

Accident Insurance  
Forty six claims totaling \$3190.57 have been paid to Statesman subscribers insured at \$1 a year with the N. M. A. I. company.

WEATHER  
Unsettled with occasional snow today and Sunday; Max. Temp. Friday 31, Min. 28, precipitation .05, river 8.4, north wind.

EIGHTY-FIRST YEAR

Salem, Oregon, Saturday Morning, January 16, 1932

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## WORK PROMISE PILES UP WITH TOTAL \$35,020

Teams not yet all in field  
But Second day Results  
Greater Than First

Ten Days' Canvass Will put  
Program Over, is View  
Of Active Workers

RESULTS OF WORK PROMOTION PLAN	
Second day, Friday \$19,272	
First day..... 15,748	
Total .....	\$35,020

Like a snowball rolling downhill, the Salem Work Promotion plan yesterday both gathered momentum and grew in the amount of pledges to provide work for the unemployed. Despite the fact the teams were not yet in the field 100 per cent, the sum of \$19,272 was reported at the afternoon solicitors' meeting as the amount of work for which promises were gained.

Snow and slush did not deter the solicitors in their efforts during the day. Many planned to work in their respective districts last night. One team working in the business district brought in a report of \$3198 worth of repairs and alterations pledged. Another reported over \$10,000.

**Most of Results Gained Downtown**

Women canvassing in the residential districts were chagrined at the results of their efforts. At the meeting, it was explained that these districts were low because the men of the families were being solicited downtown. To the women was given the credit, however, of leading the men in interest in the Work Promotion plan.

"Ten days of good hard work and we can put this over," was the declaration of one worker at the meeting yesterday.

One team captain reported that his group during the day had placed five persons in jobs. He was received discourteously at but one of the many houses he visited, he said.

**Debtors May Work Out Account Owed**

A new angle of effort in the plan was developed yesterday. It was to suggest to merchants having delinquent accounts that they arrange to have their debtors work out the sums they owe, thus giving jobs and at the same time allowing the merchants to have their building repaired, altered or any other work done.

No person making a pledge to the Promotion plan need fear being deluged with material dealers and would-be workmen, it was pointed out at the meeting. The pledges are confidential, they will not be available to anyone outside of the Work Promotion plan office.

Information concerning the plan and advice on work of any sort will be given at the following offices: Oregon Building Trades Union, 4137, for general information; Salem Labor council, union labor; American Legion unemployment committee, 4993; Y. W. C. A., 8887, for domestic labor, and the Y. M. C. A. Employment bureau, 8764, for all classes of labor.

The canvassers will meet again today at 5 o'clock at the chamber of commerce to report on their success and make plans for next week's efforts.

## Los Angeles Has First Downtown Snow in History

LOS-ANGELES, Jan. 15—(AP)—With snow feet deep back in the mountains, the sun, patron god of the southland, alms southern California, winked out a fitful apology between rain showers late today on its pet province, which was flabbergasted at dawn with a modern day miracle—a general snowstorm.

It snows every winter in the upland areas but never in the 54 years history of the weather bureau has there been a measurable snowfall in downtown Los Angeles, which this morning received six inches.

This melted quickly, however, under thrusts of a lagard sun, and never more than an inch was on the ground at a time.

## Speaker Halted By Snow and Y. Luncheon is Off

A. E. Allen, general secretary of the Seattle Y. M. C. A., who was to be the guest and speaker at a luncheon at the local "Y" building today noon, telephoned from Ashland last night, stating that he had been delayed by snow in the mountains and would be unable to keep the engagement.

C. A. Kells, general secretary here, called off the luncheon.

Mr. Allen was returning from a month's tour of California to survey the Christian associations.

## Salem Man Killed as Auto Skids, Hurtles On Slippery Highway

Joseph Ruckel Catches Ride With Doane, Fatal  
Crash Comes few Minutes Later; Head  
Crushed as Leap Attempted

WITHIN a few minutes after he caught an automobile ride at Aurora yesterday evening, Joseph B. Ruckel, 67, of 116 Marion street, Salem, lay dead in the car, the victim of snow and ice covered pavements.

