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THE WEATHER
Unsettled with rain today, rain Thursday, no change in temperature; Max. Temp. Tuesday 41, Min. 29, river 9.2, rain .01.

EIGHTY-FIRST YEAR

Salem, Oregon, Wednesday Morning, December 30, 1931

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TAX REDUCTION DUE IN SALEM; 8.6 MILLS CUT

More Saving to Taxpayers Is Possible as County Considers its Levy

Shrinkage all Down Line is Seen for 1932; State Slash is Biggest

Salem taxpayers face the new year with a chuckle over their reduced taxes, for a reduction of eight and six-tenths mills on every tax bill due in 1932 is in prospect and if the county budget, up for adoption today, should be reduced any more than it now stands, a slightly greater tax economy will be made in the coming year.

As the tentative levies now stand, Salem taxpayers will pay as follows, in 1932, as compared to 1931:

City	1930 tax 1931 tax
County0225 .021
School district0137 .0134
County, state0194 .0126

Total0556 .047

While the bulk of the savings has come in the elimination of all state taxes except two mills for elementary schools, a tax which comes back directly to every school district in the county, the county and city budgets as well as the budget of the school district show slight reductions. Valuations in the county, the school district and the city have changed but little since 1930. The valuations for the years are:

1930	1931
City	18,083,300 18,021,498
School district	19,147,564 19,125,494
County	48,933,728 49,114,441

The reduction in millage taxes means that every real or personal property owned in Salem can budget approximately 15 per cent less for tax payments during the coming year. Taxes for 1931 are always paid to following year on the basis of the previous year's assessment and tax levy.

County Budget up For Final Decision

This morning at 10 o'clock at the courthouse the county budget will be up for final consideration. The meeting will be held in the circuit court room, department number one. County Judge Siemund will preside. Commissioners John Porter and James Smith will attend as will the other members of the budget committee.

It is expected that the courtroom will be packed. A group of farmers are known to have agitated a slash in all wages and salaries paid county officials while the \$6000 item budgeted for the Marion county health unit is also to be subject of attack, it is understood. Whether the protests will be acted upon by the court is a matter of conjecture. Similar protest meetings have been held within the last week in Clackamas and Washington counties.

The county court alone makes the levy, under the Oregon law.

Pittacosis is Fatal to Five

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 29.—(AP)—With five cases of pittacosis or parrot fever, four of which were fatal, reported to the authorities in the last week, the state department of health and police of various cities united today to check the suspected cause of the malady.—The purchase of parrots or parakeets from irresponsible parties.

Reopen Buried Highway Youth Drowned in Lake "Unloaded" Pistol Kills Railroad Firm Enjoined

IS STILL DIFFICULT
KLAMATH FALLS, Ore., Dec. 29.—(AP)—The Green Springs highway, buried in places under six feet of snow, was opened to one-way traffic today. Only automobiles equipped with chains, however, could pass over the highway safely.

BOAT OVERTURNS

MILLSBORO, Ore., Dec. 29.—(AP)—Joseph Henry Seus, 16, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Seus, drowned in a lake on the Seus farm about three miles north of here today. Joseph was with his brother, Edward, who was on the boat. The craft overturned and both attempted to swim to shore but Joseph became exhausted and sank. The body was recovered.

LAD OF 11 VICTIM

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 29.—(AP)—Richard Thorn, 11, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank W. Thorn, Portland, was shot and killed today while playing with his brother and two other boys. Police said the boy was killed by a bullet from an automatic pistol fired by Charles Metcalfe, 8. They said they learned Richard, his brother Francis, 8, and Charles and Terry Metcalfe, had gone on a "hunting expedition" near their homes. Terry, they said, removed the cartridge clip from the automatic, handed the gun to Charles and then called to Richard to come to see the shells. Charles, believing the gun unloaded, pressed the trigger as Richard was aiming it at a tree. The bullet passed through his body just below the ribs.

