

The Weather
Rain today and Sunday, moderate temperature, Max. Temp. Friday 52, Min. 45. River -7 feet. SSW wind.

Women's Pages
On its society pages The Statesman carries tested recipes and valuable household hints as well as complete news of the social world.

EIGHTY-EIGHTH YEAR

Second Heavy Gale Swerves to Miss Oregon

WPA Promises To Cooperate With County Layoffs

Coming Layoffs Will Be Made to Alleviate Burden on Relief Body

Instructions Are Given to Make no Assignment of new Workers

Qualified cooperation with Marion county relief heads as to WPA layoffs which are in prospect was promised by G. R. Boatwright, district engineer, yesterday when Rev. George H. Swift, chairman, and M. E. Holcomb, secretary, of the county relief committee called on him to find how recent WPA standstill orders would affect the relief budget.

The relief officials asked that any layoffs to be made by the WPA be of persons who would become the least burden to the committee. They pointed out that they are already facing a steadily growing winter demand for emergency direct relief.

Boatwright said he could not follow such a policy exactly but would "try to work out something" suitable to the committee. He is required to assign ex-WPA workers returning from private employment, but he has not been of the work relief rolls for more than six months, he explained.

"The result is that it will be necessary to release some persons now at work when former WPA workers come back, re-certified," Boatwright explained after the conference, "but as far as possible we'll release those who will work the least hardship on local relief authorities."

Not to be made a permanent assignment of workers should be made. As of Thursday there were 1924 Marion county relief rolls working on WPA projects, the largest number of the year except for November.

Relief officials gleaned some hope that WPA layoffs would not be numerous to the point of being drastic in a report by Floyd Blyden, WPA state field representative that Oregon's quota for December had been fixed at 18,000 workers, only 260 below the number actually on the rolls early this week.

Huckestein Estate Is Set at \$5000

The late August Huckestein, one-time Salem postmaster, left an estate estimated worth \$5000, of which \$2000 was in personal property, according to a report by Fred Blyden, WPA state field representative that Oregon's quota for December had been fixed at 18,000 workers, only 260 below the number actually on the rolls early this week.

Mahoney to Visit Chief Executive

WASHINGTON, Dec. 2.—(AP)—Willis E. Mahoney, Klamaith Falls, Ore., unsuccessful democratic candidate for United States senator, advised friends here today he was at Atlanta, Ga., to accept an invitation to visit President Roosevelt at Warm Springs. Mahoney said he would confer with Postmaster General James Farley at New York before returning to Oregon.

2 Salem Boys Are Named West Point Alternates

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 2.—(AP)—Appointment by Senator Charles McNary of John R. Rose, Jr., Portland, to the US military academy at West Point was announced today. James A. McKinney and Mack Malson, both Salem, were named alternates.

Picket Law Fight Opens

CIO Attorney Asks Voiding Of State UCC

Pressman Writes Social Security Board About Picketing Law

Says Jobless Insurance Law Voided by Passing of Labor Bill

WASHINGTON, Dec. 2.—(AP)—Pressman, general counsel of the CIO, asked the social security board today to disapprove Oregon's unemployment compensation law and thus deprive Oregon employers of federal tax credits they now enjoy.

Denouncing what he called the state's anti-labor initiative, he wrote the federal board: "Labor Policy Is Branded 'Backward'." "Any state which adopts a backward and reactionary labor policy in conflict with the labor policy of the federal government cannot expect to receive the benefits of federal legislation."

Pressman contended that the state unemployment compensation law had been amended by the initiative because the latter applied its definition of a labor dispute to the compensation statute. This definition was in conflict with the social security act's definition of a labor dispute, he said, and as a result claimants of unemployment compensation benefits in Oregon would be required to accept jobs which were vacant due to a strike, lockout, or other labor dispute as defined by the federal law.

This constituted a violation of the federal social security act, Pressman argued, and Oregon employers therefore forfeited their right to the federal tax credit allowed employers in states having federally approved unemployment insurance systems.

At the present time, a CIO statement said, employers in Oregon are paying a total federal and state unemployment compensation tax of 3 per cent a year on their payrolls. If the Oregon law is disapproved, the statement added, employers there will have to pay a total tax of 5.7 per cent a year.

Pressman's letter said disapproval would not deprive Oregon workers of any benefits to which they might be entitled under the state law.

