

WEATHER FORECAST: Fair; normal temperature; gentle variable winds, mostly northerly. Maximum yesterday, 51; minimum, 39; river, 5.0; rainfall, none; atmosphere, clear; wind, northwest.

The Oregon Statesman

SHOP EARLY—Only 14 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.

FREAK STORM WRECKS SHIPS IN SAN PEDRO

Golden State Shorn of Boasted Immunity From Adverse Elements

LIGHTNING HITS TANKS

Waterspouts, Thunder, Lightning, Hail, Snow, Hains and Earthquakes Bring Comment From Old Timers

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 8.—(AP)—The former German crown prince's yacht, Poinsettia, now the property of Walter Horse of Long Beach, was wrecked at the foot of the breakwater in San Pedro harbor tonight when it and 12 other racing yachts were torn loose from their moorings by a southeast wind of high velocity, the climax of a day of freakish storms throughout southern California.

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 8.—Southern California was shorn of its boasted immunity from adverse elements here today while almost every variety of goods on the weather man's shelves was flung about the sunny southland in utter abandon.

Waterspouts, thunder, lightning, hail, snow and torrential rains brought out the oldest inhabitants to remark that they had never seen the like before in "steep years."

Of all the "unusual" visitations, three waterspouts caused the most concern. At Santa Monica the populace gathered on the beach between heavy showers of rain to view the funnel-shaped cloud which rose up tons of water from the sea.

Several persons telephoned police headquarters stating that a ship had blown up at sea.

Two other waterspouts formed in the channel between Santa Catalina Island and the mainland, later moving off over the eastern end of Long Beach. None in that city, even with 20 years' residence, could remember a similar visitation of this type of storm.

Hail fell at many points in Los Angeles and surrounding towns, the area between here and Long Beach reporting stones the size of peas descending upon several small towns.

Torrential rains interspersed electrical displays generally over the foothills district and north of the Santa Monica bay. Fullerton reported furies of snow before and after an hour's downpour of rain which measured 1.70 inches in that period, flooding the city's streets. At Whittier in the same general area, a half-inch of rain fell in an hour and sewers and storm drains were choked up.

Snow banks the highest levels of the foothills in all north and south.

LIQUOR PARTIES TOLD TO COURT

DRINKS SERVED AT GREEN'S HOTEL APARTMENT

Witness Tries to Hide Names of Women Present as Guests of Prohib Agent

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 8.—(AP)—Col. Ned M. Greene, deputy prohibition administrator for northern California, today won a trial in the United States district court here on a charge of having embezzled confiscated liquors, served two dinners in his hotel apartment at which intoxicating liquors were consumed. It was testified today by Col. Sam I. Johnson, former assistant prohibition enforcement official.

Appearing as a government witness, Colonel Johnson testified that at the first party he had attended in Colonel Green's hotel apartment several months ago five other persons were present.

"Who were they?" asked Theodore Roche, defense attorney.

"My son Ivan, Colonel Green, Col. J. L. Dodge, local business man and two women," replied Col. Johnson.

"Do you mean the Colonel Dodge who was provost marshal in Germany during the time the American troops occupied that country?" queried Roche.

"I do," the witness said.

Colonel Johnson turned appealingly to Federal Judge St. Sure when Roche demanded that the identity of the women at the party be disclosed, protesting that it was "not the thing to do." When he was overruled, however, he said: "The women were Mrs. Dodge, wife of Colonel Dodge, and a Miss Fannie Griffith of Palo Alto."

Colonel Johnson said intoxicating liquor was drunk at the party and that Colonel Green had "taken several." He said that later when his son Ivan joined the party the

STATE HORT MEN MEET IN SALEM

GOVERNOR-ELECT PATTERSON TO ENGINEER BANQUET

Specialists From OAC and Canneries Available for Consultation Work

What is ahead for Oregon small fruit, vegetable, cherry and bulb industries? What are the best varieties to grow? How are they most economically produced and marketed? These and many other things of interest to growers will be thoroughly covered at the annual meeting of the Oregon State Horticultural society in Salem, December 14-17.

What part do the canning and marketing industries play in the marketing of the first three of these crops? Authorities of national reputation will answer this question and give the probable future outlet for these crops canned or marketed.

