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Unsettled tonight and Thursday;
probably rain; normal temperature;
changeable winds.
Local: Max, 47; Min, 39; rain,
.97 inch; river, 8.6 feet; cloudy;
southerly winds.

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HOUSE VOTES BEER BILL 225-164

VIOLENT QUAKE JARS WESTERN UNITED STATES

Series of Shocks Most Severe Since 1925 But Little Damage Done

Centers In Dixie Valley, Nevada—Clocks Stopped, Crockery Broken

San Francisco, Dec. 21.—(AP)—A strong earthquake shook virtually the entire western United States, embracing about a fifth of the nation last night. Seismologists said it was the most severe in the area since 1925.

START DRAFT OF FARM AID BILL

Washington, Dec. 21.—(AP)—The house agriculture committee failed to reach a decision today on the domestic allotment relief plan sponsored by farm leaders, but committee discussion indicated a sentiment to apply that method to wheat and cotton only on a strictly emergency basis.

COURT TO RULE POSSESSION OF WINE

Portland, Dec. 21.—(AP)—Whether wine is personal property under the present Oregon law, and can be stolen, or whether it is contraband and not personal property, will be ruled upon by District Judge Hendrickson of Portland in a case he took under advisement today.

X RAY BURNS FATAL TO FRENCH SCIENTIST

Paris, Dec. 21.—(AP)—Dr. Georges Harel, eminent French radiologist and head of the radiology department of Lariboisiere hospital, died last night as a result of X-ray burns incurred in a scientific career beginning with treatment of wounded soldiers during the World War. He was 58 years old.

GOLD SHIPPED FROM FRANCE TO AMERICA

Clermont, France, Dec. 21.—(AP)—The liner Majestic is sailing today with 129 cases of gold valued approximately at \$3,500,000 consigned to American banks. A large shipment of gold from the British government of the December 15 war debt interest also was reported to be aboard the Majestic.

Good Evening Sips for Supper

By DON UPJOHN
Bill Jones, burgomaster of Jefferson for the past two years, dropped into town today to commiserate with Oscar Bower. Bill is going out of office in Jefferson with the advent of the new year not only in a blaze of glory but in the swish of a woman's skirts. He is to be succeeded by Mrs. Edna Allen as mayor of the little big city on the Santiam. Incidentally Bill is the original black republican of Marion county. And he's just as black and just as republican as ever. Empires might rise and fall and deities heaven and earth pass away but Bill would remain a republican. And wherever republicans go in the hereafter—there you will find Bill.

The hop growers have named a committee to formulate a plan for beer legislation. We hope the committee as a sideline will answer the moot old question as to which has the most hops—a frog or a glass of beer?

Well, well, the first day of winter landed on scheduled time. The tail end of the fall was like the middle of winter and the first day of winter like the middle of summer. The weather man has put everything into a muddle.

AMERICANA

Walt Winslow, deacon in the Methodist church, filing an affidavit in circuit court against John Wesley—Walt averring John told him a wrong story.

SURVEYS FIELD FOR DEBT BOARD

Washington, Dec. 21.—(AP)—An assembly of "big names" which would include probably two cabinet officers and several captains of finance was being considered today by President Hoover for the commission which he has proposed to set up to deal with the war debts problem.

Proposes Wheat As Basis Of Monetary System For World

London.—(AP)—The use of wheat as a basis for money would double the price of grain and provide a swift avenue for return of prosperity, believes J. F. Darling, a director of the Midland bank, one of England's important financial institutions. Darling, who would link wheat to gold and silver, believes "that in wheat as a basis for currency we possess an even more powerful instrument for raising prices and stimulating world trade."

FLU EPIDEMIC SHUTS SCHOOLS IN NORTHWEST

Few Deaths Reported But Many Afflicted—Larger Cities Escape

Portland, Dec. 21.—(AP)—Although thus far there have been few deaths, the Pacific northwest appeared today to be in the grip of the worst influenza epidemic since 1918.

