

FINANCES OF INSTITUTIONS FOUND SOUND

Various State Plants Living Well Within Incomes Report Shows Official Statements Issued To Cover Ten Months Of This Year

All of Oregon's state institutions are in good financial condition, and will complete the first year of the current biennium with funds far in excess of their annual allowance.

The reports, which cover the first 10 months of 1929, showed that the Oregon state hospital had expended \$418,112.47 of its operating allowance for the biennium amounting to \$363,216.

There remains available for the operation of this institution during the next 14 months \$54,103.53. In case there are no emergency demands made upon the institution a substantial amount of money probably will revert to the general fund on January 1, 1931.

\$3806 Remains in Capital Outlay Fund Of the capital outlays appropriated for the two years aggregating \$60,674, approximately \$56,867 has been expended.

There remains in the capital outlay fund \$3306. The average population of the state hospital during the past 90 days was 1879.

A similar satisfactory condition exists at the Oregon state penitentiary. Of the total appropriation of \$481,716 for operating expenses, \$218,455.76 has been expended.

The state training school for boys which originally had an appropriation for the current biennium of \$139,701 has expended \$60,819.05, leaving a balance of \$78,881.95 to conduct the institution during the remainder of the biennium.

It was indicated that the expenses of this institution would be decreased materially during the next few months due to reduced enrollment and extension of farm operations.

New Superintendent



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JOHN A. DITTER IS CALLED BY DEATH

Prominent Sublimity Resident Passes on Saturday Morning

STAYTON, Nov. 23.—(Special)—John A. Ditter, prominent retired merchant of Sublimity, died at his home there early Saturday morning.

Mr. Ditter was born in Wisconsin June 2, 1852. He came to Oregon 39 years ago last May. He conducted a general merchandise store for 20 years and made hundreds of friends through his courtesy and integrity.

Nine years ago he sold the business to a nephew, E. A. Ditter. For the last five years that Mr. Ditter was in business, George H. Bell and J. P. Ditter were associated with him, the firm being known as the Ditter-Bell company.

Mr. Ditter was a druggist, and in the early days was often called upon to administer to the wants of the little community out of his stock of drugs and patent medicines.

On November 22, 1927, Mr. and Mrs. Ditter celebrated their 50th golden wedding anniversary with a special mass at the St. Boniface church and a dinner which a number of friends and relatives attended.

Mr. Ditter is survived by his widow, a sister, Mrs. Anna Stiffer of Sublimity, and a number of nieces and nephews. The funeral services will be held at Sublimity at 9:30 Monday forenoon.

Wrestling to Be Revived in City This Week Announcement that wrestling is to be revived in Salem with the first program Tuesday night at the armory, has been enthusiastically greeted by local fans.

Ownership of Cars Presents Question

Supreme Court Urged to Decide Nice Question for Liquor Runners

WASHINGTON, Nov. 23.—(AP)—The government urged the supreme court today to decide a prohibition question of prime importance to automobile manufacturers and agents, and it is likely the highest tribunal will rule on how seized automobiles are to be completely paid for.

MORE THROUGH STREETS TO BE SOUGHT IN CITY

Sections of Hood and Fairgrounds Thoroughfares To be Designated

Traffic Congestion Problem Being Worked Out by Council Group

Designation of Fairgrounds Road from Capitol to Hood and Hood from Capitol to Commercial as through streets, will be recommended by the police committee of the city council, at the next meeting of the city council a week from Monday.

This will be the answer to appeals brought before the council at its last meeting, that something be done to prevent the frequent accidents due to through traffic on Hood street, principally at its intersection with Fifth.

Much of the traffic from out of town, especially trucks, is now following Fairgrounds Road from Capitol, turning onto Hood at the intersection where Church street also bisects both of these streets.

Members of the police committee pointed out Saturday that most of the traffic turns south on High street. Hood is also a principal artery for east and west traffic in the north part of the city.

Accidents Numerous On Fairgrounds Road Although the complaints reaching the council mentioned the Hood and Fifth street corner especially, there have been an equal number of accidents at the five-way corner where Fairgrounds Road ends, and many at High and Hood.