Keeping the soil fit, one of the biggest problems of the producer, and building up an infertile soil will be thoroughly analyzed and methods recommended. Maintenance of a productive soil, and comparative values and use of manures and commercial fertilizers, will be given consideration.

Irrigation of vegetables and small fruits in western Oregon, with costs and returns, will be treated by an agricultural engineer who has results from actual trials.

The status of the small fruit industry of the northwest will be analyzed by the president of the largest cooperative small fruit organization in the country. He will give not only the history of development and present status of this industry but probable future development as well.

Governor-elect I. L. Patterson will engineer the banquet, Thursday night at the Marion Hotel in just as effective a way as he expects to handle the business of the state in the near future. Fun, food, music and talks make up the well diversified program for the evening.

Specialists from OAC and the canneries as well as successful growers will be available for consultation before and after each session of the meeting. Growers often bring their problems with them and talk them over with some of these men.

Bulbs will be discussed by probably the best informed man on the Pacific coast, one of whom has studied the Holland bulb industry at first hand. He also knows the economic possibilities of this crop in the northwest.

How to bring the pest of bulbs will be illustrated and discussed. A grower who knows how will tell the secrets of growing and handling bulbs.

The bulb talks will all come Friday, December 17, in the Salem Chamber of Commerce rooms, so those interested in bulb production, either for ornamental purposes around their homes or for

commercial purposes, should attend.

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ENTANGLED IN MIXER

ARM AMPUTATED, EFFORTS MADE TO SAVE LIFE

NORTH BEND, Or., Dec. 8.—(AP)—Bennie Saaser, 17, was seriously injured here last night when he became entangled in a bread mixer in a bakery and was drawn into the machine. Both hands and his left arm were caught between the paddles and the steel wall of the machine. His left arm was so badly crushed that it had to be amputated at the shoulder. Efforts are being made to save the right hand which was badly crushed.

FIRE OUT OF CONTROL

WIND AND LACK OF EQUIPMENT HAMPER FIGHTERS

AMARILLO, Texas, Dec. 8.—(AP)—Fire whipped out of control by a heavy wind was sweeping the oil town of Borger, sixty miles from here, late tonight, said telephone reports received in Amarillo. The reports said that the wind and lack of fire fighting equipment hampered efforts to bring the flames under control.

YESTERDAY IN WASHINGTON

Associated Press

President Coolidge's budget message was sent to congress.

Former Secretary Denby testified at the oil conspiracy trial.

The house took up the treasury-postoffice supply bill.

A democratic tax bill was introduced by Rep. Garner of Texas.

The nation's cotton crop was estimated at 18,618,000 bales, the largest ever.

War Secretary Davis outlined a plan for continued improvement of harbors and waterways.

LEADERS HOPE TO CLEAR WAY FOR MEASURES

House Gets Down to Business in Earnest, Senate Honors McKinley

MINORITY WANT TAX CUT

Appropriation Bill Includes More Than Twenty-Seven Million for Enforcement of the Prohibition Laws

WASHINGTON, Dec. 8.—(AP)—With formal preliminaries of the new session out of the way, congressional leaders signalled today for a clear track in the hope of getting through an assortment of legislative proposals before final adjournment early in March.

Although the senate was in session only a few minutes, adjourning out of respect to Senator McKinley of Illinois, who died yesterday, the house got down to business in earnest.

There President Coolidge's message transmitting the budget was read by the clerk; the democratic \$335,000,000 tax reduction bill was shot into the hopper by Representative Garner of Texas, and consideration was begun of the first supply bill—a mammoth measure carrying nearly one billion dollars for the treasury and postoffice departments.

Reading in the senate of the president's budget message, which forecast a \$333,000,000 treasury surplus for the fiscal year ending June 30, and \$200,000,000 for the next year, and reiterated the executive's opposition to permanent tax reduction at this time, was deferred until tomorrow.

The budget bureau recommended total appropriations for the coming fiscal year of \$4,014,571,124, or \$16,543,728 more than has been provided for this year. Reductions in the expense of some branches of the government including \$30,000,000 in interest on the public debt, were more than offset by increases made necessary by higher Civil and Spanish war pensions and mounting costs of operating the veteran's bureau and postal service.

