

WEATHER FORECAST: Occasional rains, cloudy and unsettled; moderate temperature; southwest gales on coast. Maximum yesterday, 49; minimum, 43; river, 6.9; rainfall, .58; atmosphere, cloudy; wind, south.

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SHOP EARLY—Only 35 shopping days remain before Christmas. Do your shopping early and avoid the rush. You will find a new delight in this early shopping and also you'll bring happiness to the merchants and the post office clerks.

SEVENTY-SIXTH YEAR

SALEM, OREGON, THURSDAY MORNING, NOVEMBER 25, 1926

PRICE FIVE CENTS

REFUSES FINAL APPROVAL TEXT BOOKS REPORT

Gallagher Charges Commission Did Not Give Proper Consideration

PREPARING COMPLAINT

State Superintendent Says Won't Be a Party to Oregon's School Children Being Gouged for Books

In a letter sent to Milton A. Miller, chairman of the state textbook commission, R. R. Turner, state superintendent of public instruction said yesterday that he would refuse to sign at least one of the contracts adopted at the meeting of the commission. Mr. Turner called attention to a letter received from the Seattle superintendent and said he would not be a party to school book gouging.

"Sitting on the side lines at the recent textbook adoption," read Mr. Turner's letter, "I made the assertion that the Southwestern Publishing company was not offering to the Oregon textbook commission as favorable terms on their Twentieth Century bookkeeping text as they had given to Seattle and other Washington cities.

"Mr. Hiatt, agent for the Southwestern company, was called before the commission and he denied the correctness of my statement and went on to say that the exchange price offered by Oregon was as good as had ever been offered anywhere in Washington or elsewhere. The commission then adopted the Twentieth Century bookkeeping text. The exchange price agreed upon gives a value of 13 cents for the old second hand book of the text previously used when offered in purchase for the new text.

"I enclose herewith copy of a letter that I have just received from the office of the superintendent of the Seattle schools. By reading this letter you will note that the publishers allowed the pupils of Seattle for their old text a value equivalent to one-half the list price of the new texts. In other words, Seattle pupils were allowed 46 cents for their old books in exchange. Your commission adopted this book in question on a basis of 13 cents value for the old book.

"I decline to be a party to Oregon's school children being gouged in this way. Therefore, as long as I am a member of the state board of education, I shall decline to affix my signature to this contract with the Southwestern Publishing company."

The letter received by Mr. Turner from S. E. Fleming, assistant superintendent of schools at Seattle, reads:

"Following is the proposition offered us by the Southwestern Publishing company in connection with our adoption of the Twentieth Century Bookkeeping system in 1925:

WHERE TO GO TO CHURCH TODAY

Not forgetting the true meaning of Thanksgiving the churches of Salem have planned union services this morning. At noon the Salvation Army will give a free dinner to all homeless and in the evening have a program for the public at their headquarters. The services in the city will be conducted as follows: First Baptist church, Rev. E. C. Whitaker, speaker. Services at 10:30, down town district. Special music.

Leslie M. E. church, Rev. E. H. Shanks, speaker. Services at 10:30, South Salem district. Special music.

Community M. E. church, Rev. R. L. Putnam, speaker. Services at 10:30, West Salem district. Special music.

St. Paul's church, sermon by rector, vested choir will sing Eucharistic service by Collinswood. Services at 10 o'clock.

Knight Memorial Congregational church, Dr. John Canse, speaker. Services at 10:30, East Salem district. Special music.

Highland Friends church, Rev. F. B. Culver, speaker. Services at 10:30, North Salem district. Special music.



Thanksgiving

Thanksgiving Day An American Heritage

THREE hundred and five years ago a little company of men and women gathered at Plymouth to give thanks to God for a bountiful harvest and for many other blessings received after they arrived in the new world. William Bradford in writing about this first Thanksgiving said:

"And in May 1621, there commenced a drouth, which lasted until the middle of July without any rains, and with great heat; in so much as the corn began to wither away. Upon which they sette aparte a solemne day of humiliation to seek the Lord by humble and fervente prayer in this great distress. And he was pleased to give them a speedy answer both to their own and the Indians admiration that lived among them. For which mercede in time convenient, they also sett aparte a day of thanksgiving."

