

The Christmas Spirit Has Taken Hold of Salem and Vicinity as Never Before; Shopping Must Be Done Early to Be Best Done Did You Know That Salem Is the Center of a Growing Bean Industry, That Should Be Made a Gigantic One, for Many Reasons?

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Weather forecast: Fair east and cloudy west portions; moderate variable winds. Maximum temperature yesterday 44, minimum 32, river 5.8, rainfall none, atmosphere cloudy, wind southeast.

SEVENTY-SEVENTH YEAR

SALEM, OREGON, THURSDAY MORNING, DECEMBER 15, 1927

PRICE FIVE CENTS

VALUE TO CITY OF CANNERIES SHOWN IN TALK

Dean of Salem Canneries Tells Something of Operation of Hunt Plant

861 PEOPLE ON PAYROLL

\$70,000 Paid Out Weekly During Busy Period; Heaviest Week Turned Out 50 Carloads, 1000 Cases Each

(W. G. Allen, manager for this district of the operations of the Hunt Bros. Packing company, and directly in charge of the big Hunt cannery in this city, was the speaker at the noon meeting of the Salem Rotary club yesterday. As Mr. Hunt is the doyen of the canning industry of this district, and is one of the best posted men on this coast, or anywhere else, in this field, he had things to say that are both important and interesting. Mr. Allen speaks rapidly and the following transcribed notes of a Statesman stenographer, while giving a general idea of what he said, leave some things for the reader to fill in. This is the way the stenographer got the address.)

Fellow Rotarians and friends: The other evening as I was walking down the street and as I passed Bill Gahndorf's window he hailed me and said "You are just the fellow I want to talk to," and said that President Lee (Steiner) had issued an order that different members of the Rotary club were going to be called upon to give a reason for their existence, what they are doing here in Salem, and what they represent. He told me that he wanted me to talk upon what Hunt Bros. are doing for Salem. I replied, "Do you want me to talk about the gener-

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CANNING SEASON REACHES CLOSE

SWAN SONG SOUNDED LAST NIGHT AMID TEARS

Onions, Last Crop Packed, Reason Given; Canned Goods Market Slow

The swan song of the canning season for 1927 was sung last night, to the accompaniment of a flood of tears on the part of the canners of the last of the onion pack at the Paulus plant; tears superinduced by the onions. Not saying there were not some lachrymal displays over the closing down of operations for the year. The canning season commenced away last spring, on gooseberries. It was a long season; not longer, however, than some former ones, when apple canning persisted to a later date than this year.

Market: "Nothing Doing." In the canned goods and dried fruits markets, there is almost "nothing doing." The dealers are waiting for inventory, as of January 1st, after which there is expected to be a normal demand. The dullness is seasonal; happens every year. In California they are offering to New York dealers their 30-40 prunes at six and a quarter cents a pound, f. o. b. California. Oregon dealers want seven and a half cents for their 30-40's, and the California offerings put a crimp in the demand for Oregon. In the first of the season, California was supposed to be short of those sizes, but later showings indicate a larger proportion of the large sizes than was at first thought.

Bob Paulus has left Chicago, on his way home, after a tour of the eastern market places. He will be here the middle of next week.

As has been said, the Paulus cannery people expect to put up a large pack of vegetables next year. The contracts—that is, sell the pack before it is put up. And therefore make contracts for the growing of the vegetables, mainly carrots, beets, parsnips and onions. The time will not doubt come, before long, when the Salem canning season will run the whole year through.

DIES AT HEARSE WHEEL

Frank Harris of Dallas Passes Away in Driver's Seat

DALLAS, Ore., Dec. 14.—(AP)—Frank Harris, assistant to a Dallas undertaker, died today at the wheel of a hearse.

PRUNE MEN QUIT MARKETING PLAN

PACKER-GROWER ORGANIZATION NOT TO BE TRIED

Uncertainty of Making Idea Effective Given as One Reason for Action

PORTLAND, Dec. 14.—(AP)—Any further attempt to create a state wide packer-grower organization for the marketing of prunes on the principles adopted by the committee of one hundred at Corvallis June 1 will be abandoned if the committee follows the recommendation adopted by its committee of nine.

