

Brief Expressions of the Personal Opinions of Readers of the New Statesman

THE unusual equanimity of the budget committee...

W. H. DANCY, member of the city council, said: "That's the first time I have ever seen the city budget adopted without some kind of a scrap, and certainly it's the first time it has been disposed of in so short a time."

VIRGIL STOLIKER, one of the proprietors of the Winter Garden, said: "This Mrs. McCutcheon who is coming here to bowl Sunday, is nothing short of a marvel. In addition to being the outstanding women bowler of the world and the equal of any of the leading bowlers of the 'stronger sex,' she is a society woman who took up bowling solely for her health."

J. R. PAYNE, local salesman, said: "I was well over to the right side of the road—I'll swear to that till the last day of judgment, when a truck hit me as I was driving to Salem from Portland tonight. The truck, heading north, turned out to pass a car that was parked beside the highway. Two of us in the car were cut by flying glass and we were mighty lucky that we weren't hurt a lot worse."

F. O. JOHNSON, deputy county roadmaster, said: "Our only rock crusher that is still operating, the one at Silverton, will be closed about December 10. By that time, practically all the last odds and ends of the season's road building program to be completed."

G. L. TAYLOR, of San Francisco, said: "The bagpipe was invented by the Irish and given to the Scotch as a joke. The trouble is that the Scotchmen haven't seen the joke yet."

JOHN ROBINS, principal of Sisters, Oregon, high school, after looking over the Statesman plant, said: "I had no idea that a news story went through so many steps before it finally appeared in the paper. It is hard to realize that 12 persons handle the story before it is ready to read breakfast."

DOROTHEA NASH, prominent Portland musician, said: "My one regret in giving the MacDowell club program Monday (Turn to Page 2, Please).

LADS SPEND NIGHT ON LONELY ISLAND

STAYTON, Ore., Nov. 30.—(Special)—After a searching party had spent the night looking for them, Jimmie and Bennie Carlin aged 13 and 11 respectively, turned up safe and unharmed this morning.

On Thursday they had gone with their stepfather, George Wooden, up the Santiam river, and crossed to the island. Mr. Wooden returned home, thinking that they would follow soon, but when they failed to appear at dusk the searching party was organized. The men searched the island for several hours without success and it was feared that the boys had tried to cross the river, which is now quite high, and were drowned.

Early this morning Marshal Henry Smith, Fitz Goodman and Ernest Thayer started out to look for the boys. They found Jimmie, who had swum across the river, and on his report that Bennie was still on the island, they went across and found him.

The boys said they had no matches to light a fire, but picked up enough boards which had washed onto the island to make a sort of shelter.

Georgia Tech To Play California New Year's Day

ATLANTA, Ga., Nov. 30.—(AP)—Faculty and southern conference approval have been given Georgia Tech to play University of California New Year's day at Pasadena, thus removing the last doubt that the golden tornado will be the eastern representative in the annual gridiron classic.

Dr. S. V. Sanford, president of the conference, announced that he would take full responsibility in granting permission for the Atlanta team to go to the Pacific coast. He declared it was certain that the conference would approve his action at its annual meeting in December. "I hope you will accept the invitation without reservation," he added.

Portland Plant Struck By Blaze

PORTLAND, Ore., Nov. 30.—(AP)—Loss estimated at \$15,000 was caused by fire at the plant of the Shank Bag company here today. Twelve fire companies responded to the alarm and worked hard to keep the work by dense clouds of smoke pouring up from the burning factory.

SEVENTY-EIGHTH YEAR

Salem, Oregon, Saturday Morning, December 1, 1928

PRICE FIVE CENTS

NEXT STOP FOR HOOVER PARTY WILL BE TODAY

Initiations Held Aboard Maryland as Battleship Crosses Equator

President-Elect and Other "Shellbacks" Observe Elaborate Rites

U. S. S. MARYLAND en route to Guayaquil, Ecuador, Nov. 30.—(AP)—With the equator behind it, the Hoover good will ship tonight was approaching Guayaquil, Ecuador, its next port of call.

The president-elect and Mrs. Hoover today enjoyed watching King Neptune and his royal assistants carry out an initiation of those on the battleship crossing the equator for the first time. He and his wife more than a quarter of a century ago made their first trip across the equator and since then have been known in the parlance of the sea as "shellbacks."

For the initiation today the mythical sea king had assembled his royal family and the queen, the royal princess and the royal attendants, as well as those being initiated were put through the ceremony.

