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BARGAIN RATE

Only two more days. Stateman one year by mail anywhere in Oregon \$3.00.

WEATHER

Fair today and Friday; light fog during forenoon; variable wind. Max. temperature Wednesday 64; Min. 32; Clear; No wind.

WATER PLANT CONSTRUCTION NOW STARTED

First Section of Concrete Pipe to be Lowered In to Place Today

Trench Dug 100 Yards Past Three Days; Other Work Is Being Pushed

First actual construction on the new \$275,000 water system which the Oregon-Washington Water Service company will install in this city, will be marked this afternoon by the lowering into position of the first sections of concrete pipe for the line which will bring water from the Willamette river above Minto's island to the filtration plant which is to be erected at the corner of Liberty and Trade streets.

Since Monday, the contractors in charge of pipe line construction have had their huge power digger at work on excavation at the lowest point on the island which the line will traverse, just at the southeast corner of the present filtration beds.

Trench Excavated

For Hundred Yards This dredge, which is built to move 100 yards of earth in eight hours, has excavated the trench for the pipe for a distance of over 100 yards in three days. It has a caterpillar running gear, and builds its own road across the varied surface of the island. It is being used here for the first time.

Logs, large roots and rock of reasonable size make no difference to this powerful and seemingly intelligent machine. If anyone desires a thrilling ride, they may climb into its bucket and be hurled through space at the rate of 120 miles an hour, which is the speed at the end of the crane in high gear.

However, Wednesday a road was being cleared above the trench, so that the machine may be driven back and its crane used to lower the eight foot sections of concrete pipe, weighing a ton, and one-half each, into place.

The pipe have an inside diameter of 48 inches.

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Salem Boys Chorus Now Reorganized

The Salem Boys' chorus, which has delighted the ears of countless music lovers in Salem and elsewhere for several years, went out of existence Wednesday night, and in its place appeared a new organization which appears destined to prove even more successful.

The new chorus, which like the widely known boys' chorus will be directed by Dr. H. C. Epley, will include in its membership both boys and girls from the age of eleven years upward. Young folk from nearby communities and the rural district around Salem will be admitted as well as those living in the city.

It will be sponsored by the local Y. M. C. A., and proceeds of its entertainments will be placed in the endowment fund of the Y. The boys' chorus made the first donation toward the building which houses the building association.

The first regular meeting of the new chorus will be held at the Y. building next Wednesday night, November 6, and any boys and girls who wish to affiliate, have been asked to report at 7:30 o'clock that evening.

Hop Yards and Other Big Industrial Plants Given Service by Health Group

Editor's Note: The Statesman today presents the fifteenth of a series of daily articles designed to acquaint the people of Marion county in a concrete, business sense with the program and accomplishments of the Marion county child health demonstration and with the proposed manner in which the health program will be carried forward when the demonstration withdraws at the end of this year.

Another phase of the services of the Marion county child health demonstration and the one with which the public is probably least familiar, is the inspection and regulation to a certain extent of industrial groups, including the hop yards, lumber mills and fruit farms. These special industrial services are carried out, as one might easily guess, by the county health officer and the county and city sanitary inspectors, all of whom it will be remembered are regular members of the demonstration staff.

Commission Gives Order Looking To More Road Work

Six Projects, Including Parts of Roosevelt and Santiam Highways, to be Advertised For Next Meeting of State Body

PORTLAND, ORE., Oct. 30.—(AP)—The state highway commission, meeting here today, ordered six highway projects advertised for its next meeting, December 12. The projects are the Roosevelt highway, Central Oregon, Mitchell-Dayville, Santiam, McKenzie and Old Oregon Trail. The total mileage involved will range between 40 and 80 miles, depending on which of three sections is selected for the Old Oregon Trail.

The commission also announced it would receive bids for the bridge across the Rogue river at Gold Beach and Wedderburn. The bridge department assured the commission the structure could be completed in two years.

Coast highway projects which will come before the commission at its next meeting will be the grading from Yachats to the Lane county line, 2.8 miles, representing an expenditure of about \$250,000.

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CASHIER MURDERED BY PAIR OF BANDITS

Bullet Sent Through Heart Of John M. Ivester, Express Employee

SPOKANE, Oct. 30.—(AP)—Two unnamed men entered the American Railway Express office just before closing time tonight, shot the cashier dead, bound another employee, ransacked the cash register and made their escape.

