

Give Money If You Can to the Statesman Christmas Cheer Fund; But Food and Clothing Are As Good The Seats Are Filling Up for Madam Butterfly Monday Evening. Fill Them All, and Every Bit of Space

# The Oregon Statesman

WEATHER FORECAST: Clearing weather; temperatures below normal; moderate northwest winds on the coast. Maximum yesterday, 42; minimum, 40; river, 6.9; rainfall, .63; atmosphere, cloudy; wind, northwest.

SHOP EARLY: Only a 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, SATURDAY MORNING, DECEMBER 18, 1926

PRICE FIVE CENTS

## PRICE FIXING PLAN ADVANCED BY PRUNE MEN

Similar to System Used in California, but Proposed Some Time Ago

### COOPERATIVE MARKETING

Ratchiff Proposal Similar to That Advanced by Walter T. Jenks, Situation in Oregon Needs Remedy

#### Editor Statesman:

The accompanying is a resume of the prune situation and a plan for getting something out of prunes. I have first gone over the prune situation to see where we were and how we got there, that the road out might be more plainly seen. I hope I have not written too long and that you may find the article worth publishing and if published I particularly hope that it may help to bring about a solution, either on this or some better plan.

#### The Plan

A great deal is being said in the papers and in conversation about town concerning the prune industry and how to save this industry from going out of existence. During the past six years prunes have been produced at a loss to the grower and it is certain that the business cannot much longer endure unless some profits are forthcoming.

Many have been the reasons assigned for the deplorable conditions, and various panaceas have been offered to cure the ills of this failing industry. It is my purpose to point out some of the causes of failure to remedy the trouble and to point out more clearly, I believe, than has yet been done, a way out for the industry.

#### Must Be Cooperative

It seems to be a generally accepted idea that there must be cooperation. But when cooperation is mentioned thoughts immediately turn to some form of cooperation that has not been a success. Since it is more recent and more growers were involved, the Oregon Growers Cooperative association is most frequently mentioned. A high priced man, one Aaron Sapro, was brought up from California to organize the whole fruit growing industry. He drew up a plan and it was put

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## DISEASES TALKED AT BULB MEETING

EXPERIMENT TESTS CONDUCTED BY STATE EXPERTS

23,000 Bulbs Sent to OAC to Aid in Work of Combating Diseases

The last day's meeting of the Oregon State Horticultural Society was devoted entirely to the subject of bulb growing. Two excellent papers, one by Professor Joseph Wilcox on bulb insects and the other by Professor M. B. McKay on bulb diseases, were read. These were of great benefit to the growers as they gave the results of the OAC experiments in bulb culture which has been carried on in behalf of the growers dealing particularly with the greater and lesser flies that infest Narcissus bulbs and the best means of combating them.

Growers of this state have loaned the college about 23,000 bulbs to the value of \$1400 with which to conduct the experiments and the tests will be determined when the bulbs are dug. The ravages of the bulb fly was shown by pictures and so far the only method that has proved practical in the elimination of this pest has been the cooking process. This disease has affected the Narcissus bulbs to the extent that none may be sold or given away by either commercial or amateur growers without first submitting them to the horticultural inspector or passing them through the cooking test. The afternoon session was equally interesting and drew a better attendance than heretofore. Bulbs and bulb raising discussed in a comprehensive manner by H. A. Bowman of Portland and W. C. Franklin of Salem. These addresses were both practical and to the point giving valuable information of interest to both commercial and amateur growers and while last were by no means least on the program.

## The Statesman Christmas Cheer Fund

Seven days remain in which to cooperate with Santa Claus in his efforts to bring happiness to every needy person in the community. Do not hesitate another day, but act now. Send the contributions of clothing and food to the Salvation Army and the money to The Statesman. Every article and every cent of money goes directly to bring joy to those in need.

Needy people may receive help at once by applying to the Salvation Army headquarters. Get in touch with the Christmas Cheer editor of The Statesman at once and help in the spreading of the true Christmas spirit.

