

Rains today and Friday; Not much change in temperature. Max. temperature Wednesday 47; Min. 39; High 1.32; River 7.2; Calm.

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SEVENTY-NINTH YEAR

FROSH MAY BE DISQUALIFIED IN ATHLETICS

Northwest Conference Will Take Up Problem Today At Annual Meet

Proposition Encounters but Little Favor Among Local Authorities

Proposal to bar freshmen from intercollegiate competition in the Northwest conference, is one of the important questions slated to come up at the annual conference meeting today in Portland.

This is the same rule which is in effect in the Coast conference, but the fear has been expressed that in view of the limited enrollment at Northwest conference schools, it would not be practicable, would lower the standard of play and result finally in the dissolution of the conference.

The freshman rule was first broached at the recent meeting of the Independent Colleges of Oregon, which includes three members of the conference; Willamette, Pacific and Linfield. Problem Talked by Faculty Here

The Willamette faculty discussed the matter at length Wednesday, and while at first favoring the change, left it up to the Dean F. M. Erickson, faculty representative in the conference, to see if he sees fit should the matter come up at the Portland meeting.

The freshman rule would not weaken Willamette's position in the conference, it was declared, as athletes there appear to be on a sound basis with a fair supply of upperclass athletes; but it would seriously handicap such small schools as Linfield and Pacific.

As a compromise measure to avoid possible scholastic ills which might attend the participation of freshmen in intercollegiate sports, a rule limiting them to two sports was proposed at the faculty meeting and met with some favor. It was also proposed that eligibility of players be determined before each game.

Another matter which will come up at the conference meeting today is the admission of Columbia university, Portland, into membership. Columbia was put on a year's probation when it applied a year ago.

Schedules for the remaining sports this school year and the football season next fall will be worked out.

SALEM LIONS PLAN CHRISTMAS CAROLS

Members of the Salem Lions club have been assigned to the two groups who will sing carols Christmas eve. Other singers have been invited to assist them, and the chorus will stop and sing in front of any home which displays a candle in the window.

The following Lions will be in the group headed by Lion Frank Neer: Acklin, Bedee, Bonesteel, Check, Doane, Eakin, Giese, Grabenhorst, Hudkins, Irwin, Lewis, Lynch, Mott, Ohling, Orr, Rosebraugh, Scandling, Sherwin, Springer, Vibbert, Wilson and Burns.

Lion Frank Doolittle will captain the following songbirds: Aiken, Bedford, Brown, Crawford, Douglas, Emmons, Fitzgerald, Haag, Humphrey, Kellogg, Kletzing, McCallister, Niles, Olson, Reynolds, Rossman, Scott, Smith, Stimpson, Ward and Williams.

KID CHOCOLATE WINS

NEW YORK, Dec. 18.—(AP)—Kid Chocolate, brilliant Cuban negro featherweight, gained the referee's decision over Dominic Petrone, of New York, in a stiff ten round bout tonight at the Coliseum. Chocolate thus overcame the strongest opponent of his current invasion of New York rings. He won by a wide margin.

Probe Of Entertainment Of Oregon Team Started

JACKSONVILLE, Fla., Dec. 18.—(AP)—The public will be barred when the Duval county board of public instruction meets behind closed doors tomorrow in an effort to fix responsibility for the selection of 27 Andrew Jackson high school girls to greet the University of Oregon football team here two weeks ago, board members said tonight.

The girls acted as escorts for the Oregon team from the terminal station to a hotel when the westerner stopped over here while en route to Miami for the intercollegiate gridiron classic with the University of Florida.

Newspapermen also will be barred from the session, F. C. Browning, chairman of the board, who launched the investigation, said. He declared he received numerous complaints.

British Plane Crashes On Way South Resulting In Death Of Two Occupants

Wreck of British Airplane Is Found With Flyers Dead

TUNIS, Dec. 18.—(AP)—The two British aviators who met death in the mountains just south of here last night were believed to have lost their way in the darkness. Buffeted by a severe storm, it was supposed that they sought a landing place and dashed against the mountain side. The exact circumstances are still undetermined.

