Winkle

ATTORNEY GENERAL VAN WINKLE announced yesterday that his department was not interested in the controversy now raging between the independent sand and gravel companies operating on the Willamette river in Multnomah county, but that he would confine his efforts to enforcing the collection of royalty for sand and gravel taken from the navigable streams of the state in compliance with the statutes.

"In view of recent stories appearing in the press conveying the impression that the attorney general's office contemplated legal action to test the title of the Ross Island Sand and Gravel company to properties acquired from John Kiernan, comprising the Ross Island group of islands in the Willamette river," read a statement given out by the attorney general, "I want to say that this office never has, and does not now, question the title of the company to these islands."

"The question has arisen as to the exact location of the new low water line of these islands and the state engineer's office is making a survey to determine this line. This does not involve any controversy with the Ross Island Sand and Gravel company, but on the contrary we have its cooperation in the matter.

"In conclusion I wish to add that this office does not wish to be involved in any way in any sand and gravel controversy, fancied or real, between the opposing sand and gravel interests."

PLAN SALEM DIRECTORY

YEAR-END EDITION SOURCE OF USEFUL INFORMATION

It is an every-day occurrence in the business and editorial offices of The Statesman to answer from one to a dozen telephone calls, many of them from the same sections adjacent, and frequently long distance, asking the location of physicians, lawyers and professional people who, because of the nature of their business do not regularly advertise. In this connection The Statesman has directed that one section of its 41st Year-End edition be devoted as far as is necessary to a professional directory for the Salem trade territory. In the parts of this section devoted to this use no advertising or writeups that are not consistent will be run, it being the plan that this section can be preserved in all homes for continuous reference. Professional people who desire to have their cards in this directory should call Martin Service, phone 23.

STRUCK BY AUTOMOBILE

L'BRANCHE SUFFERS BRUISES AND SEVERE INJURIES

J. LaBranche, 73, of Four Corners, near Salem, was struck and knocked down by an automobile last night, suffering possible internal injuries besides bruises. He was taken to a local hospital by John Wiens, 1431 North Capitol street, driver of the car that hit him.

The accident occurred after dark last night as LaBranche was walking along the highway near his home. He was walking on the right side of the road, according to a report Wiens made out at local police headquarters.

MASS MEETING MONDAY SEEKS BEET ACREAGE

Contracts to Be Given Out for Signing Up Land to Grow Sugar Beets

1,000 ACRES WANTED

Portland Chamber Sending Field Man to Aid in Preliminary Work, Farmers to Attend Meeting

A huge mass meeting to stir up interest in the sugar beet situation for the Willamette valley is planned for Monday night in the Salem Chamber of Commerce auditorium, at which contracts will be given out for signing up 1000 acres of land on which to grow sugar beets next year.

J. W. Timpson, manager of the Utah-Idaho Sugar company, will attend the meeting in person. He will also send his agricultural superintendent, Mr. Lant, and an assistant who will arrive in Salem today and spend tomorrow looking over the district.

These men will bring the contracts for the 1000 acres so that farmers who attend the meeting can take them home to study over. The Portland Chamber of Commerce, which is much interested in the sugar beet campaign, is sending a field man, who will aid in signing up the contracts for the 1000 acres. These contracts will be written up near such loading stations as Stayton, Woodburn, Aumsville, and other Marion county towns, besides Dallas and Independence in Polk county.

Many farmers and others from Corvallis, Albany, Dallas, Silverton, McMinnville, Forest Grove and other centers throughout the valley have all signified their intention of attending the meeting, giving evidence of the big interest the sugar beet possibilities are attracting in the state.

W. D. Dodson, general manager of the Portland Chamber of Commerce, and R. H. Kipp, agricultural representative of the Portland Chamber, will be present at the meeting, according to word received by the local Chamber of Commerce, which is sponsoring the mass meeting.

TAX VALUATIONS SHOW INCREASE

ESTIMATE 30 MILLIONS MORE THAN LAST YEAR

All Counties but Clackamas Report Valuations, Tax Report Shows

Although the property valuations for the year 1926 have not yet been determined definitely, the state tax commissioner has estimated that they will show an increase of approximately \$30,000,000 when compared with the valuations for the year 1925. The tax levy for the year 1927 will be based on the 1926 valuations.

Of the increase approximately \$10,000,000 will be on the properties of public service corporations, the state tax commissioner said. Records in the office of the state tax commission showed that all of the counties in the state, with the exception of Clackamas, have reported their 1926 valuations. The tabulation cannot be completed until the Clackamas county report has been received.

The 1927 tax levy, based on the 1926 valuations, will be made by the state tax commission at a meeting to be held early in December.

NEWBERG WINS 6 TO 0

SILVERTON, Ore., Nov. 20.—(Special)—Newberg defeated Silverton high school in a spectacular game here Friday afternoon. The score was 6 to 0, Newberg making the touchdown during the first quarter.

CLUB STARTS CAMPAIGN

SEATTLE, Nov. 20.—(AP)—The Washington State Federation of Women's Clubs begins Monday a campaign to raise \$30,000 to buy 63 acres of Douglas fir on the Sunset highway six miles west of the summit of the Cascade mountains.

THE LAST FRONTIER

At the Oregon is a great historic play. Depicting incidents that can never happen again. Playing today and tomorrow; perhaps also Tuesday.

