

WEATHER FORECAST: Unsettled, with occasional rains in extreme north portion; moderate temperature; moderate southerly winds. Maximum yesterday, 42; minimum, 37; river, 7.4, falling; rainfall, .34; atmosphere, cloudy; wind, south.

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## DRAINAGE MEET FOR SOUTHEAST PART OF SALEM

Probably Request Supervisors to Investigate Deepening Mill Creek

### MISINTERPRETS RULE

Arrangement Provides for Those Receiving Benefit to Pay for Cost of Various Improvements

A mass meeting of Southeast Salem residents will be held some time this week to hear the report of a special committee appointed recently to investigate the problem of obtaining proper drainage for the district.

The committee, which consists of W. W. Rosebraugh, chairman, D. L. Shrode, and Asel Eoff, has enlisted the aid of the Lions club civic committee. This consists of Frank Sherwin, chairman, Dr. William B. Mott, Henry R. Crawford, Rev. C. E. Ward, and Mr. Rosebraugh.

Steps to be undertaken in relieving the situation will probably be along the lines of having the supervisors of the Salem drainage district obtain an engineer to investigate and report on costs of deepening and straightening North and perhaps South Mill creek so that they will be adequate to carry off all flood waters without overflow.

In case the supervisors of the district continually refuse to do this, steps will probably be taken towards getting new supervisors.

One of the biggest difficulties in bringing a proper appreciation of the value of the drainage district is believed to be popular misunderstanding of how the drainage law of the state operates in fixing costs of all improvement done by the district.

The law provides that the county court shall appoint a board of three men, one a civil engineer, to determine the costs of improvement, and assess the valuation of all property in the district.

Costs for the improvement will not be distributed according to acreage, as is thought to be the general belief, especially among residents of the farming district who have consistently blocked the work of the district, but is instead distributed according to benefits and damages on each ownership of property.

In this way, if a man's property is damaged, say by construction of a ditch across it, and he receives no benefit from the district, he will be reimbursed for the damage, and the cost will fall on the farmer whose worthless swamp is made into valuable agricultural land.

By such an arrangement, the cost of the improvement is paid only by those persons who receive benefit from it, and these, as previous districts have shown, will generally get more money by the improvement of their property, than they pay out for the work done.

There are now more than 50 districts in Oregon with greatly varying areas, all of which are proving a great boon to farmers in them.

Under an amendment to the drainage laws enacted in 1921, the state of Oregon and all cities may come into a drainage district just as though they were private parties, and in this way the costs will also be levied against state lands and city property, such as streets, lying within the district.

## FRATERNAL HALL RAZED BY FLAMES

ESTIMATED DAMAGE PLACED AT \$22,500 BY OFFICIALS

Building Provided Meeting Place for Several Lodges, Equipment Lost

Latest estimates on the losses caused by the early morning blaze that razed the Fraternal temple, located on North Liberty street between Court and Chemeketa, Saturday morning, place the destruction at \$22,500; \$22,500 of which is covered by insurance. The total value of the property was put at \$50,000 by officials of the society owning the building.

The structure was owned by the Fraternal Temple association, composed of representatives from the Woodmen of the World, Eagles United Artisans, Yeomen and Knights of Pythias. Several other bodies used the building for meetings, but did not belong to the association.

The disposal of the property has not been determined, according to a statement made yesterday afternoon by officials of the society. A meeting will probably be held within the next two weeks to give all the members a chance to say what they want done.

The fire, which broke out shortly after 2 o'clock in the morning, was only put out after a hard battle of several hours, with seven hoses pouring water into the blazing mass.

A large crowd, attracted by the glare in the sky, was present in spite of the early hour. It was augmented by residents of the apartment house on the north side of the temple, who carried many of their belongings into the street in fear that the blaze would burn it also.

The buildings are only a few feet apart, but spread of the blaze was prevented by soaking the southern side of the apartment.

