Seven State or District Conventions Will Be Held in Salem Next Year; Seven Chances to Gain Prestige
Property Values and Building Activity Here Are at Present Level Largely Because of Linen Industry Prospects

Weather forecast: Unsettled, probably local rains in west and local rains and snows in east portion; normal temperature; moderate west becoming south winds on the coast and increasing. Maximum temperature yesterday 55, minimum 45, river 13.8, rainfall 1.18; atmosphere cloudy, wind northeast.

The Oregon Statesman

So they had to go to New England to find out the meaning of "I do not choose." Since when has the United States become so sectional that phrases could be translated only in one particular locality?

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REALTY VALUES LINKED UP WITH LINEN INDUSTRY

Construction Work Doomed If Manufacture Not Put On Sound Basis

BUILDINGS WILL EMPTY

New Hotels and Business Structures Will Fail if Salem Folk Fail to Remove Present Debt on Oregon Mills

By Ralph Curtis

Real estate values dropped to ruinous levels, all building construction stopped, office buildings, hotels and apartment houses empty. A pleasing prospect?

That doesn't describe Salem at present—entirely the reverse—but it will describe Salem in a remarkably short space of time after the linen industry goes on the rocks, if that catastrophe is visited upon this city.

It isn't altogether a matter of the payroll, present and prospective, that is involved in the operation or discontinuance of operation of the Oregon Linen Mills, Inc.

Progressiveness Noted

But Salem has been heralded, during the past few years, as the most progressive community in the northwest in the matter of starting and supporting new industries. It has gained an enviable and widespread reputation along this line; other communities view Salem approvingly, and it must also be said, enviously.

Now suppose the news reaches these same communities that for want of $15,000 or $20,000 which Salem people were called upon to raise, the big linen mill, greatest of all these new industries, went into the hands of a receiver?

Who then could boast of Salem's progressiveness and community spirit?

Industry Is Basis

Where would be the home-seekers, coming here to buy city and suburban property? Where would be the builders of homes and apartment houses, stores and factories? Where would be the business people coming to tenant Salem's office buildings? There is no answer.

Salem has surpassed all other cities of its class in the northwest in its building record, and this has been possible only on the supposition that this city was to become a great flax manufacturing center. The new hotels, apartment houses and office buildings have been built on the same basis. The foundation will be swept from beneath all this activity, if the linen industry fails to mater-

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SCHOOL CENSUS SHOWS GROWTH

COUNTY TOTAL 16,906 CHILDREN 733 INCREASE

$62,000 Requested From Marion Districts For High School Tuitions

There are 16,906 children of school age in Marion county.

This figure was made public yesterday by Mrs. Mary Fulkerson, county superintendent of schools, and is based upon complete census rolls turned in by all the school districts in the county. It includes all children in the county between the ages of four and 19, inclusive, regardless of whether or not they are attending school.

The total represents an increase of 733 children over last year.

The county school fund has been fixed at $169,060, or $10 to each child. The county library fund amounts to $1690.60, being fixed on the basis of 10 cents to each child.

A total of $62,600 will be requested for county high school tuition, it was announced by Mrs. Fulkerson. This amount is to be levied among school districts which do not have secondary schools, and will be used to pay for instruction of pupils who go outside their own districts for high school instruction. The levy is made generally, without regard for the number from any given district who actually do receive instruction in other districts.

Announcement of apportionment to the various school districts within the county will be made within the next few days.

SALEM SECURES 7TH CONVENTION

BEEKEEPERS STATE ASSOCIATION ACCEPTS BID

Dates not Certain; Six Others Due to be Entertained Here in 1928

One more state convention, increasing to seven the number of gatherings of major importance that Salem will entertain in 1928, was added Friday when word was received that the invitation conveyed by the Salem chamber of commerce had been accepted by the Oregon State Beekeepers association, and that body would hold its convention here. The exact dates have not been set.

Word that the Beekeepers had selected Salem as their 1928 meeting place was received Friday morning from H. A. Scullin, assistant professor of entomology at Oregon State Agricultural college, who presented the chamber of comerce invitation.

The recent increase in the already extensive beekeeping activity in the Salem vicinity, played an important part in bringing the convention here.

Other state conventions or meetings of delegates from districts of similar area which Salem will entertain next year are:

Lions International, district convention.

Order of De Molay, state conclave.

Oregon State Druggists association convention.