After going to Portland to sell some English walnuts, he missed the Salem stage and set out to hitch-hike home.

At Aurora he hailed C. F. Doane, proprietor of the Cherry City Cleaners here, and obtained the ride.

One mile south of Hubbard, Doane lost control of his sedan as it skidded on the slippery pavement. The car shot to the left side of the road and crashed into the bank, on its side, headed north. Snow was falling heavily.

Ruckel, it is believed, attempted to jump out of the car as it skidded. His head was caught in the door as the car crashed and he was killed instantly, presumably from skull fracture. Doane, who remained in the car, was uninjured.

J. Dale Taylor, deputy coroner, who investigated the accident, brought the body to the Rigdon mortuary here. No inquest will be necessary, he said.

Ruckel is survived by his widow, Charlotte, and relatives in the east.

## MYSTERY BULLET WOUND REPORTED

Youth Says Hijackers Shot Him, Red Bluffs; Asks  
Treatment in Salem

A man giving the name of Harry John Taylor, 22, was being held at the city jail for investigation last night, after he had sought medical treatment from Dr. Vernon A. Douglas, county health officer, for a bullet wound in his right arm. The doctor immediately notified the police and the arrest followed.

When questioned, Taylor first gave his address as Dunsmuir, Cal., then changed it to Denver, Colo. He was unable to give the names of any streets or other information about the Colorado city. Their suspicions aroused, the state and city officers jalled the man on a technical charge of trespass.

Taylor said he was shot by hijackers while in a boxcar at Red Bluffs, Cal., last Monday. He came to Salem on freight trains, without receiving any medical attention, he declared. Dr. Douglas believed the wound to be three or four days old.

The young man gave his occupation as farmhand and laborer. Police last night communicated with Portland and San Francisco in an effort to determine when, where and how the man received the bullet wound. Although they ascertained his fingerprint classification, they were unable at a late hour to discover any record of his activities.

## BIG COLLIER RAMS COAST GUARD BOAT

NEW LONDON, Conn., Jan. 15—(AP)—Only a few minor injuries were suffered by the crew of the coast guard destroyer Herndon when she collided with the collier Lemuel Burrows today, a radio message received tonight said. The message was to Commander J. F. Farley, acting chief of staff of the destroyer force.

NEW YORK, Jan. 15—(AP)—Somewhere off New London, Conn., tonight two crippled ships were limping into port.

One was the coast guard destroyer Herndon, with a gaping hole in her forward fire room. She was being towed by the collier Lemuel Burrows, which rammed her in dark fog midway between Montauk Point and Block Island early this afternoon.

The Herndon carried 85 men and eight officers and the Lemuel Burrows, a coastwise steamer, usually carries 38 men.

## Cure For Drug Habit Claimed

ITHACA, N. Y., Jan. 15—(AP)—Complete breaking of a morphine drug habit in six days by a treatment new to medicine was reported today at Cornell university.

The narcotic patient apparently was completely cured, and with little discomfort.

## June Scotton Leads All County Pupils in Tests

To June Scotton, Auburn school eighth grader, go first honors in Marion county for the best ranking under the Stanford achievement test, Mrs. Mary Fulkerson, county school superintendent, announced here yesterday. June made a mark of 112.5 in comparison with the normal mark of 90 for children of her grade in school.

Announcement by Mrs. Fulkerson came after all eighth grade pupils in the county had taken the test. Ten different phases of study constituted the basis for the examination which is a standard one given throughout the United States. Mrs. Fulkerson, using the achievement tests for the first time in this county, hopes to ascertain weakness in pupils' accomplishment with the view of improving instruction so the deficiencies will be removed during the school year. She also will obtain more accurate information on the work being accomplished in each school in the district.

