BEER MEASURE PASSES HOUSE

3.2 per Cent top Content in Bill to be Hurried Over to Senate

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one to reduce the alcoholic content from 3.2 per cent to 2.75 per cent.

Prohibitionists Suffer Severe Defeat

It was the most severe defeat suffered by the house prohibitionists in many years. Only last spring they defeated the O'Connor-Hull beer bill, 228 to 169. The vote today was almost a complete reversal of the representative strength of the two groups, but it fell far short of the 272 to 144 vote for outright repeal resolution defeated by six votes on the first day of the session.

Party lines were shattered in the final vote. Leaders made no attempt to control their forces, holding it was not a party matter. Among the 230 votes for the bill 133 democrats, 96 republicans and one farmer-laborite were recorded. Sixty-four democrats joined 101 republicans in opposition. Lame ducks voting for, included 17 democrats and 43 republicans, and voting against, 12 democrats and 69 republicans.

Senate leaders announced plans for prompt action after the Christmas holidays. The bill will be sent to the judiciary committee first for a study of its provisions modifying the Volstead law and then to the finance committee to act on the tax provision.

Besides legalizing 3.2 per cent beer by weight, the measure provides a tax of $5 a barrel; federal protection to dry states and leaves to the state the regulation of distribution, except that wholesale and retail sellers must obtain federal licenses.

The ways and means committee estimated it would return up to $300,000,000 annually in revenue. It was adopted as one of the democrats' major legislative proposals for the short session. As described by Representative Bankhead (D., Ala.), who presided, "Its purpose is fundamentally for revenue."

SCOUTING GROWS IN YEAR NOW CLOSING

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son, Ferris D. White and C. W. Bartlett.

Awards not previously published included the following:

Star scout—Gordon Carl, Salem troop 12, and Edwin McWain, Salem No. 1.

First class merit badges—Donald Douris, Walter Bailey, Bob Clarke, Salem No. 12; Robert Taylor, Salem No. 1; Howard Jenks, Melvin Jenks, Morlow Jenks, Byron Scott, Edward Jenks, Milton Newport, Tangent No. 33; Rex Wirt, Gene Kennedy, Salem No. 4, and Roy Brady of Silverton, field commissioner.

Second class merit badges — Tom Plouffe, Franklin Juneau, Chemawa No. 8; Floyd Baumgartner, Salem No. 3; Fred Johannsen, Salem No. 1; Maynard Edlund, Leo Smith, Salem No. 12.

Second class scout—Billy Bentson, Roy Vick, Robert Lindstrom, Robert Brown, Dean Ellis, Elmer Scheelar, Clifford Ackley, Richard Batdorf, Salem No. 12; Blaine Stuart, Wayne Willard, Charles Laird, Bob West, Bob Laird, Roy Cameron, Salem No. 4; Elmer George, Chemawa No. 8.

1671 Meals Given In Two Weeks by Open Door Group

The Open Door Mission served 1671 meals from December 1 to 16, inclusive, according to report of H. W. Coulon, pastor. Lodging was given 308 persons and several sick were cared for, including persons suffering from frost-bite.

"The mission hopes to make Christmas as cheerful as possible for the homeless calling, and any donations before or after Christmas will be appreciated", Coulon says.

A number of quilts and cots have been donated this month, and a few more such aids will enable the mission to accommodate all persons calling and eliminate expense of night fires, Coulon says. The mission is at 315½ North Commercial.

The Call Board . .

By OLIVE M. DOAK

WARNER BROS. ELSINORE
Today: U. S. C.-Notre Dame football pictures and "They Call it Sin."
Friday: "Little Orphan Annie," with Mitzi Green.

WARNER BROS. CAPITOL
Today: Eric Linden and Helen Twelvetrees in "Young Bride."
Friday: "70,000 Witnesses," with all-star cast.

THE HOLLYWOOD
Today: Helen Twelvetrees and Lewis Stone in "Unashamed."
Friday: Buster Keaton and Thelma Todd in "Speak Easily."