Knights of Pythias, grand lodge of Oregon.

Oregon reclamation congress.

A number of these meetings have been brought here through the efforts of the chamber of commerce, and most of them will hold their sessions in the chamber of commerce auditorium.

CLOSE GRANGE MEETING

Resolutions Passed at Annual National Convention

CLEVELAND, Nov. 25.—(AP)—The national grange closed its annual convention here today after passing resolutions directed to congress re-affirming its position that the "export debenture plan" is the only sound and workable way to achieve farm relief; favoring an increase in the tariff on corn; demanding a tariff commission investigation on wool imports, and asking appropriations for an extensive program of fundamental research by the department of agriculture.

The farm relief report, woven about the export debenture designed to give agriculture the same tariff benefits as industry was drawn up by a special committee headed by Jesse Newson, master of the Indiana grange.

"Farm relief through export debentures depends neither upon appropriations nor special taxes," the adopted report said. "By the debenture method farm relief can be attained with administrative simplicity, directness and economy of operation."

VERDICT FREES NELSON

Wealthy Seattle Clubmen Turned Loose by Court Order

SEATTLE, Nov. 25.—(AP)—A directed verdict tonight freed F. Creigh Nelson, wealthy Seattle clubman and Captain Amory F. Bell, skipper of Nelson's yacht Muriel, who were tried on a charge of manslaughter in the death of Miss Violet Maude Payne, young music and dance teacher.

Miss Payne drowned last summer when she fell into Lake Union here while leaving a party aboard the yacht. Nelson and Bell, the state alleged, stood by and made no effort to save the drowning woman.

In directing the verdict of not guilty, the court held that the two men were not legally bound to attempt to rescue Miss Payne.

JAP CREW LEAVES SHIP

Freighter Abandoned as Efforts to Free Vessel Fail

SEATTLE, Nov. 25.—(AP)—The crew of the Japanese freighter Tenpaisan Maru, ashore at Copalis, Wash., will leave the vessel tomorrow morning, Captain John Berry, north Pacific commandant of the United States coast guard, was advised tonight by the cutter Snohomish, which is standing by the stricken vessel.

A breeches buoy rigged to the ship by the coast guard will be used to take the 49-odd members of the crew ashore.

Efforts to refloat the vessel have been abandoned and the craft will likely be a total loss, Captain Berry was informed. The boat is believed to have been turned over to her underwriters.

COOLIDGE LAYS SEVERE BLAME UPON CHAMBER

Most Bitter Attack of Career Made By United States President

TAX STAND DRAWS FIRE

Attitude of U. S. Booster Organization Subject of Strong Language in Interview at White House

WASHINGTON, Nov. 25—(AP)—Reiteration by the chamber of commerce of the United States that the prospective reduction in taxes should reach $400,000,000 drew caustic and emphatic criticism today from the White House. No doubt was left that President Coolidge is decidedly displeased with the chamber's view that there would be no cause for alarm even if a treasury deficit were incurred.

With extraordinary vehemence, it was explained at the White House that President Coolidge considers nothing more absurd than a suggestion that the government greatly increase its expenditures and at the same time reduce taxation.

Inconsistency Cited

Officials of the chamber of commerce, it was asserted on Mr. Coolidge's behalf are trotting around to various government departments seeking as large expenditures as possible for the projects it favors and at the same time clamor for tax reduction far in excess of what both the treasury and a majority of the house ways and means committee has deemed advisable.

It would be better, in the opinion of Mr. Coolidge, for the organization to devote its energies to proposals for curbing national expenditures as by that process only, he believes, can the tax burden be lightened.

The views of the president were disclosed after publication in to-

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VALLEY CATTLE BOUGHT

50 Head Will be Shipped to Honolulu, Announced

F. G. Schattauer of Honolulu has purchased 50 head of western Oregon cattle which will be shipped to the Hawaiian Islands December 1, by way of Portland.

The cattle were purchased mostly in Marion and Polk counties. The total paid for the animals was $15,000, according to Dr. W. H. Lytle, state veterinarian.

TUBERCULOSIS CURE SUCCESS

STRICT TESTS MADE BY UNIVERSITY SCIENTISTS

Two Berkeley Men Find 2 of 5 Cows Completely Well, 3 Much Improved

PORTLAND, Nov. 25.—(AP)—Two of the five condemned tubercular cows subjected to the treatment evolved by the late Dr. E. Pernot under the direction of the city bureau of health, were "entirely free" from tuberculosis at the end of the treatment. In the other three germs still lurked in one or more of the tissues.

