

Average for 1920, 5350. Population of Salem 1900, 4268; 1910, 14,084; 1920, 17,478. Marion County 1920, 47,177; Polk county, 14,181. Member of Audit Bureau of Circulation. Associated Press Full Leased Wire.

OREGON: Tonight and Sunday rain, moderate southerly winds.

LOCAL: Southerly winds; river 19.4 and falling; rainfall .30; maximum 48, minimum 37, set 40.

Salem, Oregon, Saturday, January 1, 1921

Price Three Cents

Morris Makes Statement on Bond House Failure

Denies All Knowledge Of Business

Declares He Had No Connection with Company During Etheridge Reign

Portland, Or., Jan. 1.—Fred S. Morris, who took control of the affairs of the bond house of Morris Brothers, Inc., when John L. Etheridge, former president, left Portland last week, in a statement to the public today, gives his version of his transactions with Etheridge, who is now on his way back to Portland in custody of two deputy sheriffs to face larceny charges.

After reviewing his connections with the company which he organized many years ago and which he withdrew from two years ago leaving it in charge of Etheridge, Morris said he had nothing to do with the concern when Etheridge was in control. When Etheridge consulted him in regard to the business, he said it was as a friend, not as an officer. He said that though the board of directors of the Etheridge institution had made him chairman emeritus of the board he had never qualified as such.

He said he knew nothing of the affairs of the corporation until the night of December 23 last when Etheridge came to his residence and brought him a statement of his condition which he said he believed to be correct, and that he agreed to take charge of the company under a power of attorney and blanket bill of sale until Etheridge should have had a rest and could resume his duties. He said he loaned Etheridge \$10,000 of money belonging to his sister, Miss Henrietta A. Morris, and as security Etheridge conveyed to his sister Etheridge's home in Portland. He said he did not question the statement Etheridge gave him until accounts told him it was not true. He said he then consulted the district attorney and gave him such information as he had, and also offered to give the receiver assistance. Concluding the statement he said: "I can safely ask the public to consider only the facts as they are disclosed with an open mind and suspended judgment until the facts are ascertained."

Attached to the statement was a copy of the minutes of the corporation concerning a meeting at which it was voted to pay Morris \$100 a month.

Higher Rate For Home Telephone Effective Today

Effective January first patrons of the Malheur home telephone company, operating at Nyssa, Vale and Ontario will pay four dollars a month for individual business telephones and \$2.25 per month for individual line residence telephones, according to an order issued by the public grants commission. The order grants increases in all classes of telephones in the combined territory. Two party line business service will cost \$3.50 per month and two party line residence service will cost two dollars per month under the new rate. An additional charge of 25 cents per month is authorized for desk type instruments.

London Papers Unable to Find Irish Leader

London, Jan. 1.—Reports that Eamonn De Valera, "president of the Irish republic" had landed in Ireland, have greatly piqued public curiosity and confirmation of these rumors is eagerly awaited. Newspapers feature the statement of Harry Boland, secretary to De Valera, to the effect that "the president" has arrived safely in Ireland, but none has succeeded in ascertaining De Valera's whereabouts.

In some quarters there is much skepticism regarding the whole story and Dublin castle's profession of ignorance relative to De Valera's landing encourages doubt in the accuracy of the report. There are many, however, who see no improbability in the story and who are inclined to believe the government did not oppose his coming.

Peace Reigns In Los Angeles Tong Circles Again

Los Angeles, Cal., Jan. 1.—Outward peace and quiet prevailed today in Los Angeles Chinatown, where Thursday night in a tong war two members of the Bing King tong were killed and a third fatally injured.

Four tong leaders from San Francisco were expected to arrive here today to try to arrange a truce between the Bing Kong and the Hop Sing tongs, which the police say, have resumed an ancient war.

Four Chinese men and one girl are in custody.

The fourth Chinese held in Willie Ung, said to be a member of the Hop Sing tong, who surrendered himself to the police. He is charged with murder.

