

The Oregon Statesman

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PRICE FIVE CENTS

Weather forecast: Fair and cold; moderate east and northeast winds. Maximum temperature yesterday 40, minimum 35, river 5.8, rainfall .15, atmosphere part cloudy, southwest.

"The thief had killed the foxes before loading them into an automobile," says local story of fox theft in West Salem. We conclude that in this case the murder preceded the kidnaping.

SEVENTY-SEVENTH YEAR

RESURRECTION IN OKLAHOMA COMES TO END

Governor Henry S. Johnston Wins Long Fight When Senate Quits

ALL CHARGES DISMISSED

Close of Struggle Comes With Dramatic Suddenness; Upper House Decides It Has No Legal Authority

OKLAHOMA CITY, Okla., Dec. 29.—(AP)—Oklahoma's political resurrection, aimed at the removal of Governor Henry S. Johnston and at least two other state officers, reached an unsuccessful end today.

With dramatic suddenness the state senate brought impeachment activities to a close today by the dismissal of charges voted by house members against Governor Johnston, Chief Justice Fred P. Branson of the state supreme court and President Harry B. Cordell, of the state board of agriculture.

Vote 26 to 10. Meeting in a downtown hotel, to which they retreated yesterday after they had been dispersed at the doors of their capitol chamber by national guardsmen under the direction of the governor, the senators decided, by a vote of 26 to 16, that the house of representatives had no authority to convene itself and vote the impeachment charges.

Members of both houses, who had persisted in meeting despite a series of unfavorable decisions by the courts and the military resistance, abandoned their activities abruptly after the senate decision and began to depart for their homes, unpaid for their efforts.

ABANDON SEARCH FOR LOST PLANE

ALL CLUES FAIL IN HUNT FOR MRS. GRAYSON

Diesel and Navy Destroyers Called In by Authorities; Ships Keep Lookout

ST. JOHN'S, N. S., Dec. 29.—(AP)—Further reports were received here tonight that an airplane believed to have been the missing Dawn was heard near Hearst Content Saturday night more than 24 hours after Mrs. Frances Wilson Grayson and three companions had taken off from Roosevelt Field for Harbor Grace.

A snow squall was in progress at the time. They said their son and his telegraph operators also were on the plane.

WORK, Dec. 29.—(AP)—Everything that could be done by members of the sea and sky had been completed tonight and still plane Dawn and her crew of five men and a woman.

SNOW BLANKETS MOST OF N. W.

BLIZZARD HITS ALL EXCEPT PROTECTED SECTIONS

Montana First to Feel Cold Wave; Eastern Oregon in Path of Sleet Storm

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 29.—(AP)—Snow, driven by high winds late today and tonight blanketed the greater part of the northwestern states. In some sections the storm assumed the proportions of a severe blizzard.

Sharp drops in temperature were recorded at a number of Oregon, Washington, Idaho and Montana points, heralding the advent from the Arctic of what Canadian forecasters already had predicted would be the coldest wave experienced this winter.

In the far north the icy grasp was tightening. At Dawson City, on the Yukon, the thermometer's highest mark was 52 degrees below zero—with the minimum not reported and probably not recorded.

Montana was first of the northwestern states to feel the grip of the cold wave. Many places reported sub-zero temperatures during the day. Both Havre and Glasgow reported 20 degrees below.

Heavy snow fell at Helena, Livingston, Miles City and Missoula. Eastern Oregon too, felt the effects of the cold weather. Pendleton reported a sleet storm, driven by a high wind during the morning, and changing to fine snow toward sundown. The thermometer stood at 23 degrees above zero.

Enterprise, Ore., reported the worst blizzard and snow storm of the winter raging in that section.

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4 MARKER PLAN TRIED SYSTEM EXPECTED TO SPEED UP TRAFFIC

A try-out of the new traffic regulation system of four markers instead of one is being made at the corner of State and Commercial streets. Commissioner Waterhouse effected the change on that intersection yesterday.

