

Did You Know That Blackberries Make a Franchise Crop in Salem District and Tonnage Will Become Great? Stockholders of Oregon Linen Mills, Inc., at Meeting Last Night Saw Need of Finishing Company Financing

# The Oregon Statesman

Weather forecast: Cloudy, probably rains in northwest portion; moderate temperature; winds becoming southerly and increasing. Maximum temperature yesterday 57, minimum 43, river 15.5, rainfall .05, atmosphere clear, wind southwest.

The nice thing about being a newspaper man is that you don't have to worry about whether the total tax cut is \$225,000 or \$400,000,000, if you are living on a newspaperman's earnings.

SEVENTY-SEVENTH YEAR SALEM, OREGON, THURSDAY MORNING, DECEMBER 1, 1927 PRICE FIVE CENTS

## FLOATING BONDS FOR LINEN MILL GIVEN APPROVAL

### Stockholders Reveal Faith in Industry At Enthusiastic Meeting

Part of Remaining \$20,000 Raised at Meeting, But Responsibility for Rest Still With Owners

By Ralph Curtis

An enthusiastic meeting, a crowd that all but filled the seats available in the chamber of commerce auditorium, a vote informally approving the bond issue now being floated, and a considerable amount of the bonds subscribed then and there.

That represents the results to date of the plan launched a week ago by a few stockholders of the Oregon Linen Mills, Inc., together with the directors of the Salem chamber of commerce, to acquaint all of the stockholders with the company's present financial situation, and its production possibilities, a plan which culminated in the informal meeting last night.

Directors Encouraged

The directors of the company were distinctly encouraged at the results of the meeting, and gratified at the vote of approval, which was given with but one dissenting voice on a motion, "that it be the sense of this meeting that the stockholders should subscribe for the necessary amount of bonds up to 30 per cent of their stock."

But there the matter rests today, with the responsibility for the situation due to lack of original financing, not to any failure of operation—still resting with the stockholders.

Urges Early Action

It was urged, following the favorable vote, that stockholders wishing to subscribe their share of the bonds, send in their subscriptions as soon as possible to R. O. Snelling, manager, at the offices of the company. In this way a considerable amount of canvassing will be saved. However, it was recognized that some of the stockholders will still have to be

## 13 COMPLAINTS FILED ONE DAY

### RECORD FOR NEW BUSINESS IN COURT BROKEN

Nine Entered by One Company; Damages Sought Due to Wreck Injury

Thirteen complaints, more than the total filed on any other day in the history of the Marion county circuit court, were filed at the office of the county clerk yesterday.

Of this number nine were filed by the Oregon Growers Packing corporation to collect notes from various persons in Marion county. One was a divorce complaint, Harriett E. Arthur, seeking legal separation from Lee Arthur on the grounds of desertion. They were married at Salem on October 24, 1925, she alleges, and he left her in February, 1926.

Among the others one was a suit to quiet title, filed by John Potee and his wife against George A. Smith and others. The property in issue is a lot located in the Capital Park addition to the city of Salem.

Another was based on an automobile accident that took place on September 19 of this year on the road leading from the state girls training school to the state Heitzmann school for boys. Frieda Heitzmann is suing Fred Elser for \$2500 damages, claiming that she was injured to that extent at the time of the accident, which she insists was due to the careless and negligent driving of Heitzmann, who drove on the left hand side of the road. She was pinned underneath the car, and her face and spine were badly injured, she recites in her complaint.

In most of the suits brought by the Oregon Growers Packing corporation several notes held against the same individual were recited in the same complaint. Names of defendants, with amounts of the various notes, are as follows: M. J. Wheelan, \$30, \$30, \$35; Clear View Orchard company, \$1000; Othmar Glisford, \$75, S. J. Starr, \$40, \$40; F. R. Robinson, \$50, \$50, \$10; John U. Frank, \$75, \$75, \$80.86; Theodore W. Olson, \$55, \$55; E. O. Flynn, \$50, \$50, \$20, \$20; Frank X. Beck, \$54.67, \$75.

All the notes were made out at Salem except two, S. J. Starr's being at Sublimity and Theodore W. Olson's being at Macleay, according to the papers.

