Unsettled today and Sat-urday, occasional showers, Little change in tempera-ture. Max. Temp. Thursday 55, Min. 44. River -.7 feet.

EIGHTY-EIGHTH YEAR

Salem, Oregon, Friday Morning, December 30, 1938

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Youth Die of Poison After Amazing Night

Airline Route To Open Salem Service Today

Daily Passenger Service on Oregon Air Lines Is Announced

1st Plane From South Is Due at Airport Early This Morning

Daily passenger and express air transport service will be instituted for Salem today on the Marshfield-Portland run of Oregon Air Lines, Leo Arany, associate of the firm and lessee of the municipal airport here, announced las

The local air service, which has been in operation with stops at Marshfield, Eugene, Albany and Portland for two months, is ex-Portland for two months, is expected to be the forerunner of the Negro Confesses city's first direct air connection with Pacific coast and eastern air mail routes. First Plane Due

At 9:35 o'Clock The first plane from the south will reach Salem at 9:35 o'clock this morning and Arany, flying his Fairchild four-passenger cabin monoplane, will start the Marshfield run at 2:30 this afternoon.

The line's present schedule calls for daily departures from Marshfield at 8 a. m., arriving at Eugene at 9, Albany at 9:25, Salem at 9:35 and Portland at 10:15, and cember 21 in a robbery in which from Portland at 2 p. m., reaching Salem on the southbound trip and penhies from slot machines, a at 2:30, Albany at 2:40, Eugene at 3:15 and Marshfield at 4:10, Arany said. Swan island airport is being utilized at Portland. Arany, who has been working

with a chamber of commerce committee here to secure a direct air mail connection for Salem, said last night the effort's success seemed "almost certain."

4th Man Is Held In Coster Probe

Michael Petrella Among Four Accused of Plot to Blackmail

NEW YORK, Dec. 29-(AP)-The government late today announced the arrest of Michael Petrella, 40, the fourth suspect accused of hevthe late F. Donald Coster-Musica through knowledge of his past as convict Philip Musica.

Petrella was described by federal agents as active "in a small way" in local politics. They said, too, he had succeeded Coster-Musica, the indicted head of the \$87,000,000 drug firm of McKesson & Robbins, as a partner of Joseph Brandino in a small drug company formerly doing business

He was booked on a charge of conspiracy to blackmail Coster, an identical complaint having already been made against Brandino, his sister, Mary, and Walter H. Cragg, disbarred lawyer, who are held in ball. Federal law proyears imprisonment.

Police Lieut. James Pyke said Petrella admitted writing letters to Coster-Musica in behalf of Cragg, Brandino and Ben Simon, the other defendants charged with general conspiracy. The letters, he said, referred to the manufacture of an electric cooker.

Detectives Sleuth For Bombing Clue

PORTLAND, Dec. 29-(AP)-Two Portland detectives who were rorist investigations earlier this year, today were assigned to the job of solving the attempted extortion and bomb-threat made against the Sears, Roebuck & Co.

They were Detectives C. E. San ders and Paul Mumpower. They drew the assignment when they told Detective Captain J. J. Kee-gan they had "uncovered a few

The department store was closnote demanding \$2500 and threatening a bombing was received. The bombing failed to materialize and no money was paid, but the store management evacuated the building of 5000 customers

Timberline Lodge Has Snow Blanket

Only .05 of an inch of rain fell in 12 hours. At Timberline, booster boiler. When a lieuwilliary, booster boiler. When a lieuwilliary booster boiler. When a lieuwilliary booster boiler being construction with interior of the main floor was in flames. Wood.

It is a facility to the basement to attend to an wood frame buildings, while the league ice hockey game of the basement to attend to an wood frame buildings, while the league ice hockey game of the many words. He has four teeth season. The Bucks scored three goals in each of he first two periods. the ground,

"MERICANS JOIN TO STOP WAR



Slayings of Five

25-Year-Old Man Captured With Victim's Clothes in Possession

SAVANNAH, Ga., Dec. 29-(AP)-Solicitor General Samuel A. Cann said tonight Marion Hunter, 25year-old negro, confessed the slaying of five persons here on Dehe obtained only dimes, nickels shotgun and bits of clothing. Special Deputy John G. Miller

said Hunter was captured in the negro section of the city today with clothing in his - possession that belonged to the victims. J. S. Tillman, his wife and two young daughters were bludgeoned

to death with an iron pipe as they shot to death. Deputy Miller said Hunter took

officers to the scene of the crime

Police said the negro was given four year sentence on a robbery charge in 1932, later served two years for automobile theft.