This consisted in taking bitter pills, a throat spray, electric shock and splashing of lamp black and crude oil and then a ducking in a tank by the "Royal Bathers." The novices were finally forced to run the gauntlet of royal police lined up in double columns down the deck and applying batons vigorously.

The King and royal court assembled on the forward deck for a grand parade to the quarter deck where the whole party was introduced to Captain Kimbriky, commanding officer of the Maryland and the Hoovers as they paraded back and forth. The procession included two coffins, one bearing a marine officer, the other a naval officer. They proceeded to the forecastle deck for the initiation.

Allan Hoover, son of the president-elect, was required to march with his neck and wrists in stocks, as were some of the officers. Half a dozen newspaper correspondents who were equipped with mourning clothes for the South American visit were summoned as honorary pall bearers, marching in full regalia but they were given an opportunity to exchange into old clothes before being sentenced by the royal court to receive "the whole works."

The members of the Hoover party were first initiated. The royal court then attended to 750 of the battleship's officers and sailors who were crossing the line for the first time.

After Neptune and his court departed, Captain Kimbriky again received command of the ship. Upon arrival off Guayaquil tomorrow the Hoover party will transfer to the cruiser Cleveland for a 60-mile voyage across the roadstead and up the river to the chief Ecuadorian city, where they will be greeted by President Ayora and remain overnight.

HARRISBURG YOUTH WINS BOY'S PRIZE

CHICAGO, Nov. 30.—(AP)—Royalty of the live stock kingdom goes on a week's parade tomorrow with the opening of the annual international live stock exposition.

It will be the world's fair of the farming industry. Farm boys and girls will vie with each other in animal judging contests. Farm organizations will hold auxiliary meetings and conventions. There will be agricultural and educational exhibits. International horse show is an added feature.

The entries for this year's exposition have passed all previous figures with more than 11,700 cattle, horses, sheep and swine competing for the grand prizes and other prizes for more than 40 breeds. The live stock judging contests for juniors unofficially opening the show today.

Prefacing the opening of the show, the four-H clubs, national boys and girls organization announced its champions for the year, Miss Florence Reed of Veedsburg, Ind., 18 year old Purdue university freshman, winning the girl's award and Edward Grimes, Harrisburg, Ore., farm boy, leading the boys' department.

Cuban Drives Car Over 125 Hours

HAVANA, Nov. 30.—(AP)—What was claimed to be a world record for non-stop, endurance automobile driving was reported in the Havana newspaper "El Mundo" today as having been established at Pinar Del Rio, by Wilfredo Grener, a young Cuban race driver. He was at the wheel continuously for 125 hours and 15 minutes.

Military Training In Schools Flayed By College Heads

Compulsory Idea Strongly Opposed, Talk on Resolution Indicates

PORTLAND, Ore., Nov. 30.—(AP)—Disapproval of compulsory military training in the University of Oregon and Oregon State college was expressed by members of the Independent College Presidents' association, in annual session at Reed college here today.

The delegates, however, halted short of an actual fight against such training. The discussion started when Dr. Levi T. Pennington, president of Pacific college, at Newberg, as head of the resolutions committee, introduced a resolution asking the state institutions if military training could not be made voluntary.

"The other day I understand," said Dr. Pennington, "a young man was expelled from the University of Washington because he objected to military training on conscientious grounds."

Gentlemen, our revolutionary grandfathers went to war for less than that."

Dr. Norman F. Coleman of Reed college, and Dr. Carl C. Doney, president of Willamette university, Salem, while expressing objection to compulsory military training, advised a less direct course. Dr. Coleman believed the members present should not adopt such actions as college presidents, but out of meeting—as private individuals, by signing a petition.

CONTEMPT THREAT VOICED AT INQUIRY

Democratic Official Discovers "Lost" Copy of Election Returns

SAN ANTONIO, Tex., Nov. 30.—(AP)—Threats of contempt proceedings in congress by Chairman Lehbach of house committee investigating the disputed result of the 14th Texas district congressional race, had a salutary effect in the hearing, which closed late today.

One of the three precinct election judges claiming to have lost or misplaced their copies of the official ballots returned late today with his copy. Another judge said he had mistakenly put his copy in the ballot box but declared that the count was different than the official count announced. The third judge stated that a democratic worker got his copy of the returns and altered the figures thereon.

Lehbach had told the judges to produce the copies or "hear from Washington," enjoining the seriousness of contempt in a scathing voice.

