It's a high climb to put lights on the courthouse tree for Christmas. Atop the Salem fire department's mobile ladder is Les Geer of the Walten-Brewn Co., hauling up a string of multi-colored lights to decorate the tree again this year. Formal lighting will be Friday night at 7:30 o'clock. (Photo by Don Dill, Statesman staff photog-

It is highly gratifying to all who Walter J. Pearson, the new state treasurer, will continue as chief deputy Fred Paulus, who has served in that capacity since 1927. While it is not correct to say that a man is "indispensable," Paulus comes as near as anyone in state government to that designation. Pearson will find he has a most competent subordinate, as his father did before him, and the people will know that the business affairs of the department will con-tinue to be well administered. Pendleto

to the state as secretary of the lars of state funds. Under his zero at Klamath Falls Wednesday. identification. watchful guidance the state has tive policies required of state in- on all mountain passes.

In addition, Paulus has aided ities and school districts in their Woman in Liquor financial problems. During the depression a number of cities got into financial trouble. Paulus advised them, helped them to refinance and now every city in Oregon but one has its financial house an's name popped up today in the

For years justices of the peace were delinquent in remitting fines. While it was not primarily the duty of the treasurer's office (Continued on editorial page)

Theft Attempted at **Marion Postoffice**

MARION, Dec. 15 — An at-tempt to break into the safe in the Marion postoffice Tuesday night failed apparently because Prosperity Ahead of insufficient supply of acetylene gas. The empty cylinder which had been taken from the nearby Secretary of the Treasury Snyder Huber garage was found Wed- said today he foresees no businesday morning when investiga- ness recession, but instead attion of the attempted robbery tractive opportunities for further

was started. Entrance to the building was made by forcing the lock on the American Municipal association front door. Mrs. Lee Smith is here that beyond doubt the Unitpostmaster and she and her hus- ed States has "the essential foun-

19 RAIL CARS TOPPLE

day in a freight train derailment growth and shift of population." that tore up 1,000 feet of track and upset 19 cars of the 65-car Bombsight Secret

Animal Crackers



"I tell ya, he's been getting too much starch in his diet."

Dec. 15-(AP)-Lansa airlines said tonight one of its passenger planes Floods Over, crashed this morning about 25 miles west of Bogota and all 30 persons aboard were killed. Shivers Next fireworks apparently taken aboard

Valley residents shook off the last flood dangers Wednesday and prepared for another day of freezing temperatures, and the possibil- plosion and was burned together ity of snow. The McNary field with the fuselage," a Lansa stateare concerned about the conduct weather bureau forecast showers of the state's financial affairs that of rain and snow for Salem Thurswith lower thermometer

> Snow flurries in the mountains crew of four and 26 passengers. caked all highway passes with ice, and state police reported late engineers connected with the Sheil Wednesday that several stretches of highway in the lower valleys were icy. Sanding operations were Buchan and E. Howey. attempting to clear danger spots as the temperature went down cluding eight women and one in-

Pendleton was still digging out a fog-shrouded hill and burst into George today. from its thickest snow fall since flames. Fragments of the plane 1919. At Chemult the mercury were scattered over a wide area bond commission, which handles plummeted to 15 below zero, four and bodies of the victims were the investment of millions of dol- below at Burns, two at Baker and mangled, many beyond immediate

All major highways throughout avoided losses in its investments the state were open for traffic, and has realized as large returns but the state highway commisas possible under the conserva- sion reported chains are needed

Store Theft Case

PORTAND, Dec. 15-(AP)-A womsearch for Russell Eugene Hut- had run out of gas, and decided to chins, 42-year-old liquor store employe sought on a charge of taking than risk possible freezing in the \$7.117 in liquor store funds.

An anonymous telephone caller gave the name of a woman he said 'was in love with" the missing as- had huddled together for warmth presided over by the Archbishop has been given to the Generalissistant liquor store manager.

Police said the woman - a 35- harm. year-old salesgirl—has been missing since Saturday night, too.

Synder Sees More

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15 -(AP) today. prosperity in the years ahead. He told the final session of the band formerly operated a grocery dation for an incomparable era of

national prosperity." His predictions were based upon a big unsatisfied backlog of de-KLAMATH FALLS, Dec. 15-(AP) mand for goods, machinery and M. J. O'Donnell, Great Northern public works; new products comtrain conductor, was injured to- ing on the market, and continuing

Said Stolen in '38

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15-(AP)-House investigators said today they are digging into a story that a man now working for the army stole secrets of the famous Norden bomb sight for the Russians

They said details of the instrument are reported to have leaked out of the army proving ground for new weapons at Aberdeen, Md., and that the suspect, a civil-ian, still is on the payroll there.

