

KIDDIES ENJOY CHRISTMAS TREE IN CITY PARK

The annual community Christmas tree observance sponsored by the Parent-Teachers' council was held on the lawn of the public library yesterday at 5 p. m., with thousands of children, men and women assembled around the cheery, brilliantly lighted tree, with its between three or four hundred vari-colored electric lamps, shining forth out of the fast falling darkness and a chilly heavy fog.

It was the most successful community tree of the Yuletide season yet held, and the council desires to thank the civic bodies of the city and all those older folk whose co-operative efforts made such a success possible.

The program consisted of the singing of Christmas carols by school children, music by the D. O. K. K. band, and a characteristic address to the assembly by former Mayor C. E. Gates, who is at his best in giving a Christmas talk to children.

Then all the children present, and they were there by the hundreds, circled around the tree while each was given a candy cane and an orange.

CHRISTMAS DANCE ARMORY TOMORROW

One of the inducements held out to the people of Jackson county to obtain the appropriations for the construction of the armory in Medford was that we would have a building that would enable us to bring in conventions and attractions that we could not handle without such a building. Now that promise is being realized. The greatest dancer in the world will soon be here and the board of officers of the armory are busy on ways and means to get together the necessary equipment and make the installations that it is necessary to make for affairs of this kind. The building was made possible by co-operation of the public through the city and county and now the fitting up of the building can only be done by co-operation of the people. Various benefits will be given through the winter to raise money for this purpose. One dance was given on Thanksgiving and as there is no other dance in town on Christmas another dance will be given Christmas evening and as this money is all going for local improvement real support is expected. Good music is assured, as Alford's Orchestra has been engaged and the floor is receiving special treatment in preparation for a big crowd.

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Thousands Have "Tobacco Stomach"

The excessive use of tobacco is one of the most common causes of indigestion and stomach inflammation. Whether you smoke or chew makes little difference. The highly irritating juice of the weed is swallowed with the saliva, often setting up an acute inflammation of the stomach which may end in gastritis or chronic stomach inflammation.

"Tobacco stomach" produces a number of distressing symptoms—first a loss of appetite, then an occasional attack of indigestion. Perhaps your food sours at times and you notice a peculiar burning in the stomach. These attacks occur with greater frequency as time goes on. Finally, if neglected, the condition becomes chronic, resulting in loss of flesh and general poor health.

Smith Bros' M. A. C. Stomach Tonic has proven wonderfully successful in all forms of digestive trouble. It is sold on a positive guarantee of money back if the first bottle fails to relieve stomach inflammation or dyspepsia. The very first dose should convince. Nothing on earth like it. You can get a large bottle for \$1.25. Heath's Drug Store, West Side Pharmacy, will supply you. Adv.

CRATER LAKE MAY GET LARGE SUM FOR ROAD WORK

There was introduced in congress last Saturday a bill which, if it becomes a law, as it probably will, according to present indications, means much to the future of Crater national park and the other national parks. Senator Smoot of Utah introduced the bill in the senate, and Congressman Nick Sirovich of Oregon in the house.

The proposed law carries an appropriation of seven and one half millions for improving roads in the national parks, and is independent of the measure carrying the regular national parks appropriation. Superintendent Charles Goff Thompson stated today that of this special bill for improvement of roads, the allotment for Crater National park probably would be \$278,460, to be expended over a period of three years from the bill's passage.

He also stated that of this allotment the first road improvement work to be undertaken would be the construction of macadam roads at the Medford or west entrance, and the Klamath Falls or south entrance.

TURKEYS SCARCE IN S. F., PRICES HIGHER

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 24.—Turkey for Christmas tomorrow were scarce and costly in retail markets today. For Thanksgiving banquets they were plentiful and cheap.

The price today to the housewife was 45 to 48 cents a pound, prepared for the oven.

Commission men asserted that farmers had not flooded the market, high prices following.

Geese were scarce and high priced. Panic stricken housewives, are reported to be buying ducks and chickens.

REBEL FORCES WIPED OUT

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City so far with the capture yesterday of Cuernavaca, forty miles south of the capital, it is stated in a revolutionary communique issued here.

The forces advanced from their position in the state of Guerrero into Morelos of which Cuernavaca is the capital. No heavy fighting was reported. The general situation is unchanged except for the approach to the national capital. Puebla has not been evacuated, according to the rebel statement which adds that the insurgents are engaged in heavy fighting with federal forces in the suburbs.

A government dispatch issued from Mexico City states that Puebla was captured Saturday and 1000 prisoners taken by the federal forces in the engagement.

FRENCH DIRIGIBLE LOST

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British officials at Malta have warned naval units in the Mediterranean to keep an extra lookout by day and searchlights playing at night.

Successfully accomplishing a three day flight from Guers-Pierrefeu to Insalah, southern Algeria, the Dixmude last Friday afternoon headed eastward for Hunis. Her gasoline supply ran low and it was necessary to put her on one of her six motors. She then began to drift, sending out distress signals that put in motion all French naval units within call and all garrisons in the Tunis district.

Last September the Dixmude established a world's record duration flight of 4,500 miles. She was endeavoring to break this record when trouble overtook her.

Bible Thought for Today

HEAR THE WORD.—O earth, earth, earth, hear the word of the Lord.—Jeremiah 22:29.