Second place in the county went to Jessie Hicks, Ketser eighth grade student, who won a mark of 111.8. Third place went to Mildred Oakes, Salem Heights school, 111.5. John Davis of Roberts came fourth with a mark of 111.4 and Alice Cunningham of Liberty fifth with a mark of 111.

Announcement was also made of the ranking of the various schools in the county, only the eighth graders taking the examination. These results follow:

One-room schools: First, Champe; second, Harmon; third, Parrish Gap.

Two-room schools: First, Mehama; second, Middle Grove; third, Monitor.

Three-room schools: First, Turner; second, Stayton; third, Scotts Mills.

Four-room schools or more: First, Mill City; second, Stayton; third, Ketser.

## HULET ENTERS LISTS AGAINST CONGRESSMAN

Files Declaration Seeking  
G. O. P. Nomination In  
Valley District

Grange Leader Also Offers  
Amendment to Enable  
State Power Plan

Declaration of candidacy was filed Friday afternoon by C. O. Hulet, master of the state grange, for the republican nomination for representative in congress from the first congressional district, the office held by Congressman W. O. Hawley.

His slogan reads:

"For the majority rather than the minority Economic readjustments, no special privilege."

Hulet also filed in the state department Friday a proposed constitutional amendment authorizing the state to contract with the United States, with any state or states, or with any political subdivision of the state, for the purchase or acquisition of water, water power and electric energy for use, transmission, distribution, sale or disposal.

Would Place State In Middleman Role

The state also would have authority under the amendment to fix the rates and charges for this service.

Hulet explained that the amendment, if adopted, would place the state in the role of a middleman, in the purchase and sale of electric energy, without organizing the entire state into a power district. The proposed constitutional amendment was filed by Hulet on behalf of the Oregon State grange.

Edward Schulerich of Hillsboro has filed with the secretary of state for the republican nomination for the office of state senator from the eleventh district, comprising Washington county.

Senator Schulerich served as a member of the state senate during the 1929 and 1931 legislative sessions, and prior to that was a member of the house for several terms.

## DEVIN REFUSES TO ACCEPT TRANSFER

Captain Wants him to Keep  
It Dark; Takes job on  
Bend Police Force

BEND, Ore., Jan. 15—(AP)—Sergeant Charles Devin, of the state police, announced today he is submitting his resignation to Superintendent Charles Pray because of Pray's order transferring Devin to St. Helen's. Devin has been stationed in neutral Oregon for the past six years.

Devin's announcement added that he had accepted an appointment to the Bend city police force, effective next week.

In announcing his resignation Devin said he had been notified of the transfer order by Captain Richard Williams and alleged that Captain Williams had advised him to leave Bend without announcing the transfer and to have his friends "lay off" writing letters to officials at Salem.

Bend service organizations, the chamber of commerce, and county granges are sending petitions to Superintendent Pray asking an explanation of Devin's transfer and seeking revocation of the order.

## DAIRY COOPERATIVE MEETING IS TODAY

What promises to be an interesting session of dairy cooperative association members of this district will be held at the chamber of commerce this afternoon at 1 o'clock.

One of the primary moves which may come before the producers will be an effort to head off a proposed move on the part of distributors to bottle CD grade milk here, and thus afford protection to the consumer.

Other matters which will be under discussion will center around clauses of the recent ruling of Rabbi Henry J. Berkowitz, milk czar for the Portland area.

## Gresham Debate Team is Winner Over Salem High

The Gresham high school debaters were given the decision in their debate with the Salem negative team here last night. The critic judge, Ross Knotts, Willamette university student, based his decision on the strength of the Gresham case. Robert Reed presided.

Charles West and Waldo Mills upheld the negative for Salem, while Thomas Bechtel and Anne Abrahams spoke for Gresham, on the unemployment insurance question. The debate was not state interscholastic competition.

Salem high's affirmative team Tuesday afternoon will go to Gresham for the return debate.

## Allen Leaves to Attend Cannery Session in East

W. G. Allen, district manager for Hunt Brothers Packing company, today will leave by train for Chicago where he will attend the convention of the National Cannery association. He will go by way of San Francisco to join other officials of his company.