Fear that motorists might take undue advantage of cut-off corners if the markers were placed on the property line, as in other cities the streets committee ordered the markers placed on the curb line. The system will be under observation for a few days. If it is found practicable, similar markers will be placed at every downtown intersection.

A city ordinance requires that automobiles turn at the middle of the intersection but it is intended under the new system that motorists need only to go around the two markers.

Red and green reflectors in the signals make them visible at night.

ATTENDANCE INCREASED

Enrollment in Salem Schools Reaches Total of 4918

The total enrollment in Salem public schools on December 24, just before pupils were dismissed for the holidays, was 4918, a gain of 78 over November, according to figures compiled in City Superintendent George Hug's office yesterday.

The figure is an increase of 239 over December for last year and is well in line with the increases which have been shown every year, indicating a steady growth of the city.

The high school enrollment December 24 was 1053, Parrish junior high, 964, and Leslie junior high, 431.

Enrollment in the grade schools of the city as of that date follows: Englewood, 322; Garfield, 548; Grant, 284; Highland, 510; Park, 319; Richmond, 260; McKinley, 252; Lincoln, 197; and Washington, 301.

SHIPLEY BUYS FRONTAGE

Now Owns Nearly Half Block at Commercial and Marion

U. G. Shipley yesterday announced the purchase of two properties on Commercial and Marion streets, adding to his already large holdings in that part of the city. The lots purchased included what was once known as the Park property, obtained from Edward 194 feet, and a frontage of 1/4 foot on Commercial and 33 feet on Marion street and a depth of 32 1/2 feet.

Adjoining this tract Mr. Shipley has purchased property from Edward Henning of Portland with a frontage of 82 feet on Marion street and a depth of 23 1/2 feet, half block on Commercial street with the exception of one lot. He has not announced any plans for development.

GREAT CROWD GIVES TRIBUTE TO LINDBERGH

Famous American Air Hero Receives Acclamations With Modesty

HONORED BY PRESIDENT

Army Confers "Grand Medal of Merit" Upon Yankee Youth Who Flew Into Guatemala Out of North

GUATEMALA CITY, Dec. 29.—Time is too fleeting for the bestowal of all the honors which Guatemala desires to shower on Colonel Charles A. Lindbergh.

Now that he is here in the flesh the bearer of the good-will message from the United States is even a greater figure in the eyes of Guatemalans than they had pictured him, reading of his exploits.

Only after he had landed at the flying field, and moved and lived among them for a brief few hours, did the people of Guatemala City begin to realize the full measure of his achievement in winging his way from distant Mexico City across mountain ranges, between the menacing tops of volcanoes and over jungle country, where the foot of civilized man has never been.

Hero Still Modest

And, amid all the acclamations, the cheers and the enthusiasm, Lindbergh was his own modest self.

His official day began at 10 o'clock this morning when he paid a visit to the presidential palace to pay his respects to the president, General Chacon. Festivities and fetes in abundance followed. At the municipal palace Lindbergh received a scroll appraising him in terms of deepest cordiality that he was the guest of honor of the city. Then the chamber of commerce.

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STEAL GOLDEN CHALICES

Valuable Property Taken From St. Mary's Catholic Church

MT. ANGEL, Dec. 29.—(Special.)—Property of inestimable value was stolen from the sacristy of the St. Mary's Catholic church here last night: five golden chalices and a golden platen of exceptionally fine workmanship.

One of the chalices belonged to the Mt. Angel parish and the others were the personal property of some of the Benedictine monks.

No clues to the identity of the thieves have been obtained.

EXPERT SCORES SCHOOL ENGLISH

EDITOR ATTACKS PRESENT EDUCATIONAL SYSTEM

Graduates of Secondary Institutions Fail to Deliver Goods, Assertion

PORTLAND, Dec. 29.—(AP)—"High school graduates are poor English students; they are not able to write what they mean in good English sentences or to take a theme and develop it through to its conclusion; generally they follow no consistent line of reading."

