

### Pastor Delays Acceptance of Call to Salem

Portland, Dec. 23.—Rev. Ward Willis Long, pastor of Forbes Presbyterian church, announced yesterday that he had not reached a decision regarding acceptance of a unanimous call to the pastorate of First Presbyterian church of Salem.

"I deeply appreciate the honor given me by the members of First Presbyterian church of Salem," said Rev. Long, "but I cannot as yet commit myself on my future plans. The Salem church is much larger than my present pastorate, but I feel that I owe the highest consideration to my people here.

"The invitation came as a complete surprise. I have not sought a change of pastorate for I am thoroughly satisfied with my work in Portland."

Rev. Mr. Long came to Portland in June, 1919, to become pastor of Forbes Presbyterian church and has enlarged the membership, built up the Sunday school and conducted mission study courses in the church. He also has been an instructor in the Portland training school for church workers. He was graduated from Princeton seminary in 1918, and before coming to Portland, was assistant pastor of the First Presbyterian church at Akron.

If the call from Salem is accepted Rev. Long will assume his duties there May 1, 1922.

### Diamonds May Be Found in Illinois

Chicago, Dec. 23.—Geological formations in Hardin county in the southeastern part of Illinois resemble those of the Johannesburg district, South Africa, and may contain diamonds, according to an announcement by Francis W. Shepherson, director of the State department of education.

"Hardin county," said Mr. Shepherson, "is geologically speaking, a part of the Ozark mountains. It presents what geologists term a fault. This fault is akin to the formation of the diamond fields of South Africa which are the richest in the world's history. No diamonds have been found in Hardin county yet, but if geological conditions are not misleading, the presence of diamonds is not improbable. One of the world's best fluor spar mines is in this part of Illinois."

Twenty-two diamonds were turned up by a farmer's plow in 1912 in the southern part of Illinois. One of these weighed 7 1/4 carats. These are the only diamonds ever found in the state. More than twenty diamonds have been found in Indiana and a half-dozen in Wisconsin, but these are supposed by geologists to have been washed down from the region of Hudson bay in the glacial age. The only diamond mine in the United States is in Pike county, Arkansas. More than 5,000 diamonds have been taken from it including one of 17 1/2 carats. Pike county is also geologically akin to the Ozarks. The Arkansas diamond mine was discovered in 1906, but systematic mining did not begin until last spring. It is now in regular operation.

### Pearl Discovered Between Hog's Toes

Rockford, Ill., Dec. 23.—A pure white toe on the muddy foot of a hog attracted the attention of Morris Johnson, a farmer living near here. Upon closer examination he found that the white object was not a toe, but a perfect pearl, and that it was lodged between two toes. He sold the pearl for \$800.

Johnson had been feeding his hogs with mussel meat secured from mussel seekers, who were collecting the bi-valves in the Rock river to sell the shells to button manufacturers.

Popularity of fresh-water pearls has grown steadily in recent years. Wisconsin claims the honor of being the first state to develop a substantial market for these gems, many of which have a rich luster and are of delicate shades of pink and white. While Oriental pearls are the finest, the Wisconsin and Illinois fresh-water pearls are in big demand.

Pearl fishing is the most lucrative of trades in the Orient. In Wisconsin and Illinois it also has made many a pearl fisher rich, for not only are valuable pearls found frequently, but the shells find a ready market in the Mississippi river button factories.

### Catholics Told Watch Y. M. C. A.

Rome, Dec. 23.—The holy office issued a decree today asking Catholic bishops to watch "an organization which, while professing absolute freedom of thought in religious matters, instills indifference and apostasy to the Catholic religion in the minds of its adherents."

The decree mentions the Young Men's Christian association by name, saying it is upheld by many Catholics who do not know its real nature. The decree says the organization corrupts the faith of youths.

Causes of the canon law which forbid papers, periodicals and organizations favoring religious radicalism and indifference are recalled in the decree, which requests the bishops to communicate with the Holy See within six months the decisions taken on the subject at regional congresses.

### Favors Regulation

Perpetuation of state regulation of public utility corporations is favored by Governor Charles H. Brough of Arkansas, who has written to Governor Otcott asking for an expression of opinion as to the success of the public service commission in Oregon. Governor Brough explains that the Arkansas commission was created three years ago and has proven a highly efficient and satisfactory in his state and its retention is favored.

