seems TO ME

It was ten years ago last August 1 that the City of Salem took over the local water system from the Oregon-Washington Water Service company. The results of this ten year term (less one month) show in the audit report for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1945, which has just been completed by the state division of audits. This shows that the water department has accumulated in the nine years, 11 months an earned surplus of \$408,374. Of this sum \$111,508 was accrued during the year 1944-45. These earnings have been made after allowing depreciation of , \$367,847; and, of course, after paying all operating expenses and interest on the bonded debt.

But not taxes. The municipallyowned system pays no taxes. To get a fair comparative picture one should make an allowance for taxes, which for the private company amounted to around \$25,000 a year, or \$250,000 for a ten-year term. This would leave about \$158,000 as net gain to the community from its purchase and operation of the water system or about 75/100 of one per cent per annum on its total investment of

The financial results would have been much better if the city had not made the investment of around \$1,000,000 in the new Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower quietpipeline to Stayton island to tap ed some, but not all, of the dea new source of supply. This has mobilization din in congress toa capacity of 16,000,000 gallons day by explaining that if dis-"dump" sales to the paper mill) "we would literally have run out only uses about ten million gal- of army," lons daily at peak. Water revenues have increased slowly, the the army chief of staff made these (Continued on Editorial Page)

Work Mapped On Bush Tract, charged or aboard ship returning home. By June 30, all men with Other Parks

Clearing of underbrush, trimming of the large oak trees which live up to what Eisenhower said were severely damaged by a sil- was the "hope" of former chief ver thaw a few years ago, and of staff George C. Marshall that the building of footpaths probably two-year men would be out by will be the first work undertaken March 20. in Bush park when the city takes "The "causes of confusion" possession of a portion of the 100- about demobilization are two: acre estate it is acquiring by combined purchase and gift.

this at their initial meeting of the army" which has reached the new year Tuesday in chamber of "proportions of near-hysteria." commerce rooms. They named Elizabeth Lord chairman to suc- maintenance of armies of occupaceed Milton L. Meyers, who re- tion, and the guarding and disposmains on the board, and George al of equipment (property valued H. Riches secretary for 1946; de- at \$7,000,000,000 is in the Eurothe Bush property improved as troops in Europe and 865,000 in shaft mine, officials said the surrapidly as funds are made avail- the Pacific. By July 1 these reable, and issued an invitation to quirements will be cut to 307,000 the city's residents to contribute in Europe and 375,000 in the Paideas for this and other park cific. These figures are "pared

Grading, seeding and planting function with no less." of Pringle park will be under- Always GI Advocate taken as soon as dirt is available. mit proper growth of big trees, sickness." Supt. Cleve W. Shields reported. The board discussed setting aside GI will I ever appear except as Day for Firemen a portion of this park for picnic his friend and his advocate, alpurposes, and installing of out- though I may be of the 'brass'." door fireplaces, tables, seats and some playground equipment.

The tract at 15th and Mill be equipped for playground purposes, it was announced.

Vatican Newspaper Says Russians Lie

VATICAN CITY, Jan. 15-(AP)-The Vatican newspaper Osservatore Romano, replying to a Moscow broadcast of Jan. 12 which allegedly quoted the soviet newspaper Prayada to the effect that the Vatican had supported fascist reactionaries, declared today that the Russian charges were "lies and mystification."

Animal Crackers By WARREN GOODRICH



"You've taken the best century of my life!"

Report on Demobilization



WASHINGTON, Jan. 15 .- Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower (center). army chief of staff, and Adm. Chester Nimitz (left), navy com mander in chief, confer with Rep. Andrew J. May (D-Ky), house military affairs committee chairman, as armed services chiefs appeared at library of congress today to explain demobilization plans. (AP Wirephoto to The Statesman)

Discharges Slowed So U. S. Won't 'Run Out Of Army'-Eisenhower ton had information pointing to both the time and place of Japan's 1941 Pearl Harbor attack

Rare Arctic Fox

Blamed for Fowl

MILWAUKIE, Jan. 15 .- (AP)-A

fox-identified as the rare Arc-

tic blue variety - which has

been raiding Hubbard area tur-

key flocks, will give ranchers

Ralph Dimmick trapped the

animal at a ranch east of Hub-

bard. Regional U. S. wildlife

biologist Stanley G. Jewett said

it probably escaped from a fox

The Arctic blue, he said, nor-

mally roams cold country from

the Aleutians north and across

Alaska and Canada to Labrador.

13 Miners Die

In Blast; Many

WELCH, W. Va., Jan, 15 .- (AP)-

the explosion force was mostly

Out of the Havaco No. 9 mine

near Welch came 254 miners in

one of the most amazing escapes

in West Virginia mining history.

