

Merry Christmas

The New Oregon Statesman

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WEATHER

Continued rain today; moderate temperature; light S. wind, Max. temperature Monday 84; Min. 28; River 4; Rain .64; Cloudy.

TO EVERYONE

The Junior business men who deliver your Statesman this morning join heartily in wishing you all a very Merry Christmas.

SEVENTY-EIGHTH YEAR

PRICE FIVE CENTS

HOOVERS PASS OVER EQUATOR ON CHRISTMAS

Simple Yuletide to be Observed Aboard Battleship Heading North

President-Elect Highly Grati-fied at Results of Good Will Tour

U. S. S. UTAH, Dec. 24.—(AP)—A quiet Christmas eve was celebrated tonight by Herbert Hoover on his homeward journey through tropical seas aboard the battleship Utah whose radio all day brought greetings of the season from relatives and friends in the United States. Although the President-elect and Mrs. Hoover during their life have celebrated the Yuletide in many foreign lands and once at sea en route to China, an unique experience is in store for them to-morrow—Christmas day on United States battleship steaming across the equator. Good Will Delegate Pleased at Results. Homeward bound, after an enthusiastic reception at Rio de Janeiro which climaxed the Latin-American goodwill tour, the President-elect felt much gratified over the results of the tour. He is especially pleased over the fact that all appraisals and analyses of his trip which have come to him characterized his visit to the central and South American countries as a real and pronounced accomplishment towards good will and understanding and closer friendship in the relations of the Latin-American republics and the United States. Members of the Hoover party pointed out that Mr. Hoover had brought a Christmas gift of "peace and goodwill" to the western hemisphere and that his tour was one of the most extensive efforts of history in that direction. A torrid sun and clear skies with a Christmas weather as the battleship steamed toward the (Turn to Page 2, Please.)

EIGHT CHRISTMAS BRIDES INDICATED

Santa Claus brought brides to eight men and bridegrooms to eight women here this year. Eight wedding licenses were issued from the office of the Marion county clerk Monday. A. N. Ely, 28, of Dallas, took out a license to marry Maude Lue, 21, of Portland. The marriage is the second for him and the first for her. Harold M. Brunkal, 25, of 1916 Warner street, obtained a license to wed Rose Catherine Gibbons, 18, of Shelburn. Earl D. Jensen was given a license to wed Milvina Ohler, his residence has been at 1390 North 15th street and hers at 1764 Market street. Both gave their ages as "legal." The marriage is his second and her first. Franklin E. Turner of Gervais, of "legal" age, was given a license to marry Mary A. Dyer, of similar age, of 240 River street, Salem. The marriage is his third and her second. Reginald G. Clark, 21, of Sil-vertown, obtained a license to wed Esther Cox, 18, also of Sil-vertown. Merl Bonney, 26, took out a license to wed Marjorie Church, 20. Both are university students. A. Schultze, 44 1/2 Union street, was given a license to marry Doris Chapman, 1948 D street. Both gave their ages as "legal."

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Bright Christmas Engulfs Salem; Devotions, Home Ties Mark Great Holiday

HAPPINESS, peace on earth, good will toward men—whatever head you put it under, the fact remains, after a brilliant, bountiful Christmas eve, that Christmas engulfs the world—and Salem. Salem's little corner of the world is all Christmas on this greatest and most universal of holidays reflects the universal acceptance of the day in devotion, in family gatherings, in brightly illuminated displays that are enchanting tribute to Him whose memory is served on this day. Churches throughout the city are symbolizing the meaning of the day with special services; business has paused after an un-usually good year; the city, as has the world, has turned its time and thought to the glad holiday. Not a home in Salem will es-cape the pervading spirit of the Yuletide. Rich and poor alike are sharing in the bounties of the one day when all other consid-erations but good will and love are put aside. There will be gifts of diamonds, where diamonds are due, and there will be gifts of dolls, where dolls are nearest the heart's desire. Beyond this, however, will be food, warmth and clothing for those who, in the manner of things, are sometimes overlooked. This day there is none so lowly as to escape the kindly spread of good will and Christmas cheer. Thanks to the Salvation Army, the B. P. O. Elks and the other fraternal charities, to say nothing of a score of lesser organizations, of- ficial and private, every home will feel the presence of Christmas be-

