

CIRCULATION
Average for 1920, \$250.
Population of Salem, 1900, 4258;
1910, 14,044; 1920, 27,679.
Marion County, 1920, 47,177; Polk
County, 1920, 14,181.
Member of Audit Bureau of Circulation,
Associated Press Full
Leased Wire.

Capital Journal

THE WEATHER
OREGON: Tonight and Sunday
fair, continued cold. Moderate
easterly winds.
LOCAL: No rainfall, northerly
winds, clear; max. 42, min. 27,
river 5 feet and falling.

FORTY-THIRD YEAR—NO. 300

SALEM, OREGON, FRIDAY, DECEMBER 16, 1921

PRICE TWO CENTS ON TRAINS AND NEWS
STANDS FIVE CENTS

BRITISH ACCEPT TREATY

ASSESSED VALUE OF COUNTY PROPERTY IS INCREASED \$300,000 OVER LAST YEAR

SALEM'S INCREASE LARGEST

Property of Omitted Brings Total for County \$308,000 Over Last Year

The assessed valuation of the city of Salem, as announced this afternoon by Oscar A. Steelhammer, Marion county assessor, in his annual report, is \$11,991,013. This is \$370,000 greater than it was last year.

Marion county, in its entirety, this year has an assessed valuation of \$42,091,057—\$308,452 greater than in 1920 when it was assessed at \$41,782,605.

Cities Show Increase

Most of the cities in the county show an increase in assessed valuation due, according to Mr. Steelhammer, to thorough work in checking up on property. This year there were many holdings listed on the tax rolls which were not there in earlier reports, it was stated.

Assessed valuations of both school districts and road districts of the county are given in the exhaustive, annual report. District No. 24, in which Salem is located, is valued at \$12,853,681.

Woodburn and Jefferson both show decrease in valuation this year. In 1920 Woodburn was assessed at \$1,125,302, as against

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Lured Daughter Away From Him Salem Man Says

T. R. Shockley of Salem will appear in the justice court here tomorrow afternoon as the complaining witness in a case against Wesley Surtus, charged with enticing Mr. Shockley's daughter, Jessie, away from him.

Shockley, in a complaint filed in the justice court, accuses Surtus of luring Miss Shockley to desert her parental roof and alleges that Surtus subsequently took her to Portland.

The charge is warmly denied by Surtus who was released on \$100 cash bail after he had been arrested by Constable Walter Deane.

Attempt To Rob Hotel Frustrated and Bandits Caught

San Francisco, Dec. 16.—Two alleged bandits who attempted to kidnap up the office of the Continental hotel, in the heart of the downtown business section, early today were captured by Harry Lane, night manager, and Al Smith, night porter of the hotel, who they had attempted to flee with a check protector as their booty. The men gave the names Andrew Daly and Bernard Schiele. They were handed over to the police.

Harding Praised For Arms Parley Success To Date

Washington, Dec. 16.—Former representative Slayden, democrat, called today to congratulate President Harding on the "wonderful success" of the Washington conference "as viewed by the people of the south, particularly in Virginia, he had found the people pleased and contented with the accomplishments of the conference.

KENYON ATTACKS NEWBERRY

THREATEN NAVY CUT PROGRAM

French Request For Permission To Build Ten Dreadnaughts Is Serious Blow

Washington, Dec. 17.—(By Associated Press.)—The French delegation has presented a proposal for so great an increase in the strength of the French navy that the British declare such a program, if carried out, would upset the whole plan for a 5-5-3 naval reduction.

Although not yet entirely revealed, the British understand that the French plan provides for the construction of ten 35,000-ton superdreadnaughts in the ten years subsequent to 1925. These vessels of a type similar to the American battleship Maryland, would give France a capital ship tonnage of 350,000, as against 315,000 for Japan and a preponderance of new "post-Jutland" type craft over all nations.

Italy Wants More. Italy, although indicating disapproval of such a building program, is said to have told the arms conference that if France constructs ten such ships, Italy must carry out a similar building program.