Previously acknowledged \$40.25 Cash 15.25

## NEEDY FAMILIES GIVEN SUPPLIES

ONLY SEVEN DAYS REMAIN TO AID SANTA IN WORK

Every Article of Food and Clothing, Every Cent Used to Bring Happiness

With only seven days remaining until Christmas, the Christmas Cheer workers are putting forth strenuous efforts to have every little kiddie and every needy family in Salem remembered this year. Many new cases are being reported each day and the Christmas Cheer editor urges that every case be reported immediately so that all may be taken care of. Little kiddies may send in their letters to Santa Claus in care of The Statesman office and they will be given to the correct party.

Santa Claus has the Salvation Army and the Statesman cooperating with him in his labors, and he is making an effort to visit everyone in Salem this year. His task is a big one, but he feels that the people are going to come to his assistance immediately and give him the needed aid.

Clothing and food supplies should be left at the Salvation

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## DIES OF HEART FAILURE

Working in Box Car, Rench Suddenly Passes Away

Heart failure caused the sudden death yesterday of John Aaron Rench, 57, laborer at the Oregon Pulp and Paper company's plant. Rench was working in a box car with three other men when he suddenly "settled down in his tracks," according to their story, and was dead before he could be picked up.

Rench had been employed at the paper mill only one day. He lived on a seven acre farm one mile south of Salem. Survivors include his wife, Kate, a son Marvin, a sister, Mrs. Betty Russell of Pomeroy, Wash., and a brother Doise of Granger, Mo.

The body is at Webb's Funeral Parlor, pending funeral arrangements that have not yet been made.

## HEALTH GROUP TO MEET

Douglas Will Report; Attend to Other Important Business

The regular monthly meeting of the committee of the county health unit will be held at the Marion hotel Saturday noon. County Judge Hunt, City Councilman S. E. Purvine and Frank Neer of the school board make up the personnel of the committee. This, however, being the last meeting of the fiscal year, with the report of Deputy Health Officer Dr. Vernon Douglas, and other important business to come up, each member of the committee is expected to invite one or more of his associates as guests.

## YESTERDAY IN WASHINGTON

Associated Press

Arrangement of Sinclair and Fall was postponed until Tuesday.

The senate approved the Illinois river channel improvement project.

Consideration of the alien property bill was continued by the house.

Representative Reed of New York introduced a \$100,000,000 public buildings bill.

Representative Fulmer of South Carolina introduced a slightly modified McNary farm bill.

## WOODMAN HALL HIT BY EARLY MORNING BLAZE

Flames Discovered Shortly After Two O'clock by Glen Shaw

### ALL FIREMEN CALLED

Structure Worth \$40,000 Formerly Elks Temple; Owned by Several Fraternal Bodies

Fire had gutted the entire rear end of the fraternal temple on North High street and was blazing strongly on the third floor, with flames breaking out on the roof, at 3:30 this morning. The blaze broke out near the furnace in the basement at 2 o'clock.

It had already made considerable headway at 2:30 when discovered by Glen Shaw, 18, son of the caretaker, on his way home from work at the paper mill. He turned in an alarm, and firemen had been working desperately ever since to control the fire.

The building had been used the previous evening by the Woodmen of the World for a Christmas tree party. The entertainment was over at about 11:30 o'clock. Shaw dashed to the fire station half a block away and turned in the alarm. The firemen responded immediately, but the flames were already going strong in the rear end of the building, both basement and first floor.

The basement is unoccupied except for a wood pile, in the vicinity of which the fire is believed to have started. The first floor contains a kitchen, which is little used, and a store room. The second floor has a lodge room with a fireplace, directly under which the fire broke out. The third floor contains a banquet room.

The building and contents are valued at between \$40,000 and \$50,000. Included in the furnishings are fraternal and lodge paraphernalia and insignia valued highly because of their significance.

The Elks club formerly used the building as a hall, and it is now owned by the Eagles, Woodmen of the World, Knights of Pythias, Artisans, and other similar fraternal organizations.

It is used almost entirely by these societies for meeting, parties, banquets, and similar gatherings.

## NEW FARM BILL REACHES HOUSE

FULMER, DEMOCRAT, INTRODUCES McNARY PROPOSAL

Agricultural Forces Plan to Bring Measure to Vote During This Session

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.—(By AP.)—McNary and Haugen parted company today and a new farm relief proposal under the name of McNary-Fulmer came into the house as a companion for the senate bill.

