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## Merry Christmas to All!

This is the season of the year when each individual feels kindly towards every other individual—at least, it is more evident at this time than throughout the year—and we are inclined to give expression to the warmth we feel deep down inside by wishing all and sundry "A Merry Christmas!"

It is a custom that is centuries old, hence is not apt to be discontinued even by a world that has grown callous in this more modern age when the tendency is to measure values more by worldly gains than by spiritual development. But the precedent for gift-giving was set by the shepherds of old who followed the Star of Bethlehem to the place where the Saviour was born, and throughout the centuries it has been the custom to observe His precept of "doing unto others as you would they should do unto you" by remembering relatives and friends with a gift or a cheery note at Christmas time. It is a custom that is frequently abused by dint of over-emphasis, but is it not more pleasant to live in a world that responds in a warm-hearted manner to this age-old tradition than to find ourselves in a world that fails to acknowledge Christ and his teachings? We think so, and it is with this feeling of kindness towards all men that we acknowledge the many Christmas greetings received during this season and take time out to say "Merry Christmas to Everyone!"

## World Freedom American Goal

America has been great only when she remembered her purpose of establishing freedom here and helping maintain it throughout the world. She has lost her greatness whenever she began to worry too much about herself and forget her obligation to the world. Thus spoke Dr. A. L. Strand, president of Oregon State college, in an address to the annual December conference of agricultural and home economics workers last week at the college. Political freedom cannot be segregated from economic freedom, he contended, but that the latter needs a reasonable balance between minimum security and essential free enterprise with economic risks.

One hundred per cent or 90 per cent security cannot be successfully brought about, this learned man declares, whether that is expressed in too high pensions or too high parity supports for farm crops. They just won't work in the long run, he avers, and added that the whole broad purpose of education is freedom, in that knowledge of environment through research and education, and the right to enquire in any and all fields is fundamental to all freedom.

Dr. Strand argues for some "first class navigating" between the two extremes for the ship of state to strike a balance in our complicated society. If we steer too far to the left we lose basic human freedoms, while if we steer too far to the right we lose human rights.



## WALSH SENATE PRESIDENT

The election of Senator William E. Walsh, Coos Bay attorney, as president of the senate has been assured by a pledged vote from Austin Flegel, Portland democrat. Flegel's decision was the sixteen in favor of Walsh and ended the six-week fight with Senator Carl Engdahl, Oregon's wheat king, from Umatilla county. For ten days each contestant was behind the eight ball with 13 pledges each.

Senator Engdahl has released his pledges and asked them to "forget the fight so we can do a good job during the session," beginning January 10.

The president of the senate is in line to become governor in case of "the inability of the governor to discharge the duties of the office." The speaker of the house, secretary of state and state treasurer are next in order of succession.

Senator Walsh has represented the 8th senatorial district, comprising Coos and Curry counties, in the upper house during the last three legislative sessions, having been first elected in 1940.

He was appointed district attorney of Coos county by Governor I. L. Patterson in 1930 and served three years, was later GOP county chairman. He was an officer in Coast Artillery Corps Reserve from 1928 to 1938. The senator was born in Oswego, N. Y., in 1903; family came to Oregon in 1910. He completed high school in Salem, obtained LL.B. from Willamette law school, married, one son, William, Jr., is a Shriner, Mason and Elk.

## GOVERNORIAL MESSAGES

It is an auto-demonstrative fact that more people of the state read and discuss the legislative messages of outgoing and incoming governors than any other articles of local origin. As a rule they are written and re-written many, many times, as are the works of most professional writers. The message of Governor-elect Douglas McKay will be no exception. He announced 30 days ago he would start compiling his message to the 1949 legislature. Governor Hall, however, says his message will be brief both in compilation and reading. The message of an outgoing governor should be of high interest as he has a better grasp of state affairs than a person who has never held the state's highest office. All of which should not be taken to mean that the message of Governor-elect McKay will not be extremely valuable to legislators and the populace. McKay held important chairmanships in the

sessions of 1935, 1937, 1939, 1941 (although elected he was in absentia during the sessions of 1943 and 1945 while serving in the army). In the 1947 session he was chairman of the roads and highways committee, vice-chairman of the medicine, pharmacy and dentistry committee and a member of four other committees. Only two other senators held as many committee appointments.