LAD SOUGHT WITH KIDNAPER SUSPECT

Parents of Eleven Year Old Boy Declare Man Has Spirited Him Away

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 24.—(AP)—Police throughout south-ern California tonight were im-pressed into a search for 11-year-old Richard Grant, whose par-ents, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Grant, believe has been kidnaped by Harry Palmer, 40, a painter em-ployed by Grant. Neither have been heard from since last Saturday when Palmer was allowed to take the boy to Long Beach on a purported busi-ness errand. The beach city ad-dress given by Palmer as their destination has been found by the police to have been fictitious, and Palmer's bachelor room in this city was discovered to have been emptied of the painter's clothing and personal effects. Grant, who is a painting con-tractor, told the police that Pal-mer had been friendly toward the boy and had given him presents when the boy was not returned Saturday night when expected. Grant said, he thought they might have been injured in an automo-bile accident and unable to com-municate. The report of the be-lieved kidnaping was made only after continued evidence pointed to the probability, Grand added.

Infant is Found On Doorstep at T. M. Hicks Home

A baby girl, apparently between a month and six weeks of age, was found in a rocking chair on the doorstep of the T. M. Hicks home, 1246 State street, early Sunday. The child was wrapped in blan-ket and near it was a nursing bottle half filled with milk. The officers said the milk was still warm, indicating that the child had been abandoned less than an hour when it was found.

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FOUR CHILDREN DIE IN BLAZE; MANY INJURED

Fireworks Store is Burned to Ground as Customer Sets off Candle

Hot Balls of Flame Are Shot About Premises; Reason Undetermined

CARTERSVILLE, Ga., Dec. 24.—(AP)—Death today claimed four children who were earning Christmas money as temporary clerks in a fireworks store, when a Roman candle, lighted by a customer, caused an explosion which enveloped the building in flames. The charred bodies of William Shaw, 12, and Frances Shaw, 13, children of the proprietor of the store and Mary Bell Dodd, 16, were brought out of the blazing building by firemen. Mary Kennedy, 18, who with the three other children, was earning extra holiday money by working in the fireworks store, was burned so badly that she died in a hospital late tonight. Hugh Padgett, 11, was severely burned and his father, Paul Padgett, was badly cut about the face in an attempt to escape through a show window. Crazy Girl Fights Off Would-Be Rescuer. J. R. Shellhorse, Jr., 17, dashed into the burning building and attempted to carry the Dodd girl outside, but crazed by the sudden blast of heat, she fought him off and rushed back into the flames. The youth made his escape with both hands badly burned. C. Davis Shaw, proprietor of the store, told that a man whom he did not know entered as a number of persons were shopping and snatched a large Roman candle from a counter. Before anyone could stop him, Shaw said, the man lighted the fuse and be-gan firing the hot balls of flame about the store. Other fireworks were ignited and while the man with the Roman candle was being taken out- side, the store was an explosion of the larger ones began. The entire store immediately was enveloped in flames, only a few of those in the building es- caping without minor burns.

STEVENS IS DENIED FREEDOM ON WRIT

"Professor" Sam Stevens, who also goes by other names, and who by his own announcements can see clearly into everyone's future, now has a chance to deter- mine whether he is going to spend several years of his life in the Idaho state prison. Circuit Judge McMahon refused to free him when he appeared in circuit court Monday on a writ of habeas cor-pus, and as a result Stevens will start for Idaho today in company with Deputy Sheriff E. Mat-thews of Bannock county, Idaho. A considerable battle had en- sued Monday between Walter Winslow, counsel for Stevens, and L. J. Hostford, who represented the state. Winslow contended that the warrant on which Stev-ens was held was not legal under the Idaho law. It charges Stev-ens with accepting a \$400 fee from a woman on the promise that he would reveal to her the whereabouts of some buried treas-ure. The two were to divide the treasure, when it was found, but the calculations went astray and it never was found. It was contended in Stevens' behalf that his act had to do with representing a future hap-pening, rather than a past or pres-ent occurrence, and consequently the argument came to an end not indictable under Idaho law when Judge McMahon declared that there being a difference of authority on the question, he would leave it to the Idaho courts to decide who was right.

Autos Wrecked, Left Stranded Because of Ice

SILVERTON, Ore., Dec. 24.—(Special)—Silverton garages and wrecking companies were busy towing cars into Silverton early this morning as a result of the icy streets on the hills surrounding the city. East hill and West hill were particularly bad. It is said that 15 automobiles were stalled at the head of the hill while a number of others landed against the curbs and were unable to get either up or down. Ed Swartz, who was driving down Liberty hill, tore a wheel off his car in the skidding pro-cess.