Because the force of the explo-

sion went upward instead of

vivors made the most miraculous

escape from death in the history

General Manager P. P. Kerr of

Consolidated Coal company,

which operates Havaco, said he

of West Virginia coal mining.

Minor Outbreaks

Provide Active

N. Cottage st.

More Escape

underground.

no more trouble.

'Near Hysteria' Gets Blame for Confusion; **Commitments Cited**

By the Associated Press WASHINGTON, Jan. 15 -(AP)-

cally but the city (aside from charges hadn't been slowed down With a manuscript and charts,

salient points in his hour-long talk before a committee investigating recent troop demonstrations: The war department has ordered that by April 30 all enlisted men with 45 points or two and a half years service either be dis-

40 points or two years of service must be out or on the way out. (The present score is 50 points or three and a half years of service). **Expectations Thwarted**

The army found it impossible

"The nation's release from the day killed 13 men and injured 36 urgency of war started an emo- others from a total crew of 267 Park board members agreed on tional wave to get men out of the

> Foreign commitments, including down to the bone * * * we can

In light of this "there will no board members declared. High- longer be any useful purpose in land park has been graded and such demonstrations as our troops is ready for seeding when weath- conducted during the past week away. er permits. In Kay park several in various areas of the world . . . trees have been removed and the no disorders accompanied them. grove judiciously thinned to per- They were occasioned by home-

"In no question involving the

streets is being cleared and will Battery Plant On Schedule

Time for opening of the National Battery company's new West Salem plant is still indefinite, depending upon a variety of contributing factors, F. H. Pelletier, district sales manager for the company, and Lee Lewis, engineer, said in Salem on Tuesday, but work thus far has gone according to schedule. The men are expected to be stationed here in executive capacities when the plant is

completed. The problem of housing for themselves and other company representatives looms large just now, they said as they discussed operational plans in Salem chamber of commerce offices. Local labor will be employed, they in-

Violence Breaks Out In Argentine Lockout

BUENOS AIRES, Jan. 15-(AP)-The first outbreak of violence in the three-day lockout by Argentina's industry and commerce protesting the government's labor policies was reported tonight from Mercedes, where several thousand persons attacked a warehouse and a number of stores.

summer, the park board announc- trapper for Marion county. ed Tuesday,

Kimmel

Attacks 'Secrecy'

Vital Information Withheld, Naval Officer Declares

WASHINGTON, Jan. 15-(AP)-Rear Admiral Husband E. Kimmel asserted today that Washington had information pointing to but withheld it from him, the Pacific fleet commander.

Had he known what Washington knew, Kimmel told the senate-house investigating committee, he would have ambushed at Loss at Hubbard sea the Japanese task force whose planes bombed and burned eight battleships and 10 lesser craft in a surprise raid on their Hawaiian anchorage

Kimmel, silent for four years, told his side of the Pearl Harbor story in public for the first time. His testimony of previous investigations had been secret.

Told by Chairman Barkley (D-Ky) to go ahead in his own fashion, Kimmel read a 25,000-word

At its outset, he said he would describe how the Pacific fleet was deprived of a fighting chance to avert the disaster of Dec. 7. 1941, because the navy department withheld information which indicated the probability of an attack at Pearl Harbor at the time it came." He said intercepted and Butter Short decoded Japanese military messages from September 24 to Dec. 7, 1941, concerning ship movements and berthings in Hawaii. ments and berthings in Hawaii, all pointed to Pearl Harbor as the objective of an attack.

A freakish mine disaster, in which Annual Meet spent in wrecking equipment, to- Of Red Cross Set on Feb. 22

Tentative date for the annual meeting of the Marion county ed about 95,000,000 pounds of but-chapter, American Red Cross, ter into a surplus pool. It was has been announced for the eve- planned to make all of this availning of Friday, February 22.

The annual meeting is open to commercial channels. spreading out on the two levels of clared themselves anxious to see pean theater) now requires 622,000 the 400-foot deep Havaco No. 9 all members of the Red Cross, including all who contribute to the ed falling off sharply, the war chosen and reports given.

David Wright, W. L. Phillips, As a consequence 70,000,000 try. and E. J. Scellars, all of Salem, pounds were sold to civilian dis-Ronald Jones of Brooks, and Ray tributors. Much of this found its the New River and Pocahontas nominating committee as announced by Justice George Rosshad no idea what caused the blast, man, chapter chairman. which damaged above ground

buildings as far as 1,000 feet further plans were talked for the being made available to civilians. annual Red Cross fund campaign to open March 1, with Dr. E. E. son is urging an immediate sixchairman. A visitor at the meet- encourage production. ing was Mrs. Alice S. Prall, special field representative of the national Red Cross, who talked on cooperating with the Willamette As regularly as the clock chimed, city firemen responded to university unit of the Red Cross.

minor fire calls Tuesday morning.

