

WEATHER FORECAST: Fair, not much change in temperature; gentle northerly winds. Maximum yesterday, 48; minimum, 33; river, 6.1; rainfall, .02; atmosphere, cloudy; wind, northwest.

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SHOP EARLY—Only 16 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, TUESDAY MORNING, DECEMBER 7, 1926

PRICE FIVE CENTS

THOUSANDS SEE SANTA PARADE WITH REINDEER

Park Packed With Children and Grown-Ups Eager to See and Touch Him

SPREADS REAL CHEER

State Institutions Visited, Much Joy Brought to Shut-ins, Plans for Oregon's Merriest Xmas

Santa Claus spent a busy day in Salem yesterday, but he brought joy to many boys and girls, and grown people also. Accompanied by his two reindeer and Skooklux, his big assistant, he visited the state institutions during the morning and paraded through the streets of Salem in the afternoon, followed by an admiring crowd of about 5000 children who struggled to touch his clothes or feel the soft fur of Dancer and Prancer, the two reindeer.

Santa began his morning's journey with a visit to the blind school, where the children felt his long beard and touched the fur on Dancer and Prancer, although they could not see Santa himself. However, they could hear his loud, cheery voice as he addressed them, and that was a lot of satisfaction.

Accompanied by Dancer, Prancer, and Skooklux, Santa next went to the school for the feeble-minded, where the whole population, men, women and little children, were drawn up in front of the steps to receive him. All enjoyed him, even the grown people, and they spent the rest of the day and night to spend many days to come in, gazing the wonderful old-red-cloated, white whiskered gentleman with the two reindeer and the Eskimo who came from the frozen wilderness of the north to bring cheer into their childish hearts.

Santa also went around to all the buildings, where the feeble minded children, who cannot walk, could see him and the reindeer through the windows.

From there he went in his sleigh, drawn by the two lightning-swift reindeer, to the girl's school, where all the younger girls stood out in front to greet

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COMMITTEE PLAN STUDY TAX LAWS TO MAKE INVESTIGATION OF CORPORATION RULES

Group to Meet in Salem and Formulate Bills for Next Legislature

Three members of the state tax investigating committee created at the 1925 session of the legislature will leave Salem today for Sacramento and other California cities where they will make a study of the tax situation in that state.

It was said that the committee would give considerable study while in California to the gross earnings tax and the methods used there in taxing intangibles. Reports received here indicated that California derives a large amount of revenue from the gross earnings tax, and has been quite successful in unearthing intangibles for taxation purposes. In Oregon the revenues from the intangible tax have been nominal.

The committee also will make an investigation of the corporation tax now in operation in California. Statements received from the state tax commission of California showed that virtually all of the money required for the support of the state government there is obtained from sources other than the direct property tax. In Oregon property pays a large proportion of the state's expenses.

Members of the committee, who all go to California, are John Carlin of Medford, slated for speaker of the house of representatives at the next session of the legislature; A. A. Smith of Baker and Carl D. Shoemaker, ex-state game warden.

Immediately upon their return from California the tax investigating committee will meet in Salem and formulate any tax bills approved for consideration of the next legislature.

The committee has held a number of sessions in Salem, and several bills having to do with the tax situation are now being prepared.

MT. ANGEL PLAN GROWING BEETS

FARMERS MAY HAVE LARGEST ACREAGE IN VALLEY

College People Consider Growing Vegetables on Their Grounds

The farmers of the Mt. Angel district are going to grow sugar beets, and they may have the largest acreage of any community in the valley; for they have a vast amount of land, on all sides, that is suitable for sugar beet growing, and they have many farmers who are capable of making beet growing a big success.

The meeting at Mt. Angel last night was well attended, by interested farmers. Jos. J. Keber, cashier of the Bank of Mt. Angel, presided.

Kenneth Miller was the first speaker, telling of the interest of the Portland Chamber of Commerce, which is backing the efforts of the Salem Chamber of Commerce in the campaign to get this new industry started, and well on its feet, in this valley.

To Grow Own Sugar C. M. Dickinson spoke of the cultural methods necessary in successful beet growing and its advantages.

It is a cash crop, he said, and it should be possible soon for the Willamette valley to at least supply its own needs in sugar for canning and domestic purposes, which, he said, would save \$8,000,000 annually from being sent away from home for the supply needed.

