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WEATHER FORECAST: Locally unsettled; colder in east portion; gentle winds mostly northerly. Maximum yesterday, 43; minimum, 33; river, 7.6; rainfall, .02; atmosphere, clear; wind, northeast.

SHOP EARLY: Only two 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.

WOMEN ACCUSE KING BENJAMIN OF VIOLATIONS

"Blood Purification" Ceremony Held Cloak for Criminal Assault

FOLLOWERS FILL COURT

Defendant Carried to Hearing on Cot and Only Slight Interest Taken in Examination of Witnesses

BENTON HARBOR, Dec. 22.—(AP)—Under threat that his \$125,000 bond would be forfeited unless he appeared, Benjamin Purnell was carried into justice court today to hear three former girl members of his colony accuse him of having violated them. Afterwards Benjamin was carried back to his sanctuary at the colony to await decision as to whether he shall be bound over to circuit court on two warrants charging criminal assault under the cloak of "blood purification" rites. Purnell made two appearances in court. The first was in Justice Weldon's court this morning when he was given preliminary examination on the warrant sworn to by Mrs. Hattie Woodworth. This afternoon he was brought into Justice Florence Forhan's court on the warrant in which two sisters, Gladys Bamford Rubel and Ruth Bamford Reed, are the complaining witnesses. At the first hearing Mrs. Woodworth, taking the stand less than a foot from where Benjamin lay on his cot, accused the cult leader of assaulting her when she was 15 years old. This was on February 5, 1921, she said. Purnell, she said, tapped on his window as she was passing his quarters beckoning her to come to his rooms. There, she testified, Purnell attacked her.

Testimony in the second hearing this afternoon followed much the same course. Ruth Bamford Reed charged that Purnell violated her shortly before May 13, 1920. At that time, she said, she was in the eighth grade in the art, the House of David schoolhouse. A number of students were to take the county eighth grade examinations and she went to Benjamin for a dress to wear to the examinations. When she arrived at the house of Benjamin, Purnell's living quarters, she said, the colony leader was in the kitchen. The alleged attack, she testified, followed. "I asked him what he had done," she testified. "He said, 'You've read about me in the Star.'"

CONGRESS RESTS OVER HOLIDAYS

SENATE SURRENDERS TO VACATION AFTER STRUGGLE

House Has Little Business on Hand and Indulges in Dress Rehearsal

WASHINGTON, Dec. 22.—(AP)—Congress gave up its deliberations on the state of the Union today, granting Santa Claus unanimous consent to carry on until January 3. The holiday recess will end a week from Monday and work will resume where it was left off today. The senate did not surrender before the advance of St. Nick without a struggle, but the house, with much time and little work on its hands, indulged in a sort of dress rehearsal to prepare for the eleven day vacation. The house met at noon as usual, but after the formalities were over, recessed until four o'clock when the senate sent over the interior department bill. It took the house two minutes to read the measure to conference and the vacation began. It was more or less a field day in the senate, where an executive session was called late in the afternoon to top off as hectic a day as has been seen this session. While it was considering the interior bill, the senate received a partial report on its campaign funds committee investigation, one of its committees began a bread company merger inquiry and three more items were added to the senate's long list of things to be investigated.

Christmas Publication

The Statesman editions for December 25 and 26 will be combined into one large Christmas publication appearing on the morning of December 25. This means there will be no edition on the morning of December 26. This has been done in order to permit the members of The Statesman family to enjoy Christmas day with their families and so bring a little more happiness into the hearts of many people. The patrons of The Statesman are requested to bear this announcement in mind and cooperate to the fullest extent in this attempt to spread a little more of the real spirit of the season.

CITIES SEEKING HOSPITAL HOME

OLD TOWN SITE OFFERED BY DESCHUTES FOR \$40,000

Decision to Be Reached This Week All Places Possess Advantages Selection of the location of the new state tuberculosis hospital which was created under a measure approved by the voters of Oregon at the recent general election, probably will be announced by the state board of control at a meeting to be held in Salem today or Friday. The law provides that the institution shall be located east of the Cascade Mountains. Although a dozen or more towns and cities in eastern Oregon have filed application for the hospital, reports here indicated that the institution probably would be located at one of three places. These include the cities of Deschutes, Joseph and Dufur. Deschutes, which is located seven miles from Bend, has offered to the state for hospital purposes the old Stanley-Deschutes townsite, which includes a hotel building and a number of other structures. The property was valued at \$40,000.