SPUR TRACK DENIED

KLAMATH FALLS, Ore., Dec. 29.—(AP)—Circuit Judge O. M. Carlin today granted temporary injunction restraining the Great Northern railroad and the A. Guhrle Construction company from constructing a spur track near Lake Ewauna. Action to delay the project followed a dispute between the railroad and E. O. Johnson of Klamath Falls over ownership of the land.

Pierce Likely to be Aspirant for Senate Job, Talk Indicates

"Not Through With Public Life" he Declares To Interviewer; Talks National Issues; Highway Resolution Voted

MT. ANGEL, Dec. 29.—Ex-Governor Walter M. Pierce of LaGrande still loves his politics and would like to get back in harness again. This he intimated today upon his arrival to speak at the annual patrons' meeting of the Mt. Angel Cooperative creamery.

"You know," he said, and his keen gray eyes twinkled, "I didn't retire from political life voluntarily. The people just decided that I could milk cows better than run affairs of the state." Asked by a representative of The Statesman as to whether he would enter the congressional race in the third district, Oregon's most famous democrat said he was still undecided. But he added, "I am not through with public life." Friends of Pierce believe he will ultimately toss his bonnet into the ring, for better or for worse, and that he is merely waiting for the necessary pressure to be applied. In his address later in the day it is significant that the ex-governor touched upon a number of national issues, such as unemployment, the gold standard, and the credit situation. Pierce advocated that the federal government guarantee all bank deposits in federal banks and the states do likewise for state banks. Such a course, he believed, would avoid such catastrophes as the Hibernia bank failure at Portland, and would prevent the taking of millions of dollars out of circulation to be hoarded. He spoke in favor of (Turn to page 2, col. 6)

SILVER FOXES WIN OVER INDIAN QUINT

CHEMAMA, Dec. 29.—(Special)—The Silverton high basketballers tonight defeated the Chemama Indians at Chemama, 17-10. The Indians held the lead throughout the game until the final few seconds when a Silverton man tossed a long one through the basket, winning the game by one point. The game was fast and exciting with numerous fouls committed on each side. In preliminary contest the Chemama B team won from the Silverton B team, 23-8, in a game which was close until the last quarter. Lineup for the Chemama A team was: forwards, Vivette and Pratt; center, Hatfield; guards, Shoulderblade and Hall; and substitute, Franklin.

Normal Faculty Member Injured In Auto Smashup

MONMOUTH, Ore., Dec. 29.—In an automobile accident near here late this afternoon, Miss Edna Mingus, head of the English department at the Oregon Normal school, suffered a fractured left forearm, and her mother, Mrs. M. N. Mingus, received a bad scalp wound and numerous minor injuries as she was thrown against the windshield. The couple were driving on the west side highway north of Monmouth when the car skidded on the soft shoulders and continued on into the ditch at the side of the road. They were taken to their home in Monmouth.

THREE WILL FACE PERJURY CHARGES

PORTLAND, Dec. 29.—(AP)—Municipal Judge Fred W. Stadter ordered the arrest of Raymond Millett, Hazel Wray and Ralph Balliff, all of Portland, on charges of perjury. Bail for each was set at \$2000. The order was issued after a jury had convicted Millett on a drunken driving charge. He was sentenced to 126 days in jail, fined \$100 and his driver's license was revoked for one year. Judge Stadter issued his orders on the motion of Deputy District Attorney Michele that the three be held for perjury. "I consider this one of the most flagrant cases of perjury I have ever encountered," Judge Stadter said. "There is no doubt in my mind that the witnesses offered palpable falsehoods and I believe the jury members were of a similar opinion." Millett was arrested November 29 by Patrolmen Brier and Cook after an automobile he allegedly was driving collided with one driven by E. J. House, Portland. Both arresting officers during the trial identified Millett as the driver of the automobile but Miss Wray testified she was driving at the time of the accident. Balliff, a passenger in the car, corroborated her testimony.

Printed Picture Enables Mother To Find Her Son

NEW YORK, Dec. 29.—(AP)—Crying "I want my child" an excited woman burst into the Children's Society headquarters here today, a piece of torn newspaper clutched in her hand. She pointed to the picture of 6-year-old Jack Miller in a Christmas party group at the Bronx quarters of the society. He was sent for, stood wide eyed for an instant, then flung himself into the woman's arms. Officials told the mother, Mrs. Anna Briehl, the Bronx children's court will hear on Jan. 8 her story that she lost trace of the boy two years ago when she separated from his father.