John M. Ivester, the cashier, was shot without warning as the two men, ostensibly customers, stepped into the office and handed a package to a clerk, W. J. Johnson, the clerk, was then covered with a pistol and forced into a back room, where he was bound. While one man guarded him the other took all the currency in the cash register and both escaped through the front door, and into downtown traffic.

Ivester died immediately, it is believed, with a bullet through his heart. He the two men left the office they fired one shot at Johnson, as he lay prone on the floor of the back room. While the amount of money taken was unknown, Johnson said it could not have been "more than a few hundred dollars," as it was only the day's receipts, minus silver coins, which the men refused to take.

Johnson said the two men entered the office five minutes before closing time and stepped up to a chest-high counter behind which he was working. Ivester was at work in a cage. One of the men, Johnson asserted, without warning shot Ivester, and the other ordered him to the back room. When the shot was fired, the clerk said, was the first he heard that the office was being held up.

After Ivester was shot two persons tried the front door of the office, but the man who did the shooting held it shut, informing the pair that the office was closed for the day.

Membership in Junior Chamber Made Less Easy

Requirements for membership in the high school junior chamber of commerce will in future be more rigid, as a result of a business session of the club held Wednesday, when it was voted to amend the constitution to permit entrance of only commercial students who have a C average or above.

The club appointed Ernestine Porter, Margaret Perovola and Russell Gardner members of a committee to take charge of the club stunt for the Girls' league stunt day next Tuesday. Further plans were made for the skating party to be held at Dreamland November 23 as a celebration following the annual football game with Corvallis. Several special features will be scheduled for that event.

Tonight's the Night

After writing a whole year, ghosts will be abroad seeking chances to do mischief tonight, if there is any truth in the ancient and horrible Halloween legends.

CONSERVATIVE PARTY CARRIES DAY IN CANADA

Liquor Control Platform is Returned Over Bone Dry Campaigners

Premier Howard Ferguson Returned to Office by Large Majority

TORONTO, Ont., Oct. 30.—(AP)—At 8:45 p.m., tonight the Canadian Press announced victory for the conservative government of Premier Howard Ferguson in the Ontario general elections. The announcement was made on the basis of conclusive returns from 52 of the 111 ridings where contests were in progress. Of these 52 seats, the conservatives won 49, liberals 2 and progressives 1.

The election of Premier Ferguson over his prohibitionist opponent, the Rev. T. H. Bradley, was conceded at 8:20 o'clock at which time he had piled up a majority of almost 1,900 votes.

The principal issue before the voters was the liquor control act inaugurated by Premier Ferguson. In its stead the progressives had demanded bone dry legislation while the liberals declared for a plebiscite when demand for a change should become manifest.

Returns received at 9 p.m. showed 61 conservatives had been elected, giving Premier Ferguson's government a clear majority. Three liberals, one progressive and one liberal progressive had been elected at that hour. Forty-six seats remained in doubt, including one deferred election.

SCHOOL POPULATION FOUND ON DECREASE

Census Reports Obtained From Fourteen Districts Of This County

Census reports for 1929 from 14 rural schools were received Wednesday at the office of the county school superintendent. The combined census of the 14 districts shows a decrease of 64 students over the previous census, with a total of 704 for a year ago and \$49 for the enumeration just taken.

The Shaw district clerk recorded a decrease of 29 pupils, or 75 this year as compared to 104 last, while the largest single increase in these 14 districts was in the St. Louis section, with 82 children of school age this year as against 71 last year.

Following is a comparison of the census roll from these districts for the two years:

District	1929	1928
Briet Nob	11	12
Shaw	75	104
Witzel	29	48
Looney Butte	41	36
Fern Ridge	25	26
Cloverdale	21	27
Bethany	83	96
Brush Creek	41	42
Grassy Pond	61	62
Evergreen	52	71
Taylor	6	6
West Woodburn	60	66
Maplewood	26	24
	640	704

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Excitement Marks Wall Street Panic



While a crowd of frenzied investors was milling around the stock exchange in New York, bankers called a conference in an attempt to halt the worst financial crash in the history of Wall Street. Above right is Albert Wiggin, head of the Chase National bank. At the left are Charles E. Mitchell of the National City bank and J. Pierpont Morgan (below) who called a banker's conference in an attempt to steady the market.

