

Local News Briefs

To Inspect "Ship"—An official "ship rating inspection" will be conducted for Sea Scout ship Wilmamette early in January, at which time the ship's company, equipment and records will be inspected for neatness and accuracy. The Sea Scouts, sponsored by Jason Leach church, turned out in new uniforms for the recent Eagle Scout court of honor, furnished the color guard for the event and gave a demonstration Sea Scout meeting with Skipper W. E. Thompson in charge. The Sea Scouts attended Jason Leach church in a body last Sunday.

Notice: Buy at a saving at West Salem Florists. Red carnations, snaps, mums, pots, edgeware. Open Xmas and eve. 1400 Edgewater. Ph. 6439.

Johns SS Office—Miss Mildred M. Goforth of Portland has joined the staff of the social security office here and has been assigned to assist with yearend work and to help with developing of claims from persons who have attained the age of 65 years and of claims on deceased workers employed in covered occupations. Ben O. Lipscomb is manager of the Salem district office which is located upstairs in the post-office building.

Lutz florist, 1276 N. 14th. Ph 9593

Attorneys Paid—The county clerk yesterday issued warrants to Edwin Keech and Paul Burris for \$67.50 and \$67.35, respectively, in payment of their fees and expenses in connection with the defense of Clarence Hoogerhyde, who was convicted of hit-and-run driving after a trial at Oregon City last week. The claims were approved by Circuit Judge L. H. McMahan, who appointed the two attorneys to represent Hoogerhyde.

Flower gifts for Christmas. Jay Morris, Florist. Phone 8637.

Minnesota Man Visits—Whitney Murray of Wadena, Minn., paid a call upon County Clerk J. G. Boyer yesterday afternoon. Boyer had many questions to ask concerning Wadena, his home town. Mr. and Mrs. Murray expect to leave by automobile for Washington points today. They have been staying here for a few days with Mr. and Mrs. Paul Griebewen. Mrs. Murray and Mrs. Griebewen are sisters.

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Dr. Wood Appointed—The state industrial accident commission appointed Dr. Joseph Wood of Portland yesterday to replace Dr. Ernest Rockey, resigned, as chief medical examiner for the commission. Dr. Wood is secretary of the state medical society. Dr. Rockey resigned sometime ago to enter private practice but his resignation was not accepted until Thursday.

The Salem Federal still pays 4% on insured savings.

License Requests Gain—Applications for 77,027 motor vehicle licenses had been received at the state department up to December 22, this year, as against 62,417 during the same period in 1936. Secretary of State Snell reported Thursday. Approximately 80 per cent of the applications were received at the Salem office and 20 per cent at the Portland branch.

Bridge Mishaps Listed—There were 98 accidents on Portland bridges during November, according to a report by the secretary of the department during the previous month. Secretary of State Snell reported Thursday. Broadway bridge topped the list with 57 accidents. Burnside bridge was second with 14. Neither the Sellwood nor the St. John's bridges reported any accidents in November.

H. L. Stiff Furniture Co. Open evenings.

County is Billed—The state relief committee yesterday billed Marion county for \$32,052.92 for the county's share in December old age assistance payments, \$52,885 for aid to dependent children and \$192.87 for aid to the blind. The county's payments into these funds for November were \$5207.56, \$520.83 and \$192.68, respectively.

Extradition Denied—Governor Charles H. Martin refused Thursday to authorize the extradition of M. T. Parks, who was wanted at Goldendale, Wash., on a charge of larceny. He was under arrest at the Dalles. Parks was arrested in connection with the sale of aluminum ware.

Millers will be open until 6 p.m. Do your Christmas gift shopping early.

Get Marriage License—Frederic A. Youngberg of Monmouth and Helen Eyer of Thurston, Ore., have been issued a marriage license from the bureau at Vancouver, Wash.

