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PROBABLY RAIN  
tonight and Sunday. Normal temper-  
ature, moderate southwesterly winds.  
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river, 0.1; atmos. cloudy; wind south-  
east.

FORTY-SEVENTH YEAR No. 296 SALEM, OREGON, SATURDAY, DECEMBER 12, 1925 PRICE THREE CENTS ON TRAINS AND NEWS STANDS FIVE CENTS

# STATE SHY \$480,000 FOR '26

## HIP POCKET BOOTLEGGERS IN THE TOILS

Carroll Wright, Russell Beckett and Deb Day, Old Offenders, Plead Not Guilty.

Carroll Wright, one of Salem's most persistent liquor law violators, Russell Beckett and "Deb" Day, were caught in a dragnet yesterday here through co-operation of officers from the sheriff's force and state special agents force and are in the county jail. Beckett and Day being charged with selling intoxicants and Wright with possession.

Officers believe with the arrests they have nipped the main manipulators of the "hip pocket" ring of booze distributors who have been operating, it is alleged on a basis of quick sales and small profits and have kept the broods of numerous Salem rounders up to standard strength.

Wright has served two previous terms in the county jail on liquor charges. On September 27, 1924, he was arrested, later sentenced to 60 days in jail and to pay a fine of \$300 and served out the entire time, fine and all, being released. He was again arrested on April 20, 1925, was sentenced to serve 60 days and pay a fine of \$50. He served his time, paid his fine and was released on May 30, 1925, each time getting some reduction allowed for good time.

Russell Beckett, who has been known as more or less of a pool room habitue, leaped into headlines about two years ago when he was nearly fatally injured in a midnight auto wreck on the Pacific highway when a machine belonging to Rich, then proprietor of the Terminal pool hall, smashed into a truck of the Willamette Valley Transfer company. Beckett brought damage action against the company after he partially recovered but nothing came of it.

"Deb" Day is said to have been once paroled on a non-support charge.

Allegations are that Day and Beckett were dispensing drinks by the hip pocket route about Salem.

On arraignment today they all pleaded not guilty. Beckett's bail being fixed at \$750, and Wright's and Day's at \$500 each.

## CONFERENCE OF MINOR SCHOOLS NOW IN ORDER

Rumors circulating today among athletic circles were to the effect that a conference of smaller colleges in the northwest had been organized at a meeting of small college representatives at Seattle.

The new conference, according to the report, includes Willamette university, Whitman college, the College of Idaho, the College of Puget Sound, Pacific university, Linfield college and possibly the University of British Columbia. Reports of the new conference have not been definitely verified by official word from Seattle.

It is known that agitation, only partly concealed, has been carried on for more than a year with the idea in view of organizing a conference of the kind. An attempt a year ago to get the smaller colleges of the northwest into a group of their own failed due to rejection of the idea by a few of the schools involved, particularly Whitman.

Whether the northwest conference will continue technically to exist is regarded as a question of little consequence among athletic circles, since the conference had already practically died a natural death so far as any serious consideration was concerned.

Frank Erickson, dean of Willamette, and Guy Hathorn, coach, were in Seattle today attending the annual northwest conference meeting, which was slated to be held this afternoon. Reports indicated, however, that a meeting was held this morning to discuss plans for the new conference.

## GOOD EVENING WORDS and MUSIC

By Stoddard King

LOUD CHEERS  
Singers of the Chicago Opera company have been directed to dispense with clappers and press agents.—Art item.

It's not for the making of money  
That great prima donnas sing,  
It's not over cash that they frequent  
By night—

It's the principle of the thing;  
And if one hires a crowd to applaud her  
While another buys cartloads of  
Flowers

To be cast at her feet, why they  
merely compete  
In an aesthetic contest of powers.

A tenor who's really a tenor,  
Devoid of all technical flaws,  
Who is brisk and alive, can not  
prosper or thrive  
Unless he gets lots of applause;  
And one's never sure that the  
"bravos"

And the rather more native "hur-  
rahs"

Will come when they ought if they  
haven't been bought—  
It is always the artist who pays!