THE GRAND
Today: "Week-End Marriage," with Norman Foster and Loretta Young.
Friday: "Come on Danger," with Tom Keene.

MEIER DENIES HE'S IN ON LIBBY FIGHT

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"temperamental unfitness for command" and "questionable loyalty to the high command" were under investigation, said today the proceedings had now taken on the aspect of a "railroading."

Federal Action Ahead Of General's Report

The ousted colonel said he learned his federal recognition was withdrawn December 10. He said General Charles S. Lincoln, conducting the investigation, reported that his recommendations were forwarded to Washington, D. C., five days later—December 15.

"These," the colonel said, "were forwarded without containing my complete defense, for I am still awaiting depositions of testimony from witnesses considerably removed from Portland."

In reply to a wire sent today by Paul Doyle, state commander of the disabled American veterans of the World war for the Oregon department, to Senator Frederick Steiwer at Washington, D. C., asking for information about withdrawal of federal recognition from Colonel Libby, he received the following telegraphed reply:

"Your wire of even date received. Have talked with chief of militia regarding Colonel Libby and he advises action was taken after recommendation made by governor and state adjutant. Advises file indicates thorough investigation was made and it was concensus of opinion among officers of regiment that Libby was temperamentally unfitted for post."

Word reached here from Washington, D. C., last night that Major General George E. Leach, chief of the militia bureau, denied he had given any information to Senator Steiwer or anyone else that Governor Meier had in any way figured in the ouster of Colonel Libby. General Leach said:

"This action was the result of a federal inquiry and the action of the secretary of war was taken after a thorough investigation into all facts as to Libby's fitness to command a regiment."

CHARITIES DINNER LOCATION CHANGED

Because of last minute difficulties in arrangements, the city charity Christmas dinner to be given by the Associated Veterans and Associated Charities Sunday afternoon will be held at St. Joseph's hall, Chemeketa and North Winter streets instead of at Fraternal temple as originally planned, M. Clifford Moynihan of the veterans' group announced yesterday.

The committee, directed by Claude McKenney, is planning to serve a bountiful dinner to at least 800 persons. Not only veterans and their families, but other residents of this section who have no other Christmas dinner available will be welcomed to the veterans' dinner Sunday.

S. A. Hughes, president of the Associated Charities board, last night announced his organization was cooperating by providing food and assistance at the dinner.

'CHAIN GANG' AUTHOR FREED

'On Merits' Governor Moore Says Two-Time Georgia Fugitive may Stay

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didn't think the convict should be returned.

Injection of Bernstein into the hearing was accompanied by a touch of the dramatic. Suddenly, Osborne, who had been urging freedom for the convict, turned to the "best judge"—Berstein, now a resident of far Rockaway, N. Y.

"Do you think Burns should go back to a chain gang?" he asked.

"I do not," replied Bernstein.

"The defense rests," said Osborne to Governor Moore.

GEORGIA CHIEF SURPRISED

ATLANTA, Dec. 21—(AP)—Governor Richard B. Russell, Jr., said tonight he would have no statement to make regarding the refusal of the governor of New Jersey to grant extradition to Robert Elliott Burns, until he had heard from John I. Kelley, assistant attorney general. He was represented by his secretary as surprised at the decision.

Kelley went to Trenton to present the case before Governor Moore.

George A. Jones, vice-chairman of the Georgia prison commission, said he knew of nothing the commission could do except take the action of the New Jersey executive as final.

Hints Action May Be Renewed in Future

"There may be nothing else we can do until New Jersey gets a new governor," he added, but refused to amplify this statement.

Lawrence Camp, attorney general, said he would withhold comment until he could confer with Kelley. Asked if the state contemplated further steps, he said: "What can we do?"

Chairman E. L. Rainey of the prison commission said "maudlin sentimentality caused Governor Moore to make such a decision. He cannot possibly know the facts. Burns has told scores of untruths about the whole Georgia penal system. I do not know what our next move will be."

