

# Local News Briefs

**Start Grade Clinics**—Examination of Salem grade school children to determine physical defects will be started Monday when Dr. Vernon A. Douglas, county health officer, and health nurses will conduct an all-day clinic at McKinley school. All day Tuesday Dr. Douglas will conduct a school clinic at Silverton, and a clinic at Salem high school Wednesday. Health Nurse Nova Lyndes and Dr. Thome will conduct an all-day school clinic at Turner Wednesday; all day Thursday Miss Lyndes and Dr. Burk will conduct a similar clinic at Aurora. Other clinics for the week are Dr. J. R. Backstrand's baby clinic here Thursday morning and the regular immunization clinic here Saturday morning.

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**P. G. & C. Hearing Thursday**—Hearing of the rates, charges and practices of the Portland Gas & Coke company will open in Portland next Thursday, Charles M. Thomas, state utility commissioner, announced Saturday. He said the probe would deal particularly with managerial affairs. The company recently filed a new tariff with the utility commission and this is now being checked by engineers. Thomas said that while the tariff provided lower rates for large gas consumers, the minimum charge had been increased.

**Hats Cleaned and blocked**, 50c 256 State.

**Boy Escapes Taken**—An officer by the name of Ward came to Salem yesterday from the Washington state training school to take into custody Fred Brittain and Roy C. Johnston, youthful fugitives from that institution who were captured by local police.

**Hendrie Gets Ticket**—Donald A. Hendrie, 980 Tamarack street, received a "ticket" yesterday ordering him to appear in municipal court to answer a charge of speeding, according to city police records.

**A 1200-acre tract** of partly cut-over land close to Silverton at \$4 an acre is now offered by the Home Seeker's Agency at Silverton.

**Announcement**—Doctor George R. Vebra has returned from the Oregon State Medical society and will resume the practice of his profession this date.

# Obituary

**Taylor**  
In this city, October 27, George Taylor, aged 67. Remains are in care of Terwilliger funeral home, 770 Chemeketa street. Funeral announcements later. Telephone 6928.

**Frey**  
At home, Dallas route 3, Saturday, October 21, Mrs. Sarah Frey, 65. Mother of Mrs. Margaret Yates and J. H. Frey of Salem, Mrs. J. A. Lynch, Edward B. John R. and Arnold G. Frey, all of Dallas, Mrs. G. A. Fast of Mt. Lake, Minn., and Albert Frey of Steinback, Manitoba, Canada. Funeral services will be held Sunday, October 29, at 2 p. m. from the Menonite church at Dallas, with interment in the Dallas I. O. O. F. cemetery under direction of the Salem Mortuary, 545 North Capitol.

**Mahler**  
In this city Saturday, October 23, Frank J. Mahler, 4 son of Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Mahler, Brooks route 1. Funeral services will be held Monday, October 30, at 10 a. m. from the Catholic church of Gervais, with interment in the Gervais cemetery, Rev. Fr. Walsh officiating, under direction of the Salem Mortuary, 545 North Capitol.

**Holt**  
In this city, October 26, Thomas Holt, aged 89 years, 10 months, 12 days. A veteran of the civil war and member of Sedwick post, G. A. R., serving with Company M, 2d Missouri Volunteer cavalry. Funeral services will be held from the Terwilliger funeral home, 770 Chemeketa street, Monday, October 30, at 2 p. m. Interment in G. A. R. circle, City View cemetery.

**Coming Events**  
October 30—Taxpayers budget meeting of city council, 7:30 p. m., city hall.  
October 30—Salem Chess club begins season, 560 Chemeketa street, 8 p. m.  
October 31—Contract bridge play in Salem; direction Mrs. William H. Quinn, Culbertson associate. Beginners' classes, 2 p. m.; advanced, 8:30 p. m.; four-county tournament, 8 p. m., all at Marion hotel.  
November 2—Open session Business Men's League for general discussion of Salem water situation.  
November 16—Court-house, 2 p. m., public meeting on budget of non-high school area.

**Collins Inmate Here**—Donald P. Collins, who was killed Friday night while attempting to escape from the Walla Walla, Wash., state penitentiary, served a term in the Oregon prison, James Lewis, warden, reported Saturday. He was committed to the Oregon institution from Multnomah county. Lewis said that Collins was a troublesome prisoner and had spent much of his term in the prison "bull pen." Collins was received at the Oregon penitentiary in August, 1930, and served part of a three-year sentence.