Such are the findings of an official test, made public today by Dr. T. D. Beckwith and Dr. T. Traum, University of California scientists, who were selected to conduct the final bacteriological and pathological examinations of the cattle following their treatment and subsequent slaughter.

The report was received by Mayor George L. Baker, following more than three months of search by the evidence of tuberculosis in the tissue of the animals used in the test.

In their report, Drs. Beckwith and Traum reported that in their search for germs they used guinea pigs for innoculation. This method, they reported, "furnishes the final and most critical determination of the presence of live bacilli of tuberculosis and by this method our results were determined in duplicate."

The cows used in the tests had been previously condemned by government inspectors.

WALNUTS TO BE TOPIC

President of Growers' Association To Speak Here Monday

The marketing situation with relation to walnuts grown in the Willamette valley, will be outlined by W. H. Bentley, president of the Western Nut Growers' Association, to members of the Salem chamber of commerce at Monday's luncheon.

A number of walnut growers from districts close to Salem are being invited, and the menu will include Franquette walnuts, Du Chilly filberts and Bercelona filberts, all grown in Marion county.

Mr. Bentley will preside at the sessions of the Western Nut Growers' association convention here December 8 and 9. The convention will be held in the chamber of commerce rooms.

PITT-CARD TILT SLATED

Invitation to Meet Stanford University Eleven Accepted

PITTSBURGH, Nov. 25.—(AP)—The athletic council of the University of Pittsburgh today accepted the invitation for the undefeated Pitt football team to meet Leland Stanford university in the annual Tournament of Roses football game at Pasadena, Cal.

GANGSTERS TRY TO KILL POLICE

ATTEMPT MADE UPON LIFE OF DETECTIVE CHIEF

William E. O'Conner Marked for Assassination for Second Time in Week

CHICAGO, Nov. 25.—(AP)—William E. O'Connor, chief of detectives, who believes a pistol is a better weapon than the jury in riding Chicago of gangsters, was today, for the second time within a week, marked for assassination.

Three men, one of whom had asserted, after an encounter with the chief:

"No cop can take a crack at me and get away with it," were found loitering outside O'Connor's home. School children later said they saw the men hide a bundle beneath the flooring of a portable school building, near O'Connor's residence. The bundle contained three pistols loaded with "dum-dum" bullets.

Since the recent outbreak of a gangster feud here, the detective chief has had a guard of two dedectives to and from his home, and these men with O'Connor picked up the three suspects who declined to talk.

O'Connor, at the outset of the bootlegging and gambling flare-up, advised his men to "shoot it out" with the racketeers afterwards complimenting an officer who shot a beer solicitor.

Several days ago one of the first men caught in O'Connor's dragnet pulled a pistol out of his pocket as he was being searched in the chief's office. O'Connor disarmed him.

William Clifford, one of the trio arrested today, last month engaged in a pistol duel with detectives who had gone to arrest him in a hotel. At that time he threatened O'Connor and other detectives who he said mistreated him.

"You've go your pals with you now," Clifford is said to have told O'Connor, "but some time you won't have them and I'll get you for this."

M'ELROY BURIAL TODAY

Funeral Cortege From Portland Will be Met by Band Here

Funeral services for Willis E. McElroy, former Salem musician, will be held from the Miller and Tracy chapel at 20th and Washington streets in Portland this forenoon at 9:30 o'clock, and the funeral cortege will come immediately to Salem, arriving here at 12:30 p. m.

The Salem military band will meet the procession at Capitol and Chemeketa streets, and it will go from there to the City View cemetery, where Mr. McElroy's body will be laid beside that of his wife, who died in 1915.

Dr. Poling of Albany or Dr. Bowman of Portland will have charge of the services in Portland, and music will be provided by former associates of the deceased.

'TWAS THE MONTH BEFORE CHRISTMAS

PRISON REVOLT FIZZLES OUT; 6 LEADERS HELD

Instigators of Riot At Folsom Given Bread and Water In Dungeon

RIFLES ALL LAID DOWN

Convicts Take Initiative and Capitulate Before Ultimatum Given Them by Authorities Yesterday

FOLSOM PRISON, Cal., Nov. 25.—(AP)—Folsom prison's six terror convicts who yesterday led and drove more than 1,000 desperate criminals into open revolt against prison administration in an attempted wholesale delivery, but who early today laid down their arms after nine convicts and one guard had been killed and four prison officials and 27 convicts wounded, tonight began paying for their 21 hour siege.

