Sale of Marion Garage Building Yesterday Shows That the Trend in Prices in the Downtown Districts of Salem Is Upward
Salem Is Likely to Have a Factory Making Potato Flour, Starch and Dexterine, Including 100 Different Commercial Articles

Weather forecast: Fair and slightly warmer, but becoming unsettled over northwest portion; moderate variable winds, becoming fresh southerly. Maximum temperature yesterday 35, minimum 27, river 4.9, rainfall none, atmosphere clear, wind northeast.

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UNTAXED TAXIS MONOPOLY PLEA WILL BE DENIED

Pay Nothing To City, Yet Want Reserved Parking Space Downtown

POLICE REMOVE SIGNS

Petitioners Ask "Fair Play," Pointing Out That Street Buses Granted Reservations at Intersections

That "for hire" car operators who contribute not a cent to the city coffers for use of the streets department in carrying on their business operations will fail to get approval of the council on their petition for parking spaces in front of the Oregon building, the Bligh hotel, and the Terminal hotel is indicated in the attitude of certain councilmen who feel that their wishes do not merit consideration.

The petition which was read at the council meeting last Monday is now in the hands of the health and police committee. What recommendation the committee will make is not known, but it is likely to be unfavorable.

Want "Fair Play"

Signatures of seven taxi operators, W. W. Zinn, W. F. Prime, Z. J. Zinn, J. W. Pearse, Troy D Wood, L. E. Davis, and C. T. Cooper are attached to the petition in which the request is made to the city for "fair play," inasmuch as the council recently granted street buses certain loading spaces in the down town section.

Attempts have been made by some of the taxi owners to erect "parking" signs but these have been promptly removed by police officers.

Taxi drivers had practically a monopoly on the corner in front of the Oregon building for the reason that people had become accustomed to seeing the "for hire" cars parked there fifteen years or so, that they forebore to use the space, although they had every right to.

When the city set aside a loading space there for the passenger buses, the taxi men found their accustomed berths gone.

Salem is said to be the only city of its size which does not extract a license fee from "for-hire" car companies.

W. C. T. U. ENTERS OKLAHOMA FIGHT

STATE GOVERNOR BACKED BY WOMEN'S ORGANIZATION

Henry S. Johnston, Militant Prohibitionist, Given Support of Dry Group

OKLAHOMA CITY, Okla., Dec. 10.—(AP).—The Women's Christian Temperance Union of Oklahoma today entered the controversy between Governor Henry S. Johnston and members of the state legislature with a call to its 70,000 members to pray that "our dry governor * * * may not be impeached."

Mrs. Elizabeth House, state president, and Mrs. Josephine M. Buhl, state evangelistic director of the W. C. T. U., issued the call which asks for a month of prayer.

Asserting that the self convened session of the legislature, which has underway an investigation of Governor Johnston's administration, was convoked by the legislators to impeach the executive, the call urges W. C. T. U. members to "uphold our dry governor to the throne of grace that he may not be impeached but may continue in office."

Governor Johnston is a militant prohibitionist. The dry question had not been raised heretofore in the conflict between the governor and the faction of the legislature charging that irregularities in the executive office and other departments warranted investigation with a view to impeachments proceedings should sufficient evidence be developed.

Charges of intimidation were hurled from both the governor's office and the legislature.

The Rev. Will M. Thompson, chairman of one of the investigating committees of the house, criticized Governor Johnston today for characterizing the legislative session as a "miniature session" which had no legal status and declared "we are determined to do

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MARION GARAGE BUILDING SOLD

WALTER STOLZ PURCHASES LARGE STRUCTURE

Rumored Consideration Indicates Upward Trend In City Property

One of the important sales the year of down town Salem iness property was consumm. late yesterday afternoon, and the deed of transfer placed on record about the closing hour of the county recorder's office.

In this transaction, Walter T. Stolz bought the building of the Marion Automobile company, next south of the Statesman office. F. N. Derby had charge of the deal for the seller. The property transferred has a frontage of 103 feet and a depth of 165 feet and is occupied by the three story building up to recently occupied by the business of the Marion Automobile company.

