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**WEATHER**  
Fair today and Friday, continued cold, well below freezing; Max. Temp. Wednesday 36, Min. 24, river 2.4 ft., rain .21 in. N. wind.

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## Winter Visits Valley With Mercury Falling To 22 Degrees in City

More Cold Forecast; First Snow Noted But Mere Trace

Ten Chimney Fires in Rapid Succession Call Firemen

**FALLING MERCURY**  
3:42 p.m.—33 8:42 p.m.—25  
4:42 p.m.—31 9:42 p.m.—24  
5:42 p.m.—29 10:42 p.m.—23  
6:42 p.m.—27 11:42 p.m.—23  
7:42 p.m.—26 12:42 p.m.—22

First traces of snow yesterday and steadily falling mercury this morning were giving Willamette valley residents a taste of real winter temperatures and the weather forecast was for a continuation of them. Passing the freezing point at 3:42 o'clock yesterday afternoon, the thermometer in three hours, reached the previous low mark of the season, 26 degrees, registered on Monday, and kept on the downward course until at 1 o'clock this morning the mercury hovered at the 22-degree point.

Firing up furnaces and stoves to drive out the cold, Salem residents in 10 instances last night overdid themselves with the result that ten chimney fires were reported to the fire department.

The first chimney blaze was reported at 7 o'clock at 1619 N. Street. Ensnared ones were: 7:10, 780 Highland Avenue; 7:20, 1538 State; 7:25, 765 Court; 8:15, 1475 North Fifth; 8:25, 1165 Marion; 8:30, 479 North Capitol; 8:35, 970 Hoyt; 8:40, 985 Center, and the last before midnight, at 9:15 o'clock, 1570 North 15th Street. Only one of the chimney blazes, that on Center street, gained serious headway. All were quickly smothered, with chemicals, where necessary.

Ice Forms at Night In Pools on Street  
Ice was forming in downtown gutters before 6 o'clock last night and soon moisture dripping from marquee began growing icicles in the bristly north breeze. Before the skies cleared in the afternoon, moisture in the air turned into scattered flakes of snow which melted on touching the ground. In the early morning hours yesterday, 0.21 inch of rain fell.

Maximum temperature yesterday was only four degrees above the freezing point.

PORTLAND, Dec. 7.—(AP)—Winter, borne on a brisk, biting east wind, surged into Portland, and established itself as monarch of the weather generally throughout Oregon.

The thermometer here, never rising above 36 degrees, sank to 28 degrees tonight for a new low for the season, and the United States weather bureau predicted a further descent to 22 degrees during the night.

Bend was the coldest place in Oregon, reports indicated. The eastern Oregon city had a temperature of 10 degrees above. The region was covered with snow.

Mecham reported a 14-degree temperature, and La Grande reported 13 degrees. An inch of snow fell at Baker, where the mercury dropped to 16 degrees. Pendleton, with a minimum of 20 degrees, also experienced a snowfall.

At Prineville the winter's first snow entered the ground. Klamath Falls found overcast in order with a temperature of 16 degrees.

Snow alternating with a light, cold rain, fell at Roseburg. Medford's official thermometer registered 27 degrees. Comparatively the cold snap lessened at Eugene, where a drizzling rain boosted the temperature to 35 degrees.

**Late Sports**  
PORTLAND, Dec. 7.—(AP)—Abe Kaplan of New York defeated George Nelson, wrestling coach at Utah State college, two falls out of three in the main event of tonight's wrestling card here. Kaplan weighed 218 and Nelson 212.

The Utah instructor won the first fall in the fast time of 41 seconds. Shortly after they stepped to the center of the ring, Nelson slipped under his opponent, and sprawled him on the floor with a half-nelson.

Kaplan resumed with the second fall in 32 minutes, when a flying wing-lock took effect. The third fall went to the New Yorker with a place-kick to the groin.

Charles Sane, 210, from Missouri, defeated Al Periera, 220, Portugal, two falls out of three in the semi-final.

Curley Woods, 146, Centralia, Wash., won on a foul from Spike Ashby, 147, Flint, Mich., in the opener.

## HOUSE STARTS HEARINGS UPON BEER MEASURE

Virtues of 4 per Cent Brew Extolled; Big Revenue Estimate is Made

Budget Message Read, Both Branches Mark Time and Discuss Trivialities

WASHINGTON, Dec. 7.—(AP)—A congressional day devoted mostly to talking about what should be done with a house committee began hearings on a beer bill and senate democrats map out an extensive program including prohibition repeal and farm relief.