Anton Woehler, the judge who produced his "lost" copy of returns, returned late today with it, explaining he found it under his brother's trunk. This amused the crowd, which had to be quieted.

The committee closely examined election judges and county commissioners as to the method of counting, final result of which gave county Judge Augustus McCloskey, democrat, victory by 309 votes over republican congressman Harry Wurzbach, republican, who is contesting the validity of McCloskey's commissioner's court canvass. Going behind this canvass, the committee ordered photostatic copies made of the original returns in the 17 disputed precincts.

FOURTEEN ATTEND BOYS' CONFERENCE

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This summarization of his majesty's condition after ten days of struggle against a heavy cold and examination after a longer consultation with an expert for the first time in the case.

Man Hurt When Driver Ignores "Stop" Warning

Because Lester Smith of Grass Valley failed to heed a stop sign as he drove onto the Salem-Silverton road Friday morning, Don Edison of Silverton is in a local hospital. Edison was badly shaken up when Smith's machine struck the Silverton man's. The golden ambulance service brought Edison to the Salem General hospital. Edison was not hurt, other than bruises.

Alumni of O. S. C. Planning Large Doings for Team

PENDLETON, Ore., Nov. 30.—(AP)—Pendleton will be the first town in Oregon to greet the returning Oregon State Beavers who toured New York university yesterday. The State eleven will arrive December 5 and will be greeted by the American Legion drum corps, school students and alumni of the school. A parade is planned and Pendleton souvenirs will be awarded the athletes.

GOVERNMENTS COOPERATE TO HIT RUM TRADE

Canadian and American Authorities Halt Illicit Liquor Dealers

Corruption Among United States Enforcement Offices Recounted

DETROIT, Nov. 30.—(AP)—The United States and Canadian governments moved simultaneously today to crush the rum running and bootlegging rackets along the Detroit water boundary, estimated to represent a \$50,000,000 a year industry.

While United States customs officials were arresting eleven border patrol inspectors on charges of accepting bribes and conspiracy to aid in the smuggling of liquor into the United States from Canada, provincial authorities on the opposite side of the river were issuing orders for closing of 30 liquor export docks in border cities.

The immediate effect on the cross-fire from both sides of the border is expected to be the driest holiday season in the Detroit area in years.

Investigations of National Sweeping Effect

Arrest of the United States inspectors came as a result of a sweeping investigation of rumored graft and corruption among forces that guard the American border against liquor smuggling, and signaled the start of what John R. Watkins, U. S. District Attorney, described as a "general house-cleaning in the service." He estimated that 50 inspectors would be dismissed before the investigation ends.

The closing of export docks on the Canadian side of the border was in line with orders issued recently by Sir Henry Drayton, chairman of the Ontario liquor and control board, and W. U. Eulder, minister of national revenue, to centralize the liquor export business in 10 large docks to be under strict supervision of customs officers.

Canadian Fear Bootleggers Also

This action was explained was to prevent the "short-circuiting" or smuggling of liquor back into Canada through bootleg channels.

The investigation that led to arrest of the United States customs inspectors was conducted by undercover agents sent out from Washington. Ten of the inspectors were arrested and taken to Watkins' office for questioning. This was followed by issuance of warrants and this afternoon the district attorney began laying his information before a federal grand jury.

Sumner C. Sleeper, chief of the border patrol, said one under cover agent in six weeks accepted bribes along with other patrol inspectors totalling \$15,000, all of which was marked and turned over to the collector of customs as evidence.

Sleeper estimated he had fired 175 inspectors since he began organizing the service a year ago. The last roundup came on October 15 when 15 inspectors were dismissed. None was arrested.

KING GEORGE NOT RECOVERING FAST

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Rumanians Have Fistfight When Revenge Sought

BUCHAREST, Rumania, Nov. 30.—(AP)—Hostilities between two Rumanian diplomats, which started several years ago in Washington, came to a head in the office of Julius Maniu, prime minister, today. Prince Anton Bibescu, former minister to the United States, was struck a sharp blow on the face by Basil Stoica, a subordinate in the diplomatic service.

Stoica, it was said, had reason to believe that M. Bibescu wrote a damaging report concerning him to the Rumanian foreign office while both were on duty in Washington. It was stated that Stoica challenged his chief to a duel at that time, but the latter declined to fight.

Oregon Boy National 4-H Champ



Edgar Grimes of Harrisburg, Oregon, being congratulated by J. J. Allen, assistant state club leader of Oregon, on his being selected as the champion 4-H club boy of the United States. Edgar has won several calves and trophies at the state fair here in the past two years, and his efforts culminated Friday in the announcement at Chicago that he was chosen as national champion. Photo courtesy Oregon Journal.

