

GREETINGS

For better or for worse, 1931 is with us today! The Statesman extends its greetings and good wishes.

THE WEATHER

Cloudy weather, with the wind in the north, is predicted for today in Salem. Max. yesterday 86; min. 28.

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HARVARD SAYS EINSTEIN IDEA CREATION OFF

Discount Famous Leader's Cosmology, but not Relativity Theory

Kansas Professor Establishes Link Between Sex and Circling

By HOWARD W. BLAKESLEE Associated Press Science Editor CLEVELAND, Dec. 31.—(AP)—The foundation of Dr. Albert Einstein's cosmology or theory of creation is disputed by a Harvard discovery reported to the American Association for the Advancement of Science today.

An apparently definite connection between sex and the ingrained tendency of a man lost in the woods to walk in circles was reported from the University of Kansas.

Einstein's relativity theory is not involved by the Harvard findings, his cosmology being an entirely separate work which never has been accepted as widely as relativity.

Harvard astronomers, mapping things seen deep in outer space, have discovered that contrary to an assumption made by Einstein as a basis of his cosmology, matter is not uniformly distributed.

Doubt That Space Is Completely Filled. His uniform distribution, the Einstein cosmology conceives of space as completely filled with matter, so that no more substance can be packed in. His universe is static, that is, it does not change.

His cosmology has been interpreted by some scientists as meaning possibly that space may not be infinite but is some how limited.

Dr. Harold Shapley, director of Harvard observatory, reported the new star mapping in an address as retiring vice president of the section on astronomy. He said it is possible to interpret the Harvard findings differently, but that he takes them as showing space to be no more uniformly populated with stars than the United States is with human beings.

The stars are clumped into groups scattered about like American cities, with some great open spaces like the emptiness of the Rockies.

Link Between Sex and Circling Applies to All. The link between sex and circling was found by Dr. A. A. Schaeffer, professor of zoology of the University of Kansas. It applies alike to plants, animals and man.

In the circling tendency all of them divide into two general classes, one with a right turning propensity and the other with left spiraling.

In sex they divide also into two general classes, one that reproduces without sex, which includes lowly forms of life, and the other which reproduces sexually and includes the higher forms.

Whatever causes the difference in circling quite generally causes also the difference in sex. The higher orders tend to one direction of circling while the lower, or several groups, tend to go the other direction.

The dividing line between left and right turning is not hard and fast, but approximate, something like comparative numbers of left and right handed persons. There are also sex exceptions.

Dr. Schaeffer concludes that the spiraling and sex differences originate from the same source, and that this is something too small to be seen in a microscope, probably units of living protoplasm, which are each about the size of molecules.

The importance of the work is the fact that it seems to prove the existence of these tiny living bits, which Dr. Schaeffer said long have been suspected, and to discover one difference between them which may enable scientists to learn more, and then find uses for the knowledge.

Dash by Air to Get Serum for Lad Who's Dying. SPOKANE, Dec. 31.—(AP)—An international dash by an airplane carrying infantile paralysis serum today possibly saved the life of ten-year-old Hugo Wood, son of K. E. Wood, Grand Forks, B. C., rancher.

The serum was ordered from a drug company here and a Mammor air transport plane traveled the 145 miles to Grand Forks in an hour and fifteen minutes, arriving at four o'clock after Hugo's illness was diagnosed as paralysis.

Naval Treaty is In Full Force as Irish Papers in. LONDON, Dec. 31.—(AP)—The London naval treaty, born of the five-power conference last spring, at last is in full force with the deposit at the foreign office today of the ratification by the Irish Free State.

Forward Into 1931!

A NEW YEAR'S EDITORIAL

PEOPLE tore the 1930 calendar off the wall rather eagerly, as though anxious to be done with it. Now the 1931 calendar greets us from the wall, the first day of the first month of the first year of the third decade of the century.

With all our impatience to kick 1930 into the gutter through disappointment at the way it turned out, Salem citizens may take genuine comfort that its industrial, commercial and civic life has been well sustained through the past year and conditions are healthy for resumption of normal expansion when signs are favorable.

In checking over the various Salem industries for material for this annual edition, the Statesman was greatly impressed with the stability of these industries and the regularity of their operations during the year. Plant after plant has operated at normal rate during the year, maintaining payrolls and building up markets for goods. Some industries have been launched; none of size has been forced to suspend.

The lumber industry through the northwest suffered the worst, but Salem's paper mill, woolen mill, linen mills, converting plant, packing plant, creameries, bakeries have run with even increased volume of business in 1930.

Dairyman, Hop Grower do Quite Well. In this locality farming has probably suffered most severely through the fall in prices and fruit-growing through disappointing yields in 1930. Salem canneries did not have such a large year as previously because of the reduced yields of berries. Dairying has increased production during the past year; likewise the poultry business showed growth. Hop growers have had a better year. Live stock saved sheep and wool has had a ready market at profitable prices; so the farm picture is by no means wholly gloomy.