Ditch Inspected By Army Engineer

The mile-long section of Shelton ditch between South 22nd street and the diversion weirs southeast of the penitentiary under development yesterday by Howard M. Rigler, US army engineer in charge of flood control projects in the Willamette valley. Approval of the city's proposal to regrade the ditch channel and lay masonry surfacings on the bottom and sides must be secured from the army engineers because the ditch is a tributary to a navigable stream.

Rigler will make a report to superior officers after engineering data is submitted for his study.

Postoffice Safe Cracked

FOREST GROVE, Dec. 2.—(AP)—Sheriff's Deputy R. H. Busch said today yeggs cracked the safe in the Timber postoffice, 17 miles north of here, and escaped with \$110 in cash Wednesday night.

Killers of Warden at Folsom Die In Lethal Gas Chambers

SAN QUENTIN, Calif., Dec. 2.—(AP)—The lethal gas chamber, operated by disapproving prison officials, was used in California for the first time today to execute two of five "hard boiled" convicts sentenced to death for murder in attempting to escape from Folsom prison.

Albert Kessell, 29, and Robert L. Cannon, 30, walked comely into the grotesque chamber after smoking cigars and taking "shots" of whisky, were bound to metal chairs and enveloped in a thick cloud of extremely poisonous gas for more than 15 minutes.

Labor Leader Seeks Report Of Supporters

Nickerson Asks Itemized List of Contributors to Campaign

Says "Business Council" Is Phony to Conceal Bill's Backers

PORTLAND, Dec. 2.—(AP)—Dell E. Nickerson, executive secretary of the State Federation of Labor, asked the secretary of state today for an accounting of contributions in support of the anti-picketing measure approved at the November 8 general election.

Nickerson said he acted as a Multnomah county registered voter. Secretary of State Earl Snell informed Nickerson he or any other voter was welcome to the information. Itemized List Is Sought

Nickerson asked an itemized list of individual contributions from H. L. Shoemaker, president of the Associated Farmers of Oregon, George N. Peck, president of the Eastern Oregon Wheat League, and "such other persons or organizations as may have knowledge thereof."

Nickerson said the Associated Farmers listed \$32,336.65 and the Wheat League \$2000 from the Oregon business council. The labor executive charged no such council existed and was a "fictional organization" to conceal the identity of contributors.

The AFL announced it would challenge constitutionality of the anti-picketing law, which regulates strikes, boycotts and provides for open union records, and was sponsored by the Associated Farmers and other organizations.

Nickerson said statements filed by Shoemaker and the farmers did not conform with law, and that the Oregon business council entirely failed to report to the secretary of state.

Berger Charged With Embezzling

Fred Berger, 27, Salem hotel, was arrested by sheriff's deputies late yesterday afternoon on a charge of larceny of money by embezzlement from his employer, the Willamette Valley Transfer company. He was accused specifically of having collected \$43 on a waybill yesterday and not having turned it over to the company, Deputy B. G. Honeycutt announced.

The young man admitted in a signed statement that he had "been taking money from R. R. Bailey (manager) and the Willamette Valley Transfer company over a period of two years," Deputy Honeycutt said. He was questioned at length by Honeycutt and Bailey.

Fourth of Auto Deaths Come Since November 1

PORTLAND, Dec. 2.—(AP)—A fourth of Portland's traffic fatalities for 1938 have occurred since November 1, Fred M. West, traffic bureau police captain, said today.

The year's fatality total was 51. There were 13 deaths since November 1.

Late Sports

VANCOUVER, B. C., Dec. 2.—(CP)—The luckless Spokane Clippers sank deeper into the cellar of the Pacific coast hockey league tonight when they dropped a 6-4 decision to the Vancouver Lions.

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 2.—(AP)—Jefferson high school, Portland interscholastic football champ, has been beaten at last but it took a combination of the best players of the other city eleven to do it.

EUGENE, Dec. 2.—(AP)—University of Oregon cagers, defending champions of the northern section, Pacific Coast conference, won tonight from Multnomah club, Portland, 83-25.

Steusloff Will Probate Shows \$95,000 Worth

Salem YM, Presbyterian Church Each to Get \$2000 Bequest

Three Children Receive Residue of Estate by Will's Terms

The First Presbyterian church and the Salem YMCA each will receive \$2000 from the \$95,000 estate of the late W. H. Steusloff, one of the founders of the Valley Packing company, according to a copy of the will filed in probate court yesterday. The will provides the church shall use the money to pay off indebtedness and the YMCA shall place its legacy in its permanent endowment fund.