They decided, too, that measures ought to be passed this session that would embody banking reform, unemployment relief, further economy, ratification of the world court protocols and Volstead act modification.

The house already has attempted to repeal the eighteenth amendment and failed, perhaps finally so far as this session is concerned, but it went ahead toward a vote on modification of the Volstead act through testimony before the ways and means committee.

There, two representatives of brewing interests, Levi Cooke and R. A. Huber, of St. Louis, extolled what they considered the virtues of four per cent brew. They estimated modification to permit the sale of beer would return about \$330,945,000 yearly on the basis of a tax of \$5 per barrel.

Budget Message is Read, Solons Gossip  
The president's budget message was read in both houses, and there being no legislation ready for consideration, talk began which led far afield.

In the house, it included criticism by Representative LaGuardia (R., N. Y.), of stern political handling of the trek to the capital this week by thousands of (Turn to page 2, col. 4)

## SESSION DECISION DUE OVER WEEKEND

Probably not until the week ends will Governor Julius L. Meier and his advisors, including the state tax commission, announce their decision regarding a special session of the legislature to consider a sales tax for 1933 and 1934. The governor was in conference here a considerable part of Wednesday, discussing with legislative and business leaders, the proper procedure to be taken.

Laws governing the levying of a state property tax and the legal machinery for the substitution of a sales tax for it are being carefully scanned.

The governor and Hansen were both apprised late in the day of the Marion county budget committee's refusal to include a state tax in their budget but neither would comment.

Four members of the 1933 legislature conferred with the governor yesterday and a number were consulted by long-distance telephone.

## Wool Men For Sales Tax "Holy Kiss" Case Revived Sororities File Petition Dealers Want \$5 License

A year ago, the minister filed a \$75,000 damage action against King for alleged libel. Pitts obtained a \$5,000 judgment, but the complaint filed today set forth that the state supreme court reversed Circuit Judge Duffy and dismissed the case.

King charged that Pitts had won away his wife by quoting scripture and reciting such passages as "greet one another with a holy kiss."

**WANT THEIR BOOKS**  
CORVALLIS, Ore., Dec. 7.—(AP)—Representatives of all 16 sororities at Oregon State college have sent a petition to state chancellor of higher education W. J. Kerr asking that the rule forbidding freshmen pledges to live in the houses be abrogated.

The petition bears the argument that the sororities are faced with financial instability because of the falling off in registration. The sorority girls pointed out that a similar rule is not in force at the University of Oregon.

**OPPOSE MORE ROADS**  
PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 7.—(AP)—The automobile dealers' association of Portland at a meeting here tonight expressed themselves as favoring a \$5 license fee, a moratorium on new highway construction, no increase in gasoline tax, no personal property tax and prohibition of further issuance of bonds by the highway commission.

## Who Said Democracy? Next U. S. First Lady Knows Her Stewpans



Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt, wife of the president-elect, whose culinary ability helped raise a big and brawny family, knows just how to season the stew as she is shown preparing a meal for a group of unemployed at a New York charity kitchen recently. The future "First Lady" went about her job in a workmanlike manner, proving that she's just as much at home in the kitchen as she is in the drawing room.

## RECOVER 14 BODIES AFTER MINE BLAST POSSE IS SEEKING FEDERAL CONVICT

100 Others in New Mexico Shaft Escape; Cause Isn't Determined

MADRID, N. M., Dec. 7.—(AP)—From a stark hole in a bleak hillside the bodies of 14 coal miners, victims of an explosion in the Morgan-Jones mine almost a mile underground, were brought to the surface tonight where relatives were waiting to identify them.

Officials said they had accounted for the 100 workers who were in the mine when the blast occurred. All the dead were of Mexican descent. Approximately 100 miners who were at work when the explosion occurred escaped.

The explosion cause was undetermined. It occurred early this morning shortly after the miners went on duty. Throughout the day the wives, children and other relatives of the entombed men hovered about the mine entrance tensely waiting a word of hope from within that never came.

Most of the women folk refused to believe their husbands had been killed until the bodies were brought to the surface. Faced with the bodies, a few cried but most accepted the disaster calmly, resigned to the tragedy that every miner's wife fears.

Four of the bodies were recovered soon after the explosion and nine others were brought to the surface tonight.