Bulls Resume Drive Upon Wall Street Stock Market

Trading Will Be Suspended Two and Half Days

Enormous Volume of Business Cause of Action

NEW YORK, Oct. 30.—(AP)—Harrassed by the vast volume of trading which has piled up during the past week New York's horde of financial district workers were granted a reprieve today by a decision of the governing board of the New York stock exchange to suspend trading for two and a half days.

The exchange will not open until noon tomorrow and will be closed all day Friday and Saturday. The curb market and produce exchange securities market announced the same suspensions but trading will be carried on as usual on the commodity exchanges. These include the New York cotton, coffee and sugar, produce, rubber, silk, hide and burlap and jute exchanges, the closing of which would be of little advantage to the stock exchange and its members.

The stock exchanges will open again on Monday as usual. Not since the war panic of 1914 has the stock exchange been closed for two business days in succession but the governing committee announced that in view of the physical condition of the brokers and clerks as a result of the tremendous amount of trading the move was imperative.

Many employees are on the verge of exhaustion and the suspension was regarded by the committee as an "absolute necessity to reorganize the purely physical and mental conditions and to afford the overworked staffs sufficient time to recuperate and recover their strength."

With two additional days, Sunday, and the election holiday Tuesday, brokers hope to untangle the mountain of business.

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Hallowe'en Ghosts to Make Raid

Shrouded ghosts, hideous pumpkin faces and mischievous goblins are scheduled to appear in the gloom tonight to frighten stately Salemites. Hallowe'en evening pranks played without harm to property will be tolerated by the police this year as usual, it was learned at police head quarters, but the practical jokers that overstep these bounds—well, the cops are not saying, but the serious expression on the faces of the city's "best" spells, beware!

Hallowe'en, or Hallowe'en, as it is sometimes called, is the evening of October 31 and is known as the festival of All Saints. On this evening witches and all sorts of mischievous spirits are supposed to be abroad. It was considered quite safe not to be caught out alone on Hallowe'en; and even now it is considered good manners, at least, for elderly people to stay indoors.

The belief in spirits abroad has faded out, yet the many pranks still played on this evening, the last of October, indicate that unusual agencies are at work.

CITY'S BUDGET IS ADOPTED AT ANNUAL MEET

Expenditures Amounting to \$428,126.08 Approved By Special Group

Less Than Hour Needed for Consideration of Next Year's Finances

Less than an hour was required for the city budget committee to adopt Salem's municipal budget for 1930 at the annual meeting Wednesday night. The estimates of the city council's ways and means committee being accepted without any change, although there was brief debate on several items. Curtis Cross served as chairman of the committee, with Fred Paulus as secretary.

The total budget is \$428,126.08, and the tax levy will be approximately \$2.525.08, a slight deviation up or down being expected in the two levies of two mills each for fire department improvements and street repair. The millage will be in the neighborhood of 22.

The public hearing on the budget will be held at the council meeting November 18, but this is expected to be scarcely a gesture, as the budget for running expenses of the city is within the six per cent limitation. Only three citizens, aside from members of the budget committee, city officials and newspapermen, were at the meeting Wednesday night.

Lack of Sinking Fund Is Criticized The lack of a sinking fund to provide for retiring the incinerator and airport bonds when they mature, was criticized by Mr. Paulus. No item was contained in the budget for this purpose. In response to this criticism, Alderman Purvine, a member of the ways and means committee, agreed that such a fund should be accumulated, but explained that the charter amendments authorizing these bonds does not permit it.

On the incinerator bonds, \$20,000 falls due in 1936 and a like amount in 1937. On the airport bonds, \$25,000 is due in 1938 and another \$25,000 in 1939. Mr. Paulus contended that he would bring about an abnormal high tax levy in each of those years. City Attorney Fred Williams, when asked about the matter, contended that this would not be a considerable item seven to ten per cent.