Ross States Path Cleared for Line

Bonneville Dam Administrator J. D. Ross said the path had been cleared for immediate construction of a power transmission line to Salem, Albany and Eugene with the signing in federal court today of an authority to use Orego

Flectric Railway right of way. The action assures Willamette valley communities power by early fall, Ross said. He deposited a check for \$104,092.80 with Federal Judge James A. Fee for the

Applications for blocks of power already have been made by distribution over municipallyowned systems, Ross added. Right vides a maximum penalty of 20 of way clearing in the Salem and Albany districts has been started.

Protest new Tax

told the city council today that they could not afford to pay an

Portland voters in November approved a plan to charge a third of the Normal water bill to finance the sewage system. The industrialists complained that such would find it impossible to meet the extra cost.

plants, ice plants, laundries, cense plate from the rear of his woolen mills, milk distributors car as it rolled over the crossand hospitals also protested.

OPart of the group of 27 Chinese from Portland and nine Salem persons who joined forces on the streets here yesterday and got nearly 8500 signatures on their petitions protesting against shipment of war materials and arms to Japan. The local group will seek more signatures here today and Saturday.

"Stop War" Appeal Gets 3500 Signers in Drive

Governor Martin's Name Leads Signatures Asking Cessation of Shipment of Munitions From US to Japanese

Nearly 3500 Salem citizens, including Governor Charles H. Martin, yesterday affixed their signature to petitions in circulation here protesting against shipment of war materials and arms from this country to Japan. The petitions will be Italy when he visits Rome Jan. forwarded, together with signatures gained today and tomor- 11 to 14. row, by air express to President Franklin D. Roosevelt and

to Cold and Exposure

Through Nation

(By The Associated Press)

furnaces and tossed more blankets

on their beds last night as the

second cold wave in four days

By the time the chilling spell,

England and the Atlantic sea-

board, probably over the weekend,

peratures to the midwest, fore-

as Georgia and North Carolina.

Warroad, Minn., a Canadian

border town and icebox of the na-

Farther west, a sleet storn

ton state after disrupting power

The Canadian Press at Vancou-

ice coating cut all Canadian Pa-

south of Port Coquitlam and Mis-

sion, BC, but that service was re-

Rider Is Crushed

When Horse Falls

EUGENE, Ore., Dec. 29-(AP)-

Miss Elizabeth McMah: n, 46, was

killed instantly late today when

a horse she was riding shied at

McKenzie highway. State Po-lice Sergeant Lowell Hirtzell,

who investigated, said the truck

saw the animal rear up. When

he looked back he saw the horse

lying on the highway with the

rider underneath. The horse's

hind legs were caught beneath

the log trailer wheels and were

Late Sports

and telephone lines.

stored partly.

Middle westerners stoked up

the department of state. slept in their two room home. from Portland joining with nine Thomas Chester, watchman at a local people in circulating the nearby filling station, was found "Stop War" call on the streets of Salem.

The local people will carry the work on here today and Saturnished by the Chinese Society of Portland with Dr. T. D. Lee as chairman, will go to Oregon City and Portland for circulation of similar petitions,

Local sponsor for the move is Richard Adlard, student who spent part of last year in Canton, China, and saw the horrors of the undeclared war in that land. The International Relations class which meets at the YMCA each Tuesday night has assisted Adlard in the petition work.

Abandon all Hope For Trapped Pair

29-(Canadian Press)-Rescue workers tonight abandoned virtually all hope for two miners entombed since Tuesday behind a rock wall a half mile underground in the Lake Shore gold

Despite the slim hances of finding the men alive drilling working in half-hourly relays, dug frantically into piles of debris in an effort to reach

The miners, John Houlbec, 33. and Vito Claisevgevich, 40, were For Sewage Plant imprisoned Tuesday night when an air blast caused the collapse of shaft where they were working.

Train Shears off Rear End of Auto

ALBANY, Dec. 29-(A)-L. C. Baldenweck of Cottage Grove revealed to police today a close last Tuesday.

He said the locomotive sheared Representatives of packing the spare tire, tail light and li-

Back-Firing Furnace Causes Fire at Allen's Fruit Plant

5000 to \$8000 occurred to the burned its way up the walls to ny, was fully insured. almost destroy the roof.

Prompt action by the Salem fire department had what first ap- tween \$5000 and \$8000. peared to be a dangerous blaze the main floor was in flames. wood.