## PARTY STIRRED BY DISCONTENT BREACH LOOMS

### Mutterings Heard From Western Republican Independents in Senate

RIFT MAY BE DEVELOPED

Moses of New Hampshire and Thayer of Indiana Said Among Those Who Have Incurred Particular Enmity

WASHINGTON, Nov. 30.—(AP)—Rumblings of discontent over the election of some individual members of the republican senate offices which it is proposed to put through with the convening of congress next week were heard today at a renewal of conferences of western republican independents.

Only a few votes would be necessary to upset the carefully laid plans of party leaders to retain control of the senate organization, but whether any of the independents will carry their dissatisfaction to the point of an adverse vote on the floor remains to be developed.

The independents were divided in their opinions as to opposition to the individuals, reported to have been Senator Moses, of New Hampshire, for president pro tempore, Edward B. Thayer, of Indiana, for re-election as secretary, and David S. Barry for re-election as sergeant-at-arms, and it was indicated that there would be no concert of action.

Senator Moses came in for attack because of his part in the senate filibuster in the closing days of the last session whereby the hands of the special funds committee were tied during the

## FORD ANNOUNCES PRICES OF AUTOS

### FIGURES F. O. B. Detroit From \$385 up to \$610

\$570 Highest Sum for Pleasure Cars Among New Models Made Public Last Night

DETROIT, Nov. 30.—(AP)—Prices of the new Ford car, given out here tonight, show a range of from \$385 to \$570 for the various types of pleasure cars and \$450 to \$610 for the various truck types. The various types and their prices, f. o. b. Detroit follow.

Tudor sedan \$495.  
Fordor sedan \$570.  
Coupe \$495.  
Sport coupe \$550.  
Phaeton \$395.  
Roadster \$385.  
Roadster with pickup body \$395.  
Chassis \$325.

Trucks:  
Truck chassis \$460.  
Truck chassis with cab \$545.  
Truck chassis with cab and stake body \$610.

Truck chassis with cab and platform body \$595.

The prices, given out here tonight by the Ford Motor Car company, represent an increase over the cost of the old model T machines with the exception of one type, the tudor sedan. The f. o. b. price of the tudor model T car is \$495, the same as that of the new type.

The old four door sedan sold for \$545, or \$25 less than the model A car of the same type. The new coupe price represents an increase of \$10 over that of the old type.

The new sport coupe is an

## WALLACE ROAD PAVING WANTED

### DELEGATIONS FROM TWO COUNTIES SEE PATTERSON

Folk and Yamhill Both Want New West Side Highway Salem to Portland

Delegations from Yamhill and Polk counties, including members of the county courts, conferred with Governor Patterson here Wednesday with relation to obtaining assistance from the state highway department in the establishment of a so-called cutoff road between Salem and Portland.

The proposed road would extend west from Salem over the Marion-Polk inter-county bridge, thence north along the route of the River and Wallace roads, through a cutoff each of Hopewell which has already been completed by Polk county, and intersect with the West Side Pacific highway at Dayton. It was said that the distance from Salem to Portland over this route is 49 miles.

Members of the visiting delegation explained that parts of the highway had been completed by Polk and Yamhill counties, but that it would be necessary to obtain financial assistance from the state before the road could be paved.

Governor Patterson said he favored construction of the proposed cutoff road, and would join with the citizens of Polk and Yamhill counties in having it improved. He suggested that the citizens of the two counties get together, rock, grade and drain the proposed road, and then appeal to the highway commission for assistance. The governor declared that the state highway department probably would look with favor on such a program.

An organization to promote the construction of this cutoff highway was perfected a number of years ago, with Governor Patterson as president. Numerous meetings have been held since that time and it recently was decided to proceed with the program.

Statements made at the conference indicated that both the Yamhill and Polk county courts favor

## BREAK RECORD IN RESIDENCES FOR NOVEMBER

### Number Started Surpasses All Previous Years; 11 Month Mark Set

YEARS' ACTIVITY HEAVY

Eleven Months Total of Dwellings Started 367, Just Seven More Than for Same Period of Last Year

Construction of residence in Salem is more active now than at any time in the past, it was indicated with the closing of November building records last night, when it was found that all records for number of dwellings started for that month had been broken, and that the total for the year is ahead of all previous records.