Nelson Awarded 25-Stripper—J. C. Nelson, principal emeritus of Salem senior high school, was presented with a sweater bearing 25 service stripes during the homecoming exercises Wednesday. Already the proud possessor of a 15-stripe sweater "Jimmy's" 10 additional years of service and sympathetic attitude toward all students was recognized and acknowledged.

Fehl Brought Here—Earl H. Fehl, ex-Jackson county judge who recently was committed to the Oregon state hospital by order of Circuit Judge Norton of Grants Pass, arrived at the institution late Tuesday, accompanied by two attendants. Fehl's commitment was based on a report of a state commission composed of three prominent Portland alienists.

Open evenings until Christmas. Woodruff's Furniture Co. 474 South Commercial.

Officer Finds Reason—Home yesterday from the hospital after recovering from injuries sustained in an auto wreck, City Officer George Edwards found out the reason why his hip continued to bother him. The gun he was wearing at the time of the accident, on the bruised hip, was found to have a bent barrel.

Realtors Celebrate—A Christmas program has been arranged for the Salem realtors' luncheon today. The name of the speaker is being kept secret. William McGilchrist, sr., will play several Christmas numbers. The board members are to exchange gifts.

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Many Cards Arrive—More than 1000 Christmas cards had been received at the executive department up to noon Thursday. Governor Charles H. Martin announced. A number of these came from Washington, D. C., and other eastern cities.

Mrs. Metzger to Build—A building permit was issued yesterday by the city building inspector's office to Mrs. Ed Metzger, to erect a one-story dwelling and garage at 2577 Simpson street, estimated to cost \$2700.

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Miltonberger Files—George W. Miltonberger yesterday filed notice with the county clerk that he was engaging in business under the name of Consumers Mutual Savings, located at 205 Oregon building.

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Young Forger Avoids Prison

Bashore Under Probation With Victim of Check Supervising Him

Merle Bashore, youthful forger, was made responsible to the victim who complained against him when he appeared before Circuit Judge L. H. McMahan yesterday afternoon.

After Bashore had waived indictment and pleaded guilty to forging an \$18.60 check in the name of Francis DeHarrport, the judge sentenced him to the penitentiary for one year, then suspended the sentence and placed the youth on probation under DeHarrport's supervision.

In department one of circuit court yesterday trial of the suit of Nora Seales, guardian, against Guy O. Smith was completed and the matter taken under advisement by Judge L. G. Lewelling with briefs to be submitted.

Circuit Court—Paul Pappentus vs. Dorothy Papentus, order for divorce decree. Frank Wasser vs. A. J. Haskach, order of dismissal as to defendant Southern Pacific company, following delivery of 32 bales of hops to Otto Seidenberg, Inc.

Dan B. Maxfield vs. Ruby & Co.; answer denying all of amended complaint except paragraphs one and 10.

Alvin H. Moore vs. T. Moisan; satisfaction and release of judgment entered in 1931.

Eena company vs. E. M. Larson; default judgment for \$193.14.

W. R. Moore vs. W. C. Laycock; transcript of judgment for \$2900, from Grant county.

Marion County Farmer Union Adds 17th Local With Organization of Productive Aumsville Farm Area

Farmers adjacent to Aumsville met at that place on Tuesday night and set in motion preliminary machinery for a promising local there.

Ernest Werner, president of Marion county Farmer's Union, presided with Ronald E. Jones, state vice-president, speaker.

C. E. Lewis, who specializes in breeding cattle, will transfer from the Marion local and was elected temporary head of the new local. The next meeting date was set for Wednesday, December 29, at the home of G. E. Garbe. The forming of this local brings the Marion county total to seventeen locals.

Members of the new local are interested in a widely varied production and are primarily attracted to the organization by its marketing and consumer cooperatives.

Holiday Plans Occupying All

Many Silvertown Folk Leave for Yule; Other Homes Welcome Kinsmen

SILVERTOWN—Holiday guests and holiday plans are the chief subjects of discussion at Silvertown at the present time.