The combined French and Italian fleets thus would be some 290,000 tons stronger than the British or the American allotments under the revised figures agreed on yesterday by the big three.

Seriousness Is Doubted.

Washington, Dec. 16.—(By Associated Press.)—Announcement by British spokesmen that France has asked before the naval subcommittee of fifteen for authority in agreement with the other four naval powers to build ten 35,000-ton capital ships struck conference circles today with stunning force. The proposal was so wholly out of accord with theories on which the naval conferees have proceeded up to this time that there was a strong inclination in British and American circles not to take it seriously. The feeling was said to rest in part on what Premier Briand said at the second plenary session in regard to the American proposals for naval limitation.

Referring to Secretary Hughes' bold stroke for an agreement for naval reductions, Mr. Briand said: "You have shown us the way; you have shown us that it is no longer a question of groping for a way out of the difficulty, you have struck out boldly the opportunity by setting the example. I may say Mr. Secretary, that we are back of you."

County Pedants to Take Exams On Wednesday

Marion county instructors who are at present teaching with temporary licenses will take their state examinations for state certificates beginning next Wednesday, December 21. Mrs. Mary L. Fulkerson, county superintendent of schools, announced this morning. The examinations, which will be held in the First Methodist church, will continue until Saturday night.

Teachers who hold temporary licenses and who fail to take the quizzes will not be permitted to teach next semester, Mrs. Fulkerson said. About 75 instructors, mostly from the rural schools, are expected to take the examinations.

Entire Election Tainted By Fraud Says Republican

Washington, Dec. 16.—Declaring the money spent in Senator Newberry's campaign for election to the senate from Michigan shows the "entire election to be tainted," Senator Kenyon, republican, of Iowa, asserted in a speech in the senate today on the Ford-Newberry election contest that if that body voted to seat the Michigan senator it would be "undermining the foundations of this government."

Fisher Talks On Powder River Project

Pendleton, Or., Dec. 16.—Plans for development of the Powder river irrigation project, affecting northeastern Oregon, were to be outlined today at the second day's session of the Oregon irrigation congress by C. C. Fisher, of the reclamation service. Frank W. Brown, Idaho irrigation expert, was on the program for an address on what the Western States Reclamation association is doing for irrigation.

Percy A. Cupper, state engineer today outlined in an address his department's experience with state certification. F. C. Bramwell, state bank examiner, discussed Oregon irrigation bonds. Other addresses on the program for today were: W. E. King of Pineville, on "experience of one district under state law," and Professor W. L. Powers, Oregon Agricultural college on "Drainage."

Following the report of the resolutions committee this afternoon there was to be an open forum for general discussion of problems of the various irrigation districts of the state.

Stores Here Prepare For Shoplifters

Several of Salem's larger stores, hoping to lock the earn before the horse is stolen, have employed a squad of plainclothes men to watch the activities of shoplifters in the city, it became known here this afternoon. "So far we have lost but little to petty thieves," the proprietor of one general merchandise store said today, "but we are expecting a heavier attack within the next few days. Considering the precautions we have taken this year, however, I am of the opinion that the shoplifters won't get very far."

The plainclothes men, it was explained, will work on the "preemptive" plan. One morning an officer will be spent in one store, the afternoon will find him in another locality, while a second man will follow him and take charge of the post he has just vacated. By this plan, it is believed, the identity of the officers will be kept secret.

"So far we have had but little complaint concerning the work of shoplifters and I don't expect much of it this year," Chief Moffitt said. The school census for Roseburg shows 1604 children of school age within the district, a gain of 201 during the last year.

BRITISH ASK SUBS BE TABOO

Balfour Gives Notice of Request That All Undersea Craft Be Abolished

Washington, Dec. 15.—(By Associated Press.)—Arthur J. Balfour, head of the British delegation, gave notice today that Great Britain would propose to the arms conference the total abolition of submarines.

