

WEATHER FORECAST: Unsettled and mild with rains, moderate easterly winds on coast. Maximum yesterday, 44; minimum, 42; river, 11; rainfall, .38; atmosphere, cloudy; wind, northwest.

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A lot, has been said concerning the flap of today, some of it good and some of it bad. One good thing is that she does not sit around for hours at a time with a pup dog on her lap.

SEVENTY-SIXTH YEAR

SALEM, OREGON, WEDNESDAY MORNING, JANUARY 5, 1927

PRICE FIVE CENTS

HOUSE LEADERS FAVOR RAISING NAVAL FORCES

Washington Arms Parley Held "Dismal Failure" by Representatives

COOLIDGE PLAN OPPOSED

Construction of Light Cruisers and Elevation of Guns on Battleships Urged By N. Y. Democrat

WASHINGTON, Jan. 4.—(AP)—The \$324,000,000 naval appropriation bill began its passage through the house today with shoals in view ahead and the barometer hovering at the storm level.

General debate on the measure centered about contentions that the Washington arms conference had proved a "dismal failure" which should no longer be employed as a guide in navy building, and that President Coolidge's foreign policy should not be supported at the cost of a weakened naval defense.

As debate progressed a widening tendency appeared among members to disregard the president's advice to forego for the present an appropriation for constructing three cruisers whose authorization will expire next July unless funds are provided meanwhile.

The tendency took definite form in a private announcement by Representative Tilson, the republican leader, that he was considering an amendment to provide construction funds immediately. He said he had discussed the question with Mr. Coolidge and that the president's attitude that the cruiser construction should be delayed pending possible further international disarmament conferences was unchanged.

Representative French, republican, Idaho, in charge of the bill, pointed to the president's wish but the recommendation found little support on the floor. Replying to Mr. French's argument that the house should follow the judgment of the "chief executive who is responsible for our foreign relationship," Representative Black, democrat, New York, declared that "We cannot saddle the re-

SCHOOL OFFICERS FAVOR INCREASE

SUPERINTENDENTS ENTER-TAINED AT NORMAL

Vedder of Clackamas Elected President; Wills of Polk Vice President

County school superintendents who have been holding their annual meeting in Salem for the past week, yesterday went on record favoring passage of a bill at the next session of the legislature fixing the minimum annual salary of these officials at \$2,000. Salaries in excess of \$2,000 would be based on school enrollment.

The salary bill will be prepared by Fred Peterson, superintendent of schools for Klamath county. It was argued that the present schedule of salaries is unfair in that one official receives only \$400 a year and conducts his office as a side issue. Most of the superintendents receive from \$1500 to \$1800 a year.

The superintendents also voted in favor of shifting the meeting of the representative council of the State Teachers' association convention in Portland from the first to the third day of the session. This recommendation was submitted to the county superintendents by a committee headed by F. W. Crites of Hood River county.

Legislation providing for the distribution of school funds on the basis of the number of elementary teachers in a district instead of on the school census, also may be sought when the lawmakers meet in Salem next week. This recommendation had the endorsement of a committee headed by J. Alton Thompson, superintendent of Deschutes county schools. It was claimed that this distribution would be more adequate and would favor those districts having only a few persons of school age.

Brenton Vedder of Clackamas

LEGION APPEALS TO U. S. BANKERS

EX-SERVICE MEN SEEK LOANS ON CERTIFICATES

Reports Indicate But Few Banks Honoring Veterans' Bonus Papers

WASHINGTON, Jan. 4.—(AP)—The American Legion took a hand today in the controversy over loans to war veterans on their bonus certificates and an appeal went out to the bankers of the country to adopt a liberal policy. At the same time Mrs. Edith Nourse Rogers, the Massachusetts representative, who has been prominent in welfare activities among former service men, introduced a bill to authorize the veterans' bureau director to loan money on the certificates.

The American Legion move was made by John Thomas Taylor, legislative representative here, who in a telegram to Melvin A. Traylor of Chicago, president of the American Bankers' association, said: "We appeal to you as the head of the American Bankers' association to remind your members that they should not so soon forget the sacrifices of these men eight short years ago, from which your members, among others, were the beneficiaries."

Taylor, in his message, said that "reports from all parts of the country show that comparatively few loans are being granted by banks on adjusted service certificates and that in many instances banks are refusing these loans altogether."

"Under the law," the telegram continued, "there is more than ample money in the treasury to protect loans on certificates, the veterans bureau now having \$320,000,000 reserve for their redemption. This disposes of the question of safety."

"The federal reserve banks are required under the law to rediscunt such loans made by the banks, so this disposes of the question of whether the bank officials of the nation are willing to sacrifice a little time and trouble in behalf of the men who freely gave on the average nearly a year of their time to the colors eight years ago."