High Picks Squad For Debate Meets

The Salem high school debating team for this year was picked Wednesday by Shannon Hogue, debate coach, it was announced. Chosen to compete for the school were Robert Read, Francis Barnes, Laurence Morley, Marjorie Kissling, George McLeod and Wallace Sprague. The question is resolved, that at least 50 per cent of all state and local revenues should be derived from sources other than taxes on tangible property. The first debate will be with Gresham high school January 6.

Obituary

Graybill

At the residence on route 1, Aumsville, December 22, Leonard Sidney Graybill. Son of Mrs. Myrtle Shelton of Mt. Shasta, Cal.; brother of Mrs. Mildred Rogers of Salem, Mabel Comstock of Aumsville, Gertrude Cleveland and J. T. Graybill, both of Salem, C. L. Graybill of Mare Island, Cal.; nephew of Della Blaco of Newport, Ore. A native of Washington, aged 29 years, 9 months and two days. Funeral announcements later by the Terwilliger Funeral home, 770 Chemeketa street, phone 6928.

Grote

In this city December 21, Louis A. Grote, aged 52 years, late resident of route 1, box 57, Salem. Funeral announcements later by the Clough-Barrick company, Church at Ferry.

Albright

At a local hospital, Tuesday, December 20, James Albright, aged 14 years. Survived by parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Albright of Portland. Funeral announcements later by Clough-Barrick company.

Belieu

Mrs. Martha Belieu (known as "Grandma" Billieu) died at Philomath, Ore., Tuesday, December 20, at the age of 86. She is survived by one daughter, Mrs. Henry Robson of Salem; one granddaughter, Mrs. Gladys King of Philomath; one nephew, Curtis Tucker of Salem and 7 great-grandchildren. Funeral services will be held Thursday, December 22, at 1:30 p. m. from the chapel of Clough-Barrick company. Interment Aumsville cemetery.

Good News!

CHICAGO, Dec. 21. — (AP) — Bank suspensions the last week were 21.5 per cent under the previous week's and 31 per cent under the total two weeks ago, Rand McNally & Co., reported today.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21. — (AP) — The census bureau announced today the cotton spinning industry operated during November at 96.9 per cent capacity, compared with 85.8 per cent during the similar period last year.

CHICAGO, Dec. 21. — (AP) — An "avalanche" of belated Christmas buying in the Chicago area was reported today by Bradstreet & R. G. Dunn & Co.

NEW YORK, Dec. 21.—(AP)—Bradstreet's reported today a sharp reduction in business insolvencies last week to 458, down 34 from the preceding week and more than 100 less than the figure of the corresponding period last year. This was the lowest figure of business failure since November 17, Bradstreet's said.

DETROIT, Dec. 21. — (AP) — Employment increased during the first half of December, the city's board of commerce announced today. The board's index reached 44.2 per cent December 14, compared with 39.3 per cent November 30.

HOOVER, 'F. R.' YET IN VIEW EXCHANGE

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seem to him certain to involve a discussion of terms and policies.

Mr. Roosevelt is understood to have his own plans for dealing with debtor nations separately and through regular diplomatic channels after he becomes president.

Misleading Implications From Commission

Mr. Roosevelt's friends said that unless the limitations of a commission such as Mr. Hoover proposed were clearly stated, the United States government might later be accused of misleading the Europeans by not following what the Europeans would be likely to regard as the American policy, as determined by the commission.

"Dispatches from London and Paris," one of Mr. Roosevelt's close friends said, "furnish a good illustration of European expectations that the appointment of any formal delegation at this time means immediate discussion of terms and policies."

Most of Mr. Roosevelt's day was spent in signing Christmas pardons for inmates of state prisons and in talking with state department heads regarding curtailment of expenditures.