Credit Facilities in Excellent Shape. Salem has felt the effects of what is recognized as a major depression; but the wonderful diversity of our resources has served once again to sustain the city and its business institutions in remarkable manner. Savings deposits have increased, no marked shortage of credit was experienced. Our industries have come through the year successfully. The amount of actual unemployment while greater than normal, has not been excessively so.

With 1930 behind, city and state and nation are girding themselves for definite recovery and advancement in 1931. Stocks for the most part are low; revival of demand will quicken the pulse of trade and increase the hum of industry. Forward into 1931!

HOOVERS READY TO GREET THOUSANDS

WASHINGTON, Dec. 30.—(AP)— President and Mrs. Hoover spent New Year's eve getting ready for a hard day's work tomorrow.

They will have to shake hands with some four to six thousand people on New Year's day, the figure depending somewhat on the weather.

The chief executive and Mrs. Hoover spent a quiet day. They planned not to wait up for the New Year, it being said at the White House that the president felt the year would arrive unobserved.

In the morning, Mr. Hoover received the government officials, beginning with the cabinet. The morning will end with the reception of patriotic orders. The supreme court, diplomatic corps, house and senate members, army and navy officers and ranking bureau chiefs and commission members will pass through the line in the meantime.

The afternoon will bring the general public.

Amos and Andy Start Raid on King's English

LONDON, Dec. 31.—(AP)—Unless millions of British radio fans were "regaled" tonight they probably will be shelving "Fawcety that!" and other exclamatory expressions for "Sho! Sho!"

For Amos and Andy, the black-faced pair familiar to American dial twisters, were heard in Great Britain tonight for the first time. Reception was excellent and officials of the British Broadcasting corporation estimated that a potential audience of 12,000,000 was available to hear the pair dissect the king's English.

Liquor Resorts In New York Are Given Big Raid

NEW YORK, Dec. 31.—(AP)—Determined to make New Year's eve safe for sobriety, 30 of Uncle Sam's dry warriors started out today bent on throttling the shrill blast of Broadway's celebration down to a mere whisper. A huge truck from the government warehouse brought up the rear.

Busch Youth Is Kidnaped In St. Louis

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 31.—(AP)—Adolphus Busch Othwein, 13, grandson of August A. Busch, president of Anheuser-Busch, Inc., and great grandson of the late Adolphus Busch, was kidnaped at 7:30 o'clock tonight from the grounds of the Othwein home in Huntleigh village, St. Louis county, by a negro armed with a revolver.

The boy is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Percy J. Othwein. His mother before her marriage was Clara Busch. His father is vice president of an advertising agency.

Immediately after the kidnaping, Sheriff Alfred Lill of St. Louis county, placed constables and deputy sheriffs on guard on all important roads in the county and notified St. Louis police. Assistant Chief of Police Glasco of St. Louis, ordered the city police department to patrol the streets on the lookout for the kidnaper.

Reno Divorces Higher in '30; 2135 are Given

RENO, Nev., Dec. 31.—(AP)—Reno divorces in 1930 exceeded those of 1929 by at least 32, a compilation made today by County Clerk E. P. Beemer disclosed.

At 2 p. m., 2135 divorces had been granted for the year, with three additional cases set for hearing during the late afternoon and a possibility that one or two might be added to these.

A comparison of the two years shows women have predominated this year in the number of decrees granted, while in 1929 men predominated.

Marriages in Reno also exceeded those of last year, a tabulation showing a total of 4513 licenses as compared with 4210 in 1929 and 3407 in 1928.

Norblad Denies Partner Rumor

ASTORIA, Ore., Dec. 31.—(AP)—Governor A. W. Norblad, visiting here tonight, denied rumors he had formed a partnership with a Portland attorney. He said he would return to his law practice hereafter January 15. "This is my home," said the governor. "I have fought here many successful battles for legislation beneficial to Oregon. Here I received the highest plurality Clatsop county ever accorded any candidate for governor. I shall remain here with my friends."

Chinese Robbers Raise \$1,237.11

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 31.—(AP)—Two Chinese today held up H. L. Sun, manager of the International Dollar store, and robbed him of \$1,237.11. Sun was en route to the bank to deposit the money, Tuesday's receipts. He told police he did not see a gun in the hands of either of the robbers.

EINSTEIN SAYS HE HAS GREAT FAITH IN YOUTH

Joy of Living and Joy in Work Praised in U. S. As he Sees it

Great German on way to Attend Scientific Meet in Los Angeles

By WALTER B. CLAUSEN Associated Press Staff Writer SAN DIEGO, Cal., Dec. 31.—(AP)—Albert Einstein came, saw and gave his solution to the problem of the American human equation.