This same religious spirit of dependence upon God has been maintained down through the years in varying forms.

It's a far cry from 1621 to 1926, yet we have more to be thankful for than the earliest colonists who settled on the bleak New England shores. The comforts of that time cannot begin to compare with those we have today.

Disasters in the form of fires, floods and hurricanes have taken their toll of lives and damage to property. Through it all the people have carried on and we have only to compare our lot with that of citizens in other countries to know that we have every reason to set aside a day of thanksgiving.

The United States has enjoyed a most successful year. Substantial progress has been made in all worthy lines of endeavor. The people are faring better than ever before and so remain cheerful and enthusiastic. Our constitution is an American heritage and sets forth our duty to our fellow citizens. As citizens of this republic each and everyone of us has a bounden duty to perform, one to the other. The least we can do is to utter a few words of appreciation and thanks on this day for the material and spiritual joys that are ours. Our Thanksgiving Day is likewise an American heritage. It sets forth our duty toward God and calls upon us to thank Him for the blessings bestowed upon us.

We should be a thankful people on this Thanksgiving Day. One of the most important reasons for this is because of the many opportunities to make others happy by giving some real service.

"It is more blessed to give than to receive."

FRIENDS RALLY TO AID WOMAN

PHYSICIAN'S MEDICINE BAGS ENTERED AS EXHIBITS

Witness Declares Doctor Admitted Before Death of Taking 'Too Much'

TILLAMOOK, Or., Nov. 24.—(AP)—Friends and relatives rallied to the aid of Mrs. Eva N. McGee as they formed a procession of witnesses for the defense today in her trial on a charge of first degree murder of her husband, Dr. W. G. McGee.

Evidence which the defense had hoped would show that Dr. McGee had taken poison in the form of medicine prepared by himself for a week heart, was offered to offset the prosecution's contention that Mrs. McGee had given poison to her husband.

Dr. McGee's medicine bags, which had been in the possession of Walter Thompson, Nehalem pharmacist, since the doctor died in August, were entered as exhibits, and they were shown to contain tablets of the poison which the state alleges had been administered.

REGENTS READY TO TOUR SITES TO BE INVESTIGATED IN MANY TOWNS

Members of the board of regents of the state normal school will leave Portland Sunday, December 12, for Baker, where they will spend the following afternoon inspecting sites for the proposed new Eastern Oregon normal school authorized by the voters at the recent general election.

Other cities and towns included in the revised itinerary follow: Tuesday, at Elgin and La Grande; Wednesday, Milton, Pendleton and Weston; Thursday, Arlington and The Dalles; Friday, Redmond and Bend; Saturday, Prineville, and Sunday, Hood River.

The board will return to Salem early Monday, when the various sites will be discussed.

SOVIET DIPLOMAT DIES

EFFORTS OF KING'S PERSONAL DOCTOR FUTILE

LONDON, Nov. 24.—(AP)—Despite the heroic efforts of Lord Dawson, the king's personal physician, to save the life of Leonid Krassin, the soviet envoy, died today in the old soviet embassy from pernicious anaemia. In his death British officials see the passing of an able diplomat who was expected to do much toward re-establishing the relations of Russia with the western nations.

The body will be sent to Moscow, where the "economic dictator" will be honored with a state funeral.

Leonid Krassin was an influential figure wherever he served, and although his full ambassadorial status was not recognized by the British government, he was accorded all the diplomatic courtesies.

LAWYERS CLASH OVER WITNESS

JUDGE ADJOURNS MURDER TRIAL OVER HOLIDAY

Mrs. Hall Expected to Testify Friday or Saturday in Own Defense

SOMERVILLE, N. J., Nov. 24.—(AP)—Clouds of argument hanging over the Hall-Mills case during the afternoon today came to a head just before adjournment and sent the trial into eclipse over Thanksgiving in a legal storm.

