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RAIN TONIGHT
and Thursday, moderate temperature,
southerly winds, becoming gales along
the coast.
Local: Max., 50; min., 33; rain, .36;
river, 9.4; atmos. cloudy; wind, south-
east.

FORTY-SEVENTH YEAR No. 305 SALEM, OREGON, WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 23, 1925 PRICE THREE CENTS ON TRAINS AND NEWS STANDS FIVE CENTS

KIDDIES DIE IN XMAS PANIC

MERRY XMAS IS ASSURED ALL KIDDIES

Public Response To Elks; Capital Journal Plea To Send Santa Claus Into Every Home.

Salem Christmas Cheer stocking for the unfortunate kiddies of the city and vicinity who might otherwise be left off Santa's annual calling list today began to bulge under its weight of good cheer. The outlines of the receipt, which remained slender and straight and meagre for so many days, this afternoon were bumpy and irregular with bundles of good cheer.

By Christmas Eve, tomorrow night, the big stocking should be filled to overflowing with Salem's guarantee to every boy and girl that there is truly a Santa Claus who never forgets.

Christmas morning will find this wealth of Yuletide cheer tucked figuratively if not actually, into the stockings of more than 200 little children who, a month ago, were commencing to lose faith in St. Nick as the patron saint of the boys and girls at Christmas.

At 1 o'clock this afternoon the dial indicating the growth of the Christmas Cheer Movement stood at \$71.08, less than \$20 short of the \$100 goal estimated by the committee in charge as the minimum required to finance the demands being made upon it. This \$400 quota will not, however, provide for the attention of the committee at the last moment and contributions are going to be ac-

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GOOD EVENING WORDS and MUSIC

By Stoddard King

ART IN THE DESERT

America's backwardness in art is due to prohibition.—Joseph Pennell in "The Adventures of an Illustrator."

Bacchus was ever Art's most faithful slave; Now he is gone, in vain the painter toils. Once we had Venus rising from the wave, As large as life, painted by hand in oils. The goal of connoisseurs from near and far, On the south wall of Louie Schuartz's bar.

And, beside Venus, a whole tribe of nymphs, Enscorched in sylvan settings, ripely pink, Who needed no rejuvenating lymphs, Admired by all who could afford a drink. Where are they now? Nobody seems to know— Their beauty vanished with last winter's snow.

And where have fled the artists who of yore Traced esoteric, intricate designs Upon the mirror opposite the door At Joe Petroskey, Alex, Cigars and Wine? Gone into exile with the golden lads, Who every spring created hook beer ads.

There are no paintings in this arid day Like the great masterpieces that were hung Above the free lunch stand in Mike's Buffet. In that Ardenian age when we were young, The Muse languish when deprived of rum, Great Pan is dead, and Art is on the run.

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STOP STREET ORDINANCE IS APPROVED

Mayor Not To Sign Until Signs Are In Place; Cars Must Go To Corner To Turn.

After undergoing amendments in committee of the whole, the through-street ordinance passed the city council last night with a unanimous vote. Several members were absent. The mayor will withhold his signature as long as possible to give time for the erection of the "stop" signs at intersecting streets. It is not considered safe for the measure to become effective until the signs are all in place, several members pointing out that the resulting confusion might cause serious accidents.

The principal amendment in the measure makes applicable all over the city the prohibition against turning cars in the streets except at intersections. The original bill made this a requirement only in the five limits and on the through streets. An effort was made to remove this provision entirely, but this failed.

Penalties increased. Another amendment makes the minimum fine under the act \$5 instead of \$2, and another provides that the maximum fine shall be \$100.

A ditch digger's vocabulary, says a philologist, is limited to 240 words. Yeath, he's one of those fellows who call a spade a spade. The United States is no in possession of most of the world's gold supply. There is little hope of immediate redistribution, for something like 90 per cent is in the form of gold teeth.

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Two Blind Girls Get Sight Restored As Christmas Gift

Huntington, W. Va., Dec. 23.—(A.P.)—Two mountain girls, blind since birth, walked from a Huntington hospital today and marveled at the wonders they gazed upon. Their sight had been restored, a Christmas gift from their mountain neighbors and a Huntington surgeon.