At 8:20 a.m. they went to 520 E Installation of an undergrou Installation of an underground

st, where a chimney was blaz- sprinkler system in the north half ing. At 9:20, they were called to of Willson park will be underway a basement sawdust blaze at 375 soon, the city park board an-N. 18th st. At 10:25 another nounced following its meeting chimney fire drew them to 640 Tuesday.

A smoking furnace in the Mc- SHIP SENDS OUT SOS BOSTON, Jan. 15.-(AP)-The Gilchrist building took their attention at 12:20 p.m., and at 6:40 Liberty transport Henry Baldwin p.m. they put out the most dam- bound for New York from Antaging blaze of the day-a wall werp with 589 troops aboard toand roof fire at 494 University day sent out a distress call from st., where the loss was estimated 300 miles southeast of Cape Rice,

Elmer Lorence of Silverton **Elected by Livestock Group**

By Lillie Madsen rooms. Claude Steusloff, Salem,

Watts, Silverton. veterinarian's office inspecting so much for clearing land but the they related, and Landy and nine livestock to be shipped to out-of- ferest patrol will not allow us to others were marched out before of two wards of the school. state buyers, the lowering of pri- burn while the clearings can be ces on consumer goods rather burned." PARK FOUNTAINS OBTAINED | than increasing wages, the reseed-Six new drinking fountains have ing of logged over land to grass

bred gilt sale to be held Febru-Elmer Lorence, Silverton, was ary 9, at 1 p. m. at the state fairre-elected president of the Mar- grounds. Around 30 animals will ion County Livestock association be consigned. The Oregon Swine gallant line of Americans and Filat its annual meeting Tuesday at Breeders association will hold a pinos engulfed in a war thrust the Salem chamber of commerce meeting at 10 a. m. the same day. Dr. P. A. Loar, Silverton, openwas elected vice president; secre- ed discussion on "the unsatisfactary, Ben Newell; director, Eldon tory setup of the fire patrol tax." Willard Benson, Silverton, speak-Resolutions, presented by Lou- ing on the same subject, said that is Hennis, chairman of the com- "you have to be an outlaw to get mittee, were adopted opposing your clearings burned when they free trade, and favoring the state | will burn. The government pays

Marion county's first registered

Lorence appointed Dr. Loar, Willard Benson and Carl Wipper, been purchased and will be in as part of the reforestation pro- Turner, as a committee to investistalled in Salem city parks before gram, and a fulltime predatory gate the possibility of getting permits to burn logged over land at Plans also were completed for satisfactory times.

The Oregon Statesman

NINETY-FIFTH YEAR 10 PAGES Salem, Oregon, Wednesday Morning, January 16, 1946

He Talks

NEW YORK, Jan. 15 .- Former

Churchill answers reporters'

Churchill (standing beside him)

disembarked from the liner

Entire Output

WASHINGTON, Jan. 15.-(AP)-

nated as "surplus" after V-J day

is continuing to move into civilian

markets, agriculture department

The agriculture department toss-

But later, when production start-

pounds to assure itself supplies.

enough to prevent shortages.

The Statesman)

Nation Will Ask

UNO for Exclu-

sive Trusteeship

WASHINGTON, Jan. 15 (AP)-

President Truman served notice

on the world today that the Unit-

The president told his news

conference this country will ask

the United Nations organization

for authority to establish exclu-

sive trusteeships over these

islands, many of which were

wrested from the Japanese by

American forces at the cost of

Islands not deemed essential to

American security will be turned

over to the UNO and collective

trusteeships probably will be es-

tablished over most of them, Mr

The chief executive did not

name the islands he regards as

essential. Newsmen recalled, how-

ever, that the navy department

filed a recommended list with a

house naval subcommittee last

On it were such former Jap-

anese-owned or Japanese - con-

trolled islands as Tinian and Sai-

pan in the Marianas; Iwo Jima in

the Bonins, and Okinawa in the

Ryukus-all scenes of bitter fight-

The discussion of the Pacific

islands came when a reporter

delegations to the UNO assembly

issue of trusteeships in that part

Reaffirming a previous decision,

the state supreme court Tuesday

held unconstitutional an Oregon

law providing that employes' suits

Justice Hall S. Lusk wrote the

state legislature has no authority

to restrict rights granted by con-

Perorations to

VATICAN CITY, Jan. 15.-(AP)-

tions for the canonization of bless-

nounced today.

ing during the war.

terrific casualties.