The girl is Lillie Lee who has appeared in motion pictures here, it is said to have been the cause of the trouble.

Extend Time On Mining Work

San Francisco, Jan. 1.—Robert I. Kerr, secretary of the California chapter, American Mining congress, received today a copy of the bill signed yesterday by President Wilson extending the time to July 1, 1921, for performance of annual assessment work on mining claims for the year 1920.

"That the period within which work may be performed or improvements made for the year 1920 upon mining claims, as required under section 2324 of the United States, is hereby extended to and including the first day of July, 1921, so that work done or improvement made upon any mining claim in the United States or Alaska on or before July 1, 1921, shall have the same effect as if the same had been performed within the calendar year of 1920; provided that this act shall not in any way change or modify the requirements of existing laws as to work to be done or improvements made upon mining claims for the year 1921."

Oregon Prunes Will be Bought Heavily, Thinks British Buyer in Salem

Coming direct from London, England, to investigate prune conditions in Oregon, A. J. A. Wilson, sole owner of one of the largest dried fruit houses in England was in the city yesterday, a guest of R. C. Paulus, sales manager of the Oregon Growers Cooperative association.

For a number of years the house owned by Mr. Wilson has been handling Oregon prunes in large quantities, but as this has been an unusual year in many respects, he took passage from Liverpool on the Imperator early in December coming direct to the west by way of San Francisco.

While in New York City, Mr. Wilson was informed by the independent packers and California interests, that it was dangerous to buy the Oregon prunes on account of rain damage, and he had so informed his home office.

But after coming to Salem, visiting with Mr. Paulus and viewing the evaporators packing plants of the Oregon Growers cooperative association and getting first hand information from growers, visiting orchards and examining the pack of the association, Mr. Wilson at once wrote his home office that he had been misinformed and urged the value of handling the Oregon prunes.

He was especially impressed with the methods of the association in handling split prunes. After he understood the system by which

Activities in Building Are Tripled

Salem Spends \$471,090 in 1920; 155 Permits Issued in Year; Repair Work Heavy

When the youthful—and therefore optimistic—1921 stepped into Salem at midnight yesterday and glanced hastily over old man 1920's books, there were some items which brought a worried expression to his face.

Building activities in Salem during the year 1920 were three times greater than in 1919.

More than twice as many building permits were issued.

Eighty-three buildings were constructed at a cost of \$299,850. Gain is \$326,540.

In the face of unsettled conditions, high costs of lumber, brick and other materials used in construction, with wages at their peak, Salem built and continued to build. Incidentally Salem smashed all previous records.

Perhaps 1921 is wondering if he won't have to hump to beat the old gentleman's accomplishments.

During the year just closed Salem spent more than \$471,090 in building. In 1919 only \$144,550 was spent—1920 showing a gain of \$326,540 over the year immediately previous.

One hundred fifty-five building permits were issued during the 12 months just passed—a gain of 82 over 1919 when but 70 were taken out.

These figures a revelation to those interested in the progress of Salem, were compiled yesterday at the close of day by Mark Paulsen, deputy city recorder.

Paper Mill Not Eligible

Eighty thousand dollars was the largest amount spent for any building listed in the report issued by Mr. Paulsen. This sum went for the erection of the sawmill.

Fifty thousand dollars was spent in constructing the Deaconess hospital, \$30,000 for Waller hall, and \$10,000 was expended by the Cherry City Milling company. Cost of constructing the paper mill was not figured in on the report.

Of the 155 building permits issued during 1920, 72 were for repair work. For remodeling purposes, \$171,240 was spent.

Delayed Plane Hops Off; Will Join Squad Soon

San Diego, Cal., Jan. 1.—After a delay of two days, due to damage received soon after the start last Thursday morning, the navy seaplane NC-5 left the North Island air station at 7:58 this morning, to join the thirteen other seaplanes in the flight to Panama bay.

