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THE WEATHER  
Unsettled with local show-  
ers today. Southwest wind.  
Normal temperature. Maxi-  
mum temperature yesterday,  
48; minimum, 38.

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## WINDSTORM IN VALLEY TAKES PROPERTY TOLL

### Monday Morning Gale Blows Down Walls of Derby Building Here

### Trees Damaged; Electrical Wires Down; Roofs are Partly Destroyed

The heaviest windstorm which has hit the Willamette valley in months occurred early Monday morning. The gale, which at times reached a velocity of 50 miles an hour, did considerable damage throughout the valley, although not as much loss was suffered as might be expected from such a severe storm.

In Salem the heaviest loss was to the F. N. Derby building recently damaged by fire. This building located at Front and State streets and formerly occupied by the Charles Archered implement company was in process of reconstruction. The interior debris had been cleared away and reconstruction was to have started at once. The north and west walls of the building crashed to the pavement in the state of reconstruction. The loss was estimated by Derby to be about \$4,000. Reconstruction will be resumed at once.

### Wind Said to be Very Violent in Portland

Trees over the city were damaged and telephones and power wires were down in many places. According to W. M. Hamilton, division manager for the Oregon General Electric company, reported that the intermittent electrical trouble in Salem was due largely to difficulties in Portland where the wind was said to be particularly violent.

Telephone service was but little damaged although some toll lines were down and a few local telephones were out of commission for a short time. Every-thing was working order by (Turn to page 2, col. 6)

## DEFICIENCY BILL BEING RUSHED

### Includes Funds to pay for 130 More Prohibition Agents

By CECIL B. DICKSON  
WASHINGTON, Jan. 5.—(AP)—Gearing for a high session, house machinery was turned today on the \$446,024,000 war department supply bill and a \$22,382,000 deficiency bill with a view to passage of both before the week ends.

The deficiency bill will be considered tomorrow. It provides \$543,000 for the prohibition bureau, allowing an immediate increase of 130 prohibition agents. In addition \$55,750,000 was provided for the administration of veterans affairs, including disability compensation and \$34,000,000 was allowed for highway aid.

The sum of \$334,956,000 was set aside in the war department bill to maintain the army and its defenses while \$111,067,000 was allowed for bi-military activities, including \$60,000,000 for river and harbor improvement and \$35,000,000 for flood control on the Mississippi river.

In reporting the bill, the house appropriations committee struck out a legislative provision which would have prevented the purchase by the army within the continental United States of any raw materials produced outside of this country.

Army pay was expanded \$134,664,000, and \$30,135,000, which is expected to almost complete the five-year expansion program, while \$2,061,000 went for subsistence, clothing, construction at military posts and air fields, transportation and equipment.

In the hearings made public by the deficiency bill, Chairman Wood of the appropriations committee told Assistant Attorney General Youngquist he thought the special agents were doing more harm than good and suggested their special authority be taken away from them.

Youngquist said attention would be given the chairman's suggestion.

## Sheriff Reports \$323,153 Yet Due on 1929 Tax Roll

Sheriff's return on the 1929 tax roll up to November 5, inclusive, filed yesterday, shows that \$1,799,281.97 has been collected in taxes and interest. Total taxes charged on the roll reach \$2,118,002.32. Delinquent taxes total \$323,153.62.

The return also shows the following items in collection: Errors and double payments, \$119,819.19; separation, \$297.77. The rolls included, besides the taxes charges, other items to bring the total

## His Honor, Mayor Gregory, Now At Head of Salem's Government



A firm  
Backer of  
Municipal  
Utility  
Operation  
is This  
Newly  
Installed  
Mayor of  
Salem

## Mayor Livesley Steps Out; Gregory Directs

### Council Hears Detailed Recommendations of New Leader; Decides Sewer Program Is to Continue Indefinitely

Retiring Mayor T. A. Livesley made brief, pointed remarks on the joys and sorrows of a bridge-building, sewer constructing mayor, received a beautiful pen and pencil set from the 14 aldermen and ended four years service to the city.

Mayor-Elect Gregory, neatly attired, with a firm voice, an air of confidence, and a hurried efficiency, took the chair and proceeded to deliver a nine-page, closely typed message to the councilmen.

