

# COOLIDGE SUBMITS BUDGET

## FARM HAND IN TOILS FOR FORGED CHECK

Monmouth Youth Invents  
Name, Signs Check, Or-  
ders Goods and Is Grab-  
bed By Uncle Sam.

Dallas, Dec. 9.—When Samuel Fleck, twenty-three year old Polk county farm hand, invented a name and signed it to a check on a Salem bank where he had no account and sent it to the National at Cloak and Suit company at St. Louis, Missouri, with an order for woman's clothes, he got himself into serious difficulties with the United States government. Today Fleck is being held in the Polk county jail for federal authorities on the charge of using mails to defraud.

The seventy dollar check on a Salem bank signed by "Mrs. Shirley Lehnkuller" which accompanied the order with instructions to send the clothes by parcel post to Independence looked "phony" to the officials of the St. Louis firm. They wired the Salem bank and verified their suspicions. A dummy package was then sent to Independence and the Sheriff Hooker and District Attorney Helgeson spent most of Monday waiting in the post office for someone to call for the package. Fleck's arrest took place late that day in the post office but was not made known until this morning because the youth attempted to implicate two other men in the affair and it was hoped to get them also.

In Fleck's room in the farm home of H. S. Portland, near Monmouth, where he was employed, were found evidences of other plans to get goods by the bogus check method. A letter to an eastern gun company ordering an expensive gun was found with a check for \$99.65 dated December 7 and drawn on the Dallas City bank by "Alford Davis." The letter ordering the gun to be shipped to Airlie, Ore., by parcel post and was written in Fleck's handwriting. Fleck claimed that he had written the letter at the command of two other men whom he was to meet Tuesday evening at Monmouth. The district attorney and the sheriff accompanied him to Monmouth last night but the other two men did not appear.

Fleck came to Polk county several months ago from Osage county, Missouri.

**BILL FOR SALE OF  
MUSCLE SHOALS**

Washington, Dec. 9.—(AP)—In compliance with the recommendation in President Coolidge's message, a joint resolution was introduced today by Representative Madden, republican, Illinois, for a joint congressional committee to negotiate for the private lease of Muscle Shoals.

**GENERAL WOOD VETOES  
PHILIPPINE PLEBISCITE**

Manila, Dec. 9.—(AP)—Governor General Wood today vetoed the Philippine legislature's bill providing for a plebiscite on the question of the Philippine independence, on the ground the legislature has no power to authorize such plebiscite.

**Only One Taxpayer  
Present To Pass On  
Budget of \$324,000**

With exactly one Salem taxpayer in addition to the regular school board members on hand and that one not appearing because of any interest in the budget, the regular meeting of local taxpayers was held last night and the annual school budget amounting to \$324,000 given final official approval. William Gahldorf, member of the board, was made chairman of the taxpayers' meeting.

The budget was adopted without discussion, despite the fact that there has been evidence to show that the school district will probably run behind this year.

## GOOD EVENING WORDS and MUSIC By Stoddard King

**QUIET, THE CAUTIONS.**  
Young man, I warn you, whereso-  
ever you be!  
Young woman, heed me, lest it be  
too late,  
Love is unfettered, love is wild and  
free,  
But when you write love down you  
flirt with fate,  
Whisper, or sing, the tender  
thoughts you think,  
But never set them forth with pen  
and ink!

The phrase "sweet footprints" has  
a lovely sound  
If it is murmured in a shadowy  
grove,  
And nothing more melodious can  
be found  
Than "angelic"—beside a bab-  
bling brook;  
But oh, young friends, there's no  
romance or sport  
In hearing those expressions read  
in court.

And even if the shame of litigation  
is spared the glowing missives you  
compose,  
They still may rouse the boorish  
cuckoldom  
Of dolts in whom no understand-  
ing glows,  
When your biographer gets out  
a book  
Wherein the vulgar curious may  
look.