Tracks of Lost Pair Discovered

GRAND CANYON, Ariz., Dec. 24.—(AP)—The first word of the whereabouts of Glenn Yde and his wife, who have been missing in the sierras of the Colorado river's last stretch 40 days was brought here tonight by F. P. Papraw. He told of discovering footprints of a man, evidently those of Hyde, a Bass cable crossing and Ruby can-yon rapids in the bottom of the great gorge.

Guess Who?



Good Will Fund Passes Goal Set; Children Of Needy Families Happy on Christmas Day

Street Kettles Alone Nearly Complete Remainder Needed on Monday

CHILDISH eyes will twinkle merrily today in all those Salem homes which the Salvation Army has discovered to be in need of Christmas cheer; for Salem's more fortunate folk have contributed in full the good will fund which the Army and the New Oregon Statesman spon-sored in order that these children might not find "Merry Christmas" a hollow mockery. Coins clinking merrily into the street kettles guarded by Army workers Monday as last minute shoppers rushed from store to store but still found time in all their hurry to stop and contribute, told the story of success for the good will fund. When the final count was made Monday night, it was found that the fund was "over the top," totaling \$1556.94, well above the \$1500 goal set at the beginning of the campaign. Larger contributions played an important part all along, but it is notable that the street kettles on the last day, came within one dollar of supplying the remainder needed to complete the quota. Captain Earl M. Williams of the successful effort to supply Christmas dinners to Salem's needy said, "It is with great pleasure that we are able to report our full quota raised and all the cases of need investigated and relief given and Christmas dinners provided to nearly 100 families, the boxes containing articles ranging in value from \$6 for the smaller families to about \$12 for the larger ones." The captain states that each box contained the following list of articles, varying in quantity ac-cording to the size of the family: Potatoes, onions, flour, canned fruit, corn, tomatoes, peas, milk, prunes, beans, rice, sugar, maca-roni, oatmeal, butter or substi-tute, corn flakes, apples, oranges, candy, coffee, bread, meat, cake, fruit cake celery. A copy of the War Cry and Young Soldier (the Army's Sunday school paper) was also included in each box. The captain asked that the Statesman express his thanks to the public in general for its won-derful support in helping the Statesman and the Salvation Army in their efforts to provide Christmas dinners for the poor in (Turn to Page 2, Please.)

Good Will Fund

Along with the cash dona-tions, large and small, to the good will fund, have come many donations of foods suit-able for Christmas dinners. In addition to those previously credited, the Cherry City Bak-king company supplied nearly all of the bread which was sent out by the Army. The Capital City Creamery gave 15 pounds of butter, Governor Patterson sent in several boxes of apples, one of which was a present to Captain and Mrs. Williams. Tickets for the Christmas show at Bligh's Capitol theatre, this morning at 10 o'clock, are also available at the Salvation Army hall, 241 State street. Previously Reported: \$1432.02 Street Kettles, Mon. 62.22 Additional from Em-ployees of Ore. Pulp and Paper Mill 1.20 Labish Celery Grow-ers Coop. Ass'n. 11.00 Chemeketa Chapter, D. A. R. 5.00 Employees State 5.00 Ore. Vehicle Dept. 8.50 Dr. J. S. Saurnan 25.00 Dwight Parr 5.00 B. H. Chamberlain 3.00 Grand Total \$1556.94

YOUNG 'BAD MAN' IS COOLED OFF IN JAIL

Oklahoma Lad Unable to Drive Way Through Christ-mas Shopping Crowd

DALLAS, Tex., Dec. 24.—(AP)—Because throngs of desperate last-minute Christmas shoppers had no time to listen to his own estimates of his prowess as a "bad man" an Oklahoma youth sang his Christmas eve carols in jail here tonight. The boy, armed with a bundle of what looked like sticks of dy-namite and a pistol forced his way through the crowd of shoppers to the mezzanine floor of a "dollar store" here today and forced four clerks who were counting receipts to lie on the floor. The intruder scooped \$2,740 into a black bag, which he had taken from the store's stock and attempted to make his way to the store en-trance half a block away. Those in the store who had seen what had happened gave him plenty of room but at the entrance where one crowd was fighting its way in and another struggling to get out, no one paid much attention to the flourishes of his pistol and two of-ficers collared him.