## LEADERS IN PRISON STRIKE SEGREGATED

BALTIMORE, Dec. 7.—(AP)—Forty-five prisoners, classed by prison officials as ring leaders among 300 striking inmate workers in the pants factory of the Maryland state penitentiary, were segregated under heavy guard tonight in an attempt to break a strike which had continued five days.

Penitentiary officials said the removal of the men from their own cells to others in the west wing of the institution was accomplished without trouble although knives were found in the quarters of six of the strike leaders.

The 300 prisoners struck because their pay in the pants shop was reduced in accordance with the terms of a contract between the state and a manufacturer. Their pay subsequently was raised, as prison officials tried to solve the situation by compromise, but the original scale was not restored.

## League to Seek Reduced Tax for Higher Schools

Abolition of all "so-called continuing appropriations" for higher education in Oregon which aggregate more than \$400,000 biennially, will be sought from the 1933 legislature, Henry Zorn, president of the Marion County Taxpayers' Equalization and Reduction league, announced yesterday.

Zorn fathered the unsuccessful school merger bill. "We shall go beyond this reduction," Zorn declared. "We are going to ask that the millages be cut 50 per cent. We may get only 25 per cent reduction but we want to see these millages come down. I also think there will be legislative action to reduce the board of higher education from nine to five members."

## HOLMAN IN WRECK BUT NOT INJURED

Rufus Holman, state treasurer, was forced to return to Salem last night when his automobile struck a truck about six miles north of here while he was en route to Portland. He was badly shaken up but apparently otherwise uninjured.

It was reported that Holman's heavy sedan rammed underneath the rear of the truck and was considerably damaged. According to state police, who investigated, the truck was believed not to have been carrying lights on the rear. No arrests were made.

## FARMERS' DEBT HOLIDAY ASKED BY DELEGATION

Relief Parley at Capital Lively; Cheers Greet Moratorium Plea

Gloomy Picture Painted of Agriculture's Status; Many Dispossessed

WASHINGTON, Dec. 7.—(AP)—Delegates to the farmers' national relief conference today shouted demands for a moratorium on agricultural debt as one way of easing their financial burdens.

Before 232 rough-clad representatives from 23 states, a long procession of speakers raised their voices and pounded their fists as they urged that congress act to relieve their plight.

They faced a responsive audience. The various suggestions advanced by state leaders precipitated tumultuous cheering mingled with hand clapping and stamping of feet.

An outgrowth of the farmers' strike in the middle-west last summer, the conference is to continue three days during which a legislative program will be formulated for presentation to the house and senate.

**Presiding Officers**  
Vice-President Curtis and Speaker Garner have agreed to receive any petition the conference wishes to present.

The focal point of the addresses was a farm debt moratorium. Other suggestions advanced called for higher prices for farm crops to pay at least the cost of production and a ban against the eviction from their homes.

A gloomy picture of the condition of agriculture was painted by speaker after speaker who shouted that the present status could not be continued without ruin.

Keynoting the addresses that followed, Fred Strong, of Torrington, Wyo., declared farmers in his state were unable to pay their taxes, interest and mortgages and were being "closed down and turned out of their homes."

**Soup Line is Faced**  
By Wyoming Farmers

He added: "Farmers in Wyoming do not take kindly to breadlines, but unless something is done we will find ourselves going down the road looking for a soup line. This is true all over the country."

Saying that it costs \$1.25 to produce a bushel of wheat in his state, he added, "We can't get the quarter, let alone the dollar."

## STIMSON REPLIES TO NOTE ON DEBT

WASHINGTON, Dec. 7.—(AP)—The American reply to Great Britain's second request for a moratorium on war debt payment due in eight days was handed to Sir Ronald Lindsay tonight a few hours before Capitol Hill had rung with fresh opposition to debt reductions.

As has been customary in the exchange of notes over the situation, Secretary Stimson called the British ambassador to his suburban home, Woodley, to receive the communication.

The note's contents were not made public, but it was assumed that it followed the tenor of other recent administration utterances; that sole power to alter the debt agreement lay with congress.

President Hoover would recommend legislative creation of an agency to consider the debt question, and that the December payment from European countries would be expected.

The White House has indicated that President Hoover would send a special message to congress dealing with the debts, which have been the subject of a rapid interchange of diplomatic communications for weeks.