Squadron Commander Jones-Williams and Flight Lieutenant Jenkins were attempting a non-stop flight from Cranwell airdrome to Capetown. Word reached this city this afternoon that an Arab had seen the wreckage of a plane containing two bodies on the slope known as St. Marie D'Exit, 80 miles to the southeast.

The authorities immediately sent out searching parties, but owing to the nature of the ground and the continued bad weather, the wreckage was not found until tonight.

FLOOD CONDITIONS PRESENT IN SALEM

Residents Along North Mill Creek Contending With Veritable Lake

The first serious flooding which has occurred in Salem in connection with the heavy rains of the last ten days, was reported Wednesday when residents in the vicinity of North Mill creek east of the new Winter street bridge, were contending with a veritable lake which filled their yards and seeped into their basements.

The householders who were almost marooned by this flood declared that it was almost entirely to the aforesaid bridge, which was built without sufficient passageway beneath for a heavy stream such as is now flowing.

This is proven, they declared, by the fact that the water just below the bridge is six feet lower than above it. They stated that the new bridge was built with four feet less clearance between the stream bed and the concrete work than the span which formerly stood at this point; and there had been some flooding while it was in use.

Some of the homes flooded are those of L. C. Farmer, Phil Eiker and F. W. Poorman.

Salem Gets High Place Among All Cities of Oregon

Salem once more ranked close to the top among Oregon cities in the matter of building permits for November, but was nosed out of a place next to Portland by Medford. Salem's total was \$34,991, and Medford's \$39,706, according to the monthly survey prepared by S. W. Straus and company.

The figure for November for the nine principal cities of Oregon was greater by about \$11,000 than in the corresponding month of 1928, but an increase in Portland more than accounted for this. Eugene ranked fourth with permits totaling \$27,100. It had ranked ahead of Salem in October.

BANDITS GET \$6000

STAFFORD, Kas., Dec. 18.—(AP)—Two well dressed men today robbed the Farmers National bank here of approximately \$6,000 after locking several persons, including three employes in the vault. They made a clean getaway.

Ambassador

Walter E. Edge, successor to the late Myron T. Herrick as U. S. ambassador to France, presented his credentials to French officials yesterday and became full fledged ambassador at a simple ceremony.

Prof. F. S. Wetzel, principal of the high school; Mrs. Ray Dickson, his secretary; and Lucy Hoyt, dean of girls, have been summoned to appear before the board tomorrow for questioning. Brownling also said any other persons desiring to be heard will be permitted to appear before the board. When the girls arrived at the station they found that the train, bearing the Oregonians, was late and they missed several classes.

Next day, however, they brought written excuses to the school from their parents.

Mrs. F. C. Jones, one of the chaperones who went to the station with the girls, said she talked with all but two of the girls' mothers, and they approved the affair. B. D. Finckann, president

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Flight From London Across Africa Ends In Disaster When Airship Hits Mountain Side Near Coast of Mediterranean

LONDON, Dec. 18.—(AP)—Two distinguished pilots of the Royal Air forces met death in an attempt to fly without stop from Cranwell airdrome, in Lincolnshire, to Capetown, and thereby establish a new world distance record. Lord Thomson, air minister, later tonight announced that the plane, which natives earlier today had reported crashed last night in the Zaghouan region of Tunis, in northern Africa, was the monoplane of the British pilots and that both had been killed. He had no further details, but it appeared they had struck the mountain side soon after nightfall.

The men were Squadron Leader A. G. Jones-Williams and Flight Lieut. A. H. Jenkins. They left Cranwell early yesterday morning and had kept the air ministry informed by radio of their progress until they were about 50 miles northwest of the Mediterranean island of Sardinia yesterday afternoon.

Anxiety Grows During 30 Hours of Silence
More than 30 hours of silence followed and anxiety for their welfare rapidly mounted here. After Lord Thomson informed newspapermen of the fatal ending of the flight, he carried the news to the House of Lords which was still sitting.

"I am sorry to say," he told them, "I have just heard that the Fairley-Napier monoplane crashed 20 miles south of Tunis (the city) and both occupants were killed. I have no further details. The report was undated and comes from the consul general at Tunis."