Damage estimated at from | Yesterday's preliminary check revealed little damage to the W. G. Allen Fruit company's plant | \$20,000 worth of equipment, and at Front and Chemeketa streets W. G. Allen said he believed the shortly after noon yesterday when insurance sufficient to cover the fire, presumably starting from the loss. The building, owned by the backfire of an oil-burning boiler, Southern Pacific Railway compa-Homer Smith, sr., insurance

man, estimated the loss at be-The city bullding ordinance ununder control within 45 minutes. der which buildings in fire zone PORTLAND, Dec. 29-(P)
3now fell at Timberline lodge on Mount Hood today, but Portland continued to enjoy comparativemain. first-floor boiler from does not apply to the Allen buildtontinued to enjoy comparative water, single of the first-floor boiler from greature rarging four degrees upward from a low of 50.

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in Northeast Spain **Becomes Great** French - Italian Friction Continues to Occupy Attention

(By the Associated Press) Spanish insurgents were reportlast night to have increased the threat to the government stronghold of northeastern Spain by breaking through government lines on the center of the Catalonian front and rolling back the

Break Before

right flank. Insurgents were credited in dispatches reaching the border with opening a gap at the Balaguer Bridgehead on the Segre river front and capturing Granadella, to the south. Whether they could use the Balaguer opening to break down the entire front remained to be determined. French-Italian

Friction Grows
French-Italian friction over north African colonfes, meanwhile, continued to occupy the center of attention in Paris, Rome and London. A person close to the French government said France was willing to grant some colonial concessions to Italy without actually yielding land.

Italians insisted that British Prime Minister Chamberlain would be unable to avoid the role of mediator between France and

The French declared, however, that French-Italian problems Woman Takes Leap The large number of signatures came with united efforts of Chicago and Americans, 27 Chinese Midwest Readying tions between Rome and Paris. France put up a strong military For 2d Cold Wave tions for territorial expansion at the expense of the French empire. Fishermen See Body Drop Thirty Deaths Attributed is Possibility in Belgrade, the possibility of

Europe, involving Italy, Hungary and Yugoslavia, was discussed with the announcement that the Italian foreign minister, Count Galeazzo Ciano, would go there Jan. 19 on an official visit. Diplomats said Yugoslavia was

being won over to the idea of making a "symbolical cession" of a few border villages to Hungary and would receive in compensapart two of the wave that came iton the Italian port of Zara, on the Dalmation coast. Hungary would be expected to give up forever her demands for territorial light snow will bring rising temrevision at Yugoslav expense. Italy, diplomats said, would gain close cooperation with both countries, perhaps based on a Yugo-

At least 30 deaths from exposure or other causes attributed to slav-Hungarian pact. the week's cold were reported. In Shanghai, the international relief committee received a report that "armed chaos" existed in the The subzero spell that struck Nanking region, which Japanese occupied Dec. 13, 1937. The rethe plains states and Minnesota port was made by M. S. Bates, yesterday morning was expected American professor of history in to overspread the north central Nanking university, who investistates this morning and continue gated conditions for the commit-

tion this week, reported 45 below Wreckage Cleared yesterday morning. Readings under 30 below were taken elsewhere in Minnesota and North Da-From Rail Tracks changed to heavy rain near the in-

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 29-(AP) ternational boundary in Washing--Splintered wreckage of 26 cars and a locomotive was cleaned up today and the Union Pacific railrcad resumed service over a secver, BC. reported a thaw of heavy tion of track ripped out by the derailment 32 miles east of here about midnight Tuesday.

The wrecked cars were part of an 86-car freight train derailed when it struck a 6000-pound bculder which smashed down from the towering Columbia river gorge walls. Wrecked cars contained most-

ly eastern Oregon and Washington wheat. Road officials were busy compiling cargo and equipment losses. Two members of the highway patrol averted a more serious wreck by sighting the rock and warning the engineer with a

a passing log truck and fell on her crushing her skull. **Prodigy Is Going** The accident occurred nine miles east of Springfield on the Strong at Mature Age of 9 Months driver, John Stafford, reported he passed the horse and rider,

PORTLAND, Dec. 29-(AP)-Phi-lip David Devin, Portland's "wonder baby" who walked. spoke four words and drank without aid from a glass at the age of six months, is keeping

Now nine months old Philip rearing a snow suit sized for s three-year-old, pumps around on sturdy legs, unlaces his own shoes, brushes his teeth, e a t PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 29-(A) spinach and raw carrots, and -Pertland Buckaroos hammered sleeps only a half-hour during

Loyalist Lines Loyalists Warship Goes Aground in Try to Run Gauntlet for Freedom Rebel Offense

Fire From Insurgent Cruiser and Shore Batteries Threat to Strong Point Force Destroyer to Give up Attempt to Leave Gibraltar

> GIBRALTAR, Dec. 30—(Friday)—(AP)—The Spanish government destroyer Jose Luis Diez was forced aground near here early today after attempting a desperate dash for freedom through a gauntlet of insurgent warships. Seven of her crew were killed and 11 wounded.