"Unlike the making of these loans, this sacrifice of time on the part of the banks is a small one."

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JERSEY CLUB TO MEET

Rhoten and Lee Represent Marion County Clubs Today

The annual meeting of the Oregon Jersey Cattle club will be held in Salem today at the Chamber of Commerce rooms at 11 o'clock. There will be a lunch at the Marlott hotel at noon. Considerable important business is to come before this meeting. Each county club in the state is entitled to two representatives, the two chosen for Marion county being E. A. Rhoten, Salem, and C. K. Lee of Silverton. D. O. Woodworth of Albany is president and C. S. Prown of Shedd is secretary.

COURT CONSIDERS BILLS

Proposed Legislation to Simplify Present Judicial System

Members of the state supreme court will go to Portland early Friday where they will attend a meeting of the Oregon Judicial council. The council has under consideration a large number of bills which will be considered at the next session of the legislature. The purpose of this proposed legislation is to simplify the judicial system in operation in this state.

YESTERDAY IN WASHINGTON

Associated Press

The agricultural supply bill was passed by the senate.

General debate on the naval appropriation bill begun in the house.

A \$218,000,000 surplus for the first half of the fiscal year was announced by the treasury.

Veteran bureau loans to former service men on their bonus certificates was proposed in the house.

The right of the senate to exercise unlimited power in passing on the qualifications of members was challenged in connection with the Smith and Gould cases.

The senate called for information from the treasury regarding poison alcohol; Representative Underhill denied charges that congress members drank to excess.

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FILES APPEAL FROM DECISION IN STAGE CASE

Company Contends Public Service Commission Has No Right to Regulate

IMPOSE FINE OF \$100

Company Notified to Comply With Law Passed in November; Rate of Three-quarter Cent Per Passenger Mile Charged

Whether the public service commission can control vehicles carrying passengers from one state to another will be tested in circuit court here, following notice of appeal filed by Bert Haney, counsel for G. A. Blair, who was fined \$100 yesterday by Brazier Small, justice of the peace, on a charge of failure to take out a public service commission permit for driving an interstate stage.

Blair is a driver for the Tri-State Stage company, a subsidiary to the Pickwick stages, which carries passengers from Portland to San Francisco.

The company contends that the public service commission has no right to regulate this stage line, as it carries no local passengers, but only those going from one state to another.

The Pickwick stages comply with all the requests of the public service commission, officials said.

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PREPARE FOR SESSIONS

Committee Rooms Ready, Mechanics Install Telephones

Plans for the 1927 legislature which convenes in Salem next Monday, are proceeding satisfactorily, according to an announcement made by Sam A. Kozler, secretary of state and custodian of capitol buildings.

Both the senate chamber and house of representatives have been renovated, and desks, chairs and other equipment is in place. Distribution of supplies will get under way tomorrow. The usual number of committee rooms have been provided.

Crews of mechanics are busy installing telephone booths, special newspaper telegraph wires and other electrical equipment necessary for the convenience of the legislators and the press. Assignment of seats in the house and senate was completed last week.

SEARCHERS FIND TRACE OF YOUTH

TRACKS LOCATED ABOUT 3 MILES FROM CAMP

Other Boy Rescued Monday Sustained Broken Rib in Fall on Mountain Side

PORTLAND, Jan. 4.—(AP)—Hope that Leslie Brownlee, 20, lost on Mount Hood's icy slopes since last Saturday noon, is alive and will be rescued to save his life, was flashed over the telephone wires from Government Camp, headquarters of the searchers, tonight following authentic reports from experienced men that tracks had been found three and one half miles from the camp.

That the tracks were left by imprints from beaver tail shoes, such as the missing youth wore, made the outlook for him all the brighter. The tracks were found by Berne Ketchum and Otto George of Portland and George Cooper and Orville Thompson of Hood River. A party of searchers followed the trail immediately, the report said. The members took with them skis and snow shoes and full equipment.

Calvin White, 15, who was lost on the mountain at the same time Brownlee disappeared, was rescued last night. He suffered from a broken rib, received in a fall, and from cold and exposure.

POSTAL RECEIPTS GAIN

Farrar Shows Increase to Over \$23,000 in Past Year

Postal receipts in Salem have increased practically seven times over in the past 20 years, figures made public yesterday by John F. Farrar, postmaster, indicate.

The increase for 1926 over 1925 is \$23,589.20, or an increase in percentage of over 12 per cent. The total receipts for 1925 were \$194,326.30, and for 1926 were \$217,915.56.