Salem's 1931 government, under the leadership of "Hollywood's own mayor," was in operation Monday night at the council chambers for the first meeting of the year.

Evincing considerable study of municipal problems, Mayor Gregory plunged into a detailed statement of his policy on a dozen or more matters of alleged moment to the city.

The city manager plan of government, improved care of Salem's youth through bettered public playgrounds, and the elimination of trees and shrubbery which menace public travel on sidewalks or streets, came in for the mayor's approval in the opening part of his address.

Condemnation of Water Plant Is Favored by Gregory  
After making recommendation of other improvements in city government he wished adopted, the mayor came out trenchantly for city ownership of utilities, including both the early purchase of the water plant, through condemnation proceedings, and the establishment of some form of light and power utility, as major objectives during his administration.

The mayor's speech at an end, the council proceeded to run through a list of business action. (Turn to page 2, col. 1)

## CAR GETTING OLD? HERE'S YOUR CHANCE

NEW YORK, Jan. 5.—(AP)—An unprecedented year of buying opportunity for motor car purchasers was heralded today at gatherings which centered about the 31st national automobile show, three days old tonight.

Claims that new standards of automobile value had been set found general assent in numerous dealers' meetings, where optimism for a good year ahead grew out of agreement that increased value accompanied reduction in prices.

Dealers from the Orient and Europe joined many from America to exchange notes and problems in an international meeting. Emil Salomon, president of the Automobile Association of Sweden, brought assurance of sound business conditions in his country and Eugene Prince, director of the commercial investment trust of Germany discussed the automobile financing system there.

The twelfth victim was John Brady, 45, a laborer of Maryville, Kan. Brady was found dead in an alley early today.

Dr. S. McEneaney, county coroner's physician, announced late today the autopsies had revealed evidence ten of the 12 victims had drunk alcohol denatured with methyl, or wood alcohol.

MEXICAN SHOT TO DEATH  
EL CENTRO, Cal., Jan. 5.—(AP)—His badge served as a shield for Policeman J. W. Atkinson when an unidentified Mexican stabbed at him twice with a knife here today, both thrusts striking the badge. The Mexican was shot to death.

## HIGHEST COURT RULES AGAINST COMMISSION

### Decision Limits Power on Intra-State Freight Rates

### St. Paul Reorganization fee Outside Commission's Authority

WASHINGTON, Jan. 5.—(AP)—The interstate commerce commission was dealt two blows today by the supreme court.

Returning from a three-week recess, the highest tribunal set aside a commission order that Florida intra-state freight rates on long hauls be increased and ruled a special fund of \$2,500,000 created in the reorganization of the St. Paul railroad as free from the commission's control.

In the former case the court, which several years ago sustained the commission's conditional authority over intra-state rates, ruled the rates imposed by the commission were unjustified. Justice Stone Brandeis and Holmes dissented from the St. Paul decision, while Chief Justice Hughes took no part. The railroad had maintained this fund was created to pay the fees of counsel and reorganization managers.

5 to 4 Decision  
Determines Insurance Case  
In a case from New Jersey the court sustained the validity of uniform insurance commissions in its first 5 to 4 decision since Chief (Turn to page 2, col. 1)

## LIFT RESTRAINTS ON BIG PACKERS

### Court Modifies Consent De- crease but Bars Pack- er Retailing

By SAM BLEDSOE  
WASHINGTON, Jan. 5.—(AP)—The legal restraint placed on the large packing groups by the government was loosened today in the District of Columbia supreme court to allow them to manufacture and sell at wholesale virtually all classes of food.

The packers also sought permission to sell their products at retail but this was denied by Justice Jennings. He also left intact that part of the decree which prohibited them from having an interest in stock yards, terminal railroads and market periodicals.

The government in 1920 charged the packers with conspiring to monopolize the meat market and began court action which was dropped when the packers agreed to confine themselves almost exclusively to handling meat.

They have been trying to get the decree lifted or modified since. The case finally went to the supreme court, where the decree was upheld. Armour and company and Swift and company then began an effort to have the district supreme court modify the decree. Cudahy and Wilson did not take an active part in the litigation but the lifting of the restrictions applies also to them. Morris was merged some years ago with Armour.