The nine, meeting here today adopted a resolution which said, in part: "It was the unanimous opinion of the committee of nine that the possibility of making the plan effective was so uncertain and the probability of desirable results if the plan became effective, so uncertain as not to justify the effort incident to submitting it to the growers."

The plan evolved from the principles of the committee of 100 was reduced to writing and presented today to the nine by its committee of three. Discussion at the conclusion of the presentation centered about these questions: Could the plan be put into effect? Could the plan give promise of success justifying the effort?

No meeting of the committee of 100 will be called unless there is a demand for it, Kenneth C. Miller, secretary of the committee of nine, said tonight.

A resolution commanding the efforts of Henry Crawford of Salem, chairman of the committee of nine, was adopted.

Mr. Crawford worked to effect the organization which today's recommendation would abandon. Other members of the committee of nine are: W. G. Fisher and Fred Brager, Salem; W. H. Brewster, Charles Dick and M. J. Newberg, Portland; R. L. Eckridge, Sheridan, and Russ Clark, Oakland. Drager was not present today. Advisory members present today and concurring in the resolutions were Seymour Jones, Salem, state market agent; R. H. Klipp, manager of the marketing department, Portland chamber of commerce; Paul Maris, director of extension, and Dr. M. Nelson of the experiment station, Oregon State Agricultural college, and A. W. Moody, Vancouver, Wash.

The fact that plans for a similar organization in California were abandoned last summer and had not been revived had its influence, it was said, in the meeting.

PETITIONS NOT YET IN

Opposition of North Salem Folk to Incinerator Expressed

While opposition in North Salem to the proposed location of the incinerator on the Oregon gravel pit is said to be growing, no petitions have been filed at the city recorder's office as yet. Several North Salem people attending the Salem Men's club last Tuesday spoke against the proposed action, although no action was taken.

The unexpected opposition has complicated the plans of incinerator committeemen. They believe, however, that beautification of the gravel pit, which is now in a sorry state by reason of clandestine garbage dumping, could be brought about if the city had supervision over the "whole section there, and that the incinerator would be far enough away from town to forestall any proper objections in that direction.

"Will your report be ready Monday night?" Alderman Dancy was asked yesterday.

"I don't know, but I think it will be," was the reply.

LET BUILDING JOB SOON

Bids to be Opened for Cherry City Bakery Building

Bids on the general contract for the construction of the Cherry City Bakery company building will be opened Saturday, officials of the company have announced. The building is to replace the one destroyed by fire a few weeks ago.

NAVY PROGRAM NEAR LARGEST IN U.S. HISTORY

Coolidge Asks To Spend Three Quarters of Billion For Warships

WANTS 71 NEW VESSELS

Twenty Five Additional Light Cruisers Placed in List as Compiled for Adoption by Act of Congress

WASHINGTON, Dec. 14.—(AP)—Congress was asked by the administration today to authorize the second largest naval building program in the history of the nation. It proposes the ultimate construction, at a cost of approximately \$725,000,000, of seventy one war vessels, which would include twenty five additional light cruisers, nine destroyers leaders which are practically the equivalent of scout cruisers; thirty two submarines and five air craft carriers.

The plan was transmitted to Speaker Longworth by Secretary Wilbur who said that he had been informed by the director of the budget that the "proposed legislation is not in conflict with the financial program," of the president.

Could Suspend Program The naval secretary said that the vessels would be constructed under the terms of the Washington arms treaty, and that in the event of another naval arms conference the president would be empowered in his discretion, to suspend in whole or in part the proposed construction.

Within a few minutes after the program reached the speaker's office Chairman Butler, of the house naval committee, introduced a bill drafted by the navy department to put the program in legislative form.

The chairman declared that the navy in submitting the program had not specified any date for its completion.

BROADCASTING DUE SOON

Listeners Assured Good Reception On Low Wave Length

Preparations for installing the radio sending apparatus of the Capital Broadcasting company, which will be the first station of its kind in the city are progressing rapidly, and the proprietors, J. R. Hughes and K. B. Aldrich, expect to be able soon to announce the opening date.