In the latter connection he said there had been a response from many sections of New York to his presidential campaign speech at Portland, Ore., in which he stated his views that governmental bodies dealing with public utilities, such as the New York State Public Service commission, should have more than quasi-judicial powers. He said upstate New York communities acted promptly upon his statement that such commissions should investigate and regulate. As a result, he said, many cities and villages have asked for immediate investigation of public utility rates in their territory.

Officers Elected At Independence

INDEPENDENCE, Dec. 21. — The Royal Arch Masons elected officers at a meeting of the lodge Tuesday night. The other branch of the Masons elected officers last week. Royal Arch officers elected were: Excellent high priest, J. G. McIntosh; king, G. G. Mattison; scribe, Z. C. Kimbal; Royal Arch captain, P. W. Jones; secretary, H. W. Dichinson; treasurer, Dr. H. C. Dunsmore. Appointive officers were: Captain of the host, K. L. Williams; sentinal, G. G. Walker; principal sojourner, Dr. H. C. Dunsmore; three masters of the veil, Elmer Frey, Homer Woods and R. E. Chambers.

Rag-Clad Old Man Dies at Campfire

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 21 — (AP)—On a bed of rocks and stocks the rag-clad emaciated body of an elderly man was found today beside the ashes of his campfire near Troutdale, 15 miles east of Portland. From the meager contents of a battered handbag the coroner's office tentativel yidentifiedthe body as that of Arthur Sims, about 65, of Sprague, Wash. He had died from hunger and exposure about 10 days ago.

MANY CHURCHES PLAN PROGRAMS

Children on for Many Numbers; Special Music Is Arranged

The First Evangelical church will give its Christmas program Friday night at the church, with the main feature a pantomime, "The First Christmas". Christmas carols by the choir are also planned.

Sunday morning, the pastor, Rev. Emory W. Petticord, will preach on "Was Christ Born of the Virgin Mary?" and in the evening his sermon lecture will be "Bethlehem and the Birth of Christ". Christmas music is also planned for Sunday, with J. F. Freizen directing the choir.

Church Program Friday

Children of the Englewood United Brethren church will have their regular annual Christmas feature program Friday night. Mrs. O. A. Chase, assisted by Mrs. Wilson and Mrs. Ed Olsen have been in charge of the preparations. The program will begin at 7:30 o'clock.

Lutherans Arrange Tree

The Sunday school of the American Lutheran church will enjoy its tree and Christmas party Friday night at 7:30 o'clock at the church, with Supt. A. A. Krueger in charge. The public is invited to the program, which follows:

Christmas carols with Mrs. A. A. Krueger, pianist and directed by Mrs. P. W. Eriksen; vocal duet by Miss Iola Quesset and Clarace Kolbe accompanied by Miss Gladys Edgar; quartet: Mrs. Gordon McGilchrist, Mrs. J. A. Sholset, William McGilchrist and Albert Gille. Accompanied by Mrs. Ted Gordon; "The Fact of Christmas Joy", by the pastor, P. W. Eriksen; violin solo, Georgia Harrington, accompanied by Nellie Harrington.

Saturday Program Planned

Rev. H. W. Gross, pastor of St. John's Evangelical Lutheran church, announces special Christmas Eve children's service Saturday night at 7 o'clock, with Sunday morning services also at 9:45 o'clock in English and 11 o'clock in German.

M. E. Program Tonight

The Free Methodist Sunday school will give a Christmas program tonight at 7:30 o'clock at the church, and in connection those attending will bring offerings of food and clothing for use in welfare work. Mrs. Elizabeth Barnett is chairman of the program committee and is being assisted by Mrs. Esther Barham and Miss Maxine Ross.

Cheerio for Turks Who Live Forever!

ELBISTAN, Turkey, Dec. 21.—(AP)—Turkey's stock of centenarians is blooming. While Zaro Agha quavers his claim to 156 years, a younger but surer oldster in this village produces a birth certificate giving his age as 127 years. This latest claimant to the world's longlivety record goes by the name of Gibo, belongs to the Alsasli tribe, possesses all his faculties and has never been ill.