Lieutenant Harry C. Baugh was again in command of the NC-5 when it left this morning. At San Bernardino bay, early this afternoon it is expected that the NC-5 will join the NC-6, reported in waiting there, and the two will then start on the second leg of the flight in an effort to reach Magdalena bay before nightfall.

The twelve P-5-L seaplanes making up the balance of the squadron flying from San Diego to Panama bay were scheduled to fly today from Magdalena bay to Banderas bay, a distance of 445 miles, and are to be joined there tomorrow by the NC-5 and NC-6. Up to 9 o'clock this morning no word had been received at North Island as to whether or not the twelve P-5-L seaplanes had started their flight from Magdalena bay.

800 Unemployed Start New Year Sleeping In Church

New York, Jan. 1.—Eight hundred homeless and unemployed men started the new year by sleeping in the pews of one of New York's most historic churches—St. Mark's, in the Bowery—early today.

The men, part of a crowd of more than 1000, met in a Bowery hall on New Year's eve, and planned to break into the church for the night's lodging if admittance was refused them. But when they approached the ancient edifice in Second avenue they found it brilliantly illuminated and the rector Dr. William Norman Guthrie, waiting for them, with an invitation to come inside.

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Marriage licenses increased about five percent.

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Coroner Clough Had 1245 Cases During 26 Years

One thousand, two hundred, forty five cases in 26 years.

That is the record of A. M. Clough, for twenty six and one half years coroner of Marion county. Monday Mr. Clough will be succeeded by Lloyd Rigdon, of the firm of Rigdon and Son, morticians, who was chosen coroner by voters at the May primaries.

All of the 1245 cases were either suicides, murders, deaths from unknown causes, drowned persons, or accidental deaths. Very few inquests were held during his 26 years service.

All Business In Washington Is At Standstill

Washington, Jan. 1.—The government machinery in Washington paused today to greet the incoming year. Despite elimination of the customary white house reception due to President Wilson's illness, other features promised to restore much of the colorfulness of pre-war years.

Members of the diplomatic corps were invited to a reception at the home of Acting Secretary Davis, of the state department, delegated by the president to act in his stead.

The men of the navy, whether afloat or ashore, were extended new year greetings by Secretary Daniels in a message flashed from the great wireless station at Arlington just as the year 1921 arrived. It said:

"Greetings to the men of the navy whose service in 1920 under trying circumstances have illustrated the naval habit of meeting every emergency with resource and success. May the new year bring to them the recognition which patriotic service rightly merits."

London Hails New Year With Record Jubilee

London, Jan. 1.—London's prosperous year ended with a gala party surpassing anything seen since January 1, 1914. The revelers turned their backs upon the grim globe of hard times but its shadow, nevertheless, crossed their paths in the form of collectors of funds for the unemployed who shook money boxes on street corners and in the porticos of hotels.

The large West End restaurants and hotels vied with one another in staging attractions for their patrons. Dancing and merriment continued until daybreak.

Outside of St. Paul's church there was the time honored gathering of the people of the city, which though perhaps larger than usual, was more decorous than it has often been. There was evident, however, a disposition to defy all "dry" thoughts, flasks and bottles being produced from thousands of pockets as the bells rang out heralding the new year. At the stroke of twelve, the streets surrounding the ancient church were filled with a din of bagpipes, mouth organs, accordions and human voices playing or singing "Auld Lang Syne."

Celebration In Los Angeles Ends In Street Riot

Los Angeles, Cal., Jan. 1.—A riot by celebrants of the coming of the new year occurred here early today when a crowd estimated at 1000 and said to be composed largely of sailors, objected to the police arresting two civilians who were fighting in the downtown district.

Some one shouted "mob the police." Two hundred officers responded to a call for help.

Before quiet was restored several persons were injured, three automobiles were overturned and a number of plate glass windows were broken.

The two civilians whose fight started the trouble escaped. Fifty sailors were taken into custody by the provost guard, the police said.