**Magazines Requested**—Copies of old or current magazines as well as of books are requested for the reading room at the federal reemployment office, 250 Court street. Salem citizens can perform a helpful service by turning over such reading material for the use of the waiting men during the winter season, the unemployed office said yesterday.

**Complete Property Valuations**—Property valuations of the various Oregon counties are now being compiled by the state tax commission and will be ready for release early next week. These property valuations will be used by the commission in making its tax levy for 1934. The new law provides that the tax levy shall be made in November instead of in December as in past years.

**Baker Pays First**—Baker county has the distinction of being the first county in the state to remit to the state treasury a part of its second-half taxes for the year 1933. The remittance was for \$5,232.10, out of a total of \$27,097.93. All counties in Oregon with the exception of Tillamook and Jefferson have paid their first-half taxes.

**Accidents with Pretext**—A play in which they appeared, admitted to Chemeketa Players free Monday, 8:15 p. m.

**Jury List Drawn**—The official jury list for 1933 has recently been completed for Marion county and filed with the county clerk. The list contains hundreds of names of residents of the county selected from all communities in the county. The list will probably be carried over into 1934 and trial jury panels chosen from it.

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**Joe Singer Visits**—Arranging for rooms for himself and lining up matters for legislators were the reasons for a hurried visit here yesterday by Joseph Singer of Portland, who has been sergeant-at-arms for the house of representatives for many sessions. The special session will start November 20.

**Nichols Trial Soon**—Trial of Roy Nichols of Portland, who is under arrest here charged with reckless driving, will be held some time this week. Justice of the Peace Hayden announced yesterday. Nichols' car crashed into another machine on the Pacific highway a few miles north of Salem October 10.

**Dr. C. A. Eldridge**, top floor of Oregon building, offers high class dentistry at exceedingly moderate prices. You will save money by having your teeth examined and your dental work done in his office.

**Opens Luncheonette**—Miss Betty Morley, who has made her home in Salem for the past 11 years, Tuesday will open a luncheon room in the building formerly occupied by the Jennie Lind confectionery.

**Federal Farm Loan** applications can now be made through Attorney Alf. O. Nelson at the Home-Seeker's Agency at Silverton.

**Births**  
Seay—To Mr. and Mrs. Elmer James Seay, 795 Hoyt street, a boy, Elmer Earl, born October 24 at the residence.  
Wolfer—To Mr. and Mrs. Ursula Quentin Wolfer, 1955 North Fifth street, a boy, Rodney Clare, born October 19 at Salem General hospital.  
Kenagy—To Mr. and Mrs. Charles Benton Kenagy, 1975 West Nob Hill street, a girl, Marilyn Jean, born October 17 at the residence.  
Klein—To Mr. and Mrs. August Albert Klein, Corvallis route 2, a girl, Donna Lee, born October 13 at Salem General hospital.

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**JUSTICES AT PENDLETON**—The fall term of the state supreme court for eastern Oregon will open at Pendleton Monday. Justices who will sit in the cases include Rand, Kelly, Rossmann, Belt and Bean. There are 13 cases on the docket, virtually all of which originated in the eastern Oregon counties. Three days will be required to dispose of the docket, members of the court said.

**Debate Season Nears**—Salem high debaters and would-be debaters will have opportunity to strut their stuff in two weeks when interclass debate trouts are called. Interclass debaters will discuss, though not in the trouts, the subject of federal radio control. The same question will be used in the interscholastic contests, trouts for which are to be held three weeks after the opening of the interclass debate season, according to Shannon Hogue, debate coach.

**Men Given Innings**—Fathers and sons will celebrate their "national week" this year beginning November 12. Since its inception several years ago, local churches have recognized the week with special programs and banquets. Various organizations of the Y. M. C. A. will stage get-togethers for fathers and sons and one night during the week at the Y will be devoted to contests between fathers and sons and a program.

**Older Boys Will Meet**—The Older Boys' conference for the Willamette valley will be held at the city Y. M. C. A. building here December 15, 16 and 17, with Fred Crosby, boys' secretary for the northwest council, here from Portland as one of the leaders. Boys of high school age from the lower Columbia river to Cottage Grove will attend the series of meetings.

**Foresters Meet**, Portland—Members of the State Board of Forestry will hold a conference in Portland this week when proposed amendments to the state forestry code will be discussed. Lynn Cronmiller, state forester, declared that at least two bills dealing with the forestry code would be presented at the special legislative session.