So I beseech you, when affection  
moves you,  
If you must write, write upon the  
sand.  
To write it in a letter simply proves  
you  
Have overestimated love's demand  
Better omit some portion of your  
tale  
Than see it plainly printed and for-  
sake!

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## ARCHER READS SECRET MINDS OF ROTARIANS

What purported to be an insight  
into the minds of a number of mem-  
bers of the Salem Rotary club was  
sired by Chas. Archer, head of  
the club's educational committee,  
at this noon's Rotary club luncheon.  
The "mind reading" process was  
performed upon such local men as  
Butler, Thiesen, George White,  
Ray, McNary, Watson, Bishop,  
Deckenbach, Webb and Stolz.

"Here's a man who has never  
wanted a public office," said Ar-  
cher as he began to read the mind  
of George White, adjutant general.  
"He's held a few, but they've all  
been thrust upon him without his  
consent. He's been in some serious  
battles, too. He's even been  
wounded. Yes, he was shot three  
times in the windshield."

Tom Kay, state treasurer, was  
pronounced a "great public bene-  
factor." And with his public bene-  
factions," continued Archer, "he  
has somehow managed to save a  
little for himself. He is also a man  
who has had public offices thrust  
upon him."

Starting to read the mind of C.  
P. Bishop, local merchant, Archer  
said, "at your age I'm really a little  
surprised at you."

Frank Deckenbach was pronounced  
to be "an ardent user of Dutch  
cleanser." Carl Webb was declared  
to be a "man who has absolutely  
no fear of death."

Following the taxpayers' meet-  
ing, William Burghardt, clerk, re-  
ported to the school board that  
"I've just got notice of another  
\$15,000 tax that will be due in a  
few days."

As one result of the general  
cutting of the school budget to the  
quick, the question of the relation  
between the school district and the  
city library came up for some  
heated discussion. A list of books  
needed by the Salem school dis-  
trict, and estimated to cost \$500  
after every possible elimination  
had been made, was presented to

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## PLAYGROUND TURNED DOWN BY COUNCIL

Endeavor Of Elks And  
Service Clubs To Have  
\$800 Fund Reinstated In  
Budget Fruitless.

After the city council and the  
special citizens' budget committee  
last night had blocked a deter-  
mined effort to have the children's  
public playground item of \$800 put  
back in the city budget, the budget  
was officially adopted by ordinance  
and will stand at \$270,223.68 as  
originally estimated. The only  
change made was to segregate the  
city recorder's salary into the item  
one \$1200 for salary as recorder  
and the other \$600 for salary as  
city purchasing agent.

F. A. Erickson was the first to go  
to bat for the playgrounds.

Erickson Opens Fight  
"The playgrounds movement," he  
said, "was started by the service  
clubs and the Elks, and after two  
or three years the city appropriat-  
ed money for it. I want to tell you  
it was uphill work to get it started,  
and to abolish the playgrounds will  
be a step backward. Other cities of  
Salem's class spend many times  
\$800 for public playgrounds. Prior  
to the establishment of the play-  
grounds I believe that in all the  
34 years I have been in Salem there  
have been one or two drownings  
every summer within the city limits.  
I don't think there has been one  
inside the city limits since the  
playgrounds were organized. The  
boys and girls are the best crop we  
have. Isn't it worth a few paltry  
dollars to help train them as they  
should be trained?"

F. D. Thiesen and George Ar-  
cher

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## NEARLY THIRD OF COUNTY DEBT TO BE PAID BY 1927

Further analysis of the county  
budget, approved yesterday by the  
county court and the budget com-  
mittee, shows that when market  
bond payments are made under  
the present budget, about one-  
third of the bonded indebtedness  
of the county will have been paid  
off, or to be exact 3-10 of the  
amount. The bond issue was for  
\$350,000, and this will be the third  
payment of \$85,000, the bonds to  
be retired at the rate of \$85,000 a  
year. With this payment \$265,000  
will have been paid on the principal  
leaving \$85,000 yet to pay.