After the convention, Allen plans to go on to New York City and Washington, D. C., on business. He expects to return to Salem within a month.

## Golf is Halted By Heavy Rains

AGUA CALIENTE, Mex., Jan. 15—(AP)—Torrential rains swept down Tia Juana valley today, forcing a complete and disorderly rout of golf's conquistadors as they plotted a third round campaign in Agua Caliente's \$15,000 open championship.

## Snow Fights Abound and 'Kids' Happy

Friday night Salem had sufficient snow to transform Fairmount hill into a fairy-land of sparkling beauty under the gleam of street lights, and to make the downtown streets slushy. Newsboys salvaged enough snow from fenders and automobile tops to make effective snowballs, and while it was falling the flakes were large enough to cause the flurry of excitement that comes with the first snowfall.

Friday's snow, slight as it was, was the first to whiten Salem since 1930, when several inches covered the ground and remained for the best part of January. At that time travel was seriously handicapped.

Late reports Friday night from the Salem stage depot indicated that although buses from California were about an hour late because of snow, yet there was no serious ice conditions, and toward Portland the roads were in good condition. Snow began about Canby and continued on into Portland, drivers reported.

## THETA ALPHA PHI PLAY IS SUCCESS

"Children of the Moon" is  
Well Presented; Miss  
Phelps Applauded

Theta Alpha Phi dramatic fraternity of Willamette university presented a commendable production of "Children of the Moon" Friday night in the chapel of Waller hall. It was an excellently chosen play, having just enough phantasy to temper the dramatic plot, demanding only enough characters to allow for intensive work on the part of all, and dealing with life in a vein understood and not too realistic for college production.

Miss Savilla Phelps, with the ability which has made her a bright light in many Salem high school plays, set a standard of acting which toned the whole production.

Miss Dorothy Dalk also gave an exceedingly well performed "mother role." Ralph Barber's work was a pleasing addition to the play.

The cast included Lawrence Brown, Helen Stiles, Dorothy Dalk, Savilla Phelps, Thomas Hall, Ralph Barber, Willis Shuler and William Mosher. Professor Herold E. Rahn directed the play.

The managerial staff is to be complimented upon the programs, which carried out the delicate artistry of the play itself.

## OREGON REMAINS IN WINTER'S GRIP

PORTLAND, Jan. 15—(AP)—Winter remained in full command of the weather in Oregon tonight. Snow flurries fell intermittently in many sections of the state during the day and tonight Klamath Falls reported a new and heavy snow storm in progress. Ten inches of snow had fallen at Government Camp on Mount Hood during the 24 hours ending at 4 p. m. Approximately two inches of snow fell in Portland.

In the Willamette valley lowlands the snow melted almost as fast as it fell. At Eugene the snow turned to rain in the early afternoon.

## Crisis For Dry Cause Looms is McBride's Word

WASHINGTON, Jan. 15—(AP)—The Anti-Saloon league convened here today and was warned by one of its leaders that prohibition can be won or lost in the November election.

F. Scott McBride, general superintendent of the league, opened its biennial convention asserting "we must shun the pitfalls of partisanship" and seek the support of the "drys in all parties for the maintenance of prohibition."

Bishop Ernest G. Richardson of Philadelphia was elected president, succeeding Bishop Thomas Nicholson of Detroit.

## Highway Board Meeting Slated For February 4

The next meeting of the state highway commission has been postponed from January 21 to February 4, according to an announcement made at the offices of the state highway department Friday.

The postponement was necessary because of injuries suffered recently by J. C. Alnsworth, chairman of the commission.

The meeting will be held in Portland.

All delegations scheduled to be heard at the January 21 meeting, have been asked to appear February 4. Bids asked for January 21 will be opened at the February meeting.

