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RAIN OR SNOW
Tonight and Saturday, no change in temperature. Increasing southeast winds.

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Cheer Fund \$2100
Poor To Be Happy
Results Best Yet

With more than \$2,100 assured for the Cheer Fund, an amount adequate to cope with distress among Salem's poor, Elk-Journal workers for Christmas relief Friday followed the suggestion of Frank Durbin, Jr., exalted ruler of the Elks, and announced that the fund will be closed Saturday afternoon. The total, greatly in excess of those of former years, reached a sufficiency Friday when \$1,000 was placed in the fund by the Elks. The amount, contributed by hundreds of generous Salem residents, will be used to buy food, clothing and toys for worthy families which have been visited by misfortune.

Table titled 'CHEER FUND TODAY' listing donors and amounts. Total: \$2,119.82

WOUND FATAL TO COACH

Boulder Dam Project Approved

GIANT POWER BILL SIGNED BY COOLIDGE

Cost of Project Placed at \$165,000,000; To Be Repaid from Revenues

Flood Control, Irrigation And Power Development Triple Purpose

Washington (AP)—President Coolidge signed the Boulder Dam bill at 12:30 a. m. today. With this act the famous measure carrying \$165,000,000 became a law. Under it, there will be construction of a giant dam on the Colorado to water the valleys of the far southwest, control floods and create power.

NOMINATION OF AITCHISON IS SANCTIONED

Gives Favorable Report On Confirmation of Appointment

Coolidge Economy Edict Blamed for Delay in Making Valuations

Washington (AP)—The nomination of Clyde B. Aitchison of Oregon to be a member of the interstate commerce commission, was approved by the senate inter-state commerce committee after objections to his confirmation had been withdrawn.

Ruth Is Recalled Has Friends Here Queer Likes Told

Several hundred women, now living in all parts of the United States, who were pupils at Mt. Angel academy and normal 10 or 11 years ago, have been reading the news stories of the transcontinental 'girl chase' during the last few days with particular interest. In their minds there is no doubt but that the 'Ruth McConnell' who has been pursued from New York to San Francisco by the Rochester physician, is the same Ruth McConnell that they knew at Mt. Angel years ago.

Old Man Ill In Shack Is Given Help

County officials are trying to penetrate the mystery of a middle aged man who has been brought in from about two and a half miles from Astoria where for the past two weeks he has been living in an abandoned shack with scarcely any food or fuel. The man is suffering from a cancer of the face. He refuses to divulge his name, where he came from or why he took up his lodgings in the old, deserted shack. He was in bad physical condition when discovered through a combination of his illness and exposure.

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TAX PROBERS SIFT SCHEMES

Committee Accepts Some Plans for Reduction of Property Levies

Portland (AP)—Out of the maze of proposals for the relief of property taxpayers which have come before the Carkin property tax relief commission at its hearings this week, a number of definite legislative proposals stood adopted Friday.

MURDERER DIES AS SNOW FALLS UPON GALLOWS

Parry Sound, Ont. (AP)—John Burrows, convicted of the murder of Thomas Jackson, a farmer, after a mail car holdup near here last August 18, was hanged in a snowstorm in the courtyard of the district jail Friday.

Huge Sum Given By Motors Head For 'High Time'

New York, (AP)—Charles T. Fisher, vice president of General Motors corporation, has purchased High Time, sire of Sarazen, High Strung and other great turf and thoroughbred, for a price reported to be between \$600,000 and \$900,000. The sale was made by a syndicate headed by Phil Chinn. High Time rates as the leading sire in the country, 16 of his gets having accounted for 43 stakes and purses with an aggregate value of \$222,435.

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HUBBS READY TO HEAR PLEA

George W. Hubbs, member of the county budget committee which assisted the county court in framing the budget and was one of the members to approve its stand in regard to not granting the increase asked for the health unit, volunteered to County Commissioner Porter Thursday to attend the taxpayers meeting to pass on the budget on December 28. It is likely that the court will ask the other members of the committee to be present at that meeting, which will settle the matter put up to the court by Dr. Eselita Ford Warner, as to whether or not the court could recall the budget committee to go over that portion of the document relating to health work.

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Good Evening!

Sips for Supper

A soldier of the legion, Lay dying in Algiers; There was no wound upon him, Though his face was bathed in tears; "I once," he said, "was strong and brave, As any youth who walked, And when they called for volunteers I was not one who balked; Yet I never reached the battle line, Nor heard a shot nor shelly, I took a drink of Salem water And I couldn't stand the smell."

If we'd only thought in time, we'd taken a tank car of that water to New York and made a fortune selling it to the Christmas trade as synthetic gin.

Our old friend, D. H. Talmadge told us the other day he didn't believe in infant damnation. Has he ever had to walk with one at 2 a. m. in the morning?

We serve notice on Santa Claus right now, if he puts anything smaller than a grand piano in our sock it's going to drop through the toe and scratch up the heath.

SOME HUBBARD ENTERPRISE "Those Maxwell House people got us all worked up with that slogan of theirs: 'Good to the last drop.' What do you suppose is wrong with that last drop, anyway?"—Hubbard Enterprise.

WE GET BAWLED OUT "Haw! Haw! Haw!" was the comment of Young Sips on reading our poems on building a pedestal for our Christmas tree. "That shows that culture has reached the peak in our family, me making a pedestal for the Christmas tree and setting it up, and dad writing a poem saying he did it. That's what I call poetic license."

TABLOID INTERVIEW U. G. Boyer, county clerk, just returning from county officers' conventions in Portland: "Dave Drager is altogether too young a man for me to go to Portland with."

This is the shortest day in the year— Which makes a lot of the boys happy to think that it will also be the longest in the year. As far as a lot of purses are concerned this is also the shortest time of the year.

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