Decreases made by the county  
court from budget estimates of the  
various county activities, indicated  
that the county court believed that  
cutting should begin at home, as  
it made one of the largest decreases  
from last year on its own expenses  
by cutting out \$1050, which here-  
before had provided in emergency  
and other small funds which have  
not been used.

The court decreased by \$200 the  
amount appropriated for paying  
claims for killing diseased cattle;  
cut down the fund to exterminate  
weeds from \$500 to \$400; made a  
reduction of \$100 in the amount  
provided for payment of tax re-  
bates; cut down feeble minded ex-  
pense by \$300 eliminated \$167 from  
the provision for justice court costs  
and cut off \$500 for bounty, and  
also were able to eliminate \$491.76  
permitted in a change of law relat-  
ing to levies for small school dis-  
tricts.

## BAN JOHNSON'S SALARY NOW \$40,000 A YEAR

New York, Dec. 9.—(AP)—  
Bancroft B. Johnson, president of  
the American League was given a  
salary increase of \$10,000 today  
at the meeting of the league offi-  
cials. His yearly pay was raised  
from \$30,000 to \$40,000 and his  
contract which would have termi-  
nated in 1930 was extended to  
1935.

Mrs. Clara C. Edwards, a noted  
woman, has been chosen chairman  
of the board of editors of the Bos-  
ton university Law Review.

## ENGLAND TO HELP FRANCE IN WARTIME

Two Nations Reach Ac-  
cord In Problem of Mut-  
ual Assistance; Separation  
Of Armaments.

Geneva, Dec. 9.—(A. P.)—Eng-  
land and France today reached an  
accord concerning study of the  
problem of mutual assistance in  
war time in connection with the  
preparation for the international  
disarmament conference.

After a secret meeting of the  
league of nations council, M. Paul-  
Boncour of France announced that  
Foreign Minister Benes of Czecho-  
Slovakia had been appointed to  
draft a formula covering the ques-  
tion which divided the British and  
French.

He explained that the study of  
the mutual assistance would be  
more flexible than originally pro-  
posed by the French thus intimat-  
ing that a compromise had been  
reached.

The impression is growing that  
England favors separation of the  
study of land and naval arma-  
ments, keeping the road open for  
possible second naval conference  
in Washington while France con-  
tinues to regard the problems as  
inseparable.

A summary printed here of  
President Coolidge's congressional  
message, called the impression  
that the Washington government  
is averse to the disarmament con-  
ference in Geneva.

## C. A. SMITH, 73, LUMBERMAN OF COOS BAY, DIES

Berkeley, Cal., Dec. 9.—(A. P.)—  
C. A. Smith, 73, president of the  
Coos Bay Lumber company and  
one of the most prominent lumber  
men in the west, died today at his  
home here.

Mr. Smith came to San Fran-  
cisco from Marshfield, Or., in 1907.  
He was former head of the C. A.  
Smith Lumber company. Previous  
to coming to Oregon he engaged in  
the lumber trade in Minnesota.  
Charles A. Smith made a name  
for himself in the business and  
civil history of three states. He  
was associated with John S. Pills-  
bury, former governor of Minne-  
sota, in a hardware business at  
Herman in that state before com-  
ing to the west. He also served  
for a time as a regent of the Uni-  
versity of Minnesota and was a  
republican presidential elector  
from that state in 1896.

Smith attended the University  
of Minnesota for two years, hav-  
ing been aided in the expenses of  
his schooling by Pillsbury who was  
then governor. He moved to this  
coast in 1884 and acquired a red-  
wood grove in Humboldt county,  
California. He later acquired lum-  
ber properties in southern Oregon  
and built a large mill at Marsh-  
field. Expanding his California  
properties he built one of the most  
complete lumber mills in the world  
at Sula in 1908.

