

Building Programs  
Salem's major building  
programs are finally getting  
under way. Watch for re-  
vived activity along many  
other business lines.

The Weather  
Unsettled with rain today  
and Monday, moderate;  
Max. Temp. Saturday 58,  
Min. 42, river -2 feet, rain  
.07 inch, southerly wind.

EIGHTY-FIFTH YEAR

Salem, Oregon, Sunday Morning, December 8, 1935

No. 220

# Senior High School Contract is Awarded

## Tyranny Peril Viewed by Idaho Solon

### Political Grid Calm Now Till First of 1936

Martin Still Irked; New  
Shakeup in State  
Offices Loom

Setup of Candidates For  
Congress and Other  
Posts Changing

By SHELDON F. SACKETT  
Over the field of politics lies  
the heavy frost of winter and a  
post-season calm. True, around  
the political edges the devotees of  
king-making are telling their  
tales of what is to be in 1936  
but apart from this coterie, which  
always talks politics, and the men  
who here and there aspire to office,  
the political field is as calm as  
the Rose Bowl the day after  
January 1. Only the Townsend  
clubs are active, a cohesive, hopeful  
and growing group which is  
more eager for reward in '36  
than are the bonus seekers.

Not until St. Nick has come and  
gone will there be ushered in the  
flourish quadrennial battle—the  
election of a president—but that  
will be a battle royal if Literary  
Digest polls, the rejuvenation of  
Mr. Hoover and the comings and  
goings of Mr. Farley are harbingers  
of the battle of '36.

Here in Oregon Governor Martin  
continues to feel irked over the  
state capitol "debacle". In the  
mail, around newspaper men,  
he has been all sweetness and  
light when that sore subject is  
mentioned. However the day last  
week when the capitol commis-  
sion met was too much for the  
governor; he made a smooth  
enough little talk to the members,  
then rushed off for Portland,  
plainly anxious to wash his hands  
of the entire "mess" and to  
leave the commission to waddle  
through its cramped program laid  
out by the legislature.

In Portland on Friday he  
bubbled over and let the heads of  
federal agencies in Oregon know  
his views on the Oregon senate.  
"Dead pills", "dead ones",  
"dead bulls" were the choicest  
phrases of opprobrium the gov-  
ernor tossed at the senate ma-  
jority which blocked his building  
program. All of which makes  
good newspaper copy but only  
widens the breach opened at the  
session between the upper house  
and the executive. By the time  
the 1937 session comes around,  
Governor Martin and the senate  
will be in open conflict.

The Martin administration has  
shown more political activity the  
last fortnight than in any pre-  
vious period since inauguration.  
Apparently the governor and the  
chief of his kitchen cabinet, Wil-  
liam H. Goslin, have decided  
that the faithful democrats—es-  
pecially the young democrats—  
shall be rewarded and any re-  
nants of the Old Guard booted  
out. Goslin is making constant  
political medicine, with or with-  
out the governor's knowledge,  
with the result that membership  
in Young Democratic clubs  
throughout the state are needed  
hallmarks on a state position.

The Cronmiller ouster was  
politics and there are murmurs  
that the post-holiday season will  
see the accident commission re-  
constituted and possibly one or  
more heads lopped off in the state  
tax commission.

A very accurate blacklist is  
kept by the governor—its roster  
being the recalcitrants who op-  
posed his capitol building pro-  
gram. For democrats such as  
Senator Walter Fisher or Sena-  
tor William Strayer to expect any  
favors hereafter from their  
chieftain is an unlikely as Gen-  
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### Puttling Recipe Now Invited; Is Seasonable

Puttling has been part of  
the Christmas feast as long  
as baked fowl. Served with  
a delicious hard sauce or hot  
spiced sauce, it tops off to  
perfection a fine dinner.

Christmas puttling recip-  
es are wanted by  
Round Table this week.  
There is no limitation on  
the kind of puttling, just so  
it is suitable for the holiday  
season. The sauce recipe  
may or may not be included.  
The contest lasts until  
Thursday noon.

