

OREGON'S GOVERNOR DIES

GENERAL WHITE NOW PROMOTED TO HIGH OFFICE

Rank of Major-General is Conferred on Salem Man Yesterday

Local Guardsman to Be Put In Command of Entire 41st Division

WASHINGTON, D. C. Dec. 21.—(AP)—Promotion of Brigadier-General George A. White of Oregon to the rank of major-general and assignment to command the 41st division, was provided in recent war department orders. It became known today. General White's assignment and promotion have been pending since last October, but no announcement was made until the preliminary procedures had been completed officially.

The 41st division comprises national guard troops in Oregon, Washington, Idaho, Montana and Wyoming. A group of northwestern governors joined with Governor I. L. Patterson of Oregon in recommending General White's selection for the post, and the promotion to Major General was recommended by the commanding general of the 9th corps area at San Francisco, Major-General John L. Hines, former chief of staff of the army, and the Major-General William G. Everson, national guard chief in the war department.

General White is a World War veteran and a graduate of the command and general staff school at Fort Leavenworth and the army war college here. He is one of the few men under 50 to receive the rank of major general. Headquarters of the division are placed at Portland.

The promotion of General White to be major general commanding the 41st division was confirmed at National Guard headquarters here late yesterday. The promotion became effective some time ago, but no announcement was made until official headquarters from Washington. General White took the oath of office during the past week, said Major Elmer Wooten, acting executive officer.

The division comprises national guard troops in Oregon, Washington, Idaho, Montana and Wyoming.

While General White was in Portland to attend the annual ball given by the Portland reserve officers, it was learned from officers at the Salem office that he will take up his new duties during the present month. His new command consists of four regiments of infantry, three of field artillery, one of engineers, an air service squadron of 15 planes, tank company and other division headquarters troops now formed and located among the five states of the division area. He will continue, also, to command the Oregon national guard most of which is a part of the 41st division.

The division was formed at the time of the World War and sent overseas among the first divisions in command of General Hunter Liggett. Later it was commanded by Major General Alexander, now retired, and by Major General Paul Malone, now commanding the seventh corps area. The present strength of the division is approximately 600 officers and 7500 enlisted men.

General White is the first northwest resident to be appointed to division command.

MORE PLOTS NIPPED
MEXICO CITY, Dec. 21.—(AP)—Official announcement was made tonight of the discovery of several plots against the government.

United States Congress Adjourns For Christmas
WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—(AP)—Congress adjourned for the holidays today, having finished the nation's Christmas stocking with a \$160,000,000 income tax reduction and a \$16,000,000 hospitalization bill as part of its busy three weeks work since the regular session convened.

The approach of Santa Claus far outweighed interested in legislative business and only brief sessions were held in both the senate and house as the two weeks' recess began.

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General White Gets Promotion



George Ared White

CHRISTMAS TREE PROGRAM PLANNED

Salem Kiwanis Club to Entertain School Children of City

Arrangements for a Christmas tree program and treat for all the school children in Salem below the junior high grades, have been completed by the Kiwanis club, and the event, probably the most elaborate and inclusive of its kind to be offered in Salem this Christmas season, will be held at the Y. M. C. A. Monday night, beginning at 7 o'clock sharp.

Ralph Cooley, president of the Kiwanis club, estimated Saturday night that 1500 children would attend, basing this on the indications given a group of Kiwanians who carried the invitation to all the schools in the past few days.

Anticipating that number of juvenile guests, the club has provided 1500 pounds of candy and nuts, seven cases of oranges, and a large stock of toys, all of which will be distributed by Santa Claus in person as the climax of the evening's program.

The entertainment feature will be built around the showing of an "Our Gang" comedy entitled "When School Begins." After the showing of this motion picture, a contest will be staged in which each school will enter a group impersonating the members of "Our Gang," these groups to perform antics similar to those of the famous film folk.

A valuable prize will be presented to the school which has the best impersonating cast.

The program will be conducted in the gymnasium at the Y.

CONTEST ENTRIES JUDGED TONIGHT

Judging of the entries in the second annual outdoor Christmas illumination contest will start at 7:30 o'clock tonight. All entrants have been advised by the contest committee of the Salem Advertising club, sponsors of the affair, to have their displays in proper shape by that time and fully illuminated.