The girls, Fay Cook, 17, and her sister, Mayme, 24, suffered from congenital cataracts. In their remote mountain home of Lorado, Logan county, they had been about given up hope of gaining use of their eyes and were contenting themselves in the methods of the blind when neighbors interested Dr. C. M. Hayes of Huntington. The doctor said nothing but long to perform the delicate operations necessary without cost.

The neighbors subscribed a fund to defray hospital expenses. The operations were a success.

COOLIDGE TO ASK MONEY FOR ARMS MEETING

Washington, Dec. 23.—(AP)—President Coolidge has progressed so far in his effort to find a way to accept the league of nations invitation to a preliminary disarmament conference that he has asked congressional leaders whether they will come before Congress in the form of an appropriation bill, discussion among a number of senators appears to have developed a viewpoint that if the United States participates in the conference it must with an understanding that any agreements for disarmament arrived at must be in the form of treaties between the individual nations such as were negotiated at the Washington arms conference.

Another necessary stipulation in the opinion of these senators is that the league of nations will have no authority to undertake enforcement of any of the treaties to which the United States may become a party.

SANTA CLAUS FORGED BY KLAN TO UNMASK

Salt Lake City, Utah, Dec. 23.—(AP)—Protests filed with the city commission and chief of police by the Ku Klux Klan have resulted in the unmasking of Santa Claus on the streets of Salt Lake. Wearing of masks upon the public thoroughfares of the city is prohibited by ordinance.

LINEN MILLS SUBSCRIBERS MEET MONDAY

Directors To Explain Developments At Chamber Luncheon And Outline Plans.

All stockholders of the new Oregon Linen Mills, Inc., are requested to be present at the chamber of commerce luncheon Monday which has been turned over to them by the chamber, at which time T. B. Kay, John H. McNary and others connected with the proposition will be on hand to explain the latest development of the withdrawal of Canadian interests from the plan, and to outline the advantageous situation which has arisen in connection with the null since the withdrawal of the Canadian interests.

"There will be nothing apologetic in the attitude of the directors in explaining these new developments," states John McNary in announcing the plans for Monday's meeting.

"The reason we are asking the stockholders to be at the chamber luncheon is the fact that 10 days would be required to give notice for a regular stockholders meeting and we considered it best it was agreed to give 1000 shares of stock to the Canadian interests in return for their skill and knowledge in development of the industry. In addition to this the understanding that only lower grade stuff was to be manufactured in this country being procurable in this country under a 1 per cent duty. Under the new plan high class fiber will be used for production of high class linens. This fiber is protected by a heavy duty and the high class linens are what produce the money.

"Withdrawal of the Canadian interests rather than being a detriment in reality a godsend to the stockholders and it is our desire to have them gain a full knowledge of the situation.

"We have been peculiarly fortunate in securing the services of J. J. Aldred for development of the new project.

CHRISTMAS CHEER FUND

Capital Journal	\$ 25.00
Salem Ad Club	10.00
Deputy Santa Claus	5.00
Marion-Polk County Realty Association	10.00
A Friend	5.00
Unknown	3.00
Contributor	1.00
Henry Jacquet	5.00
A Friend	10.00
Stenographer	5.00
Henry Lee	5.00
A Friend	5.00
Helper	2.00
A Friend	2.50
A Friend	1.00
Mrs. Fanny Tracy	3.00
Bonus Commission Employees	5.75
Pleasant Point Sunday School	5.00
Otto Klett	5.00
Salesman	5.00
A Business Firm	5.00
A Father	5.00
Helper	2.00
A Friend	2.00
Another Friend	2.00
Friend	3.00
Friend	2.50
M. C. Peterson	1.00
Trade Street Store	5.00
Andrew Riehl	1.00
M. Poulson	1.00
Kiwanis Club	50.00
A Friend	5.00
J. W. Scriber	5.00
A Friend	2.00
Steel Oil Employees	6.50
W. J. Page	5.00
Mrs. C. I. Lewis	1.00
A Friend	5.00
Plumbers Union	5.00
Ed Tripp	1.00
A Friend	2.25
A Friend	5.00
Cash	5.00
Christmas Cheer Box	27.93
M. Pohle	10.00
A Friend	2.00
Robert E. Leigh	5.00
A Friend	3.00
H. J. Bean	5.00
A Hop Man	20.00
J. G. Glenice	1.05
A Friend	2.00
Shell Oil Co.	2.00
Dr. Bancroft	2.00
Total	\$371.08

WASTE OF DRY FUNDS CHECKED

Washington, Dec. 23.—(AP)—Prohibition agents were warned today that "reckless, unjustifiable expenditures" during their work in the future would cause their dismissal from the enforcement service.