He said sugar will make the yields of following crops larger, improve the soil, increase the population, make smaller farms, yielding larger revenue than present larger holdings, and double the selling per value of farming lands. He said that if the present experiment proves successful, it will bring a number of beet sugar factories to the valley.

It was brought out last night that the Mt. Angel College people will likely grow sugar beets on part of their land. Also, that a number of the best farmers in Oregon, in that locality, are expecting to grow beets. Jos. J. Keber was named to select a committee of farmers to further consider the acreage.

There will be a meeting at Monroe at 1:30 today, and at Turner at 7:30, and at several other points in the valley.

BETTER SERVICE ASKED

KLAMATH LUMBERMEN PETITION FOR 24 HOUR PHONE

Sawmill operators at Braymill, Klamath county, filed with the public service commission here a petition urging that the Klamath Telephone & Telegraph company be compelled to give them 24 hour service.

The petition was taken under advisement.

FIRE CONSUMES MONEY

GROCER FORGETS PLACE OF HIDDEN FUNDS

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 6.—(AP)—One hundred dollars in currency and \$600 in checks went up in smoke today, according to police reports, when Martin K. Arnold built a fire in the stove in his grocery store.

Mr. Arnold had hidden the money in an old newspaper, it was said, the night before. Then this morning he used the newspaper to start the fire, forgetting to remove the money.

Yesterday In Washington

Congress reconvened with 12,000 bills on the legislative docket. The Fall-Doherty oil trial was resumed with Admiral J. K. Robinson on the stand.

Attorney General Sargent asked congress to tighten up the anti-trust and prohibition laws.

The army engineers asked for \$65,477,365 to keep rivers and harbors in condition during the coming year.

The supreme court refused to dismiss the criminal charges against Harry F. Sinclair and Albert B. Fall in the Teapot Dome case.

Secretary Kellogg announced that Chile's reply was a "practical acceptance" of his plan to settle the Tacna-Arica dispute.

CONGRESS BUSY AS GAVEL CALL OPENS SESSION

Senate Meeting Short and Tense While House Members Converse

BOTH GALLERIES FILLED

Qualifications of Arthur Gould of Maine Challenged While Waiting to Receive Office Oath

WASHINGTON, Dec. 6.—(AP)—With a setting resembling a college home-coming celebration, congress launched into another session today with an unwieldy program of about two and a half months.

Promptly at noon the gavels fell in the senate and house and the legislative grind was on. Although a bit of the dramatic accompanied opening ceremonies in the senate when qualification of Arthur R. Gould, Maine, was challenged as he stood waiting to be sworn in, the rest of the procedure was gone through perfunctorily in both houses.

After old friendships were again united and new ones acquired, a hush fell over the broad chambers of the big white building on the hill as the clock struck 12. Vice President Dawes and Speaker Longworth brought down their stumped mallets, prayer was offered and the routine begun.

Each house adopted a number of formal resolutions, seated new members elected to fill vacancies, and within an hour adjourned out of respect to the memory of the late Albert B. Cummins of Iowa and the late Senator Bert M. Fernald of Maine.

Roll calls established quorums in both houses. In the senate \$8 answered to their names, while in the house 396 were marked present.

Senator Curtis, the republican leader, and Senator Robinson, leader of the democrats, and Representative Tilson, house republican leader, and Representative Garrett, minority leader, constituted a committee that officially notified President Coolidge that congress had met and was ready to transact business. It will report back tomorrow when it is expected the president's message will be delivered to the capitol by messenger.

Aside from the Gould resolution no other legislative proposition.

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ADMIRAL ROBISON OFFERS EVIDENCE

COUNSEL AND NAVAL LEADER HAVE WORD BATTLE

Government Holds Fall-Sinclair Court Decision as Major Victory

WASHINGTON, Dec. 6.—(AP)—The commonplace little courtroom where Albert B. Fall and Edward L. Doheny are on trial for criminal conspiracy was rocked today by a rumbling exchange between a pugnacious admiral and a quick-spoken and determined prosecutor.