The judges of the contest as announced yesterday will be Miss Kathryn Gunnell, F. G. Delano and B. B. Plack. Miss Gunnell is of the photographic firm of Gunnell and Robb. Mr. Delano is a real estate in the city. Mr. Plack is an ex-electrical engineer.

The judging will be done in each of the four divisions of the

CARAWAY ATTACKS FARM BOARD GROUP

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—(AP)—Hope that the federal farm board will repudiate agreements for handling grain reported to have been reached at a recent conference between Alexander Legge, its chairman, and several grain operators, including Julius H. Barnes, head of President Hoover's business advisory council, was expressed today in a letter to Legge from Chairman Caraway of the senate lobby committee.

"I truly hope the board will repudiate your agreements and the place and time in which you saw fit to announce them," Caraway writes. "It must be so, if it wishes to retain the confidence of, not only the farmers, but all those who earnestly sought by legislation some means of relieving the distressed condition of agriculture."

Replying to a letter from the farm board, Chairman Caraway offered him an opportunity to appear before the lobby committee to explain the conference. Legge had written Caraway an explanation of the farm board's policy in advancing money to cooperative farm organizations.

RUMBLINGS OF DISCONTENT IN COUNTY HEARD

Shadow of Imminent Trouble Falls Across Offices At Court House

Judge McMahan Starts Ball Rolling Among Grangers Of This Section

They are mixing the brew of doubt in the country spaces of Marion county. The grange, which has had little to agitate it since the last election and the session of the legislature with its usual laws, are wondering whether the legislators could vote themselves extra pay in the guise of expense money, is having its attention directed to ways that are strange at the county court house. Judge McMahan, veteran of many political forays and himself a granger, is reported as having visited some of the granges, told tales out of school. It is even intimated that the grange will appoint a "committee" to investigate. This grange grand jury would hold high inquisition, though whether it would reach the height of a senatorial inquiry or a Joseph-Mannix disbarment suit is in doubt. Nor is it settled that the grange will actually carry forward an investigation. Perhaps it will, perhaps it will get the labor union to join in an inquiry.

County politics will be rather quiet in 1930. Smith Sole Commissioner Up For Re-election

The only county official whose term expires is J. E. Smith, commissioner. The other officers hold over till January, 1933 except the county judge whose term does not expire until January, 1935. But that does not prevent the grangers from having the effect of stirring political waters that have long been stagnant.

Here are some of the "wrongs" which the grangers may be invited to try to set right, or at least to expose to public gaze whether right or wrong.

One of the chief complaints laid before the grange has been the allowance of an attorney fee of \$2500 in the settlement of the Dr. Byrd estate when it is claimed that the work required justified no such fee. The estate was valued at \$12,000, and the fee was based on the bar association percentage; but the law empowers the county judge to fix a "reasonable" fee. Some of the heirs protested the fee claimed because most of the estate was in bonds, there were no debts and no real estate sales. The county judge allowed the fee over the protest.

Business Declared Unusually Lengthy

Another reported complaint is that while the county court used to meet and transact its business in about ten days, allowing claims and hearing reports, now the court sits the whole month and much of the time has nothing to do. The two commissioners are paid on a per diem basis of \$5 per day.

Then it is asserted that the court pays its member 10c a mile for operating their private cars in going about and viewing roads over the county, which is claimed to be excessive and higher than

Death Mourned By Entire State



Isaac Lee Patterson

FUNDS YET NEEDED BY SALVATION ARMY

Campaign for Money is Now Near Its Close; Goal Not Yet Sighted

THE SALVATION ARMY "GOOD WILL FUND"	
Previously Reported	\$1,058.36
Addie M. Brant	1.00
No Name	29.21
A Friend	7.00
F. E. Mercer	2.00
J. H. Thomas	5.00
Mickey Mouse Club	18.05
Elsinore Theatre	5.00
Sweet Briar Club	5.00
Employes MacMurr and Market 50	8.60
Kettles, Dec. 21	62.50
Total to date	\$1,190.77

To be 76 years old and alone in the world is bad enough, but when a person is also sick, dependent and penniless; that is mighty tough.