He is survived by his widow,  
Mrs. Johanna Smith; two sons,  
Vernon A. and Carroll W. Smith,  
and three daughters, Mrs. Fred-  
rick A. Warner, Mrs. Edward  
Everts and Mrs. Philip Rodgers.  
Mrs. Rodgers resides in Honolulu.

## Commits Suicide Because Wife Beat Playing Checkers

Portland, Ore., Dec. 9.—(A. P.)—  
Inability to defeat his  
wife at checkers caused the  
suicide of William Kahler  
of Homestead, according to  
reports to the coroner today.

Kahler and his wife played  
checkers for two hours last  
night. The husband lost each  
time. Mrs. Kahler said her  
husband threw the checker  
board to the floor, went into  
the bathroom and locked the  
door. She summoned neigh-  
bors and they found the man  
had hanged himself.

## SANTA'S HELPERS ON JOB Merry Xmas for Kiddies FIFTH ANNUAL DRIVE ON

**CHRISTMAS CHEER FUND**  
Capital Journal..... \$ 25.00  
Salem Ad Club..... 10.00  
Deputy Santa Claus..... 5.00  
Mrs. Fanny Tracy..... 3.00  
Total today..... \$ 43.00

A Merry Christmas, with all of  
the trimmings, for every boy and  
girl in Salem—  
That is the goal set for the fifth  
annual Christmas cheer movement  
sponsored by The Capital Journal  
and the Salem lodge of Elks, which  
got actively under way today. Di-  
rectly in charge of the movement  
will be the managing editor of  
The Journal and a committee from

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## SITE SELECTION FOR LINEN MILL IS CANVASSED

Location for the proposed linen  
factory of the new Oregon Linnen  
Mills, Inc., and machinery that  
will be needed for the plant are  
being discussed at a meeting of  
the board of directors at the  
Chamber of Commerce this after-  
noon.

Although the establishment of  
the factory in Salem now looks  
entirely certain, but it was stated  
this afternoon on good authority  
that the selection of a site will  
not be made immediately.

In the last day or two it ap-  
pears to have been quite definite-  
ly settled that a location on the  
barrier of the Willamette river is  
not necessary, and that a site  
elsewhere in the city would serve  
as well. In either event, the con-  
struction of a tank would be nec-  
essary, and the difference be-  
tween a location on the river and  
one away from the river would  
be that in the latter case it  
would be necessary to drill a well.

A committee today visited the  
state hospital for the insane  
where a well has recently been  
drilled, giving a very heavy flow  
of water even before the drilling  
reached a point where surface  
water was tapped. The present  
heavy artesian flow is from the  
east. The chemical difference  
between river water and water  
reached by drilling is said to be  
important in the development of  
the linen industry.

## COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICTS ARE TAXED BY COURT

Under a new law of the last  
legislature, the county court has made  
levies against a number of school  
districts throughout the county  
which in each case will bring their  
levy up to \$250 for the year. Under  
the former law, every school dis-  
trict no matter its size, was re-  
quired to have at least \$250 in its  
fund. This part of the law still re-  
mains, but under the old statute,  
in event a school district failed to  
have its fund up to that amount,  
the county court in making up its  
budget to draw on the general fund  
to make good the deficit. As a re-  
sult a number of districts, it was  
charged, allowed the matter to  
lapse to force the court to make  
good their district taxes from the  
general fund. The law was changed  
so that the court now is required  
to make a levy against the prop-  
erty in the respective districts to  
bring the tax up to the required  
amount. As a result the court has  
levied against the following dis-  
tricts the respective amounts set  
opposite their names for that pur-  
pose:

No. 2, Arbor Grove \$100; No. 12,  
Fern Ridge \$210.50; No. 17, Par-  
rish Gap \$375; No. 25, Fairfield  
\$152.50; No. 30, Willard \$257.50;  
No. 42, Union Hill \$184; No. 43,  
Independence \$362; No. 46, McKee,  
\$247; No. 59, Oakdale \$478; No.  
114, River Nob \$154.25; No. 118,  
Mahony \$247; No. 123, Bridge  
Creek \$259.