Thirty-six dwellings were listed in the permits for the month just closed, as compared to 22 in November last year, 25 in November of 1925, and smaller numbers in the years before that; 11 in 1924, 10 in 1923, 15 in 1922, 12 in 1921 and eight in 1920.

Ahead for Year

The total number of residences started so far this year is 367, just seven ahead of last year's 11 months total.

The total of building permits for the month was \$128,550. November of 1926 showed a total of \$165,194. The difference in favor of last year in the amount of the building total was the fact that a new school building was started in the same month last year at a cost of \$67,950 and also a new 88 apartment house at a cost of \$24,500. Taking these two items out

## STATE ASSESSED VALUATION FIXED

### TAXABLE PROPERTY IN OREGON OVER ONE BILLION

Public Utilities Set at \$168,967; Western Union Company Omitted

The assessed value of taxable property in the state of Oregon for the year 1927, exclusive of the Western Union Telegraph company, is \$1,122,925,200.05, according to a report completed here Wednesday by the state tax commissioner. The tax levy for the year 1928, which will be announced late in December, will be based upon the 1927 valuations.

The report showed that the utility valuations for the year 1927 exclusive of the Western Union Telegraph company, aggregate \$168,967,154.05, as against \$161,873,994.35 in 1926. Other property valuations in the year 1927 aggregated \$953,958,046, as compared with \$948,803,354.50 in the year 1926. The valuation of all property in the state, for taxable purposes in 1927, is a gain of approximately \$12,000,000 when compared with the figures of the state tax commissioner for the year 1926.

It was necessary for the state tax commissioner to exclude from the 1927 valuations the properties of the Western Union company. This company has launched an action in the United States district court in Portland to compel the state tax commission to keep its valuations within \$1,800,000. The valuations of the Western Union properties for 1927 had been fixed by the state tax commission in excess of \$2,000,000.

The increase in property valuations in Oregon for the year 1927 when compared with 1926 was attributed by officials to the construction of the Natron Cutoff by the Southern Pacific company, establishment of several large mills in the different sections of the state, and the natural growth of other industries.

## COOL GREETING GIVEN RUSSIA'S PEACE OFFERS

### Proposal of Soviet For Total Disarmament Hailed As Utopian

DELEGATES BEWILDERED

Little Hope Seen That European Diplomats Will Cooperate Wholeheartedly to Rid World of Warfare

LONDON, Nov. 30.—(AP)—The general impression prevailing today in British official circles was that Soviet Russia's disarmament scheme presented at Geneva is so Utopian in character that it is impracticable.

This was the unofficial view gleaned from Whitehall which is now almost deserted since British experts on problems pertaining to disarmament are all in Geneva.

Whole World Invited

GENEVA, Nov. 30.—(AP)—Soviet Russia today challenged the entire world to disarm.

The Russian delegation to the preparatory disarmament commission of the League of Nations offered to destroy her land, sea and air forces, provided other nations would do the same.

The stupendous proposal left the other delegates bewildered and gasping for an answer, but with the impression that Russia definitely had entered the peace fabric for Europe.

Difficulty Appreciated

That the Russians themselves realize their plan to lay down all arms and make even their manufacture impracticable, is too idealistic for the present at least was shown, in the opinion of many, by the fact that they voiced their willingness to negotiate in a piecemeal form for the reduction of armaments if their radical project proved too revolutionary, and that they did not insist on immediate consideration in detail of their sweeping program.

Such consideration was adjourned until the next session of the commission early in 1928.

Willing to Compromise

Furthermore, although contending that complete disarmament is the best guarantee of security, the Russians, in a spirit of conciliation, agreed to send an observer to the special committee on security which was created today. This committee will hold its initial session tomorrow. It will tackle the

## SUBSCRIPTIONS COME IN

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## STORM HITS MARYLAND

### Terrific Gale Sweeps Down Unexpectedly on Cumberland

CUMBERLAND, Md., Nov. 30.—(AP)—A terrific wind storm sweeping through Allegany county tonight with a credited velocity of more than 70 miles an hour leveled several business plants in this city and did considerable damage to dwellings and lines of communication.