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## HIGHWAY BODY OFFERS REPORT FOR TEN YEARS

\$15,940,531.19 Used for Principal and Interest on Certain Bonds

\$99,001,922.05 PAID OUT

Engineer Calls Attention to Fact That Sum Does Not Include Any Market Road Expenditures

During the decade since the present highway improvement plan was started the sum of \$99,001,922.05 has been used for road work. Of this sum \$12,575,876.46 was put forward by the various counties. The remainder was secured as follows: \$462,674.94 from railroad funds; \$9,976,414.55 from government funds, and \$75,988,596.10 of state funds. A sum of \$15,940,531.19 of the state fund was used for the payment of principal and interest on bonds. The handling of these funds has been under the supervision of the state highway commission, according to the report of the ten-year period which was submitted to Governor Walter M. Pierce yesterday by Roy Klein, state highway engineer. In the report he calls attention to the fact that the sums mentioned do not take into consideration the money spent on the various market roads.

To show for this expenditure the state now has 728 miles of paving, of which 178 miles are cement concrete and 550 miles of bituminous type, 2137 miles of crushed rock or gravel surfacing, and 2491 miles of grading. These figures do not include the forest roads on the state highway system, which are constructed under the supervision of the United States bureau of public roads and which reports a total of 371 miles of crushed rock or gravel surfacing and 461 miles of grading. Altogether there has been constructed on the state highway system within the Grater Lake national park four miles of pavement and 11 miles of rock surfacing by a special appropriation from the federal government. In addition there are some counties which have graded or improved sections of state highway with their own forces or by contract of which the state department has no record. Only 947 miles of state highway, or 21.2 per cent of the total of 4468 miles included in the state highway system still remain unimproved.

There have also been approxi-

## JEWELRY BANDIT TAKEN BY POLICE

SHOPPERS FLEE AS TORPEDO DOES POP ON FLOOR

Officers Believe Man Has Committed Crimes Throughout Country

CHICAGO, Dec. 18.—(AP)—Unarmed, but giving his exploit a background of heavy work with firearms by dashing torpedoes against the marble floor, a man identified as Douglas Craig, a burglar and bond forfeiter, robbed The Fair, one of Chicago's largest department stores of \$11,000 worth of jewelry today. Christmas shoppers ran in all directions at the pop of the torpedoes.

His possession of the loot was short lived, however, for he was pursued by clerks and customers and finally overhauled by a mounted policeman, who dashed through crowded State street and threw himself from his horse upon the fugitive after the manner of a cowboy bulldozing a steer.

Several women in the store fainted when Craig smashed his fireworks with a brick and set off his fireworks and State street traffic was halted by the cries of "stop thief" and the chase.

Five diamond set bracelets, a diamond pendant and a rope of pearls made up the loot.

In Craig's hotel room, police

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## LOOM OPERATES AT LINEN MILL

POSSIBLE TO INSTALL TWO LOOMS EACH DAY SOON

About 60 Days Required to Get All Departments Operating Regularly

The first loom of the Oregon Linen Mills, Inc., Salem's second linen mill, was started yesterday, weaving leaders. Cotton thread is used for this purpose, in preparation for the linen yarn that will be used in making linen cloth and towels and various other articles fashioned from flax fiber.

There are about 100 looms in all, but it is the plan to start 50 or 60 in the beginning, adding others later. The second loom will be installed tomorrow, and it is possible to add two a day from that time on.

Yesterday there arrived in Portland from Belfast, Ireland, 72 cases of machinery for this mill, valued, with duty and freight, at \$25,000. R. O. Snelling, secretary-treasurer, received a cablegram yesterday announcing that the last shipment of machinery has left Belfast, so that in about 30 days the mill will be going at full capacity.

Mr. Snelling returned from a trip to Seattle yesterday, where he was looking up market prospects

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## ORMISTON ON OWN LEGAL COUNCIL BEFORE COURT

Radio Man Refuses to Divulge Story to Cinch Aimee Perjury Charge

WANTS AUTO RETURNED

Copyrighted First Installment of Supposedly "Unauthorized" Story of Man's Romance Published in Paper

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 18.—(AP)—Kenneth G. Ormiston, with his celebrated limp but without his hoped for sensational story, was back in Los Angeles tonight facing trial with his co-defendant, Evangelist Aimee Semple McPherson, on criminal conspiracy charges. Somewhere in the city or its environs the phantom key figure in the McPherson disappearance case awaited the next move of the law—his arraignment December 27 on an indictment charging that he was a conspirator with the auburn-haired pastor. A year ago before the evangelist dramatically told her kidnapping story in explaining the surf-to-desert mystery, which ensnared the two in the toils of the law, Ormiston twiddled the dials of her broadcasting station at Angelus Temple, home of the Four Square gospel.