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Police Seek Bowman For Questioning

While police in various parts of the northwest were hunting for Earl Bowman, alleged to be the "man in the case," Vera Pack, 17 year old junior high school student who attempted to take her own life late Tuesday night, was still hovering between life and death at the Deaconess hospital. Physicians said the crisis in her case had not yet been reached.

A complaint charging Bowman with contributing to the delinquency of the Pack girl, was filed here Wednesday. It was signed by Mrs. Ralph Dent, her aunt. New angles of the case were brought to light that day. It was reported that Bowman had married nearly two months before to Octavia Hjalmsen, a friend of Vera's.

The physician attending the wounded girl said Wednesday night that her condition was serious. The bullet entered the body on the left side and passed upward, piercing the walls of the stomach. An operation was found necessary, and hemorrhages caused considerable loss of blood.

Trip to California Is Prize in Contest to be Entered by Salem Girls

Unusual in its features a contest sponsored by the Grigaby Grunow company of Chicago, manufacturers of the Majestic radio, local Majestic dealers, Fox Elinore theatre and Statesman will open here Friday.

The contest is designed to bring into constructive competition Salem girls of good character, announces Ward W. Robinson, Oregon representative for Grigaby Grunow who is here to supervise the start of the contest. The girls will vie for the honor of winning the title of Salem Miss Majestic and of taking a fine trip into California as first prize. While there she will be entertained by the Majestic Radio interests and Fox West Coast theatres.

The Miss Majestic contest is not the ordinary type of beauty popularity contest but one that will be won strictly on the merit of the contestant's effort in the sale of radios and the accumulation of votes being otherwise deferred. Beauty, form, public appearance, etc., have nothing to do with this contest. The good Majestic radio contest was founded in 1925 and has since that time been unusual.

After the recent Portland contest was over the young ladies who were winners formed a little club to get even better acquainted and to arrange a farewell party for the young lady who was about to leave on a trip to Honolulu given as first prize. The contestants themselves, their mothers and fathers, as well as city officials actually took time to congratulate Majestic dealers and representatives on the fine high type contest they were conducting and the unusually fine character of the girls entered.

Salem young ladies, married or single, are invited to enter. (Concluded on Page 10, Column 2.)

Bankers Support Move to Prevent Further Relapse

NEW YORK, Oct. 30.—(AP)—John D. Rockefeller today gave his support to the efforts of the New York banking group, headed by J. P. Morgan & company and of other powerful financial interests to stabilize security markets.

Prior to announcement by Mr. Rockefeller that he and his son were buying sound stocks, the bankers expressed approval of the day's developments, but made no formal comment on the situation. Informally, however, they did not conceal their gratification over reports of large buying orders placed here from the world's leading financial centers.

CALIFORNIA BLAZE DOES BIG DAMAGE

ALAMEDA, Cal., Oct. 30.—(AP)—Damage estimated to exceed \$2,000,000 was done to the engine terminal here today by a stubborn daylong fire which ate out the crescent timber foundations from the 700-foot loading wharf, leaving only a shell of concrete paving which nevertheless prevented firemen reaching the flames.

The conflagration was declared under control today, although the smbers of what had been a sturdy foundation for the big terminal still smoldered, and fire fighting forces maintained a steady vigil, fearful lest some mischievous wind carry the blaze toward corners still untouched.

The two large warehouses, fairly well filled with canned goods and dried fruits, were smoked up a bit but apparently escaped serious damage.

Macleay Sheep Take Prizes at Livestock Show

The firm of G. H. and J. J. Thompson of Macleay made the remarkable record of winning 10 out of 11 first prizes on Shropshire sheep at the Pacific International live stock show now being held in Portland.

They also won, for the second consecutive year, the Chas. J. Webb silver trophy for the best open flock of sheep in the show. Mr. Webb, who lives in Philadelphia, Pa., is the owner of the Santiam woolen mills and deeply interested in the sheep raising industry in the west.

The Thompson firm owns some three hundred head of sheep and exhibited 21 head at the stock show. G. W. Thompson returned from Portland on Wednesday.

WORLD FLIGHT PLANNED

STOCKHOLM, Oct. 30.—(AP)—An airplane flight around the world from Sweden by way of Siberia, Kamchatka, Alaska and New York is planned by the Swedish count, Douglas Hamilton, head of the flying school at Ystad, in the southern province of Scania.