

Power Firm Merger Gets Final Approval

OLYMPIA, Dec. 24—(P)—Merger of the Northwestern Electric company and Pacific Power and Light company has received the approval of the federal power commission, Oregon public utilities commissioner and Washington director of public utilities.

Announcing this today, Washington Director Andrew J. Zimmerman said that when company savings resulted from the merger he would expect a proper portion of them to be passed on to the public in reduced rates.

Northwestern Electric serves Clark and Skamania counties in Washington, and the Washington counties served by Pacific include Benton, Columbia, Franklin, Garfield, Kittitas, Klickitat, Walla Walla and Yakima.

Both firms have been under control of the American Power and Light Co., nation-wide holding company, since 1925.

Portland, Dec. 24 — The city council today revoked a motion that prevented Japanese aliens from holding business licenses in Portland.

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Now! Your Merry XMAS PROGRAM



Two Hits!
Cowboy BLUES
Ken CURTIS
Jeff DONNELL
Guy KIBBE
Guinn WILLIAMS
AND
A Shock Story of a Double-Cross!
William GARGAN, Janis Carter, Jeff DONNELL
—IN—
"Night Editor"

'Merry Christmas' Cuts Routine Police Calls

'Merry Christmas' interrupted routine police calls to quell fights, watch for prowlers and thieves and everything that goes with keeping a city well-ordered, when yuletide greetings from Police Chief Frank A. Minto and the Salem department were sent to "all police departments" on police radio frequencies, at midnight, Christmas eve, by Ray Morris, Salem police radiomar.

Joe Curran Resigns CMU

NEW YORK, Dec. 24—(P)—Joseph Curran resigned today as co-chairman of the CIO's committee for maritime unity and urged joint organization of all CIO, AFL and independent maritime unions for protection against "vicious anti-labor maritime" legislation he said was threatened.

Curran, president of the CIO national maritime union, said the direct cause of his resignation was an "intolerable situation" in which he charged that four small craft unions on the Pacific coast together with the International Longshoremen's and Warehousemen's union, headed by Harry Bridges, were using CMU as a "stooge."

In a statement explaining his resignation, Curran said all maritime unions also must "organize jointly against the activities of the coast guard, now becoming vicious against the seamen."

Ships Reach Antarctic Ice

ABOARD THE U.S.S. MT OLYMPUS, Dec. 24—(AP)—Three western-group ships of this polar expedition reached the edge of the icepack north of Victoria land Monday, and a scouting helicopter found that the pack appeared solid, with no leads or openings in toward the continent.

Rear Adm. Richard H. Cruzon gave this report this afternoon as the western group reached a position to begin operations, skirting part way around the continent and sending out long range PBM planes to photograph and map unknown areas. Victoria land is south of New Zealand and borders the western edge of the Ross sea on the opposite side from the Little America area.

HOLLYWOOD

—Continuous from 2 P. M.—
Ray Milland
Olivia DeHavilland
"The Well-Groomed Bride"
—
Joel McCrea - Maureen O'Hara
"Buffalo Bill" - Technicolor

Christmas in Bethlehem



BETHLEHEM, Dec. 25—Accompanied by government leaders, Roman Catholic Patriarch Louis Barlassina (wearing white ermine cape, right center, background), head of the Latin clergy in Palestine for 28 years, leads the traditional procession from Manger square to the Church of the Nativity in Bethlehem. (Story on page 1.) This picture, taken by Associated Press Photographer J. Walter Green, was transmitted directly from Jerusalem to New York by radio, with automatic relay in London by radio signals, then by wirephoto to San Francisco and air express to The Statesman.

Over Oregon

By the Associated Press

Portland, Dec. 24 — The Bonneville administration said today that approval had been received for immediate construction of a substation west of Corvallis to provide additional power delivery to the Benton-Lincoln Electric cooperative and tie into the Albany-Toledo 115,000-volt line.

Klamath Falls, Dec. 24—Dwight Tolliver, 13, Merrill, and several companions celebrated the Christmas holiday by going on a hike yesterday on Stukel mountain. His playmates found him at the base of a high rock, his skull crushed by a fall.