**Troutdale Gets Release**—Release of an additional five per cent of all restricted deposits in the Troutdale State bank was authorized here Saturday by A. A. Schramm, state superintendent of banks. This release which is effective October 30, is the fourth to be made by the Troutdale State bank since it resumed business following the President's holiday.

**Osborn Car Bail**—George Osborn, arrested by city police Thursday on a charge of drunken driving, has been released from city jail by order of Municipal Judge Poulson. His car was held in lieu of \$50 bail. Osborn was arrested after he drove his car on to the railroad ties along Trade street.

**Hug Improving**—George W. Hug, superintendent of the Salem public schools, who recently underwent a severe major operation in a Portland hospital, is reported able to sit up. His removal from the hospital this week is said to be contemplated.

**Seeks License**—One application for a marriage license was filed Saturday with the county clerk. Earl H. Shively, 18, route one, Gervais, a laborer, asked permission to wed Margaret Hauerkamp, 18, route one, Gervais, a housekeeper.

**Administrator Named**—Edward C. Kruger was named administrator yesterday of the estate of the late Thomas Holt, who died October 26. The bulk of the estate consists of real property which has an estimated annual rental value of \$100.

**Founder Attends Dinner**—Victor R. Griggs, Salem attorney, one of the founders of Scabare and Blade, honorary military fraternity, attended the banquet of that organization in Corvallis Friday commemorating the birthday of Theodore Roosevelt.

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# STEEVES ESTATE IS VALUED AT \$125,000

**Devised in Trust to Widow; Downtown Properties Figure in Will**

The will of the late Dr. B. L. Steeves, who died here Monday, was admitted to probate in the county court here Saturday morning. Under the terms of the instrument, an estate tentatively valued at \$125,000 is devised in trust to the widow, Sarah H. Steeves who throughout her lifetime has full use of the income from the property. Upon her death the body of the estate continues as a trust for Dr. Laban A. Steeves and Mrs. Muriel Steeves Morea, share and share alike the trust terminating under the Oregon statute against a perpetuity in 20 years.

The will, an extended document drawn in January, 1930, advised the trustees to settle all outstanding debts of the estate in a manner to safeguard a satisfactory income for the widow and to keep the body of the estate intact. If the two children become trustees before the debts, not enumerated, are settled, their monthly drawings on income, are to be limited to \$200 until all obligations against the estate are liquidated.

The maker of the will urges the trustees not to sell any business property he owned but to dispose at once of all farm or residence property owned by the estate. A sizeable quantity of bonds are to be reinvested along with any surplus interest. These funds come to the estate.

Executive of the will, to serve without bond, is the widow. Appraisers named by the court are W. W. Moore, Dr. M. C. Findley and A. W. Smither. Dwight Lear is attorney.

Dr. Steeves in his will expresses the wish that his son and daughter, when they become owners of the property, shall not reduce it but shall retain the body of the estate to pass on intact to their heirs as he has to them.

The will provides that in the event that the children and all their lineal descendants shall be dead when the trust ceases, then and only then shall Williamette university, of whose board of trustees Dr. Steeves was president for nearly 20 years, shall receive one-half of the body of the estate. The remainder shall be divided among the children of Dr. Steeves' brother, Corey W. Steeves.

Property owned by the late Dr. Steeves included the Guardian building, State and Liberty streets, Salem, under lease to Hawkins & Roberts, a one-half interest in the building at Court and Liberty streets occupied by Miller's, the Court street building occupied by the Eoff Electric company, a business building on South Liberty street adjoining the Guardian, two residences in this city, one at Seaside and a residence property in Vancouver, Wash.

In addition the estate had large numbers of bonds, some of

**Education Week Recognized**—In recognition of National Education week, plans for special activities in Salem schools are going on apace. Annual open house night at Salem high school has been set for November 8 to coincide with the dates.

**Directory Out Monday**—Listing the names of administrators and faculty members of the Salem public schools, the school directory will be ready for distribution Monday.

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Letters from Statesman Readers

**SOUND CURRENCY!**  
Dear Editor:

You have made, in an editorial "Managed Currency" what seems to me a very illogical statement. You say that the president's speech cannot be both a pronouncement for sound currency and a boost for inflation. Cannot it be very arbitrary word. If it should turn out that we have not enough currency, then an inflation of currency would be more sound than one that is insufficient.

