



Salem's light dusting of snow Tuesday night resulted in the wintry Raciliff drive between South Commercial and South 12th streets for the first full day of winter. (Statesman photo).

Mercury Hits Mid-20s; White Yule Hopes Wane

Temperatures tumbled again in Salem early Thursday morning with readings of 25 degrees recorded at the airport. Forecasters said a low of near 22 could be expected.



By Charles A. Sprague

In Multnomah county a comparatively unknown young man who gave out false biographical details about himself was elected county sheriff over a veteran incumbent, Martin Pratt. The fact that the victor was little known worked to his advantage.

With the facts coming out now there is quite a to-do in Portland over the prospect of having a sheriff who obtained offices, as it were, under false pretenses. There is no way he can be prevented from taking the office, except the little matter of a big bond—\$100,000 under the present requirement.

Oregon doesn't have the habit of electing unknowns and never do-wells to public office (except sometimes to the legislature). So it comes as something of a shock to learn that the largest county has chosen a man for sheriff with thin qualifications and a record of misrepresentation.

Our democratic system is not without fault, and that goes for the direct primary. But people are afraid to change it for fear they might get something worse. The caucus-convention system which preceded the primary was good in theory, but led to machine politics and boss rule.

Animal Crackers

By WARREN GOODRICH



"It's a ton of hay for Minnie's Christmas present—but I'm darned if I can figure out how to wrap it!"

Marshall Aid Halted to Dutch East Indies

WASHINGTON, Dec. 22—(AP)—The United States cut off Marshall plan aid to The Netherlands East Indies today in a move which indicated sharp disapproval of the Dutch military drive against the new Indonesian republic.

Officially, the explanation given by the economic cooperation administration was this: pending "clarification" of the situation in Indonesia, it is impossible to determine whether the aid to the Dutch island empire will spur economic recovery.

But there was little doubt that the action stemmed from disapproval of the Dutch attack on the new Indonesian republic. An estimated \$14,000,000 of the \$68,000,000 in ECA funds authorized by congress for the Dutch Indies is affected by the shutdown.

PARIS, Dec. 22—(AP)—The United States demanded today that the Dutch give up the gains of their new Indonesian offensive. U.S. Delegate Philip C. Jessup asked the United Nations security council to order a cease fire and a withdrawal of troops to the lines they held before the attack, which has swept the Dutch deeply into republican areas.

BATAVIA, Java, Dec. 22—(AP)—The Dutch army raced tonight to overrun the few large remaining republican centers before the United Nations security council could take any decisive action. Communiques indicated The Netherlands forces were nearing Kediri and Madoen in central Java. Once these are in Dutch hands any semblance of central control by Indonesian republicans seemingly would be ended.

Truman Home For Christmas

INDEPENDENCE, Mo. Dec. 22—(AP)—President Truman came home today to spend Christmas.

He alighted from the "Independence," his White House plane, at the Fairfax airport, near Kansas City to be greeted with a kiss from Mrs. Truman. She had preceded him here.

Mr. Truman will speak from his home here by radio in connection with the Christmas eve tree lighting ceremonies on the south lawn at the White House. He will give the signal for the lighting of the tree.

Willamette Ferries To Resume Trips

The Willamette river ferry at Wheatland will resume operations this morning and the ferry at Buena Vista will resume later this week, Maricopa County Commissioner Roy Rice said Wednesday.

Both ferries have been down for the past week for repairs. Approaches on both sides of the river at Wheatland have been cleared of the gravel washed up by recent floods, Rice said.

Tojo, 6 Others Die on Gallows

Judge Steps Out of Annex Case

Smith Rebels, Asks Change of Name

At least one man named Smith had decided to do something about it. Percy Richard Smith, 1144 Center, petitioned Marion county circuit court Wednesday to change his name to Tom (not Thomas) Percy.

Reason given for the switch: "The name Smith is such a common name and has caused considerable confusion." The Marion county directory lists approximately 370 Smiths.