Other bequests included: Eight shares of Valley Packing company stock each to A. R. Tartar, credit manager, and E. M. McKee, secretary, and one share to Ivan Steusloff, a grandson. Lodge Is Left To Daughters

The Steusloff Kawanda lodge at Pacific City to his two daughters, Dorothea Steusloff and L. May Chambers.

All purely personal effects, including jewelry, and the household furnishings to Dorothea Steusloff.

The residue is to be divided equally among the three children, Miss Steusloff and Claude H. Steusloff, who are named executors, and Mrs. Chambers.

A codicil attached to the will in August, 1937, revoked a \$1000 bequest to Loren Smart, who had died after the original will was made.

The court named George H. Richey, A. R. Tartar and S. B. Elliott as appraisers.

Daladier Seeking Peace Internally

PARIS, Dec. 2.—(AP)—Threatened by the colonial ambitions of both Italy and Germany, Premier Daladier today sought the internal political and social peace he considers essential to the defense of the world's second largest colonial empire.

Meanwhile, to prevent employers from taking undue advantage of his victory over organized labor in Wednesday's abortive general strike, Daladier warned them to handle their workers with care.

Daladier advised employers to take back all workers who merely had obeyed union orders in heeding the call to strike in protest against the Daladier economic program.

Thousands had been thrown out of work at least temporarily. The government's advice carried a tacit warning that refusal to take back most of the strikers would bring grave trouble.

Socialist deputies estimated 80,000 workers had been discharged but the General Confederation of French Employers declared there was no "question of the form of reprisals."

More than 20,000 workers were still on strike and there were minor disorders today.

Daladier said tonight the government's action in breaking the general strike movement did not affect the collective contracts between workers and employers.

Father of Three Loses Life by Drowning While Trapping on Small Lake

Body of Charles E. Russell, 32, Found Floating Near Boat by His Brothers After He Failed to Join Them

Charles E. Russell, 32, met death by drowning late yesterday afternoon as he trapped otter on a small marshy lake near the river road ten miles north of Salem.

Russell was last seen at 3 p. m. and later, when he failed to appear, his two brothers and others who were cutting wood near the lake, began a search for him. The body, lying face down in shallow water beside his small rowboat, was discovered at about 7:30 o'clock by Ward C. Russell and Ralph Boje who summoned the Salem first aid car.

Two hours work on the victim with the car's resuscitator failed to revive him. A coroner's deputy said he apparently fell out of the boat.

Russell, with his three small children, Alvin Earl, Edward LeRoy and Charlotte Nadine, lived on the farm of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Russell. He and his wife had been divorced about two years ago.

Besides his children and parents he leaves a sister, Mrs. Hazel May Patterson of Gervais, three brothers, Niles J. Russell of Aurora and Ward C. and O. N. Russell of Salem.

Older Boys' Meet Draws Large Body

Twenty-one schools were represented by the 188 delegates who registered for the 19th annual older boys' conference which opened here last night.

Marion E. "Gus" Moore, boys' work secretary of the local YMCA, who is in charge of the conference, reported these figures last night and said eight high school principals and five teachers accompanied the boys. A number is expected to register today.

Dubach Talks

The conference opened with an assembly at Salem high, followed by a banquet and program. Dean U. G. Dubach, Oregon State college, delivered the principal address, taking as his subject "After High School, What?"

Dean Dubach assured the boys there is a place for them in life and told them their greatest asset in life would be a belief in America. Three principles he gave them to follow were: What you can do well, what you like to do and what is the most worthwhile thing for you to do.

The conference was called to order by Conference President Wallace Brown of Hubbard. Donald Young, chairman of the YMCA (Turn to page 2, column 2)

Shattuc License Suspended 5 Days

PORTLAND, Dec. 2.—(AP)—Beer and wine licenses were warned by the state liquor control commission today that unless they stopped displaying their wares in windows, such displays would be banned.

"It is hoped that objectionable displays of alcoholic beverages may be corrected through voluntary action on the part of licensees," a letter of warning to dealers from the commission said.