Weather

	Max.	Min.	Preci
Salem	41	33	trac
Portland	- 47	36	.05
San Francisco	48	34	trac
Chicago	46	37	.53
New York	35	30	.40
Willamette rive	r 18.5	feet.	
FORECAST (fro	eld. S	Salem):	Most

or snow becoming partly cloudy

SALEM PRECIPITATION (Sept. 1 to Dec. 16)

Last Year

and cooler tonight. High today near 38, Low tonight near 28.

Yule Garb on Courthouse Tree Alger Hiss Indicted on Perjury Counts

The Oregon Statesman

Chiang Urged

To Quit; Wife's

Mission Futile

PEIPING, Thursday, Dec. 16-(AP)

Chinese communists drove within

artillery range of isolated Peiping

They made no attempt to shell

Altogether, there were some

strange developments amid the

rumble of guns outside Peiping-

and talk of negotiations with the

The Reds seized several points

Peiping is full of troops, most of

them in a holiday mood, enjoying

the sights and sounds and the mild

Peiping is more concerned with

The Reds are not expected to

What happens next - whether

the communists try to occupy the

If there is a political stalemate.

the communists can afford to do

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15 - (AP)

U. S. backing for her husband's

regime in China, Undersecretary of

The United States, he said at a

news conference, is sticking to the

simo Chiang's nationalist regime.

BROWN OUT PLANNED

State Lovett indicated today.

mounting prices of food than with

weather for this time of year-

the presence of communists.

in the northwestern suburbs out-

side the city walls.

shell Peining

political factors

the suggestion.

LONDON, Dec. 15 -(AP)- The here what they did at Mukden-

Buckingham palace baby was bap- encircle the city and wait for it to

Charlie" by the London press, dent Chiang Kai-Shek's closest fri-

Princess Elizabeth's first born ends asked him today to quit and

"behaved beautifully" through- let others try to negotiate peace

Bonnie Prince

an announcement. He didn't cry. learned reliably.

His name was enrolled in the tat- falling to the Reds.

30 Die in Colombia Plane Crash

Sea Lion Travels

Oregon Highway

COOS BAY, Ore., Dec. 15-(AP)

Oregon takes the brunt of many

gags about its heavy winter

rainfall, but a new yarn is in

the making here-sea lions on

hour today at nearby North

Lakeside junction where one of

the animals floundered on

Highway 101 pavement, bark-

ing and lunging at all who ap-

its way from the ocean along

to try to get the young animal

Prince Charles

Book, Baptized

"He just gurgled," said a specta-

tered red registration book of

Westminster borough. And a na-

tional savings certificate for 10

shillings (\$2) was bought in his

The ration book entitles him to

extra milk, concentrated orange

juice and cod liver oil, the same

Then came the glittering half

King George was in good spir-

its and showed no signs of the leg

missioner of the French Atomic The little prince, a bit drowsy panies that electric signs be turn-

about 50 persons.

one of the nearby streams.

back to its native habitat.

The sea lion apparently made

State police were dispatched

Traffic was snarled for an

In Winter Rain

the highways.

proached.

witnesses as saying the plane hit tised Charles Philip Arthur wither and die.

Already dubbed

The dead included two British Given Ration

"It was not comfortable," said as any other baby of the realm.

she or her nine girl friends, who hour ceremony in the music room

throughout the night, suffered any of Canterbury in the presence of

PARIS, Dec. 15-(AP)-Frederick affliction which keeps him in bed

Joliot-Curie, communist high com- much of the time.

18 PAGES

Fireworks on

Plane Cited as

Possible Cause

BARRANQUILLA, Colombia

Lansa officials said packages of

the plane without knowledge of

the airline were found near the

wreckage and may have caused

mand during the Christmas sea-

son in Colombia, but are banned

"The right wing of the plane ap-

The plane, a DC-3 was en route

The two-engine plane carried a

Petroleum company in Bogota.

Their names were given as A. C.

All the other passengers, in-

fant, were apparently Colombians.

Spend Night in Cold

PRINEVILLE, Ore., Dec. 15-(AP)

The entire city of Prineville turn-

ed out today to hunt for 10 girls,

missing overnight in near - zero

stalled in a car on a lonely road.

wait out the night in the car rather

Enola Hohnstein, 17. But neither

A-PILE WORKING IN FRANCE

10-mile walk to town.

weather, and finally found them

Newspaper accounts quoted eye-

from Bogota to Barranquilla.

pears to have come off by an ex-

from transport in planes.

