

HAPPY NEW YEAR
From everyone to every
one today there issues a
joyous wish for a Happy
and Prosperous New Year,
and 1929 will be both.

The Oregon Statesman

WEATHER
Intermittent rains today;
Normal temperature; South
winds. Max. temperature
Monday 45; Min. 37; River
11.0; Traces of rain.

SEVENTY-EIGHTH YEAR

"No Favor Sways Us; No Fear Shall Aw" From the First Statesman, March 28, 1853

PRICE FIVE CENTS

PLANE STARTS ITS ENDURANCE LIGHT TODAY

Everything Ready for Project
That May Make Avia-
tion History

Pick of United States Air Forces Will Attempt to Break Records

METROPOLITAN AIRPORT,
Los Angeles, Cal. Dec. 31.—(AP)
(By the Associated Press)—Man
or machine, which will endure
longer in the air, is the ques-
tioning solution here on the
dawn of the new year.

The answer is to be found in a
meticulously groomed, extraordi-
narily equipped giant tri-motor
Fokker airplane which has United
States army air corps has the
"Questionmark."
Five men, the pick of the army
air fliers and engineers, from one
side of the question. Three Wright
whirlwind motors, new but nursed
and tuned up and inspected by the
best engineering brains in the air
service, form the heart.

Any time after 7:30 o'clock to-
morrow morning the answer will
be found. For at that time an en-
durance test, with the most exten-
sive arrangements ever made for
refueling airplanes in the air, will
get under way.

Refueling Plane All Ready to Start

Arrival here today of a refuel-
ing plane, piloted by Lieutenant
Odas Moon, carrying special tanks
for 500 gallons of gasoline, and mark-
ing the final step in arrangements
for the take-off in the morning.

Tonight Major Carl Spatz,
flight commander, with Captain
Ira C. Baker, chief pilot, and
Lieutenants Elwood Quesada and
H. A. Halverson, pilots, and staff
sergeant Roy W. Hood, the crew
of the Questionmark are taking a
long rest. They have been exam-
ined by air corps medical men and
found to be in fine physical con-
dition.

Whether the plane will come
down in five minutes, five hours,
or furnish a new epic of the air to
rival the imagination of Jules
Verne's "Five Weeks in a Balloon,"
time alone will tell. Sixty hours
in the air is the world endurance
record on refueling tests of the
past. Motors such as those power-
ing the Questionmark have gone
250 hours and more without re-
pair, although not in continuous
flight.

The army air corps organiza-
tion is prepared however, to keep
the plane up for weeks or months,
if the men and motors do not fail.

Three hot meals a day, sponge
baths and rubdowns twice a day,
comfortable cots and a daily
schedule designed to keep the men
alert in good condition have
been carefully arranged.

The Questionmark was refueled
and oiled up today following the
test flight over the course from
Rockwell field, San Diego yester-
day.

\$1000 Fine Paid By Bootleggers In Local Court

Two bootleggers closed the year
by paying \$1000 into justice court
here Monday. Bernard C. Bun-
nemer and John P. Drescher,
Jr., each entered pleas of guilty
when they were arraigned before
Justice of the Peace Small. They
had been held in county jail since
Saturday and upon payment of
their fines were released, so that
the new year will not find them
behind bars.

Fat Men and Others May Enjoy Hot Weather When Scientists Provide Relief

By HOWARD W. BLAKESLEE
Associated Press Science Editor
NEW YORK, Dec. 31.—(AP)—
Greater comfort of living in
heat, possibly even for fat men,
was forecast today before the
American Association for the Ad-
vancement of Science.

Mrs. Northcott's First Husband Is Said Lad's Father

Strange Tale Related Along With Confession to Mur-
der of Walter Collins; Woman's Present Spouse
Pleased to Hear for First Time That Alleged
Slayer Is Not His Son

RIVERSIDE, Dec. 31.—(AP)—
Mrs. Sarah Louisa Northcott, sen-
tenced today to life imprison-
ment for the murder of Walter
Collins, when she pleaded guilty
to the crime, left the county jail
here late today in an automobile
with Sheriff Clem Sweeters and
Mrs. Sweeters. Her grips were
packed, and it was believed that
she was being rushed to Los An-
geles to board a train for San
Quentin.

Sheriff Clem Sweeters, who
with his wife and Chief Deputy
District Attorney Earle Redwine
of Riverside county, listened to
the confession of Mrs. Northcott,
told the Associated Press today
that the woman had confessed
that Gordon Stewart was the son
of an English lord whose identity
she withheld.