MAIL BANDITS CONVICTED

Six Men and One Woman Found Guilty of Robbing Train

CHEYENNE, Wyo., Dec. 22.—(AP)—Six men and one woman on trial here for the last three weeks for the robbery of a Union Pacific mail train on August 13 last, near Rock Springs, Wyo., in which they obtained loot valued at \$320,000 tonight were found guilty by a jury in the United States district court. Four of the men, Jack Madigan, a mail clerk on the robbed train, Jack Kearns, Howard E. Barnett, and John Kamariotis, were convicted on all of the eleven counts in the indictment; Theodore and Paul Sourlos, were convicted on six of the eleven counts and Edna Nagley, the woman, in the case, was convicted on but one count, that of conspiracy.

YESTERDAY IN WASHINGTON

Congress recessed to January 3. The interior supply bill passed the senate. The Boulder Canyon dam bill was approved by the house irrigation committee. Senator Walsh, of Montana, started the banking merger investigation for the senate. The senate ordered an investigation of the Lausanne treaty negotiations. A house bill for the manufacture of medicinal whiskey was introduced by Representative Green. The McCarl report on alien property administration was sent to congress by President Coolidge. Congress received Carmi Thompson's report recommending delay in granting absolute independence to the Philippines. Senator Borah charged that theft and graft existed over a period of years in the alien property custodian's office. A resolution was introduced in the senate which would call on the president for information concerning what aid had or could be given the Diaz government of Nicaragua.

HIGHWAY BOARD TO DRAFT BILL FOR FREE SPAN

Similar Legislation in Washington Thought Necessary for Control

PLEAS FOR ROADS HEARD

Josephine County Asks for Wider Roadway to Oregon Caves to Handle Heavy Summer Tourist Traffic

PORTLAND, Dec. 22.—(AP)—Before the Oregon state highway commission can take over the interstate bridge between Portland and Vancouver, Wash., the legislature must enact an act authorizing the commission to take such action. It was agreed today at a meeting of the state highway commission. The legal department of the commission was directed to draft a bill for such an enabling act, to be presented to the legislature next month. It was the opinion of the commission that similar legislation would be required by the state of Washington. Today's action followed agitation to make the interstate bridge toll-free. A. M. Smith, Multnomah county commissioner, told the highway commission that Multnomah county and Clark county, Wash., could make the interstate bridge free immediately, if they so desired.

RUMORS OF SECRETARY

Governor-Elect Appoints Beatrice Walton Assistant

Reports here yesterday indicated that E. E. Brodie, editor and publisher of the Oregon City Enterprise, would be appointed private secretary to Governor-elect Patterson. Mr. Brodie already has reserved a suite of rooms in a local hotel which he will retain during the entire session of the legislature. It previously was rumored that Hal Hoss, who is employed by Mr. Brodie, was slated for the position of private secretary to the governor. Beatrice Walton, chief deputy in the state educational department, has been selected by Governor-elect Patterson for assistant private secretary. She will assume her new duties January 10.

COUNTY RABBIT BREEDERS UNITE

OFFICERS ELECTED AT MEETING HERE LAST NIGHT

Committees Appointed to Draw Up Bylaws and Decide Name for Group

A well attended and enthusiastic meeting of the rabbit breeders of the Salem district was held in the chamber of commerce auditorium last night. F. Howard Zinser presided and D. L. Shrode was chosen as temporary secretary. The matter of effecting a permanent organization of the rabbit breeders of this district was discussed, all speakers favoring such an organization. The registration of rabbits was discussed by Mr. Shrode, who is the local registrar for the Oregon branch of the National Chinchilla Rabbit Breeders' association, and he gave much valuable information to the rabbit breeders present. It was also shown by records of some of the breeders present that Salem-bred rabbits had been shipped east recently for breeding stock at a fair profit. One man had received over \$66 for a recent shipment of breeding stock. Breeding for meat and fur was discussed, and Mr. Zinser gave a talk on the recent Portland rabbit show held in conjunction with the winter poultry show. He also

PIERCE REFUSES PARDON

Still Considering Petitions Made for John Tayloe

Governor Pierce yesterday refused to issue a pardon to Joseph L. Cavender, who is serving a 10 years term in the penitentiary here for killing a prohibition officer named Haines at Burns. The governor still has under consideration an application for a pardon for John Tayloe, who is serving a penitentiary sentence for murder committed in Klamath county. Attorney Don Newbury of Medford conferred with Governor Pierce here yesterday in connection with the two cases.

2 TEACHERS REINSTATED

School Board Decides on Action Due to Signed Contracts

EUGENE, Dec. 22.—(AP)—Albert C. Bouck and Robert G. Bowen, members of the Eugene high school faculty, suspended a short time ago by the city board of education, were reinstated today. The reason given by the board was that it would be better to follow this course than summarily to dismiss the men and face the cost of unpaid salaries due on contracts.

