

THE WEATHER
Unsettled with rains today, Friday cloudy, temperature below normal; Max. Temp. Wednesday 45, Min. 29, rain .63, river 8.2.

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BLIZZARD HITS EASTERN PART OF THIS STATE

Rages in Columbia Gorge; Old Oregon Trail is Blocked by Snow

Eight inches at The Dalles and still falling at various points

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 30.—(AP)—Eastern Oregon and the Columbia Gorge country were in the grip of a raging blizzard tonight.

Reports to the Oregon State Motor association said the old Oregon trail between Pendleton and La Grande and from Pendleton toward Walla Walla, Wash., was blocked by snow and that several other highways were coated with ice.

At many points along the Columbia gorge, wind and sleet was endangering telephone lines.

Eight inches of fresh snow had fallen at The Dalles late today and it was still snowing heavily. Snow plows were operating on all highways out of that city and the roads were being kept open. Snow was falling heavily at Bend and in the central Oregon Cascades.

Highway Slides in Coos Reported

Several highway slides, none serious, were reported from Coos county where heavy rains have fallen for several days. Highway crews were trying to keep the roads open.

Grants Pass reported highway traffic was moving more easily over the Siskiyou summit although only automobiles equipped with tire chains were allowed to pass the Klamath junction.

Only one-way traffic is possible over the Green Springs mountain highway and the road was closed to traffic during the night.

The Umpqua coast guard station reported recent storms had caused several breaks in the jetty, leaving one gap about 150 feet long.

Heavy rains fell at Portland all day. Temperatures throughout the state generally varied from a few degrees below freezing to several degrees above.

PLANS FORMED TO GREET NEW YEAR

Ring in 1932 may or may not be begun early by Salem store employees although many of the shops will close at their regular weekday hours, 6 and 6:30 o'clock. Inventories, already started in some instances, will keep many clerks at work tonight.

Canvases of the stores yesterday revealed that the larger places of business, department and hardware stores, would close at the early hour. Plans were for some grocers and other merchandise stores to remain open until 8:30 or 9 o'clock.

Will churches holding night services, theatres, offering midnight jamborees and many hostesses entertaining, 1931 will give way to its infant successor, 1932, amid appropriate celebration.

New Year's day generally will be another holiday in Salem. State, county and city offices will be closed, as will business houses. Drugstores will be open until noon and from 5 until 7 o'clock in the evening.

Offices and stores will open for business again on Saturday.

Blizzard Blocks Old Oregon Trail

The Old Oregon Trail between Pendleton and La Grande has been closed to traffic because of a blizzard raging in eastern Oregon, state highway officials announced Wednesday. Officials said it was impossible to keep the road open.

Traffic over this route is being held at Pendleton and La Grande.

"Old Man River" Out of Bounds And Nobody Croons His Praises



They say music has wonderful soothing powers, but despite all the lovely songs that have been written and sung all over the world about the Mississippi, it refuses to behave. Here is what was once the main highway and bridge leading into Glendora, Miss., now turned into a huge lake as the result of Old Man River going on the rampage and bursting through the levee. Not only the big river but its minor tributaries are acting up this season. Thousands of acres of farm land are under water and many towns are flooded, rendering hundreds of families homeless.

DICKMAN ATTACKED IN HOTEL, ASSERTS

Salem man Took Drink With Stranger, Then Robbed; Car Also is Gone

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 30.—(AP)—Loud calls for help from a local hotel room early today brought police on the run.

They said they found Paul Dickman, of Salem, who complained a stranger with whom he had taken a drink had beat him severely, robbed him of \$22, all his clothes except underwear, shoes and necktie, and an automobile belonging to his brother-in-law.

Police said Dickman told them he met the stranger in a downtown restaurant and went with him to the hotel where they had a few drinks. When Dickman decided to leave, police said he told them, his host beat him and robbed him and then left, locking the door behind him. When Dickman finally was released by police his brother-in-law's automobile, which he had parked near the hotel, was gone.

Police said Dickman's face was badly bruised.

The room, police said, was registered to a Mr. and Mrs. Lentis.

DOWNPOUR HEAVY; COLD WAVE LOOMS

Declarations that yesterday's downpour was heavy were borne out not only by flowing streets and pedestrian's water-soaked overcoats but also by the official rain observer's figures.

From 7:45 o'clock in the morning until 6:30 in the evening, 0.93 inches of rain fell. During the 24 hours ending at the former hour, the total rainfall was 0.63 inches.

Colder weather was predicted by the Portland observer. The forecast for today is "unsettled with rains" for tomorrow, "cloudy." Maximum temperature yesterday was 45 degrees and minimum, 29.

The Willamette river fell from 9 feet to 8.2 feet during the day.