In expressing opposition to any immediate slash in tax rates, the president, in his message of transmission, renewed his suggestion that another year's test should be given the present revenue tax and the extent of present prosperity sounded before permanent levies are altered.

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COUNT FORGETS MARRIAGE DATE

CUSTODY OF MINOR CHILD IS SOUGHT BY SALM

Penniless Nobleman Loses Composure and Shouts at Opposing Counsel

NEW YORK, Dec. 8.—(AP)—Count Ludvig Salm-Hoogstraeten couldn't remember the date of his marriage to Millicent Rogers, Standard Oil heiress, when he took the stand in his separation action today, but he told in detail of financial benefits which derived to him from the ceremony.

Under a rattling fire of personal questions by counsel for his wife, the count told how a penniless nobleman who married an American heiress could maintain himself in ease without work, even after his wife abandoned him.

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AMERICANS HELD LIVING BUSY AGE

BETTER THINGS IN LIFE SLIP BY, SAYS LANGDALE

Women Absorbed in Club Life and Don't Know What Daughters Do

SEATTLE, Wash., Dec. 8.—(AP)—Men and women of today are letting the better things of life and their children slip by, John W. Langdale, superintendent of the Brooklyn South District of New York, told the Men's Council of the Portland Area of the Methodist Episcopal church, which opened a two day convention here today.

"Whether we like it or not," Langdale said, "we live in an intensely busy age. Today men are interested in business and women are absorbed in social activities. There is more opulent living today than the world ever has known. The emblem of America should be, not the eagle, but the limousine, new, costly, dynamic and fast."

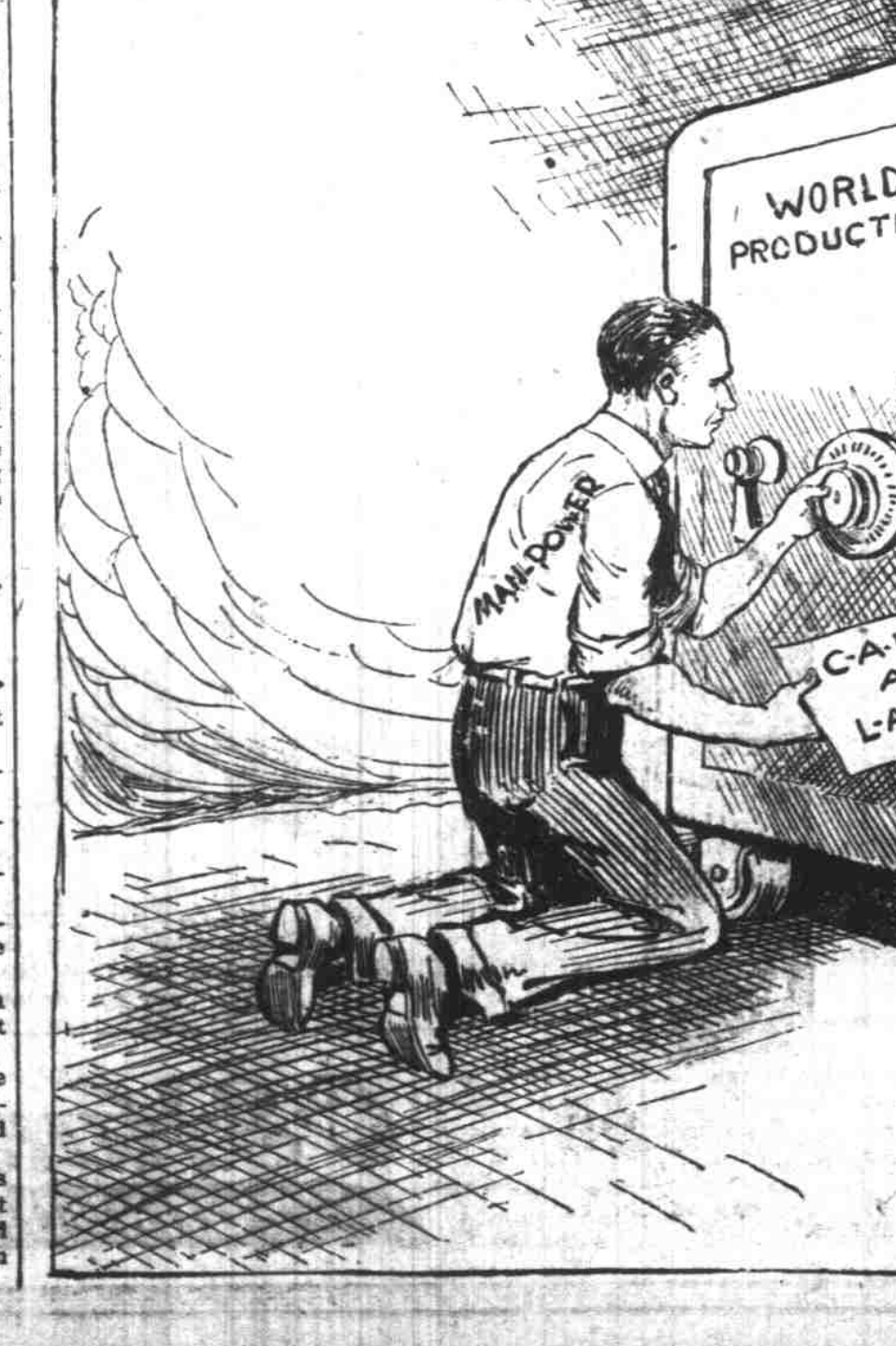
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COOPERATION OF CAPITAL AND LABOR