Oregon Pulp President Dies In California

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 22—(AP)—Fred Leadbetter, 78, Oregon Pulp and Paper executive and a member of the board of the Oregonian Publishing company, died here today.

Ill for two months, he succumbed at California Lutheran hospital while here with his wife to attend ceremonies for burning of the mortgage on the Billmore hotel.

The body is to be sent to Santa Barbara, where the Leadbetters had lived in recent years. He was president of the Columbia River Paper company, Oregon Pulp & Paper company, California - Oregon Paper Mills, Columbia River Paper Mills and Leadbetter Lumber and Paper company.

One of the organizers of the paper manufacturing plant at Camas, Wash., now a part of Crown - Willamette Paper company, he maintained a home for years in Camas. Before entering the pulp business in 1895, he was engaged in irrigation work at Yakima from 1891 to 1893. He was on the staff of the Oregonian from 1894 to 1896. In 1894 he married Caroline T. Pittock, daughter of one of the Oregonian's founders.

'Fine-Tooth Comb' Inquiry Launched Into Duggan Death

NEW YORK, Dec. 22—(AP)—New York police today began a "fine-tooth comb" investigation of the 16-story death plunge of Laurence Duggan, one-time state department expert.

It was launched on orders of Mayor William O'Dwyer after former United States secretary of State Sumner Welles had wired the mayor he was confident Duggan had not taken his own life.

U. S. Envoys in China War Zone

SHANGHAI, Thursday, Dec. 23—(AP)—Three American embassy officials and four newsmen, marooned in communist besieged Peiping for a week, took off from an improvised airfield yesterday but got only as far as Tientsin. Engine trouble forced their plane down.

Their C-47 landed on the racecourse at Tientsin, 80 miles from Peiping and still in the narrowing corridor still held by government troops. They were awaiting engine parts to be flown from Tsingtao.

The group included Brig. Gen. Robert H. Soule, U. S. military attaché; Capt. Samuel Frankel, Naval attaché, and Lt. Col. A. M. House, air attaché.

WRECK INJURIES FATAL CORVALLIS, Dec. 22—(AP)—Injuries from an automobile accident near here yesterday proved fatal last night to C. H. Laudbeck, 71, Alsea.

Weather Max. Min. Precip. Salem 42 32 0.01 Portland 42 32 0.01 San Francisco 46 32 0.00 Chicago 27 19 0.00 New York 44 34 0.00 Willamette river 5.6 feet. Forecast (from U.S. weather bureau, McNary field, Salem): Little cloudiness this morning, becoming increasingly cloudy with light rain expected tonight. High today near 44. Low tonight near 30.

Restraining Order to Remain

The suit to prevent Salem from annexing an area across the river in Polk county will come to trial before an out-of-county judge, it was indicated Wednesday by Polk County Circuit Judge Arlie G. Walker.

Brought by John Lutz, owner of property in a section surrounded by but excluded from the annexation area, the injunction suit has been entered in Judge Walker's court at Dallas. A temporary restraining order has so far prevented Salem from extending city services to the area for which annexation was approved in the November 2 elections.

Judge Walker said Wednesday the pressure of persons interested in the litigation prompted his decision to ask the supreme court to appoint another judge to hear the case.

Walker added in a letter to attorneys for the interested parties that the requested temporary injunction will be granted. However, the injunction notice had not been filed with the Polk county clerk and the supreme court had not received the judge's request by last evening.

A temporary injunction would not alter the present status of the questioned annexation, under the temporary restraining order. Under the injunction, the city of Salem may provide fire and health services but may not extend police power to the territory in question—a 368-acre crescent-shaped area surrounding West Salem and facing Salem across the Willamette river in the vicinity of the inter-county bridge.

Judge Walker's letter also stated he would sustain the demurrer entered by District Attorney Miller B. Hayden of Salem and facing the removal of County Assessor Roscoe Shelton as one of the defendants to the suit.