1920 Bad Year For J. Barleycorn

New York, Jan. 1.—John Barleycorn in 1920 had the worst year of his career, sending fewer New York folk to the workhouse than ever before.

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Onions and Bears Wait For Whistle

Both Teams in Fine Fettle; 42,000 Are Expected to Witness Big Battle

Pasadena, Cal., Jan. 1.—While the Ohio State and University of California eleven were making ready early today for their dash upon Tournament field to contend for supremacy in the annual East vs West game, a horde of would be spectators was ready to storm the ticket offices to obtain the 2500 tickets which, it had been announced, would be placed on sale during the morning.

According to the management, 42,000 persons will see the game and close to three times that number have been disappointed in their applications for seats.

The tentative lineup:

- Ohio Stephens.....10 Myers
- Dean.....10.....Huffman
- Major (C).....10.....Taylor
- Latham.....9.....Nemecek
- McMillan.....8.....Wieche
- Graber.....7.....Trott
- Muller.....6.....N. Workman
- Erb.....5.....H. Workman
- Sprott.....4.....Stinchcomb
- Toomey.....3.....Blair
- Nisbet.....2.....Williams

Three Events on Schedule

Pasadena, Cal., Jan. 1.—All southern California sports fans today to Pasadena, where the thirty second annual Tournament of Roses attracted a crowd estimated at a half million.

The tournament program included three major events.

The first was the floral pageant, set for 10:30 o'clock this morning. More than a million flowers were said to have been used in the decoration of 125 floats.

The second was the football game between Ohio State and the University of California programmed for 2:15 this afternoon.

The third will be the tournament ball at 9 o'clock tonight.

Marathon Scheduled

Pasadena, Cal., Jan. 1.—More than 100 runners were entered in the modified marathon to be conducted here this afternoon by the Los Angeles Express and a Pasadena paper.

The course is four and a quarter miles long. It ends at Tournament park, where the entrants are expected to arrive just before the California-Ohio football game begins.

Plants Violate Lighting Rules Of State, Claim

Most of the industrial plants in Oregon are operating in violation of the general lighting rules prepared in compliance with the act of 1919, according to the report on the industrial lighting survey as conducted under the direction of the state labor department which was filed with C. H. Gram, state labor commissioner, Friday.

A survey of 11 typical industrial plants covering 32 different departments and representing 1338 employees shows that 73 per cent had no exit lights and 64 per cent had no stair lights, the report shows. In none of the cases which did have stair or exit lights were these light independent of the other lighting, the report sets out.

While the daylight conditions in these plants was found to be fairly satisfactory in the majority of cases the artificial lighting situation was far from satisfactory. In 82 per cent of the departments investigated bare lamps were being used resulting in an objectionable glare which is characterized in the report as the "most insidious danger due to improper lighting."

The report expresses the hope that some action will be taken by the forthcoming legislature to provide a means for enforcing the standards now provided by the general lighting code.

707 Killed by New York City Autos In 1920

New York, Jan. 1.—A record of 797 persons killed by automobiles within New York city was established in 1920, according to statistics made public today. The previous record was 702 establishments in 1919. Total automobile casualties for the state in 1920 were 1102.

Chicago, Jan. 1.—Automobiles killed 559 persons in Chicago during the year 1920, Coroner Peter M. Hoffman announced today. In 1919 automobile deaths numbered 429.

Chamberlain Rests Well

Washington, Jan. 1.—Senator Chamberlain of Oregon, who underwent a second operation yesterday, was reported today to be resting well. His condition was said to be satisfactory.

Booze Flows In Old Form For Frisco Crowds

San Francisco, Jan. 1.—John Barleycorn arose from his tomb, put on a fool's cap and a carnival smock and stalked through San Francisco last night in plain sight of all, twitting divers police and prohibition officials who tried in vain to stop his triumphal march.

He hid under the tables or squeezed himself into legion hip pockets in the earlier part of the evening but as the New Year's eve carnival headed more certainly toward its uproarious climax, he came right out in the open and roared riotously or gurgled in glee.