Truman said.

sential for American security.

Ford Ups Offer; Truman Hopeful Of Steel Accord.

Walkouts

Involve

875,000

By the Associated Press

The largest single work stoppage since before the war began early today with the strike of some 268,000 CIO and AFL packinghouse workers in plants

throughout the country. The strike, directed against six major packing firms and several independents, involved some 139 plants across the nation and was expected to shut of: most of the outifry's meat supply.

With last minute negotiations ended in failure, union leaders sive control for a long time of the cailed on CIO and AFL packing-Pacific island bases it regards es- house workers to quit their Jobs in support of their demands for .

PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 15-P-Packing house workers voted unanimously here tonight to strike beginning at midnight along with the industry's workers elsewhere, AFL Butcher's union spokesmen reported. The two plants of Swift & Co., and one plant of the Armour company are affected. The union reported that about 12 independent slaughtering and packing houses would not be in-

712-cent an hour wage increase. The original demand was for a 25-cent pay raise.

At Washington, President Truman told a news conference there were no plans for seizing the mest industry. An industry source estimated that the nine big packing companies on the CIO and AFL strike list produce about 60 per cent of the nation's meat

Has Nationwide Effect The unions called strikes

against the Armour, Swift, W !told the president the various son, Cudahy, Kingan, and Morrell companies. The CIO union in London appeared split over the also ordered strikes against the Tobin, Rath, and Cudahy Brothers companies, and some independent packers it did not name. These firms, with their branches, extend from coast to coast.

Meanwhile, a Ford Motor company wage increase offer was within two cents an hour of union demands. The company said it offered the CIO United Auto Workers a 171/2 cents an hour pay boost but the union demanded 1914 cents-the same figure recommended by the president al fact-finding board in the Gene al Motors strike

President Truman, at the same conference in which he mentioned the meat strike, said he still boned for settlement of the naopinion denying a petition for retion's biggest threatened strikehearing and held to the court's the walkout of 800,000 CIO steel former opinion that the state workers scheduled for Monday. statute was unreasonable, indefi-

Mr. Truman also expressed the nate and uncertain and that the hope General Motors would reconsider its rejection of a factfinding board's recommendation for a 171/2 per cent wage boost, The original suit was filed by and added the strike would be J. P. Fullerton against his emsettled now if congress had given authority.

Added to the 200,000 CIO elertrical workers who walked out in a nationwide electrical appliance strike, the stoppage in the meat packing industry would boost the number of strike idle to 875,000. The electrical workers walkout closed the country's major sources of refrigerators, washing ma-Pope Pius XII will hear perorachines, electric ranges, radios,

brini, founder of the Sacred Heart missions in America, and three W. H. Cowles, other candidates for sanctification at a public consistory in St. Pet-**Noted Spokane** er's cathedral Feb. 21, it was an-If Mother Cabrini is canonized Publisher, Dies

and light bulbs.

SPOKANE, Wash., Jan. 15-(A) W. H. Cowles, 79, Spokane publisher whose newspapers grew to an important position in the Pacific northwest, died today. Cowles was a director of the Associated Press for 33 years.

Starting his publishing career in Spokane in 1890 with the twomonth-old Spokane Spokesman, which then was losing \$5000 a month, Cowles built a newspaper industry which now has a dom duct the investigation, the board nant circulation in the "Inland

was ordered by the state board report so that defects at the school / He published the Spokesman-Review, the Spokane Chronicle and a trio of farm papers.

His son, W. H. Cowles, jr., has been directing the Spokane newspapers for 10 years as general

Weather Min. Rain 30 .60 21 .60 28 Trace 31 Trace 38 .69 Scattle San Francisco Willamette river 5.1 (t.
FORECAST (from U.S. weather bu-reau, McNary field, Salem): Mostly cloudy today. Slightly warmer tens perature. Maximum temperature

Truman Tells World U.S. to Keep Control Of Pacific Isle Bases

Outbreak of Auto Looting Disclosed On Police Record

A marked outbreak of car lootings had Salem police doubly alerted today Heavlest "take" was a carton

said to contain \$1000 worth of ed States intends to keep excluclothing, linens and blankets, which was removed from the car of Jim Metzker, 1076 Highland ave., early Tuesday. The car was parked on the Pacific highway north of the underpass. C. H. Talmage, 60 Duncan ave

lost two robes and a pair of gloves from his car at the VFW hall on Tuesday night. A hat and raincoat were taken from the car of Dean Trumbo, route 7, box 392, early Tuesday while it was at 742 N. Cottage. Door locks on all the cars were

broken, but only one was otherwise damaged.