Supreme Court Justice George Rossman said Wednesday he had not been officially informed of Judge Walker's request, but that if the former request for change of judge to consult by telephone with circuit judges who may be available to come to Polk county to hear the case. Most circuit courts are quite busy at present, he added.

Explaining his proposed action in the letter to attorneys, Judge Walker wrote: "I fail to see where any serious harm can result from maintaining conditions as they now are and have been for many years, for the comparatively short time which must elapse between now and the time the case can be determined on its merits. The authorities of Polk county have been and now are responsible for proper police protection, and I believe the court has a right to assume that the same will be afforded."

"Upon the disposition of these matters now pending I expect to request the chief justice to assign another judge to finally dispose of this case. I had no intention of disqualifying myself, but circumstances have arisen since the hearing of the motion for a temporary injunction which make it imperative for me to do so. Would Criticize Judgment"

"Many people interested in the outcome of this case have seen fit to communicate directly with me in an apparent effort to influence my ultimate decision. Courts cannot be subjected to pressure of this kind, and my decision rendered probably would be misinterpreted and criticized by one side or the other. Cases must be tried in open court with all parties afforded the opportunity of being present and knowing all that is transpiring. The action of these interested people in endeavoring to influence my decision by direct communication makes it unwise for me to proceed further with the case."

QUICKIES



"Was it your Statesman Want Ad that offered a reward for a roller-skate?"

Tojo--Warlord and Criminal



TOKYO, Dec. 22—Former Japanese Premier Hideki Tojo was hanged today (Dec. 23, Tokyo time) with six other Japanese warlords for Japan's crimes against humanity. Here Tojo is shown in two phases of his career—in prison garb (left) which, after the Japanese surrender, replaced the bemedaled uniform he wore (right) as Japan's hero and war leader at the funeral for Admiral Isoroku Yamamoto in 1943. (AP Wirephoto to The Statesman)

Elliott Sworn In; Commission Told Not to Boost Bond

PORTLAND, Dec. 22—(AP)—Marion L. (Mike) Elliott, controversial sheriff-elect of Multnomah county, took his oath of office today.

He will not take over duties, however, until January 3. Circuit Judge Walter Tooze officiated. Meanwhile the storm over Elliott raged on. Newspapers continued to print that Elliott admitted falsifying his education and war record in the campaign for office.

County commissioners pondered whether to increase the \$100,000 bond which a sheriff-elect is required to post. Elliott's democratic supporters responded that they would start a recall movement against any commissioners voting to increase the bond.

Plane Debris May Answer Fate of Trio

YREKA, Calif., Dec. 22—(AP)—An airplane pilot today reported today sighting the wreckage of a small plane near Mt. Shasta, and the CAA at Oakland asked local officers to start a ground search.

The only plane known to be missing in this general area was a small plane with three persons aboard and unreported since leaving Salem, Ore., December 4 on a flight to Sacramento. That plane carried Paul D. Starr, 22, and the CAA at Oakland asked local officers to start a ground search.

The CAA in Oakland reported that a pilot en route from San Francisco to Medford, Ore., this morning sighted the wreckage of a small plane, with one wing some distance away. He said it appeared to be a light-colored ship.

New Chinese Cabinet May Talk Peace

NANKING, Dec. 22—(AP)—A new cabinet which may talk peace with the communists entered China's darkening picture today. On the battlefronts, there was an ominous lull.

President Chiang Kai-Shek approved the list of cabinet appointments submitted by Premier Sun Fo, who had some difficulty in getting candidates in China's critical hour.

Sun came up with a list of men who said would "fight on until we can secure an honorable peace." The cabinet includes two former premiers, Chang Chun and Wong Wen-Hao, and Chang Chih-Chung, now commander of the northwest headquarters.

Both Chang Chun and Chang Chih-Chung have advocated making peace. They are ministers without portfolio. Sun Fo succeeded Wong as premier.