In the Latin quarter he disguised himself in a tunic until he was sure of his footing, and then came right out on the table in bold disdain of the consequences. In the hotels he felt his way along gingerly for a time, then burst forth and finally left a queer array of "dead soldiers" in his zig-zag wake. In the clubs and uptown cafes he was as potent if not as conspicuous as in any year past.

"It was a wet New Year's eve," the desk sergeant at the city prison said today as he turned the night's collection of "drunks" loose, and he was not discussing the weather, either.

"Grapha," "mule brandy" and other drinks of the new order that has obtained since prohibition became legally effective were especially plentiful.

Spokane Has Drunks

Spokane, Wash., Jan. 1.—Seven arrests for drunkenness and four for having liquor in possession were reported by the police during the night and early hours of this morning. Observance of new year's at local restaurants and theaters last night was declared to have been unusually free of the "wet" element, however, and the fun was said to have been confined strictly within the law.

Colby Assures Uruguans of Friendly Spirit

Montevideo, Uruguay, Jan. 1.—Bridgford Colby, United States secretary of state, told the people of Uruguay yesterday that the United States proposed to find a way to allay the feelings of distrust of North America, which he said he had been told frankly by leading men existed on the part of many South Americans who did not comprehend the true motives and purposes of his country in its dealings with the South American nations.

Mr. Colby spoke at a farewell luncheon that he gave to some of Uruguay's most prominent citizens. "I have been told propaganda is at work in South America against the cordial relations and understanding between North and South America," the secretary said. "It is our duty to find a way to allay this distrustful feeling and to exert every effort to wipe away any misunderstandings and merit your confidence. We ask to be judged by our merits, and not by our defects."

Red Uprisings Reported In Riga

Danzig, Dec. 30.—Unsettled conditions in Riga are reported in dispatches from that city, which say there are grave apprehensions of local bolshevik uprisings, encouraged by the massing of Russian soviet forces along the boundaries of the Baltic states. Most of the French officials, especially the women, have left Riga.

The unsettled conditions in Estonia also have been aggravated by the closing approach of the Russian bolsheviks to the border. One clash already has taken place between Russian and Letvian troops.

The American commissioner to the Baltic states, Captain Evan E. Young, military attache Colonel Hillyday and Consul John P. Hurley still are in Riga, as also are Colonel Edward W. Ryan, American Red Cross commissioner to the Baltic states, and the Red Cross staff.

One Burned and Many Missing As Fire Result

Fort Worth, Texas, Jan. 1.—One man was burned to death and several persons are reported missing in a fire which early today destroyed the Masonic hotel, a landmark here. Several adjoining buildings were badly damaged.

The loss is estimated at \$150,000. The body of J. O. Russell, an express messenger, was recovered.

Army Coal Purchases Probed by Seante

Washington, Jan. 1.—Agents of the senate committee investigating the coal situation were busy today interviewing army officers. It was said that further information was being gathered as to army purchases of coal during the shortage last summer, which have been taken up previously in the committee's hearings. Next week the committee plans to resume open hearings.

Salem Police Force to Remain at Present Size

City Officials Declare Increase of Squad by Four Men, Creation of Rotating Police Fund, Installation of Call Box System and Patrolling Residence Sections Urged by Marshal-elect

Chief of Police Verden M. Moffitt and the city of Salem generally will have to be content during 1921 with the same police protection facilities as have been maintained during the past year.

This is the view which Mayor George Halvorsen, Ralph Sampson, chairman of the police committee of the new council, and other councilmen hold of the request for increased police protection facilities which Chief Moffitt has announced he will present to the council at its meeting Monday evening.

Chief Moffitt has announced that he will seek an increase in the police force from the present number even employ to ten, and the allotment of a pay scale of \$125 month for all officers. He will ask the installation of a police call box system extending into the residence sections of the city.

Suggestions Doomed.