SKULL TOO HARD LONG BEACH, CAL., DEC. 30

(AP)—Police said today two attempts by John McKelvey, 72, to end his life failed because bullets striking his head did not pierce his skull.

disappointed with Hoover, he won't have enough left to make the necessary pall bearers for the corpse.

Senator Dill, democrat, of Washington, hailed the nomination of Governor Roosevelt of New York as "the best way to meet the threat and even the creation of a third party in 1932."

TORNADO ADDS TO SOUTHLAND FLOOD HORROR

Two Known Dead, Several Missing in big Storm Over two Counties

Business Section of City is Evacuated as Levees Weakened Again

MAGEE, Miss., Dec. 31.—(AP)—(Thursday)—The death toll in the Simpson county tornado was increased to two early today with discovery of the body of Wilbur Brown, Jr., 2-year-old-boy, in the ruins of his parents' home in the Mt. Zion community.

MAGEE, Miss., Dec. 30.—(AP)—A tornado that swept through Simpson and Covington counties between Magee and Mount Olive tonight caused at least one death, wrecked a number of farm homes and negro cabins, and injured nearly a score of white persons and negroes. Several persons whose homes were destroyed were reported missing.

Mrs. Anse Averett, living about 3 miles south of Magee, was instantly killed when her home was wrecked. Her body was found by rescue workers.

Medical aid and relief crews were assembled from Mendenhall and other towns in Simpson and Covington counties.

A farm south of Magee was blown into the highway, and John Rankin, aged farmer, his wife and one son were unaccounted for late tonight.

GLENDORA, Miss., Dec. 30.—(AP)—The business section of Glendora was evacuated tonight as flood waters from a break in the Tallahatchie river levee, 300 yards south of town pounded against a weakened temporary levee and a four hour rain of cloudburst proportions sent several inches of water rolling over the top of the main levee.

When the river gushed through the main levee this afternoon all available men were rushed to work stacking more bags on top of the temporary levee protecting the principal business street.

Inaccuracies were apparent in spelling but investigators held to the belief that one package was intended for Reneroso Pope, owner of an Italian newspaper and friend of Mayor Walker of New York city, another for the editor of Pope's New York paper and possibly still another for Emanuel Grazi, Italian consul general in New York city.

The dead: Edward W. Werkheiser, 29, Easton.

John B. House, 55, Easton.

The injured: Charles V. Weaver, 50, of Easton, an explosives expert, badly mutilated while investigating the remaining packages; Arlington A. Albert, 26, Clarence Keller, 32, and David W. Garis, 50, postal clerks; George J. Ryan, a county detective, injured at the same time Weaver was hurt.

INTENSIVE SCHOOL TRAINING FAVORED

PORTLAND, Dec. 30.—(AP)—Intensive instead of extensive training for modern children was recommended today by Dr. Walter B. Pitkin, Columbia university professor of journalism.

Dr. Pitkin, speaking at the closing session of the Oregon State Teachers' association's annual meeting, said: "Cut down the curriculum of the school system 90 per cent, take the residuum and teach it intensively, teach the pupils to read accurately, remember and express themselves in intelligible language and the schools will be fitting the boys and girls of today for the world of 1950. Diffusion of learning is the enemy of living."

"The cures of your schools today is that your pupils learn to do their work only 70 per cent right. Let's have intensive learning or not at all."

Britain Seeking January Parley On Reparations

LONDON, Dec. 30.—(AP)—Great Britain took the initiative in attacking the reparations problem today by asking ten European governments to meet at Lausanne, Switzerland, January 13 for a conference which will attempt to tide over the present German economic and financial crisis.

"Without American participation there can be no permanent solution," one government official said, explaining that the way still was open for the United States to send either an official or an unofficial observer.

Both had been a resident of Astoria for 14 years, having come here from Marshfield.

He is survived by his widow, his mother and one daughter.

Amos Helms Dies, Two to Face Charge

LA GRANDE, Ore., Dec. 30.—(AP)—Amos Helms, state policeman, who was shot last October 13 while questioning two youthful Missourians, died here late today.

Keith Crosswhite and John Owens, captured soon after the shooting and held in the county jail here since, probably will be charged with first degree murder. District Attorney Carl Helm said, Helm said the county grand jury probably would be called into special session as soon as Judge J. W. Knowles returns from a holiday trip.

Helms had received several blood transfusions in the past few weeks in an effort to keep him alive.

SISSON WILL HEAD BUSINESS LEAGUE

Willett is Vice-President; January Meeting of Group Planned

B. E. Sisson was elected president of the Salem Business Men's league at the annual meeting of the League held last evening at the chamber of commerce.

Other officers and directors elected were: J. H. Willett, vice president; C. E. Wilson, secretary, and to serve as directors during 1932, Howard Doughty, I. M. Doughty, Otto A. Hartman, Allen Kafoury and Ralph H. Cooley.