The admiral-witness was John K. Robison, a storm center of the oil controversy ever since the senate committee discovered three years ago that he approved on behalf of the navy the oil leasing policy of 1922. His cross-examiner was Owen W. Roberts, who had made a national reputation for himself as a member of the government's special counsel.

Many of the verbal depth-bombs launched by Roberts in the direction of the witness stand merely served the purpose of increasing the intensity of the broadsides that came back in reply.

But once or twice the admiral showed signs of losing his sea legs. He conceded he had been wrong in testifying previously that he had not talked to Doheny in New York about the Elk Hills

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CRUDE FRONTIER DRAMA UNROLLED

CARLOTTA COCKBURN WANTS SHARE OF FORTUNE

Woman Relates Taking Care of Baby Left in Her Care by Actress-Mother

BOSTON, Dec. 6.—(AP)—Crude dramas of the frontier unrolled today before the probate court here, which is considering the claim of Mrs. Carlotta Cockburn of San Gabriel, Cal., to relationship with the late Lotta Crabtree, wealthy actress, and to right of contest of the will which disposed of nearly \$4,000,000.

There was the story of Mrs. Cockburn herself—the arrival of John A. Crabtree, whom she claims as father, and his wife, in the struggling town of Tombstone, Arizona, her birth shortly afterward, her abandonment by first her father and then her mother, and finally when her luck changed, of adoption and education by grace of the man who had been her father's partner in a livery business.

Then there were the stories of the witnesses, of Mrs. Mary J. Deerwood, who escaped the murderous assault of her husband and married the man who killed him.

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FLOODED AREAS SEEKING RELIEF

COMMITTEE OF THREE START THOROUGH INVESTIGATION

Supervisors Failed to Act, Another Mass Meeting to Consider Report

Such was the announcement of Newell Williams yesterday morning in conformance to a resolution adopted at the mass meeting held Friday over which he presided. Williams has been a leader in the action, being a resident of the stricken district.

This is not the first attempt of the community to have their district protected by proper drainage from a flood at every high water spell and they are determined that a remedy be found.

The present supervisors have presented no definite plans for aiding the situation and it is stated that they have no intentions of doing so.

The new committee appointed are to investigate what charges can be prepared, if any, and what course to take in bringing about conditions that will prevent a recurrence of floods like that of last week. After making their investigation

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FALLS 40 FEET, BADLY INJURED

YOUNG TOPPLES FROM SCAFFOLD WHILE AT WORK

Seriously Hurt, But Expected to Recover, No Internal Injuries

A 40-foot fall from a scaffolding resulted in serious injuries yesterday to F. R. Young, 60, 1440 Mission street, a laborer employed by Cuyler Van Patten, local contractor. Young was working on the new addition to the paper mill on South Front street when the crash occurred.

Young is thought to have lost his balance while working on the scaffold and toppled off before he knew what was happening.

His injuries were reported last night to consist of a possible fractured skull, two broken forearms, compound fracture of the right elbow, broken finger on the left hand, broken nose, and an injured hip.

There was no evidence found of internal injuries, attending physicians said last night.

Although Young's injuries were serious, he is expected to recover, it was reported at the local hospital to which he was taken following the accident.

COUNCIL TALKS ZONING RULES PASS BUDGET

Office of Moving Picture Censor Created, Chief of Police Appointed

MANY PETITIONS HEARD

Special Meetings Scheduled Monday to Discuss Planning Zones Salem Modelled on Portland Scheme

The city council and zoning commission will hold two public hearings next Monday night, the first at 7:30 o'clock and the second at 9 o'clock, to discuss the city's proposed zoning ordinance. The ordinance came up for its first reading at the city council meeting last night, and was laid on the table until after the public hearing required by law.

The zoning ordinance, as presented last night by the city zoning and planning commission, is the result of many weeks' work by members of the commission. Several meetings were held each week, and many real estate dealers, contractors, and other authorities were consulted in drawing up the bill.

The bill as proposed is modelled closely after the zoning law now in effect in Portland, which has been tested in the supreme court and found valid. Two engineers from the Portland planning commission were consulted by the local body when drawing up Salem's bill.

The city budget, as approved by the budget committee at its recent meeting, was unanimously adopted by the council last night. The rules were suspended to permit its adoption on the same night as the first reading of the bill.