"Slow" signs were placed recently at the first two corners mentioned, but they have not resulted in much decrease in the number of accidents. One reason may be that the "blindest" approach to the Hood-Church-Fairgrounds Road corner was not followed with one of these signs.

The committee will recommend at the same time that "stop" signs be placed on both sides of 12th street at the Mission street intersection corner which has had a large quota of collisions.

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British Isles Swept by Fierce Weekend Storms

LONDON, Nov. 23.—(AP)—The greater part of England for the second successive weekend tonight was swept by high winds accompanied by rain, hail and lightning in many places. The south was chiefly affected and a 70-mile an hour wind drove the storm into Folkestone so that the streets looked like miniature rivers.

Floods continued in Wales and 800 lives were endangered by a rush of water into the Glamorgan colliery. The miners made their way out through the air shafts after fighting for their lives in the swirling waters many feet underground.

NATIONALIST ARMY GAINS UPPER HAND

Honan Province Taken With Rebels in Retreat on Extended Front

SHANGHAI, Nov. 23.—(AP)—Nationalist government troops tonight appeared to have gained the upper hand in Honan province fighting, the rebellious Kuomintang troops being in retreat westward along the Lunghai railway toward the province of Szechwan.

Developments of the civil war in the adjoining central China province of Hupeh were uncertain, however, as the Nationalists strove to prevent the rebels reaching the Yangtze river at Hankow.

Loyang, scene of hard fighting in Honan province, said dispatches, had been abandoned by the Kuomintang forces to the attacking Nationalists, the rebels continuing their retreat. The Kuomintang troops, it is believed, plan to withdraw into Szechwan province beyond the Tungkwai railroad, where the Nationalists are not expected to pursue.

The rebels were reported to have cut the Lunghai railroad west of Loyang, seeking to retard the Nationalist pursuit.

GAME ENDS IN TIE ANN ARBOR, Mich., Nov. 23.—(AP)—Michigan and Iowa fought their hearts out today in the final game of the season, but both teams failed to score.

PUBLIC WORKS ARE URGED BY U. S. PRESIDENT

Increased Activities Recommended to States and Municipalities

Hoover Pledges Federal Government to Do Full Part in Building

WASHINGTON, Nov. 23.—(AP)—Promising that the federal government will exert itself to the utmost within its own province of public works, President Hoover today asked the governors of the 48 states for their cooperation and that of municipal and county officials to the same end.

The chief executive said one of the largest factors that could be brought to bear for the absorption of any unemployment which might result from "present disturbed conditions" was that of "the energetic yet prudent pursuit of public works by the federal government and state, municipal and county authorities."

Cannas of all Programs Requested He asked for a canvass of the state, municipal and county programs for the next six months and the next year, and announced he was requesting Secretary Lamont of the commerce department "to take in hand the detailed measures of cooperation with you which may arise in this matter."

The telegram sent to each of the governors said: "With view to giving strength to the present economic situation and providing for the absorption of any unemployment which might result from present disturbed conditions, I have as my constructive action of industry in the expansion of construction activities and in stabilization of wages. As I have publicly stated, one of the largest factors that can be brought to bear is that of the energetic yet prudent pursuit of public works by the federal government and state, municipal and county authorities."

"The federal government will exert itself to the utmost within its own province and I should like to feel that I have the cooperation of yourself and the municipal, county and other local officials in the same direction. It would be helpful if road, street, public building and other construction of this type could be speeded up and adjusted in such fashion as to further employment.

"I would also appreciate it if your officials would canvass the state, municipal and county programs and give me such information as you can as to the volume of expenditure that can be arranged for the next 12 months and for the next six months and inform me thereof.