Returned to their cells this morning after they took the initiative and surrendered before prison and military officials could hand down the ultimatum worked out during the cold dark hours of the night, and later removed to the dungeon, the six convicts tonight were served with a dinner of bread and water, the first thing in the way of food they have had since breakfast at 7:30 o'clock Thanksgiving morning.

Diet to Continue

This will be their fare two meals a day until such time as Warden Court Smith decides they can be returned to work in the yard and again be allowed to sit down at the table in the mess hall for the three meals served the men.

One of the terms of the peaceful surrender requested by the convicts was that they would not be kept on a bread and water diet too long. Warden Smith agreed partly to this in that he said he probably would serve them one full meal a day while they are in the dungeon, which in reality are ordinary cells except that they lack artificial light which is included in the equipment of the other individual cells.

New Riot Feared

And while the insurgents were faring on bread and water the balance of the 2,180 prisoners late today eat down to a full ration in

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FIREMAN'S HOME BURNS

While He's Off Duty; Two Residences Destroyed at Night

Fire of undetermined origin last night totally destroyed the residence of Lee Cross at 930 Electric street. The loss, according to Mr. Cross, amounts to about $2500 with only $700 insurance. Mr. Cross, who is a member of the city fire department, was off duty last night and ordinarily would have been at home, but in this particular instance, had gone with his family to spend the night at his brother's home.

When the fire department arrived on the scene the house was a mass of flames, both inside and out. Mr. Cross is of the opinion that the fire may have started from defective wiring in the attic. Not only the house but all of the family's personal belongings and clothes were in the fire. The fire occurred at 8:30.

While the fire department was busy at the Cross fire, another alarm was turned in from a tent house on Portland road on the northern outskirts of the city. A second detachment of fire fighting equipment was sent to this fire, but this also was a total loss by the time the firemen arrived. The firemen did not learn the name of the family who were living there. It was caused by an overheated stove.

COUNTESS VERA BETTER

Crisis Passed; Recovery From Heart Sickness Steady

LONDON, Nov. 25.—(AP)—Vera, countess of Cathcart, who is suffering from a heart affection, passed the crisis of her illness today and shows continued improvement.

The countess had a sudden relapse last Saturday when she learned of the death of her former husband, the Earl of Cathcart, who died after an operation.

RIVER ADVANCES TO FLOOD STAGE

REACHES 14 FEET AT NIGT; NO DAMAGE NOTED

Smaller Streams Overflow Banks; Roads in Other Sections Flooded

Staging one of the most rapid jumps that the river has seen in years, the level of the Willamette at Salem rose to a point 14 feet above normal at about midnight last night.

This marks the first time since last spring that the river here has been in flood stage. A number of small streams have overflowed their banks.

At 7 o'clock Thursday night, just before the water began its rapid rise, the river level stood at only 6.9 feet above normal.

During the 24 hour period ending at 8 o'clock last night a total of 1.18 inches of rain, the heaviest of the present season, fell at Salem.

Traffic was reestablished between McMinnville and Tillamook at about dusk last night, it was announced by Roy Klein, secretary of the state highway department. The road was blocked all day yesterday due to floods brought on by the heavy rains.

Traffic was still unable to get through on the route to Seaside north from Tillamook, according to the latest word received by Mr. Klein last night.

The road between Hebo and Newport was also blocked, a huge slide having completely covered the highway at one point in the vicinity of Schooner Creek and Whale Cove.

"Except for this, no particular damage has been done, although the rains have been tremendous," Klein declared. "Precipitations was particularly heavy in Clatsop, Lincoln and Tillamook counties. There was much more rain there than here."

PORTLAND, Nov. 25.—(AP)—With both the Columbia and Willamette rivers rising rapidly tonight due to severe rainstorms, the entire Pacific northwest prepared to reinforce its barriers against overburdened tributaries of the streams. From many points came news of floods, damaged bridges and obstructed roads.

At Vancouver, Wash., the Col-

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CHINESE DOCTOR GUILTY

Brothers Attorneys for Opposing Sides in Trial Here

J. H. Leong, local Chinese doctor, was yesterday found guilty of practicing medicine without a license when his case came up in justice court before Justice of the Peace Brazier Small. It was indicated late yesterday that Leong will probably have the case appealed to circuit court.