DENBY DEFENDS FALL'S ACTION

EX-SEC. OF NAVY EMERGES FROM RETIREMENT

Oil Lands Leased After Private Wells Drained Public Domain

WASHINGTON, Dec. 8.—(AP)—Edwin Denby, who was secretary of the navy until he was swept from the cabinet by the oil revelations of 1924, emerged from his retirement today to again defend his official record under the fire of a merciless prosecutor.

On the stand as a defense witness in the Fall-Doheny oil conspiracy trial here, the former cabinet officer told the jury he accepted full responsibility for the navy's part in the 1923 leasing program, and personally approved the leases and contracts given Edward L. Doheny's corporations while Albert B. Fall was secretary of the interior.

Under a pummeling attack by Prosecutor Owen J. Roberts, he stuck to his story in the face of several questions from the senate record revealing answers differing in important details from those given in his direct examination today.

He explained he had been afforded no opportunity to review official records before his senate testimony in October, 1923, but had refreshed his memory on many points since that time.

Mr. Denby said he personally suggested to President Harding, early in 1921, that the naval reserves be transferred to the jurisdiction of the interior department, of which Fall then was secretary.

He said the leasing policy had been determined upon by himself, after he had been convinced by subordinates that drainage of the public domain through nearby private wells made such action urgent, and that this suggestion had

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YMCA CONCERT TONIGHT

QUARTET APPEARS IN SEVERAL SPECIAL NUMBERS

A concert will be given at the Y.M.C.A. Friday evening at 8 o'clock by the Harmony male quartet, being the third of a series of Friday night concerts which are scheduled for the Y.

The program is as follows: "Drink to Me Only With Thine Eyes," and "Po' Little Lamb" by Uarks sung by the quartet. "All Joy Be Thine," solo by Harry Pearson. "Jerusalem Morning" and "Kentucky Babe" by the quartet. Whistling solo "Neath the Autumn Moon" by Mrs. Bertha Carlson.

"Father's Lullaby" and "I'll Take You Home Again, Kathleen" by the quartet. Solo, "O'er the Billowing Sea," sung by J. J. Moritz. "The Winds in the South" by Mrs. Bertha Carlson. "Until the Dawn" and "Dreamland" final numbers by the quartet.

The quartet consists of Harry Pearson, first tenor; E. H. Leach, second tenor; L. E. Barrick, baritone; J. J. Moritz, bass and Mrs. Bertha Carlson, accompanist.

ASSIST SANTA SPREAD CHEER OF CHRISTMAS

Fund Started by The Statesman to Help Make an Unselfish Season

STATE'S MERRIEST DAY

Join the Crowd of Assistants to St. Nick, Help the Worthy Children to Enjoy This Yuletide

Just last Sunday Santa Claus arrived in Salem with his sleigh, fleet-footed reindeer and Eskimo driver. They spent two days visiting with the people of this community, spreading the story of an unselfish Christmas. Monday evening the Eskimo driver took the sleigh and reindeer back to the Northland; but left Santa here in Salem to carry on his good work. He has made a careful check of conditions in this community and has found a great many needy families and worthy children, whom he wants to help. He finds this list growing at an alarming rate and he knows they face a cheerless Christmas unless he pays them a visit.