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ALDERMEN TO TAKE PART AT FUNERAL

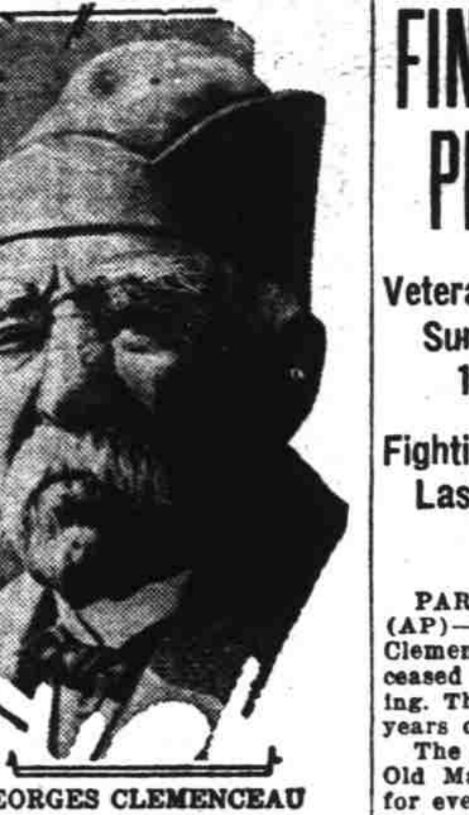
Members of the city council will be honorary pallbearers and past masters of Salem Masonic Lodge No. 4 of which he was a member will be active pallbearers at the funeral services of Ralph E. Thompson, city councilman who died suddenly Friday.

Funeral services will be held Monday afternoon at 2 o'clock from the Clough-Taylor mortuary, Rev. F. C. Taylor and Rev. S. Darlow Johnson officiating, Salem lodge No. 4, A. F. and A. M. will have complete charge at the interment, to be in Belcrest Memorial park.

The honorary pallbearers have been chosen as follows: Mayor T. A. Lively, Paul Johnson, Henry Dancy, H. H. Vanderhook, L. M. Doughton and B. B. Herrick. Active pallbearers will be: William P. Ellis, H. S. Boshard, Charles Pratt, Arthur D. Welch, Harry Pierson and J. S. Jones.

State Hospital Inmate Makes Good Getaway Elizabeth Westergaard, an inmate of the Oregon state hospital, escaped early Saturday night by opening a first floor window which had a defective lock.

Passes



GEORGES CLEMENCEAU

MISS WAHLSTROM IS HOSPITAL CHIEF

Permanent Selection Made Of Superintendent by Executive Body

Miss Signe Wahlstrom has been selected as superintendent of the Salem General hospital. It was announced Saturday by the executive committee of the hospital board of trustees.

Miss Wahlstrom has been acting superintendent since the resignation of Miss Adeline M. Hughes, and prior to that was employed at the hospital for several years.

Some important changes and improvements have been made at the hospital in the last year, reports made to the executive committee at its last meeting showed. A notable improvement was the addition of a complete X-ray laboratory, with a machine capable of any variety of X-ray work, from a single tooth to the deepest picture which might be desired.

A competent technician is in charge of this and the pathological laboratory, both of which are performing excellent service.

The maternity department has been greatly enlarged by the addition of a four bed ward, excellently furnished by the Salem Rotary club members, which has made possible lower rates for maternity patients than have been possible heretofore.

The delivery room has been doubled in size and new equipment added, so that it is adequate to the needs of any case. The executive committee is once again calling attention to the hospital's needs and asking that the people of Salem support it as a valuable and necessary community institution.

An endowment fund has been started with the Ladd and Bush Trust company as trustee. Only the interest of this fund may be used, and that only for the care of persons without funds.

Needs of the immediate future include the construction of the nurses' home on the hospital grounds, furnished to provide comfortable quarters for the hospital staff. Another outstanding need which will require about \$12,000 is that of a laundry building. The hospital itself cannot undertake this improvement until at least half of its bonds are returned, or until the patronage of the hospital exceeds 50 patients.

A considerable saving could be effected if the hospital operated its own laundry.

CLEMENCEAU'S FINAL ILLNESS PROVES FATAL

Veteran Tiger of France Is Summoned by Death at 1:45 A. M. Today

Fighting Spirit Displayed to Last by Premier Despite Intense Pain

PARIS, Nov. 24.—(Sunday)—(AP)—The stout heart of Georges Clemenceau, Tiger of France, ceased beating at 1:45 this morning. The wartime premier was 88 years old.