This condemnation of high school English was made today at the department meeting for English teachers, attending the Oregon State Teachers' association convention, by Joy Elmer Morgan, editor of the Journal of the National Education association.

Adventure in the realm of English is particularly desirable, the editor indicated. "Of course, if we devote a third of all high school time to English we will have to eliminate something. I would start by leaving out Latin. The best study of English is English."

Teachers may do much to hasten the day of peace through a careful presentation of the subjects of history and geography, Miss Myra L. Snow, classroom teacher of Seattle said today. A contribution toward peace may be made, she believes by "teaching history and geography in such a way as to strip away of its romantic glamour, to show the accomplishments of peace, to encourage appreciation of the part played by all nations and races in the progress of civilization; and by using our influence as far as it goes definitely to combat propaganda which encourages race hatred."

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GASOLINE FIGHT ENDED

County Signs Contract With Companies at 20 Cent Rate

The long drawn out fight over the price of gasoline in Marion county came to an end yesterday when the county court announced that they had agreed on a price of not to exceed 20 cents a gallon for all the gasoline they purchase in 1928.

If the current retail price should drop below that figure the county is to get the benefit. If it goes up the county will still pay only 20 cents. More than 40,000 gallons are used by the county each year, mostly for trucks on road work.

The court signed a contract yesterday with the Standard Oil company to pay not more than 18 cents a gallon for distillate and not more than 17 cents for kerosene. Fuel oil will be purchased at \$1.25 a barrel. The purchase of gasoline during the year will be divided equally between the five companies operating in Salem, as follows: Standard, Union, Shell Associated and General Oil companies.

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PUMPER CHOICE DELAYED

Committee Awaiting Details of Mack Engine Offered

Spirited discussion of the four bids on the proposed new fire engine occurred at the fire and water committee meeting in Chairman W. H. Dancy's office, but no decision was reached as to which bid is the best.

Chairman Dancy is awaiting a letter from the Mack people in Seattle answering certain questions regarding the pumper offered by that firm before making a definite decision. Another meeting of the committee will be held prior to the council meeting next week.

Fire Chief Hutton and representatives of the four bidders met with the committee.

WEMME CHARITY TRUST RETAINED

EFFORT OF COMPANY TO SECURE FUND DEFEATED

Estate of \$1,000,000 Involved in Case Decided by Supreme Court

A charitable trust, created by the will of the late E. Henry Wemme of Portland, is perpetuated by an opinion of the state supreme court handed down Thursday. It was a trust for the benefit of unfortunate and wayward girls. "And that trust has not lapsed," says the opinion, "but shall continue throughout the generations yet to be."

The opinion was written by Justice Brown. It affirms Judge Louis R. Hewitt of the lower court for Multnomah county in the case of the E. Henry Wemme company, appellant, against Ben Selling and others, as trustees of the E. Henry Wemme endowment fund.

In the result Justice Bean, Cowbow and Rossman concur. Justice McBride wrote a dissent of great length. Chief Justice Hand did not participate in the determination because of an association with some of the officers of the E. Henry Wemme company. Justice Belt did not sit because he was the presiding judge in the lower court when the former case of the Wemme company vs. First Church of Christ, Scientist, was heard.

An estate involving upwards of \$1,000,000 is involved. The E. Henry Wemme company brought the suit to get possession of the property trust created by the will of the late E. Henry Wemme.

In a previous case involving the will, the supreme court held that the Wemme will created a valid public charity.

"And we now add that that decision, whether right or wrong, is a conclusive adjudication," says the opinion now handed down. "Two eminent federal judges have written their opinions in which they declare that the holdings of this court in the opinion written."

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MOUNT SCOTT BANK HELD UP; 2 TAKE \$1900

Institution in Portland Suburb Robbed of Currency Late Thursday

CLERKS PUT INTO VAULT

Gunman Enters Building After Hours and Takes Money at Point of Gun; Visitor Believed Accomplish

PORTLAND, Dec. 29.—(AP)—A slightly-built gunman, armed with a small automatic pistol held up four employees of the Mount Scott State bank late today and escaped with \$1900.