## Mr. Huff, Huffy, To Legge's Help

SPOKANE, Jan. 5.—(AP)—President C. E. Huff of the Farmers' National Grain corporation in a letter to the Washington Farmer, denounces attacks made against Chairman Legge by President J. A. Simpson of the farmers' union, as "absurd, personal and political." The Washington Farmer released a copy of the letter of Huff, dated January 3. It will be published January 8.

LIONS BEST BUCKAROOS  
VANCOUVER, B. C., Jan. 5.—(AP)—The Vancouver Lions forged into undisputed possession of first place in the Pacific coast hockey league by defeating Portland Bucks, 1 to 0 here tonight.

## Sam Brown Insist He'll Consult Full Delegation

Senator Sam Brown of Gervais was in Salem yesterday endeavoring to make some headway on the senate and house vacancies from this county. Brown denies that he is going to do the picking alone for the senate posts. He insists that he wants the whole delegation to get together in selecting the senator and representative. Brown had a list of candidates for the two positions including those who had come to him seeking the appointments and others whose friends had interceded on their behalf.

Representative J. W. Mott who seeks elevation to the higher post,

## Believe It or Not, This Lad Promises Headaches on Dot!

CHICAGO, Jan. 5.—(AP)—Theodore Roberts, 23, Lake Geneva, Wis., was adjudged possessor of the best headache among 750 entrants today and promised to produce a first class migraine headache fortnightly for three months. There will be Sundays off, pain or no pain, and the chance to contribute toward scientific studies of migraine, one of humanity's baffling ailments.

Roberts has had 12 years' experience in headaches and was quite willing to have the medical college study him.

## Skull Found On Farm Has Mystery Note

The county sheriff's office was yesterday called upon to help solve the riddle, if any there be, attached to finding of a human skull under the floor of a shed on the old Zercher farm southwest of Liberty.

C. R. Bickel Jr., who is living on the place now, brought part of the skull to the sheriff's office yesterday, reporting that his mother had found it some days ago under boards in the floor of a shed. Two parts of the skull bones were found, but no other bones uncovered. Bickel said no one on the farm had looked further for human bones, but that the residents supposed more bones would be found if a thorough investigation were made.

The pieces found were not buried, but simply lying on the ground under the floor of the building.

The sheriff's force had no theory regarding the bones, and recalled no incident that might be connected with them. It is probable, however, that someone will be sent out to look further into the matter.

Mrs. N. Helen Zercher occupied the farm several years ago, however ill health and other difficulties succeeded in blanketing it with mortgages for her. She spent some time in the Deaconess hospital, leaving there in 1927, and has been confined in one of the state institutions.

## Huge Road Fund In Prospect for Idaho's Session

HELENA, Mont., Jan. 5.—(AP)—Gov. J. E. Erickson tomorrow will address Montana's 22nd legislative assembly with problems with which it must grapple during its 60-day session.

With economy being generally urged, the lawmakers must take action on such measures as a 1900,000, or a debenture issue of \$4,000,000 against the gasoline tax fund for speeding the road building program and relieving unemployment.

## 500 Atheists on Farm in Russia; Relics Burned

LENINGRAD, U. S. S. R., Jan. 5.—(AP)—The local Society of Militant Atheists today announced Russia's first completely "Godless" farm in the village of Plashchivsk near here.

The farm, which is named "The Atheist," enlists non-believers only and so far has some 500 members.

All peasants who joined the movement burned their ikons and other religious relics in a bonfire on the main street of Plashchivsk before they signed up for the project.

## Wool Quiet But Change Forseen

BOSTON, Jan. 5.—(AP)—The wool market is quiet but a more hopeful tone is indicated in the expressed opinion of trade members, who feel an improvement in consumption is close at hand. Prices cannot be described as firm, as there is insufficient trading to give values a test. The limited current wants, however, are being filled at about steady prices. Receipts during the week ending January 3 amounted to 905,900 pounds as compared with 742,000 pounds during the previous week.

## SECRET POLICE ARREST

KONSTANTINOVKA, Donetz Basin, U. S. S. R., Jan. 5.—(AP)—Fifty persons, including salesmen for soviet cooperative stores and private traders, were arrested today by secret police on charges of speculation, counter-revolution and disrupting the government supply system.