The sharp tongue of the Grand Old Man of France was silenced for ever. His predominant quality as author, journalist and statesman always, even in the days of fighting spirit and he died as he had lived—fighting until his last breath.

His grandson, Dr. Jacquemaire, who had watched in the death chamber during the last hours with other members of the family, stepped from the little house in Rue Franklin into the courtyard and announced to the waiting reporters at 2:30 a. m.: "Grandfather has just died."

Daughter Present as Tiger Breathes Last Madame Jacquemaire, daughter of Clemenceau, his son Michel and his close friend, Dr. Laubry, were present when "Father Victory" met defeat at last in the struggle which he had waged for several days with indomitable courage despite terrific pain from uremia.

The last illness began on Thursday. It found him barely recovered from a serious heart attack last month which was followed by the strain of Armistice day. Doctors gave injections to bolster up the heart against the terrific strain placed on it and administered morphine to relieve the pain.

The uremic poisoning spread gradually through his system and the physicians early abandoned all hope of saving the life of their patient. He was unconscious much of the time.

The last words that the Tiger pronounced in the final lucid spell at 10:30 last night was an expression of satisfaction. "My work is finished," he told Dr. Laubry. It was understood that he referred to the book which he undertook to write after the death of Marshal Foch in reply to one edited by the Raymond Recouly which purported to have been inspired by the first draft of the proofs was completed only last week.

HIGH SCHOOL DANCE QUESTION ARGUED

If persistency is any virtue, Salem high school students may yet gain permission of school officials to hold school dances. A number of prominent students are behind a movement to hold school dances in the gymnasium this winter.

The dancing question at the high school was pretty thoroughly thrashed out last year, when students took the lead in asking that the restriction on dancing be removed. The matter went before the school board, but no affirmative action was taken at that time, as is anticipated this year, the "B" club, composed of school athletes, frowned upon the plan, asserting that the gymnasium floor could not efficiently do double duty; in other words, if used for dancing, the floor would be ruined for sports activity.

Dancing was permitted at the student body hi-jinks held at the high school recently.

Arctic Aviator Yet Missing in Frozen North NOME, Alaska, Nov. 23.—(AP)—A native who arrived by dog team today at the ship Nauak, leebound at North Cape, Siberia, after a trip of 150 miles from Kolluchin Bay, reported that he had seen no trace of the plane in which Pilot Carl Ben Eielson, missing since Nov. 9, attempted to reach the imprisoned ship. The Siberian said he had followed the Siberian coast line on his journey.

Income Tax Reduction To Be Considered By Solons

WASHINGTON, Nov. 23.—(AP)—Income tax reduction—\$160,000,000 worth—gets the first attention of congress when it convenes in regular session a week from Monday.

This Christmas present to federal taxpayers seems destined to be given about Christmas time with the leaders of both parties in both the house and senate pledged to its enactment. The congress returns to the tariff, prohibition and numerous other controversial problems.

Vartey and Netz City's Premier Aviation "Aces"

Orville Vartey and Stanley Netz ranked as Salem's premier aviation "aces" in the first indoor model contest held by the local chapter of American Air Cadets Saturday at the horse show stadium in the fairgrounds.

Vartey's airplane model took first place in the speed contest, and the one built by Netz stayed aloft the longest of any, 38 seconds. These two boys will be guests of Lee Eyerly for a ride in a real man-size airplane soon. In the "endurance" contest, Oscar Gingrich, Jr., took second place and in the speed test, Fern Millburn's plane was second.

READERS' PREFERENCES

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SOVIETS WIN VICTORY TOKYO, Nov. 24.—(AP)—(Sunday)—A Mukden dispatch to Hengo Japanese news agency today said authentic information reported that Mukden authorities, influenced by Soviet military pressure and the precarious state of the Manchurian regime's finances, had decided to sue for separate peace with Russia.