Back 20 years ago in 1906 Salem's postal receipts were only \$31,812.67 for the year. Ten years later, in 1916, they had jumped to nearly three times in value to \$92,658.97 for that year. Parcel post was introduced in 1913. The ratio of increase from 1916 to 1926 is not three times, but it is enormous, a difference of \$125,256.59 in favor of 1926.

Many Portland Reservations

Also reservations from Corvallis, Albany and other towns, coming in for "Magda" tomorrow night, at The Elsinore. Prospects for a jammed house.

FORESTRY BOARD FAVORS NEW LAW

WOULD PROHIBIT SMOKING IN LOGGING OPERATIONS

Recommend Special Tax Drafted By Special Reforestation Commission

The State Board of Forestry tied into the reforestation question at their all-day meeting here yesterday and also adopted proposals that they claim are needed to put ribs into the forest laws of the state.

The regular members of the board were present except C. E. Spence, representing the farmers on the board, said to be ill, and D. F. Johnson of Willamette, representing forest grazing interests. In addition the board had the expert advice of Tom Talbot of the United States forest service. Talbot is an expert on law enforcement. Since the government relies on state laws the service is thoroughly interested in Oregon's forest code.

The board agreed to recommend the special tax law drafted for the reforestation commission appointed by the president of the senate and the speaker of the house at the last legislature.

This law would immediately put into effect a flat guaranteed tax of five cents an acre on all classes of timber land whether rich or poor. In addition timber land owners would pay a gross revenue yield tax of 12 1/2 per cent when they cut their crop.

No contracts would be entered into under this law until 1929. After that time timber land owners would contract with the state to receive the benefits of the low tax during growth of the timber. The reason for delaying the issuance of contracts is to allow room for changes in the proposed bill after federal reforestation taxation hearings now going on are concluded.

The chairman of the board was asked to communicate with Governor

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OLDER BOYS TO RALLY

Ministers and YMCA Cooperate in Plans for March Meet

A county rally for older boys will be held in March, it was decided at a meeting of 20 ministers from Marion county held yesterday at the YMCA to devise plans for cooperation with the Marion county YMCA.

The ministers also decided to support Comrade Pioneer, and Friendly Indian clubs in each town, start a training class for boys workers, and to send gospel and deputation teams to various towns in the county.

The training class will be held each Monday night. Professor R. M. Gatke of Willamette university is instructor.

BURNING SHIP TRAPS SAILORS AT BALTIMORE

Between Eight and Twelve Men Missing When Pitch Cargo Ignited

FIRE APPARATUS CALLED

Captain Thrown to Floor by Explosion, Dashes to Deck and Orders Crew and Workmen in Sight Overboard

BALTIMORE, Md., Jan. 4.—(AP)—Between eight and twelve men were missing and 23 were injured after an explosion late today which ignited a cargo of pitch aboard the French barque Richelieu at a Baltimore and Ohio railroad coal pier in Curtis bay. Five of the missing and two of the injured were members of the vessel's crew. The others were for the most part negro dock workers.

Six French naval cadets, attached for training to the Richelieu, were reported by Captain Jules Corneic, the ship's master, to be safe. The Richelieu carried a crew of 46.

Paul, Maguerez, in charge of workmen trimming pitch in number 3 hatch, where the blast occurred, finished work and led 20 men from the hatchway a few moments before flames leaped from the opening. His crew was at first believed to have been trapped in the hold. The missing men tonight were believed to be somewhere in the ship's interior, which was a seething mass of flames.

All available fire apparatus and ambulances were called from Baltimore and private automobiles were pressed into ambulance service.

The Richelieu was a 3000 ton four masted barque, 323 feet long with beam of 27 feet. She docked at Curtis bay from Brest last week and was loading pitch for Laurient, France.

The explosion occurred in hatch No. 3 where workmen were trimming pitch, Captain Corneic said. The captain was in his cabin directly above the hatch and was thrown to the floor by the blast. He immediately dashed upon the deck and ordered his crew and all workmen in sight overboard. No bodies had been taken from the ship early in the evening, but firemen were able to approach the hatchway where the workmen were believed to have been caught.

APPOINT COUNCIL BODY

Thorough Investigation of Situation to Be Made Soon

Upon George Wenderoth, W. W. Rosebraugh, and S. E. Purvine of the city council rest the problem of solving the sewerage and drainage problem of that part of Salem affected by high water in Mill creek.

A complaint was made by representatives of residents in the southeastern part of Salem at the council meeting Monday night. Mayor T. A. Livesley yesterday appointed the above special committee to investigate the conditions, find a solution, and report to the council.

It was said the present unsatisfactory condition was caused by the restricted flow of Mill creek and that clearing of the channel would lower the high water level causing the condition.