## CHINESE CIVIL STRIFE OPENS IN MANCHURIA

Kirin Governor's Force is  
Battling Unknowns 60  
Miles From Harbin

Tahushan Reoccupied; new  
Government Forecast  
For Trouble Zone

(By the Associated Press)

Chinese troops were understood in Harbin yesterday to be fighting among themselves in northern Manchuria for the first time since the beginning of the Sino-Japanese conflict.

An army belonging to Governor Hsi Hsia of Kirin province has been battling several rays near the town of Pihshien, 60 miles east of Harbin, with an unidentified force. Fears were expressed that the hostilities might transgress the zone of the Chinese Eastern railway, jointly owned and controlled by China and Russia.

**Chinese Reoccupy Tahushan is Claim**

Chinese newspapers in Tientsin reported Chinese troops had reoccupied the important city of Tahushan on the Peiping-Mukden railway after 48 hours of heavy fighting with the Japanese, inflicting 100 casualties.

Formation of an independent state comprising all Manchuria and Mongolia was reported in Japanese dispatches. Shanghai to be progressing rapidly at Mukden under the sponsorship of the Japanese military. It may be set up February 11.

## MOLTZNER HANDED 2-YEAR SENTENCE

PORTLAND, Jan. 15—(AP)—Jay S. Moltzner, managing director of the Guardian Building & Loan association, was sentenced to two years in the penitentiary today following his conviction Thursday on a charge of lending funds of a building and loan association without security.

Sentence was imposed by Circuit Judge Walker of McMinnville.

Moltzner is at liberty under \$10,000 bail pending possible motion for a new trial on appeal to the state supreme court.

Moltzner, before sentence was passed, affirmed his innocence and declared that his being made "a felon by reason of technical violation of a law which I was not cognizant of nor a party to is to me but the grinding of a political grindstone that makes me a subject for a Roman holiday."

Judge Walker, in passing sentence, referred to the defendant's being an attorney with "knowledge of the law." He said he felt the defendant had had a fair trial.

## ZORN IN COURT IN DOG LICENSE CASE

Henry Zorn, one of the heaviest taxpayers in the county and a farmer of the Champe district, was served with a warrant while in town yesterday charging failure to obtain a dog license.

Zorn told Justice of the Peace Miller Hayden that the dog on which complaint had been made did not belong to him, and pleaded guilty to the charge.

Warrant was sworn out some days ago by the county dog license collector.

Mr. Zorn was allowed to go on his own recognizance, and it is probable the case will come up in a week or so.

## OLYMPIA MAYOR DIES

OLYMPIA, Wash., Jan. 15—(AP)—George G. Mills, 66, mayor of Olympia, a former state treasurer and a Washington pioneer, died today at his home here.

## Tax Equalizers to Take Active Part in Politics

The Marion county tax equalization league will take an active part in the coming primary elections and the fall vote, officers said yesterday after a regular meeting of the body in the chamber of commerce here.

The league's chief concern, politically, will be with legislative candidates, following out its avowed policy of equalizing and holding down taxes.

W. A. Jones, reporting for the committee which waited upon the county court for further reduction in the 1932 budget, expressed opinion that results were satisfactory, save that salaries in the various departments were not lowered.

Members of the league called attention to reports in connection with the recent road patrol.

## OPEN DOOR WILL NOT BE VIOLATED JAPAN PROMISES

Reply to Stimson Note Handed to Ambassador Forbes at  
Tokyo; Satisfaction Expressed at America's Stand  
For Fulfillment of Kellogg and Washington Treaties  
And Assurance Given of Cooperation

No Intention of Adopting Improper Means, Assurance;  
Regret Expressed That Policy is Endangered Through  
Unsettled Conditions in Manchuria; Doubt Voiced by  
United States Deemed Merely Academic

TOKYO, Jan. 16—(AP)—(Saturday)—Foreign Minister Kenkichi Yoshizawa replied today to Secretary of State Stimson's invoking the nine power treaty in the Manchurian conflict by declaring that the open-door policy will be maintained in Manchuria. The reply was delivered to American Ambassador W. Cameron Forbes by the foreign minister.