### Takes Swat at Present Setup



WILLIAM E. BORAH

### Final of Tourney Set Monday Night

Contest Is Close, Winner  
List Won't Be Known  
Until It's Over

Not until the final hands are  
played in The Statesman-Elks'  
bridge tournament tomorrow  
night will the winners, east-west  
and north-south, be determined  
for the tournament, George Ket-  
chum, director, announced yester-  
day. So close has been the play  
the first seven nights that an up-  
set in the playing of any of the  
leading teams would change the  
present standing of the leading  
pairs.

Following the tournament close  
tomorrow night, Mr. Ketchum will  
conduct a playoff the following  
Monday, the six high teams in that  
contest representing the city in  
the state bridge tournament later  
to be held in Portland.

Winners of Monday night's con-  
test will be announced Tuesday  
morning and in The Statesman of  
the following day tournament win-  
ners will be made known.

Women are to play Thursday  
afternoon at 1:30 o'clock at the  
Elks' club when Mr. Ketchum will  
give a talk on some interesting  
bridge points to be followed by  
duplicate play. Prizes will be  
awarded first and second place  
winners.

Standing of the teams in The  
(Turn to Page 2, Col. 2)

### Grand Jury's Gambling Report Expected Soon

The final report of the Marion  
county grand jury which has been  
investigating gambling conditions  
here for several weeks, probably  
will be filed early this week,  
Ralph E. Moody, assistant attor-  
ney general, declared Saturday.  
Moody said more than 50 wit-  
nesses had been interrogated. He  
indicated that a number of in-  
dictments would be returned.

### Donate Additional Land for Capitol, Chambers Proposes

Rather than have the new Ore-  
gon capitol confined to a five-acre  
tract of ground for the years  
ahead, Salem citizens should take  
up the burden of getting more  
land and provide it with a bond  
issue on property here.

Such was the opinion expressed  
yesterday by N. Chambers,  
chairman of the state capitol com-  
mittee whose efforts to secure ad-  
ditional land authority from the  
legislature proved unsuccessful.  
"I think Salem could well af-  
ford to bond itself to buy more  
land, preferably the Willamette  
university site," Chambers de-  
clared. "I have talked to a num-  
ber of men in our community  
since the session adjourned and  
they agree that our community  
and the state will suffer a great  
loss if we put the capitol back  
where it was."

Chambers said yesterday a  
booklet had just come to his  
hands from the department of  
state at Des Moines, Iowa. This  
booklet, with maps and photo-  
graphs, showed how Iowa, since  
1913, had enlarged its capitol  
grounds from four acres to 93  
acres. Sixteen complete blocks in  
the city have been acquired and  
portions of other blocks added  
until the capitol grounds now  
contain 93 acres in the heart of  
Des Moines.

### Borah Whacks New Deal but Not by Name

Talk Over Radio Eyed as  
Indication He May Be  
1936 Candidate

Mention of Kansas Chief  
as 'Next President'  
Cheered, Topeka

WASHINGTON, Dec. 7.—(AP)—A  
warning against opening "the dike  
of conditional restraint" "the  
sea of arbitrary power which  
lies behind" was given tonight by  
Senator Borah of Idaho.

The Idahoan, widely regarded  
as a potential republican candi-  
date, spoke over the Columbia  
broadcasting system. He made fre-  
quent, but unlabelled, references  
to the new deal and was caustic  
in dealing with his familiar foe  
—monopoly. He called the latter  
the "great evil lurking in our eco-  
nomic system."

Calling the coming election "an  
event the most notable in the  
affairs of the republic," he added:  
"We all feel that the coming  
election is to be one of uncon-  
mon interest and of very deep sig-  
nificance. We are discussing con-  
stitutional government and the  
preservation of liberty."