In a letter to prohibition administrators, prompted by the recent Mayflower hotel case in which two agents expended nearly \$1000, Assistant Secretary Andrews of the treasury, declared money for tracing down bootleggers must be used intelligently and economically and "never used without complete justification."

Mr. Andrews said that the Mayflower incident, which for several days has furnished the subject of house debate, occurred in the early days of his administration.

INCUMBENTS SLATED FOR CITY OFFICES

Contest For City Attorneyship But All Other Appointments Settled For Next Year.

Not until the city council meets Monday night, January 4, to elect city officers for the coming year will it be known whether Chris Kowitz will continue in the office of city attorney. This is because at the annual caucus last night several candidates and possible candidates loomed up for the job, with some members of the council manifesting a tendency to support some of them. Consequently no endorsement was given Mr. Kowitz or any other candidate.

All other incumbents of city offices received the unanimous endorsement of the aldermen present with the exception of Dr. W. H. Mott, city health officer, an endorsement for this office being held in abeyance until it is decided whether the office is to be consolidated with the county health organization. Mott, it is said, has no opposing candidate against him.

PARDON XMAS GIFT TO SCHULTE

Release from the state penitentiary and restoration to full citizenship is the Christmas present given by Governor Pierce to Fred C. Schulte, former constable at Reedport, Douglas county. Schulte was convicted on a charge of accepting a bribe alleged to have been tendered him while he was serving as constable, and in connection with prohibition law violations.

Schulte was sentenced to serve seven years in the state prison. His release comes about through a commutation of sentence to three years which Schulte has served, in which he is to leave the penitentiary immediately.

THREE PERISH COMMUNITY TREE TRAGEDY

Trio Of Youthful Yuletide Celebrants Crushed To Death, 7 Injured In Children's Panic.

Erie, Pa., Dec. 23.—(AP)—The joyful Christmas holiday has been suddenly turned into a period of grim tragedy in three Erie homes where today mothers, fathers, brothers and sisters are mourning the untimely termination of three little lives—the deaths of a trio of youthful Yuletide celebrants who were crushed to death in a panic at a community tree observance here late yesterday. Seven others were injured. The dead: William Wagner, 5, Eileen Rickrode, 9, Raymond Kupotnski, 12.

Five thousand children of grade school age had gathered in the Erie arena when suddenly the supports of a bench collapsed and with it came a crash and the screams of several children who had been precipitated to the floor.

OUSTS BUTLER AS POLICE CHIEF

Philadelphia, Dec. 23.—(AP)—General Butler, fighting marine officer, after a strenuous and spectacular campaign of two years today left the office of Director of Public Safety of Philadelphia—dismissed by the mayor.

Before going he fired a volley at Mayor Kendrick in a letter accusing the chief of enforcing the liquor law against the larger hotels.

Xmas Mail Rush Here Greatest In History, Postmaster Asserts

This season's influx of Christmas packages and letters, which reached its height this morning when a 100-foot baggage car completely filled with Salem mail was left on the siding here, is by far the heaviest this city has ever experienced, it was stated today by J. H. Farrar, Salem postmaster.

"Inasmuch As Ye Have Done It Unto One of the Least of These----"

working overtime for more than a week.



Plan Consolidation Of Local Charities To Lessen Overhead

Working at the request of the chamber of commerce, Miss Alice Bromley, social service expert, has been here for some little time, quietly gathering data on the matter of handling of local charities, with the end in view of determining on a plan for consolidating all of these charities, including disbursement of indigent funds for the county, through a centralized agency.

It is stated that at the present time a considerable sum of money raised for charitable purposes has been expended on overhead and in fact the investigator ascertained that in one organization it is shown three dollars were expended for overhead for every dollar expended for actual relief of the poor.