The announcement also said Mr. Balfour would take the submarine question before an open session of the conference. British spokesmen have said, however, that British acceptance of the 5-5-3 ratio plan was in no way contingent upon favorable action by the conference on Great Britain's proposal that submarines be abolished as lawful naval weapons.

The British contend that the question of the use of all submarines involves world policy. Naval opinion in American, Japanese, French and presumably Italian groups is understood to be in opposition to the British contention that submarines are of necessity "weapons of assassination."

107 Traffic Arrests Made In November

A total of 107 arrests for violations of traffic laws were made by members of the state traffic squad during the month of November, according to a summary of the activities of the squad compiled by F. A. Rafferty, chief inspector. This resulting from these arrests aggregated \$2010.95 in addition to the arrests 343 motorists were warned of minor violations of the law. Fifty one speeders were either arrested or warned not to repeat the offense during the month.

Reports submitted to the department by peace officers throughout the state show a total of 524 arrests for traffic violations during the month with fines assessed aggregating \$5,057.89. Only 13 of Oregon's 38 counties, however, are credited with reports.

Smaller Towns Aid Red Cross

Contributions from outlying towns to the Red Cross now amounting to \$2045.55 and which have been coming in to the organization's headquarters since the fifth annual roll call held in November, exceed those of last year, according to Dr. D. M. Field, who has been in charge of the campaign in the two counties of Polk and Marion.

"This is far better than anyone expected we should do," Mr. Field said this morning, "and it is perhaps due to the hearty cooperation of the chairmen and their helpers in the various communities. With the exception of Dallas we do not expect more funds from the surrounding districts." With the amount received from Salem the total funds received including those of Salem exceeded \$3800.

Bulletins

Belfast, Dec. 16.—(By Associated Press.)—Shooting continued spasmodically in various parts of Belfast today, notably in the Newtownards roads area, where a quay laborer was wounded.

Washington, Dec. 6.—Coordination under the direction of the secretary of interior of many functions relating to the development of Alaska is provided for in a bill introduced today by Chairman Curry of the house territorial committee. The measure was drafted by a subcommittee after extensive hearings.

CLEAN-UP SQUAD TO BE HERE

All Claims of Ex-Servicemen To Be Considered by U. S. Government Men

Opportunity will be given all ex-servicemen within the boundaries of Marion county to have claims held against the government adjusted. The "clean up squad," which has for its purpose "bringing the government to the ex-servicemen" will be here next month and commence operations January 12, in Silverton, going from there to Dallas on January 13, will be in Woodburn, January 14 and in Salem on the 16th and 17th.

William P. Wise, advance man for the clean up squad, has been consulting Red Cross and American Legion officials for the last few days and has been assured of their hearty cooperation in notifying those who have claims and in giving every assistance possible.

All manner of claims held by ex-servicemen will be adjusted. Among the first is compensation for injury in the service, whether resulting from disease or wounds. As well as as monetary considerations, the compensation includes treatment, if necessary, at government expense.

Any man who has been disabled to such an extent that he is unable to follow his pre-war occupation or is prevented in any way from being proficient in that occupation as a result of injuries should present himself to the squad. The compensation in such cases is approximately \$190 a month for single men who care to take training.

Pay, allotments, travel pay claims which have been withheld in many cases will also be considered, as well as conversion of government insurance and claims for victory medals. Because of the fact that December 31 is the last day on which government insurance can be reinstated, nothing can be done along that line by the members of the squad.

The personnel of the organization consists of Dr. G. Edwards, physical examiner; Cliff Wood, compensation and conversion of insurance, and a product of the vocational training school of the various veterans' bureau; W. W. Snook, secretary of the organization; K. Kiggins, Red Cross official, who will handle miscellaneous claims.

In presenting their claims ex-servicemen should bring their discharges and other papers pertaining to their disability as well as a doctor's affidavit if they have received treatment after being discharged from the service. Headquarters of the organization will be in Salem.