NORTHCOTT PALES ON PERUSING NOTE

Message From Mother Read
by Alleged Murderer of
Four Young Boys

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 31.—
(AP)—Gordon Stewart Northcott,
22 year old accused murderer, no-
ticeably blanched when he read
a note from his mother in his cell
at the Los Angeles county jail here
today.

The note was written by the
woman after she had pleaded
guilty to the murder of Walter
Collins, and been sentenced to
life imprisonment. It read: "Dear
Stewart:

"Mr. Sweeters (Riverside county
sheriff) is going out for you and
is a wonderful man. Will ad-
vised me that he knows, as to
what to do. It will be better to
finish it out of court, if possible.
"I went over this morning and
pleaded guilty and got life in San
Quentin.

"Thought better than to drive
life history through court. San-
ford testified and said you were
there and his (meaning Walter
Collins) and you know you were
never out of the house. Also you
brought boy (Collins) which
wasn't true, either.

MISS MARVIN WEDS FORMER GOVERNOR

Few Guests Present at Cere-
mony Performed at Eola
New Year's Eve

Miss Cornelia Marvin, for 23
years state librarian, was married
at her country home near Eola,
Polk county, on New Year's eve
to Ex-Governor Walter M. Pierce
of LaGrande. The Rev. Norman
Kendall Tully, pastor of the First
Presbyterian church of Salem, of-
ficiated.

The only guests at the cere-
mony were the bride's brother-in-
law and sister, Mr. and Mrs.
Fritz Slade, her uncle and aunt,
Henry Moody and Mrs. F. W. Se-
lee, all of Salem, and her brothers,
George Marvin and Fred Marvin
of Tacoma, Wash.

Mr. and Mrs. Pierce will make
their home on a ranch in Union
county. Miss Pierce recently re-
signed as state librarian, and her
resignation became effective last
night.

Prominent Pair Receive License

DALLAS, Ore., Dec. 31.—(Spe-
cial)—A marriage license was
issued today by County Clerk Black
to Walter M. Pierce and Cornelia
Marvin.

NEGRO BURNED BY MOB AFTER SURRENDERING

Murderer and Abductor Vic-
tim of Crowd; Body Rid-
dled by Bullets

ROME, Miss., Dec. 31.—(AP)—
Charley Shepherd, negro, alleged
murderer and abductor, was burn-
ed on a funeral pyre here tonight,
after mutilating his body and
firing several shots into it. The
mob of several hundred men placed
the negro on a pile of logs,
threw gasoline over it and set it
afire.

John Osborne, Associated Press
staff correspondent, the first
newspaper man to reach the
scene, said the lynching occurred
about 8 p. m.

The negro, he was informed, ad-
mitted he had killed J. D. Duvall,
employee of the state prison farm
at Parchman and abducted his 13
year old daughter. He took all the
blame, absolving two bunk mates
who had been linked with the
crimes.

The lynching took place about
25 feet from a public road and
when Osborne arrived an hour
later the body was still on the
pyre. He was told by persons at
the scene that it would be left
there.

SHERIFF OUTWITTED BY MOB

Negro Surrenders to Unarmed Wo-
man But Without Avail

GUNNISON, Miss., Dec. 31.—
(AP)—Charley Shepherd, negro
convict, was seized by a mob near
Cleveland today shortly after he
had surrendered to a woman
planter and she and several men
had started to take him to jail.

A posse of some 2000 men, aid-
ed by national guard officers, had
been searching for Shepherd, who
was accused of having killed J. D.
Duvall, an employe of the state
prison farm at Parchman and then
kidnaped Duvall's 13 year old
daughter.

Shepherd had been hunted since
last Friday morning when Mrs.
Duvall discovered that her hus-
band had been stabbed and beat-
en to death and her daughter kid-
naped and when the young woman
stumbled into a prison camp Sat-
urday morning with a story of
mistreatment at Shepherd's hand
the number of men seeking him
increased and authorities dou-
bled efforts to find him.

Today Miss Laura Mae Keeler
received word from Shepherd's
brother Tom, one of her employes,
that Charley was on her plantation
and wanted to surrender.

Miss Keeler went unarmed to the
cabin where the convict was hid-
ing and she gave him self up.
"We tried to get him out," she
said, "but he was too smart for
us." Miss Keeler said.