"I ask tonight whose liberty?  
What liberty? The man or group  
of men who hedge about or con-  
trol my right to engage in or re-  
main in business are my masters  
and the masters of my children.  
Price-Fixing Power  
Limits Freedom

"The power which fixes the  
price of the things I must have  
and educate my family shapes my  
course in life and delimits my po-  
ssibilities as completely as if I were  
its indentured servant."

The senator pictured any gov-  
ernmental dictation of its citizens  
as "sheer brutal tyranny" regard-  
less of the name given it and said  
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### Fires Are Quelled But Damage Heavy

Firemen prevented the destruc-  
tion of two houses by flames  
here yesterday morning but not  
before considerable damage had  
resulted.

Heavy damage was done to  
roof and attic of a house at 1694  
South Capitol street by a fire that  
broke out at 7:05 a. m. A section of second  
floor wall, which caught fire  
from a nearby heating stove, was  
extensively damaged at 152 South  
Church street at 10:55 a. m. The  
entire downtown department re-  
sponded to the latter blaze since  
it was in the downtown fire  
zone.

Chimney blazes were extin-  
guished at 1055 Chemekeeta at  
7:30 and at 1864 Fir at 9:40  
a. m.

### Dalrymple Will Seek Demo Post

A. M. Dalrymple, deputy tax  
collector, said yesterday he would  
wage a vigorous campaign for  
the position of national commit-  
teeman for the democratic party  
in Oregon. Dalrymple announced  
his plan to seek the post 40 days  
ago and since that time has se-  
cured the written offers of many  
friends to aid his election.

Walter M. Pierce, incumbent,  
will not seek re-election but he  
is said to be giving his support  
to Will Peterson of Pendleton.  
Howard Latourette, speaker of  
the house, is another candidate  
for the national committeeman's  
post. The job affords the incum-  
bent no salary but his standing  
in party councils is high due to  
the patronage which is delivered  
through the committeeman's re-  
commendations.

### Protest Upon Bombing Filed By Red Cross

ADDIS ABABA, Dec. 7.—(AP)—Representatives of the  
International Red Cross dis-  
patched a formal protest to the  
League of Nations today,  
in contrast to more than  
1000 yesterday. The first  
raid, Ethiopian authorities  
said, resulted in 55  
deaths and more than 300  
wounded.

### Governor Selects State Flax Board

Appropriation Niggardly  
In View of Linen's  
Prospects, Says

Declaring the \$1000 appropri-  
ated by the special of the legisla-  
ture for the new state flax board  
"niggardly" Governor Martin  
nevertheless yesterday went  
ahead with the appointment of  
the new body, accompanying his  
appointment list with a statement  
dealing with the importance of  
flax raising to the state.

The governor intends that the  
flax board shall have general su-  
pervision of the development of  
flax culture and processing in the  
state.

Named on the board were:  
Professor George R. Hyslop,  
head of the division of plant in-  
dustries at Oregon State college.  
H. C. Belton, Canby flax grower  
and former state representative.

Fred J. Schwab, Mt. Angel flax  
grower.  
L. L. Laws, office manager for the  
penitentiary flax industry.  
Frank Chambers, Eugene.

"More than 500,000 acres of  
land is adaptable for the growing  
of flax, with an average yield  
in excess of that received by  
wheat farmers. Large business in-  
terests have investigated the po-  
ssibilities for weaving and manu-  
facture of cigarette papers," the  
governor declared.

"Total net tonnage harvested  
during the ten year period in-  
cluding 1934 was 36,258 tons  
from 20,770 acres, and the  
amount paid to the growers was  
\$1,153,030. This shows averages  
for the period of one and three-  
fourths tons per acre, \$55.80 per  
acre, or \$55.50 gross returns per  
acre to the growers.

"During the past few years the  
flax harvesting cost has been re-  
duced about half so that the pre-  
sent outlay for seed, harvesting  
and hauling is \$15 per acre  
for average crop of one and three-  
fourths tons. So that on the pre-  
sent price of \$25 per ton to the  
grower, an average crop of one  
and three-fourths tons would bring  
him a gross return of about \$44  
per acre, or \$28 per acre for his  
own labor and investment. Prices  
of flax are still low with a much  
better opportunity for advance  
than likelihood for decline."