These include: Miss Elizabeth Joy, head of the senior high school economics department, has gone to Oxford, Ohio, where she will attend the national YWCA conference which opens December 27. She will be with her sister, Adena Joy, in Oxford, who is attending the conference from the Chicago university where she is working for her master's degree in philosophy. Mrs. Maudie Buchanan finished Miss Joy's term of school and will be in charge of her classes until January 4 when Miss Joy will return.

W. C. Larson, Harold Larson, and Mr. and Mrs. Merl Larson left Friday for Yakima where they will be over Christmas guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Larson.

Holidays in California
Mr. and Mrs. S. M. McClung left Wednesday for Stockton, Calif., where they will spend the holiday season at the home of their daughter, Mrs. L. J. Roe. Miss Bernadine McClung will be at Seattle with relatives until early in January.

Mr. and Mrs. Fannie Stamey of Payette, Idaho, parents of Carl Stamey, who is at Silvertown with her son and his family. They plan to return to their home early in January.

Mrs. C. Tostenson has as her holiday guest, her daughter, Miss Alma Tostenson, a student at Monmouth Normal.

Many Students Home
Students who will be at their homes for the holidays include Robert Bonney of Oregon State; Wayne Satchell of University of Oregon; Harold Haaland of Northwestern Business college at Portland; Janet Ballantyne from McMinnville; Weldon Hattberg from Pacific Lutheran college at Parkland; Lois Gay from the University of Oregon; Graham Preston from Washington State college; Virginia Brown and Alice Toney from UO; Catherine Tomison from Pacific university.

Mr. and Mrs. Hans Jensens will have as their Christmas Eve guests their children, Norman, who teaches at Rockaway, and Annabelle and Marvin. Mrs. Anna K. Jensen, Andrew Meidell, Mrs. John Isaacson, Mrs. Marie Bunn, Vivian Bunn, Miss Thea Jensen, Alfred and Rubeen Jensen, and Miss Alice Jensen.

Teachers Coming Home
Phyllis Waldner, who teaches near Portland, will spend the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Waldner, Esther Towe, who teaches at Tacoma, will spend Christmas with her foster parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. G. Gunderson.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Ekman will spend their holidays with Mrs. Ekman's sister, Mrs. Fred Trosigold at Eugene.

Mr. and Mrs. George Hubbs have as their holiday guests, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Chaffin and Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Hubbs from Fresno and San Francisco, respectively, and Mr. and Mrs. Max Hubbs of Seattle and Mr. and Mrs. James W. Jenks of Albany.

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Guests at the H. B. Latham home will include their daughter, Miss Louise Latham who teaches at Eugene and Mr. and Mrs. Foster Cone and son Latham, and Mrs. Marcus Latham who will observe her 96th birthday anniversary December 26.

Granger's News

WOODBURN—Woodburn grange No. 79 held a social meeting at the grange hall and installation of officers was held with A. A. Brothen, retiring master, acting as installing officer. Those installed were V. V. Hickox, master; Clarence Aline, treasurer; C. J. Rice, lecturer; Ivan Magee, steward; Laura Rice, chaplain; Mrs. A. A. Brothen, Pomona.

A social hour followed and lunch was served. It was decided to have a homecoming at an all-day meeting January 1. All old members are expected to attend. Topics for the lecture hour will include talks on tree culture by F. W. Settemier, general farming by Charles Sweeney and others homemaking by Laura Rice and Laura C. Lindquist.

FAIRFIELD—Around 125 people attended the Christmas entertainment Saturday night sponsored by Fairfield grange. The hall was beautifully decorated with Christmas trees and tall candles. A huge tree was the center of attraction.

Following an interesting program presented by Fairfield school there was an exchange of gifts with Santa assisting.

Roads, Bridges Bids to Open

State Highway Commission Work Totals \$750,000 for Year 1938

Bids for road and bridge construction aggregating an expenditure of nearly \$750,000, will be opened at a meeting of the state highway commission to be held in Portland January 6. There are 16 projects.

This will be the first meeting for the year 1938, at which the program for the 12 months period will be outlined.