But even if heartless directors  
Have sets of instructions to give  
Debarring their divas from paying  
for "bravos,"

They ought to let press agents live,  
For the clapper is just a contriv-  
ance

To ruin melodious strains,  
And the way he applauds is the  
barest of frauds—  
But press agent has to have  
brains.

Erregulous Oligarch was intru-  
ged by an item in a department  
store ad. Offering women's part  
wool hose, the store had them  
priced as so much a yard, and  
what woman wants three feet of  
hose?

That there may be a demand in  
the younger set for instruction in  
the art of managing a corps of  
from 5 to 15 servants. But have  
you ever noticed that about 99 per  
cent of all the advertising written  
to appeal to housewives is based  
flatly on the assumption that they  
do all their own work?

"Are there that many servants  
in the United States?" wistfully  
inquires one constituent with re-  
gard to the above figures.  
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## THREE IN JAIL FOR VICE RING

Charles Chittick, 19 years old, and William Elliott, 17, are in the city jail on warrants from justice court charging them with a statutory crime. The girl involved in the case is Beulah Springer, 14 years old. Wesley Smith, 36 years old, and who has a wife and child, is in the county jail in connection with the same offense.

Neither of the three has yet made an appearance in justice court, but it is probable that all will be investigated by the next grand jury session which has been called for next Thursday at 10 o'clock.

Among other cases to be investigated by the grand jury will be the following:

Nagel Sorhus, accused of attempting to smuggle a gun into the state penitentiary.

G. W. Hays, obtaining money by false pretenses, forgery.

L. S. Rice, statutory.

John Winberg, assault with intent to kill.

J. J. Kuschnick, passing bad checks.

## Defies State Officials And Continues To Sell Eggs By the Pound

W. S. Flitts, local produce dealer who opened an innovation here by selling eggs by the pound, following effectiveness of the new state law requiring them to be graded, hurled a deft at State Dairy and Food Commissioner J. D. Mickle of Portland today, following instructions from Mickle that eggs must still be graded, even when sold by weight.

"I will continue to sell eggs just as I am until I am arrested," declared Flitts. "We will then find out whether or not it is illegal to sell eggs by weight without grading them. From compliments I have received from all over I am satisfied the people want eggs sold in this manner."

The dairy and food commissioner himself, in his letter to Flitts, advising him that while he still may sell eggs by weight under the law, nevertheless, the requirement of the law regarding grading must

## M'LAUGHLIN ESTATE VALUE IS \$300,000

Louis Lachmund Named Executor And Residuary Legatee after \$74,200 Bequests Paid.

Under terms of the will of C. A. McLaughlin, Independence hop man and banker which have just been made public, Louis Lachmund of Salem, long time friend and business associate of Mr. McLaughlin is made executor and residuary legatee of the estate which has an estimated value of \$300,000. Specific bequests under the estate amount to \$74,200 and it is estimated that debts are paid that Lachmund's share of the estate may reach to \$200,000.

Among other bequests of pecuniary interest to Salem people is one for \$10,000 to Linn C. Smith and his wife, Mary Smith, of Salem, who worked up to an assistant cashiership in the United States National bank from messenger boy was virtually raised by McLaughlin and has been a potage of the Independence bank or from childhood.

Another bequest of \$5000 goes to Selma Gehler, Salem nurse, who cared for McLaughlin during a long illness. The present will, it is understood, was drawn up just before starting on the world cruise on which he died in the West Indies. The will was executed in the presence of William House, Portland; Louis L. Wipert, Portland and Oscar Hayter of Dallas.

An outstanding bequest is one for \$20,000 which is left to the Presbyterian church of Independence, Oregon, in memory of his wife, Mrs. Lola Fluke McLaughlin, who died last March.

To Naomi Fluke of Medford, he bequeaths \$2000 and a pair of diamond earrings, and 2000 each to the following: Marion Fluke, Wash.; Merze Fluke, Tacoma, Wash.; Clair Fluke, Molalla; Lola Fluke, Molalla; Josephine Hunt Clarke, Long Beach, Calif.; Evelyn McLaughlin, Portland; Gertrude Atkins, Kelso, Wash.; Frank Fluke, Canby; Mrs. Elizabeth McLaughlin, Wingham, Canada, and Martha Fleming, Arrow River, Canada.

