

The Oregon Statesman

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PRICE FIVE CENTS

WEATHER FORECAST: Rains; fresh and strong west and north west winds on the coast. Maximum yesterday, 46; minimum, 39; river, 7.0; rainfall, .45; atmosphere, cloudy; wind, southeast.

SHOP EARLY: Only four 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 postoffice clerks.

SEVENTY-SIXTH YEAR

30 DIE WHEN ICE ENGULFS FRAIL LAUNCH

Unemployed Men Sing Over Prospect of Work as Disaster Occurs

CALLS FOR AID IGNORED

Investigations Started to Discover Blame for Tragedy and to Determine if It Might Have Been Avoided

NEW YORK, Dec. 20.—(AP)—A pitiful platoon of the army of the unemployed set forth across the Hudson river today, singing in high hopes, but evil fortune dogged their path and the icy waters engulfed them. Of the 62 who left Manhattan, 39 were known tonight to have been drowned, seven were reported missing and 25 were under medical care for submersion.

A hundred or more men, white men and negroes, out of work in the saddest season of the year to be without funds, answered a help wanted advertisement of the Spencer-Kellogg & Sons, Edgewater, N. J., plant early today at the 95th street pier.

A cold wind blowing off the ice-choked river and this was no crowd to have fur coats—men on whom fortune had long since ceased to smile, many of them gaunt fellows who asked only a chance to live and were willing to work hard for the chance.

They were men of spirit, too, for instead of covering in corners from the biting wind they stamped about and sang and danced as they waited for the launch which the advertisement had said would take them across the river.

The launch came, the Linseed King, a frail 42 footer of 19 foot beam. Captain John Rohwelder of Jersey City, called to them to climb aboard.

"Hurry it up boys," he said, "there's two loads here and I've got to get back for the second load. I ought to be over there

HAUGEN FAVORS BILL OF M'NARY

FARM RELIEF COMPANION MEASURE GIVEN HOUSE

Split on Cotton Fee May Draw South and Midwest in Fight

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.—(AP) Terminating 10 days of uncertainty as to his attitude on new farm relief proposals, Chairman Haugen of the house agriculture committee today endorsed the new McNary bill and, virtually unchanged, introduced it as a companion measure in the house. His measure, like that of Senator McNary, republican, Oregon, provides for an equalization fee on five principal commodities including cotton, and this is expected to precipitate a controversy between Haugen and Representative Fulmer, democrat, South Carolina, who has introduced the McNary bill modified to exempt application of the fee on cotton until two years after enactment.

Haugen, who is an Iowa republican, described his measure as "the best thought of the farm leaders all over the country," and said hearings on it would commence January 6, with prospects of a report to the house shortly thereafter.

"There would be no reason for drawing out the hearings for weeks," Haugen said, "because the subject matter has been developed so often."

There were indications, however that the difference of opinion on application of the equalization fee to cotton might draw democrats and middlewestern republicans in a serious fight.

Representative Fulmer is unalterably opposed to immediate application and Representative Anwell, of Louisiana, ranking democrat on the agricultural committee, declared that not one member from cotton growing sections would dare to vote for the bill, unless cotton is exempt for two years.

On the other hand, Haugen, as well as some senate farm leaders, consider postponement of the fee would amount to a subsidy on cotton.

"Madame Butterfly" Wins Praise of Large Audience

Leading Role Played by Tamaki Muira Who Won Hearts of People by Her Wonderful Singing, Throughout Presentation of Opera

BY AUDRED BUNCH

Salem played hostess to a group of great guests last night when the Manhattan Opera company of New York and the Pavley Oukrainsky ballet stopped at the Elsinore theatre for an incomparable engagement. Madame Muira, the peerless Japanese prima donna, was here; and Andreas Pavley was here to conduct his gorgeous and tragic ballet.

It was hard to tell at the close of the two-fold performance who was really happiest—the audience or the artists. The beautiful "Madame Butterfly" in her dressing room down the back stairway off stage was bubbling with gladness when we found her busily attacking her theatrical gloss with cold cream.

COUNCIL PASSES ZONING STATUTE

400 CITIES MAKE USE OF SIMILAR ORDINANCES

Members of Commission Praised for Excellent Work Done in Past

The city council last night passed the zoning ordinance prepared by the city zoning commission, after a public hearing at which only one man voiced protest to the ordinance.

The people of Salem are not yet fully aware of the ordinance's import, according to the lone objector, who asked that action on the bill be deferred.

There are now more than 400 cities, with a combined population of more than 17,000,000 persons that now have such ordinances, said Alderman W. W. Rosebraugh, a member of the commission, in a brief speech before the vote was taken on the bill.