"I feel that you are justified in looking into the future with true assurance because you have a mode of living in which we find harmoniously combined the joy of life and the joy of work.

The greatest living mathematical mind then further classified the American spirit, with this greeting: "The spirit of ambition which prevades you very being seems to make the day's work like the happy child at play."

The little German professor was thrilled to vibrant emotion over the welcome extended by school children.

Then he expressed his analysis—a pronouncement of faith in the youth of today.

"Youth is always the same, endlessly the same," he said, brushing aside all frequently heard contentions that modern youth was wilder or had more liberties than in other days.

After a few hours in San Diego he left by motor for Pasadena, where he will meet the largest family of advanced scientists who are to be found anywhere, working upon his general principle of relativity.

His most interest, he said, was in the progress of work being undertaken there with respect to the influence of the earth's rotation on the propagation of light.

General Strike On in Coal Area Of South Wales

CARDIFF, Wales, Dec. 31.—(AP)—A general strike in the great South Wales coal area involving approximately 150,000 workers, was ordered tonight by officials of the miners' federation, effective at midnight.

The decision followed an evening spent in hurried conferences as representatives of the ministry of mines made last-minute dashes between the headquarters of the miners and owners. Neither side would agree to the demands of the other and the miners were ordered not to return to work tomorrow.

Mrs. Jane Wood Hit-Run Victim

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 31.—(AP)—Mrs. Jane Wood, 55, whose home was about a mile south of Canby on the Pacific highway, died tonight at Oregon City hospital from injuries received when she was struck by a hit and run driver whose machine crashed into her while she was walking on the highway near her home.

COUZENS HITS HOOVER RAIL MERGER PLAN

Says Would Help Trusts at Expense of Human Misery

President Unethical in Sponsoring Idea, is Statement

By NATHAN ROBERTSON WASHINGTON, Dec. 31.—(AP)—Charging the proposed four system consolidation of eastern railroads was a plan to help the roads out of financial difficulties "at the expense of human misery," Chairman Couzens of the senate interstate commerce committee today accused President Hoover of being "most unethical" in sponsoring it.

Both Couzens and Senator McCellar, democrat, Tennessee, said the president prejudged the merits of the plan by commenting on it before it was submitted to the interstate commerce commission.

The plan, announced by President Hoover at the White House yesterday, would place all eastern roads, except those in New England, under the Pennsylvania, the Baltimore and (Turn to page 2, col. 3)

KNIGHTHOOD HONOR GIVEN LABOR CHIEF

LONDON, Dec. 31.—(AP)—The king's traditional list of New Year's honors made a knight today of a man who did hard work with his hands at the age of 13, later went to sea and since has been a battleship for the cause of the trade unions.

Yesterday he was James Sexton, but today he is Sir James Sexton, still a prominent laborite and leading figure in the British unions.

The list contains other tinges of romance. George Thomas, a noted financial writer whose pen name is "Aundax" becomes a baronet.

Wilmot Lewis, who has covered Washington for years for the London Times, now is Sir Wilmot Lewis by virtue of his having been made a knight commander of the Order of the British Empire.

Another knighted was conferred on Norman Angell, noted pacifist, who wrote "The Great Illusion."

Legge Says Short Selling Must go Or be Restricted

WASHINGTON, Dec. 31.—(AP)—The dispute between grain men and the farm board which ended most of 1930 drew to a pitch as the year waned and brought a prediction today from Chairman Legge that eventually short selling must be eliminated.

Responding to a statement by Peter B. Carey, vice-president of the Chicago board of trade, in which that exchange was aligned with others in outspoken opposition to farm board operations, Legge called for further federal regulation of the exchanges.

The chairman considered it improbable that further governmental regulation might cause the exchange to close its doors. Restriction of short selling was Legge's expressed desire.

5 Major Topics for Legislation Coming Faced by 44 States

Associated Press Makes Survey of Problems Confronting Assemblies in New Year; Taxation First on List

By DALE HARRISON (Copyright, 1930, By The Associated Press) NEW YORK, Dec. 31.—(AP)—The making of law becomes next month in 43 states capitals a matter of serious concern.

By summer—statute writing is a tedious affair—these 43 legislatures, joined in April by a forty-fourth, Florida—will have adjourned; and an estimated 20,000 new measures will have been acted upon. Only four states—Virginia, Kentucky, Louisiana and Mississippi—will have no legislative sessions next year.

NEW YEAR TO SEE BETTER DRY LAWS

WASHINGTON, Dec. 31.—(AP)—A new year's prediction that 1931 will see a gradually improving enforcement of the dry laws was made today by Prohibition Director Woodcock.

An optimistic view at the year's end also was taken by Dr. James M. Doran, commissioner of industrial alcohol. He announced that the new non-poisonous denaturant, acetate, had been distributed to alcohol distillers throughout the country and would be mixed with their product beginning January 2.