Employees of the suburb bank were forced into the vault while the robber scooped up all the currency from behind the teller's window. Silver on the counter was left untouched and several thousand dollars in the vault was not taken. The robbery took place after closing hours.

A sixth man in the bank, thought at first to be a late patron, is now suspected as an accomplice of the holdup man. A few minutes before the bank closed, this man introduced himself to the cashier and asked permission to wait there a few minutes as he was negotiating a property deal and wished to effect an escrow. The buyer would arrive in a few minutes, he said.

Receiving permission from the cashier, the man took a place by the door. A short time later the door was opened to admit a messenger with store deposits. The bandit slipped in behind him, before clerks had time to bar the door.

Bank officials said tonight the bandit and his suspected accomplice left the bank together. The loss was covered by insurance.

CODE COMMITTEE NAMED

Alderman Engstrom to Head Group Planning Building Rules

Alderman C. O. Engstrom will head the newly organized building code committee announced yesterday by Mayor T. A. Livesley. To serve with Alderman Engstrom on this committee will be Aldermen Armpriest and Thompson, W. M. Hamilton, local manager of the Portland Electric power company, and W. C. Dyer, insurance man.

Alderman Watson Townsend and Jack Dancy resigned from the committee at the last council meeting. Townsend had been chairman since its appointment last year by Mayor Giesy. The committee has accomplished practically nothing during the past year, and insistence of the city planning and zoning commission that work be gotten under way immediately led to reorganization of the committee.

James H. Nicholson and C. E. Albin were re-appointed by Mayor Livesley as members of the planning and zoning commission. Their terms expired at the last meeting.

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FORMAL CHARGE AGAINST SLAYER

EDWARD HICKMAN ARRAIGNED ON MURDER CHARGE

Delay Granted Before Youth Required to Plead to Indictment Against Him

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 29.—(AP)—William E. Hickman admitted slayer of a child he had kidnaped and of a man he had attempted to rob, was formally arraigned today for the killing of Marian Parker but obtained a second delay to plead to the charges against them.

Welby Hunt, 16, confessed accomplice of Hickman in the attempted robbery which ended in the killing of Ivy Thomas, druggist, remained in the county jail tonight while investigators scanned the suicide records of last May in the belief that still another death might be explained by the pair.

The latest channel into which the detective bureau was guided through new revelations concerning activities of the two former Kansas City youths was an effort to determine whether the death of A. R. Driskell, 60 year old grandfather of Hunt, was due to a suicidal leap from the Colorado street bridge at the west gate of Pasadena.

Corpse Found Last May

Driskell's body was found at the bottom of the arroyo on the night of May 25 last. A note found on the bridge addressed to his son, young Hunt's father, indicated that the aged man sought suicide because of financial troubles.

The new police probe was spurred by information that Driskell on the day of his supposed suicide had withdrawn a large sum of money from the bank in which Hickman and Hunt at that time were employed. This money never has been accounted for, police said.

Perry M. Parker, father of slain Marian, was an official at that bank.

Confession Recorded

While officers went out to get Hunt a complete confession involving the Thoms murder was taken from Hickman. When Hunt was confronted with Hickman's account of the crime, he, too, confessed to officers at the jail, confessed his participation in the holdup and the exchange of bullets which resulted in the death of the druggist.

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TED ROY TO SING HERE

Winner of National Ignors to be at Elsinore New Year's Eve

Far from the bottom of the list of stars to be featured at the Elsinore New Year's Eve (Saturday night) matinee, will be Ted Roy, winner of the second prize offered by the Atwater Kent radio studios in New Jersey, recently as an inducement to secure unusually good voices for radio work.

At the Elsinore Mr. Roy will appear as a singer. Persons who have heard him declare that his voice possesses most unusual tonal qualities.

George Guthrie, manager of the Elsinore, announced last night that, in addition to the half-dozen scheduled vaudeville acts, there will be several surprise numbers. Never, he said, in Salem's history, has such an elaborate bill been arranged. In the way of motion pictures, Bebe Daniels will be seen in a first-run picture, "She's a Sheik."