Projects, for which bids will be opened at the January meeting, follow:

Baker county: Gravel surfacing on 4.13 miles of the Gibbs Ranch-Baker section of the Baker-Unity highway. Baker county: Gravel surfacing on 3.02 miles of the north unit, Missouri flat section of Medical Springs secondary highway.

Clackamas, Hood River and Wasco counties: Furnish 12,400 cubic yards of crushed rock at the Mt. Hood rock production project on the Mt. Hood and Wasplata highways.

Gilliam county: Furnish 6000 cubic yards of crushed rock for the Shuttler Flat-Condon section of the John Day highway.

Lane Highway Proj with Portland cement and the Ross Station-Arriad section of the Pacific highway.

Union county: Grading 1.22 miles of the Forest Boundary-Elgin section of the Weston-Elgin secondary highway.

Washington county: Grading, surfacing and oiling 2.75 miles on the Butte section of the John Day highway.

Baker county: Furnish 5000 cubic yards of crushed rock for the Baker-Durkee section of Old Oregon trail.

Columbia county: Grading, surfacing and oiling 2 mile and building a 210-foot timber, steel and concrete bridge on the Mile Bridge section of the Nehalem secondary highway.

Hood River and Wasco counties: Furnish 8200 cubic yards of crushed rock at the Hood River rock production project on the Columbia river and Mt. Hood highways.

Jackson county: Grading .73 mile of the Bear-Dairy Creek section of the Pacific highway.

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Umatilla county: Surfacing .28 mile and oiling 3.67 miles of the Hermiton-Columbia school section of the Hermiton secondary highway.

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Pioneer Physician Called at Age 90

Dr. S. C. Stone in Salem 41 Years; Came Across Plains in 1863

Dr. S. C. Stone, who was a Salem physician and druggist for many years, died at the age of 90 years Thursday morning at the residence, 255 North High street. He came to Salem 41 years ago in 1896 to engage in the drug business until 1919 when for some years he resumed the practice of medicine.

Funeral services will be held at 3 p.m. today from the W. T. Rigdon mortuary. Rev. Guy L. Drill will officiate and vocal solos are to be sung by John Schmidt. Interment will be in City View cemetery.

Born April 16, 1847, near Charleston, Ill., Stephen Chaucey Stone, in 1863 when he was 16 years old, drove an ox team with covered wagon from Illinois to Marysville, Calif., and came to Oregon two years later with the same outfit.

In Oregon and in Walla Walla county, Wash., he took up school teaching as his first profession, September 20, 1872, he wed Mary Jane Shaw, who survives him, and who was a daughter of the late Judge T. C. Shaw of Salem.

Dr. Stone then turned to medicine, practicing first at Summerville, Ore., for three years, then attending Willamette university medical school from which he was graduated in June, 1875. Six years later he added training at the Polyclinic in New York.

He practiced at Brownsville, beginning in August, 1875, and located at Howell Prairie in March, 1879. He went in 1881 to Milton, Umatilla county, where he operated a drug store and practiced medicine for 12 years. He located in Portland in 1893 but came to this city three years later, believing Salem to offer more opportunity, and remaining here.

Dr. Stone is survived by his widow; a daughter, Mrs. O. J. Hull of Salem; three grandchildren, Harold S. Hull of Pasadena, Calif., Mrs. Walter Ficus of Salem, and Josephine Hull of Salem, one great-grandchild, Irene Hull; two brothers, E. H. Stone of Lower Lake, Calif., and J. N. Stone of Walla Walla; three sisters, Mrs. Samantha Gerking of Yakima, Wash., Mrs. Armina Pittsworth of Weiser, Idaho; and Mrs. Cordelia Maloney of Mount Vernon, Wash., and many nephews and nieces in the northwest. S. Ross Maloney and Stephen A. Stone of Salem are nephews.