To Mary Fluke of Independence he willed \$5000 and also real property and household goods and furniture in a dwelling house in Independence.

The will also releases a mortgage for \$2200 owed him by Joseph McLaughlin of Fordwich, Canada, and further bequests of \$2000 each are given to Alexander McLaughlin, Gorrie, Canada; John James McLaughlin, Manitoba, Canada, and Mrs. W. A. Edwards, Sr., of Saskatoon, Canada.

Lachmund executor and residuary legatee was one of the closest friends and business associates of McLaughlin, being affiliated with him in a number of profitable hop enterprises, and also in the Capital Ice & Storage company of Salem, of which McLaughlin was president and Lachmund vice-president and general manager.

## FRANC FALLS TO NEW LOW LEVEL, PARIS

Frenzied Rush To Buy Foreign Stocks Causes Sharp Decline In Paris Bourse.

Paris, Dec. 12.—(AP)—A frenzied rush to buy foreign stocks listed on the bourse caused a further sharp decline today in the franc, which during the morning reached the record figure of 27.42 to the dollar.

A large part of the 2,500,400,000 francs paid out by the treasury in redemption of short term bonds on Tuesday has been invested in industrial, mining and oil shares.

The attraction of such investments, with the certainty of automatic profits as the franc declines has been increased by the shaky condition of the French cabinet, which now is being attacked systematically by the news papers supporting the coalition of the left.

The antagonism to the government inside its own parliamentary majority has again brought into question the possibility of early adoption of measures for financial renovation of the country.

A considerable amount of the foreign capital in French banks here, was formerly invested in national defense bonds now is being turned into foreign stocks.

Finance Minister Louchet declared the present decline in the franc unjustified and is considering measures to halt it.

Estimations were given out this morning that speculators against the franc might suddenly discover that the Morgan loan was still intact in dollars. Thus far the government has hesitated to use this fund because the speculative element in the situation was insignificant.

## CLARK TO RUN FOR U. S. SENATE

Portland, Ore., Dec. 12.—(A.P.)—A. E. Clark, Portland attorney, today announced his candidacy for the republican nomination for United States Senator.

He accompanied his announcement with a declaration of principles and said he expects to launch an aggressive campaign soon after the start of the year.

He is the first to formally announce for the republican senatorial nomination.

The other four are: J. J. Crossley, attorney of Portland; A. R. Shumway, farmer and livestockman of Milton; Frederick Stelwer, attorney of Pendleton; United States Senator R. N. Stanford, who is seeking re-nomination.

## BERLENBACH RETAINS CHAMPIONSHIP CROWN

New York, Dec. 12.—(AP)—The World's light heavyweight championship crown still rests on the head of Paul Berlenbach after a fiercely contested 15 round battle last night with the man who knocked him out in four rounds less than two years ago.

Jack Delaney of Bridgeport, Conn., was several times within reach of another sensational triumph over the Astoria, N. Y., title holder before the 23,000 spectators in the new Madison Square Garden. But at the point when an aggressive offensive would seemingly have swung the championship to decisive defeat, Delaney hesitated, and waited to his sorrow.

## SNOW AT BAKER

Baker, Ore., Dec. 12.—The ground was white here today for the first time this winter. Nearly an inch of snow fell during the night. Weather continues mild.

## SANTA CLAUS WANTS MORE LETTERS EVERY CHILD REQUESTED TO WRITE



Santa Claus receiving letters written to him by boys and girls of Salem upon the occasion of his recent visit to the Capital Journal.

### CHRISTMAS CHEER FUND

Capital Journal.....	\$ 25.00
Salem Ad Club.....	10.00
Deputy Santa Claus.....	5.00
Mrs. Fanny Tracy.....	5.00
Marion-Polk County Realty Association.....	10.00
A Friend.....	5.00
Unknown.....	2.00
Contributor.....	1.00
Harry Jaquet.....	5.00
Total.....	\$ 67.00

Is there a boy or girl in Salem who has not yet written his or her letter to Santa Claus?