Not only has he refused so far to tell the story which district attorney's officers believed would cinch their conspiracy and perjury case against Mrs. McPherson, but Ormiston has said that he has not agreed nor bargained to tell the story—if there is one of that nature.

Seating himself at the district attorney's typewriter, the radio man typed a short statement which he said was to relate rumors that he had been paid by a newspaper to come here and give out a story.

"Intrigue and hokum," he wrote "are as thick as a fog," adding: "I have entered into no understanding, agreement or contract with any newspaper. I have not received one penny from any

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## The Statesman Christmas Cheer Fund

With only six more days remaining Santa Claus finds the time all too short for him to visit everyone as he would like to visit them. In order to bring happiness to all he asks the cooperation of the people.

"Make contributions of clothing and food to the Salvation Army or send the money to the Christmas Cheer fund of The Statesman," says Santa Claus. Every one of these contributions are being used to bring joy and happiness into lives, where Christmas cheer might be lacking.

Join the Christmas Cheer crowd now.

Previously acknowledged \$75.50  
Valrie Karr 1.00

## GOUCHER SAYS ATTACK UNFAIR ON ENGINEER

Feels Sure Luper Acted in Good Faith With Central Oregon District

SORRY TO SEE ATTACK

Property Never Been Offered for Sale at Less Than \$60,000, One Acceptance Never Completed By Company

Dr. A. A. Goucher of McMinnville, owner of the Clime Falls Power company in Deschutes county, was a Salem visitor yesterday and labeled as untrue and as entirely unjustified an attack made upon State Engineer Luper in an article published in the Salem Capital Journal of Friday.

The article in the Capital Journal declared that Luper's alleged interest in the sale of the Clime Falls properties to the Central Oregon Irrigation district would be the subject of a probe at the coming legislative session, charging that Luper had secured an option on the Clime Falls properties for \$25,000 and had later recommended to the Central Oregon district the purchase of the property for \$60,000. Luper was also charged in the article with having so manipulated the adjudication of the waters of the Deschutes river as to make the water rights owned by the Clime Falls properties necessary to the Central Oregon district.

Except during a lawsuit at Condon when other parties who desired to secure possession of the Clime Falls properties were making his considerable trouble when he had offered to sell "if he could get his money back out of the property," Dr. Goucher declared that he had never offered the property to any one for less than \$60,000.

"I offered the property to Weist and Slack of the Arnold company for \$60,000 at one time and they would buy at that price if they could divert the water but they never took advantage of the offer," Dr. Goucher stated.

"Other than those two occasions I cannot recall ever having offered the properties at any price."

"Certainly Mr. Luper has no option on the property nor has he ever had at \$35,000 or any other price. I can not understand how Mr. Luper should be able to gain anything personally through any sale of the property and feel sure that if he advised the Central Oregon district to buy the property he was acting in good faith."

"I have known Mr. Luper only a short time, meeting him for the first time last summer or fall some time after the water adjudication in June and was very sorry to see the attack upon him which I am sure was wholly unjustified."

## LIGHT CRUISERS SOUGHT IN BILL

AMERICAN NAVAL STRENGTH DECLARED DROPPING

Measure Hurdly Drafted After Conference on Defense Matters

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18.—(AP)—Acting on testimony that American naval strength is dropping behind that of other nations, Chairman Butler, of the house naval committee, today introduced a bill to authorize an appropriation of \$105,000,000 for the construction of ten 10,000 ton light cruisers.

Drafted hurriedly after the chairman and four committee members, two of them democrats, had conferred at the White House on naval matters for nearly an hour, the bill was introduced after Mr. Butler had represented the proposed expenditure as being in harmony with the president's national defense program.

The committee chairman, however, made no reference in the measure to the three light cruisers authorized by congress last winter for which the budget bureau failed to recommend an appropriation to start construction.

It was this situation that prompted an immediate inquiry

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## EMPEROR STILL ALIVE

Temples and Shrines of Japan Filled With Worshippers

TOKYO, Dec. 18.—(AP)—As though hearkening to the prayers of the nation, the spirit of Emperor Yoshihito still remained within his body late tonight. For days the temples and shrines of Japan had been crowded with humble and noble alike, praying that the life of the sovereign might be spared.