1 Free, 1 Caught In Prison Break

WALLA WALLA, Wash., Dec. 21—(AP)—Clarence Miles, 26, escaped from the penitentiary here tonight and T. H. Johnson, Seattle bank robber, was captured as he attempted to scale the high west wall of the prison. Miles, also known as Jimmy Arnston, was serving an 18-months sentence for burglary. He was convicted in Everett. He was also committed for a term of 12 years for a Spokane burglary.

STATE'S COST TO GO DOWN $8,000,000

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conciliation, county agricultural fairs, agricultural experiment stations and the research and extension work conducted in conjunction therewith.

It will be recommended that the appropriations of $308,898, used for experimental stations and research work, be absorbed by the unrestricted funds now received by the higher educational institutions from the state and other sources.

The budget department also will recommend that the tax levied for the support of the world war veterans state aid commission prior to 1932 again be eliminated for the year 1933.

The further recommendation will be made that the legislature enact some law whereby all self-sustaining revenue producing state activities shall appear before the ways and means committee of the legislature and justify their disbursements.

This recommendation will extend to higher educational institutions, which receive their support from millage taxes.

Balderee Pays Fine by Acting As Santa Claus

If every man assessed a fine could jump the difficulties as easily as Elmer W. Balderree did yesterday at the meeting of the Salem Retail Credit association, there'd even be humor in being fined.

For Balderree found the only alternative to paying the association $2.98 for leaving the group's dance and card party early was acting as Santa Claus. All of which was fun for the credit men at the Christmas tree enjoyed in connection with the regular meeting.

J. F. Wiesser, new president, was in the chair for the first time.

House Action on Beer Bill Will Strengthen Hops

Passage of the beer bill by the house will likely strengthen the hop market to a small degree, but the effect of yesterday's vote will not be of great consequence at present, Henry Cornoyer, hop grower and dealer, indicated last night.

The bill must yet pass the senate, and even if it passes there will likely be vetoed by President Hoover, Mr. Cornoyer said. Hopmen, however, count the vote one more peg in an ultimate steady and high market.

River Slacks Up On ris at Nine Feet Wednesday

The Willamette river last night apparently had reached top stage for the present unless new heavy rainstorms occur. In 12 hours yesterday, it rose but 0.4 foot to the nine-foot level. During the previous 24 hours it had climbed 2.2 feet, and since Sunday, 9.4 feet.

HIGH SCHOOL PLANS YULETIDE PROGRAM

In accordance with the annual custom, a Christmas program will be held at the Salem senior high school Friday afternoon, in connection with the alumni homecoming. The program will begin at 2:30 p. m. in the auditorium.

The assembly will be divided into two sections. Bob Read, student body president, will give the address of welcome to the alumni and seniors after which the Christmas program will be held. Following this seniors and alumni will go to the lower floor, where a reception will be held while the juniors and sophomores will attend a repetition of the program in the auditorium.

For the program a dramatization in two scenes will be enacted. The first scene is set in a woodchopper's hut and characters are: peasant lads, Howard Cole and Roy Drakely; peasant, Donivan Nash; old woman, Fern Hendricks. The second part is a cathedral scene with characterization as follows: choir boys, Foster Cronemiller and Clifford Baker; priest, Nable Dutton.

Organ music will be received at the end of each scene and Miss Lena Belle Tartar will sing a solo. The chimes will also be heard.

Miss Ruth Brauti of the art department is in charge of the stage arrangements and decorating, Miss Margaret Burroughs directs the dramatization and Lena Belle Tartar is conducting the musical numbers.

KAZANJIAN WINS ON FOUL

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 21 — (AP)—Casey Kazanjian of San Francisco was awarded the main event of tonight's wrestling card here when Referee Vern Harrington of Portland called a foul on Pat Reilly of Boston. Kanzanjian weighed 205 and Reilly 208.