## RED CROSS WINS PRAISE OF COOLIDGE

President Pays Tribute to  
Expanding Peace Time  
Activities In Spreading  
Good Will.

Washington, Dec. 9.—(A. P.)—  
Praising the American Red Cross  
for its expanding peace-time ac-  
tivities, President Coolidge in an ad-  
dress today at the annual meeting  
of the organization declared that  
"one of the most striking things  
in the development of our country  
has been the steady increase in  
benevolence, the disposition to do  
good—that is to say good will."

"This growing spirit," he con-  
tinued, "has led to beneficence  
which, as the world indicates, is  
active goodness and kindness; has  
led to increased charity which re-  
lieves individual suffering and to  
philanthropy which deals with  
humanity in the mass rather than  
individuality and prevents rather  
than allays calamity."

"The American Red Cross prob-  
ably was the first organization of  
such magnitude to alleviate suf-  
fering and hardship and distress  
caused by unforeseen catastrophes  
wrought by the elements. It is  
not too much to hope that its ex-  
ample will be most potent in  
arousing the spirit of benevolence  
in the heart of our people and in  
the development of organized  
benevolence, charity and philan-  
thropy as we see them working to-  
day."

"Never before in history have  
beneficent agencies existed to such  
a degree as in the United States at  
this time. Those who conceived  
the broadened scope of the Red  
Cross and those who have brought  
the work to its present state of ef-  
ficiency quite properly, I believe,  
should receive no small share of  
credit for the extension of the na-  
tion's beneficence in so many  
fields of endeavor."

While the number of catas-  
trophes has been fewer this year  
than in 1924, Mr. Coolidge point-  
ed out that the tolling caused the  
death of more people than the en-  
tire toll of casualties coming under  
the scope of the Red Cross work  
last year. The destruction wrought  
here, he said, raised the greatest  
problem of peace time restoration  
and rehabilitation ever known.  
That operation, virtually ended, in-  
volving assistance to approximately  
33,000 persons.

## LEGEND FOR CROSSES ON GRAVES OF UNKNOWN

Washington, Dec. 9.—(A. P.)—  
Upon 1632 white stone crosses that  
mark the resting places of  
unknown American army dead in  
France the American government  
will unveil this legend: "Here rests  
honorably and bravely an American  
soldier known but to God."

The epitaph was selected by the  
battle monument commission  
headed by General Pershing.

## Oregon Made Picture Feature for Kiddies At Journal Matinee

Seven reels of thrilling action,  
starring adventure and romance, a  
picture filmed almost entirely in  
Oregon will be the feature of to-  
day's matinee at the Capital Journal  
matinee for the boys and girls of  
Salem, at the Oregon theater next  
Saturday morning at 10:30 o'clock.

Admission will be 5 cents and a  
coupon clipped from the Friday  
afternoon Journal for all children  
of 12 years or younger.

"The Ancient Highway," a roman-  
ce of the north woods by  
James Oliver Curwood, is the pic-  
ture, and the cast includes such  
favorites as Jack Holt, Billie Dove,  
Montague Love, Lloyd Whitlock  
and others. Most of the produc-  
tion was filmed in Coos county  
last summer, and it will be remem-  
bered by newspaper readers that  
demand for action in the scenario  
resulted in the death of one mem-  
ber of the company.

One actor doubling for Holt in a  
dangerous log drive scene taken at  
the Baxter & Barker lumber camp  
on the middle fork of the Coquille  
river, just above Myrtle Point, was  
swung into the turbulent, racing  
rapids and drowned before help  
could reach him. This log drive  
scene, the setting for which was  
one of the most rugged spots in the  
state, is one of the best features of  
the picture.