> > City of Salem and Salem

School District Are

Beneficiaries

Public utilities will pay \$224,

238.74 in property taxes in Mar-

"Tad" Shelton announced yester-

trict, which will share to the ex-

The Portland General Electric

company will continue in the roll

of largest utility taxpayer in the

county, with a bill for \$73,245 .-

87 facing it next year. Of this

sum, \$12,615.55 will go to the

city of Salem and \$12,601.57 to

Southern Pacific company, to-

Portland Gas & Coke company,

Oregon Electric Railroad com

pany, total \$9329.58; Salem,

\$748.25; Salem schools, \$863.49.

night, December 31, of all pinball,

slot machines and punch boards

total \$16,590.01; Salem, \$4021. 28; Salem schools, \$3745.78.

the local school district.

Salem schools, \$5331.67.

listed as follows:

\$11,437.36.

Other utilities' taxes

tent of \$34,283.86.

ion county in 1939, Assessor R

Before running aground, it was reported here, the vessel rammed and sank the 1500-ton insurgent mine-layer Jupiter. **Utilities Will Pay** Insistent gunfire from insurgent land batteries at Ceuta and from the insurgent cruiser Can-\$224,238 in Taxes arias and other insurgent vessels

forced the lone government destroyer aground on eastern beach roughly fifty yards from shore. She had been undergoing re pairs in the haven of this British port ever since last August 27 when she limped in after a punishing battle in the straits with insurgent warships. Thirty - two men, including 26 insurgents held aboard as prisoners, were killed

in that engagement. A British destroyer was dispatched to investigate the shortlived firing in the inky blackness of Europa point. It was believed the Jose Luis Diez had attempted to reach her naval base of Cartagena, more than 200 miles to the northeast, on the Spanish government coast.

Insurgent shells struck two houses of villagers living on Catalan bay, injuring some of the oc-

The houses, which were in British territory, were destroyed.

From Gate Bridge

200 Feet From Span Across Bay

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 29.-(AP) A slender, brunette young woman identified tentatively as Ruth plunge from the Golden Gate bridge today. Authorities sought Removing Pinballs further identification.

Deputy Coroner Tom Gavin described the case as a suicide—the tenth death leap from the bridge since its construction. Two fishermen saw the body plunge into the waters of the har-

bor entrance at a spot about 100 yards off the Fort Point rocks, di- with other Oregon counties today rectly beneath the bridge. Fog Obscures View They said afterwards their vis

ion was so obscured by fog they were not sure of what they had seen until the body floated to the Deputy Coroner Gavin said partial identification of the wom-

an was established by the name, Ruth Nathingheimer, on an arch support in one of her shoes, and was further corroborated by the initials, R. N., on her sweater. "I have no doubt that the wom an was Ruth Nathingheimer, but

"She was about 23 years old, wore a dress that might have been a house dress or a waitress' uni-form, and on her ring finger she had a gold band wedding ring."

that is about all I know now,"

Second Death Is Blamed On Canned Food Poison

MEDFORD, Dec. 19-(AP)-Lawence Grant, 72, died today, the second death in two days from what an attending physician said was food poisoning caused by eating home-canned vegetables. His sister, Miss Maggie Grant, 92, died Tuesday.

Made Officer Silverton Boy Dies in Hospital After He's

Pair Abducted;

Killing Threat

Found by Police Tells Deputy They Will

Loaded Gun

Both Die as He Draws

Robert Thomas, about 18, of Silverton, ded a self-inflicted death by pc'son in a local hos-pital at 11:10 o'clock last night to close a night in which he ab-ducted a young Silverton couple, forced them to drive him to Salem, held up the sheriff's office and threatened to kill Special

Deputy Wayne Parker. He died less than three hours after he had accosted Joseph Erpelding, 23, Silverton route two, and Velma Hopfer, 21, Mt. Angel, who were sitting in a sedan parked near the Silverton theatre at 8:25, and demanded at gun point that he be brought to Salem, City Patrolman Claude Litchfield declared.

day. Largest beneficiarles of the "You're going for a ride," he curtly advised as he pointed a utilities' tax bill, aside from the .45 calibre army revolver at the county itself, will be the city of pair, Erpelding told Salem po-Salem, which will receive \$35,-638.41, and the Salem school dis-Announces He'll

Take His Life Approaching Salem, Thomas announced he was "going to commit suicide." When the couple parked the car on State street near the courthouse at his direction, the youth gulped down four red capsules and water from rwo bottles he pulled from his pocket, and left them, heading across the courthouse lawn, Erpelding said.