Efforts by the defense to use Henry De La Bruyere Carpenter as a witness to discredit Mrs. Jane Gibson's story told as a state witness, precipitated a clash of lawyers that was not decided when court suspended for the holiday. Carpenter, a New York broker, is a cousin of the three defendants on trial and is under indictment with them for the murder of Mrs. Eleanor B. Mills. He is awaiting a separate trial.

The defense plan to place in the record and before the jury his statement that he was not on Phillips farm or near Derussey's aLae on the night of September 14, 1922, when Mrs. Mills and the Rev. Edward W. Hall were slain, drew emphatic protest from the state.

Justice Charles W. Parker, presiding, took the problem of the competence of the testimony away with him, a decision being expected Friday when court reconvenes.

OLD SANTA'S DEER USED TO TRAVEL

GET DAD AND MOTHER INTERESTED IN SHOPPING

Don't Wait Until Christmas, Begin Right Now and Make Some One Happy

If it should rain like this when Santa Claus comes, what do you suppose he'd do with his reindeer?

Probably nothing. Not a single solitary thing. He wouldn't have to. They were born outdoors, and have lived outdoors all their little lives. They can laugh at cold and snow and ice; and grow fat on weather that would make a boy curl up into a hoop. Maybe they wouldn't like the rain, of course; they don't get rain in wintertime, up where they live. But they'd stand it.

They're tough. T-u-l-l, T U F F! They are Santa Claus' deer; used to traveling all over the world, north and south, and of course somewhere in their trips they strike it hot or wet, or hail-stormy, or dry, or cold as anything. They can stand it all.

But they won't have to. They'll be in under the shed, or the tent, or something. Who'd make Santa Claus and his faithful steeds stand out in the rain, for Christmas time? Who would? Nobody. Never!

Santa Claus is counting on this being Oregon's merriest Christmas. Seems funny to start it so long before time—for Christmas is just 30 days off, and we can hardly think that winter is even on the road. But when you look at the calendar, you'll find this:

"December 25—Christmas. Santa Claus comes today. Too late to get Christmas presents, too late for the Christmas spirit; ought to do that weeks and weeks ago. Be good and help somebody else; shop early and avoid the rush; give all you can, and then some more; Oregon's Merriest Christmas if you will help make it so."

Waiting till Christmas day to be happy or to make someone else happy, is like going to the table after the other fellows have eaten all the food; or starting to dress and finding that because you were the last one has carried off your clothes. No fun in that, is there?

So we won't wait, not a minute. We'll not even wait for Santa Claus, we know that he'll tell us to get at it right now—and why wait any longer? Why, indeed? No use to wait; we'll start in right now to make it the big

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EIGHT COLLEGES PLAN BIG MEET

INDEPENDENT INSTITUTIONS OF STATE TO CONFER

Educational Problems to Be Discussed During Two Day Sessions

Representatives from eight independent colleges of Oregon will meet in this city November 26 and 27 for the 21st conference of the Independent College Presidents' association of Oregon, to be held on the Willamette university campus. L. G. Nichols of the Oregon Institute of Technology in Portland, president of the association, will have charge.

Each institution in the association is entitled to send its president and one other voting delegate to the meeting. Members of the association are Reed college, Pacific university, Linfield college, Willamette university, Albany college, Philomath college, Oregon institute of technology, and Eugene Bible university.

The conference will begin at 2 o'clock Friday afternoon and end Saturday noon with a luncheon for all deans. Willamette university will entertain the delegates with a dinner Friday evening at 6 o'clock in Lausanne hall.

The complete program is as follows:

"The Small vs the Extensive Curriculum in the College," by Dean Frank M. Erickson of Willamette university. Discussion led by Dr. Floyd Perisho of Pacific college.—2 o'clock.

"The Problem of the Backward Student," by Professor Edward O. Sisson of Reed college. Discussion led by Edward L. Clark, director of Oregon institute of technology.—3 o'clock.