With only 12 more days remaining until Christmas those in

charge of the Christmas Cheer movement of the Capital Journal and the Salem Lodge of Elks today made another appeal to the children to get their letters to old Santa in immediately.

"Tell them that Santa is not going to miss a one of them if he knows their names, where they live and what they want," said Fred Erickson, chairman of the committee. "If any of them doubt that they will be remembered on Christmas morning just let them send their letters to the Capital Journal and Santa will do the rest."

"I know there are some little kiddies who think that just because their fathers and mothers are poor and have a hard time getting enough money to buy the food to keep them from going hun-

gry Santa Claus is going to forget them. Feeling that way they don't think there is any use in writing to Santa.

"Those are just the children we want to know about. So after the kiddies have written their own letters we want them to tell us about any other children they know who may be misled by Santa."

Contributions of money for the Christmas fund are coming in steadily at the Capital Journal office, but the response of people having articles of clothing, bedding, foodstuffs, toys and the like has not been as generous as in former years. People having contributions of this sort to make are asked to leave them at the Elks Temple, or telephone 17 and they will be called for.

## LELA JERMAN SEEKS DIVORCE

Half of the famous old Sappingfield tract of land, valued at \$50,000 and willed by Isaac Durbin, prominent pioneer to his daughter, Lela Jerman, is involved in divorce proceedings brought up here from Multnomah county on change of venue, in which Dora Jerman is seeking a divorce from Paul Jerman.

She states that her husband is owner of an undivided half interest in the 339 acre tract, subject to the life estate held by his mother, who is still living, and the wife wishes to be decreed a third of the half interest, as well as a divorce.

She states they were married in Salem, November 18, 1911, and have two children. She charges cruel and inhuman treatment, that he abused her and submitted her to physical violence until she was black and blue and that he wrongfully charged her with infidelity. She asks \$25 a month alimony, \$75 suit money, \$250 for attorney fees and \$20 a month for the support of her child.

## GRANGE'S ARM BADLY SWOLLEN

Detroit, Mich., Dec. 12.—(A.P.)—With his injured arm in splints and swollen to twice its normal size, Red Grange will all the while today while the Chicago Bears play the Detroit professional football team. Grange, worn and haggard, told a doctor that he had not slept for two nights because of pain in his arm. The arm was broken out red spots and back of his shoulder was a lump as large as a hen's egg.

The physician said that a blood clot had formed and that if it should travel near the heart serious results might follow.

Grange said he first felt the injury at St. Louis but thought it merely a bruise. At Boston it troubled him considerably and at Pittsburgh he went into the game in pain rather than disappointing the crowd.

## BATTLE STALLS PEKING TRAIN

Peking, Dec. 12.—(AP)—The international train which left Peking for Tientsin early Thursday morning returned here at six o'clock tonight after having been caught in a battle between the forces of Feng Yu-hsiang and Liching-ling at Yangtsum 20 miles north of Tientsin.

Twenty Americans, nine Britishers, several prominent Japanese and four league of nations representatives, sent to study the plague in Manchuria, who were on board, were forced to take refuge from bursting shells under the coaches of the stalled train.

The passengers included a number of women and children. All escaped unharmed and declared they were none the worse for their experience.

## KING PERFECTS COURT APPEAL

Will R. King, attorney for Tom Murray, sentenced to hang for the murder of Guard Johnweeney in the prison break of August 12, today perfected his appeal to the supreme court in Murray's case by filing the transcript of evidence.

At the same time King served upon Warden Little at the penitentiary formal notice of the writ of probable cause staying the execution of Murray, issued by the supreme court yesterday.

King has until December 28 to perfect his appeal in the cases of James Willos and Elsworth Kelley. Murray's companions in the prison break, who were also convicted and sentenced to hang.