ISOLATES CONVINCINE

NEW HAVEN, Conn., Dec. 29.—(AP)—Convincine, a substance vital to plant growth, has been isolated by Professor Treat B. Johnson of Yale university.

ONLY ONE VOTE ON PROHIBITION TO BE ALLOWED

Beer Return or Referendum On Amendment but not Both, Says Rainey

Ashhurst Refuses to Serve On Committee Viewing Anti-Prohi Bills

WASHINGTON, Dec. 29.—(AP)—The democratic house will be allowed one vote and no more this session on the question of prohibition under a plan announced today by majority leader Rainey. The Illinois democrat said the wet forces would be notified they could not have a rollcall on a referendum on the Eighteenth amendment and a ballot on the return of light wines and beer too. Simultaneously, Senator Ashurst, democrat, Arizona, refused to serve on a senate judiciary subcommittee named to conduct hearings on the dry laws. Ashurst, a prohibitionist, said he had "no time to waste in aiding those who are attempting to weaken or relax" them. Senator Black of Alabama, another democratic friend of prohibition, was appointed by Senator Norris, republican, Nebraska, chairman, in Ashurst's place. Black said he "prejudged" he would serve but asserted that it was more important to the people for congress to "consider the terrible economic conditions than it is to hear people's personal opinions on the 18th Amendment."

RAILWAY SERVICE IS NORMAL AGAIN

California Storms Abated, Trains Nearly on Time Here; Freight Comes

Railway service from California points yesterday approached normalcy after running for nearly a week on a schedule delayed from three to six hours. The Southern Pacific Shasta, due at 8:25 o'clock yesterday evening was 40 minutes late, whereas on Monday it was five hours and 40 minutes behind time. Likewise the Klamath was only an hour and 40 minutes late and the afternoon northbound Cascade limited arrived here but 20 minutes behind schedule. The first large freight train, since the storm, passed through Salem during the day. With the blizzard in the northern California mountains abated and slides being cleared from the tracks, it was expected the trains soon would be running on time.

SURVEY OF POWER NEEDS IS ORDERED

Kurtichanop Report Asked To Determine Policy On State Plant

Employment of L. E. Kurtichanop, Portland engineer, to conduct a survey to determine the amount of electricity that would be used by state departments and institutions in case it is decided to construct a state-owned plant at the penitentiary, was announced by the state board of control Tuesday. An appropriation of \$500 was authorized by the board of control to conduct the survey and prepare the necessary reports. The information obtained by the engineer will be turned over to the state board of control.

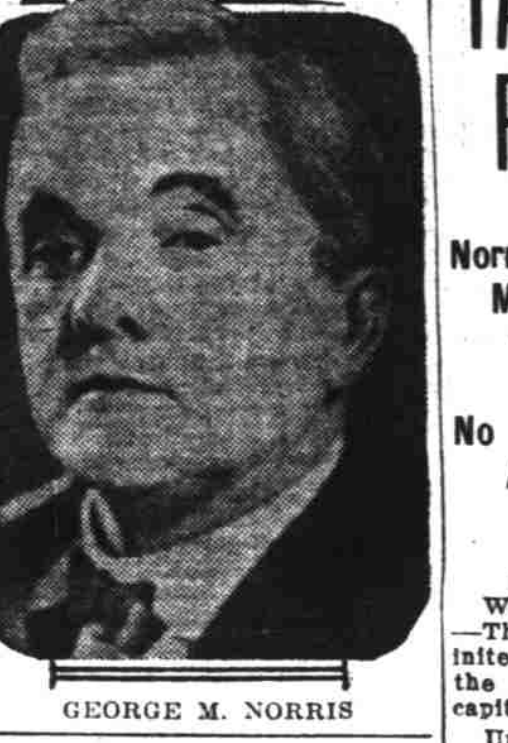
NORMAN DAVIS 5TH DELEGATE CHOSEN

WASHINGTON, Dec. 29.—(AP)—President Hoover today selected a fifth member for the American delegation to the Geneva Arms conference, but he has yet to tell them what their attitude should be on three important issues. He named Norman H. Davis of New York, a former under secretary of state, to join Ambassador Charles G. Dawes, chairman; Ambassador Hugh S. Gibson; Senator Swanson, democrat, Virginia; and Mrs. Mary Emma Woolley, president of Mount Holyoke college, in the negotiations next year.