Immediately the farm forces began to lay plans for bringing the new bill to a vote this session, but a decision by the house agricultural committee to discontinue further meetings until after the holidays indicated inaction until January. The senate committee also plans no meetings until after the recess.

Senator McNary's bill was introduced in the house by Representative Fulmer, democrat, South Carolina, and was identical except for a provision to postpone application of the equalization fee on cotton until two years after passage.

While plans of the farm lead-

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## FOGGY WEATHER HALTS AIR MAIL

TRAINS CARRY PARCELS TO EUGENE FROM PORTLAND

Pilot With New Plane From South Unable to Fly Over Siskiyou Mountains

PORTLAND, Dec. 17.—(AP)—Air mail service out of Portland again fell victim to the weather today when a heavy fog early in the morning prohibited the plane here to take off, so the mail was sent south by automobile, in the hope that Pilot Starbuck might be able to come as far north as Eugene and pick it up there.

Late today N. B. Evans, traffic manager for the Pacific Air transport, holders of the mail contract along the coast, reported that he had not heard from Starbuck, but weather reports from the south led to the opinion that Starbuck stayed in Medford.

The break in the weather during the day gave rise to the hope that air service might be resumed here tomorrow. If it is at all possible, Evans said, the southbound plane will take off shortly after 6 o'clock and head up the Columbia river, making the trip south on the eastern side of the mountains. This plane will stop at Klamath Falls, and if not met there by the plane from San Francisco, will

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## BANDITS ESCAPE WITH BANK LOOT

POLICE OFFICERS SOON LOSE TRACK OF ROBBERS

Six Young Men Rob Messenger of Funds Amid Christmas Shoppers

KANSAS CITY, Dec. 17.—(AP)—Appearing suddenly out of a Christmas crowd in the downtown financial district, six young bandits robbed a Fidelity National Bank and Trust company messenger of \$79,600 in cash here today and escaped in a motor car, leaving no trail.

Late today the messenger, W. A. Green, a negro, walked over the same route from the Federal Reserve bank carrying the same amount in cash, but encountered no bandits. He was accompanied on his second trip by three patrolmen. W. M. Macavage, guard, who was walking a few yards behind Green at the time of the holdup, was slugged by two of the bandits, but arose and fired two shots after the car.

Tonight police were working on half a dozen theories, the principal one being that the daring coup

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## COOKING SCHOOL COMES TO CLOSE

CHRISTMAS TURKEY PREPARED YESTERDAY AFTERNOON

Ovation Given Miss Beyer for Excellent Service During Session

Mrs. J. W. Savage, out of the hundreds of women who filled the Grand theater yesterday for the closing day of Jeanette Beyer's cooking school, won the 12-pound stuffed, roasted, and garnished Christmas turkey which was the grand prize of the four-day session.

Mrs. C. I. Andrews and Mrs. E. E. Barcus each won a delicious pudding.

A vegetable dish of carrots and cabbage went to Mrs. William McCarrill.

Forty pounds of Rex flour, the choice brand which has been used by Miss Beyer throughout cooking school, went to Mrs. W. L. West.

Mrs. B. E. Hollingsworth and Mrs. Richard D. Slater each won a pound of Buttercup butter.

Mrs. E. L. Welch was awarded a pound of Calumet baking powder.

A nine-pound can of Crisco went to Mrs. George Bayne, while the smaller can went to Mrs. G. L. Lovell.

The crowd gave Miss Beyer a

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## BOARD FAVORS JOINT SERVICE ON S. P. TRACK

Railroad Asked to Adjust Question by Conference Among Chiefs

### OREGON TRUCK TO BUILD

Road Officials Claim Situation Is Held Too Complicated to Be Discussed Publicly at This Time

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.—(AP)—Heads of railroads which have conflicting programs for new construction in central Oregon met today with members of the interstate commerce commission in an endeavor to remove points in controversy. They were unable to reach a final agreement but left Washington with the understanding that another session would be assembled before a final decision is made and before the interstate commerce commission is asked to rule in a mandatory way upon the points in issue.