"Scholastic Standards and Extra-Curricular Activities," by Dean Ward W. Sullivan of Albany college. Discussion led by Professor Frank C. Taylor of Pacific university.—4 o'clock.

Banquet at Lausanne hall.—6 o'clock.

Musical program by Professor Melton, director of piano and theory of Willamette university school of music.—8 o'clock.

Address by Dr. Levi T. Pennington, president of Pacific college.—9 o'clock.

Saturday "Religious Education Subjects in a College Course," by Professor William J. Sly of Linfield college. "The Relation of Courses in Religion to the General Curriculum in a College," by Professor Roy R. Hewitt of OAC. General Discus-

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COOLIDGE TO EAT TURKEY

WORK ON ANNUAL MESSAGE TO CONGRESS PLANNED

WASHINGTON, Nov. 24.—(AP)—Thanksgiving is not expected to be exclusively a holiday for President Coolidge.

If he follows his custom of past holidays, he will go to his office for a short time in the morning and it is understood he plans to spend several hours in the afternoon at work on his annual message to congress.

The president, and Mrs. Coolidge, accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Frank W. Stearns of Boston, will attend services at the Metropolitan Memorial Methodist Episcopal church during the morning. The four will have Thanksgiving dinner at the White House in the evening when a 24 pound turkey, presented by Governor Baker of Missouri, will grace the table.

MANY SOUVENIRS TAKEN BY QUEEN

MARIE OCCUPIES IMPERIAL SUITE ON BERBERGARIA

Line Bearing Royal Party De-Parts Amid Salutes of Harbor Craft

NEW YORK, Nov. 24.—(AP)—Queen Marie, with Prince Nicholas and Princess Ileana, and the royal entourage, was on her way back to Rumania tonight in the imperial suite of the Berbergaria.

After a 10,000 mile tour of America, taking her into 23 states and sections of Canada, the English-born queen of a Balkan state sailed today, declaring that "every moment of the trip was a happy one," and that she only regretted that the illness of the king forced curtailment of the visit.

On departing the queen seemed oblivious to the hickering that marked the royal train across the continent, causing the successive "dropping" of Samuel H.H., head of the Maryland museum at Maryland, Wash., of Lois Fuller, the dancer, friend and mentor of the queen; May Birkhead, her publicity agent, and J. A. Ayres, Ford representative. She rebuked the press for its emphasis on discord accompanying her trip, saying "As to any stories which may have appeared saying that I had made any criticism on my reception or of America, they are pure invention."

The liner bearing the royal party left the harbor amid the salutes of other craft, which seemed to echo these that a month

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FIVE ENTOMBED

MEN TAKEN FROM SHAFT ARE ALIVE AFTER NINE DAYS

Great Excitement Reigns Throughout Entire Lehigh Valley Coal Field

HAZLETON, Pa., Nov. 24.—(AP)—Five of the six men entombed nine days ago by a flood in the Tombskin mine of the Lehigh Valley Coal company were taken out alive tonight and will spend Thanksgiving with their families.

All except Charles Smith were rescued. He was some distance below the section where they had been working on the day of the accident. Whether he is alive or dead was not determined but it was feared that he was drowned.

The rescued men are: Henry Kirchoerfer, assistant foreman.

August Yencheck. Michael Lawrence. John Gondera. John Lorincz.

Gondera, was trapped on his 21st birthday anniversary and was to have been tendered a party the night of the accident.

The imprisoned men were found at 7:40 o'clock. The rescue caused great excitement in the little village and all through the Lehigh coal field.

The men were found in an old breast off the number eight tunnel, and not number 16, where they were supposed to have been. Kirchoerfer was the life of the party and kept the spirits of the men up until they heard the glad word of their rescuers.

The first aid corps on the scene was hurriedly taken to the mine and was ready to offer whatever

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NEEDY RECEIVE CHEER

LOCAL PEOPLE RESPOND TO CALL FOR CHARITY

Many needy families in Salem will be cheered today by the Salvation Army, Associated Charities and independent organizations through the distribution of dinner baskets, clothing and other suitable Thanksgiving remembrances.