### Blind Students Stage Cantata This Evening

Christmas program to be presented by the pupils of the Oregon state school for the blind under the supervision of Miss Rose Hirsch, musical director at the school. The exercises will be given in the school chapel Thursday evening, December 23 at 7 o'clock. Parents and friends are cordially invited to attend.

Prelude — "Kammenol," (O. Strow); "The Dream of the Virgin"; "O Holy Night," "It-Came Upon the Midnight Clear."

Sacred Cantata by the Pupils of the Oregon State School for the Blind.

I.—"The Message of the Angels." Hazel Hutchinson; (1) "To the World," Helen Howard; "O Come All Ye Faithful," Senior Chorus; "Blessed Be the Lord God of Israel," Senior Chorus; "Ring Out Rejoicing Every Chiming Bell," Junior Chorus; "There's a Song in the Air," Junior Chorus; (2) "The Response of the Nations"; "A Hymn to the Infant Jesus," Senior Chorus and Mixed Quartet; "Silent Night, Holy Night," Junior and Senior Chorus; C. Carlisle, J. Ragsdale, R. Hudson, M. Medler with Jennings Latimer at the organ; (3) "The Response of the Shepherds"; "O Lord Above the Starry Heavens," C. Carlisle, J. Ragsdale, R. Hudson and M. Medler; (4) "The Response of the Children"; "O Little Town of Bethlehem," Junior Chorus; (5) "To the Virgin Mary"; "O Mother of the Holy One," Viola Brady; (6) "The Response of the Wise Men"; "Three Kings from Eastern Lands Are We," "Their Journey," "Long Had Their Watch Been and Dreamy," Trio, Jimmy Cassidy, Ted Howe, Herman Moore.

II.—"The Messengers Depart"; "Softly the Starlight Lies O'er a Hillside," Male Quartet and Senior Chorus; "Joy to the World," Junior and Senior Chorus, with Jennings Latimer at the organ.

### Independence Masons Elect

Independence, Ore., Dec. 23.—Lyon Lodge No. 29, A. F. and A. M., has elected the following officers for the ensuing year: W. M., R. R. Wolfe; S. W., F. E. Dickson; J. W., Dr. M. J. Butler; Sec., P. W. Baker; treasurer, H. Hirschberg; trustee, Harvey Dickinson; J. D. Gein Dammund; S. S., J. V. B. Butler; J. S. Grover Mattison; Tyler, W. S. Grant.

The Eastern Star officers are as follows: W. M., Mrs. Jessie Hewitt; W. P., Dr. C. H. Dunsmore; A. M., Mrs. Elizabeth Calbreath; Com. Mrs. Etha Walker; Asst. Com., Mrs. Lottie Godd; Sec., Mrs. Carrie Clark; Treas., Mrs. Flora Mix. The two lodges will hold joint installation next Monday night and serve supper after the work.

### Gas Sales High

Gasoline sales of the Shell company of California in Oregon during November totaled 178,922.5 gallons according to a statement submitted to the secretary of state's office. Tuesday, accompanied by a check for \$1,789.33 to cover the state tax on motor fuel oils.

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### Irrigation Bonds Are Certified

Certification of another \$200,000 blocks of irrigation district bonds is asked by the Grants Pass Irrigation district. The bonds and application being filed with the state irrigation securities commission Wednesday by Wilford Allen, secretary of the district. The district comprises some 17,000 acres

### of land near Grants. Some 40 miles of canals have already been constructed and the additional funds represented by the \$200,000 block of bonds will be used in the construction of a multiple arch concrete dam. Bonds aggregating \$690,000 have already been certified for the district.

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### Miniature of Nation's Father Sold for \$9,600

Philadelphia, Dec. 23.—A miniature portrait of George Washington, painted at the request of Martha Washington by Charles Willson Peale, has been purchased at auction here by the Mount Vernon association for \$9,600. The mini-

### ature, one of a number of Washington relics from the estate of David Stuart, a kinsman of Washington, in a portrait on ivory and gold frame.

Washington's shaving brush, consisting of two razors, one a scotch brush, comb and mirror in a morocco case, was sold to an anonymous purchaser from New York for \$950.

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