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WEATHER
Fair today and probably Saturday but with some cloudiness. Max. temperature Thursday 54; Min. 37; Rain .59; River 14.4.

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McEwan's Job Ended At Oregon

Executive Council on Record as Opposing Return
Prompt Termination of Contract Is Recommended

UNIVERSITY OF OREGON. Eugene, Dec. 19.—(AP)—The executive council, governing body of this university, tonight adopted recommendations of the athletic committee that the contract of Captain John J. McEwan, head football coach, be terminated immediately.

The council also decided to open negotiations with McEwan for a salary settlement. McEwan's contract does not expire until the close of the 1930 football season.

Tom Stoddard, student body president, said the move, which was not unexpected, was made in the "interest of athletic policy." The Oregon coach, who is now in New York, will be advised of the council's action by Jack W. Benefield, Oregon graduate manager. Resignation Said Made

Only to Newspaper. Captain McEwan, who took over the football reins here in 1926, recently announced his resignation to newspapers here. University authorities said he had tendered no official resignation, however. The resignation was to have taken effect with the expiration of the coach's contract. Benefield announced he would immediately start looking for a new coach.

Auxiliary Plans To Sing Before Radio for KGW

The American Legion auxiliary quartet, of Salem, will sing over station KGW, Portland, Sunday morning, December 29, on the Americanism program scheduled for that day. The Salem group will be on the air from 9:30 until 10 o'clock.

Secrecy Shrouds Inquiry Into Webfoots' Welcome

JACKSONVILLE, Fla., Dec. 19.—(AP)—After spending 30 minutes examining three Andrew Jackson high school officials, the Duval county board of public instruction today adjourned its executive session without making any statement regarding an investigation as to who authorized 27 girls students to act as escort for members of the University of Oregon football team here two weeks ago.

Methodists Vote To Support Plan For New Building

The membership of the First Methodist church voted last night to request the quarterly conference to meet early in January to take definite official action upon plans for the Sunday school temple which the church has had under consideration for some time. Dr. B. L. Steeves, president of the board of trustees, presided over the meeting.

COMMUNITY EVENT IS SLATED TONIGHT

Christmas Program Expected to Attract Big Crowd At Y. M. C. A. Here

Hundreds are expected to witness Salem's first community Christmas program to be given in the large gymnasium of the Y. M. C. A. this evening, beginning at 8:00 o'clock. Ten Salem churches, the Sacred Heart Academy, the Salvation Army and the Y. M. C. A. are co-operating in the entertainment, which is an attempt to get away from the commercialization of Christmas.

Rev. Cochran. The complete program is announced as follows: Christmas carols, mass singing led by Rev. W. Earl Cochran of the Calvary Baptist church.

Prayer, Rev. L. W. Biddle of the United Brethren.

Antiphon, "More Love to Thee O Christ," choir of the American Lutheran church.

Accordian solo, by Robert Brown, South Salem Friends.

Carol singing, led by Rev. Cochran.

Christmas message by Dr. Tully of First Presbyterian church.

Duet, "Christmas Chimes," by Ashford, Beulah Talmadge, soprano; Myra Gleason, alto, of Knight Memorial.

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SALESMAN HELD ON NON-SUPPORT PLEA

He didn't know where his wife and children were so he couldn't send them money. That was the gist of the statement made by Russell D. Stillman, former Salem refrigerator salesman, who appeared before Judge Small in justice court Thursday afternoon for a hearing in a non-support case filed against him by his wife.

LEGIONNAIRES HOLD DISTRICT CONFAB TODAY

Public Invited to Large Session in Salem Armory At 7:30 Tonight

Representatives From Five Counties to Gather for Annual Meeting

Discussion of the benefits to which World War veterans are entitled, and responsibility which devolves upon them in taking advantage of these benefits, will be a central theme at the district conference of the American Legion here today.

The principal meeting of the day will be at the armory at 7:30 p.m., a session to which the general public is invited. Commander S. S. George of the legion in Oregon, and other legion officers as well as state and city officials will speak.

Entertainment, refreshments and a dance are on the program. Joint Session With Auxiliary Scheduled

Commanders, adjutants and delegates from legion posts in the five counties included in this district, will hold a joint meeting with Auxiliary officers and delegates in the afternoon.

In connection with the legion district conference there will be an auxiliary conference of District No. 1, beginning at two o'clock in the veterans room of the armory. It is expected that the regular routine business of reports from the various units, and plans and discussions of the year's work will be the order of the day.

A brief musical program will be given under the direction of Lena Belle Tartar. The auxiliary quartette will make up part of this program.