IRISH FREE STATE PACT RATIFIED BY PARLIMENT VOTE

Unionist Proposal To Amend Terms of Agreement Rejected by Decisive Vote in House of Commons; Majorities for Treaty Overwhelming in Both Houses

Dublin, Dec. 16.—(By Associated Press.)—The Dail Eireann was still engaged in private consideration of the Anglo-Irish treaty at a late hour today, having remained in secret session throughout the afternoon without the issuance of any statement as to when a public meeting would be possible.

London, Dec. 16.—(By Associated Press.)—Both houses of the British parliament ratified the treaty creating the Irish Free State, by overwhelming majorities this afternoon.

The house of commons first adopted the reply to the speech from the throne on the treaty, rejected the Unionist amendment to the address by a vote of 401 to 58. The house of lords took similar action only a few minutes later. The lords rejected the Unionist amendment by a vote of 166 to 47.

se maintained at the Red Cross in Salem, across from the postoffice on State street.

The all states worked squad has been on the road since last summer adjusting hundreds of claims in the thirteenth district comprising Washington, Idaho and Oregon. Its work is being carried on under the supervision of L. C. Jenseph, head of the United States War Veterans' bureau with headquarters in Seattle, Arcade building, and is under the direct supervision of George Hubbard.

Similar work is being carried on in all states of the Union and is the result of a consolidation of the different veteran bureaus by an act of congress last summer, with Colonel Forbes in charge.

NOTE LEFT BY ELSTON MISQUOTED

Close Friends of Congressman Who Took Own Life Declare Interpretation Wrong

Washington, Dec. 16.—The house adjourned today until tomorrow out of respect for Representative John A. Elston, California, whose body was found last night in the Potomac river. Immediately after convening the house adopted resolutions of regret and authorized selection of a committee of eighteen members to accompany the body to California in case burial is made there.

His colleagues and friends, dumbfounded at his death, were unable to ascribe any motive for Mr. Elston's act, except that he had become depressed over the refusal of congress to authorize construction of a naval base at Alameda, located in his district.

Worried Over Project. Close friends of Mr. Elston today declared the note he left had not been correctly deciphered. As given out last night the note declared that Mr. Elston was "in a chain of circumstances that spell ruin although my offense was innocently made in the beginning." The words deciphered as "offense" and "innocently" his associates declared, were really "offer" and "unconditionally," making the phrase read: "Although my offer was unconditionally made in the beginning."

Another error, it was declared, was made in reading "people" for "project." "My staying means embarrassment to my district and to a worthy project, clean and generous."

The correct interpretation, Mr. Elston's friends asserted, gave weight to the belief that the Alameda project was uppermost in his mind.

Selling Cigarettes to Minors Charged to Salem Merchant

F. L. Walker, proprietor of a confectionery store at 405 South Twelfth street, was arrested this morning by Officer George White and charged with selling cigarettes to minors. Walker, arraigned in the police court before Judge Earl Rice, requested 24 hours in which to determine what his plea will be. He will appear in the police court again tomorrow morning.

Habeas Corpus Petition Filed For Patterson

Demanding the release of David S. Patterson from the county jail, Tom Garland, attorney of Portland, filed a petition for a writ of habeas corpus with the county clerk this morning, charging that his client is held unlawfully on a warrant issued by G. E. Unruh, Salem justice of the peace, charging Patterson with larceny committed in Multnomah county.

The petition states that Patterson, convicted of larceny and obtaining money under false pretenses in the circuit court of Multnomah county on December 14, was sentenced to serve not more than three years in the state penitentiary, and that the court had consented to his asking for parole.

When brought here he was arrested on a warrant issued by Unruh charging Patterson with stealing the automobile of William Setak.

A. J. Weston Is Released From Pen

A. J. Weston whose sentence to a life term in the state prison here for the murder of Robert H. Krug of Deschutes county, was reversed by the supreme court two weeks ago, was released from the penitentiary on a court order, Thursday afternoon. Weston was taken from here to Portland from where he will be taken to Bend for another trial. Weston's wife who has been here for several weeks accompanied him.

Among the 351,000 foreigners in China there is only one person listed as a Mexican.