And late today when his faithful attendants had almost despaired in their fight against pneumonia which for more than a week had shortened the breath of the ruler, he rallied and was able to partake of food. Later, however, the frequent bulletins issued by the house department stated that his majesty's condition was unchanged.

## SIX O'CLOCK CLUB MEET

Judge Oliver P. Coshow to Be Speaker of Evening

The regular monthly meeting of the Salem Six O'clock club, will be held Monday night at 6:30, in the parlors of the First Methodist church.

The regular evening meal will be served by the ladies of the church and at 7 o'clock the club will have the pleasure of hearing the Honorable Oliver P. Coshow, justice of the supreme court, on the subject, "Standards."

In this day and age of efficiency we have a standard for everything. The American people have been accused of being money mad. They have been accused of being the greatest law making and law breaking people in the world, and under these conditions, Judge Coshow's discussion of "Standards" will be timely and interesting.

All men of the city are eligible to attend.

## FIVE WORKMEN KILLED

604 Accidents Reported to Commission During Week

Five workmen were killed in accident in Oregon industries during the week ending December 16 according to the weekly report of the state industrial accident commission. They were Robt. D. Young, carpenter, Salem; Tony Rubio, choker setter, Portland; Tom D. Manatine, head rigger, Portland; Andrew Bringdale, gardener, Astoria; and Andrew Anderson, station worker, Kent, Wash.

Of a total of 694 accidents reported to the commission for the week 555 were subject to the provisions of the workmen's compensation act.

## GUARD PLAN MANEUVERS

State, County and City Officials to Witness Demonstration

PORTLAND, Dec. 18.—(AP)—Governor Pierce, governor-elect Patterson, other state, county and city officials, army and navy officers and prominent business men will be guests of honor at a military tournament to be held by the Oregon national guard in the local armory in conjunction with the quarterly muster and review of Multnomah county troops December 20.

Plans for the tournament which are in charge of Lieutenant Colonel Eugene C. Libby, contemplate the giving of a series of military demonstrations on drill, setting up of headquarters, operation of signal systems and finally a simulated attack on a machine gun post.

## KITTEN HERO OF FIRE

Six Year Old Mistress of Feline Perishes in Flames

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18.—(AP)—A kitten proved a hero today in a dwelling house fire, saving the lives of six persons. It clawed at Meyer Rosenblatt's face until he awoke, but its little mistress, Blanche Solomon, aged 6, perished in the flames, the only one of the family not saved.

## EXPLOSION KILLS ONE

ROCKY MOUNT, N. C., Dec. 18.—(AP)—One man was killed and ten were injured in a boiler explosion at the Ward Lumber company today which hurled debris several hundred yards and shattered windows throughout the city.

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## DAWES ATTACKS DIRECT PRIMARY

CONVENTION METHOD SOUGHT BY VICE PRESIDENT

Plea Made for Revision of Senate Rules to Speed Up Legislation

NEW YORK, Dec. 18.—(AP)—Top heavy campaign funds, and all the evils that attend them, were laid at the door of the direct primary system tonight by Vice President Dawes, who argued in a turn-of-the-old-methods of exposing political nominees by convention.

The vice president mentioned no names, but he reminded his audience of "recent political events" under the primary plan and declared politics had reached a stage where a candidate for state or national office must have either a fortune or a going political organization behind him if he hoped to succeed.

With this declaration General Dawes linked a renewal of his plea for revision of the senate

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## REPORTER FINDS BOMB

Hall of Justice Thrown Into Panic When Explosive Found

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 18.—(AP)—The hall of justice, which houses the criminal courts, the county jail and the city prison, was thrown into a panic tonight when a large bomb was found in a suitcase by Robert Berg, a reporter. Berg carried the case up to the detective bureau on the second floor, where he opened it and the bomb tumbled out. It did not explode.

## YESTERDAY IN WASHINGTON

John W. Langley, of Kentucky, was paroled.

The alien property bill was passed by the house.

Representative Butler proposed the construction of ten light cruisers.

Representative Garrett of Tennessee took steps to force a house vote on the democratic tax bill.

The senate judiciary committee decided to consider charges that federal patronage is being sold.

## MERRY CHRISTMAS!