Sun's remark about an "honorable peace" was seen by some as hinting the government is ready to deal with the communists. However, a communist spokesman has said Chiang must go—or no peace. Chiang's approval of the cabinet suggests he doesn't intend to quit.

Yule Travel Rush Starts

PORTLAND, Dec. 22—(AP)—The Christmas travel rush was on today.

Air lines began adding extra flights to take care of homeward bound passengers. Railroads said traffic was heavier than last year and all said extra cars were added to regular trains.

The peak this week is expected Christmas day, when one air line alone will schedule 14 extra flights through Portland.

Secrecy Covers Hangings

TOKYO, Thursday, Dec. 23—(AP)—Hideki Tojo and six other military leaders died on the gallows today for leading Japan on a ruthless, unsuccessful war of conquest.

Wearing the jungle green of the American GIs who smashed his empire, Japan's former premier dropped through the trap one and one-half minutes after midnight (7 a.m. PST, Wednesday). He was pronounced dead nine minutes later.

The seven war criminals were hanged in two groups. This is how the secret hangings were reported to the press: Tojo, grim and ramrod stiff, was in the first group, of four men. The others were Gen. Kenji Doihara, the Manchurian plotter; Gen. Iwane Matsui, commander of the army that raped Nanking; and Lt. Gen. Akira Muto, one of the commanders in the Philippines.

Led to Death House They were led to the death house in foreboding Sugamo prison by an officer of the day. A prison chaplain and a Buddhist priest followed. Flanking the group were two American guards. Two prison officers brought up the rear. Thirteen steps led to the gallows. As each man took his place on the gallows platform, he turned and faced the witnesses, who were invited by General MacArthur. No newspapermen were permitted to attend.

Black hoods were placed over the heads of the four. Hopes were adjusted. Tojo and his associates were grimly silent. The chief executioner signalled the commander of the execution detail, and reported everything in readiness. Another Signal

Then the executioner turned toward the condemned men. Another signal. The four traps were sprung. Tojo, who symbolized the Japanese enemy in the minds of the allies, was the second to be pronounced dead, 10½ minutes after midnight.

The second group entered the death chamber six minutes after Matsui was pronounced dead. In that group were Gen. Seishiro Itagaki, former war minister; former premier Koki Hirota; and Gen. Heitaro Kimura, chief of the armies in Manchuria.

The three traps were released at 12:20 a.m. An 11-nation tribunal set up by the allies condemned Tojo and his six associates for atrocities and for conspiring to wage aggressive war. Only Monday the U.S. supreme court refused to intervene.

Headquarters announced that the bodies would be cremated and the ashes scattered. This is to prevent enshrining the seven. General MacArthur's public information officer said no photographs of the execution were taken. Monday the U.S. supreme court refused to intervene.

Thief Leaves Yule Greeting

OLYMPIA, Wash., Dec. 23—(AP)—An Olympia motorist laid claim today to "the most unusual Christmas card" honor.

He told police of finding a cheery Christmas envelope under the windshield wiper of his car two mornings ago. A note inside said: "I think it only fair to let you know that your car is badly in need of oil. Please do not start it up. A friend in need—Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year."

The note was more than correct. The car was completely drained of gas and oil, the elderly car owner told Det. Sgt. Harold Williamson. He declined to give his name.

Salem Below U.S. Average in Size of Police Force Per Capita

NEW YORK, Dec. 22—(Special to the Oregon Statesman)—Police department statistics, gathered from 877 cities throughout the country by the International City Managers Association for the Municipal Year Book, show that Salem employs fewer police, in proportion to its size, than do most cities.

Figures for early this year show 44 full-time police employes on the Salem payroll, or .85 for every 1,000 residents. This is less than the national average for cities larger than 10,000 population, which reported having 1.89 per 1,000 residents. The average police ratio for cities of 50,000 to 100,000 is 1.57 per 1,000.

Advertisement for '2 SHOPPING DAYS LEFT' featuring 'BUY CHRISTMAS SEALS' and a 'WELCOME' sign.