UNO Debates British Prime Minister Winston questions on the pier here last Atom Bomb as night shortly after he and Mrs. Queen Elizabeth, They left here for Florida. (AP Wirephoto to

LONDON, Jan. 15.-(AP)-Use of atomic weapons to keep the peace was suggested to United Nations general assembly delegates today as world statesmen pleaded for rapid establishment of a commission to control atomic energy.

Australian Navy Minister N. J. O. Makin, destined to become the first president of the all-powerful security council which will control the world police force, said in a statement there was "nothing Overtime Pay in the nature of atomic weapons which excludes them" from the Limit Again Hit

officials said today, but it is not The suggestion brought a quick The suggestion brought a quick reply from Netherlands Prime By High Court Minister Wilhelm Schermerhorn, who asserted that a peaceful world must be built upon "moral principles," not fear. able to civilians through regular

An Iranian delegate, meanwhile, told the assembly that Iran had for overtime pay under the federal Hopes for Steel Accord "refrained rather reluctantly," wages and hours law must be filed organization. New officers will be department recalled 25,000,000 from asking the assembly now to no more than six months after the consider conditions in that coun-overtime has accumulated.

Glatt of Woodburn comprise the way to civilian tables during No Childs to Oppose vember and December. Some still remains in hands of distributors to be sold this month, it was stat-At the board session this week, ed. At this time, full output is State Senatorship

Secretary of Agriculture Ander-Charles Childs, Albany, Tues-Boring as Marion county general cent a pound increase in price to here for state senator, fourth dis-

TRANSPORTS ARE DELAYED SEATTLE, Jan. 15-(AP)-Two transports which were to have the state senate and house of repdocked today in the Pacific resentatives. Only other filing up northwest were delayed by fog, to this time was Joe Wilson, Newthe port of embarkation said to- port, for the republican nominanight. They were the Maui from tion for state representative, Lin-Okinawa, docking at Tacoma, and | coln county. the Aleo Polaris from Yokohama at Portland. Both are expected district is Angus Gibson, Junction ed Mother Francesca Saverio Ca-

Gibson in May for

day filed in the state department trict, Lane and Linn counties, at company. the republican primary election Childs formerly served in both

Present senator from the fourth

ong Live America

Japanese firing squad, who cried interred with military honors. a defiant "Long live America" before a second volley finished

It was told today at the war crimes trial of Lt. Gen. Masaharu Homma because it happened when he was the conqueror and boss of the Philippines in those dark days after Corregidor fell. The hero was identified only as Sgt. Isaac Landy (home town unavailable), one of that thin and

upon the archipelago while it stood still unprepared. The narrators were the mayor American prisoners of war were study. building bridges under the prodding bayonets of Japanese guards.

a firing squad to teach the rest of the prisoners "a lesson." The volley failed to kill Landy.

Struggling to his feet, the badlywounded Yank pointed to his heart and defied the Japanese: here. Long live America!"

MANILA, Jan. 15.-(A)-This is | Successive volleys killed Landy. the story of an unsung American His and the other nine bodies she will become the first Amerisergeant, mortally wounded by a were exhumed last month and re- can citizen to be elevated to sainthood. She died in Chicago in 1917

Osborne Foundation Requested To Report on Training Schools

with particular relation to its educational program, housing conditions and correctional facilities, indicated it would ask for a speedy | Empire." of control Tuesday. The board vot- may be corrected. and police chief of Lumbang, a ed to ask the Osborne foundation village south of Manila where 140 of New York City to conduct the REORGANIZATION OF

The board's decision followed

correctional institutions.

The Osborne foundation was Snell's leadership. recommended by Richard A. Mc-

An investigation of the Oregon providing advice concerning operastate training school for boys, tion of both boys' training school and the state school for girls. If the foundation agrees to con-

PROGRAMS REQUESTED

PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 15.-(A)investigations by the Marion coun- Directors of the Oregon mental One of the prisoners got away, ty grand jury, service clubs and hygiene society have asked reorother groups of recent whippings ganization of the state training school programs, under Governor

The governor was asked to ap-Gee, superintendent of California point "a well-qualified person" to study the situation at both train-Before it conferred with Mc- ing schools. The directors an-Gee, the board met with a com- nounced the action was motivated "Come on! Come on! Hit me mittee of the 1945 legislature by recent investigations of the which was assigned the task of boys' school at Woodburn.