The office of moving picture censor was created by ordinance and the chief of police was given the office by the same ordinance. Ordinances were passed levying the assessments for paving South street between Cottage and Fairgrounds road and Madison street.

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APPROPRIATION SOUGHT FORESTRY FUNDS INCREASED BY COMMISSION

The state budget commission yesterday voted to pass up to the legislature without recommendation an item of \$60,000 included in the budget of the children's farm home near Corvallis. The institution has received state aid since its inception.

The appropriation was sought for the erection of an administration and residence for the superintendent and another structure. The legislature two years ago appropriated \$50,000 for the children's farm home.

The commission voted to increase the appropriation for the state forestry department from \$85,000 to \$125,000.

RAW SUGAR PRICES SOAR CABLE ADVICES FROM CUBA INDICATE CURTAILMENT

NEW YORK, Dec. 6.—(AP)—Raw sugar prices soared to new high levels for the season today in response to cable advices from Cuba that President Machado would insist on the curtailment of the present crop to 4,500,000 tons despite opposition to the restriction movement.

Both Cuban and Porto Rican sugar advanced to 5.15 cents a pound, delivered, an increase of 1-8c over last week's final prices. At the same time, refiners pushed up the price of granulated sugar about 15 points to as high as 6.40c a pound and sugar futures rallied 6 to 10 points.

GIRL SAVES SEVEN LIVES

HAMBURG, Germany.—(AP)—Erna Nissen, a young girl from Trofholm in the province of Holstein, singlehandedly saved four women and three men from drowning and was awarded the Prussian hero medal.

SLOW SPEECH FIRST GRACE

LONDON.—(AP)—"Learn to speak slowly—other graces will follow in their proper place," was the advice given by Miss Ada Moore, expert in voice production, to the Women's Provisional club.

AIMEE DESERTED BY WORSHIPERS

MRS. ALICE FRANCK STARTS EVANGELISTIC WORK

Temple Leader Charges Separation Outbreak of Another Plot Against Her

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Dec. 6.—(AP)—Mrs. Alice F. Franck, of Venice, once a devout follower of Aimee Semple McPherson and one of the first to come to her rescue in the difficulties which followed her disappearance last May, today laid the foundation for taking from the picturesque Angelus temple leader her hitherto unchallenged supremacy of the air and pulpit here.

The Venice woman, reputed to be of considerable means, withdrew with a portion of her congregation from the Angelus temple branch there and today established what she called "Victory Church No. 1" which she promised would become countrywide. Her action in breaking from the McPherson clan last week was followed yesterday by the "resignation" of Mrs. Irene Hillstrom with a part of her congregation from a Hermosa Beach branch of Angelus temple.

While Mrs. McPherson charged that it was the outbreak of another plot against her, Mrs. Franck opened negotiations with a radio station in Venice only a few meters removed from radio KFSG here, to broadcast her sermons from the new revival home.

Commenting on the movements at the beach towns, Mrs. McPherson denied that the two women were authorized temple evangelists.

"There is but one sorrowful conclusion left us," said the evangelist, "namely, that Mrs. Hillstrom and Mrs. Franck went to Hermosa and Venice to do these very things."

LITA SPURNS CONTRACT CHAPLAIN'S WIFE SAYS FIRST DUTY WITH BABIES

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 6.—(AP)—Lita Grey Chaplin, estranged wife of Charles Chaplin, film comedian, today turned down an offer of \$2500 a week said to have been made for her appearance in a London theatrical revue.

"My duty first and always will be to my babies. I am not at all interested in the London offer, although it was nice of them to think of me," Mrs. Chaplin explained in declining an offer reported to have been cabled to her by Harry Day, member of parliament and theatrical producer. The offer is said to have been for a 26 weeks' engagement.

COUNTIES OPPOSE PLAN STATE NOT DESERVING OF LAND GRANT FUNDS

Any attempt on the part of the state of Oregon to claim a share in the California & Oregon land grant refund will be stubbornly opposed by the counties concerned, according to a letter received here yesterday by Judge Hunt from County Judge Hartzell of Jackson county.

Hartzell's letter was a warning to the local court and Judge Hunt expressed himself as determined that Marion county would oppose any attempt on the part of the state to appropriate the money, stating that he felt that they had all that was coming to them.