COUPLE QUARREL; DEATH IS RESULT

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 21.—(AP)—Police tonight blamed an automobile for the serious wounding of Gay Westfall, 28, formerly of Great Falls, Mont., and the suicide of Noel F. Womack, 28, who two months ago bought himself out of the army at Vancouver Barracks, Vancouver, Wash. Physicians believed the young woman would live, although her right lung was punctured by a bullet from the ex-soldier's pistol.

The quarrel between Womack, whose home is at McMinnville, Tenn., and Miss Westfall, police declared, began last night when she refused to let him use her automobile and was resumed when he returned to her hotel early today after taking the car despite her protests, he threatened to kill her then, police said.

Late today Womack went to the young woman's hotel, officers declared, and was told by Miss Westfall that she "never wanted to see him again." He took a note from his pocket, she told police, drew a gun and fired at her. Womack then turned the gun on himself.

Miss Westfall said she met Womack soon after her arrival here from Great Falls. She was employed in a beauty parlor here. Womack's note, addressed to "the authorities," asked that his suicide be kept from his parents.

NORBLAD PUTS SELF IN RACE FOR NEW TERM

Announcement Is Issued Few Minutes After News of Elevation Heard

Incoming State Chief Will Make Campaign to Succeed Self

ASTORIA, Ore., Dec. 21.—(AP)—Albin Walter Norblad, president of the Oregon state senate, who succeeds to the governorship with the death of Governor I. L. Patterson, announced tonight that he would leave for Portland at 8 o'clock tomorrow morning and that he would go directly to the home of his aged and invalid mother, Mrs. Bessie Norblad, before whom he will take the oath of office.

Governor Norblad said he would ask State Senator Gus Moser to administer the oath of office. He added that he would become a candidate for the governorship at the expiration of the term he is now entering.

Haste in Getting Into Race Explained

"I made this announcement," he said, "with due respect to the memory of Governor Patterson, my dear and valued friend, and with whom I have often discussed the matter. We had an understanding that I would not enter the field against him, but that as soon as his term expired I would become a candidate. In view of this discussion, I feel that I can properly make this announcement at this time."

The new governor of Oregon is 48 years old. He was born at Malmö, Sweden, and emigrated to this country with his parents while a little child. They settled at Grand Rapids, Michigan, and the family being in reduced circumstances, Norblad started out in the world for himself at the age of 12.

Early Career Is Of Varied Nature

He peddled newspapers, sold hot dogs at country fairs, played the clarinet in a circus band and did many odd jobs, returning at last to his home in Grand Rapids to enter business college. Later he worked as a furniture salesman. He entered a night school at Dixon, Illinois, and obtained enough credits to enter the Chicago school of law. He worked his way through this school and passed the bar examination in 1902.

Norblad then started practice in Delta county, Michigan. In 1906, he was married at Escanaba, Michigan, to Miss Edna Cates. In 1908, during a trip west, he visited Astoria and was impressed with possibilities here. In 1909, he brought his family to Astoria and has resided here since that time. He has served as city attorney, school director, attorney for the Port of Astoria, and five regular and two special sessions of the state senate. In addition he has served twice as president of the Astoria chamber of commerce and taken a prominent part in civic affairs.

He is a member of several Masonic orders, the Elks lodge, and Knights of Pythias and is a member of the Presbyterian church.

Mr. and Mrs. Norblad have two children: Albin Walter, Jr., 21, who is a student at the University of Oregon, and Eleanor, 15, who is a student at Astoria high school.

ARMY PAY PROBED

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—(AP)—An investigation by a joint congressional committee into the pay situation of the army was urged in a letter today to Chairman James of the house military committee by Secretary Harley.

End Comes Suddenly At 8:10 Saturday Evening From Pneumonia Attack

Chief Executive Well Known and Liked in State

Birth Occurs in 1859 in Log Cabin, Benton County

Isaac Lee Patterson was born September 17, 1859, in a little log cabin at Kings Valley in Benton county, Oregon, his birth occurring in the same year in which Oregon attained statehood. His parents were early residents of this state and were married in Oregon. F. A. Patterson, his father, came from Belleville, Ill., and his mother, who was Caroline Tatom, from Missouri.