"The city zoning commission deserves a great deal of praise, and especially does the president, Lewis Campbell, deserve it," Mr. Rosebraugh stated. "These men have made this law at a cost of little more than \$50. This is the same task for which the previous commission, the one that resigned, wanted at least \$5000. These men have worked literally day and night on the job."

Mayor Giesy made a brief speech in which he seconded the remarks made by Mr. Rosebraugh. Mr. Campbell also spoke briefly, stating that the commission was not a one man affair, and that the other members deserved as much praise or more than he himself did.

The public hearing last night was deferred from a meeting a week ago at which a quorum of council members was lacking.

NOBILE CENTER OF RIOT

Anti-Fascist Demonstration Held by 500 in New Jersey

PATERSON, N. J., Dec. 20.—(AP)—An armored car equipped with riot guns and tear gas bombs and manned by 25 police reserves were dispatched to the east high school tonight when General Umberto Nobile, designer of the Norge the first airship to fly over the north pole, became the storm center of an anti-fascist demonstration there as he was about to begin a speech.

More than 500 persons stormed the doors of the school and met with resistance on the part of the 1500 audience, composed principally of Italian-Americans.

YESTERDAY IN WASHINGTON

Associated Press

The house voted to restore the one-cent rate on private postcards.

Senator Hefflin of Alabama again assailed the Harding administration.

Senator Harrison of Mississippi called for an immediate tax reduction.

Consideration of the rivers and harbors bill was continued by the senate.

Cyrus E. Woods, former diplomat, was nominated to be an interstate commerce commissioner.

The senate judiciary committee was directed to investigate charges that a bread trust exists.

Repeal of restrictions on the manufacture of medicinal whiskey was advocated by Senator Hawes of Missouri.

Approval was given by the house naval committee to the Butler bill to authorize construction of ten light cruisers.

PRUNE GROWER SEEKS ACTIVE MARKET PLANS

Ratcliff Discusses Several Similar Ones Proposed Some Time Ago

WANTS WORKABLE IDEA

Second Letter Goes to Heart of Prune Trouble in State, Co-operative Plan Sought That Will Work

Salem, Dec., 18, 1926.

Editor Statesman: Since handing the article yesterday on a prune price fixing plan, I have seen the article published in the Capital Journal which is W. F. Drager's plan. Besides these and the California plan it is well known among prune men that Mr. R. H. Kipp of the marketing department of the Portland Chamber of Commerce and Mr. C. J. Hurd of the marketing department of OAC have been actively

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SMITH MURDERED HEFLIN BELIEVES

ALABAMA SENATOR ASSAILS HARDING REGIME

Inside Story of Fall-Doheny Oil Trial Would "Open Eyes of Nation"

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.—(AP)—Unlimbering another attack on the Harding administration, Senator Hefflin, democrat, Alabama, told the senate today that Attorney General Daugherty's friend, Jess Smith, was murdered "because he knew too much," and that it would "open the eyes of the nation" if the inside story of the recent Fall-Doheny oil conspiracy acquittal here ever were told.

Secretary Mellon was pictured by the Alabamian as receiving funds collected by Smith from "brewers and bootleggers" in payment of advances to the Harding campaign fund. In all, he said, the treasury secretary advanced \$5,000,000 to the republican national committee and Smith was delegated to get back \$2,000,000 of it from the bootlegger trade.

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BANDITS ATTACK RANCH

Several Hundred Horses and Thousands of Cattle Stolen

DEL RIO, Texas, Dec. 20.—(AP)—The Cleote ranch, 90 miles from the border, owned by British interests, was attacked by bandits and several hundred horses and thousands of cattle were driven away, said reports received here today.

Soldiers at Villa Acuna, opposite Del Rio, and Piedras Negras, opposite Eagle Pass were active. Additional troops arrived at Villa Acuna Monday.

RABBIT BREEDERS TO HOLD MEETING

USE FOR FOOD AND FUR IN UNITED STATES GROWS

Gathering Scheduled for Tuesday in Chamber of Commerce Rooms

Editor, Statesman:

I am prompted at this time to write you concerning the advancement of a comparatively new industry for the Salem district. I refer to the raising of rabbits for their meat and fur. I shall only speak of it briefly here, calling attention to the formation of an association to foster the interests of the industry in this vicinity. Later I shall be glad to write a more lengthy article concerning it more in detail.

All breeders of rabbits are being asked to meet at the Salem Chamber of Commerce Wednesday, December 22, at 8 p. m. This is the third meeting of some of the breeders since the state. We hope to perfect a working organization at this time to further the interests of the industry in all its branches. Some 16 or 18 known breeders have been notified, but a cordial invitation is extended to every one interested to attend this meeting.