Another of the big sequences in  
the picture shows the timbermen  
felling 150 trees, a wonderful  
sight with plenty of action.

Four cameras filmed the scene,  
each cameraman in imminent dan-  
ger at all times in the event of  
one of the big trees falling his  
way. Willard directed the entire  
sequence from a log boom in the  
river. At one time he lost bal-  
ance and only quick work saved  
him from drowning.

Other thrilling scenes were film-  
ed at what is known as splash dam  
No. 3 of the middle work of the  
Coquille river, at which-point the  
dam opens and the log drive is at  
its height.

## GOVERNMENT EXPENSE NOW AT MINIMUM

Coolidge In Transmitting  
Budget Says Cost Of  
Federal Functions Cut  
To Bedrock.

Washington, Dec. 9.—(By Asso-  
ciated Press.)—President Coolidge  
informed congress in his annual  
budget message that the minimum  
cost of running the government  
had been about reached, and that  
the normal expansion of a grow-  
ing nation would henceforth in-  
volve added expenditure to keep  
the government machinery in mo-  
tion.

The budget estimates, transmit-  
ted with the message, reflected the  
continuing efforts at economy. Mr.  
Coolidge said, adding that on the  
basis of the calculations a surplus  
of \$330,307,000 was indicated for  
the fiscal year 1927. He expects  
a surplus of \$269,041,755 for the  
year ending next June 30, al-  
though a year ago it was estimated  
that the surplus this year would  
exceed \$373,000,000.

The executive made a formal  
recommendation for reduction of  
the taxes; suggested a necessity  
for keeping the airplane industry  
alive, as well as replenishing and  
rebuilding government air service  
equipment and developing an "or-  
derly policy" in the air and de-  
clared that "every available re-  
source of the government will be  
employed in prohibition enforce-  
ment." He thought the total esti-  
mate of \$42,447,000 for the com-  
bined air services should accom-  
plish the ends sought.

Concerning the tax bill, already  
drawn by the house ways and  
means committee, the president  
said it had gone somewhat further

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## TAX DEBATE OCCUPIES TIME OF CONGRESS

Washington, Dec. 9.—(A. P.)—  
Taxes and appropriations had the  
whole stage to themselves on capitol  
hill, while the more specta-  
cular issues of the new congressional  
session, including aviation and pro-  
hibition, awaited their return im-  
patiently.

Driving ahead with its tax bill  
rebate, the house passed only last  
enough to receive from President  
Coolidge an annual budget propos-  
ing expenditures of \$160,000,000 in ex-  
cess of the appropriations for the  
current year.

The senate, lingering over the  
formalities of getting organized  
after the summer's interlude, was  
in recess until tomorrow.

The budget estimates were sent  
to the capital by messenger and  
the president's accompanying mes-  
sage outlining details of the govern-  
ment's fiscal program was read  
to the house by its clerk just after  
the day's session began at noon.

Several house sub-committees al-  
ready are at work on appropri-  
ation bills to fulfill the budget needs  
enumerated by the president. Two  
of these measures, making money  
available for the interior and post  
office departments, are nearing  
completion and will be brought be-  
fore the house next week.

## VICKERS WRITES OFF MILLIONS IN LOSSES

London, Dec. 9.—(AP)—The  
biggest reconstruction of any Brit-  
ish company since the war is an-  
nounced by Vickers, Ltd., which  
will drastically write down its  
capital by many millions of sterling,  
as the result of greatly decreased  
earnings in recent years.

The firm of Vickers, Ltd., ranks  
among the world's largest manu-  
facturers of all classes of arma-  
ments. The firm constructs ships,  
builds many types of aircraft, pro-  
duces steel and manufactures  
virtually every kind of ordnance.  
It maintains ordnance factories  
in Kent, shipyards at Barrow, air-  
craft works at Weybridge, and  
steel works at Sheffield, Leeds  
and other cities.