Californian Points Out Beauties of This State And Suggests Big Park

PORTLAND, Nov. 30.—(AP)—John P. Buwalda, professor of geology at the California Institute of Technology, has written to the Oregon State highway commission asking that "picture gorge in the John Day country, near Dayville, be preserved as a state park. He described the area as "one of the geological wonders of America."

The scientist also wrote that the petrified trees in a lavaflow, a remarkable occurrence, found on the Columbia river highway a few miles west of The Dalles, should be enclosed by an iron fence and accompanied by a tablet telling of the unusual geological formation.

Professor Buwalda cited the following reasons why his suggestions for preservation picture gorge as a state park should be carried out:

"The scenery is very beautiful and striking with its variety of cliffs, pinnacles, gorges, castellated and fluted forms.

"The coloring is wonderful in its blending of both brilliant and subdued shades and hues, such as one sees only in nature at its best. The scale of scenery is very impressive. The area always will be a source of pure enjoyment and deep inspiration to the visitor."

"Besides its beauty, the area can be made highly instructive, even to the casual visitor, in that it contains geological features in the way of erosion forms, lava flows, thick formations of sedimentary rock, folds produced by mountain-making forces, the remains of animals that lived millions of years ago, and of plants which subsisted there when the region was a level plain and when the climate was very different."

"These features, the professor said, are displayed in such unusual and clear fashion that nowhere else in Oregon can the geological history of animal and plant life be read from the rocks as clearly."

EMILIO PORTES GIL SWORN INTO OFFICE

New President of Mexico Takes Over Reins of Government for Year

MEXICO CITY, Nov. 30.—(AP)—Emilio Portes Gil is provisional president of Mexico, to serve one year until a regular president is elected. He took over the reins of government today and pledged his administration to a continuance of the policies of President Plutarco Elias Calles, whom he succeeded. He made special mention of his hope of continuing a mutual understanding with the United States.

The ceremony of administering the oath of office took less than half an hour. The grandstands in the National stadium were filled with more than 20,000 persons. Including 2,000 Peons wearing picturesque white suits and broad sombreros. About 5,000 guests occupied a platform in the center of the stadium, including members of the diplomatic corps in full regalia and all of the principal military chiefs in dress uniform. It was unusual in the history of Mexico for these latter to see any beside their own number assume the presidency.

Picked troops lined the streets from the presidential palace to the stadium. Military cadets were lined up just outside of the stadium. More troops formed a file about the platform and still others were stationed on the roof of the grandstands. Portes Gil and President Calles arrived with the escort of the presidential guard. The salute of 21 guns sounded as they entered the arena.

As soon as he had taken the oath, Portes Gil read a brief message outlining his policies and this concluded the ceremony. The new president and the retiring one with members of the diplomatic corps and others returned to the presidential palace where Calles formally handed over the office to his successor. A reception followed.

MEEKER BETTER PHYSICIANS SAY IN DAILY REPORT

SEATTLE, Nov. 30.—(AP)—A marked improvement in the condition of Ezra Meeker was reported today by his physicians. The 97 year old pioneer was said to have made as great a gain over his condition of yesterday as he had shown anytime since his illness and hopes were held out by his doctors that he might recover.

Dr. C. L. Templeton, his son-in-law, was especially optimistic over the rally shown by Mr. Meeker and declared that there was a possibility his father-in-law might "soon be up and around again."

Budget is Adopted Without Argument In Record Meeting

Tax Levy of \$352,334.24 Provided; Increased Appropriation for Health Work, Financing of Traffic Control Lights and Brighter Illumination for High Street Approved

IN thirty minutes time and with scarcely a word of debate or discussion on any point, the city budget committee Friday night approved the budget as drawn up by the ways and means committee of the city council, with only one change of any significance and that merely a correction in the item for redemption of bonds, which is not covered by the six percent limitation.

The total estimated expenditures for 1929 are \$379,934.24, and deducting \$27,500 estimated revenue, a tax levy of \$352,334.24 is required.

Adoption of this budget means that the health department will receive the additional appropriation asked, \$5740 instead of the \$3815 allowed for this year; that the police department will be in position to maintain a personnel of 18 men in addition to the chief and police matron, and to defray the increased cost incident to operation of the prowler cars; that the city will install a new traffic control light system this year, a few weeks ago, and that the 123 cluster lights proposed for High street will be maintained by the city if the High street business men decide to install them.