Participating in the meeting today were Ralph Budd, president of the Great Northern; Charles Donnelly, president of the Northern Pacific; William Sproule, president of the Southern Pacific, and R. E. Strahorn, president of the Oregon, California and Eastern.

The principal differences among the railroads arises from the project of the Oregon Trunk to construct southward from Bend to Klamath Falls in Oregon. This line would parallel closely sections of the Southern Pacific system built or projected and would parallel the existing line of the Oregon, California and Eastern which is controlled by the Southern Pacific.

The commission had decided that the Oregon Trunk should be allowed to build a portion of the line from Bend but should complete the route to Klamath Falls by joint use of Southern Pacific tracks. The railroads were asked to adjust the question by conference among their own chiefs. It was a failure on the part of the executives to reach a private agreement that resulted in today's discussion with the commission.

The railroad officials said the situation was too complicated to be discussed publicly at this stage, while Commissioner Aitchison for the commission said that nothing would be given out in behalf of the federal body prior to further conferences.

## ENTERTAIN 300 KIDDIES

Elks and Salvation Army Make Ready for Big Event

Tickets are now ready for distribution for the big Elks-Salvation Army Christmas tree which will be held in the Armory December 24 at 7 p. m. Tickets to the number of 300 will be given to the poor children of Salem and application for same must be made at the Salvation Army headquarters on State street. All applications will be investigated in order that they be in proper hands.

George Waters has donated 500 bags of popcorn and 500 toy ball-boys for the Christmas tree and there will be no lack of presents for the 300 little guests. The local Elks have taken hold of this matter in their usual thorough and business like manner which is so characteristic of the order, and 300 Salem kiddies are going to have a real Christmas and the Salvation Army and the Elks are going to see that not one kiddie is overlooked. The people of Salem are invited to attend and help make this the success that it deserves.

## POULTRY MEN IN SESSION

Consider Plan for Marion County Organization

A committee to investigate the formation of a society of local poultry breeders was appointed yesterday afternoon at a meeting of poultry men from Marion and Polk counties, held in the chamber of commerce rooms, at which Professor H. E. Cooley of OAC was the principal speaker.

Al Lindbeck, Salem poultryman and newspaperman, presided at the meeting. Another meeting will be held here early in January to hear the committee's report.

## Christmas Publication

Believing in the true spirit of Christmas and in order to permit all the members of the staff to spend the day with their families, thus bringing greater joy and happiness to others, the publishers of The Oregon Statesman have decided to combine the issues of December 25 and 26. One large Christmas edition will make its appearance on the morning of December 25. This issue will carry all of the regular Sunday features in addition to the regular daily news. All of the patrons of the paper are requested to bear this in mind and cooperate with The Statesman in the effort to make this Christmas a real day of joy and gladness.

## DRAGER IN FAVOR OF COOPERATION

OBJECT OF ASSOCIATION TO STABILIZE INDUSTRY

First Unit May Be Perfected in Yamhill County, Few Attend in Dallas

Fred Drager, of the Drager Fruit company, who attended the prune growers' meeting at Dallas recently, reports that aside from some preliminary work in the nature of preparation for another meeting to be held later, little was done owing to the fact that there was a very small attendance due to the date of the meeting being changed.

This meeting was called for the purpose of starting the campaign for a cooperative prune growers' association with the object of stabilizing the prune industry. Mr. Drager is of the firm opinion that unless something of this nature be done the prune growing industry of Oregon cannot survive. According to Mr. Drager, prune growers for the past four years have been operating at a loss and their condition now is desperate concerted action being the only remedy in sight.

Mr. Drager says that for the past several years the opening prices on prunes have been the highest and as a result the eastern buyers who buy early in the season find themselves unable to meet competition on the market later in the year. Many of these speculative buyers Mr. Drager states, have gone broke leaving their

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## STATE ATTORNEYS DINE

Annual Election of Officers to Be Held in Portland Today

PORTLAND, Dec. 17.—(AP)—The annual banquet tonight marked one of the important features of the session of the district attorneys of Oregon, who this week are holding their annual meeting at the court house here. The meeting which started Tuesday, will be concluded tomorrow afternoon with the election of officers for the ensuing year.