The family moved to farm in Polk county when Isaac Lee, the eldest child, was about 6 years old. Until he was 19, the future governor made his home there, except for a year when he attended Christian college at Monmouth, later the state normal school.

All Ten Children Of Family Work

There were ten children in the family, and the governor was fond of recalling that all worked. At the age of 19, Isaac, then six feet three inches tall, decided that he was big enough to make his way in the world, so he went to Salem and obtained a job in the grocery store of McCully and Gilbert. He worked for his board alone for several months, and then as his services became more useful, \$40 a month was given him in addition to his room and board. Within five years, young Patterson had saved \$1000 and he then bought an interest in the store.

Early in life the future governor began to take an interest in politics. In 1894 he was elected to the state senate from Marion county, and was made chairman of the ways and means committee, one of the most important and influential positions in the state senate. He also was made chairman of the committee on

NORBLAD SHOCKED AS GOVERNOR DIES

A. W. Norblad of Astoria, president of the senate, will succeed as governor of Oregon in accordance with the state constitution. Called by the Statesman over the long distance telephone Mr. Norblad said:

"I am shocked by news of the death of the governor. It is so sudden that I am unable to state my plans definitely. I plan to go to Portland Sunday and be sworn in by the bedside of my wife, Mrs. Betty Norblad who has been a helpless invalid for forty years. I shall go to Salem probably on Monday."

"Governor Patterson and I were members of the senate together in 1919. We were warm personal friends. I had expected to be a candidate for the governorship when Mr. Patterson died through my resignation probably in 1930."

Mr. Norblad requested the Statesman to arrange for Miss Beatrice Walton, the governor's secretary, to continue in her position.

Governor Norblad was born in Sweden March 19, 1881; his first American residence was with his parents at Grand Rapids, Michigan. He worked at various jobs in Chicago, attending night school and studying law.

He worked as a reporter to obtain his law course, also studying medicine. He was admitted to the Michigan bar in 1904, moving back to Grand Rapids in 1905. That year he was appointed district attorney in Michigan, an office which he held until 1908, when he came west to Astoria.

He served a brief enlistment in the Spanish-American war, was the first president of the Astoria chamber of commerce, an office to which he was subsequently re-elected. He was instrumental in organizing the Port of Astoria, and was its first attorney. He was city attorney of Astoria for several years.

He is married and has two children, one son in the University of Oregon; he is past exalted ruler of the Elks, a Mason, Shriner and Knight of Pythias. He belongs to the Presbyterian church.

Salem People Mourn Death Of Patterson

O. P. COSHOW, chief justice of state supreme court: "I very sincerely regret the passing of Governor Patterson. I have felt under obligation to him since assuming the chief justiceship since he has been very considerate of my position and the responsibility it entails. His death is a great loss to the state and difficult to appraise at this time."

DR. CARL G. DONEY, president Willamette university: "We have appreciated the governor as a friend and have regarded him as a loyal servant to the community and to the commonwealth."

BROWN E. SISSON, president chamber of commerce: "Mr. Patterson's death comes as a great shock to Oregon. The governor will be missed by the chamber of Salem, and by the citizens of Salem and of Oregon. He attended our meetings quite often and was an active and valued member."

CARLE ABRAMS, secretary state board of control: "It has been my opinion that Governor Patterson has made in many respects the most satisfactory governor the state has ever had. He has been subjected to less criticism than any governor in memory but he has been fearless and at the same time has instituted a number of reforms of great benefit to Oregon. I have come to admire him very much in personal association because of the fearless way he worked and the keen method of arriving at vital points before him. In all the vexing questions I saw him handle, I never saw him riled nor in any way lose his temper but rather, by diplomatic questioning and reasoning, he not only settled matters his way but won the opposition to his way of thinking."

T. A. LIVESLEY, mayor of Salem: "Governor Patterson's death is a terrible shock. We have known him since we came to Salem 40 years ago and were long-time friends. We regarded him very highly. His death was a terrible blow to the state and an especial one to this county. He was a man beloved by all and proved himself a wonderful governor. No one can tell now what his loss will mean to the state."