In order to discuss problems that come before the league, it was voted that President Sisson should call a meeting of members during the month of January, when a program will be outlined for cooperation of business interests during the year 1932.

Consensus of opinion was that the time had come when merchants should unite against fake advertising schemes and the giving of prizes for various enterprises.

All to cooperate to combat high powered advertising solicitation by telephone and to call meetings of those in business to work out some plans to handle the evil of checks issued where parents issuing checks have no funds in bank.

The meeting, attended by a large number of business men went on record that the time had come when the business men of the city should unite against many growing practices detrimental to the business of the city.

TUSKO PLAYS BALL WITH HIS FURNACE

PORTLAND, Dec. 30.—(AP)—Tusko abhors cold weather but a furnace annoys him.

Several weeks ago, when the huge elephant was afflicted with chills, one of his admirers set up a small furnace in Tusko's barn. Early today Tusko wound his trunk about one corner of the cold furnace, wrenched it from its brick foundation and tossed it aside.

Fearing the elephant would attempt to break loose from his chains his keepers called police. When the officers arrived, however, Tusko was contentedly munching cabbages.

The club today received this message from Rae Wright, president of the California Antivivisection association: "Humanitarians of California are deeply interested in Tusko. He has been a victim of great cruelty during his captivity. Know him to be docile under kind treatment. Believe that Portland will do a humane and worthy act in providing suitable quarters and a humane keeper for this noble animal."

Prohibition is Heavy Loser in First of Tally

HELSINGFORS, Finland, Dec. 30.—(AP)—Returns from 11 out of 52 precincts in Helsingfors tonight showed that 90 per cent of the votes cast in the prohibition referendum in those precincts were for abolition of Finland's dry law.

Nine per cent of the votes cast in the 11 precincts were for retention of prohibition. Only 10 per cent of the ballots cast were for light wines and beer.

The first results surprised political circles, as even the opponents of prohibition had not expected such a strong anti-prohibition vote.

Agreement Upon Milk Price Not Yet Arrived at

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 30.—(AP)—Milk producers and distributors of the Portland district met here today and tonight with Rabbi Henry J. Berkowitz, milk arbitrator, but failed to agree upon a new wholesale price for milk. Rabbi Berkowitz announced after adjournment of the meeting tonight that he would hear further testimony tomorrow and might reach a decision tomorrow night.

JAPANESE PUSH AHEAD TOWARD CHINGCHOW GOAL

Will Probably Occupy City By New Year's day; no Serious Barriers

Kowpangtze Occupation to Be Made Today; Final Drive Forty Miles

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MUKDEN, Manchuria, Dec. 30.—(AP)—Japanese troops moved down all opposition today on two fronts and tonight they were in position to celebrate New Year's day, Japan's favorite holiday, by occupying Chingchow.

The two armies were within striking distance of Kowpangtze, important junction on the Peking-Mukden railway, which Lieutenant General Jiro Tamon, who has been driving north from Ying-kow during the last few days, expected to enter tomorrow.

Another column approaching Kowpangtze from Mukden after having seized Hsinmintun, occupied the railway junction at Tahushan. This group, commanded by General Kamura, made a rapid 48-mile advance, using trains and motor trucks and plodding on foot.

Forty Miles Remain in Aggressive Drive

Union of the two armies in Kowpangtze will put them in position to sweep down the Peking-Mukden railway 40 miles to Chingchow, the last foothold of China in Manchuria.

Chingchow is a two-day fighting march from Kowpangtze if the Chinese put up the kind of resistance they have been offering during the past few days. Chingchow, run by train and motor truck in case the engagement becomes a walkover.

Reports from Peking and Tientsin declare that Marshal Chang Hsueh-Liang already has ordered General Yung Chen, Chinese commander at Chingchow, to evacuate south of the great wall, but Japanese military authorities here have received no confirmation of these reports and have been going ahead with their operations as planned.

None the less it was believed here that Chingchow would change masters with little bloodshed.

Tokyo dispatches stated the Chinese were stampeding out of Chingchow.

NEW SNOW DELAYS TRAINS ONCE MORE

Prospect that Southern Pacific train service from the south would be resumed on schedule yesterday loomed but rained again, when more snow in the mountains slowed up traffic. While the Cascade limited and the Klamath passenger arrived here about an hour late, the Shasta was four hours behind schedule.

Seven feet of snow on the Naton cutoff at Cascade summit, 87 miles southeast of Eugene was reported by a telegrapher who passed through Salem yesterday. The blanket of white reached to the eaves of the railway men's homes there, 4840 feet above sea level. The snow was considered a comfort to the summit dwellers, however, for it staved off the heavy winds.

Becker Denies Liquor Charge

WOODBURN, Ore., Dec. 30.—George Becker pleaded not guilty when he appeared before Justice of the Peace Hiram Overton, at 10 o'clock this morning, to a charge of possession of liquor on which he was arrested December 22.