Lutheran Church Program Tonight

Music Is Featured; Sunday Morning Hour Also Is Christmas Event

The Sunday school of the American Lutheran church will present its annual Christmas program tonight at 7:45 o'clock, and is announced as follows:

The program opens with Christmas carol singing. The Christmas story according to the gospel of Luke 2:1-15, Edward Fyfe, Prayer by Rev. P. W. Erikson, Organist, Miss Gladys Edgar.

Tables.—Mrs. Kolbe's class
The Wise Men
Candle Light Processional—(Hark the Herald Angels Sing)
Christmas Carol—By Sunday School
Song—"God Is Ever Good"
Recitation—"Happy Christmas"
Recitation—"Patricia Bristol"
Recitation—"Selected Dora Ruth Johnson"
Recitation—"Tiny Person"
Song—"Beverly Keenan"
Recitation—"Mrs. Kolbe's class"
Saviour Teach Me Day by Day
Christmas Story—Christie Erikson
Song—"Away in a Manger"—Dues by "Carols from New Year's Hints"
Recitation—"Christmas Greetings"
Christmas Song—Christie Erikson
Christmas Bells Exercise—Primary Dept.
Song and Recitation—Selected
A Christmas Star Exercise—Primary Dept.
Duet—"Lights of Gladness"—Ruth Bedford
Recitation—"Joy to the World"
Rock-a-Bye Song and Christmas Prayer
Star and Song—Primary Girls
Star—"Star of the East"—Dorothy Goff
Recitation—"The Star of Bethlehem"
Sunday School—Dr. A. S. Jensen, Supt.
Recitation—"Hark the Herald Angels Sing"
By Junior Boys
Congregational Carol Singing
Pageant—"Gift of Gladness"—Tri-L Girls

Christmas morning at 11 o'clock at this church a one-hour program will be presented in this order:

Prelude—"March of the Magi Kings"
(Duo)—Ruth Bedford
Carol—"Come, Ye Faithful"
The Common Service—Audience
Christmas Prayer
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Christmas Story according to Luke 2:1-20
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Probate Court

Fletcher E. Rape estate; decree approving supplemental decree of First National bank of Portland, administrator, showing \$1112.18 received since final account and \$1112.18 paid out, including \$1111.42 paid to Nancy J. Rape; estate closed.

George W. Plank estate; order for Ladd & Bush Trust company, administrator, to accept \$500 in full settlement of delinquent \$2000 mortgage of W. A. and Anna Wilcox.

Rosa L. Browning estate; order fixing inheritance tax at \$119.92 on \$21,992.05 net value of estate; heirs shown as Arney E. Browning, Dora E. Rupert, William F., Fred J. and Edward Browning, Helen LaLonde and Dorothy J. Browning Page.

Marriage Licenses
Elthan E. Converse, 29, launderman, and Hazel Scott, legal nurse, both of state tuberculosis hospital.
Bernard Nienhies, 30, geophysicist, Bakersfield, Calif., and Leona E. Mickel, 29, teacher, Mt. Angel.

Destitute Family Pleas Are Heeded

Sheriff Burk Finds Poor Folk; Radio Message Brings Response

KSLM listeners flooded the broadcasting station with gifts and telephone queries in response to a four-minute plea made in behalf of two destitute families in Marion county, outside the realm of ordinary relief agencies, by Sheriff A. C. Burk Wednesday night.

Running across the two families, one of which was living in an improvised hop shack, while the other was in a shanty, before the telephone started bringing in pledges of aid. Yesterday canned goods, eggs, dressed chickens and clothes of all description found their way to the KSLM studios, with further gifts scheduled to come.

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Brush Creekers Will Play Hosts

Many Visitors Will Enjoy Christmas Dinner in District

BRUSH CREEK—Holiday plans at Brush Creek include a number of family parties and visitors from schools and elsewhere.

At the home of Mrs. Anna K. Jensen over-holiday guests will include Vivian Bunn who attends school at Parkland, Wash., Reuben Jensen who teaches at Astoria, Mrs. John Isaacson from Montana, Andrew Meidell from South Dakota.