For Mid-Valley wreckage and may have caused the crash. Fireworks are in demand during the Christmas sea-

ment said.

The Oregon Statesman, Salem, Oregon, Thursday, December 16, 1948

January

NEW YORK, Dec. 15-(P)-2 Policemen Cleared of Politics Charge A spy-hunting grand jury tonight indicted Alger Hiss, former state department official, on two counts of Perficial, on two counts of per-

It accused Hiss, now on leave of absence from his \$20,000-a-year post as head of the Carnegie endowment for international peace, of lying when he denied he gave secret state department papers to Whittaker Cham-

Trial to

bers, confessed soviet courier. The charges originally had been leveled against Hiss by Chambers, a former senior editor for Time magazine, at hearings of the house committee on un-American se-

Hiss repeatedly denied the char-

U. S. Attorney John F. X. Mc-Gohey said he expected Hise to give himself up to authorities. Hiss probably will be arraigned tomorrow or Friday, McGohey

Hiss Denies Charges Hiss later issued a statement

through his attorney saying: "My testimony before the grand jury was entirely truthful." In Washington Rep. Mundt (R-SD), Rep. Nixon (R-Calif) and Rep. Rankin (D-Miss) said the indictment was a vindication of the un-American activities committee, of which they are leading mem-

Nixon said it vindicated "the many long months of work done by our committee despite criticism from all sources from the presi-Clark "Not Surprised"

Attorney General Tom Clark said in New York he was "not sur-prised" by the indictment. He said he thought Hiss would be brought to trial some time in January. Reporters asked whether Clark thought the indictment would affect President Truman's "red-

committee probe. Clark replied: "I don't think it will alter it." His is liable to a \$2,000 fine and five years imprisonment on each of the indictment if con-

herring" condemnation of

Specifically the indictments said Hiss "unlawfully, knowingly, and

1. He denied that either he or his wife, Priscilla, gave any docu-ments of the state department or any other government agency

to Chambers during February and A new grand jury, which is to

the probe. Hiss and Chambers had peared daily before the grand jury since it began its espionage probe December 6.

hambers at city hall.

Mayor R. L. Elfstrom and City bers had produced five rolls of microfilms from a hollowed-out pumpkin which purportedly bore approximately 200 pictures of

Both Kiggins and Weaver denied included in the first "aim." as fol- fomenting dissension and disunity ved and abstracted from the pos-

Santiam highway; (4) connecting the election and Kiggins testified way at a point two miles north of candidate for commissioner of pub-Attorney Burris had minutes of

and now chairman of aims and a previous civil commission meetobjectives were endorsements for ing read, which showed that the a Wilsonville bridge to permit a police chief's report for October cutoff route to Portland and for had indicate "no violations of civil

November 11 conference with City Other aims and objectives, Manager J. L. Franzen he had been adopted as reported by the com- told to "arrive at that decision," mittee, include continued support and Minto replied, "I was not." for airport development, farm la- Minto had testified he decided to argested and placed in the Umabor camp, long range planning discharge the two officers a day tilla county jail. commission's program, the Oregon or two before the November 12 fir-

raise their chamber qualifications this matter, but 1 can offer witnesses to show what really causes President Roy Harland was au- dissension in the police departthorized by the board to name a ment." The commission declined returned home. The friends-Tom committee to make a study of poss- his offer, as irrrelevant to the

tions for the position already have (which affects only firemen and been received from C. A. Kells policemen) were raised by Attorney Burris who produced testimony: that the captain's rank established almost a year ago is not filled by civil service examination; that copies of civil ser- Costa Rican charges that troops vice rules are not distributed to coming from Nicaragua have innew officers on the police force; vaded her territory. that Harvey Tautfest, hired less than a year ago on temporary (non-civil service) basis, has been promoted to juvenile officer with \$30 more in pay and had been given work hours considered better than those worked by some

Police Chief Minto testified he

Minto said he had no personal

Peiping in Range of Reds' Guns Board Orders Men Reinstated with Pay

By Robert E. Gangware City Editor, The Statesman

Hobart Kiggins and Leland Weaver Wednesday were reinstated as Salem city police officers after a 21/2-hour hearing of their discharge appeal before the city civil service commission. They were awarded retroactive pay from November 12, the date

they were discharged from the force by Police Chief Frank A.