The business of that concern was bought a few days ago by Wallace Bonesteele, who operates it under the name of the Marion Garage. The building is leased for five years to Mr. Bonesteele at $600 a month.

The consideration is private, but it is rumored that the transaction involved $60,000 to $75,000. This is a fair indication of the upward trend of down town property values in Salem; for the purchase price several years ago by the Marion Automobile company was far below the smaller sum named.

HART WANTS NEW TRIAL

Thirty One Year Old Bank Clerk to be Heard Saturday

EUREKA, Kas., Dec. 10.—(AP)—A new trial was asked today in a motion filed by counsel for Ivan M. Hart, 31 year old bank clerk, convicted of second degree murder for slaying Mabel Marmont Hart, 28, his bride of three weeks. Hearing on the motion was set for next Saturday.

Defense attorneys pleaded that communicative insanity caused Hart to slash his wife's throat when she demanded he kill her because she feared motherhood. Alienists on the defense side testified that Mrs. Hart apparently was mentally irresponsible and had communicated her delusion to her husband. The prosecution argued that Hart slew his bride with malice and intent.

The minimum sentence for second degree murder is 10 years. Hart is in jail, unable to furnish bond of $35,000.

CALLES GREETS LINDY

Yankee Flyer to be Met Officially By Mexican President

MEXICO CITY, Dec. 10.—(AP)—President Calles, it is expected will be present at the landing field when Colones Charles A. Lindbergh, the American lone eagle, reaches here by air. The date so far as known has not yet been fixed but Lindbergh will alight on the Valbuena army flying ground.

Scores of telegrams are coming to the presidential offices from towns and cities throughout Mexico asking Lindbergh to fly there also. If these requests are not granted thousands will do the next best thing and come to Mexico City to see America's premier airman. The railroads are preparing to handle the largest excursion crowds in Mexican history.

GRAVITY OFFSET, WORD

Wild Claims Advanced for Machine Invented at Newark

NEWARK, N. J., Dec. 10.—(AP)—The invention of a machine by which the force of gravity is neutralized, was announced today by Bernays Johnson, a radio engineer, who claims that if the machine can be developed to a commercial stature, flights from New York to Paris can be achieved in five or six hours.

At his laboratory here Johnson said he had acually suspended a miniature plane in the air by neutralizing gravity and also that he could suspend a fifty pound weight in the air.

SOS SIGNALS RECEIVED

Thought To Have Been Sent Out By Vessel Near England

NEW YORK, Dec. 10.—(AP)—Radio broadcasting was halted tonight when an SOS signal was picked up from a ship off the English coast. The Radio Corporation of America reported that efforts were being made to establish the identity of the vessel in distress, and the air would be kept free of broadcasting until this had been done.

AMBASSADOR FROM MEXICO TO DEFY QUIZ

Manuel C. Telles Announces N. Y. Consul Will Not Appear In Probe

LEGALLY IMMUNE, CLAIM

Arturo M. Elias, Half Brother to President Calles, Expected to Refuse Summons to Investigations

WASHINGTON, Dec. 10.—(AP)—Authority of the special senate committee to summon Mexican consular officers in its investigation of charges in the Hearst newspapers that a fund of $1,200,000 was raised for four United States senators, was challenged tonight by Manuel C. Tellez the Mexican ambassador to Washington.

The ambassador's statement was made after he had been advised unofficially that the committee was planning to summon Arturo M. Elias, Mexican consul general at New York, and half brother of President Calles, between whom most of the purported correspondence relating to the senators appeared to have passed.

Refusal Anticipated

"In my opinion Elias will not cme to Washington at the summons of the senate committee," Ambassador Tellez said. "He will not be obligated to do so because he can stand on his rights to immunity under international law."

The ambassador said that while there was no treaty of commerce and amity between the United States and Mexico, which usually contains a provision giving consular officers immunity from court processes, it was an established practice under international law that such officers were immune from subpoenas.

Disclaims Obligation

"The embassy has made two

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STORE ADDITION ISSUE

Zoning Commission to Take Action on Alleged Violation

Twice disregarded by Moulton and son on their request that the store owners conform to the terms of the city zoning ordinance, members of the planning and zoning commission promise dire things for somebody Monday night.