### Nearly Two Inches of Rain Last Two Days; Forecast Is for More

Oregon showers which ap-  
proached torrent proportions sev-  
eral times during the day yester-  
day poured a total of .81  
inch of rain on Salem from 7:45  
yesterday morning until 9  
o'clock last night. A total of  
1.73 inches has fallen since the  
fall started Thursday night.

A continued unsettled condi-  
tion is predicted for the next few  
days with additional showers in  
prospect.

### West Linn to Build

OREGON CITY, Ore., Dec. 7.—  
(AP)—The Oswego-West Linn school  
board awarded the contract for  
an addition to the West Linn high  
school to George E. Mangas of  
Portland. His bid totaled \$26,600.

### Europe Defied By Mussolini; Oil Ban Looms

May Be Delayed to Hear  
U. S. Stand; Bombing  
Raid is Repeated

World Peace Also Under  
Cloud in Orient as  
Partition Seen

(By the Associated Press)  
Premier Mussolini, while his  
giant bombers struck again in  
Africa, defied Europe Saturday.  
His rubber-stamp black-shirted  
chamber of deputies, assembled in  
a hall heatless because of  
sanctions, cheered Il Duce when  
he declared:

"There is no siege that can  
make us bow; no coalition, how-  
ever numerous, that can turn us  
from our path!"

An oil embargo, he said, would  
be "gravely prejudicial" peace efforts.  
Embargo Certain

French officials, after a pre-  
liminary talk between Premier  
Pierre Laval and Sir Samuel  
Hoare, British foreign secretary,  
in Paris, said an oil embargo un-  
doubtedly would be voted by the  
league.

Its application, however, they  
said probably would be held up  
until it is determined whether  
the United States also will deny  
oil to Italy.

Effortlessly and almost casu-  
ally, Italian airplanes again  
bombed Dessye, war headquarters  
of Emperor Haile Selassie. For  
the second straight day the little  
ruler emerged unscathed.

PEIPING, Dec. 7.—(AP)—A new  
regime in North China, separated  
from the national governing gov-  
ernment in all but name, was in  
the making tonight.

It would result in the virtual  
detachment from the republic of  
an area roughly equal to Texas,  
with a population exceeding 30,  
000,000.

Apparently the provinces of  
Shantung, Shansi and Suiyuan,  
originally included in the auton-  
omy program, will not be a part  
of the new state.

The keynote of the govern-  
ment will be "pro-Japanese" and  
"anti-communist."

### Quigley Company Low, Normal Job

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 7.—(AP)—  
The Ross Hammond construction  
offered the lowest bid for the pro-  
posed physical education plant at  
the University of Oregon. Bids  
were opened by the building com-  
mission of the state board of high-  
er education today.

C. D. Byrne, secretary of the  
board, said the contract probably  
will be awarded at a board meet-  
ing here Monday. The Hammond  
company's bid totaled \$397,907,  
with a low net offer, not includ-  
ing alternates, of \$270,639.

The William and L. L. Quigley  
Construction company was low  
bidder on two other projects open-  
ed today. The Oswego-West Linn  
building at Oregon Normal and  
the infirmary at Oregon State col-  
lege.

### Three Held After Dance Hall Fight

State police moved in on al-  
leged disturbers at the Mellow Moon  
dance hall last night and arrest-  
ed three men on charges of being  
drunk and disorderly.

The trio included Fred Bar-  
ter, Darr Mennis and Harvey Quist-  
ad of Salem. They were taken  
to the county jail at Dallas.  
Jack Gosser, former West Sa-  
lem chief of police, was reported  
to have been knocked "cold"  
when he attempted to stop the  
free-for-all fight alleged to have  
been under way.