Shown as they solemnly listened to witness in civil service hearing count city immediately-may depend on which restored their police status are Hobart Kiggins (left) and victed. Leland Weaver. (Other photos, page 16.)

Minto on charges of political activity in favor of a city commission form of government as proposed on a city initiative measure which was defeated at the November 2 election.

After hearing testimony from 13 sworn witnesses the threeman commission overruled the discharge in a unanimous decision Chambers. reached about 20 seconds after a huddled conference and anout his official christening, said with China's communists, it was nounced immediately by Chairman William J. Entress. The other March, 1938.

commissioners are Lyle J. Page and Richard G. Severin. Bulk of the questioning was carried on by Paul Burris, attorney

New Bridge The suggestion that China's vetteran leader step down-at least Before the ceremony the child temporarily - came as separate who some day may be king of peace talks were reported in north At Salem Tops England received a ration book. China, where Peiping is in peril of Chiang was said to be studying **Chamber Aims** The Prineville high school girls name to give him a good start in Madame Chiang Kai-Shek has fail-

Salem Chamber of Commerce called to the witness stand and gave top priority to a highway were not present at the hearing. improvement program including a and objectives for 1949.

policy laid down by congress last session, under which limited aid lows: (1) New bridge; (2) ade- within the police department. quate highway through Salem; PORTLAND, Dec. 15 -(AP)- The city council voted today to support a request of power com-Energy committee, told Premier after meeting the archbishop, ed off from 4:30 to 6:30 each Henri Queuille the nation's first slept through part of the picture afternoon to conserve power. City

Added to the list submitted by Minutes of Meeting Read James Walton, retiring president South River road improvement to service." the site of the new Independence Burris asked Chief Minto if in a

mounted posse and governor's ing date. guard; increased tourist promo-tion and urging of members to "I have no further witnesses on attorney said the couple began ar-

fble successor to Glenn W. Prath- case at hand. er, assistant manager who resigned this month. Harland said applica- the city's civil service system and Gene Malecki.

QUICKIES



"Don't take time to dress-you

for Kiggins and Weaver, and by Chris Kowitz, the city attorney. Nearly 100 citizens attended the public hearing in the city council chambers at city hall. Manager J. L. Franzen, whose names were interjected into several witnesses' testimony, were not

new Willamette river bridge here in their sworn testimony that they when it adopted a list of 10 aims had "injured the public service," as charged-by improper conduct, Four phases of highway devel- campaigning for abolition of the opment, in order of priority, were present form of city government or Both officers admitted, however,

(3) improved highway to Mill that they had given personal opin-City to connect with new North ions on campaign issues prior to link from Salem to the coast high- he had stated he would become a lic safety if the commission government was adopted.

Questions as to operations of

veteran policemen. Based on Reports

had fired the two officers on the basis of reports to him by Assistant Police Chief Carl Charlton, given when Minto returned to his post in early November after almost a month of illness and hospitalization.

(Additional details on page 2)

willfully" lied when:

2. He testified he did not talk be sworn in tomorrow, will finish

Produced Microfilm

classified documents, three of handwriting. The jury said that Hiss furnished Chambers "copies of numerous secret confidential and restricted

documents, writings, notes and other papers, the originals of which had theretofore been remosession of the department of state in violation of title 18, United States code, section 1621." On the second count, the indictment charged Hiss' testimony was "untrue in that the defendant did

Husband Slain; **Bride Jailed**

see and converse with the said

Mr. Chambers in or about the

months of February and March, 1938, in violation of title 18, U.S. code, section 1621."

HEPPNER, Ore., Dec. 15 -(A)-Arthur Lee Hughes was shot to death in his living room today, and his bride of nine months was

District Attorney P. W. Mahoney said Mrs. Hughes-who had guing about some checks.

in another room of the Hughes COSTA RICAN PROBE DUE WASHINGTON, Dec. 15 - (P) A five - man commission was named today to make an imme-

Loyd and John Hoffnagle-were

diate on-the-spot investigation of



atomic energy pile began working taking which followed the cere- ordinances now require such signs to be lighted at dusk. Hat Trick Enlivens Cardinals' Party



NEW YORK, Dec. 15-As Francis Cardinal Spellman presents Christmas packages to youngsters from know howe quickly these States- knowledge of political activity by the New York Foundling Home during the prelate's annual Christmas party here, one youngster tries man Want Ad bargains are snatch- either Kiggins or Weaver. on the Cardinal's biretta. (AP Wirephote to The Statesman.)