The use of rabbits for food and fur is growing by leaps and bounds throughout the United States, and

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GASOLINE PRICE ADVANCES CENT

STANDARD AND GENERAL STATIONS BOOST PRICE

Other Companies Had Not Heard of Rise at Late Hour Last Night

The price of gasoline in Standard and General Petroleum stations will be one cent more in Salem when they open this morning and will conform with a similar boost effective along the coast today, according to orders received by the managers last night.

Managers of other oil concerns up until a late hour had received no word of an advance and indicated that the price would remain the same until orders were received.

At the time of the cut in gasoline prices a few months ago all oil companies made the reduction during the day and it is expected the advance in price will be general.

PORTLAND, Dec. 20.—(AP)—The local branches of the Standard Oil company and the General

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REGENTS FAVOR LA GRANDE SITE NORMAL SCHOOL

Final Vote Five to Four With Pendleton Losing Out, 12 Applications

THREE SITES OFFERED

Selection of Site for New State Tuberculosis Hospital in Eastern Oregon Comes Next Week Following Report

La Grande becomes the home of the new state normal school according to a five to four vote of the board of regents yesterday in Salem. The decision came following a tour of 12 towns in the eastern part of the state by the board of regents. Many favorable sites were offered the state by each town. The new normal school comes as a result of a measure, which met the approval of the people of Oregon at the last election.

The final vote was five to four in favor of La Grande over Pendleton. Those voting for La Grande as the location were E. E. Bragg of Salem, J. H. Fuller of Ashland, Frank Miller of Albany, Governor Walter Pierce of Salem and R. R. Turner, state superintendent of public instruction. Regents who voted for Pendleton on the final ballot were W. C. Bryant of Moro, George A. Hartman of Pendleton, C. L. Starr of Portland and Sam A. Kozier, secretary of state.

The location of the new normal school was determined through a process of elimination. There originally were 12 applicants for the school, of which four were eliminated from consideration early in the meeting. These included Arlington, Weston, Redmond and Elgin. There was no discussion by the regents with relation to the merits of these applicants. On the second elimination ballot La Grande received nine votes, Milton one vote, Pendleton eight votes, Bend one vote, Hood River one vote and The Dalles seven

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FISH COMPANIES MERGE

Alaska Salmon Canneries Involved in Million Dollar Deal

SEATTLE, Dec. 20.—(AP)—Consolidation of the Baranof and Franklin Packing companies of Alaska, representing approximately \$1,000,000, with headquarters here, was announced today by Lee H. Wakefield, following filing of incorporation papers at Olympia, Wash. Wakefield is to be president of the concern which will be known as the Wakefield Fisheries. The Baranof company has a plant at Red Bluff bay, and the Franklin concern has canneries on Saw Mill bay of Prince William sound, Shuyak straits, Izhut bay and at Seldovia. Wakefield said the merger will greatly facilitate handling of business.

COURT HEARS ARGUMENT

Removal of County Seat to Medford Under Question

The state supreme court yesterday heard arguments in mandamus proceedings filed by citizens of Medford to compel the county judge of Jackson county to issue a proclamation authorizing the removal of the courthouse from Jacksonville to Medford. The voters of Jackson county recently authorized the change of location of the courthouse, but proceedings later were filed attacking the petitions for the election. These petitions subsequently were held to be legal by the supreme court.

It was said that the county judge has refused to issue the proclamation based on the returns of the election pending determination by the supreme court of certain legal questions involved in the courthouse controversy.

STORM, SWEEPS COAST

Bureau Predicts Unsettled Weather for Western States

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 20.—(AP)—A storm area which formed during the past 24 hours as far south as the San Francisco over the Gulf of Alaska, advanced bay region tonight. The United States weather bureau tonight predicted unsettled weather in the western states with heavy rains in Washington, Oregon, Idaho and Nevada tomorrow. Fair weather is promised California on Wednesday with generally clearing weather elsewhere. Southwest storm signals are being displayed at all stations in Washington and Oregon.

8 INJURED IN COLLISION

California Car and North Bend Machine Hit Near Eugene

EUGENE, Dec. 20.—(AP)—Eight persons were injured when two cars collided on the highway near Eugene today. E. E. Skjivorth, wife and two sons and one daughter of Tulare, Cal., were in one car and A. Fidler and his sister, Mrs. A. Martin, and little son of North Bend, Ore., were in the other. All were badly bruised and cut but none was seriously hurt, the physicians said. They were all brought to a hospital in Eugene.