Moulton and Son constructed an addition to their store north of Parrish high school in violation of the portion of the ordinance covering class one residential districts and have declined to remove the addition.

At the request of Rich Reiman, owner of the property on which the store is built, for more time to look into the matter, City Attorney Williams said last night that an extension had been granted until next Monday.

The commissions are asking for action, however, and are seeking prompt settlement of the matter.

GUILT DETECTOR MADE BY PROFS

APPARATUS CLAIMED BEST EVER BUILT

Machine Operates Entirely Wihout Pain to Subject Under Investigation

EUGENE, Dec. 10.—(AP)—A guilt detection apparttus which it is claimed is a distinct improvement over famous devices of that nature now in use in Los Angeles and Berkeley police departments has been perfected in the psychological laboratories of the University of Oregon and is now nearing completion.

The new machine, which differs in a great many ways from the apparatus already in use, operates entirely without pain to the subject, instead of causing considerable suffering as at present. More accurate records and a wider use are also claimed for the Oregon device.

Experimental work on the apparatus has been going on for three months under the direction of Dr. Harold R. Crossland and Paul E. Toble, graduate assistant in the psychology department. Experiments have already been made on three individuals and have proved entirely painless.

A cuff of flat rubber pad shaped about the upper arm of the subject will be the only part of the apparatus visible. The rest of the machine will be in a separate room. Pressure on the arm is produced by compressed air forced at intervals into the rubber cuff. This represents a great improvement over the ordinary hand pump method.

The value in connection with guilt tests results from the effect on blood pressure to conflicting emotions aroused by the suspect when he must respond to a word connected with the crime, it is stated. Experiments show a drop followed by a considerable rise in pressure when the subject has been startled or angered.

The means of recording the pressure on the Oregon instrument represents a distinct advance in this work. The systolic blood pressure is recorded on a slowly revolving drum by means of a delicate indicator which utilizes a column of mercury. When the extreme pressure is reached, a small hole is burned in the record paper. The topmost perforation indicates the heighth of the blood pressure. This is an exclusive feature.

William Marston, of Columbia university has done a great deal of work with blood pressure, it is stated by the Oregon faculty men. Marston has done particularly well in determining differences between the mental states of men and women. In California, Hiram W. Edwards of the Los Angeles police court and J. A. Larson of the Berkeley school for police

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PROHI OFFICERS ACTIVE

State Operatives Participate in 62 Arrests in Month

State prohibition operatives participated in 62 arrests for liquor law violations in the month of November, according to a report prepared here Saturday by George Alexander, state prohibition director.

Fines imposed aggregated $4105, with jail sentences totaling 180 days. The officers destroyed 3304 gallons of mash, 1593 gallons of liquor and confiscated nine stills and four cars.

FOUR MEN CHEAT GRAVE UNDER ICE

MEMBERS OF CREW REACH SHORE FROM STEAMER

21 Companions Remain Aboard Stranded Vessel Attadoc in Lake Michigan

CALUMET, Mich., Dec. 10.—(AP)—Four members of the crew of the stranded steamer Altadoc on the rocks off Keweenaw peninsula, reached here tonight after a heroic battle through pounding ice-clogged waves to shore from whence they trekked nine miles through three feet of snow to the Copper harbor lighthouse. The men brought here from Copper harbor on sleds all were badly injured and described the predicament of their 21 companions on the Altadoc as perilous. The crew they said is without food and many are in need of medical attention. The Altadoc the men declared will be a total loss.

The men, Engineer Roy Hardman and three sailors, said the Altadoc drifted helplessly across Lake Superior when her steering apparatus was smashed in Tuesday's gale, and was finally driven aground a short distance from the wreck of the steamer City of Bangor, which was driven on a shoal last year.

Hardman said many members of the crew were injured in the terrific pounding the freighter received from mountainous waves when she went aground. He and his companions came ashore to obtain fresh supplies of food and medicine.

