

Circulation
Average for 1920, 5250
Population of Salem 1900, 4258;
1910, 14,994; 1920, 17,679
Marion County 1920, 47,177;
Polk County, 14,181
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The Weather

OREGON: Tonight and Friday occasional rain, moderate south-westerly winds.

LOCAL: Rainfall .01; southerly winds; cloudy; maximum 58, minimum 50, set 53; river 4.6 feet and rising.

Price Three Cents ON TRAINS AND NEWS STANDS FIVE CENTS

COUNTY TAX LEVY EXCEEDS LEGAL LIMITATIONS

Driver of Wall Street Death Cart Arrested Tropical Isles Lures Salemite Estimates of Excess Vary From \$17,000 To \$33,000; County Court Claims Error

'Gyped' Buyers Assert

Prophet's Garden of Eden Over-rated by Fair Matron Is Investors' Claim

Community Sing Draws Big Crowd

Committee Receives Objections to Street Dancing; New Oregon Song Is Hit

Wirth Plans to Pay Up All German Debts

Girl Tots Annoyed; Farmer, 53, Jailed; Sanity Questioned

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\$150,000 In State Funds Invested In School Bonds Today

Bonds of Oregon school district were given right of way over all other offerings this morning by State Treasurer Hoff in investing \$150,000 of the funds of the industrial accident commission. A total of \$76,800 in school district bonds were purchased direct from the districts, this representing all the bonds which had been offered direct, and \$75,000 was placed through bond dealers. Issues purchased direct were:

District 137, Douglas county, \$3000.
District 61, Umatilla county, \$4000.
District 54, Columbia county, \$48000.
District 18, Deschutes county, \$500.
District 44, Wallowa county, \$2000.
District 14, Lake county, \$40,000.

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Berlin, May 19.—To keep right up to date with its reparations obligations or even a good bit ahead is declared to be the ambition of the cabinet of Chancellor Wirth. The reparations commission, according to semi-official announcement, is demanding surrender of all German rights and interests in concessions mentioned in article 250 of the peace treaty, by which the commission undertakes all shares in mines, oil fields, stone quarries and similar undertakings are specified in the article.

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John Hoffmeyer, 53, an alleged moral perverser who was identified by several Salem residents following his arrest by Salem police on a charge of indecent exposure last evening, will be examined by county physicians this afternoon in an effort to determine whether or not he is sane.

Death From Typhus Closes Ellis Island

New York, May 19.—Ellis Island today was placed under strict quarantine because of the death yesterday of a boy from the island. The 1700 immigrants who were removed to the detention station. The island will not be reopened for 45 hours it was

Two Automobiles Damaged In Crash

Automobiles owned by E. C. Cameron, 398 N. 21 street, and P. P. Hiebert, 840 S. Liberty street, were damaged yesterday when they collided on Ferry street. Neither of the drivers sustained injuries.

Identity Certain Is Claim

Federal Warrant Issued For Truckman, Identified by Several Persons, Report

Taft Held Probable Appointee

Ex-President Looked Upon As Most Likely Successor To White On Court

Hughes Also Mentioned

Another whose name has been linked repeatedly with the highest judicial post is Secretary Hughes, of the state department, a member of the court until he retired in 1916 to accept the republican nomination for the presidency.

Age Limit Recalled

In respect to Mr. Taft, some republican senators were recalling today the bitter controversy they had with him as president at the time he promulgated his rule against appointment of justices who had passed the 60 years mark. It was described as an entirely arbitrary ruling, having no foundation in legal regulations. Mr. Taft himself will be 64 in September.

Ex-Senator Possibility

Should a promotion be made, the vacancy thus created would be generally to go to George Sutherland, a former United States senator from Utah, and former president of the American Bar association.

Phex Company Suit Date Set

The case of the Phex company vs the Salem Fruit Union which is up before the supreme court on appeal of the Phex company from the decree of the Marion county circuit court, has been set for argument on June 3. The case revolves about a disagreement over contracts for the delivery of log-ganberries by the fruit union to the Phex company in 1919, the Phex company alleging failure of the Fruit union to make good its contract to deliver 1200 tons of berries that year whereby the company alleges material damages resulted.

Polish Troops Moving Toward Danzig Report

Amsterdam, May 19.—According to the Berlin Kreuz Zeitung there has been a large movement of Polish troops in the direction of Danzig in the last few days. The newspaper adds that a number of bridges over the Vistula river have been blown up and that the Germans believe a Polish raid on Danzig is intended.