### Heavy Holiday Buying Cheers Entire Nation

Rain No Deterrent Here;  
Instead, Brings Many  
From Rural Areas

Industrial Trend Keeps  
Pace; Purchases Are  
Larger, Reported

(By Associated Press)  
Holiday shoppers, in a merry  
buying mood, rushed retail stores  
throughout the nation last week  
for the start of what merchants  
predict may be the greatest  
Christmas season in years.

Industrial progress kept pace  
with retail trade. Smoking fac-  
tories, crashing looms, the clang  
of heavy hammers resounded as  
the Associated Press index of in-  
dustrial activity touched the high-  
est point since July, 1930.

The index, adjusted for season-  
al variation, stood at 86 per cent  
of the 1929-30 average.

From the 20th through the  
15th shopping day before Christ-  
mas, practically every section of  
the country experienced the ben-  
efits of the expanded buying  
wave.

Weather Holds Back  
Trade, Some Areas  
In some mid-western centers  
the revival followed slowness  
brought on by unseasonable weath-  
er, and in the eastern part of  
the country the upturn put many  
cities definitely ahead of the  
1934 level for the first time in  
several weeks.

Survey found customers mak-  
ing larger purchases, and there  
were more sales per shopper. The  
demand for better quality mer-  
chandise and luxury goods ex-  
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### Three Injured in Train-Auto Crash

Dirks Family of Pratum  
Victims; Heavy Rain  
Thought to Blame

A train-automobile collision at  
12th and Center streets in driv-  
ing rainstorm at 2:10 p. m. yester-  
day sent three Pratum resi-  
dents to Salem General hospital  
for treatment and caused damage  
that resulted in a 30-minute de-  
lay for the train, the Southern Pa-  
cific Cascade.

The injured:  
Henry Dirks, 61, severe lacerations  
about the head, face and  
ears, possible skull fracture, multiple  
bruises.

Mrs. Lydia D. Dirks, 54, severe  
scalp laceration—bruises.  
Ervan Dirks, 28, the driver, mi-  
nor cuts about the hands and  
small laceration on the back of  
the neck.

Pulled Around Car  
Stopped for Train  
The only witness to the ac-  
cident police found aside from the  
train crew, W. A. Gueffroy, 1120  
North 15th street, said the east-  
bound Dirks car, a light coach,  
pulled around an auto that had  
been stopped to let the train pass,  
and collided with the side of the  
plot on the northbound locomo-  
tive. The wigwag signal was in  
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### Hop Control Plan to Face Opposition Among Growers

Predictions were freely made  
by several hop men last night  
that the new proposed hop con-  
trol organization set-up which  
was tentatively adopted by the tri-  
state committee of hop men here  
yesterday, would meet with strong  
opposition upon submission to the  
growers for their signatures.

The committee which had been  
in session here two days finished  
its work yesterday morning and  
delegated authority to a subcom-  
mittee to prepare a draft of the  
plan.

The subcommittee composed of  
R. E. Oehlmann of California,  
Harry L. Schott of Washington,  
and C. W. Paulus of Oregon,  
worked through the afternoon on  
the organization papers and au-  
thorized attorneys to draft the  
plan.

Meeting Here Will  
Be December 15  
Instructions were given to the  
delegations representing the three  
states to submit the proposed plan  
to the growers in their respective  
states not later than December 20.  
The Oregon meeting has been set  
for Wednesday, December 18, in  
Salem.

The main objection that has  
been made to the plan is on the  
allocation of the tonnage permit-  
ted to each grower. Under the  
accepted plan the control board

### Board Keeps Right Of Changing Plans; Grade Bids Sought

Construction of High Building Slated  
To Start Within Two Weeks Unless  
Blocked; \$622,610 Is Cost

Leslie Addition Contract to Be Signed  
Monday; Slashing Cost of Final  
Project to Be Decided Soon

Progress of School Building Program  
Senior high contract awarded, \$622,610, subject to change.  
Leslie addition contracts to be signed Monday.  
Decision near on grade school cost slashing.  
Bond bids to be opened Thursday, \$650,000 issue.