KING'S CONDITION IS AGAIN ALARMING

LONDON, Dec. 31.—(AP)—
The large array of doctors again
in consultation today at Bucking-
ham palace over the condition of
King George tended to keep pub-
lic feeling in anxious suspense.
There were six physicians, exclu-
sive of the two ultra-violet ray ex-
perts.

The medical bulletin tonight,
however, was on the whole of a
favorable character. It read:
"The king had a good day.
There is no change in the condi-
tion noted this morning. Bacterio-
logical examination shows that
the extent and potency of the lo-
cal infection are diminishing."
In addition to the three regu-
lar doctors, it was signed by
bacteriologist Whitley, who made
the latest and several earlier ex-
aminations of his majesty.

The King's extreme weakness
clearly continues to be a matter
that gives his physicians the great-
est anxiety. The medical op-
inion expressed weeks ago that
much patience will be needed on
the slow road to recovery becomes
increasingly evident with every
day that passes.

If the patient could be induc-
ed to take more nourishment the
pace of his recovery from the ex-
haustion of six weeks of serious
illness might be accelerated. At
present it is understood his nourish-
ment consists mainly of two
beaten raw eggs daily, supplied
by a little milk and meat
and fruit juices.

Resolutions That Will Be Kept

BOLIVIA, PARAGUAY STEP NEARER PEACE

Postal Receipts
At Salem Office
Set New Record

Both Countries Agree to Terms
of Protocol to Settle
Boundary Row

WASHINGTON, Dec. 31.—(AP)—
The agreement of Bolivia and
Paraguay to the terms of a
protocol for the settlement of
their boundary dispute, drafted
by the special committee of the Pan-
American arbitration conference
tonight was followed by initial
steps toward the organization of
the international tribunal to
settle the controversy.

The acquiescence of the two dis-
puting countries on the protocol
was announced by the special
committee following an all day
session which broke up early in
the evening. Under the terms of
the protocol, the court will be
made up of nine judges, two each
by Bolivia and Paraguay and the
other five named by the confer-
ence.

The agreement came three
weeks after the initial clash of
the two nations' forces at Fort
Vanguardia. The international
tribunal would make an investiga-
tion of this encounter and other
hostilities and then would attempt
to conciliate the dispute of the
two countries.

After the committee's meeting
it was disclosed that the United
States and Cuba had been defini-
tely agreed upon to serve on the
conciliation court and both court
and both countries, it was un-
derstood, through their representa-
tives have expressed willingness to
serve.

Argentina, Brazil and Uruguay,
it was indicated, are the other
countries to be selected by the
conference to name judges. In-
quiries as to whether these coun-
tries would be willing to appoint
judges were dispatched tonight by
the committee.

Year's Total of Building Raised By Late Permits

PORTLAND, Dec. 31.—(AP)—
Portland today took into the
courts the dispute between the
city and the Pacific Telephone and
Telegraph company over the tele-
phone franchise adopted by the
people at the November election,
and rejected by the telephone
company. The proposed franchise
called for a 25 per cent reduction
in rates.

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in circuit court, Frank S. Grant,
city attorney, asked the court to
declare that the Pacific Telephone
& Telegraph company has no
rights upon the streets because it
has no franchise from the city and
asked the court to set forth all
the reasons why it questions the
city's right to control the company
by a suitable franchise.

NOISE PREVAILS AS YEAR 1929 DAWNS

Postal Receipts
At Salem Office
Set New Record

Merrymaking is General but
Little Real Disorder in
Celebration

Whistles, horns, bells and still
more in generous noise making
devices, furnished plenty of din
to welcome "Baby 1929" in Sa-
lem at midnight, yet for the most
part the celebration of the new
year's arrival was devoid of real
disorder.

The streets were full of auto-
mobiles with their horns going,
even though the greater number
of Salem folk celebrated the oc-
casion indoors, at the "midnight
matinee," at dances and watch
parties.

Cowbells, confetti, rattles, the
refined roar of modern civiliza-
tion, everybody singing "Hail,
Hail, the Gang's All Here," and
then—"Happy New Year" with
vim and vigor. No tears for de-
crepit old men 1928 and many a
lusty shout for "the new infant
1929. He must be a brave lad to
stand such commotion without a
whimper. Those intending to bat-
tle him these next twelve months
had better put on their gloves.
This was the greeting extended
at the Elsinore New Year's eve by
a packed house, a most enthu-
siastic, good-natured audience. They
had reason to be good-natured for
the show was fine and New Year's
comes but once a year. With the
idea that there would be plenty
who would like to prolong the
fun on New Year's day itself Fan-
chon and Marco will hold over at
the Elsinore tomorrow. With, who
is plenty of fun left for the first
day of 1929.