Vote Heavy in Finland's Test Of Prohibition

HELSINGFORS, Finland, Dec. 29.—(AP)—Everybody was surprised by the voting today in the consultative referendum on prohibition, for, despite a blizzard, the turnout was better than expected. Figures from 23 of the 13 Helsingfors districts indicated that about 36 per cent of the voters trudged through snow to the polls. This was far better than in parliamentary elections. Finland takes two days to do its voting. In parliamentary contest a 35 per cent turnout is never exceeded on the first day of balloting.

Talked as Third Party Candidate



GEORGE M. NORRIS

MILK GRADE CASE UP IN CITY COURT

First Case of Kind Faces Hofstetter; Misuse of Brands Cited

The first jury trial for alleged violations of Salem's milk grading ordinance is scheduled to be held in municipal court at police headquarters at 10 o'clock this morning. The case, for which complaint was filed on November 27 by J. E. Blinkhorn, dairy and food inspector with the county health department, is the City of Salem vs. Hans Hofstetter. The defendant is charged with misbranding and mislabeling milk and of having in his possession misbranded milk with the intent to sell it. When arraigned in municipal court before Judge Mark Poulsen shortly after the complaint was filed, Hofstetter pleaded not guilty and the case was continued.

BOND FOR ARCHERD NOT YET OBTAINED

An effort is still being made locally to raise \$1500 bail for Charles R. Archerd but thus far without success, Sheriff Oscar D. Bower announced yesterday. Unless funds or satisfactory security are soon forthcoming Archerd will be arrested and returned to Salem from Grants Pass, the sheriff indicated. Bower is understood to have received warrants for Archerd's arrest when the Marion county grand jury returned a number of secret indictments December 19.

EMERGENCY WORK ROTATION CHANGED

The rotation of shifts on the highway emergency employment projects in Marion county will be changed next Monday to allow 50 unemployed men who have not yet received work from this source a chance to earn a week's wages. The change will have the effect of increasing the rotation schedule from one week's work in four to one in five.

Snow Isolates Pioneer Mining Town of Idaho

BOISE, Idaho, Dec. 29.—(AP)—Silver City, pioneer mining town 75 miles south of here, is completely snowed in. It was learned here today by telephone. The town was cut off from the outside world by a snowstorm yesterday, snowshoes being the only means of leaving or entering. The reports said not even horses could travel through the snowbanks. The storm was reported to have been the worst in 20 years. The reports said there was no immediate distress and no danger of hunger among the inhabitants.

Thomas Leaving Stayton Mills

Thomas Thomas who has been one of the leaders in the re-establishment of the Stayton woolen mills, has withdrawn from the company, according to word received here. His successor will not be announced until after a meeting of the board of directors.

HOOVER'S FOES TALKING THIRD PARTY EFFORT

Norris, Borah, Hi Johnson Mentioned as Possible "Liberal" Leaders

No Action Expected Until After Conventions of Regular Parties

By F. M. STEPHENSON
WASHINGTON, Dec. 29.—(AP)—Third party talk developed definitely today in the discussions of the anti-Hoover republicans on Capitol Hill. Unconvinced of their ability to block Mr. Hoover's renomination and dubious over the outlook for an acceptable democratic candidate, the republican independents of the northwest are seriously considering a third party movement.

SCHOOL DISTRICT DEEMED VIOLATOR

EUGENE, Ore., Dec. 29.—(AP)—Charles V. Galloway, of the state tax commission, conducted a hearing here today of charges that the Eugene school board was trying to evade the budget law by duplicating levies for the retirement of warrants.