CONSTRUCTION on the major unit of the Salem school  
building program—the senior high structure—will start  
within less than two weeks and bids on the last unit—  
the grade building—will be called within that period if  
action taken by the school board yesterday afternoon meets  
with no unforeseen obstacles.

The board after an afternoo-  
n conference awarded the high  
school contract to the low bid-  
der, Hoffman Construction com-  
pany of Portland, at the basic  
offer, omitting alternates, of  
\$622,610. Before the contracts  
with the company and with the  
PWA are presented for signature  
Wednesday of this week, the di-  
rectors will make final decisions  
as to which features shall be re-  
tained and which ones excluded  
from the new building.

Wings and Side  
Balconies Left Out  
To bring this building's cost  
within the \$620,539 available,  
the board agreed that wings and  
side balconies should be elimi-  
nated from the auditorium and the  
center section hall extended by  
13 feet to the original length.  
These changes will effect a \$20,-  
000 saving which can be applied  
to erection of a permanent con-  
crete shops building and a bal-  
ance of possibly \$6000 will re-  
main, it was believed by the di-  
rectors.

The auditorium under this plan  
would seat 1350 persons on the  
main floor and 400 in the balcony  
at the rear. At some future date  
it could be enlarged without great  
difficulty. The new building as  
now planned would accommodate  
1800 students, 400 less than once  
hoped for by the board but 250  
more than now enrolled. By  
crowding as practiced in the old  
building at present, the new struc-  
ture could be made to care for  
2000 students.

That the new high school plant  
will be a decided improvement  
over the old in many ways was  
declared by Dr. C. L. Huffaker,  
University of Oregon professor of  
education, who has been advising  
the board as to design and spe-  
cial features. He assured the new  
building would offer much better  
sanitation, ventilation, fire pro-  
tection and teaching efficiency.

"I believe the board is now get-  
ting virtually what it originally  
set out after," Dr. Huffaker ad-  
ded.

Larger Than Most  
Auditoriums, Stated  
While the auditorium will have  
a capacity reduced by 750 seats  
from the early design, it will still  
be larger than any school auditor-  
ium in Portland other than that  
at Benson Polytechnic, Dr. Huff-  
aker said.

The new building will require  
a year for construction, L. H.  
Hoffman, successful bidder, esti-  
mated. His firm built the Salem  
telephone exchange building, the  
nurses' home at the tuberculosis  
hospital, and now holds contracts  
for postoffices at Keno, Wash-  
McMinnville, Hood River, Marsh-  
field and Baker, and a \$100,000  
undercrossing at La Grande. The  
company is now completing the  
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### Christmas Rush Is On at Postoffice

In anticipation of the Christ-  
mas rush of business, which has  
already evidenced itself, the local  
postoffice is putting on addition-  
al men to aid in handling the  
extra work it was announced yester-  
day. These men are drawn  
from the ranks of the substitute  
carriers.

Henry R. Crawford, postmas-  
ter, said there would be suffi-  
cient men to keep all windows  
open all the day. Starting next  
Saturday the office will remain  
open Saturday afternoons until  
after the holiday rush.

A heavy demand has been put  
on the money order department  
for the last several days the post-  
master stated. All departments  
however are feeling the increase  
of business, Crawford said.

### BUY CHRISTMAS SEALS

A method of making this pos-  
sible was suggested by the Ore-  
gon group. They suggested that  
instead of making allocation of  
tonnage on an individual record  
that an estimate of marketable  
hops be made and that the allo-  
cation be made to the state groups  
on an historical record over a five  
or six year period. The state or-  
ganization would make the grow-  
ers' allotment. This method was  
rejected by the committee.

It has been stated by several  
hop growers that it is not beyond  
the realm of possibility that  
should the chaotic condition con-  
tinue with resulting removal of  
hops, which in turn would bring  
a rise in prices and the replant-  
ing of more acreage, that Oregon  
may soon be forced out of the hop  
growing business completely.  
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