The commission suspended the license of Robert W. Shattuc, 154 South High street, Salem, for five days. He was charged with selling to minors. The license of William O. and Beattie Chinger, Grand Coffee Shop, Roseburg, was suspended 15 days for the same offense.

Respite Comes After Storms Cause Damage

Southerly Gale Holds 27 Ships at Columbia River Mouth

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 2.—(AP)—Oregon, shaking off the effects of a blow which tied up shipping, grounded airplanes and disrupted communications today, welcomed a weather bureau prediction of respite tonight.

Early today the weather bureau forecast a second gale but corrected this augury later, stating the follow-up storm had swerved and missed the northwest.

The southerly gale which held 27 ships at the mouth of the Columbia river apparently had blown itself out tonight after reaching a velocity of 57 miles an hour. Seventeen ships were anchored inside, waiting a chance to cross the treacherous bar, made more hazardous by shoaling sands that forced vessels to press close to the tip of Peacock spit.

Fisher Body Plant Closed by Strike

FLINT, Mich., Dec. 2.—(AP)—Fisher body plant No. 1, a center of activity in the 1937 General Motors sit-down strikes, was closed by a walkout of United Automobile workers (CIO) today after union employees voted 3434 to 433 to strike.

The strike was voted after a long dispute concerning demands of two departments in the plant for day wages instead of piece work pay.

General Motors Corp., of which the Fisher Body Co. is a division, said 6400 men were affected directly. In addition, the final assembly line of the corporation's Buick plant suspended operations when its supply of bodies was shut off.

Officials of the Flint local of the UAW said the strike was authorized following a jury's finding that the union violated the corporation's agreement with the corporation.

The Buick and Fisher plants have not been operated on Saturdays, so that in the event of settlement, work will not be resumed before Monday.

70-Year-Old Man Gets Seven Years

ROSEBURG, Dec. 2.—(AP)—William Mayer, 70-year-old retired butcher, was sentenced to seven and a half years in state prison today by Circuit Judge Carl Wimberly following a jury's finding that Mayer imprudently drove an automobile and caused a collision resulting in two deaths.

Mr. and Mrs. Allen F. Moore were killed Oct. 22 when their automobile was struck by Mayer's, who said he had been quarreling with his wife. Mrs. Mayer was not in the car.

Judge Wimberly told Mayer he agreed with the jury's finding that Mayer was suffering from "blind rage" and not temporary insanity or lapse of memory, as Mayer pleaded.

The court ordered immediate medical attention for Mayer, who complained of being ill.

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Underground Test Of Water Supply Shows Favorably

Tests of underground formations on Stayton island where the engineering department is exploring with a view to increasing its water supply continue to be uniformly favorable. Manager Cuyler VanPatten told the water commission last night. Pumping equipment will be moved onto the island in the near future to make flow tests on the five holes drilled to tap the substrata to date.

If the tests prove favorable, one or more large, shallow wells may be opened and low head pumps installed for use during the heavy water use season next summer.

Eighteen Inches Snow on Santiam But Cars Moving

Eighteen inches of snow had fallen on the upper North Santiam highway between the new bridge and the junction with the South Santiam road but motorists were getting through, County Engineer N. C. Hubbs announced early last night. He believed no great difficulty would be encountered in keeping the highway open.

An additional county truck was dispatched to the upper highway to assist a crew already at work removing the snow.

19 More days to BUY and USE

CHRISTMAS SEALS PROTECT YOUR HOME

They have helped to cut the tuberculosis death rate and have saved thousands of lives.

Another delegation before the court yesterday requested completion of the oil-surfacing of the Mt. Angel-Gervais road. One section was filed three years ago, another two years ago but no oiling was done on this road last year.

Approximately 2 1/2 miles remains to be surfaced.

The court can do nothing about the request until the road has been viewed and approved by the federal bureau of public roads but it will do all in its power to push this program, the delegation was advised.

The court's visitors were unanimous in recommending that the south branch of the Silverton road be selected as the one for improvement. The north fork road is frequently made impassable in winter by high water from Pudding river. They also declared the south road was the most heavily traveled.

The county has no money for buying right-of-way or moving buildings but would be out with its WPA crews to make the grading and drainage improvements required by the federal government, Commissioner Roy S. Meison said. A similar program, with the federal bureau handling the surfacing, was carried out last summer on the south river road out of Salem.