ARRAIGNMENT SOON FOR EMPIRE HEADS

A date for arraignment of former officers of the Empire Holding corporation will probably be set in circuit court here Saturday, District Attorney John H. Carson indicated yesterday. He said he had consulted Walter E. Keyes, local counsel for the men yesterday, and Keyes had stated he was ready to have the men in court at the convenience of the judge. A number of cases are to be filed in court here Saturday.

MARKS HONORED AT REVIEW OF TROOPS

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 29.—(AP)—Major General George A. White tonight reviewed troops of the Oregon National Guard in Multnomah county here. Acting Governor Willard Marks was in the reviewing stand with General White. Mr. Marks was presented a faithful service medal by General White. The acting governor enlisted in the Fourth Oregon National Guard in 1900, advanced to a second lieutenant and resigned his commission in 1905. To Company B, 166th Infantry, General White presented the Whilbriam trophy for excellence in marksmanship. The trophy is presented annually by the war department to the organization having the highest figure of merit in rifle firing.

Eugene Chen is Given Place in Chinese Cabinet

NANKING, Dec. 29.—(AP)—Eugene Chen, perhaps the best known journalist in China and a leader of the Cantonese, was named foreign minister today by the central executive committee of the Kuomintang (Nationalist party). Nine other cabinet positions were filled, only three of them going to the Nanking faction. The new ministry has a distinct leftist tendency.

Consolidating Bureaus Is Urged by President

WASHINGTON, Dec. 29.—(AP)—A general shakeup of the federal government—a wholesale consolidation of its overlapping branches—was suggested today by President Hoover as a major objective of the present session. The chief executive named five specific consolidations that would touch almost every arm of the government. Such action at this time, he declared, would be a sharp weapon in the fight to lop off federal expenditures. Here is his program: Consolidation of all government construction activities under an administrator of public works to serve all departments. Combination of all merchant marine activities within the department of commerce.

Chinese Evacuating Chinchow, Japanese Continuing Advance

Men Play Less Golf But Fair Divoters More

CHICAGO, Dec. 29.—(AP)—Johnny Duffer of American golf turned his thoughts from par to business in 1931 but not Mrs. Duffer. She played more golf than ever. A survey completed today by Goldfom, a business journal of golf, disclosed that while men's play slumped 29 1/2 per cent during 1931, women's play increased 17 1/2 per cent over 1930. The net slump was 12 1/2 per cent in the number of rounds played. Business conditions were blamed for the decline.

LENZ CLICKS WITH HIS NEW PARTNER

They cut 520 Points From Culbertson Lead, Take Odd Rubber

By TOM O'NEIL
NEW YORK, Dec. 30.—(Wednesday)—(AP)—Sidney S. Lenz clicked with a new partner at the fifteenth session of the big contract bridge match ending early today. He and Commander Winfield Liggett, Jr., disabled war veteran, cut 520 points off the lead of Mr. and Mrs. Ely Culbertson. After 112 rubbers of the series had been played the Culbertsons were 16,230 points ahead, having won 63 rubbers compared to 49 for Lenz and partner. Lenz and Liggett won five of the session's nine rubbers.

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YINKOW, Manchuria, Dec. 29.—Moving forward despite stiff resistance Lieutenant General Jiro Tamon's Japanese army seized Panshan today. Four times the Chinese made a stand and four times they were bombed out of their positions and forced to retreat. The weather was somewhat mitigated today, the temperature being a few degrees below zero fahrenheit, but it was bitter cold for fighting. Large Force of Chinese Routed. The advance started early this morning from Tawa, which was (Turn to page 2, col. 1)

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Gandhi Seeking To Parley With British Viceroy

BOMBAY, India, Dec. 29.—(AP)—Mahatma Gandhi today sought a meeting with Viceroy Lord Willingdon on India's troubled situation. Apparently anxious to avoid a renewal of the conflict with the government over his demand for complete independence for India, the nationalist leader sent the Viceroy a telegram asking for the chance to see him. Lord Willingdon is expected to receive him, because a renewal of the boycott of British goods would paralyze the country's business.