The effrontery of the people who favor the gold standard in calling it a "sound currency" is amusing but is more than amusing, it is exasperating. When the democratic platform called for a "sound and adequate currency," students of economics pricked up their ears. Most of the gold standard adherents thought that it meant a reliance on the gold standard. Others, who were aware of the deficiencies of any standard were sure that something else was meant. Probably there is no such thing as an absolutely sound currency as surely as there is no such thing as perfection, but surely we can find a better standard than accident, that is, the accident of the amount of gold that is found. A man said to me the other day, "They can say what they like about the gold standard, but it has worked for centuries. He was quite surprised to find that it had been in force only since 1873. We had money panics before and we have had them since and it is possible that shortage or excess of currency had nothing to do with any of them. I note that most of the commissions which have investigated the subject put most of the blame on the banks for expanding credit when they should have contracted, and contracting credit when they should have expanded it."

However, that may all be, I still insist and I think you will agree that "cannot" was the wrong word.  
Respectfully yours,  
FRANK E. JUDD

# \$152,113 New Low For Warrant Debt Of School District

Reduction of the Salem school district warrant indebtedness to \$152,113.51 as of October 25, was announced at the office of School Clerk W. H. Burghardt yesterday. Using a turnover from the county treasurer of district taxes, the clerk's staff called warrants numbers 4571 to 4653 inclusive amounting to \$10,341.29, paid \$379.23 interest on warrants, and retained \$125 to use in paying bond interest due November 1.

After the last previous warrant call, October 17, the district had \$160,828.28 in outstanding warrants marked "unpaid for lack of funds."

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# GALSDORF DENIES CROOKEDNESS TALK

Explains Speech at Business Men's League; Meeting to Be Held on Thursday

William Gahlsdorf, merchant whose remarks at the Salem Business Men's league meeting last Tuesday created somewhat of a furor and resulted in the calling of a public water meeting for next Thursday night, yesterday denied that his speech had any reference to illegal activities on the part of anyone. In the talk he is reported to have declared that certain available revelations in regard to the municipal water system movement here would startle the public.

"The league," said Gahlsdorf Saturday, "had spent the evening in a peanut argument over the trivial question of whether the merchants were going to close two hours or four hours on Armistice day. I got tired of it. I told them here was a time when the league actually did things of benefit to the community, and frankly stated that I was going to pull out of the league and chamber of commerce if they didn't show some signs of taking an interest in important affairs."

"I mentioned the question of insurance rates as something that should have the attention of the league, citing the fact that rates had increased from 10 to 40 per cent because the city is without adequate water supply. Of course this led to the water question, and I had something to say about the city council dilly-dallying along and actually accomplishing nothing, notwithstanding the government is ready to hand us a million and a half dollars on a silver platter. I mentioned Edward Rosten as having made this criticism of the council, and this was what I referred to as 'startling revelations,' if I used that expression.

"Rosten is a member of the city water board, as I am, and I criticized the council for never having had the courtesy to call the board to sit in with it in any discussions of the water question."

Gahlsdorf referred sarcastically to the trip of E. C. Elliott, president of the water company, to New York to confer with the Chase National bank relative to the Salem situation.

"The Chase National bank," said Gahlsdorf, controls all the utilities in the country, and naturally will do all it can to block acquisition of the local plant by the city of Salem."

**Cast is Selected For High School Drama, Woodburn**  
WOODBURN, Oct. 28.—"Chintz Cottage" is the title of the play selected to be given in the auditorium of Woodburn high school Friday night, November 10, by members of the Woodburn high school student body. The play is a three-act comedy written by

# First Aid Classes Started and Will Run for 15 Weeks

A series of first aid classes is being given at the city hall each Monday night. The instructor is Dr. Ivan Bennett.

# COMPULSORY AUTO LIABILITY IS URGED

A request for legislation making liability insurance compulsory for all auto owners, whether private or public carriers, will be made to the special session of the legislature, L. H. McBee of Dallas, prominent in Farm Union work, said here yesterday after a conference with the executive committee of the state organization. McBee said the pattern of other states would be sought where motorists could buy insurance either in old board or in a state operated company.

The meeting which was in session six hours at the chamber of commerce, discussed at length the problem of rural schools and their imperative need for money. McBee said his group would urge the legislature to do something to bolster up needy schools. He said many schools in Lincoln county would be unable to run after January because of lack of funds due to insufficient tax collections.

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