PAYS BORROWED MONEY INTEREST ON FUNDS AMOUNTED TO NEARLY \$1000

State Treasurer Kay recently paid off the last installment of \$480,000 borrowed from various banks of the state early in November to meet the demands of the state government pending receipt of the last half taxes for this year.

Interest on the money borrowed by the state aggregated approximately \$1000.

CONSOLIDATE PROJECTS NORTH SIDE PROJECT CONTAINS 3000 ACRES

The North Side Irrigation district has filed application with the state engineer to consolidate with the Jordan Valley Irrigation project. The North Side district comprises approximately 3000 irrigable acres.

ASK FOR EXTRADITION MAN CHARGED WITH FORGERY TAKEN IN PORTLAND

Frank Payne, who is under arrest in Portland charged with forgery committed in Oakland, Cal., will be returned to the latter city for trial. Extradition papers authorizing Payne's return to California were signed by Governor Pierce yesterday.

SCREAM HALTS THUG'S ATTACK IN CALIFORNIA

Hands of "Dark Strangler" Grasp Throat of Woman at Telephone

DESCRIPTION FITS FIEND

Lives of 12 Taken Along Coast by Assailant Who Eludes Capture by Police Officers of Many Cities

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Dec. 6.—(AP)—Another "dark-strangler" attack similar to those that have claimed the lives of about 12 women in Pacific coast cities occurred here today.

The victim of the attack was Mrs. Etta Lenney, 33, of 256 Boutwell street. She was seized from behind as she talked over the telephone. As the hands of her unseen assailant tightened around her throat she uttered a scream of terror that brought aid from Mrs. Frank O'Connor, the party at the other end of the telephone connection.

Together with her husband Mrs. O'Connor immediately drove to the Lenney home and there found Mrs. Lenney still unconscious on the floor. Her face and neck were badly scratched, and upon being revived she was almost hysterical from shock. She was unable to give a description of her assailant, as she fainted shortly after she was attacked.

Eugene Simmons, an automobile mechanic, told investigators that he had seen a suave, olive-skinned man enter the Lenney home. His description, police said, tallied closely with that of the "dark strangler" to whom the coroner's office attributes the murder of six San Francisco women.

EUGENE, Or., Dec. 6.—(AP)—The fingerprints taken here today of Morris Yoffe, arrested as a stranger suspect, do not correspond with those of the "strangler" found in the home of Mrs. Myers in Portland and the man will be released according to the police here, although he will be detained until tomorrow morning. It is desired to investigate his case to ascertain if he is wanted for some other offense.

The description of Yoffe tallied closely with that of the "strangler" except that of teeth. Yoffe first gave the name of Harris but said he was "hiding" the police, not realizing that he was being held as a murder suspect.

HUNTERS ESCAPE DEATH ROWBOAT WITHOUT LIGHTS RUN DOWN BY LAUNCH

PORTLAND, Dec. 6.—(AP.) Ben Trenkman, well known Portland traphooter, and W. A. Carter, Portland attorney, narrowly escaped drowning late Sunday night, according to a story related here when a small rowboat in which they were returning from a duck hunting trip was cut in two by a launch on the Columbia river 16 miles above Vancouver, Wash.

Both Trenkman and Carter were going down for the second or third time when Fred W. Wagner, a telegraph operator and third member of the party, pulled them to safety. Wagner had managed to reach a piling.

The rowboat did not carry a light.

Santa to Remain Until Xmas

Good news for the children! Santa Claus, who with his reindeer arrived here Sunday and spent two days getting acquainted with the kiddies, and the grown-ups as well, is to remain in Salem until Christmas eve.

The reindeer cannot remain, however. The warm climate does not agree with them and Skooklux, the driver, will start back with them to the far north. But Santa will remain, appearing every day, and making his headquarters at the following stores: Shipley's, J. C. Penny Co., Miller's, Woolworth's, Worth's Department Store, Both Grocery Co., Cosmopolitan Stores, The Smart Shop, David's Confectionery, Nelson & Hunt Drug Store, People's Meat Market, and the Capital Drug Store.

IT LOOKS AS IF SANTA CLAUS IS GOING TO EARN HIS MONEY THIS YEAR