While the wave length will be low so as not to interfere with the broadcasts of the major stations, perfect local reception is assured and the programs will be of such nature as to interest local listeners especially.

FEDERAL AUTO TAX REPEALED

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AMENDS REVENUE BILL

All Democrats and Few Republicans Pile Up Vote of 166 Members To 142

WASHINGTON, Dec. 14.—(AP)—Two major voting engagements in the house today resulted in the retention of the federal inheritance levy in the revenue bill and the complete elimination from the measure of the sales tax on automobiles.

The vote to repeal the automobile tax was 166 to 142. It was taken by members passing down the aisle between tellers. On a previous standing vote the chair had counted an even 120 on each side of the question.

The motion to eliminate the automobile sales tax over the protest of a majority of the ways and means committee, which in drafting the bill provided for a reduction in the levy from 3 to 1 1/2 per cent, was made by Representative McLaughlin of Michigan, a republican on the committee.

It is estimated complete repeal of the tax would result in a loss of \$33,000,000 in revenue.

The house in voting, 191 to 55, to retain the inheritance tax sustained its action of two years ago. After the house had voted to repeal of the automobile tax, Representative Tilson, the republican leader, warned members to be careful in the adoption of amendments lest the "entire program of tax reduction" be defeated. He said that too many amendments would threaten the financial condition of the treasury.

BIDS ON GARAGE OPENED

Valley Motor Company Building to be Completed in March

Bids on the construction contract for the new Valley Motor company building which is to be erected soon in Salem, were opened Wednesday in Portland. News of the outcome and the name of the successful bidder will not be available until late today.

Preliminary work on the structure, which is planned to be one of the most thoroughly arranged and equipped garages on the Pacific coast, is already under way, and Manager W. L. Phillips announced Wednesday that he expected the building would be ready for occupancy about March 15.

The building will occupy the northwest corner of Center and Liberty streets, with 160 feet frontage on Center and 232 feet on Liberty.

IMMENSE DIVIDEND PAID

\$13 Per Share Given Stockholders in Western Electric

CHICAGO, Dec. 14.—(AP)—A special cash dividend of \$13 a share has been voted by directors of Western Electric company, in addition to the usual quarterly 50 cents a share.

The total disbursement will exceed \$50,000,000.

ACCORD PRAISE TO YANK FLYER

FRIENDLY FEELINGS CEMENTED BETWEEN COUNTRIES

Lindbergh Acclaimed as Harbinger of Good Will From U. S. To Mexico

WASHINGTON, Dec. 14.—(AP)—Hailed as the harbinger of American good-will toward Mexico, Charles A. Lindbergh found on his arrival today in Mexico City that both President Coolidge and Secretary Kellogg expected his flight from Washington to Mexico City to assist the two countries in cementing friendly relations.

President Coolidge led the way by declaring that Lindbergh's courageous venture would be known as one of good will, and he added that "the true spirit of your mission will be sympathetically understood in the United States and Mexico."

To the president's message of congratulations, Secretary Kellogg attached his own—that Lindbergh not only had advanced the cause of aviation, but would "advance the cause of amity between these nations."

"You have performed a great public service," Mr. Kellogg said in concluding his message.

These messages were only two of scores which went from government officials army and navy officers and others who had waited anxiously hours while it appeared that Lindbergh might have encountered trouble as he neared his goal.

The house had a particularly trying time of it in attempting to mix Lindbergh with the reading of the complicated tax bill and three times Representative Tilson, the republican leader had to arise to explain just where Lindbergh stood.

On one occasion, long before Lindbergh had landed, he announced the flyer was safe in Mexico City. Told that this was not true, he started an independent investigation as to the source of his information but got nowhere.

While the senate was not in session today, the business of the house was opened with a prayer by the Rev. James Shera Montgomery, the chaplain, that the "chivalry, simplicity and high moral standards" of the flyer might be an example and inspiration to American youth.