All of these recommendations were doomed before they are presented to the council, according to Mayor Halvorsen, not because the council does not deem them sound for the betterment of police efficiency, but because the city's finances are in such shape that the requests cannot be granted.

"The police department cannot hope for an appropriation which will take care of more men, or provide money for the other improvements which Chief Moffitt has in mind," Mayor Halvorsen said today. "The budget for the coming year has been formulated and provides money for only the number of men now employed in the police department. Ten thousand dollars is provided in the budget for the salaries of police officers and about \$850 is appropriated for the increase of money for only the number of men now employed in the police department. Ten thousand dollars is provided in the budget for the salaries of police officers and about \$850 is appropriated for the increase of money for only the number of men now employed in the police department."

Men Recommended to Council For Police Jobs Are Ineligible

Under the opinion rendered by City Attorney R. W. Macy this morning to the effect that all officers appointed on the Salem police force must be residents of the city for the three years immediately preceding their appointment, at least three of the men recommended for appointment to the force by Chief of Police Verden M. Moffitt are no eligible for appointments.

Making his recommendations, which were announced last night, Chief Moffitt named candidates for a force of 10 men, the number he will ask the council to appoint. The men recommended are as follows:

Desk sergeants: Clyde Ellis, of Salem, day shift; Elmer Terrill, at present a guard at the penitentiary, night shift.

Motocycle officers: L. A. Willes and I. L. Abbott, both of the Portland police traffic squads.

Patrolmen: W. W. Birtchet, former Medford police officer; J. N. Ganiard, Ralph Davis, O. F. Victor and Elmer White, of this city, all of whom have been employed on the local police force in the past, and A. Hendrick, at present an employee of the state state highway department.

Of these men Willes, Abbott and Terrill are known to be disqualified from appointment by the three-year residence provision of the charter brought to light by Mr. Macy and the status of some of the other men recommended is in doubt.

Following the announcement of Mr. Macy efforts to locate Chief Moffitt were futile and what action he will take in face of the new development could not be learned.

If the other seven men recommended by Chief Moffitt can all qualify under the three-year residence rule the council will still be able to fill all positions on the force. This is due to the announcement of council members this morning that seven men are all that the city can afford during the coming year. It is likely, however, that Chief Moffitt will make additional recommendations if the three-year residence rule is found to be binding.

Football Scores

At Everett, Wash. (final)—Everett high 16, Cleveland high 7.

At Pasadena (first quarter)—California 7, Ohio 0.

Raincoat, Buried In Grave, Leads to Third Bank Robbery Arrest

Los Angeles, Cal., Jan. 1.—A rain coat buried in a eucalyptus grove in the Boyle Heights section of Los Angeles, led to the third arrest in connection with the robbery here of a carrying a satchel containing \$99 in worn currency and \$74 in non-negotiable checks, the police said today.

The third arrest was that of T. Datcher, instructor in mathematics at a high school here, and a high school student who, the police say, confessed he snatched the satchel from the bank messengers.

Datcher is held on suspicion of

split prunes were separated from the regular pack, he said he would have no trouble in selling Oregon prunes in England just as soon as his buyers were convinced the bottom price had been reached.

Prunes now being sold in England, he said, are now purchased in France just as needed, but he thought it would not be long until the French crop was sold out.

Just as soon as the French stocks were cleaned up, and with better rates of exchange and lower prices on prunes, Mr. Wilson thought there would be an opportunity of buying heavily for the English market.

During the few days he spent in San Francisco, Mr. Wilson said he had heard more talk of stringent financial conditions than he had heard in a whole year in England.

Although he is one of the most important factors in the dried fruit business in England, Mr. Wilson had never visited America. What impressed him, especially in our ways, was the immense waste of food at our hotels and delay in service.

Mr. Wilson said he was well pleased with his first visit to America and that he was more than ever impressed with the value of the Italian prune as grown in Oregon, and methods of packing and grading, as shown him at the plants of the Oregon Growers Cooperative association.