The storm, which swept down on this city without warning, did severe damage to a large glass factory, severed telephone and electric light lines, and from first reports caused considerable damage in the residential section of the city.

An automobile was blown from the highway outside of this city and plunged into the Cumberland narrows and first reports did not state whether any of the occupants of the machine had met with injury.

## RIVER STILL HIGH HERE

### Stationary at 15.5 Feet Above Normal Late Last Night

There is a lot of water in the Willamette river.

This fact became apparent again late yesterday when the river level at Salem, after receding slowly throughout the greater part of the day, became stationary at a point 15.5 feet above normal.

The mark was only one foot below the high water mark reached Tuesday night, and one and two tenths feet below the mark reached Saturday evening, when the river stood at 16.7, its highest point for this season.

Reports from points south of Salem indicated that the water was still receding slowly.

Little likelihood was seen that there would be another rise in the river in the near future, although it is going down much more slowly than had been anticipated.

Total rainfall for the month of November, compiled late last night is set at 6.46 inches, 06 inches of which fell yesterday. The heaviest precipitation of the month took place on the 24th, with 1.44 inches on that date.

## THIEVES RAID MACHINES

### Make Headquarters Near Mission and High, Reports Show

Thieves last night made their headquarters near the corner of Mission and High streets, judging from reports turned in at the local police station by owners of two cars which were parked there during the evening.

A. J. Rousseau reported that a portfolio was missing from his auto after it had been parked there for a short time.

E. P. Phom reported that a master fire tester was taken from his machine while it also was parked near the intersection of the two streets.

## M'CALLISTER WON'T RUN

### Denies Intention to Enter Secretary of State Race

Mark D. McCallister, who recently was appointed state corporation commissioner to succeed the late George E. Davis, will not be a candidate for secretary of state at the republican election next May. This was announced by friends of Mr. McCallister here Wednesday.

The report was broadcast a few weeks ago that Mr. McCallister had decided to enter the race for secretary of state, and that his formal announcement probably would be released before the first of next year.

## RED RIOTS EXAGGERATED

### Dr. W. Carlton Smith Reports on Conditions in Europe

"Red" demonstrations in Europe during the American Legion convention were exaggerated in reports, according to Dr. W. Carlton Smith, who attended the big gathering from Salem. Dr. Smith addressed the Rotary club yesterday.

At the first session of the convention, one man near where Dr. Smith sat, jumped to his feet and exclaimed "Vive Sacco-Vanzetti," but that was the only demonstration Dr. Smith saw during his whole tour.

Dr. Smith told the Rotarians that Willamette valley people might well take a lesson from Italy and emphasize the use of fresh fruit for desserts instead of pastry. A habit of using fruit would soon be made, and the market for one of the valley's greatest products would become greater.

## SHOT STRIKES IN SPINE

### Willie Lane Accidentally Shoots Father Below Shoulder

DALLAS, Ore., Nov. 30.—(AP)—An accidental shot from the 22 special rifle of Willie Lane, 17 year old Black Rock boy, struck his father, Charles E. Lane, 45, in the spine just below the shoulder today. Lane was brought 15 miles to the Dallas hospital over the mountain road.

Lane, Southern Pacific car inspector stationed at Black Rock on the western terminus of the Salem-Dallas-Falla City and Black Rock line, was working at Black Rock at the time. The rifle bullet completely paralyzed Lane from the waist down. His condition is critical.

## CONVICTS NUMBER 626

### State Prison Reaches Peak Population of Entire History

The Oregon state penitentiary reached its peak population today when a total of 626 inmates were registered. Eight prisoners were received at the institution Wednesday. Of these, four were received from Portland to serve long terms for robbery while armed with a dangerous weapon. Two of the men are under 20 year sentences, while the other two men face term set 25 years.

## WINTER REIGNS IN MIDDLEWEST

### COLD WAVE STRIKES VALLEY OF MISSISSIPPI RIVER

Severe Weather Now Believed to Have Set in in Earnest for Entire Season

KANSAS CITY, Nov. 30.—(AP)—Winter made a new bid in the middlewest today after several days of spring-like weather.