## GROWER PROBLEMS WORKED ON AT HORTICULTURAL MEET

Vegetable crops will be discussed at today's meeting of the state horticultural society, which yesterday morning opened its 47th annual convention at the chamber of commerce. Attendance of the society members was small, but is expected to increase today.

Charles L. Long, of Corvallis, president in his annual address, touched upon many problems of growers, ranging from tariff to transportation, costs of which have not taken their proportionate drop.

Morning speakers were J. R. Beck, Polk county agent, who told how Polk prunes were increased nine points in pruning experiments; Ray Glatt, of the Woodburn Fruit Growers' co-op, who emphasized locating crops for the best drainage and control of pests; and Glenn Hogg, of Salem, president of the Willamette Valley Cherry growers, who told of experiments with syneta beetle control. Harvesting of Royal Anne

## BUDGETEERS FAIL TO INCLUDE LEVY ASKED BY STATE

General County Levy as Tentatively set Forth Thereby Features \$255,000 Reduction from 1932; Mandamus to Compel Raising of 3 1/2 Mills for State Treasury Held Probable Unless Sales tax is Provided

Salary Cutting Left to December 30 Final Meeting but Discussion Forecasts Considerable Reduction; Some Officials say They are Willing but Plead for Their Employees; Other Items are Lowered

## SALIENT FEATURES OF ANNUAL COUNTY COURT—BUDGET COMMITTEE MEETING

Group refuses to adopt \$172,000 item for general state purposes. Matter of general salary reduction not incorporated in budget; Keith Powell, chairman, serves notice he will favor such reduction at meeting when levy is made.

Public meeting when county court votes levy, set for Friday, December 30.

General levy cut approximately \$255,000 over 1932 budget. Proposed levies for 1933:  
Elementary school fund (state) \$101,467.  
General fund of county 143,695.  
County school fund and libraries 175,972.  
High school tuition and transportation 106,245.  
General road fund 92,700.

\*Levied only on property in non-high school districts.  
\*\*Levied on all assessed property outside of Salem.

ONE century ago Andrew Jackson made the front pages and later a score of history books with his remark: "John Marshall has made his decision; now let him enforce it." Jackson, a states' rights believer, scouted demands of the federal government.

A similar line of reasoning prevailed with the Marion county budget makers and the county court yesterday.

Faced with a telephoned request from the state tax commission that a 3 1/2 mill tax be levied on all real property in the county for next year—a tax sufficient to raise \$172,000 in this area—the budgeteers flatly refused to include the sum in the 1933 county budget.

As a result the county budget to be published tomorrow will contain items calling for raising at least \$255,000 less revenue than was obtained by real estate taxation in the county last year.

The decision came at 5:30 p. m. Wednesday after a day-long session of budget making in which every item in the 1933 proposals of expenditures had been scanned carefully and in some instances materially reduced.

**Mandamus Action Likely to Result**

The budget makers realized fully that a mandamus action might result in which the state would compel them to make the levy but meanwhile they look to the state administration to reduce the levy or better still to find some other source than property taxes for replenishing the state's exchequer.

At adjournment, the budget makers set Friday morning, December 30, at 10 a. m. at the courthouse as the time for final adoption of the budget and legal making of the county's tax levy.

Throughout the day came repeated demands to the budget group for a general salary reduction among all courthouse employees, John Porter of Silverton, chairman of the investigation committee of the county tax league, serving as spokesman for the tax reductionists. Scattered requests for holding up wages in the lower brackets also came to the attention of the budget makers.

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## Daylight Thefts Halt; Officers Carry on Search

A halt came yesterday in the wave of daylight housebreaking that began last Saturday but city police continued their investigations toward identifying the thieves who entered three houses Tuesday afternoon and three on Saturday afternoon. Officers said they had no sure leads on the case but were hopeful of eventually catching the perpetrators.

It was believed the thieves were youths familiar with the habits of the residents whose houses they entered.

## The Day in Washington

(By the Associated Press)  
President Hoover's budget message recommending cuts of more than \$500,000,000 below current appropriations was read to senate and house.

Brewing industry spokesmen urged beer of higher alcoholic content than 2.75 per cent as house ways and means committee began hearings on beer bill.

Senate democrats drew up program, including votes on prohibition repeal and modification, general appropriation bills and farm relief.

Senator Borah proposed repeal of home loan bank law.

Representative Treadway (R., Mass.) led house discussion opposing war debts reduction.

Farmers' national relief conference opened preparatory to asking congress for moratorium on agricultural debts and other aid.