L. H. Meyer and his two children, Ludvig and Althea, will be Christmas eve hosts to Hans Haugen of Portland, Mrs. G. E. Moberg and her daughters, Marna and Patience, who make their home with the Meyers, will also be there Christmas eve. Christmas dinner at the Meyer household will be guests at the Raymond Kellis home here. Other guests of the Kellis will include relatives from Scotts Mills.

Students Return
Charles and Walter Goplerud from Pacific Lutheran college, and Miss Inga Goplerud, who teaches at Puynallup, are all at the home of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Goplerud.

Christmas eve guests of Mrs. M. J. Madsen and Miss Lillie Madsen will be Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Madsen and Mr. and Mrs. Caroline Kay of Salem, Mrs. William Logan of McMinnville and Henry Hjorth of DePere, Wis. Christmas day Mr. and Mrs. Victor Madsen and three children, Colleen, Roger and Loretta Bell, will be guests of Mrs. Madsen and her daughter.

693 Drivers Run Afoul State Law

State troopers arrested 693 persons for traffic law violations during November and fines aggregated \$349,766. Charles P. Pray, superintendent of state police, reported Wednesday. Twenty-eight arrests were for drunken driving and 62 for overloading.

Arrests in the general law enforcement division totaled 245, with 33 acquired by fines aggregated \$251,520. Nineteen persons arrested by the state police were held for other law enforcement agencies.

There were 131 arrests in the commercial fisheries-game division, with fines of \$2778.

The state police conducted 513 investigations of which number 199 were classified as cleared.

Cantata Offered On Sunday Night

The Christmas cantata, "King All-Glorious" (Roy E. Nolte) will be presented by the Christ Baptist church choir Sunday night at 7:30 o'clock, announces Rev. Irving A. Fox, pastor. The program follows:

Behold, the Morning
Cometh—Tenor Solo
Richard Dierks
Unto Us a Child is Born—Choir
Calm on the Listening—Choir
Ear—Tenor Solo
Milton Dierks
And in the Country of Judea—Bass Solo
Dan Schirman
Star of Bethlehem—Duet
Mrs. Theo Roth and Mrs. Filmore Behold, There Came
Wise Men—Men's Chorus
O'er Manger Bed—Alto Solo
Mrs. Filmore
List to the Message—Choir
All Who Believe—Duet
Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Roth
Joy to the World—Choir
Message—"The Two Advents"—Pastor

Liquor Control's Profits \$200,236

The state liquor commission made a profit of \$200,236 during November and a profit of \$1,117,556 during the first five months, according to a report filed in the executive offices Thursday.

November liquor sales aggregated \$716,928 and five months sales \$3,489,766.

Profits in stores and agencies during the month were \$159,653 and \$787,943 for the five months. Privilege tax profits were \$53,166, and \$330,802 for five months.

The license division lost \$232 during the month and \$1139 during the last five months.

Blanket Primary Amendment Filed

An amended petition for an initiative measure providing for a so-called blanket primary ballot, was filed in the state department Thursday by Elbert Eastman of Portland.

The intent of the measure is to permit a voter to vote at the primary election for any candidate he wishes, irrespective of party affiliation. This applies to all elective offices.

The two candidates receiving the highest number of votes shall be the nominees for each respective office irrespective of party or other designation.

The legislature at its next session, after passage of the bill, shall pass all legislation necessary to carry out the intent and purpose of the bill.

In case a sufficient number of signatures are obtained the measure will go on the ballot at the next general election.

Old Santa Guest At 20-30 Session

The Salem 20-30 club held a Yuletide get-together Thursday night at Frederickson's on South Winter street, with a tree and Saint Nicholas to greet club members' children and young friends who were honored guests.

The program included musical offerings by Teddy and Bess Covalit. Later in the evening William Dyer, insurance man, was initiated to club membership.