ROW OVER PHONES TAKEN INTO COURT

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Bandits Get Away With \$8000 Total

NEW YORK, Dec. 31.—(AP)—
A few minutes before an armored
truck was scheduled to arrive and
take the day's collections to the
bank, three armed holdup men
entered the office of the Borden's
farm product company's retail de-
livery depot on West 35th street
tonight and escaped with about
\$8,000, after beating one of the
four employes in the office.

PAIR ARRESTED AFTER ATTACK ON POLICEMAN

Prisoners in Police Car Choke
Officer James; Caught
After Chase

Assault Committed in Front
of Police Station; Groans
Summon Aid

In a police automobile parked
directly in front of the police sta-
tion, Al Coats and Joseph Bing-
ham, employes at the state hospi-
tal, attacked and choked Offi-
cer E. W. James almost within
an inch of his life as the after-
math of a "New Year's spree"
Monday night, according to
charges preferred by James after
being recovered from the effects
of the punishment administered.
James arrested the two men on
charges of intoxication on Com-
mercial street, and was taking
them to the station. Just as he
drove in to the curb in front of
the city hall, the two men leaped
upon him and seized him about
the throat so that he could not
cry for help.

For ten minutes or more
later, they fought. Officer
James seeking to disengage
himself and the men holding his arms
and choking him. When he pulled
the gun from his holster, Coats,
wrenched it away from him, tear-
ing James' hand badly as he did
so, and aimed a blow with the
gun's butt at the officer's head but
missed.

Suddenly the men released
James, jumped out of the car and
started to run. Instantly James'
groans were heard by Officer
Fisher in the police station, and
he rushed out and pursued the
pair. They ran down Chemeketa
street and dodged up the alley.
Fisher gained on them and back
of the stage terminal held them up
at the point of his pistol. Coats
attempted to draw James' gun from
his coat pocket, but Fisher stop-
ped him. Bingham also showed
signs of fight, but still holding his
gun on them, Fisher handcuffed
the men together and marched them
to the station.

The police were not certain this
morning what had happened, but
placed against the men.
One burglary was reported as
an serious case of the
night. Burglars entered the home
of E. E. Bowen, 656 University
street, by cutting the back screen
and opening a door with a pass
key after punching out a key
which was in the lock on the in-
side. They took a .32 Colt auto-
matic and about \$8 in silver.

WATER'S ALL RIGHT ON FAIRMOUNT HILL

Aerated Supply From Wooden
Tank Lacks Taste, Says
Terwilliger

Another idea was injected into
the discussion of Salem's water
problem when G. E. Terwilliger,
local undertaker, declared Mon-
day that when the water is ex-
posed to the air and allowed to
absorb oxygen it loses its dis-
agreeable taste.

"The people up on top of Fair-
mount hill don't have any trouble
at all with their water," he said.
"They get their supply from a
tank situated about three blocks
south of the reservoir. As the
stream of water is pumped into
his tank at the top and allowed
to fall to the water's surface, it
is aerated sufficiently to remove
the offensive taste. This method
is used in other places when the
water supply becomes unsatisfac-
tory."

This is in line with the theory
previously put forward that the
algaed odor not affect the taste of
the water except by removing the
oxygen, and when the oxygen is
put back in the unpleasant taste
is eliminated.

Interstate Bridge Made Free of Tolls Beginning With Start of Year 1929

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 31.—
(AP)—With the dawn of the
new year, tolls on the interstate
bridge connecting Washington and
Oregon at Vancouver, Wash., were
but memories of 1928. For an or-
der, signed today and made ef-
fective at midnight, removed all
tolls from the Pacific highway
span, and placed ownership of the
bridge in the hands of the Wash-
ington and Oregon state highway
departments.

The deed conveying title of
Multnomah (Ore.) county's in-
terest in the bridge across the Co-
lumbia river was signed by Amedee
M. Smith, chairman of the
Multnomah county board, and the
county commissioners. With the
opening of 1929 the Oregon inter-
est in the bridge will be invested
entirely in the Oregon state high-
way commission.