Leong was not present in person at the trial yesterday, but appeared by his attorney, E. M. Page. By a coincidence the prosecution was conducted by his brother, Lyle J. Page.

Sentence will be pronounced at 10 a. m. today by Judge Small. The maximum penalty in such a case is six months in jail and $500 fine.

ASK PLANE FACILITIES

New York Firm Plans 100 Passenger Airships, Word

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 25.—A request for a landing field here, adequate for an airplane with a wing spread of 210 feet, was filed here yesterday by the Lawson Aircraft company, Inc., said to be building a 100 passenger air liner in New York for coast to coast service. The request was referred to the San Francisco board of supervisors by Frank A. Flynn, superintendent of the municipal airport, to whom the request was directed.

Hangar facilities for the plane, which was expected to have a length of 110 feet also were sought.

WAR REPORTS DOUBTED

Little Credence Given Rumors of Strife in Ukrania

LONDON, Nov. 25.—(AP)—Revolutionary activity in Ukraine, accompanied by severe fighting, was announced in dispatches from Bucharest, Rumania, but tonight had failed to receive confirmation from continental news centers.

The report rests entirely on the authority of the Bucharest newspapr Dimineas and since the first dispatch was received from Buchares tat 10:30 this morning, nothing further in regard to the report came through all day. Whether this was due to censorship could not be learned here.

MORE FLOODING THAN YEAR AGO NOW PROSPECT

Basements In Southeast and North Parts of City Already Inundated

DRAINS BADLY CLOGGED

Mill Creek Water Flows Into Sewers, Causing too Great Burden; Rush Comes Before Dredging Finished

With streams in the city overflowing their banks in many places, and sewers in southeast Salem clogged with water flowing in from Mill creek at some point yet undiscovered by the engineers, the flood situation in certain districts bids fair to equal that of last season unless rain stops falling.

Numerous citizens in southeast and north Salem reported yesterday that water was standing in their basements almost as deep as at any time last winter, and complaints were made that the sewers were unable to carry away the flow.

Creek Flowing In

Engineeers made a careful survey of the situation in southeast Salem and found two places where water from Mill creek was flowing directly into the sewers, causing them to become overburdened. The engineers determined that water was flowing in at still another point which could not be immediately located.

The sudden onrush of water came at a time when the sewer department was dredging out Pringle creek in southeast Salem with a gasoline dredge, widening and deepening the channel. When the high water stopped the work, there was still a block to go before reaching the point where the water which breaks out of Mill creek above 25th street and spreads over the flats.

Crosses Streets

Few complaints were coming from North Salem where the situation was not bad.

Ditches along Turner road were running practically full but the water was not yet crossing the road. If rain continues for another day, it is believed that the road will be flooded.

Water began to cross South Twelfth street at Wilbur and Cross streets last night but not to any alarming extent. These streets were flooded last year, as were Lee and other streets in that section.

Engineers yesterday prepared to study the flood conditions as recommended at the last council meeting. Gauges will be set at strategic points.

ARTS BALL GETS GOOD RECEPTION

HORSEWOMAN DEVOID OF HORSE AND ALSO ATTIRE

3000 People Comprise Enthusiastic Audience in Dimly Lighted Building

CHICAGO, Nov. 26.—(AP)—(Saturday)—Lady Godiva was a wax dud at the Arts ball tonight. Instead of being re-created in the artistic undrape which had been much advertised, the woman of Coventry was nothing but a shapely figure in wax, with a blond wig.

Miss Rosalind Hightower, Detroit artist, who came here by plane to take the feature role of Lady Godiva, was not on the stage. Three thousand guests waited until 1:30 this morning to gaze upon the waxen dummy.

CHICAGO, Nov. 25.—(AP)—Having determined that an unclad woman riding a white horse constituted an improper pageant display, and so for the sake of the properieties, deciding to omit the horse the Arts ball got under way tonight with 3,000 persons awaiting enthusiastically the appearance of a horseless horsewoman from Detroit in the role of Lady Godiva.

Miss Rosalind Hightower who flew from Detroit to Chicago to portray the part of the English gentlewoman who rode unclad through coventry, spent the evening wondering how she was going to look like a group all by herself, with not even a milk white steed for company. For the committee in charge being of the opin-

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