The Salvation Army is giving a free dinner this noon to all homeless men in the city, besides caring for all needy families possible. The call made by the Associated Charities for supplies was readily responded to by local people and they will serve many families in the community with necessities and food to lead cheer to the seasonal Thanksgiving.

MISSING PLANE FOUND AT SEA BY MAN-O-WAR

Air Craft Reported Safe to Navy Department After 14 Anxious Hours

PN-10 NO. 2 TO CONTINUE

Distance Flown 28 Miles Short of Record Established by Commander John Rodgers on Hawaiian Flight

WASHINGTON, Nov. 24.—(AP)—The PN-10 No. 1, missing navy seaplane attempting a non-stop flight from Norfolk, Va., to Colon, Panama, has been found, the navy department was informed tonight.

Although the message which was received at 11:10 p. m. tonight by the navy, did not mention the fact, all four members of her crew are believed safe.

The cruiser Cincinnati found the machine with a connecting rod broken on her starboard engine at 9:35 p. m., on the Caribbean sea, 213 miles south of the Isle of Pines between the Isle and Old Providence Island, the next to the last leg mapped out for the flight.

The exact position of the plane was given as latitude 17:54 and longitude 82:24.

On board the plane are Lieutenants Byron J. Connell and Lawrence W. Curtin, pilots; Skiles R. Pope, station pilot, and John R. Roe, radio man.

Admiral Edward W. Eberle, chief of naval operations, immediately upon receiving word that the PN-10 No. 1 was safe, 14 hours and a half after her last position report was picked up, advised the commander of the aircraft squadron of the scouting fleet aboard the USS Sandpiper, and the cruiser Raleigh, guard ships, to authorize Lieutenant Commander H. T. Bartlett, flight commander, to proceed with his flight in the PN-10 No. 2.

Bartlett had been forced down earlier with an exhausted oil supply at Nueva Gerona, Isle of Pines and he proceeded to Siguaná Bay on the Isle to await for oil.

The message authorized him to continue his flight when ready and after the guardships, which had been searching for the No. 1, had returned to their positions.

Late unofficial computations by naval officials placed the distance travelled by the PN-10 No. 1 a about 1440 miles, although earlier tabulations on the basis of a 190 hop from Norfolk to the Isle of Pines would have given her a non stop flight of approximately 131 miles, 247 short of the 2060 laid out for the complete journey, an 28 shy of the record of late Commander John Rodgers.

The plane was picked up 2 miles west of the line of flight originally laid out, after sweeping search had been ordered several hours earlier by the navy department.

EARTH TREMOR FELT

ST. STEPHEN, NEB., NOV. 24.—(AP)—Every building in town was jarred by an earth tremor 2:30 p. m. today. There was no property damage.

FIRE DESTROYS HOTEL

ABERDEEN, S. D., NOV. 24.—(AP)—Loss estimated at \$300,000 which destroyed the Ward hotel and the Bouchard department store, and damaged three other business establishments.

SPIRIT OF THANKSGIVING

"You're not going to take our Bonny?"

It was a little girl speaking, but behind her were three brothers, all smaller. County Clerk U. G. Boyer looked down at them from across his counter and beheld in the arms of the girl a woolly brown cocker spaniel.

"Dogs, kids and everything seemed to be about on the rocks. Thanksgiving had come and instead of happiness there was a grim realization thrust upon a struggling family.

"Bonny" would have to have a license or go the way of other unlicensed dogs.

"Just one minute," said Mr. Boyer as he left the counter. He was gone some time and the middle sized boy became restless and asked, "Where did he go?" and the biggest boy said, "He ain't gonna take Bonny is he?" and meanness "Bonny" made the rounds of friendship of the clerk's office.

In came Mr. Boyer. "Here you are kids—a dollar for a license and fifty cents to go some candy and nuts to Thanksgiving—the men down there in the sheriff's office want you to have a swell tomorrow."