CALLE TO TAKE ACTION

Mexico to Check Applications For Oil Lease Rights

MEXICO CITY, Jan. 4.—(AP)—President Calles tonight instructed the department of industry and commerce to furnish the attorney general with the names of individuals or companies which have not applied for ratification of their rights under the petroleum and land laws, so that he may take action.

BECKE TAKES CHARGE

Kiwanis Committee to Audit Books of Organization

Karl G. Becke, newly elected president of the Kiwanis club, took over the duties of his office at the noon luncheon Tuesday. Brief speeches were made by Becke, Ed Schunke, retiring president, and by C. B. McCullough, who was president in 1925.

An auditing committee to go over the books for last year was appointed by President Becke. It consists of G. Ed. Ross, T. M. Hicks, and W. I. Needham, the newly elected secretary.

PRUNE GROWERS MEET

Discuss Plans for Cooperation, Marketing Man Here

A prune meeting for all growers of Marion county is scheduled for 1:30 o'clock this afternoon at the Salem Chamber of Commerce. R. H. Kipp, marketing agent of the Portland Chamber of Commerce, and C. J. Hurd, marketing specialist of OAC, will be the speakers.

Plans for cooperation between growers and packers will be discussed.

BEAN ELECTED CHAIRMAN

Ostrander to Succeed Him After Serving One Year

Louis E. Bean, who Monday assumed his duties as a member of the public service commission, yesterday was elected chairman of that body. He will serve in this capacity one year when he will be succeeded by Edward Ostrander. H. H. Corey is the third member of the commission.

CHERRIANS HOLD ANNUAL BANQUET

DR. OLSEN INSTALLED AS KING BING LAST NIGHT

Seven Candidates Initiated Into Order; Former Officers Are Guests

Never in all the 14 years the Cherrians have existed have they put on so successful a banquet, initiation, and crowning of the new King Bing as they did at the party last night, according to reports given out following the festivities.

In accordance with a vote taken last month, women were permitted to enter the sacred throne room, and many members' wives were present to watch Harley White, retiring King Bing, place the crown and robes on the person of Dr. O. A. Olsen, the new monarch.

Entertainers were brought from Portland specially for the occasion, including the Portland quartet, banjo players, and dancers. Seven candidates for initiation were brought into the room in chains, and were placed in cages to permit the guests to see their grotesque costumes. They were J. H. Maden, B. E. Sisson, Harold Eakin, T. A. Windshar, Saul S. Jantz, Milo Rasmussen and Lew Lunsford.

Harley O. White, retiring King Bing, made a speech of greeting to the women present.

A trip to the Portland rose festival and another to the southern part of the state are features proposed for the coming year's program, said King Bing Olsen.

A pair of Pendleton blankets were given to the retiring King Bing in appreciation of his work. Hal D. Patton, former King Bing, made a short address, as did Chad, Dick of Portland, one of the earliest kings of the Bing dynasty.

"If I ever get enough money to retire I will come back to Salem to live," said Dick. "I never had so much fun as I did here. The Cherrians have kept their strength better than any other organization in the state."

Other former King Bings present were J. C. Perry, Milton L. Meyers, W. M. Hamilton, Harley O. White and P. E. Fullerton.

LIQUOR PROBLEM AROUSES SOLONS

SENATE ASKS MELLON TO EXPLAIN DENATURING

Members of House Thunder Approval of Defense Against Drinking

WASHINGTON, Jan. 4.—(AP)—Both the senate and the house indulged today in their daily dour on prohibition.

The senate sent along a resolution to Secretary Mellon inquiring among other things what had, if any, the Anti-Saloon league or Wayne B. Wheeler, had in the decision to poison industrial alcohol, much of which has found its way into the bootleg trade.

The house gave thunderous applause to a defense of its membership against a charge of excessive drinking and received a new crop of bills sponsored by the vets. The prohibition subject also got into a discussion before the senate commerce commission with President Dalton of the fleet corporation and Chairman O'Connor of the shipping board at odds as to whether the dryness of American liners constituted a handicap in their efforts to compete with foreign wet lines. O'Connor took the affirmative and Dalton the negative, but committee members did not undertake to set themselves up as judges of the debate.

The senate resolution of inquiry regarding poisonous alcohol was acted upon in the absence of its sponsor, Senator Edwards, democrat, New Jersey, a wet leader. His colleague, Senator Edinger, republican, insisted on action and obtained it after Senator Shepard, democrat, Texas, a dry leader, had declared it was "absurd to speak of poisoning poison." He added that he was willing that full information should be given but could not agree to the language of the resolution.

Senator Edger, who is the chairman of the wet group of the senate, appeared jubilant after the resolution had been adopted. He called attention that the vets had

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OUR NEW YEAR'S CARDS COME IN



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