## Scenery Collapses Upon Actors During Play's Presentation

Wilmington, Del., Dec. 12.—(A.P.)—Near tragedy last night closed the second performance of "The Song of the Flame" a musical play produced by Arthur Hammerstein at the Play House here, when an eight-inch channel iron supporting a number of drops buckled allowing the stage and performers with brick, molar and plaster torn from the walls.

The accident occurred while the Russian art choir, numbering about 60 persons, was on the stage. While many of the players were injured, receiving sprains, cuts and bruises, only 11 required medical attention, and but one—Madame Chereko—was in physicians' care this morning.

Mme. Chereko suffered a slight concussion of the brain when

## LEVY HIGHER FOR EXPENSES OF NEXT YEAR

State Commission Estimates Nearly Half Million Shortage—Pierce Disputes Claim.

The state tax commission late yesterday promulgated the state tax levy for 1926, announcing it as \$7,200,550.75. This is \$221,930.68 less than the levy of a year ago, and includes both millage levies to which the 6 per cent limitation does not apply and the amount to be raised within that limitation. The decrease is accounted for by the fact that the 1925 legislature reduced the millage levy in the soldier bonus law from a mill to half a mill, so that only \$542,268 will be levied for that purpose next year instead of over a million. The total to be levied to which the 6 per cent limitation does not apply is \$5,152,299.07.

The amount to be levied within the 6 per cent limitation is \$2,048,251.72, which is an increase of \$115,382.93 when the amount was \$1,932,868.79. In mills the comparison is 1.93 made a year ago for 1925 to a fraction over 2 mills for the coming year.

Cause of Shortage  
It was the low levy a year ago that brought upon Governor Pierce much criticism in the legislature and subsequently, it being charged that he and former State Treasurer Jefferson Myers arbitrarily cut the levy in retaliation for the repeal of the state income tax. Regardless of whether these charges were justified, the legislature made necessary appropriations in excess of what can be levied under the 6 per cent limitation, and this, in the new tax levy, is calculated as a deficit of \$480,000. \$53.25 that the state must face this coming year. Governor Pierce does not agree that such a deficit is certain and will issue a special statement regarding it.

The estimated deficit was arrived at as follows: The amount required for the expenses of the state government for 1925 and 1926 and payment of special claims was \$5,276,955.65. The amount of expenses estimated for the year ending December 31, 1925, is \$4,797,454.73, leaving \$4,616,930.92 to be coming year. Governor Pierce for 1926 and the payment of special claims for which appropriations were made but not levied. From this amount is deducted \$2,002,678.95, which is the estimated receipts for 1926 from various sources, mainly fees, leaving \$2,614,251.97 to be met by direct levy. But since this is \$480,000.25 in excess of what can be levied under the 6 per cent limitation, the latter amount is calculated as a probable deficit.

The special taxes for 1926, as included in the levy, follow:

Agricultural college.....	\$ 745,682.54
State university.....	557,762.50
Normal schools.....	65,072.26
Elementary schools.....	2,169,074.34
Market roads.....	1,984,537.63
Soldiers' bonus.....	542,268.81

The amount appropriated for collection in Marion county is \$113,891; Polk county, \$126,741; Yamhill, \$156,250, and Lincoln \$220,547.

Pierce Disagrees.  
Governor Pierce refuses to agree with a statement adopted by the state tax commission yesterday in making the annual tax levy that the state will have a deficit of about \$480,000 at the end of 1926. Instead, the governor today prepared an independent statement, showing that, if the people adopt the tobacco and titling taxes at the November, 1926, election, the state will instead have a surplus of over \$700,000. The table of estimated receipts and unexpended balances adopted by the tax commission was prepared by Secretary of State Koser, and fixed the estimate in fees at \$1,450,000. The governor avers that this will be exceeded by over \$500,000.

His statement follows:  
"I agree with the other members of the state tax commission that the amount of revenue for the year 1926, within the 6 per cent limitation imposed by section 2 article 11, of the constitution, should be fixed at \$2,058,341.72, which is a 6 per cent rate in this town over the amount raised for 1925.

"I object to the estimated receipts from all sources during 1926 being estimated at \$1,450,000."

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