There are times when we want to get the feel of what the score is in state government without having the subject matter garnished with parsley, scrollwork and passementerie. The governors' messages and the biennial budget, published during each regular session of the legislature, are primary documents of information on state affairs that should be given wider circulation in the cause of better government. This is the opinion of a group of legislators that will ask for multiple printings of the two documents to be made available to all who desire them.

## ADVICE TO STATESMEN

"The foundation of society isn't the clever or smart man, but is one that is good," Gerald Kennedy, bishop of the Portland area for the Methodist church, stated at a luncheon-forum in Salem this week that was largely attended by state officials. In making a plea to turn from pagan altars to the worship of God, the bishop declared that when men get away from God they lose their sense of responsibility for their brothers.

"Duties and obligations should go along with the demand for freedom and liberty," he said.

## SAFETY CONFERENCE

"When I enter office I will do all in my power to keep Oregon's aggressive program of accident prevention and vocational rehabilitation going stronger than ever," Governor-elect Douglas McKay told delegates attending the fifth annual Oregon safety council meeting for a two-day session at the capitol this week. "Only one thing creates wealth," he said. "No national resource is of any value without work. We must keep our workmen safe on the job, and if they do get hurt, see that they receive the best of care."

Other speakers were Commissioner T. Morris Dunne, dean of the Oregon Industrial accident commission and the state unemployment compensation commis-

## This Week In History



December 19 to December 25  
By the Editors of the World Book Encyclopedia.

Isaac Newton was born in Woolsthorpe, England, on Christmas Day, 1642. As a youth he neglected his studies to invent ingenious mechanical devices, and, as an adult propounded laws of motion and of gravity, invented the reflector telescope, experimented with spectroanalysis. His work laid the foundations for modern physics. As a mathematician, he was accomplished, and he claimed to have invented differential calculus, though the claim was disputed.

Paul M. Giever, the commission's industrial hygiene engineer, and Dr. R. R. Sullivan of the Oregon state board of health.

The number of delegates attending the council broke all previous records and nearly every type of industry in the Pacific northwest was represented.

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Visitors from outside points coming to spend the holidays with relatives are Mr. and Mrs. Earl Bryant and family of Lewiston, Ida. They will be guests of their respective mothers, Mrs.

Madge Bryant and Mrs. R. A. Thompson.  
Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Turner left Wednesday for Portland to spend the Christmas holidays at the home of the Don Turners.

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## 30 YEARS AGO

Heppner Gazette Times,  
December 26, 1918  
While cutting kindling Sunday Frank Gilliam had the misfortune of cutting off the end of the thumb on his left hand.

Dr. C. C. Chick of Ione has purchased the Kinsman property in east Heppner and will take possession at once. Dr. Chick will take over the practice of Dr. Winward.

Harold Cohn reached home on Monday from Norfolk, Va., where he was specializing in the radio section. He had enlisted for four years but the end of the war made it possible to get a release.

A 10 1/2 pound son arrived on the 24th at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Leo Hill. He came at rather

an inopportune time as the entire family were down with the flu. He and his mother are doing nicely at the F. A. Andrews home.

Sam Turner returned from Mare Island Wednesday, having been discharged from Uncle Sam's navy.

C. W. McNamer, Ione butcher, was a visitor in Heppner Monday. He recently disposed of his butcher shop at Ione to Archie Cochran.

John Sheridan, for a number of years engaged in the sheep business in Morrow county, died Saturday at the Heppner sanatorium, after suffering a few days with influenza.

At the special election last Fri-

day, the new city charter was approved by the citizens of Heppner by a better than two to one vote.

Mr. and Mrs. N. S. Whetstone are in Pendleton this week to remain until after the Christmas holidays.

We understand that a deal was closed this week where G. A. Wilcox takes over the D. C. Wells place just west of Heppner. Early in the fall Mr. Wilcox disposed of his alfalfa farm at Jordan.

Among out-of-town people shopping in Heppner the past week were Mr. and Mrs. Will Morgan, Mr. and Mrs. Milton Morgan and Mr. and Mrs. Roy Miller of Monument. They found the highway slick but made the trip without mishap. The Millers own and operate the former L. D. Swick ranch on Cottonwood creek out from Monument.



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May we extend to you our cordial greetings and good wishes for a Merry Christmas and happiness and prosperity in the New Year.

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## Christmas Greetings

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