Too Late to Classify
LOST: PURSE with money & identification & key, front of Capitol Bldg. Phone 4524. REWARD

Yuletide Mail Sets Record, Holiday Today

During the period from Monday, December 9 to and including Tuesday, December 24, 1,126,700 cancellations were made in the Salem postoffice exclusive of postal meters in various local business and state offices, Postmaster Albert Gragg said.

This is 184,100 more than in 1945 when the total for the same period of time was 952,600 cancellations. Handling of the holiday mail was, exceptionally well done owing to the experienced staff of 126 which was augmented by 80 extra workers, Gragg said. All members of the staff who have been on military leave during the last three holiday seasons are now back.

All mail and parcel post was cleared out of the office and delivered last night.

Animal Crackers



By WARREN GOODRICH
"Okay, so she's only your step-mother. I still don't like her!"

All Oregon Banks In Insurance Plan

All Oregon banks now carry depositors' insurance with the federal government, A. A. Rogers, state superintendent of banks, announced Tuesday. This in contrast to some other states, he said. This insurance covers a depositor up to \$5000.

Under high pressure, ice can be made at temperatures so hot that it will burn a man's hands.

Lawn Sprinkling System by C. S. Whitcomb and Co. Free Estimates. Ask about our Special Winter Rates. We also have materials. Phone 21619

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Our wishes for the most glorious Christmas ever and for a New Year filled with health, happiness and prosperity are unlimited.
Thos. Kay Woolen Mill Co.
260 So. 12th St.

Within this High-Walled World... the Secret Paracelsus sought
our Prescription Department. Here, fresh, potent drugs in endless variety—the latest specialty and the oldest—await the special needs of our community; the prescription of your trusted Physician.
Consult your Physician
To get well—and to keep well—is a common obligation. Consult your Physician. Heed his experienced counsel. And, we hope you will bring his prescriptions here for careful compounding by our skilled pharmacists.
WILLETTS
Capital Drug Store
Corner State and Liberty - Phone 3118

ANOTHER BIG HOLIDAY

SHOW STARTS THURSDAY
She told the lie that many women have told...
SHE PAID A PRICE NO WOMAN SHOULD HAVE TO PAY!
BETTE DAVIS
PAUL HENREID
CLAUDE RAINS
DECEPTION
IRVING RAPPER HENRY BLANKE
CO-FEATURE Your Favorites Are Back! "Blondie Knows Best"
WARNERS
EL SINORE
PHONE 5722 SHOWPLACE OF WILLAMETTE VALLEY

Continuous Today From 1 P. M.

YOUR FINEST XMAS SHOW!
Ends Today!
Warner's Thrill-Action Hit!
JOHN GARFIELD — GERALDINE FITZGERALD
"NOBODY LIVES FOREVER"
ALSO "FILGRIM LADY"

Saturday and Sunday, Dec. 28 and 29
PRO BASKETBALL SPECTACULAR! SENSATIONAL!
SALEM TRAILBLAZERS vs. GAIL BISHOP'S BELLINGHAM FIRCRESTS
Preliminary at 7:45 P. M.
Elstrom's vs. Valley Motor
All Seats 83c plus tax
Students 42c plus tax

GRAND

—Mat. Daily From 1 P. M.—
NOW SHOWING!
ROARING FUN!
with HEX APPEAL!
LEO GORCEY
and the BOWERY BOYS
ATOMIC THRILL CO-HIT!

FLIGHT NOWHERE
ALAN CURTIS
GUY TO AMERICA
BONNIE LEE GREENGLASS
JACK HOLT

STATE

—CONT. FROM 1 P. M.—
NOW! MORE FUN!
Dennis Morgan
Jack Carson
"TWO GUYS FROM MILWAUKEE"
—
Osa Massen
"Gentleman Misbehaves"

LIBERTY

—Continuous from 1 P. M.—
NOW! THRILLS!
Johnny Weismuller
"TARZAN AND THE LEOPARD WOMAN"
—
Johnny Mack Brown
"UNDER ARIZONA SKIES"
GREET 1947 AT THE GRAND! FREE HATS! HORNS! FUN FOR ALL!

Silent Night, Holy Night, All is Calm - All is Bright -
Joyous Christmas to All
May Christmas joy prevail in your home this glad Christmas day, when all your loved ones will be gathered together with happiness and contentment.
HAMILTON FURNITURE CO.
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