PIONEER PASSES IN POLK COUNTY

F. A. PATTERSON CAME TO OREGON IN 1852

Father of Governor-Elect; Member of State Legislature for Two Terms

F. A. Patterson, father of Governor-elect I. L. Patterson, passed away at his home in Independence yesterday afternoon, December 22, at 1 p. m., following a lengthy illness. He was born in St. Claire county, Illinois on October 1, 1835, being of Scotch ancestry. When 17 years of age he heard the call of the West and traveled to California. Shortly afterward he came to Oregon and made a brief stop in Portland. From there he went to Corvallis and then to Kings Valley. On October 3, 1853, he was united in marriage to Caroline Tatum, daughter of Richard Tatum, one of the early Oregon pioneers. In 1855 they moved to Polk county and settled on a farm located on the banks of the Rickreall river. Later he purchased a farm near Independence, where the family resided for many years. Mrs. Patterson passed away some months ago at their home in Independence. Mr. Patterson was always active in community and state affairs, taking a lively interest in politics. In 1880 he was elected as a representative to the Oregon legislature from Polk county. He was re-elected in 1882 and served his constituents well. He remained well and active up until the last illness. He was a member of Lyon lodge No. 29 A. F. and A. M. and also Independence Chapter No. 25 of R. A. M. He is survived by eight sons.

FLIERS REACH TAMPIO

Second Leg of Good-will Flight of Planes Successful

TAMPICO, Mexico, Dec. 22.—(AP)—The United States army pan-American fliers arrived here at 5:30 o'clock this evening, local time, completing the second leg of their good-will flight to South America from San Antonio, Texas. The chief of the squadron, Major Herbert A. Dargue, said that during the entire 300 mile journey from Brownsville, the aviators had to do battle with a 30 mile wind which made flying difficult. The aviators were met at the flying field by the American consul and a reception committee. They were tendered a banquet tonight. An hour before their arrival, the Mexican aviators Sidar and Rico set out to meet them and escort them in. When the Mexican airplane landed it turned over, causing injuries to the mechanic.

JOY RIDE HURTS BOYS

Failure to Halt at "Stop" Street Causes Auto Accident

PORTLAND, Dec. 22.—(AP)—Angus Moore, 9 years old, was in a local hospital near death, and his 15-year-old brother Willard, in the emergency hospital, with serious facial cuts and body bruises as a result of an automobile accident tonight when the stolen car the boys were driving crashed into another machine. The boys failed to halt at the "stop" street and were hit by the other car. Their stolen coach ran into the curb and both lads were sent hurtling through the windshield. They are sons of John Moore, laborer of Mt. Pleasant, near Oregon City. Angus is believed to have received a fractured skull.

SENATE DROPS OREGON SLUSH FUND CHARGES

Alleged Payments to Oregonian to Oppose Stanfield Not Proven

REED ACCUSED OF BIAS

Pennsylvania Report Threatens to Cause Heated Debate on Qualification of Wood as Commissioner

WASHINGTON, Dec. 22.—(AP)—Presentation of the partial report on the Pennsylvania primary expenditures by the special senate investigating committee today threatened to throw the senate into a heated debate on the qualification of Cyrus E. Woods, of that state, to be an interstate commerce commissioner. His nomination for the post is now the subject of investigation by the senate interstate commerce committee and mention of his name in the campaign report as a "harmonizer for the Pepper-Fisher ticket" brought Senator Reed, republican, Pennsylvania, to his defense. He drew from Senator Reed, democrat, Missouri, chairman of the investigating committee, the

BAKING TRUST PROBED

Senator Walsh Takes Testimony From Trade Commission

WASHINGTON, Dec. 22.—(AP)—The senate inquiry to determine what steps were taken by the federal trade commission and the department of justice to curb possible monopolistic tendencies in the recent \$100,000,000 merger of the Ward, Continental and General baking companies began today before a sub-committee of the judiciary committee headed by Senator Walsh, democrat of Montana. After a two hour examination of Otis B. Johnson, secretary of the trade commission, hearings were adjured subject to call. Johnson's examination, Senator Walsh indicated, will be completed first and then officials of three baking firms and of the department of justice probably will be called. The senate inquiry to determine what steps were taken by the federal trade commission and the department of justice to curb possible monopolistic tendencies in the recent \$100,000,000 merger of the Ward, Continental and General baking companies began today before a sub-committee of the judiciary committee headed by Senator Walsh, democrat of Montana. After a two hour examination of Otis B. Johnson, secretary of the trade commission, hearings were adjured subject to call. Johnson's examination, Senator Walsh indicated, will be completed first and then officials of three baking firms and of the department of justice probably will be called.

POLLUTION BILL PLANNED

Game Commission to Draft Proposed Bill in Final Form

PORTLAND, Dec. 22.—(AP)—The Anti-Stream Pollution bill, which the Oregon game commission will subject to the legislature at the approaching session, will be drafted in its final form at a meeting of the legislative committee of the commission here tomorrow. The tentative provisions of the bill include the creation of a state sanitary water board to undertake the cleaning of the state's streams. It is planned that every city in the state would be required by 1929 to report its methods of sewage disposal to this board. At a later date the cities not now treating the waste that is poured into streams of the state would be required to have installed a sanitary treatment plant. This date will probably be 1937 in the terms of the bill.