Rivers Rising at Portland

Portland, Or., May 19.—Owing to continued rain and melting of snow in the mountains the Willamette and Columbia rivers are still rising. The Willamette today was two feet above official flood stage, but no damage was reported. The forecast today by the weather bureau was that the Willamette river at Portland will rise during the next three days, reaching stages about as follows: Friday 18.6; Saturday 19.3; Sunday 19.9.

Position of Street Car Lines Told

T. L. Billingsley Says Company Has Not Paid Operating Expenses In 12 Years

Defending his attitude toward the proposed change in the routing of cars of the Salem street railway, T. L. Billingsley, superintendent of the local company, submitted figures to the Marion County Realtors association at their luncheon this noon showing that because of the financial condition of the company such a change was impossible.

\$20,000 Is Asked For Extension

Recommendation that the government spend \$20,000 on the Salem post office building immediately to increase the present floor space, was made today by J. W. Roberts, of the treasury department who arrived here a few days ago from San Francisco having been instructed from headquarters in Washington to investigate the need of the Salem office.

Final Session Of Oddfellows Closes Meeting

Albany, Ore., May 19.—Final sessions were held here yesterday by the I. O. O. F. grand lodge and the Rebekah assembly of Oregon, closing the sixty sixth annual convention of the assembly.

Jury List For June Term of Court Drawn

The jury list for June term of the circuit court was drawn this morning by Clerk U. G. Boyer and Sheriff O. D. Bower and contains 21 names of citizens of Marion county who will report for duty on Monday morning at ten o'clock.

Beck Is Named For Solicitor General Job

Washington, May 19.—Appointment of James M. Beck of New York as solicitor general was announced today by Attorney General Daugherty.

Estimates of Excess Vary From \$17,000 To \$33,000; County Court Claims Error

Thirty-three thousand dollars of the 1921 tax levied by the Marion county court is illegal and will have to be returned to the taxpayers who have already paid their taxes and deducted from the statements of those who have not paid, it became known here this morning.

The \$33,342, in exact figures as it appears on the records of the state tax commissioner, represents an excess over and above the amount of the 1920 levy plus the six percent increase allowed by law, of between three and four-tenths of a mill.

Judge W. M. Bushey declared this afternoon that the excess was something over \$17,000.

Although the attention of the county officials was drawn to the excess several days ago by auditors for the Southern Pacific railroad no announcement of the purported error in the tax roll was made until it was asked for by The Capital Journal today.

Under the provisions of the state law governing the tax levying powers of county courts Marion county's limit for 1921 is \$1,048,118.70 according to the records of the state tax commission. The levy now being collected by Sheriff O. D. Bower totals \$1,081,460.70, or \$33,342.00 more than the limit.

When the error was made, or who is responsible for it Judge Bushey said that he did not know, except that it was made somewhere in giving the amounts for the tax rolls and prior to the time when the rolls were completed.

That the alleged mistake was made in the offices of the county court is "entirely possible," according to Judge Bushey, who said that he was not positive that the figures were correct when they were sent to the county clerk.

What the expense of refunding and adjusting the tax rolls will be Sheriff Bower was not prepared to say today. He said that he was using every means to devise a method whereby the county would be saved the expense of reprinting the tax receipts, but said that the refunding work would necessitate the employment of one and perhaps two additional men in his office.

Something over half of the taxes for the year, on all of which refunds will have to be made, have already been collected, Sheriff Bower stated.

France Insists On Treaty's Division Of Upper Silesia

Paris, May 19.—France insists upon the execution of the Versailles treaty in drawing the frontier line between Germany and Poland in Upper Silesia, Premier Briand declared last night upon receiving newspaper correspondents. He reiterated his declaration of last Sunday when answering the address of Prime Minister Lloyd-George before the house of commons Friday that invasion of Silesia by German troops would not be tolerated by France.

M. Briand said he did not see the desirability of meeting Lloyd-George before all the documents relating to the Silesian plebiscite had been received from the inter-allied commission at Oppeln.

"I, too, want to see the treaty carried out," said the premier to the correspondent of the London Daily Mail, but there is nothing in the treaty which stipulates that all the rich mining districts in Silesia, must go to the Germans while the Poles will get what is left."

When the chamber of deputies reconvened today after a recess of three weeks, the Briand cabinet was expected to be the center of a concerted attack. Friends of the ministry asserted it would receive a great majority when the question of a vote of confidence was put.

Twelve interpellations were inscribed on the blotter of Raoul Perot, president of the chamber, when the session opened. Rene Viviani, former premier, was prepared to give an account of the recent mission to America. Premier Briand had declared he would not make a statement until he had heard all the interpellations, when he would make a comprehensive reply. It was not believed the putting of the vote of confidence would be reached before Saturday.