Judge Observes Christmas, Also Birthday Today

Among the few who celebrate their own birthday and Christmas on the same day is J. C. Sieg-mund, Marion county judge. "Yes, I was born on Christmas day," he admitted to a reporter Monday afternoon, without men-tioning in which year that par-ticular Christmas occurred. "I celebrate both days together." There is influenza in the family this year, however, which will mar the day somewhat. Judge Siegmund declares there are a great many cases of that sickness in the county at the present time. Two local abstract companies each sent a box of cigars as a present to the county court. All county offices of every kind will be closed today to observe Christmas. Many officials and employees left the city to visit relatives elsewhere. OREGON PLAYS TODAY HONOLULU, Dec. 24.—(AP)—The University of Oregon football team and the Honolulu football team appeared in excellent condition to-day for their game here tomorrow. The game is called for 2:30 o'clock tomorrow afternoon.

WHOLE NATION TO CELEBRATE 1928 YULETIDE

Machinery of Government to Stand Still While Christmas Observed

President of United States Will Spend Quiet Day on Georgia Coast

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—(AP)—Over a nation at peace with the world the Christmas spirit settled down tonight to be hailed now by more joyously than in its capital. The vast machinery of the govern-ment was at rest and its chief executive and first lady joined with the rest of America's mil-lions in preparations for the mor-row which throughout the Christ-mas world signifies peace, good will to man. The thoroughfares in the busi-ness district, like the main streets from coast to coast, were thronged with last minute shop-pers, including Mrs. Coolidge who for a short while today rubbed elbows scarcely unaccustomed with the bundle-laden crowds. Government Employees Join Shopping Crews. The shopping throngs were in-creased by thousands of govern-ment workers who had been given the day off by a special order from President Coolidge and who, one and all, apparently turned out to register their purchases for the holiday. As dusk settled down and youngsters became restless for the arrival of Santa Claus, the lights began to twinkle on Christmas trees here and there in the city, the largest tree being the one in the spacious parkway near the White House, the lighting of which was turned over, to Presi-dent Coolidge. The White House itself was be-decked for the Christmas season. The windows were garlanded with wreaths while over the door of the portico at the north entrance, larger than the others, was illu-minated with red, green and white lights. Inside, the huge reception hall was band with poinsettias, their red blossoms standing out vividly against a background of green. President and Lady Leave For Coast. It looked as if Mr. and Mrs. Coolidge, who left the White House on March 4, had put an added touch to the decorations even though they will spend but a short part of the Christmas holiday at the executive mansion as they have arranged to leave the city tomorrow for a visit to Sa-pelo Island on the Georgia coast. This trip with the prospect of the president and the first lady being away on New Year's day; however, is believed to be one of the reasons for the large exodus of other government officials from the capital for the holidays. While it is not certain whether the President and Mrs. Coolidge will return in time for the custom-ary New Year's reception, many city friends who usually are present at the ceremony have left Washington.

Window Broken By Heavy Wind

One of the fiercest wind storms ever experienced in Salem ushered in Christmas day with damage in various parts of the city. The greatest damage reported was the breaking of a plate glass window in the front of the State cigar store, on State street near High.

Hen Lee Happy Chinaman As Checks Pour in From All Over United States

ASOTIN, Wash., Dec. 24.—(AP)—Hen Lee is happy, for the spirit of the American Christmas has come to him from many parts of the United States. A couple of weeks ago the bent little Chinaman, 77 years ago, was destitute. He had no money, his health was bad, and a meandering creek was washing away his shack. On Christmas eve he smoked a pipe, and his eyes twinkled as he observed a table heaped up with Christmas gifts from people far and near. Most of the packages contained food and clothing, but there were other gifts, including two checks, one of them from as far away as New York. A news-paper story had been Hen Lee's Santa Claus. The story of Hen Lee's plight had gone out over the wires of the Associated Press after publication in the Lewiston, Idaho, Tribune. Friends materialized immediately for the aged Chinese laundryman. His house was repaired and his wants cared for. "Americans are a chivalrous, kindly people," he said. "I have lived in America sixty years, and this is the first time I have ever been broke." He was born in Canton, China, he said, and came to America when he was 17, landing at Oak-land, Calif., and joining the gold-hungry mob that went to the new fields in the Florence district of central Idaho. For two years he panned gold, then tried a restaur-ant in Moscow, Idaho. Walls, Walls and Starbuck, Wash. Forty-three years ago he came to Asotin. Although loyal to his adopted land, Hen Lee never concerned himself with citizenship papers, is still a Chinese subject, so Asotin county could not officially give him the aid it gives other un-na-turalized persons.