Such a large task is almost discouraging, but Santa Claus keeps going ahead. He visited The Statesman office the other day and told his troubles here. As a result of this visit The Statesman has started a Christmas Cheer fund with \$25. This proved a great encouragement to Santa Claus for he knows that there are many others who will be glad to contribute to this fund. Such contributions will enable him to visit many worthy children "just before Christmas" and bring joy and gladness into their lives.

Santa has confidence in the people and he knows that many will rally to the support of this fund. Bring or send the money, from a penny on up, to The Statesman Christmas Cheer editor. He will see that Santa Claus is supplied with the things, which will bring cheer to the needy. You may direct the expenditure of the funds you donate or leave the matter up to the Christmas Cheer editor and Santa. In either event every penny will be used to bring joy to the poor kiddies.

We have heard a lot of talk about this being Oregon's Merriest Christmas. It can only be such by all showing an unselfish spirit and joining with Santa Claus in spreading the real spirit of the season.

Opportunity knocks at the door of everyone and urges all to cooperate with Santa Claus. He needs help.

Let the spirit of Christmas prevail. Join the Christmas Cheer crowd and help spread a little joy and gladness by contributing to this most worthy cause.

LINEN MILL PROGRESSES

ACTUAL WORK TO START WITHIN SIXTY DAYS

Work is rapidly being going forward on the building of the Oregon Linen Mills, Inc., and the final flooring and fitting in of the machinery foundations will be done this week.

Considerable of the machinery is on hand and is being installed under the supervision of J. J. Aldred, superintendent of the plant, who arrived last week. Most of the weaving machinery came from Lockport, New York, where it had been used for a short time, during the World war, coming new from Belfast. Nearly all the spinning machinery has been manufactured on special order in the Belfast district, Ireland.

Mr. Aldred estimates that the plant will be in operation, partly at least within 60 days. The looms being already in place, and other installation, going forward as rapidly as possible.

CAR STRIKES CHINAMAN

JIM CHUNG OF LABISH HAS ANKLE HURT IN CRASH

Jim Chung, aged Chinaman, was struck and knocked down on Highland avenue yesterday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock by a car driven by Fay Penny, route 8, according to a report turned in by Miss Penny at local police headquarters. How he happened to walk in front of the car was unknown.

The car was going only 10 miles an hour when it struck Mr. Chung, so he was uninjured except for a sprained ankle. He was taken to a local hospital by a passing motorist, where his condition was reported last night to be good.

Chung lives with his son, a farmer in the Labish district. His age is too great to keep track of, the son told hospital attendants.

The Statesman Christmas Cheer Fund

Santa Claus arrived in Salem last Sunday and will remain here until after Christmas. He desires to make this Oregon's Merriest Christmas and so is bending every effort to spread joy and gladness. In checking over his lists he found a great many needy families, who will receive very little Christmas unless some help is given him. He told his troubles to The Statesman the other day with the result that a fund has been started, which will be used to purchase supplies for Santa Claus to use in his work. Send or bring your contribution to the Christmas Cheer editor at once and make this an unselfish season.

CHRISTMAS CHEER FUND: The Statesman . . . \$ 25.00

KEIZER BOTTOM TO GROW BEETS

MEETINGS NEXT WEEK TO COMPLETE THE WORK

Linn County to Conduct Campaign For Acreage, Program at Clear Lake

Keizer Bottom farmers are going into sugar beet growing, and Linn county is to get into the procession of progress in this respect in the Willamette valley.

Kenneth Miller and C. M. Dickinson addressed the Albany chamber of commerce at its noon luncheon yesterday, with about 75 present, and the result was the agricultural committee will help organize the farmers in Linn county in taking on sugar beet acreage.