From the Rocky mountains eastward across the Mississippi river and from the Canadian border down into Texas a cold wave sent the mercury plunging to low levels. The first general snowstorm of the season was unleashed. Several sallies by winter into the middlewest heretofore had failed to gain a foothold, record high temperatures following each cold spell. The onslaught today, however, seemed to be in earnest and colder weather was forecast for tonight and tomorrow.

Snow fell in Nebraska, Kansas, Oklahoma, the Texas Panhandle and in Missouri as the storm moved eastward from Colorado, Wyoming and Montana, where from three to seven inches blanketed the ground.

Sub-zero temperatures were recorded in Minnesota and North Dakota early today, while at Edmonton, Alberta, the mercury dropped to 26 below. In the south-west temperatures were below the freezing point.

Great Missouri experienced the coldest November snow since 1908.

A fall averaging about an inch was reported over the entire state of Kansas and the snowstorm extended south into Oklahoma.

In Colorado many mountain passes were closed by the storm. William Masters, a railroad employe, lost his life near Grand Junction, Colorado.

A Santa Fe passenger train crashed into the rear end of a freight train near Ottawa, Kas., during a swirling snowstorm. Some passengers were shaken up but none was seriously injured.

## COAST CITY INUNDATED

### Steady Downpour Continues 36 Hours at Oceanlake

OCEANLAKE, Ore., Nov. 30.—(AP)—A rain storm was raging on the beaches here tonight after a steady downpour of 36 hours, flooding the streams and lowlands. Salmon took advantage of the full streams and crowded in for spawning.

A logging camp on the Siletts river was flooded and the tool house submerged. Automobiles left out over night were buried to their tops in water.

A slide below Taft, near Rocky Point, will take several days to clear, as will the one at Whale Cove, further south on the Roosevelt highway.

## WATER SUPPLY CUT OFF

### Monmouth "Dry" For Two Days, Due to Break in Pipe

OREGON NORMAL SCHOOL, Monmouth, Nov. 30.—(Special)—Due to a break in the main pipe where it crossed the Luckiamute river the water supply for the city of Monmouth was cut off for two days this week. The water supply is taken from Teal Creek about 12 miles south of Monmouth and due to the flood conditions of the Luckiamute river the main pipe was washed out entirely. A crew of 19 men worked in day and night shift to install a new pipe line thru the flooded district.

## M'INNVILLE PROF DIES

### Charles William Converse Passes Away at Palo Alto

PALO ALTO, Cal., Nov. 30.—(AP)—Charles Willard Converse, 55, graduate of the old McMinnville college in Oregon, and for ten years professor of mechanical engineering at the University of Oregon, died of heart disease at his home here yesterday. Funeral services will be held Friday.

## SHAW CRITICIZES HIS COUNTRYMEN

### ERIN BRANDED AS "AN INCORRIGIBLE BEGGAR"

United States Advised Not to Send Any Money For Assistance of Ireland

LONDON, Nov. 30.—(AP)—George Bernard Shaw, the Irishman, in an article in the Yorkshire Evening News today seems likely to have laid the foundation for a first class controversy with his fellow Irishmen.

Commenting on an appeal to America to better the condition of the children of Dublin, the dramatist declared that Ireland "is perfectly well able to feed and clothe her children if she chooses." He expressed confidence in the ability of his native land to take care of its own wants, but in doing so, referred to Erin as "an incorrigible beggar."

Shaw was born in Dublin 71 years ago but has been a resident of London for more than 50 years.

"Judge Henry Nash has visited my native town of Dublin," Shaw wrote, "and he is very properly ashamed of the conditions of the children there. He asks me to second his appeal to America to send I forget how many thousands pairs of shoes and stockings to clothe them.

"But my advice to America is not to send a single cent to Ireland over again for shoes or anything else. Ireland is perfectly well able to feed and clothe her children if she chooses. She is poor. It is a mistake to suppose she is poor. She is only an incorrigible beggar which is not the same thing.

"She persuades you except for a corner in Ulster where a handful of bigoted enemies of her build ships and make liners, she's penniless. Don't believe her."



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