The epidemic has broken out quite universally in many parts of Oregon and Washington and some physicians believe the extreme cold of the recent freeze was to blame.

SENATE DRAFTS BILL FOR REPEAL

Washington, Dec. 21.—(AP)—A senate judiciary sub-committee got together today on phraseology for a proposed amendment to replace the 18th amendment but only as basis for discussion and not as representing its conclusions.

ENTIRE TROOP OF JAPANESE GONE

Mukden, Manchuria, Dec. 21.—(AP)—Japanese military headquarters here expressed belief today that a battalion of Japanese troops, missing since last Saturday, had been ambushed and exterminated by Chinese irregulars.

STEAMSHIP DEAL DENIED BY DOLLAR

San Francisco, Dec. 21.—(AP)—Denial that the Dollar Steamship Lines and the United States Lines have "agreed or disagreed" over competition in the intercoastal trade via the Panama canal was made here today by R. Stanley Dollar, president of Dollar Lines.

At Death's Door BUTLER IN COMA AS DEATH NEARS



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RUBY STARTS SLANDER SUIT

Portland, Dec. 21.—(AP)—The regional agricultural credit corporation of Spokane and C. P. Bailey, Portland branch manager, are named as defendants in a \$100,000 slander suit filed in federal court here by A. C. Ruby, former Pacific International Livestock Exposition president.

NORMAL WEATHER RETURNS TO OREGON

Portland, Dec. 21.—(AP)—Normal winter weather prevailed today, most parts of Oregon today with the official arrival of the season, and the shortest day of the year.

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Rock Hill, S. C., Dec. 21.—(AP)—This is the story of two women, one an expectant mother condemned to die for murder, the other a widow with four small children, facing a life of labor to rear them.

BRITISH URGE FRENCH DROP ARBITRATION

Proposed Course On Debt Payment Held To Be Undesirable

Paris, Dec. 21.—(AP)—Great Britain will informally counsel France against pursuing an idea under consideration by officials of having the question of payment of the December interest on the American debt submitted to arbitration, according to reports in diplomatic circles.

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ALMLIE LOWEST ON OREGON CITY BID

Washington, Dec. 21.—(AP)—The Oliver S. Almlie company, Merced, Cal., today submitted low supplementary bids of \$90,000 and \$73,400 for construction of a postoffice at Oregon City, Ore.

KEYSTONE SOLONS SNUB M'FADDEN

Washington, Dec. 21.—(AP)—The Pennsylvania republican delegation in the house today administered a further rebuke to Representative McFadden, one of its members, by removing him from the position of secretary of the delegation and electing Representative Swick of Beaver Falls to the post.

Governor To Leave Tax Legislation In Legislators' Hands

Executive Not To Recommend Specific Plan, Nor Attempt To Limit Special Session If Members Feel Need For More Time, To Avoid Suspicion of Rail-Roading.

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AMENDMENTS TO BEER BILL TURNED DOWN

Collier Bill Legalizing 3.2 Percent Beer Now Goes to Senate

Washington, Dec. 21.—(AP)—The house passed the Collier beer bill today with votes to spare.

Washington, Dec. 21.—(AP)—The chamber was crowded during the progress of the roll. The galleries were sprinkled with many.

TELLS GOVERNOR OF CHAIN GANG

Trenton, N. J., Dec. 21.—(AP)—A charge that punishment inflicted on prisoners in Georgia "would not be tolerated in any other state of the union" was made before Gov. A. Harry Moore today when Robert Elliott Burns began his fight against return to a Georgia chain gang.

GAS EXPLOSION TOPPLES HOUSE

Chicago, Dec. 21.—(AP)—A fire department lieutenant and at least five tenants of a two-story building were injured in an explosion which rocked the building and then toppled it to the ground early today.

REACH AGREEMENT ON PHILIPPINE BILL

Washington, Dec. 21.—(AP)—A tentative agreement on all controversial features of the Philippine independence bill was reached by congressional conferees today and a complete agreement was predicted by tomorrow.



SHOPPING DAYS TO CHRISTMAS