The air ministry announced that the crash occurred last night. The news was confirmed by the French resident general at Tunis, who reported to Paris that the airplane had been identified as the missing British craft.

The following are the names of persons drawn for the January term of court:

Fannie P. Gregory, Salem No. 1; Ina M. Pemberton, Rosedale; Carl H. Mason, Salem No. 13; Ezra C. Hart, Jefferson; William B. Booker, Breitenbush; Joseph Rubens, West Gervais; Charles Irvine, West Hubbard; A. A. Hilder, East Salem; George Eitel, Shaw; Isaac H. Vinson, Salem No. 16; Hildan Jensen, Monitor; Raymond E. Bonesteel, Salem No. 14; Martin N. Miller, Chemawa; J. M. Groshong, Scotts Mill; Henry Torvend, North Howell; Elmer J. Hackley, East Salem; Maude L. Ward, Salem No. 14; Jos. E. Flitts, Waconda; Walter E. Parrish, West Silvertown; Florence Beersma, Salem No. 1; Carl T. Riley, West Mt. Angel; Chester W. Russell, Marion; Fred G. Feiler, Jefferson; John Q. Small, South Silvertown; Amanda Matthews, Shaw; Ivan H. Corner, Salem No. 12; Henry Duvall, North Silvertown; Emma H. Bonney, Monitor; Hartley Minton, Salem No. 8; Pearl Ringwald, Salem Heights; H. L. Stewart, West Stayton.

Mid-Winter Dental Clinic Dates Fixed

Dates for the mid-winter dental clinic which is being arranged for Salem by the tri-county dental association and the Commonwealth Fund were definitely set for Friday and Saturday, February 7 and 8, at a meeting of the various committees held last night.

The dental association is preparing to entertain nearly 500 dentists and their wives at this clinic, the first similar undertaking sponsored outside of the largest centers on the coast. At least one public lecture will be held, as Friday evening has already been set aside for that purpose.

Two outstanding dentists in the country, Dr. Boyd Gardner of the Mayo clinic of Rochester, Minn., and Dr. F. E. Hogeboom of Los Angeles, will participate in the clinic. Dr. Gardner will give the address at the meeting for the public.

While the dentists are busy attending clinics, entertainment for wives will be arranged. A special feature of the entertainment for the entire group will be the loop trip to be taken Sunday by way of Corvallis to Newport where a sea food dinner will be held, and then back to Salem by way of Neskevin.

Ralph Williams Returns

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 18.—(AP)—Ralph E. Williams, republican national committeeman for Oregon, will leave Washington tomorrow to return to his home for Christmas.

Hawley Bill Backed

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18.—(AP)—The house judiciary committee today approved the Hawley bill to permit the United States to be made defendant in any suit which may be commenced by the State of Oregon in federal district court for determining the title of lands constituting the beds of Malheur and Harney lakes in Harney county.

Mail Plane Delayed

THE DALLES, Ore., Dec. 18.—(AP)—The eastbound Varney air mail plane, enroute from Portland to Pasco, Wash., piloted by F. E. Keagle, was forced down here today in a blinding snow storm. J. B. Kirk, postmaster here, dispatched the mail east by rail.

Deal Involves \$500,000
PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 18.—(AP)—Timber holdings in Clatsop and Tillamook counties have been sold by the Hammond Lumber company to the Markham-Callow Lumber company of Aberdeen, George McLeod, general manager here for the Hammond Lumber company, announced today.

The transaction involved more than \$500,000.

WORK IS STILL IN SIGHT FOR CITY'S FORCES

Curtailment Not Likely for Several Months is Indication Here

Reduction of Salaries May Become Necessary at Future Date

With the bookkeeping department at the city hall far behind in its work on street improvement accounts, any curtailment in the number or the salaries of city employees connected with this work is scarcely possible at this time, although it may come to pass before the next paving season is well under way, it was indicated Wednesday.

In connection with the proposal made by Alderman W. H. Dancy that supplementary salaries which regular city employees draw from the street improvement fund be eliminated beginning January 1, and that employees whose duties are entirely in connection with street improvements be cut off the payroll, some of the officers concerned said they had "seen it coming," but were not sure that the situation described was yet at hand.