MORE SMALLPOX NOTED

Demonstration Considering General Vaccination Clinic

If cases of smallpox continue to pop up here and there, the Child Health Demonstration will arrange to hold free vaccination clinics all over the county, Director William De Kleine said yesterday.

A new victim, a child of Clarence Bentz living near Fargo, and a pupil at Butteville school, was reported to the demonstration yesterday, and Dr. Vernon A. Douglas conducted vaccination clinics in that district yesterday.

FESTIVE SPIRIT OF CHRISTMAS PERVADES CITY

Store Displays and Street Decorations Add to Brightness of Season

MANY SHOPPERS ABROAD

Tree on Courthouse Lawn to be Decorated for Tenth Consecutive Year; Less Fortunate Not Forgotten

The spirit of Saint Nicholas has encompassed Salem. People are in a holiday mood. They hurry, thither and there, gaze at attractive store windows filled with suggested Christmas gifts, buy, and hurry on again.

Merchants predict that sales of Christmas merchandise will be greater this year than ever before, and with this belief in mind have stocked their stores with an abundance and variety of goods never exceeded.

Santa Gets Attention Even Santa, who parades in front of a leading department store, beckoning children and their parents to view his toy counters, is more jovial, as if pleased at the prospect of the coming eventful journey. Santa is wholly impartial. Each tot gets a smile and a pat on the head to remember when on Christmas morning is revealed the brim-full stocking.

Merchants, generally, have adopted the suggestion of the Santa Claus Club.

LAW OPPORTUNITY SEEN

Judge Rossmann Addresses Willamette Legal Aspirants

New avenues constantly opening up in industry and commerce provide abundant opportunity for members of the legal profession. In this day, Judge George Rossmann, of the Supreme court, told Willamette university law students at a meeting of the group last night in Eaton hall.

Alertness, application, and a wide-awake attitude should characterize every law student admitted to the bar, said the judge, who was for eight years an instructor in the Northwestern school of law. Success, he said, can never come to a person slow to grasp the many openings offered.

HOME EXPOSITION PLAN

Realtors May Conduct Demonstration Here in March

Plans for an "Own Your Own Home" exposition in Salem next March are to be outlined at today's luncheon of the Salem Realty board, President L. E. Oberer announced Wednesday. The plan will be explained by F. L. Bolton, who with his associates has been conducting these expositions in other cities throughout the northwest. They have the approval of the state and national realty boards.

If the plan is adopted, the exposition will be staged for six days at the armory, with exhibits by all of the local realtors.

GROCERIES SCATTERED

Associated Stores Truck Involved in Collision

Produce was scattered in many directions Wednesday about noon when an Associated Stores truck driven by Roy J. Rice, route 3, Salem, collided at Center and Church streets with an automobile driven by J. R. Claton, 732 North Front.

Rice reported that he was driving north on Church street and turned out to pass another car, striking as he did so Claton's machine, which he believed was trying to pass him. Both machines were badly damaged.

RILEY ELECTED BY FEDERATION

HEADS COMMUNITY CLUBS FOR COMING YEAR

County Agents Favored at Meeting Here; District Clubs Proposed

At a meeting of the Marion county community federation, held at the Salem chamber of commerce auditorium last evening, Dr. P. O. Riley, editor of the Hubbard Enterprise was elected president, R. D. Hulsey of Salem, rural route 4, vice president, and Ivan Stewart of Salem Heights, secretary and treasurer.

Officers for 1928 will assume their duties at the next meeting of the federation to be held at Haystackville the latter part of January.

Federation delegates went on record in favor of a county agent for Marion county, to be placed on the ballot and voted on at the coming November election. At all meetings in the coming year, the question of a county agent will be fully discussed. Delegates were told that there is a misunderstanding as to the duties of a county agent and for this reason the matter will be fully discussed at all meetings.

Following the suggestion made at a former meeting that county federations form a state organization, a committee was appointed consisting of A. F. Jafky, chairman, Dr. Henry H. Morris of Salem and Ivan Stewart of Salem Heights to meet and discuss the subject with delegates from Clackamas county.