The four sailors' hardest battle came in attempting to reach land with their frail craft which at times was nearly swamped by the huge rollers in its short journey of less than a quarter of a mile. The Altadoc cleared from Owen Sound for Fort William, its home port on Sunday morning. Although weather conditions were not favorable the freighter plodded on until struck by a terrific northwester Wednesday night followed by a blinding snowstorm which made it impossible to penetrate the Lake Superior fastness for more than 200 feet. In the height of the storm the steering apparatus gave way and the big ship became helpless before the onslaught of the gale.

Blown ahead of the wind from the Canadian shore the ship drifted from one oclock Thursday morning until she grounded nearly six hours, having crossed completely over the lake.

"We could not tell where we

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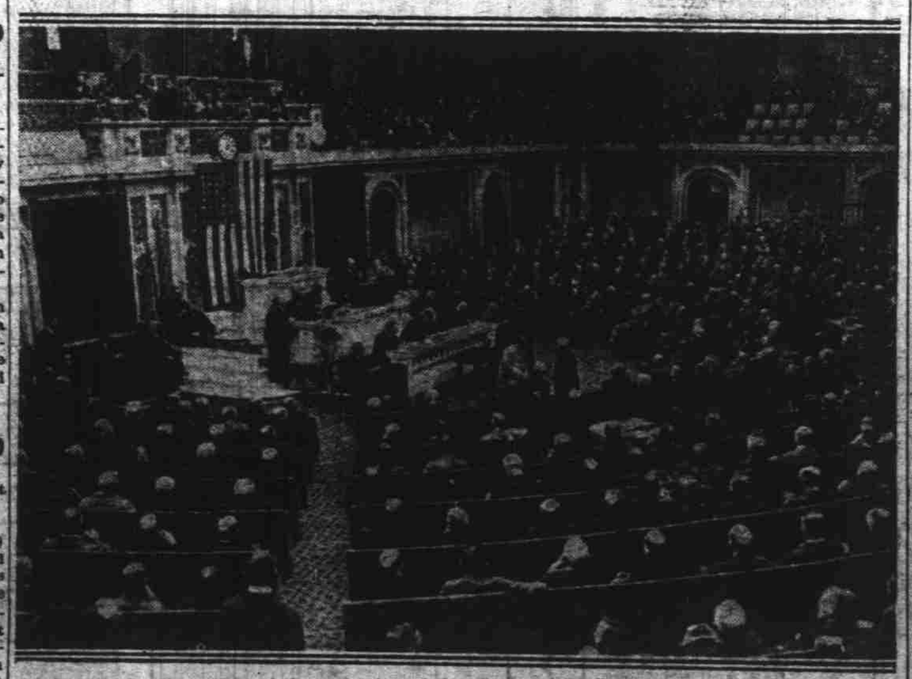
SEVENTIETH CONGRESS CONVENES IN FIRST SESSION



Here is the first photo of the convening of the Seventieth Congress in the house chamber of the national capitol, Washington, D. C. William Tyler Page, clerk of the house, is seen calling the roll immediately following the invocation.

COLDEST NIGHT YET OF SEASON SEEN IN SALEM

Mercury Drops Below Twenty Four Degrees, Setting New Low Mark

HIGHWAYS ICE COVERED

Twenty Inches of Snow Reported on Siskiyou Mountains; Plows Busy Keeping McKenzie Pass Open

With the mercury standing at 28 degrees above zero at about 12:30 o'clock this morning and dropping steadily, every indication was that a short time before daylight today would mark the coldest temperature Salem has seen since early last spring.

Observers expected the mercury to drop below 24.

Yesterday witnessed Salem at its lowest maximum temperature so far this season, with the temperature only rising to 35 early in the afternoon and soon dropping again.

The weather bureau announcement last night gave out encouragement that some respite in the prevailing cold snap may be hoped for, beginning today, although the prophecy was a guarded and qualified one.

Valley Easiest Hit

PORTLAND, Dec. 10.—(AP)—Practically all major highways in Oregon and Washington, save in the Willamette valley and along the coast, are covered with snow and ice and are exceedingly dangerous unless chains are used, according to reports received today by officials of the Oregon State Motor association.