Some Paving Next Year Held Likely

Mr. Dancy's proposal was made on the premise that there will be practically no paving next year. Investigation Wednesday disclosed that while no petitions for new paving have come in, some are known to be contemplated, and furthermore there is some work left over from this year's program; some small sections of Rural avenue, the west side of the High street fill, the Liberty street bridge approach, the widening of Church street near the new bridge there, and a few other items.

As for the lack of new petitions, Street Commissioner Walter Low blames that on the fact that unpaved streets were kept in good condition last summer and residents along them saw no need for paving; now that they are becoming the accustomed mudholes, a different attitude is beginning to appear.

Nevertheless, street work will be light in 1930, and Mr. Low does not expect to keep more than one crew busy. This crew will do the grading and curb construction, and will be busy on paving only part of the time.

As to just when the council would be justified in curtailing salaries paid out of this fund—other than when there is no work and none in sight—that is an involved problem. The portion of the street improvement fund which is set aside for administration goes into the city treasury when Bancroft bonds are sold or when property owners pay their assessments in cash. Strictly speaking, it is always by some money coming into this fund, and always some administrative work in connection with street improvements.

The bookkeeping department, it was explained, has never caught up with its work since the bookkeeping machine was installed and the task of transferring the city's accounts from the first of the year to the new system was undertaken.

Whitman Loses To Vandals' Quintet

WALLA WALLA, Wash., Dec. 18.—(AP)—Two baskets in the last minute play by Stowell, Idaho forward, gave the University of Idaho Vandals a 31 to 28 victory over the Whitman college basketball team here tonight.

The Missionaries outclassed the Vandals throughout the first period and were leading in the second half, 23 to 27, until the last minute of play. Stowell then caged two field goals from difficult positions for the victory.

Stowell was high scorer of the game with 16 points and McMillin, Idaho forward, was second with 12. Tonight's game closed the two game series with Whitman winner of the first, 53 to 32 last night.

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Calles Escapes Arrest



Former President Plutarco E. Calles of Mexico greeted by friends on his return to New York aboard the S. S. Bremen. In the group surrounding Calles are, Fernando Torreblanca, Secretary to the President of Mexico, Manuel C. Tellez, Ambassador to the United States. With the arrival of Calles New York played host to a former president and a president-elect of Mexico. A telegram the state department sent whizzing across the wire to Laredo, Tex., prevented Calles arrest at the Texas town in connection with two murders.

Boycott Against Laredo Continues

Mexicans Still Resentful at Attempt to Arrest Former President on Old Murder Charge; Business Falls Off

LAREDO, Tex., Dec. 18.—(AP)—Unsuccessful in his efforts to prosecute former President Calles, of Mexico, on charges of implication in the murder of a Mexican general here in 1922, District Attorney John A. Valls today dismissed a similar murder charge against Duke Carver, San Antonio constable.

Meanwhile, hopes of Laredo business men for a speedy settlement of differences with Mexico, which resulted in a boycott of this major border port, were jolted by fresh evidence of Mexico's resentment against Valls' attempt to arrest Calles.

Merchants found their Christmas trade dealt a severe blow today by a ruling that residents across the border might no longer do their shopping in Webb county and take articles back into Mexico duty free. Closing of the Laredo consulate previously had shut off shipment of goods cleared through the Laredo customs house.

In dismissing the murder charge against Carver, District Attorney Valls said that since the state department had prevented the arrest of Calles when he passed through Laredo several days ago, he did not intend to prosecute "American citizens jointly charges with Calles, who are not able to secure diplomatic immunity from their government."

GOOD CHEER FUND GROWTH YET SLOW

More Money Still Needed to Bring Christmas Joy to Homes in Salem

THE SALVATION ARMY "GOOD WILL FUND"
Previously reported \$704.00
Mrs. Charles Feasenden 1.00
W. C. Dyer 7.50
J. B. Hovsford 2.50
T. A. Livesley 20.00
J. D. Anderson 5.00
Judge O. P. Coshow 5.00
Salem Fire Department 16.50
Street Kettles, Dec. 18th 22.11
TOTAL TO DATE \$784.51

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A young lad came to Captain Williams night before last and asked for something to eat and a place to sleep for the night.