## SENATE VOTES 15 MILLION TO BUY FOOD

### Makes Drouth Appropria- tion \$60,000,000, Against Plan

### Chairman Jones Holds Plan Will Hold up Getting All Bills Through

WASHINGTON, Jan. 5.—(AP)—Again over-riding the administration policy, the senate today added a \$15,000,000 food loan fund to the \$45,000,000 authorized for drought relief.

The measure carrying the \$60,000,000 total was returned to the house which earlier had approved the \$45,000,000 and republican leaders prepared to resist the added sum for food loans which they argued were beyond the province of the federal government.

Senator Caraway, democrat, Arkansas, sponsored the food loan amendment and called attention of the senate to the demonstration last Saturday of hungry Arkansas farmers. Senator Robinson, of Arkansas, the democratic leader, joined him in the demand.

Before the Christmas recess, congress upheld the position of the administration and struck out the senate's authorization for food loans.

Jones Makes Protest;  
Says Move Will Delay  
Chairman Jones, of the senate appropriations committee, protested that the move to boost the fund now would delay indefinitely getting the money into the hands of the sufferers. Caraway's amendment was approved without a record vote.

The \$45,000,000 was authorized (Turn to page 2, col. 2)

## CONTRACTS ARE DOUBLE YEAR AGO

### Public Works Jobs in North- west Will Reach \$130- 000,000

SEATTLE, Jan. 5.—(AP)—Four northwestern states, Oregon, Washington, Idaho and Montana will give old man hard times a run for his money, the The Pacific Builder and Engineer, construction news weekly, predicted today with the announcement that public works contracts in the four states this year will be double those of last year, or \$130 million.

The weekly's figures were arrived at by tabulating projects announced by the four states during the year. The public works contracts in 1930 totaled \$68,063,069, or 87 per cent of the 1929 figure. The weekly believed the actual total was nearer \$127,000,000 because work totaling \$59,000,000 was done during the year on contracts awarded in 1929.

Some of the huge projects for 1931 follow:  
Roads and bridges, \$50,000,000; Portland municipal power plant, \$18,000,000; power and pulp project, \$10,000,000; Washington dam (privately financed), \$9,000,000; final unit, Rock Island dam, near Wenatchee, Wash., \$13,000,000; Northern and Union Pacific Olympic Peninsula (Washington) extension, \$8,000,000; Seattle municipal sewer system extension, \$4,000,000; Yester Hill regrade, Seattle, \$2,000,000 and California-Oregon Power company, power project, Medford, Ore., \$5,000,000.

Indicating the four states are getting their 1931 road work under way, the weekly said the weekly said Montana planned to award contracts for road improvement January 24 totaling \$1,815,000 and the other states has a number of projects to be let.

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## Heads Chamber For This Year



Henry Crawford, member of the state fair board, president of the Linn mill, long identified with banking in this county, who yesterday wielded the gavel for his first meeting as president of the Salem chamber of commerce.

## CRAWFORD TAKES CHAMBER OFFICE

### New Commerce Officers Give Short Talks at Luncheon

Two-minute talks with quick wit protruding from a number of them marked the introduction of each new member of the directors of the chamber of commerce at the Monday noon luncheon. These speeches, in turn, were preceded by a few remarks by Henry Crawford, newly installed president of the chamber.

Dr. M. C. Findley, incoming vice-president, said each member of the organization should have a definite work to do and suggested the securing of one new member as a specific task which could be accomplished by the chamber responsible member.

W. W. Chadwick said the chamber should do its part in making Salem the "convention city." He averred the city was ideally situated as a tourists' center, since so many varied tourist resources were tributary to this city.

William M. Hanson declared himself in favor of channeling of the Willamette river channel. He declared that business depression was now at its bottom and that the only movement now would be an upward one.

E. T. Barnes, as chairman of the committee outlining the work of his group, which he said consisted of meeting members and ironing out any complaints which may be made against work of the chamber, or in making contact (Turn to page 2, col. 4)

## Oregon Briefs

### MUCH CURRENCY FOUND PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 5.—(AP)—Petitions for writs of habeas corpus were denied today by Federal Judge Robert S. Bean to eight alleged communists held here under deportation warrants.

The petitions claimed the men had not been given fair hearings and that insufficient evidence to warrant deportation had been presented.

Irvin Goodman, attorney for the alleged communists, said he would appeal the decision to the circuit court of appeals.