At the Keizer school house last night, the beet meeting was presided over by Chas. Weathers, president of the community club. Sam Storey, field man for the Utah-Idaho Sugar company, was the first speaker. There were many questions. The farmers were interested. Mr. Storey said the land in Keizer bottom is adapted to sugar beet growing; any sandy or clay loam is. He said there is no danger of over production. The Willamette valley might have 200,000 acres of sugar beets, and not dent the sugar market.

Kenneth Miller and C. M. Dickinson, for the Portland chamber of commerce, spoke. Also, Hon. Seymour Jones, who said he hoped the district, in which he is a farmer, would take up sugar beet growing.

Mr. Weathers appointed W. E. Savage, H. W. Bowden and Arthur Cummings as a committee to canvass the district for acreage.

The Keizer community club is to have an all day session on January 1, with dinner and supper.

At the Clear Lake school house there will be a beet meeting tomorrow. Also tomorrow night at Seio and at Dayton, and at Canby in the afternoon.

Beginning next week, the workers will go over the same territory. They will be at the Aumsville bank Monday afternoon, and at the Stayton bank in the evening. They will be at Hubbard Tuesday afternoon and Tuesday evening at Woodburn.

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SUICIDE VERDICT FOUND

MAN PREPARING TO LEAVE BEND AT TIME

BEND, Or., Dec. 8.—(AP)—J. L. Allison, who was found dead in his bed in Bend yesterday, committed suicide, coroner jury determined today. Allison was making preparations to leave Bend at the time of his death.

All letters in the Allison home had been destroyed, evidently with the intention of leaving no trace of relatives or friends.

STRANGLER FUND RAISED

CITY COUNCIL INCREASES REWARD FOR CAPTURE

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 8.—(AP)—The city council today increased its offer of reward for the capture of the "strangler" who murdered Mrs. Blanche Myers here on November 28, to \$2000, bringing the total reward to the \$2500 mark. The reward is dependent upon the arrest and conviction of Mrs. Myers' slayer.

MAN ADMITS SLAYING

CLAIMS HE KILLED SEATTLE 'STRANGLER' VICTIM

SEATTLE, Dec. 8.—(AP)—A man giving the name of Jas. Ford, 31, walked into police headquarters here early today and declared that he killed Mrs. Florence F. Monks, wealthy widow whose body was found in her Seattle home Nov. 24.

Significance was placed by the investigators upon the pieces of jewelry, the typewriter and radio set as evidence against Almon Semple McPherson, evangelist charged with criminal conspiracy, and Ormiston, former radio operator at Angelus Temple and now a fugitive from justice.

The chain, Cohen said, will be compared with articles found in a mystery trunk located in the east several weeks ago.

WATER, LIGHT, POWER MATTER UP TO VOTERS

Seven Committeemen Vote to Turn Report Over to Mayor and Council

PLANT VALUE \$792,000

Proposal to Buy Plant First Came Up at Mass Meeting Called by Mayor, Engineers Set Price on Works

No recommendation will be made to the city council concerning the proposed water works purchase by the committee of 25 men appointed to consider it, further than that the matter should be submitted to a vote of the people, it was decided by seven members of the committee, who met last night at the chamber of commerce offices, four city council members also being present.

The sub-committee of five appointed by the main committee reported last night, and the report was adopted and will be turned in to the mayor and council.

The full text of the report, as it will be submitted to the council, is as follows:

"We, your committee appointed to consider the matter of purchase by the city of the plant of the Salem Water, Light & Power company, beg to report that we have secured a valuation of the entire plant by engineers whom we believe to be competent, and which amounts to \$792,000, as of March 1, 1926.

"We are submitting herewith the engineers' report in detail and we recommend that the question of purchase by the city be submitted to the voters for approval or rejection at an early date.

"We have discussed the matter of price with officials of the Salem Water, Light & Power company, and find that they are not opposed to the purchase by the city at the price named in the engineers' report.

"However, we recommend that before submitting the matter to a vote of the people the council negotiate further with the water company in an effort to secure a better price."

The price will be \$90,000 more than the \$792,000 shown in the report, owing to new additions since March 1, it was stated at the meeting.

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ORMISTON'S CAR GIVES UP CLUES

PART OF SILVER CHAIN NECKLACE DISCOVERED

Father of Missing Radio Man Was Present to Prevent 'Planted' Evidence