The quality of the New Year's offering is personally endorsed by Mr. Guthrie.

MEEKER HAS BIRTHDAY

97th Anniversary Celebrated by Famous Oregon Pioneer

NEW YORK, Dec. 29.—(AP)—Ezra Meeker, who traveled the Oregon Trail in 1859 by ox team at a two-mile-an-hour speed and lived to make the trek by airplane at 102 miles an hour, celebrated his 97th birthday today.

Among the many felicitations he received was one signed by 84 United States senators and a number of representatives. Officials of the Oregon Trail Memorial association of which he is president, presented him with 97 silver half dollars of the United Oregon Trail coins.

"People of today are advancing intellectually but they ride too much for their health," Meeker told interviewers. "I owe my own good condition to plenty of exercise, temperate eating and abstinence from alcohol."

SECOND YOUTH AIDED HICKMAN POLICE ASSERT

Welby Hunt Declared Accomplice in Los Angeles Kidnaping Plot

ADMITS PART IN HOLDUP

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 29.—(AP)—Attempt to connect Welby Hunt, youthful holdup accomplice of William Edward Hickman, with the kidnaping and slaying of little Marian Parker, were being made by police detectives tonight, who were running down bits of evidence indicating that the kidnaper had an accomplice in at least part of the crime.

Hunt, 16 year old youth, who confessed today of coming here from Kansas City with Hickman, and to committing holdups with him both here and in the midwest city, admitted also he participated in the holdup a year ago Christmas eve of Ivy Thoms, Rose Hill druggist. Thoms died of a bullet in the chest received in an exchange of shots between Hickman, Hunt and Policeman D. J. Oliver, who appeared in the store.

Authorities Change Minds as Soon as Sixteen Year Old Lad Caught; Decide He Is "Andrew Cramer"

The police possessed the facts that Hunt somewhat resembled Hickman's description of the mythical Andrew Cramer, whom the kidnapper at first accused of the kid's murder; that Hunt lives in Alhambra, suburb to which Hickman took the child the day he kidnaped her, and from which he sent a telegram to Perry Parker, her father. The police also previously had expressed doubt that the child sat alone in Hickman's car on the several times he left her parked in it to send telephone messages and letters, and that the girl, as Hickman claimed, separately followed him into the murder apartment at the Bellevue Arms.

Officials starting the new investigation expressed the opinion that had the girl been alone in Hickman's car she would at least have made a outcry, in which manner she could have brought.

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GIRL HELD SLAVE AT NEW ORLEANS

CHARGE ADVANCED AGAINST RICH SOUTHERN WOMAN

Mrs. T. S. Arico Released Under \$5000 Bond Admits Keeping Boston Servant

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 28.—(AP)—A charge of enslavement was preferred against Mrs. T. S. Arico of New Orleans today by United States District Attorney Edward Taltot after a maid in the woman's household told officers she had been held prisoner for three years at Mrs. Arico's home. Mrs. Arico was arraigned before a United States commissioner and entered a plea of not guilty.

The maid, Anna Lasso, 28, said she was a native of Germany and declared that she had been kept to subsist on food she received from garbage pails and that had been beaten with a length of hose and heavy wire by Mrs. Arico's maid.

Pedestrians who found the girl on the street last night suffer from wounds about the face, body took her to a hospital where she later was questioned by officers. Physicians at the hospital said her condition was not believed to be serious.

Mrs. Arico, the wife of an automobile salesman, is said to be moderately wealthy.

Miss Lasso told officers she did not sleep on a bed since she was the employ of Mrs. Arico in May 1924. She was compelled to sleep on the floor of a bathroom.

Asked why she returned to Arico after being out of the home the girl said her mother told her that policemen would come to help, and heavy wire had been used to fasten her to the bed.

"She says that she became afraid for some things to eat," the girl said. "She told me I had better not run off because the police were still looking for her."

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