Many State Officers Will Be on Hand. In the evening the auxiliary will join the legion for a joint meeting at 7:30 o'clock in the armory.

State officials who are expected to be present are Mrs. Mary Chaney, of Medford, president; Mrs. Otto Heider, Sheridan, vice president; Mrs. Mabel McInturff, Astoria, secretary-treasurer; Miss Marie Walker, St. Helens, district committee woman; Mrs. Georgia Weber, Portland, hospital chairman; and Miss Elsie Graham, Portland, child welfare department chairman. Mrs. F. M. Waters is president of the local unit.

WILLAMETTE RIVER IS RISING RAPIDLY

The level of the Willamette river at Salem rose to 14.4 feet above normal at 5 o'clock Thursday afternoon, an advance of 7.2 feet in 35 hours. At that time it was 5.6 feet below flood stage, which is expected to be reached sometime today.

However, in view of the fact that the river level at Eugene and intervening points had been dropping for several hours, it was believed that no serious flooding would occur here. In response to a warning sent out by the government forecaster at Portland, owners of livestock pastured on the lowlands along the river were being warned Thursday of the possibility of a flood.

Water overflowing from ditches along Turner road flooded the area around the buildings at the municipal airport Thursday covering the newly laid floor of the hangar to a depth of three inches, but this water was receding Thursday night. The airport itself was sufficiently dry to permit the landing of planes, although there is little activity there now.

Reports were current here Thursday that motor stages from the south had been held up by floods on the highway this side of Eugene, but this was not corroborated at the stage terminal. The stages ran through water in some places, but the schedule was maintained. Two stages slid off the highway into the water-filled ditch south of Eugene Wednesday night, but no injuries resulted.

Memory Is Lost For Two Weeks By Salem Man

Loss of memory for two weeks was suffered by John Stimpson, local accountant, who was injured when an automobile in which he was riding collided with a train near Roseburg November 28, it was learned following his return to his home here. Concussion of the brain was the cause of his temporary loss of memory. He also suffered a broken leg.

Attends Meet



HEWITT TO ATTEND CONVENTION OF BAR

Recognition of Willamette As Standard Law School Will be Sought

Dean Roy Hewitt of the Willamette university law school leaves Salem this week to attend the convention of the American Bar association at New Orleans.

At the convention Dean Hewitt will make reports preparatory to filing a petition for recognition of the Willamette law school as a standard law school.

The Willamette law department has met the major requirements for recognition, according to the dean. The school gives a standard law course; it has the requisite number of full-time professors; and the law library is substantially over the minimum requirement of 7500 volumes.

After the petition for recognition has been filed and accepted, it will be necessary for officials of the association to make inspection of the school. It will probably be two years before full recognition can be obtained, in the opinion of Dean Hewitt.

4 DEFENDANTS WIN IN MURDER TRIAL

MOUNTAIN VIEW, Ark., Dec. 19.—(AP)—Four mountain farmers late today were acquitted of the murder of a man who appeared as a defense witness at their trial and testified he was the Connie Franklin they had been indicted for slaying.

Herman Greenway, Bill Younger, Joe White and Hubert Hester, who for a month have been held in separate jails in adjoining counties returned to their homes in the St. James mountain community tonight after a jury decided they were not guilty of the mutilation and murder of Connie Franklin last spring.

Hester and Greenway, however, were put under \$2,500 bond charged with attacking Franklin's former sweetheart.

Oregon Willamette River Rapidly Getting Back to Normal Level in Vicinity of Eugene; Portland Backaroos Win Contest

River Going Down. EUGENE, Ore., Dec. 19.—(AP)—The flood swollen Willamette river returned to its banks today and some traffic flowed over the highways north and south of Eugene, cut off for several hours today by two or three feet of water over the pavements.

Clear skies aided the river in getting down from a 14 foot flood stage during the night to a 13 foot mark this afternoon. Surface water cleared from the city streets and county roads early in the morning but the Willamette continued to rage a foot above the flood mark.

Turkeys Tame Again. GRANTS PASS, Ore., Dec. 19.—(AP)—After all the trouble the state game commission has taken to stock Oregon with wild turkeys, several of the birds, yearning for the comforts of civilization, have taken up their abode with the domesticated fowls of a Grants Pass ranch yard.

Veteran Retires. PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 19.—(AP)—Robert Warrack superintendent of the 17th lighthouse district, comprising Oregon and Washington, today announced his retirement effective January 1. Warrack has been in the government service since 1886.