On the Pacific highway north of Olympia to Bellingham 1½ inches of icy snow covers the highway, making travel extremely hazardous. The road from Bellingham to Blaine was closed by drifted snow today, but was expected to be cleared Sunday noon.

McKenzie Pass Clear

Snow lies on the Pacific highway south of Roseburg with 20 inches at the summit of the Siskiyou mountains. Plows were keeping the road open today. Heavy snow lay at McKenzie Pass, but travel was getting through aided by plows. The same condition held true at Sand creek on The Dalles-California highway, with the road reported very slippery.

All roads to the coast in Washington are covered with ice, al-

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FLIGHT TO BE NON-STOP

American Air Hero to Skirt Gulf of Mexico on Trip

WASHINGTON, Dec. 10.—(AP)—Colonel Charles A. Lindbergh said tonight that his flight to Mexico City, weather conditions permitting would be made without a stop.

The famous aviator said the route he has chosen would take him on an air line from Washington to the Gulf of Mexico, skirting that body of water until he was able to strike a straight compass course overland to Mexico City.

He was non-committal as to when the flight would be made saying that it depended on weather reports but probably would begin within ten or twelve days.

HORSE COMES INTO OWN

Astoria Dobbins Combine Against Upstart Automobile

ASTORIA, Dec. 10.—(AP)—A couple of conspiring Dobbins sent an automobile, owned by Richard Aho, to a garage here today sadly in need of paint and a rear end.

It happened when Aho, driving home, met two horses on the Columbia highway. One nonchalantly strolled in front of the car, causing Aho to stop. The accomplice trotted to the rear and deftly planted a well-shod hoof squarely in the center.

Then both raced on up the road.

3 ALARMS, LITTLE FIRE

Department Called to Quench Chimney and Roof Blazes

The fire department was called out three times early last night to extinguish chimney blazes at 844 Center street, and 478 North Cottage street, and a roof fire at 535 North Winter street.

Only minor damage resulted in each instance.

KELLEY APPEAL ARGUMENT SOON

HEARING ON HABEAS CORPUS PLEA TO BE DEC. 23.

Condemned Slayer Bases Effort For Freedom on Original Commitment

Arguments of attorneys in the habeas corpus proceedings filed by Ellsworth Kelley, who is in the penitentiary here awaiting execution for the part he played in a break at the institution in August, 1925, have been set by the state supreme court for December 23.

Kelley is seeking his release from the penitentiary on the grounds that he was sent to the institution under a faulty commitment issued by the circuit cour of Josephine couny. He was conviced in Josephine county of aiding and abetting in the escape of a prisoner.

Attorneys for Kelley alleged in a brief filed in the supreme court that Kelley was detained illegally in the prison at the time of the break in 1925, and consequently he was within his legal rights when he attempted to escape. The break resulted in the slaying of two guards and one convict.

The habaes corpus proceedings originally were filed in the circuit court for Marion county, and arguments of attorneys were heard by Judge L. H. McMahan. He held against Kelley, and refused to sign a writ releasing the convict from the prison.

The supreme court also has set December 23 for hearing arguments in proceedings brought by Margaret Duncan, on behalf of the state board of medical examiners, to revoke the license of Dr. Charles A. Dean, who conducts offices in Portland, Seattle and other cities on the Pacific coast. The lower court held for Dr. Dean.

GIRL WRITES UNCLE SAM

Doesn't Want Daddy and Uncle Oliver at War, She Says

WASHINGTON, Dec. 10.—(AP)—A letter from a little Pennsylvania girl addressed to "Dear Uncle Sam" and pleading that "my dear daddy and Uncle Oliver" be not sent to war, if they are any more wars" has reached Secretary Davis of the war department, and drawn the reply from him that Uncle Sam hopes there will be no more wars.

"I want to ask you to do a favor for me," the letter, apparently the work of a 10 year old, said. "If there are any more wars please do not make my dear daddy and Uncle Oliver go, because my mother has died. I only have my daddy, except my aunts. If you will do this for me, I will appreciate it very much."

Secretary Davis replied that Uncle Sam had asked him to inform the writer that he hoped "from the bottom of his heart that there will not be any more wars and he will do everything he can to prevent them.