R. J. HENDRICKS, former editor of The Oregon Statesman: "Governor Patterson was making a splendid governor. Without ostentation, he was efficiently directing the business of the state in ways making for both good service and economy. From the very first part of his term he showed a thorough grasp of the far flung business of the state government, and he quietly worked for improvements in all its various branches, and secured results constantly. He was as a young man true and faithful, and he grew with the years and with opportunity and responsibility. His term as governor of Oregon, though cut short by over a year through his untimely taking off, will go down in the history of the state as an outstanding one."

JOHN H. CARLIN, tax commissioner: "Due to a friendship dating back to when we were both in the legislature, and more intimate association when I was speaker of the house and in tax work while he has been governor, his death comes as a great shock to me. He has served his state faithfully and well. Oregon will miss his conservative yet constructive leadership."

SAM A. KOZER, state budget officer: "I am greatly shocked at the sudden passing of Governor Patterson and will miss him both

Patterson Has Relapse Late Saturday Afternoon

Illness of Little Over Week Kept Secret From Public

Isaac Lee Patterson, governor of Oregon, died suddenly at 8:10 o'clock Saturday night at his farm home in Eola, Polk county, seven miles west from Salem. Death resulted from a weakened heart condition brought about by pneumonia.

The sudden passing of the governor was a blow to the citizens of Oregon who had only two days ago learned that he was ill and that his sickness was caused by a slight cold from which he was expected soon to recover.

Governor Patterson's illness, which did not come to the public attention, reached a supposed crisis Thursday night when the fever caused by pneumonia subsided and he was thought to have taken a turn for the better.

Heart Action Becomes Very Weak Friday

Physicians were alarmed Friday when his heart action appeared very weak. His condition was grave Friday night.

Saturday morning, however, Drs. Morse and Power found the governor somewhat stronger and in brighter spirits. Nurses allowed him to be propped in bed.

At 4 o'clock Saturday afternoon every indication pointed that the governor, although in a grave condition, was on the way to recovery. He talked clearly to his attendants and physicians were encouraged.

About 6 o'clock the governor's condition suddenly turned for the worse. His heart action, weak since he became ill a week ago, was markedly diminished and he slipped into a coma. He never recovered consciousness. Death came at 8:10 p. m.

Governor In Cheerful Mood Early In Day

After the governor's death it was learned that he was extremely cheerful Saturday morning. He sat up in bed and talked with members of his immediate family and his physicians. He smoked and discussed affairs of state. Later in the day he suffered a relapse. His condition steadily became worse and at 8:15 p. m. Dr. Morse made the announcement that stunned the entire state.

The governor contracted a cold while in Portland three weeks ago. Subsequently he went to Hubbard Springs, Ore., where he stayed in a hotel in honor of Henry H. Eversing, prominent Oregon sportsman and a close friend of the governor. He bathed in the mineral springs in an effort to break the cold, but to no avail. He then went to his home at Eola.

He was ordered to bed by his physician and remained there until called by death.

Atlantic Flyers On Way South to Rio De Janeiro

NATAL, Brazil, Dec. 21.—(AP)—Major Tadeo Lacro-Borges and Lieutenant Leon Challe, the Uruguayan-French aviators, left here today in an Aero-Postal plane. They are expected to reach Rio Janeiro tomorrow afternoon where they will be guests of the Brazilian government.

Patterson Funeral Will Be Held Early This Week

No plans for funeral services for Governor Isaac Lee Patterson were made last night, though it is expected the services will be held some time Tuesday. There was no intimation from the home of whether a state funeral, such as characterized the final rites on March 6, 1919, for Governor James Withycombe, would be held for Governor Patterson.

Governor Withycombe was laid to rest with military honors, an entire cadet company from O. A. C. firing three volleys over the mausoleum as the final tribute to the executive. The body laid in state for two hours prior to the service at the First Methodist church under bodyguard of cadets from the college. Honorary and active pallbearers were chosen largely from officer ranks. A band, with the cadet company and color guard from the state college, led the march to the cemetery and the general military staff of Oregon marched in solid formation to the ceremony.

Looking Backward... Looking Forward!

THE year of 1929 soon draws to a close. It has been a busy, prosperous one for the people of Salem. In its annual edition of January 1, 1930, The Oregon Statesman will tell the story of the year... industrial development, building construction, governmental advance, educational progress.

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