The Japanese note, addressed to Mr. Forbes, follows in part:

"I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your excellency's note of January 8, which has had the most careful attention of this government.

"The government of Japan is well aware that the government of the United States could always be relied upon to do everything in their power to support Japan's efforts to secure full and complete fulfillment in every detail of the treaties of Washington and the Kellogg treaty for the outlawry of war.

"They are glad to receive this additional assurance of the fact.

"As regards the question which your excellency specifically mentions of the policy of the so-called open-door, the Japanese government, as has so often been stated, regard that policy as a cardinal feature of the politics of the far east and only regret that its effectiveness is so seriously diminished by the unsettled conditions which prevail throughout China.

**All Efforts Pledged To Maintain Policy**

"Insofar as they can secure it, the policy of the open door will always be maintained in Manchuria as in China proper.

"They take note of the statement by the United States government that the latter can not admit the legality of matters which might impair the treaty rights of the United States or its citizens or which might be brought about by means contrary to the treaty of August 27, 1928.

"It might be the subject of an academic doubt, whether in a given case the propriety of the means necessarily and always voids the ends secured, but as Japan has no intentions of adopting improper means that question does not practically arise."

## FIVE ARRESTED ON TRAFFIC CHARGES

Andersen Held After Auto  
Hits Pedestrian and  
Causes Injuries

Considering snow and slush excuses for violating the traffic laws, city police yesterday continued their drive on errant motorists and made five arrests, two of them as the result of accidents.

Charles Andersen, route nine, was arrested on a reckless driving charge after his automobile had struck a pedestrian, J. M. Newton, 1534 Fourth street, at Court and Commercial streets. Newton suffered a broken nose, bruised face and leg. Andersen claimed he did not see the man. He was fined \$10 however, when he answered the charge in municipal court.

A. M. Cassie, 2075 McCoy avenue, was arrested for allegedly failing to give the right of way, following a collision between his car and one driven by C. P. Gates of Portland. As Cassie turned left from North Capitol street to Nebraska street, his machine was struck by Gates. The Gates auto crashed into a street corner sign, according to reports to the police.

Charges of speeding were filed against Irving Hale, 754 South 21st street, and Joseph R. Hosler, 345 Court street. Ruth Draper, 965 North 18th street, was arrested on a charge of failing to stop at a through-traffic street.

Two other motorists were heard on traffic charges by Mark Poulsen, municipal judge, yesterday. The driver's license of A. H. Madison, route one, who was arrested on a charge of failing to stop, was suspended for five days, and the case of A. C. Halvorsen of Hood River, charged with speeding, was dismissed.

## MARRIAGE, DIVORCE BOTH DECLINE HERE

Old Man Depression apparently took a swat at another line of business in 1931 in this county—the business of marrying and getting divorced. Figures released yesterday at the county clerk's office show that the number of licenses issued last year were 437 compared to 473 in 1930. Nineteen twenty-nine was even better as a marrying year, 519 couples obtaining permits to wed.

While marriage business was declining, divorce decrees were also less numerous. In 1931 they totaled 126. In the previous four quarter period they were 171.

Not since 1924 have marriage licenses issued been as few in this county. In that 12 months' period 417 licenses were issued by the county clerk.

## Crippled Police Of Honolulu to Be Reorganized

HONOLULU, Jan. 15—(AP)—Already facing two investigations into Honolulu's crime situation and its climax in attacks on women and a resort to lynch law, the territorial administration moved today for a quick reorganization of the city's allegedly inefficient and politically crippled police department.

A bill designed to purge the department of politics and provide it with an appointed instead of an elected head was prepared for presentation at the special session of the territorial legislature Monday.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 15—(AP)—The United States has temporarily reversed its policy of withdrawing American forces in Nicaragua and will send 300 additional marines to supervise elections in that country.

**NINE ARE DROWNED**

RIO DE JANEIRO, Jan. 15—(AP)—Nine persons drowned today after the little river steamer Santa Clara capsized in the San Francisco river in the state of Minas Geraes.