I. H. Van Winkle, attorney general, was a speaker at today's session, advocating changes in court procedure rules. He was followed by Dean Hale of the law school of the University of Oregon. Chief Justice McBride of the Oregon supreme court also addressed the district prosecutors.

## DOCTORS EXAMINE BODY

Efforts Made to Determine Cause of Steward's Death

PORTLAND, Dec. 17.—(AP)—The body of A. H. Andresen, steward of the Danish steamer Parana, who died Nov. 27 aboard the vessel as she after being strangled by a Chinese cabin boy, Lee King Chin, was examined here today by Dr. Frank R. Menne, of the University of Oregon medical school, to determine the exact cause of death. Ship's officers had thought that Andresen, who had been complaining of poor health, might have died of natural causes instead of the stab wound.

Mrs. Andresen and her little son are in Portland, having come here to be with Andresen for the Christmas holidays.

## CAR SOLD CHEAP

BELLINGHAM, Wash., Dec. 17.—(AP)—Clyde Hultord, a mill employe today purchased a small touring car of popular type, for \$8 cents. He drove it away under its own power. This was said to have set a low record price here for automobiles.

## KEN ORMISTON UNDER ARREST IN CALIFORNIA

Fugitive Radio Operator in McPherson Case Arrives Unexpectedly

### MAN 'TIRED OF WAITING'

Charges of Criminal Conspiracy To Be Faced Today; Arrangement Will Be Held in Los Angeles

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 17.—(AP)—The Examiner, in a copyrighted story, says Kenneth G. Ormiston, co-defendant in the Almee Semple McPherson case, is under arrest here and will be arraigned tomorrow morning on criminal conspiracy charges.

The former Angelus Temple radio man was taken into custody by Los Angeles officers at Cajon, on the Los Angeles-Santa Bernardino county line shortly after 11 o'clock this morning when he left the Union Pacific limited from Chicago and was brought to this city by automobile. "He was accompanied by representatives of the newspaper.

Ormiston is quoted as saying that he became "tired of waiting to be arrested in Chicago," and voluntarily waiting extradition, came to California to "find out what it is all about."

The radio man has shaved off the black mustache which he wore when he was located a week ago in Harrisburg, Pa.

Throughout the train trip, said Conductor J. J. Williams of the Union Pacific's Gold Coast limited, the much-sought radio operator friend of Mrs. McPherson, Angelus Temple evangelist, kept closely to the stateroom occupied by himself and his two friends.

Even the car porter failed to get a glimpse of the fugitive, when the porter entered the room Ormiston disappeared into the ante-room and remained there until the porter had departed.

The porter told Conductor Williams that one of the members of the stateroom party had sent a telegram to Chicago during the course of the trip across country. It was addressed to "a Mr. Martin" there. Ormiston has as his Chicago attorney, H. S. Martin, who has been promising for three days to deliver his client over to the police.

With Ormiston's arrival here one of his co-defendants on the charge of criminal conspiracy.

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## REICHSTAG OUSTS GERMAN CABINET

HINDENBURG'S APPEAL FAILS TO MOVE NATIONALS

Formation of New Government Before New Year Thought Unlikely

BERLIN, Dec. 17.—(AP)—Chancellor Marx and his bourgeois coalition cabinet resigned today following the passage of a motion of non-confidence by the reichstag. The vote was 279 to 171.

An unnatural alliance between the left socialist and right nationalist factions, either of which group outnumber any government party, caused the cabinet's downfall. Socialists, nationalists, communists and fascists voted together in support of the non-confidence motion introduced yesterday by Philip Scheidemann, leader of the social democrats.

Even President Hindenburg's insistent appeals failed to move the nationalists to prevent the defeat of the government. According to their party leader, Count von Westarp, the nationalists would have been ready to aid the government had they received assurance they would be invited to representation in the cabinet, but while the people's party was ready to give them such assurance, the centralists, holding the balance of power, were non-committal. Accordingly, the defeat of the government was assured when the motion of non-confidence was pushed by the socialists, who were tired of promises of reform in the administration of the reichstag and besides were not particularly

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