The Statesman Christmas Cheer Fund

Only four days remain in which to join forces with Santa Claus in his efforts to bring joy and happiness into the world. The Statesman and the Salvation Army are cooperating with Santa Claus and every article of food or clothing contributed and every cent of money go to those who might not receive anything on Christmas day. Do not put it off another minute, but join the Christmas Cheer crowd now.

Table with 2 columns: Item and Amount. Includes: Previously acknowledged \$76.50, Cash 2.00, A friend 1.00, The Fleming 1.00, A printer 1.00, A friend 1.00.

ONLY FOUR DAYS REMAIN TO HELP

DON'T DISSAPPOINT CHILDREN ON CHRISTMAS

Clothing and Food Go to Salvation Army for Distribution to Poor

Only four days and Christmas will be here. On that day there will be two classes of people. The first, possessing those things which bring joy at this season of the year, will find great pleasure in the day, while the second class will be downhearted because they lack the necessary things to bring Christmas cheer into their homes. Those who have plenty and think they are enjoying the day very much would find greater happiness if they would contribute something to bring joy to those who lack in Christmas cheer.

Santa Claus is working day and night in his efforts to reach every one in the community. He enlisted the aid of The Statesman and the Salvation Army early in the month and then the Christmas Cheer fund was started. Those desiring to give money to this fund should bring or send it to the Christmas Cheer editor of The Statesman. Every cent will be used to make someone happy on Christmas day. Those who desire to contribute clothing and food, should leave such articles at the Salvation Army and everything will be given away to needy families.

The time grows short and the list of needy people and little youngsters, who really should receive something, is getting longer every day. Santa just must get down every chimney, but to do it he must have your help.

Think of the little kiddies who may arise on Christmas morn and find an empty stocking. Think of the great disappointment in store for them on that morning. Such things should not be and they won't if you'll give a little toward the Christmas Cheer work.

Join the Cheer crowd at once by sending in a contribution to the Christmas Cheer fund.

WETJEN'S POEM TAKEN BY POST

WRITER OF SEA STORIES SCORES OVER CRITICS

Papers Throughout State Assail Salem Man for Simpson Criticism

Albert Richard Wetjen, Salem writer who recently called Samuel Simpson, author of "The Golden-Gated West," a "fourth-rate poet," and who has as a result been the recipient of scores of tirades in many papers of the state, yesterday scored over the critics who call him "no poet," when his poem, "I Wish I'd Been in the War," was accepted for publication by the Saturday Evening Post.

Criticism of Wetjen for his article on Simpson has been growing more acute each time it appears afresh, and in Sunday's Oregon Journal appears the following by Robert Swayze, intimating that Wetjen knows no more about poetry than a school boy:

"Albert Richard Wetjen, spinner of yards, has attained more notoriety for his senseless and unwarranted attack on Sam Simpson as a poet than he will ever attain through the medium of his own mediocrity. Nearly every paper in the state has taken a crack at Wetjen, not seriously, but as an object fit for ridicule. The lad has evidently never spent a sober moment with Simpson's volume, The Golden-Gated West, or he never would have penned the rot which appeared in the Albany Democrat-Herald several weeks ago under his name. The editors of the paper have righteously repudiated the article as something that was slipped over solely on misplaced trust. The boy should read some elementary book on the poetic principle, and then spend several months trying to absorb the beauty found in Simpson's poetry. On every page of that volume are lines of the most poetic beauty. Wetjen will perhaps never be able to comprehend it, for he is in all likelihood a poetaster who knows no better than to rhyme 'spleen' with 'dream.' Of such compact ignorance is the world-be poet made."

Wetjen is no novice at poetry, although he has gained his national fame as a writer of sea stories. Before he began writing sea tales, he had several poems published in various magazines throughout the country.

MOVIE CENSOR POST CREATED BY CITY BODY

Permission Granted Southern Pacific to Vacate Track on South 12th

MANY PETITIONS HEARD

Petitions Allowed for Improving Several Streets, School Board Deeded Tract of Land for City's Use

The city council last night passed an ordinance permitting the Southern Pacific to vacate its track on South 12th street line, and to cover the tracks with a coating of asphalt pavement.

Other ordinances passed included one for the vacation of an alley in Block 17, Nob Hill annex, one creating the post of moving picture censor and giving it to the police, and another giving the fire chief a raise in salary.

A request of T. A. Livesley that the council allow a claim for the cost of a sewer built by the First National bank to serve its new building was disallowed, except the item of \$20.50 incurred by the bank in constructing a catch basin.

A report of the city park board on the financial status of the city auto park was received and read.

A report of the special committee on investigating a proposed purchase of the city waterworks was adopted with four dissenting votes. The report suggested that the matter be submitted to the voters at a special election to be held as soon as possible.

Bills up for first reading last night included ordinances for improvement of Lee street, from

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