## CASH FINES \$86,000

KLAMATH FALLS, Ore., Jan. 5.—(AP)—Keith Ambrose, retiring chief of police here, presented a report covering the police department activities during the four years he held office.

The report showed a total of 5,622 arrests; cash fines collected, \$86,000; and jail sentences totaling 35 years and 60 days.

## BOWLES, LOUCKS INDICTED

PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 5.—(AP)—Nelson C. Bowles, Portland millionaire, and Irma G. Loucks, his former secretary, will plead not guilty to charges of first degree murder, John A. Collier, their attorney, said today.

Bowles and Miss Loucks were indicted jointly last week for the murder of Bowles' wife, Mrs. Leone C. Bowles.

## OFFICERS ALL GET HOLD-OVER RATIFICATIONS

### Council Hurriedly Approves Roster; Committee Jobs Meet no Protest

### Kowitz, Dancy, Kuhn Hand Out List of Aldermen and job for '31

Nineteen thirty-one will not go down in Salem's history of municipal affairs as one of upset in apoplectic offices.

The council, in manner mild and action hurried, gave a complete endorsement to every appointive officeholder last night and "nary a trace of dissent arose over the chorus of "ayes" which Alderman Hal Patton's motion to reappoint all officeholders was put to a vote.

Mayor Gregory introduced the harmony note by asking the reelection of Frank Minto as chief of police. His recommendation was hurriedly approved.

List Officers for '31  
Other officers who will hold over include W. H. Trindle, city attorney; Frank Minto, chief of police; Harry Fulton, fire chief; Walter Low, street commissioner; Batty Cooper, sanitary inspector and all police officers and members of the fire department.

The committee on committee's report, likewise, was unanimously adopted. The assignments were prepared by the committee itself, consisting of Aldermen Kowitz, Dancy and Kuhn.

The committee and members for the 1931 council as organized last night follow, the chairman being the first named: David O'Hara, S. E. Purvine, F. E. Needham, Ordinance: Chris J. Kowitz, David O'Hara, W. H. Dancy.

Streets: S. A. Hughes, Watson Townsend, David O'Hara.  
Public buildings and incinerator: George W. Westcott, W. K. (Turn to page 2, col. 5)

## Hoover, Cal are Bid to Dedicate Harding's Tomb

MARION, Ohio, Jan. 5.—(AP)—President Herbert Hoover and former President Calvin Coolidge were extended official invitations today to attend and participate in the dedication of the tomb of the late President and Mrs. Warren G. Harding.

Trustees of the Harding Memorial association, in session here, extended the invitations and requested the date for the ceremonies be set for some time between Next May 15 and November 15, to suit the convenience of the president and the man he succeeded.

## Suspect Held in Jail Habeas Writs Denied Klamath Arrests Many Not Guilty to be Plea

Collier said no demurrer to the indictment would be introduced but he declined to say if the defense would ask for a change of venue.

YOUTHS SERIOUSLY HURT  
CORVALLIS, Ore., Jan. 5.—(AP)—Robert Cooper, 14, and Orville Shewey, 13, of Yachats, were injured seriously in an automobile accident near Waldport Sunday. They are in a hospital here but the extent of their injuries has not been determined fully.

## FUEL THEFT ADMITTED

ASTORIA, Ore., Jan. 5.—(AP)—Police Chief John K. Actor said today Walter Newman and William Erickson had confessed breaking into a fuel company's office and ransacking the desk.

The men were arrested Saturday and one of them was carrying a jimmy. A tiny spot of paint on the jimmy corresponded to a scar on the window of the office. When the men were confronted by the evidence they allegedly confessed.

## DIKE BREAKS NEAR ASTORIA

ASTORIA, Ore., Jan. 5.—(AP)—Reports here today said about 500 acres of land in the Young's bay district were under water as the result of a dike's breaking under a nine foot tide. Two highways leading into the district were said to be under water. W. O. Reich, dike-master for the district, said an attempt would be made to repair the break at low tide tonight.

PASTORS DEPLORE GAMBLING  
ASTORIA, Ore., Jan. 5.—(AP)—The Astoria Ministerial union, representing 11 Protestant churches, passed resolutions today deploring "gambling" within the church. The resolutions classify raffles, "fish ponds," and mechanical banjar attractions as gambling.