Christian Endeavors To Sing Carols Tonight

LIBERTY—The Christian Endeavor society will observe its annual custom of singing Christmas carols this district, those who wish to go will meet at the community hall at 7 p.m. Friday and all will go in a group in the Sunday school bus.

Traffic Injuries Drop for Month

November for the fourth consecutive month showed a reduction in traffic accidents resulting in injuries when compared with the same four months last year Secretary of State Snell announced yesterday.

Forty-four fewer persons were hurt in November, 1937, than in November, 1936.

Snell said this showing was made in spite of an increase in property damage accidents which probably were due largely to a record-breaking storm in many part of the state.

Dogs Blamed for Loss of 13 Sheep

Thirteen sheep in a flock kept by George Kunschick, Gervais, in pasture near Parkersville, were either killed by dogs or maimed too badly to be saved. Kunschick reported yesterday to Paul Marbach, county dog license inspector. The canine raid occurred early Wednesday.

Several sheep belonging to James Harper, on the upper Abiqua, also breaking into woods injured by dogs this week but with doting may be saved. Marbach also reported yesterday.

Highway Is Blocked for Hour as Truck Burns

THE DALLES, Dec. 23—(AP)—The Columbia River highway was blocked for an hour last night when a gasoline truck driven by Thomas D. Wilson, Portland, overturned and caught fire near the Mosier loops. Wilson was uninjured.

Net Indebtedness For Cities Drops

Nearly 6 Million Dollars Decrease Shown for Year, Says Survey

The net indebtedness of Oregon cities decreased from \$64,344,850.83 on July 1, 1936, to \$58,534,299.53 on July 1, 1937, according to a survey by State Treasurer Rufus Holman completed yesterday. The reduction for this year was \$5,990,331.30.

The city of Portland's indebtedness was reduced from \$36,774,182.05 on July 1, 1936, to \$34,296,937.58 on July 1, 1937, or \$2,477,244.47.

During the same period Multnomah county reduced its total debt from \$13,803,523.91 to \$13,426,293.03.

Warrenton Millage Highest
Warrenton with a combined levy for all purposes within the city of 137.7 mills for 1937 leads other cities of the state in tax millage for that year. Granite and Lonerock, small towns in Grant and Gilliam counties respectively, with levies of 21.1 and 15.9 mills, had the lowest combined levies.

Cities showing the greatest reductions in debt ratios through the retirement of bonds or warrants, or both, or through increases in assessment valuations, were Cottage Grove, Drain, Gold Hill, Lakeview, Newport, Prineville and Scappoose.

Cities having the greatest increase in debt ratio were Bandon and Warrenton.

Oregon Merchant Association Files For Incorporation

Articles of incorporation of the Oregon Merchant's association were filed with County Clerk U. G. Boyer yesterday. Trustees and incorporators are listed as F. D. Thielsen, W. S. Fitts, Henry E. Morris, W. W. Chadwick, W. J. Needham, Ira J. Phillips, Miller, Carl W. Hogg, H. L. Stiff, and E. H. Bingenheimer. The association office is located in the basement of the Masonic temple.

Purposes of the association, according to the articles, are to maintain cordial relationships between employers and employees, to protect employers and employees from illegal or unfair coercion, to protect members "in all legal rights in relation to their own employes, others and the general public," and to protect employes in their legal rights against employers and others.

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S. B. Fong, 8 years practice in China. Herb Specialist, 122 N. Commercial St., Salem, Ore. Office hours 9 to 6 p.m. Sunday and Wed. 9 to 10 a.m.

Sheriff Survives Gervais Blaze by Half-tone "Proxy"

Sheriff A. C. Burk discovered yesterday that he had received his "bath of fire" by proxy last September 28.

The proxy, it developed—a zinc half-tone cut of the sheriff's portrait—went through the Gervais fire, in the office of the Gervais Star, weekly newspaper.

George Kunschick, who lives near Gervais, informed Dog License Inspector Paul Marbach yesterday that he had found the cut, undamaged, in the ashes of the fire and intended to keep it as a souvenir.