The budget committee was presided over by D. H. H. Olinger, C. P. Bishop asking to be excused on account of illness. Other members of the committee in addition to the councilmen were Ralph Thompson, Curtis B. Cross, B. M. Packer, E. B. Mills, David O'Hara, W. E. Park, S. P. Priddy, N. Moores, Leo N. Childs and Wayne M. Price.

The one change in appropriations for general expense was a transfer of \$100 from the health department to the fire department, making it \$200. The other change was to increase by \$1450.36 the amount for redemption of improvement bonds.

Following is a comparison of the 1929 budget with the 1928 budget. The 1929 appropriation being listed first in each case:

Recorder and purchasing agent, \$2400, \$2400. Clerk hire, \$2820, \$2820. Treasurer's office, \$2400, \$2400. City attorney's office, \$1825, \$1825. Street commissioner, \$1250, \$1250. Public library, \$1125, \$1125. Chairman board of census, \$600, \$600. Police matron, \$1320, \$1320.

Health Appropriation Increase Allowed

Salaries police department, \$23,400, \$27,000. Expense for the fire department, \$910, \$4650. Expense city jail, \$1190, \$1190. Health department (city's share of support for Marion county child health demonstration and county health unit), \$5740, \$3814. Sanitary inspector, \$2100, \$1800 (increase for car expense).

Salaries, fire department, \$38,580, \$38,940; expense fire department, \$4200, \$4200; fire hydrants, \$9390, \$8200. Engineering department, \$1700, \$1700. Maintenance public buildings, \$2380, \$1545. Fuel, city hall, \$753, \$600. Comford station, \$1125, \$1800. Public library, \$1125, \$1125. Lighting expense, \$27,862, \$26,000. Playgrounds, \$1200, \$1000. Public printing, \$300, \$300. Incidental expense of city, \$1442.50, \$2462. Sweeping and cleaning department, \$14,500, \$15,690. Maintenance station, \$2450, nothing. Public library, \$1125, \$1125. (Item now in two mill special levy.) Maintenance of band, \$1500, \$1500. Salem board of charities, \$200, \$100. Planning and zoning commission, \$1200, \$1500. Audit and accounting system, \$2214, nothing. Traffic control system, \$2450, nothing. Reimbursement of city, nothing, \$600. Deficits, nothing, \$759.82.

Installation and interest on refunding, serial, fire equipment, bridge, sewer and drainage bonds, \$62,620, \$34,745. Redemption of improvement bonds, \$36,473.81, \$27,762.34. Installation and interest on new bonds, \$30,000, \$38,600. Fire department tax fund (special two mill levy), \$33,800; \$32,000. Street repair tax fund (special two mill levy), \$33,800, \$32,000.

Charges of overloading were made today at St. Catharines, Ont. when Robert McKee revealed a letter written by his brother, Ernest, engineer on the Chief Maquilla, predicting trouble.

"We have a full cargo of grain, timber and fish and the deck cargo is piled well over ten feet high," the letter read. "God help the deck cargo if we get some big seas. Keep a sharp lookout in the papers for any news of the Chief Maquilla in a storm as I don't like her big deck load in winter time."

"I know it is not true," Dollar replied. "We carry deckloads all the time, winter and summer, and our ships are always passed by representatives of the San Francisco board of surveyors."

He volunteered to submit the ship's papers to Vancouver surveyors for an impartial opinion as to whether the ship was overloaded. He suggested that a huge wave could have caused all the trouble. Damage was on the starboard side which was weathering the prevailing winds from the southwest, he pointed out.

The 9500 ton freighter enroute from Kildonan, B. C., to Shanghai, was in distress 2000 miles out from the British Columbia coast.

SNOW COVERS MANY SECTIONS IN OREGON

PORTLAND, Ore., Nov. 30.—(AP)—Snow, varying in volume from light, scattered flurries to a blanket more than an inch in depth and covering a wide area, marked the advance of winter in Oregon today.

Many persons in eastern Oregon reported the first snow of the season. Northwestern Umatilla county wheat farmers saw the snow cover their stubble and the green sheets of their winter wheat to a depth of more than an inch by late afternoon. In Pendleton the morning, the flakes melting almost as fast as they fell.

La Grande reported the Grande Ronde valley blanketed by more than half an inch of snow today with the fall continuing.

Dispatches from Condon said an inch of snow had fallen in that area during the day, but that it was melting rapidly.