On questioning him the captain found that he had recently ran away from his home in Portland, had found life quite a bumpy affair away from home and was prepared to go back at once.

He was given a warm meal at the Army hall and then sent to the Y. M. C. A. for the night. On his return to the Army hall yesterday morning for his breakfast he proudly informed Captain Williams that he had taken two baths since he had last seen him.

Another warm meal at the Army hall, given a warm coat and off he was sent to Portland—happy in the anticipation of spending a Christmas at home.

Just a little thing to do, but it may mean a lot to this young man, Henry Thiele, prominent chef and restaurant-proprietor of Portland, as a young homeless boy in far-away Australia was befriended and assisted by the Salvation Army and today he never tires of telling what the Army did for him and how he appreciates their work, says Captain Williams.

Mattress Manufacturers Acquitted At Trial Here

A jury in justice court Wednesday afternoon held that D. J. Poulin and E. W. Muller, proprietors of the Capitol City Bedding company of this city, were not guilty of mislabelling a mattress which was manufactured at the local plant. The case was brought to the state for prosecution by Water Rosenberg of the State Board of Health.

It had been claimed by the state in the action that officials of the Capitol City Bedding company had been manufacturing bed mattresses and labelling them to the effect that "the contents were the highest grade of floss obtainable" although they were not. The state submitted several samples of mattress floss to compare with that taken from a mattress used as

Hearing's Argument Concluded

Extraordinary Session Brought to Close by Counsel

Case Against Mr. Mannix Considered by 3 Referees

The curtain was rung down here Wednesday on one of the most unusual and extraordinary sessions in the judicial history of Oregon when hearing upon the disbarment of Thomas Mannix, Portland attorney, finished before three referees appointed by the supreme court.

A. E. Reames, Medford, who with A. K. McMahon, Albany, and Arthur Clark, Corvallis, appeared as prosecutors, upon order of the supreme court, was heard yesterday afternoon in the state's final argument.

Loneragan's Arguments Briefly Answered
The argument by Reames was twofold. He first answered briefly the argument of Frank J. Lonergan, Portland, attorney for Mannix, who concluded his argument during the morning. He then went again to the records in the several Wenme suits, reviewing and attacking the interpretation of the defense to certain phases of these records, and again setting forth the prosecution's theory upon which the hearing has proceeded.

Loneragan, concluding 4 hours and 25 minutes of argument shortly before noon, rested the case for the defense. Further details of the records in the Wenme cases were reviewed and the position of the defendant explained in detail.

Wenme Fund Held In Abeyance Says Counsel
The defense counsel, in answer to a query from Referee Inawson, explained that the Wenme endowment fund was now held in abeyance and had been since the trustees were named in 1924, and that no attempt was being made by them to carry out the charitable trust contemplated by Wenme.

Referring to the entire Wenme matter, Lonergan said: "This is not child's play, but litigation based on law." He denounced the prosecution for the attack upon Mannix by Clark in the argument Tuesday when Mannix was characterized as a "leech."

VanDevort Loses Car and Overcoat

A good samaritan act may sometimes prove a bad boomerang. So Henry VanDevort, city councilman, ought to be willing to attest. For as the result of a kind action, the councilman is minus one automobile and one overcoat.

As VanDevort was driving to his ranch across the river Tuesday afternoon, he stopped to pick up a "hitch hiker." Arrived at the ranch, he parked the car, and as the young man on his way up the highway, the local man went on to make an inspection trip through his orchard, and when he returned, there was no car waiting for him.

The presumption is that the youth whom he gave the "lift" helped himself to the machine. Although VanDevort has been able to learn something of the young man, he had not been located late last night.

Diphtheria Case Is Reported Here

A case of diphtheria has developed in a Salem family, according to a report yesterday afternoon to Dr. Vernon A. Douglas, county health officer. A pre-school child, age four years, has the disease. Dr. Douglas is investigating the case.

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