Backaroos Win. PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 19.—(AP)—Forgetting the jinx which has hovered over home ice since the start of the current Pacific coast ice hockey season, the Portland Backaroos denied the Seattle net three times at the coliseum here tonight, meanwhile holding the visiting Eskimos scoreless.

REBEL LEADER SHOT DOWN BY FIRING SQUAD

Bloodshed Occurs as Aftermath of Election by Mexican People

General Carlos Bouquet is Buried Few Miles South of U. S. Border

NOGALES, Ariz., Dec. 19.—(AP)—The sharp cracks of federal firing squad rifles, which yesterday snuffed out the life of a Mexican revolutionary leader, reached the border in echo today as official announcement was made here of the execution of General Carlos Bouquet, intercepted while en route to confer with Mexican revolutionary exiles in the United States.

Jose A. Valenzuela, Mexican consul here, announced Bouquet's fate 24 hours after the executed general's body had been interred in a hillside grave, eight miles from Nogales, Sonora, on the road to Cananea. General Juan Rico, federal troop commander in Nogales, Sonora, who signed Bouquet's death warrant, and directed the firing squad, confirmed the revolutionary leader's death. Five of Bouquet's companions, captured with him are imprisoned.

Graphic Account Given by Witnesses. Eye-witnesses today told of the grim drama that took place back of the arid Sonora hills. General Bouquet, educated in France, once owner of vast ranches in Mexico, stood quietly before the death squad of 12 federal riflemen. He waved aside the proffered blindfold and lit a last cigarette. The smoke was unflashed. The cigarette still was glowing between the condemned general's lips when his one-time friend and fellow campaigner, General Rico, gave the word to fire. His head turned away as he uttered the smothered command, Bouquet fell beside his already prepared grave and the firing squad wheeled and marched away.

Brief Court Martial Precedes Execution. Previous to the execution, General Bouquet had been tried by court martial, presided over by General Rico, and sentenced to die as a traitor. He heard the sentence calmly, and walked steadily to the place of execution immediately afterward.

Consul Valenzuela said that Bouquet, who was a supporter of Jose Vasconcelos, defeated presidential candidate in the recent election north to confer with Vasconcelos and other political exiles in the United States.

Vasconcelos, defeated by Pascual Ortiz Rubio for the presidency, issued a statement from Tucson, where he is staying tonight, endorsing Bouquet's execution "outright murder." He expressed belief that it was the result of personal revenge on the part of General Rico, who was aligned against Bouquet in the Manzo-Escobar revolution last spring.

CONVICTS BREAK JAIL. CHICAGO, Dec. 19.—(AP)—Six prisoners escaped today from Cook county's new "escape proof" jail.

Club Makes Claim. LA GRANDE, Ore., Dec. 19.—(AP)—The La Grande Horse-shoe club claims to have the only steam heated courts in Oregon. The club has completed installing two regulation courts in a vacant business building here and expect to play throughout the winter with prospects of engaging Pendleton in intercity matches.

Old Pioneer Passes. EUGENE, Ore., Dec. 19.—(AP)—Mrs. Sarah J. Handsaker, pioneer of 1854 and dowager queen of the Sunset trail pageant here last summer, died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Louella Bristow, here today. Mrs. Handsaker was 92.

Mrs. Handsaker, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Cannon, came across the plains from Iowa and settled in the Umpqua valley. She later married Samuel Handsaker and they came to Lane county in 1871.

Accident Is Fatal. OWYHEE, Ore., Dec. 19.—(AP)—A four ton rock skip, swinging wildly in the narrow wagon to be filled by a gigantic dam, last night battered into a rock car, killing one man and hurling another into the canyon where he was so badly injured that he died this morning.

The dead are: W. C. Linsley, 21, of Owyhee, who was killed instantly, and B. L. West, 25, of Baker, Mont., who died in Ontario, Ore.

The men were believed to have been riding the car when the heavy skip struck it and turned it over.

Hard-Boiled Pen Officials



FALLS CITY WOMAN SWALLOWS POISON

FALLS CITY, Dec. 19.—(Special)—Mrs. Ellis Breeden, 27, took her own life by drinking carbolic acid here today. Her husband, coming home about 1 o'clock in the afternoon, found her lying on the floor, desperately ill, with the bottle which had contained the poison lying nearby. She was rushed to Dallas for first aid treatment, but died on the way.

Friends of Mrs. Breeden said she had been subject to fits of despondency, and that within the last few days she had made remarks to them which they had not understood at the time, but now recognized as "goodbye" messages. She had purchased the poison at a local drug store this morning.

Mrs. Breeden was a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Bowman of Falls City, and had lived here practically all her life. She is survived by her widower and two children, Nellie, aged 8, and Ellen May, aged 2. She also leaves two brothers and seven sisters.