Becker's attorney, Walter L. Toove Jr., filed a motion to suppress the evidence. The case was dropped for the time being since this matter must be settled before a date for trial, if any, can be definitely decided upon.

Threat by Leaders of Unemployed is Hurdled

WASHINGTON, Dec. 30.—(AP)—The march of unemployed demonstrators to Washington at the opening of congress culminated today in a threat before a senate committee to "make it damn uncomfortable for those who won't feed the unemployed."

The threat was shouted by Herbert Benjamin, leader of the demonstration its participants called "the national hunger march," into the ears of senators who had earlier heard the American Federation of Labor throw its full strength behind requests for direct federal unemployment relief appropriations.

Meanwhile, Walter S. Gifford, national relief director, took cognizance of the movement for federal appropriations with a statement expressing confidence local communities would be able to handle the relief problem.

Benjamin obtained a hearing before the senate committee considering federal relief appropriations, after twice interrupting the proceedings to demand an audience.

"We intend to go forward in our struggle to organize the unemployed, to make fights in the streets, and to make it damn uncomfortable for those who won't feed the unemployed."

County Budget Slash Of \$5380 is Made but Few Salaries Reduced

Battle Over Saving in Public Cost Waged At Courthouse

One Deputy Sheriff to Be Eliminated in Prohi Work

The following are the reductions made by the budget committee following the all day hearing at the courthouse:

1. Eliminated one clerk in recorder's office, salary \$1080.

2. Reduced salary of roadmaster \$300, salaries of two engineers in road work \$300 each; eliminated one engineer in road department, salary \$1900.

3. Eliminated one deputy sheriff in prohibition work and transferred the traffic officer to work of deputy in sheriff's office. Salary saved, \$1500.

4. Ordered wages of chairman and axemen on road work cut to \$6 a day.

5. Reduced salary of bridge builder to \$6 a day and eliminated travel allowance for him.

6. Budget committee refused to order a cut of 10 per cent in salaries of the deputies and clerks drawing \$75 or more per month as recommended by the meeting and the executive committee of taxpayers' league.

7. No change made in appropriation for health department, but question of future appropriations to be voted on by people next November.

GULBERTSONS GAIN BIGGEST LEAD YET

Wordy Battle Apparently is Good Luck Talisman; Ahead 20,220 now

By TOM O'NEIL

NEW YORK, Dec. 31.—(Thursday)—(AP)—A wordy pre-session argument with an outside bridge expert, involving epithets and threats of use of fists seemed to have brought much luck to Ely Culbertson during the 16th session of the great contract bridge match ending early today.

Mr. and Mrs. Culbertson gained 3,900 points on Sidney S. Lenz and Commander Winfield Liggett, Jr., raising their plus to 20,220. After one rubber during the session it was 20,535, the highest ever.

The Culbertsons won five of eight rubbers and the series (Turn to page 2, col. 3)

JAPANESE VESSEL IS BELIEVED LOST

SEATTLE, Dec. 30.—(AP)—The Japanese steamer Tamaho Maru with 45 men aboard was feared either lost tonight several hundred miles southwest of the Aleutian Islands in Alaska or fighting an 80-mile gale with the handicap of a disabled steering gear.

The vessel appealed for aid early today to the steamships Empress of Russia and the Hikawa Maru, but mountainous seas forced them to refuse help, unable to steer in her direction through the storm.

The Dutch harbor radio station picked up her distress calls at 6:15 a. m. (P. S. T.) The Empress of Russia was about 300 miles away.

The Tamaho Maru sailed from Vancouver, B. C., December 15 for the Orient with a full cargo of wheat, wood pulp and lumber. Built in Japan in 1920 she is of 6,786 gross tons.

Berlinger Given Vote as Leading Athlete of 1931

NEW YORK, Dec. 30.—(AP)—Barney Berlinger, former University of Pennsylvania all-around athlete has been voted the outstanding American athlete and sportsman of 1931 by the committee of 600 which awards the James E. Sullivan memorial medal. But the big Philadelphia gained only a two-vote margin over Helene Madison, Seattle swimmer star.

Picking from an original list of more than 100 names, the jury of sports leaders gave Berlinger 424 votes and Miss Madison 422. Mrs. Helen Willis Moody took third place on the list of candidates for the honor won last year by Bobby Jones.

Heltzel Chosen Fraternal Head For Next Year

John Heltzel last night was elected president of Fraternal club to succeed Jack A. Johnston who has served for the past six months. Daryl Myers was elected vice-president; E. L. Crawford, secretary and Boyd Miller, treasurer. Four directors also were selected: Kenneth C. Perry, William J. Braun, Edwin Stadler and Stephen C. Mergler.

It was reported the club now has and served for the past six months. Semi-annual reports will be made at a later meeting. It was voted to limit membership to 100.