Woodcock summed up his views on enforcement in one brief paragraph: "Last July we started with the idea of making the commercial violator the immediate objective, we believe that is the correct policy. We believe our force of agents has become more efficient through systematic training. We propose to continue along these lines. Improvement in enforcement will follow improvement in the training of our force."

The matter of prison reform and state policing assumes high importance in 10 states. In two of them, Kansas and Massachusetts, there has arisen a difference of opinion as to the effect of the death penalty for capital crime. Kansas would legalize capital punishment once more. Massachusetts would repeal it.

Arizona, still shuddering over the decapitation of a woman, it hanged last spring, will seek "a more humane method of execution." Its governor-elect favors abolition of the death penalty altogether.

Unemployment relief is promised consideration by at least 11 legislatures. Probably others will ponder the problem, one of the work of lawmaking strikes its stride.

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Governmental reform lacks the "human interest" element of such affairs of state prohibition. (Turn to page 2, col. 1)

Professor Swift Raps Education In Vogue in U. S.

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 31.—(AP)—The annual session of the Oregon State Teachers' association closed here today.

One of the closing pieces of business was the organization of the Oregon Social Science association. The association, it was said, will have for its object the promotion of social science teaching in the high schools.

C. E. Rothwell, of the University of Oregon high school, was elected chairman of the association. Dr. Fletcher Harper Swift, of the University of California, told the teachers education in the United States is not free and is neither equal nor universal.

Roy C. Lyle Is Given Job Under Doran

SEATTLE, Dec. 31.—(AP)—Roy C. Lyle, former Pacific northwest prohibition administrator acquired a few months ago of bribery and conspiracy charges, today revealed he has been appointed supervisor of industrial alcohol in the 12th district. He will assume his new duties January 2, probably with headquarters here.

The appointment was made by Dr. James Doran, head of the national division of industrial alcohol. He was head of the prohibition department when Lyle was northwest administrator.

Lyle's salary will be \$6000, the same as he received as administrator. His district, under the justice department regime, includes Idaho and Montana as well as Washington, Oregon and Alaska, which formerly comprised the northwest prohibition enforcement district.

3 DIE AS BANDITS ROB BANK

New Orleans Tragedy Enacted by Hooded Robber Trio

Ruthless Slayings at Eve of Festivity Sobers City

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 31.—(AP)—Advised tonight of rumors of a plot to bomb the first precinct police station and adjoining criminal courts building during the midnight New Year's fireworks popping the police immediately threw a squad of men armed with riot guns about the building as a precautionary measure.

New Orleans was shaken out of its New Year's festive mood by three white hooded bandits wearing long linen dusters walking into the third district branch of the Whitney Trust and Savings bank and announcing their entry by a blast from a high-powered shotgun.

The first shot killed Pierre N. Rizan, bank guard, who reached for his pistol at their approach. The bandits then kept up a steady fire from shotgun and pistol until one of them had scooped up \$3100 from the paying teller's cage and had escaped in an automobile manned by a fourth member of the gang.

Lumberman's Son Found Dead at Teller's Window. Gilbert Dietrich, son of a lumberman, was found dying on the floor in front of a teller's window where he stood to make a deposit. He died later in a hospital from slug wounds in the back.

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Cullum Denies Any Love for Model, Suicide. LONDON, Dec. 31.—(AP)—The Evening News quotes Charles Cullum, actor playing the part of Captain Stanhope in "Journey's End" in the United States, as saying over Transatlantic telephone there never was a hint of an engagement between himself and Mary Helen Chadlock.

Mrs. Chadlock, pretty model for magazine cover artists, was found dead in her gas-filled room Sunday. Her parents attributed her death to love for Cullum, who, she had learned, had married recently.

Bowles and Girl To be Arraigned In Court Friday

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 31.—Nelson C. Bowles, Portland capitalist, and Irma G. Loucks, his former secretary, will be arraigned in circuit court Friday to answer first degree murder charges. District Attorney Stanley Myers said today.

Bowles and Miss Loucks were indicted Tuesday for the knife murder of Mrs. Leone G. Bowles. If they require it, the defendants may be allowed a week in which to enter a plea.

START BUYING WHEAT. DODGE CITY, Kan., Dec. 31.—(AP)—The Farmers' Commission Co. here has been authorized to buy wheat from the Farmers' National Grain corporation, farm board agency. Storage will be in the Dodge City terminal elevator. An initial purchase of 55 cars was recorded today.

30-Year Survey of Salem Disarms Those Who Feel Pessimistic!

Amazing Growth Revealed in Census Figures, Utility Customers, Revenue From Uncle Sam's Mails and Rapid Increase in Bank Deposits

Table with 8 columns: Year, Population, Gas Users, Phone Users, Water Users, Power Users, Postal Income, Bank Deposits. Rows for years 1900 to 1930.