Due to the fact that Marion county is of such large area and varied interests in farming matters, delegates suggested that the Marion county community federation be divided into four or five districts where interests are mutual for the monthly meetings, and meet three or four times a year when all parts of the county would be represented.

It was pointed out that the communities of Salem Heights, Sunnyside, Liberty and Rosedale had formed themselves into a club to discuss matters of special interest to farmers in these four communities.

The suggestion was made that communities in the northern part of the county and also in the southern part, organize for meetings to consider matters of mutual interest, and later to present these at a general county meeting of the federation.

To make suggestions and to investigate, President Lafky of Marion appointed a committee consisting of Ivan Stewart, A. N. Fulkerson and George Heckert. The committee was notified to report at the January meeting to be held at Haystackville.

WHO'LL PAY FOR PAVING?

Division Street Work Done But Nobody to Foot Bill

How the collection of some \$1500 covering the cost of filling in the mill race and paving on Division street can be brought about is worrying city officials.

The work was done more than a year ago when a three way agreement was entered into between the city, the Oregon Pulp and Paper company, and the chamber of commerce, the substance of which was that the paper company would pay the cost up to \$1500, and the chamber would guarantee the balance, if any. As it turned out, the cost was just a few dollars under \$1500.

The Oregon Pulp and Paper company afterwards disposed of the mill race to the Western Paper Converting company, and it was understood that the latter company would pay the bill which it has not seemed disposed to do.

While the Oregon Pulp and Paper company is apparently liable for the bill, the city is loath to institute legal action, and efforts are being made to secure payment before the end of the year by more desirable methods.

Since it was paved, the street has become one of the most beautiful in Salem.

ENTIRE NATION ACCLAIMS 'WE' IN NEW ERRAND

Nearly Hundred Thousand Mexicans Welcome Col. Chas. Lindbergh

HOP COMPLETED SAFELY

Famous American Air Hero Arrives at Destination After More than Twenty-Seven Hours in Flight

By CLARENCE DUBOSE Associated Press Staff Correspondent.

MEXICO CITY, Dec. 14.—(AP)—"Lindy" has done it again—he and the other half of the famous "we."

Without stop Colonel Charles A. Lindbergh, piloting the "Spirit of St. Louis," which earlier in the year had carried him to Paris, flew from Washington to Mexico City. For more than 27 hours he was at the controls.

Perhaps there never has been witnessed such a delicious demonstration of joy by a Mexican multitude as that at 2:59 o'clock this afternoon, when after some three hours of apprehension that mistopportunity had befallen the flier, the Spirit of St. Louis settled on the Valbuena military aviation field, two and a half miles from Mexico City. Lindy and his plane were safe and sound; nothing was wrong except that a miscalculation of direction carried the plane in a great circle from Tampico into the interior, instead of in a direct line to Mexico City.

The lone eagle not only flew (Continued on page 16)

SENATORS FORM TO HEAR CHARGE

UPPER HOUSE OF OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE MEETS

Vote Taken to Try State Officials Without Suspending Them from Office

OKLAHOMA CITY, Okla., Dec. 14.—(AP)—Proceeding rapidly as a court of impeachment, the state senate late today voted to receive charges made by the house of representatives against Governor Henry S. Johnston and two other state officials, without immediately suspending them from office.

Decision not to suspend the accused officials was made in an effort to avoid the possibility of a dual government, if Governor Johnston ignored the suspension and the senate recognized the automatic succession of Lieutenant Governor W. J. Holloway to the executive chair.

Under the rule adopted, the governor and those accused with him, Chief Justice Fred F. Branson of the state supreme court, and Harry B. Cordell, president of the state board of agriculture, will be automatically suspended when their trials begin.

Disregarding the warning of the governor that it had permission to meet only as a group of citizens and not as an impeachment body, the senate met in its chamber at the capitol in a peaceful atmosphere. National guardsmen who last Monday prevented the house from meeting in the capitol had been withdrawn and no effort was made to disperse the senate meeting.

Upon convening this afternoon, the senate by a vote of 23 to 13 (Continued on page 16)



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