While Erpelding and Miss tal \$67,735.84; Salem, \$5172.75; Hopfer were driving hurriedly to city police headquarters, Thomas Pacific Telephone & Telegraph rompany, total \$43,708.81; Saentered the sheriff's office on the second floor of the courthouse and poked his revolver lem, \$12,807.44; Salem schools, across the counter at Deputy

"I'm going to die in about 10 minutes and you might as well go with me," he told Parker.

The officer stalled. "Just a minute, wait a minute and then you can shoot," Parker said he told the youth. "What pointing toward Night Deputy H. H. Daniels seated at a desk.

In Clatsop Asked Stall Diverts Boy's Attention The stall diverted Thomas' attention while Parker backed away, drew his own revolver and Paul Kearney and District Attordemanded his assailant lower the ney Garnett L. Green fell into line big army weapon, Parker said. But Thomas, refusing to drop the by ordering removal before midgun to the floor, backed out of

the office and fled down the hall,

He had left the courthouse by the

A partly indecipherable letter

excuse to commit suicide," Police

Sergeant J. L. Cutler announced.

The note, part of which apparent-

ly had been written after he left

the courthouse, also contained

confessions of having some years

ago set fire to a barn, stolen mon-

ey from the Silverton ball park and put poison in milk at a Sil-verton house, Cutler was inclined

to question some of the materia

in the note.
State police were notified of the

Also in Thomas' pockets were

The attending physician was un-

43 spare revolver cartridges.

from Clatsop county. east door by the time the two dep-The devices were outlawed by uties reached the corridor. state vote in November. A few minutes later rarace and City Patrolmen Litchfield, The city of Astoria, which asked restraining order several months ago to prevent confiscation of city

Harold Deacon, Herman Doney and W. M. Overgaard tound censed devices "for amusement Thomas sitting, violently ill, on the city hall steps. He made no only," announced it would co-operate in law enforcement and move to resist as they removed would issue no new licenses. his still cocked weapon from his First aid officers and a physi-

Buchanan Granted cian called by police removed. Thomas to the Deaconess hospital at 9:30 where he was given oxygen and artificial respiration in New Appointment

an unsuccessful attempt to save Governor Charles H. Martin Thursday reappointed Roy Buhis life. chanan, Pendleton, a member of found scrawled on a piece of note the state industrial accident compaper in Thomas' pocket indica-ted he had been despondent for mission for the four-year term ending January 2, 1943. some time and "looking for an

Buchanan originally was appointed a member of the accident commission December 1, 1937, to succeed Albert Hunter, who resigned because of ill health. He previously served as district auditor for the commission with headquarters at Pendleton.

Teachers to Ask 40 Percent Increase for State Minimum

PORTLAND, Dec. 29-(A)-The versial county unit plan, which at give Oregon teachers drawing minimum pay a 40 per cent raise, State Superintendent of Education Rex Putnam disclosed before delegates to the state teachers' association convention today.

The minimum now is \$600. oill increasing the base pay to \$1000 a year will be introduced. "It's high time we start going to town on this thing," Putnam said, pointing out that Washington's minimum was \$1200 and California's \$1350.

Putnam also advocated ade-quate teachers' retirement legisation, a reorganization bill to facilitate consolidation of school districts and equalization of school tax revenues by pooling school funds within separate counties

able to identify the poison taken by the youth, First Ald Captain Percy L. Clark of the fire departthe state school system. He called the proposed teachment reported at midnight. Thomers' retirement bill an ideal one as' actions may have been caused and said "We know the answers. by a brain injury, indicated by a and we're prepared to present depression, as from a blow suf-fered long ago, noted in the back

them in a way the legislature will understand." J. E. Edwards, assistant super ntendent of Portland schools, ad-

dressing the social science teachers, declared that "formulas of the past won't solve America's problems of the future" and charged the schools were spending "too much time teaching the history of our country and not enough time teaching what we believe to be a sound economic and social theory . . . the future is not to be decided to any extent

This Year Than Before PORTLAND, Dec. 29-(AP)-

Portland Holiday Safer

of his skull, Clark said.

Thomas was the son of A.

Thomas, 910 Oak street, on Sil-

verton route two. The father, with

whom Sergeant Cutler talked by

telephone before the boy died, ex-pressed a belief the red capsules were "cold medicine."

on our past."

Dr. David Snedden, professor emeritus of teachers' college, and re-allocating them on the basis of classroom units.

These proposals already have association endorsement.

Putnam emphasized that neither the equalization nor reorganization bills involve the contro-