Funeral arrangements had not been made up to late this afternoon.

JUDGE LENIENT IN F. LOMKER'S CASE

Because Frank Lomker, Me-hama, has a wife and three young children dependent upon him for support, Judge Brazier Small showed the man leniency when he sentenced him in justice court late yesterday afternoon for possession of a still. Lomker was given a fine of \$100 and a 60 day term in the county jail.

In giving the sentence the judge declared that under the statute Lomker could get a penitentiary sentence of four years inasmuch as he was armed with a loaded weapon and had previously been convicted in the justice court here.

Lomker's previous conviction was that of unlawful possession of deer meat out of season. His arrest on the violation for which he was sentenced yesterday occurred this week when he was nabbed by county officers who caught him operating his still.

Immense Still Is Discovered When Explosion Occurs

Liquor Manufacturing Plant Declared Largest Ever Uncovered in Marion County; Barn Burns Revealing Ten Huge Vats

STAYTON, Dec. 19.—(Special)—The largest moonshine still ever uncovered in Marion county came to the attention of county officers and the public in general, with a loud "boom" which was heard by many Stayton residents about 10 o'clock this morning.

The liquor manufacturing plant, located in a barn on the E. C. Baker place, which was rented by B. Schatz, exploded about 10 o'clock, and subsequently the barn burned to the ground.

Among the neighbors and Stayton residents who went to investigate the explosion was Henry Smith, city marshal.

It looked like nothing but an old and dilapidated barn burning, at first, but as more of the building was consumed by the flames, the outlines of the monster still came into view.

There were ten vats of 500 gallon capacity each, all full of mash. The still itself was of 500 gallon capacity, with two oil burners beneath it. Schatz Escapes Soon After Blaze Starts

Schatz, who had moved into the place about October 1, coming here from Shaw, made a getaway as soon as the fire started, but the marshal took his wife and five children into custody.

It was said that Schatz was had been under suspicion for some time. The still was only a few yards from the Salem mill stream and water was pumped from this into the barn. The mash was run into a huge cesspool in the adjacent field. The equipment was so elaborate as to indicate that the moonshiner had plenty of financial backing.

The operators made their own barrels. Dozens of drums of oil were found. A large loaded truck had been seen to pull out from the place Wednesday night, which probably accounted for the fact that no finished liquor was found on the premises.

Ground is Covered With Boiling Water. It was thought that a new batch was started just before the explosion occurred. The ground was covered with the boiling liquid.

Walter Barber and Webb Haskins from the sheriff's office came out to investigate and to demolish the vats. The still was brought to Stayton. It and the burners weigh many thousands of pounds.

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HOLLYWOOD TALKS LIGHTING SYSTEM

Unless downtown Salem gets a sudden "move on," Hollywood will be the first section of the city to install a modern street lighting system. It was indicated at Thursday night's meeting of Hollywood business men, the second get-together of a group which is planning to organize a chamber of commerce in the near future.

A proposal was outlined at this meeting which, if carried to completion, will mean that ornamental lighting standards similar to those recently installed in many large cities, will appear along North Capitol street in the Hollywood business district. Lars Bergsvik, attorney whose home is in Hollywood, introduced the subject.

A. M. Church presided at this meeting. It was decided that final organization of the chamber of commerce would be deferred until after the holidays, and January 9 was selected as the date for the organization meeting.

One of the activities proposed is that of encouraging the establishment in the community of businesses which are now lacking, so as to increase its attractiveness as a trading center. The dinner meeting was held at the Hollywood cafe.

Plan Backed To Select Outstanding Salem Man

Suggestion that the Salem Advertising club sponsor a plan for choosing each year Salem's outstanding citizen from point of public service was made in a communication from C. E. Wilson, manager of the Salem chamber of commerce, which was presented at the luncheon meeting of the Ad club at the Marion hotel yesterday.

Mr. Wilson suggested that the Ad club undertake to make the selection and that the club then join with the chamber in according special recognition to the service performed by this citizen. It is believed that under this plan the unsung work of public-spirited individuals would be brought to light and figurative bouquets accorded them in life.

It was proposed by Mr. Wilson that the club nominate 10 men whose names would then be balloted on by a chosen list of 1000 prominent citizens, the winner being named the city's outstanding citizen of the year.

Sackett, president of the club, the matter was referred to the executive committee of the club to study and make a recommendation along with other points in the general program of the year.

C. R. Smith, chairman of the Christmas Illumination contest committee, reported that plans for the contest were progressing nicely.