"He said to tell you not to worry, but to keep your daddy and Uncle Oliver out of mischief at home and he would try to keep the country from getting into trouble abroad."

HONOR YAMHILL YOUTH

Alex Cruickshank of McMinnville Finest Farmer In U. S.

McMINNVILLE, Dec. 10.—(AP)—Alex Cruickshank, 19 year sophomore at Oregon Agricultural college, was acclaimed a hero of Yamhill county today in one of the most unique celebrations on record in western Oregon.

All McMinnville and a large part of Yamhill county turned out to pay high honor to this young man, who is farmer and stockman, both by vocation and avocation. Alex has distinguished himself in a manner that appeals to the heart of Yamhill county.

Young Cruickshank, competent judges have decided, is the finest of young farmers and stockmen in the United States, and to him was awarded the Moses leadership trophy, given annually to the young man or woman who has proved the leader in boys' and girls' club work throughout the nation. The award was made recently at the International Stock Show at Chicago.

LOS ANGELES HAS QUAKE

Incident Adds to Wide Variety of Weather Conditions

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 10.—(AP)—A light jarring earthquake shortly before 9 o'clock tonight added variety to a day of unusual weather, which included thunder, lightning, rain, hail and snow. No damage was done.

FEWER BOARDS HELD POSSIBLE ECONOMY STEP

Sixty-Six Separate Bodies Now Handle State Business, Says Kozer

PROBLEM STUDY URGED

Success in Other States Cited By Secretary of State; Gradual Increase in Expenditures Traced in Report

Centralization of state administration by cutting out some of the 66 boards and commissions, is a proposal which should be given serious consideration and study in Oregon, Secretary of State Sam A. Kozer states in a report prepared here Saturday.

Oregon now has 66 boards and commissions, of which the members aggregate 302. Seventy members of these boards and commissions are state officials, while 23 are citizens appointed by the governor or some other state authority. Few of the members of these boards and commissions other than the state officials, receive any compensation, Mr. Kozer explains in his report.

Financial History Told

"We hear much about public finances, which include the revenues available, and the authorized expenditures," said the report.

"For the biennium 1899-1900 the property taxes in Oregon for state purposes aggregated $1,518,923. Revenue from other sources amounted to $55,332, or a total of $1,574,256. The authorized expenditures for that period totaled $1,592,728.

For the biennium 1909-1910 the property tax amounted to $2,803,400 and the revenues from other sources were $515,221. The total authorized expenditures were $4,122,346.

Taxes, Expenses Grow

For the biennium 1919-1920 the property tax amounted to $7,412,610, and the revenues from other sources $1,878,285. The authorized obligations for the same period aggregated $11,384.

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CURB GAS PUMP WAR TO RESUME

PARKER PETITION COMING BEFORE ZONERS MONDAY

Commission Members Opposed, Although Special Conditions Prevail

The "curb gas pump" war which has been waged from time to time by city officials, but which has never come to a definite satisfactory conclusion, will break out afresh Monday night when the petition of J. W. Parker, local stage operator, for permission to install a pump at 255 North Church street comes before the city planning and zoning commission.

Chairman L. P. Campbell said last night that the petition would get short shift at the hands of the commission, even though Mr. Parker only wishes the installation for a short period until he can complete remodeling plans on the two buildings at the corner of Church and Chemeketa. It is possible, however, that members of the commission will be more lenient when Mr. Parker presents the full facts.

As soon as the Salem Automobile company vacates the structure next to the Coffey and Davidson Motor shop where Parker has his headquarters, Parker, who owns both buildings, plans to cut the back several feet from the street and make a driveway for an up to date service station.

It is understood that the Salem Automobile company will give up their lease in less than three months, moving to a new building which they plan to erect.

Parker wishes the pump to serve his patrons while the buildings are being remodeled, probably not for a longer period than six months.

The commission has taken a consistent stand against installation of curb pumps, even though their recommendations often have been overruled by the council. It is now planned to formulate legislation providing for the removal of every curb pump in the city.

Mr. Parker's petition came near being tabled at the last council session and was saved from that fate only at the request of Alderman Patton that it be referred to the zoning commission.