The Statesman Christmas Cheer Fund

Over 100 families will be helped at Christmas time this year by the Christmas Cheer fund. That means a great deal more money is needed. Don't make it necessary for some of these families to be downhearted on the day when all should be happy. Send the money to the Christmas Cheer editor of The Statesman. Food and clothing are needed badly and these articles should be left with the Salvation Army. Everything goes toward bringing happiness to some worthy person. Join the Cheer crowd now and do your bit. Remember "It is better to give than to receive" and it is more fun also.

Previously acknowledged	\$45.50
A. Friend	5.00
Cash	1.00
Cash	1.00
W. H. Duncan	.25
Cash	.50

KIDDIE REQUESTS SOME CLOTHING

ONE FAMILY OF FOUR NEEDS WOOD AND GROCERIES

Two Days Remain in Which to Cooperate With Santa Claus in His Work

"I am a boy of six years and I would like to have a pair of shoes. My brother is three years old and he would like to have a pair of shoes and some underwear. My sister is about seven years old and she would like some underwear." What do you think folks? There are many more just like the above, who are asking for help. They do not want the chattels, which last for a day and then are gone. They want the real essentials of life. Something that will do them some real good. Here is another: "Christmas Cheer Editor, I am taking the liberty of sending the name of a needy family, father, mother and two boys * * * are somewhat in need of wood and groceries. They live in a small building near the river.—A Friend." These folks have not asked for help yet they need it. They need food and wood. They should have those things which will bring happiness into their home on Christmas day. Just two more days in which to do a great deal of work in helping Santa Claus to reach every needy family and worthy kiddie in the

MEDICAL LIQUOR PLAN UNDERWAY

HILL WOULD AUTHORIZE MANUFACTURING COMPANY

Government to Have Strict Supervision Over Distillery Plant

RATS PLUNDER COUNTY

Rodents Collect Enough Tribute to Pay Taxes for Year

SACRAMENTO, Cal., Dec. 22.—(AP)—An army of rats has invaded Glenn county and plundering the hen houses, collecting tribute enough to "pay the taxes of every farmer in the county." The state department of agriculture, in revealing the rat plague today, announced that it had sent Norman Bug to the battle front to organize the farmer defense. Buhn reporting the situation, said: "Never in all my experience have I seen so many rats. We found cases where 196 chickens had been taken from one poultry house in one night. Another man lost 700 chickens, a financial loss equivalent to his taxes for the next four years. In the town of Williams, a warehouse trapped more than 3000 rats."

FILM ACTRESS SINGED

Clara Bow's Leading Man Burns Hands in Smothering Fire

HOLLYWOOD, Cal., Dec. 22.—(AP)—Clara Bow was singing, her \$500 gown was ruined and the hands of Gary Cooper, her leading man, were burned at Paramount studio here today when the actress' bouffant skirt was ignited while a motion picture was being filmed. Cooper's quick action in smothering the flame after a cigarette he was smoking came in contact with the gown, saved Miss Bow from probably serious burns, studio attaches said.

EUGENE TO BROADCAST

Radio Station Being Installed for Operation in 10 Days

EUGENE, Dec. 22.—(AP)—Eugene's first radio broadcasting station is being installed at the Eugene hotel and will be in operation in ten days, it was announced today. Conceris, reports of athletic games and speeches will be broadcast, it is stated.

TAX EXAMINERS SEEK LEVYING DATE CHANGES

Investigation Made of California Laws, Recommend Eight Measures

INCREASE SOME SALARIES

Approve Assessors' Recommendation on Classification of Lands and Improvements Under Direction

When the legislature convenes here in January the members will be confronted with eight proposed laws and a recommendation that the state tax be raised through other sources than on real property. These proposed laws and recommendations are the results of the tax investigating committee's work when they met in Salem yesterday. Several members of the committee recently made an investigation of the tax situation in California and as a result made suggestions and recommendations. The gross earnings tax now in operation in California was discussed by the committee, but it was decided not to attempt to enact such an act in this state. Based on the California rate of from 5 to 7 1/2 per cent on gross earnings of public utilities, the state tax commissioner said the revenues from these corporations in Oregon would be approximately \$600,000 less per year than is received by the state at the present time. It also was said that this law would be opposed by the business interests of the state and would disturb the entire tax system now in operation in Oregon. Under the gross earnings tax, based on records in the state tax commission, tax revenues from Multnomah county would be reduced from 36 to 20 per cent of the total raised in the state. All members of the committee agreed that the tax on property was too high, and that the state

ONE METHOD OF CRIME PREVENTION