FIRST TEST KELS CASE REVEALS NO INSANITY TAIN

SACRAMENTO, Cal., Dec. 24.—The first of three laboratory reports expected today as to the results of a spinal fluid test taken last week on Alex A. Kels, Lodi murderer, under sentence of death at Folsom prison, was received from the Stanford university medical school and showed the test negative. It was announced by C. E. McLaughlin, president of the state board of prison directors.

The fluid, according to the report, showed no reaction to the Wassermann test, which is a method for determining whether or not a person has a syphilitic taint. It was upon the possible presence of such a taint that Mrs. Anne E. Kels of Lodi, wife of the condemned man, hoped to show that her husband, slayer of an itinerant worker, was suffering from insanity.

Two other vials of the spinal fluid were sent to another laboratory in the state.

LIST HIGH MOGULS IN LIQUOR RING JUST DISAPPEARS

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—The national capital's biggest bootleg scandal, which originated from a modest police raid, gives promise of developing a sweeping inquiry into oft-repeated charges of liquor drinking in high places.

The sudden disappearance of a portentous list of customers taken during the raid resulted in insistent demands from several quarters today for an explanation. There were indications that the district attorney's office, which has threatened to prosecute those whose names appeared on the list, would investigate thoroughly why the evidence vanished into thin air and that the demands for an inquiry would be taken up in congress immediately after the holiday recess.

Meantime, both the financial backing of the bootleg ring involved and the actual source of its liquor supply was under investigation by several agencies of the municipal government of the District of Columbia. An effort will be made to connect prominent banking interests with the financing of the ring.

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 24.—The city council today broke the shackles that have fettered the toes of Los Angeles dancers after the midnight hour and decreed, after a torrid debate that on holidays and on days following holidays, dancing may be continued until 2 a. m. The new regulation becomes effective at midnight tonight. The night dance regulations jumped into prominence recently when police closed the annual ball of the Moving Picture Directors association.

There's the gleam of Southern Sunlight in tresses that have felt the touch of CARO-CO COCOANUT OIL SHAMPOO

Carolina's gift to lovely women Your best druggist carries it—50 cents the bottle

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WAR SECRETARY SENDS GREETINGS AMERICAN ARMS

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—Secretary Weeks sent Christmas and New Year's greetings to the army today, saying that the holiday season brought increased appreciation of the "blessings of peace and the unimpaired enjoyment of self government which are dependent upon the nation's defensive power."

"Each year that I pass in the war department," the secretary said, "makes me realize more and more how much you are entitled to the thanks of your country."

Major General John L. Hines, deputy chief of staff, in his Christmas message to the army pointed out that the efforts of the year had "resulted in a closer union of our military elements through the ties of excellent achievements in a common cause."

Secretary Denby sent the following message of greeting to the navy and marine corps:

"The work of the navy and marine corps afloat and ashore has been well done during the past year. I regard this as an earnest of the continuance of the loyal and devoted service to the republic. To every officer and man and every civilian in the naval establishment and their families, I send cordial greetings and the earnest hope for a merry Christmas and a happy New Year."

\$62,000,000 IN GOLD PUT IN STOCKINGS

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—Gold coins will be left by Santa Claus in a greater number of Christmas stockings this year than ever before. The total gold held by the federal reserve banks has decreased by more than \$62,000,000 in the last ten days while the gold settlement fund operated by the federal reserve board has decreased by about \$43,900, showing that an unusual drain has been made on the stocks by those who desire to employ the coin as Christmas gifts.

THE SEASON'S GREETINGS

—and when you get time for "Movies" we believe you will enjoy this—

—Also why not give Rialto and Page Coupon Admission Books? You can get them at the box office.

TODAY and TOMORROW

RED LIGHTS

For thrills outbats "The Bat," it's breathless, it's mystifying, it's melodrama gone mad, but mighty effective for all that. You'll enjoy it more if you see it from the beginning.

LEE MORAN in **"UNCLE SAM"** A HERMAID COMEDY



INTERNATIONAL NEWS WEEKLY

JEUNESSE BUTLER at the organ

WEDNESDAY DOROTHY PHILLIPS in "The White Frontier"

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M'ARTHUR ESTATE VALUED AT \$64,000

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 24.—An estate valued at \$64,000 was left by Clinton N. McArthur, former congressman from the Third Oregon district, according to the petition for probate of the will filed in circuit court here.

Polk county real estate represents about \$35,000 of the estate and personal property valued at \$29,000 constitutes the remainder.

Bequests made by McArthur in his will follow: To charities to be selected by Lewis A. McArthur, a brother, and Oscar B. Stauff, executors, \$500; Mrs. Lucile S. McArthur, his wife, \$1000, \$150 a month while the will is being probated, and the residue of the estate after other bequests are distributed; Mrs. Harriet K. McArthur, the mother, \$2000; Lewis A. McArthur, \$1000; A. L. Mills, \$1000; Lillian M. Curry, McArthur's secretary in Washington, D. C., \$500; Lillian M. McCoy, his secretary in Portland, \$500; Stauff, his business partner, in Polk county, \$500, and gifts to two uncles and a cousin.

Daily Report on the Crime Wave

KANSAS CITY, Dec. 24.—Thieves entered the private garage here last night of C. V. Starr, chief of police and stole an automobile which was labelled "police car."

LA GRANDE, Ore., Dec. 24.—H. E. Watkins, clerk at Hill's department store, was beaten into unconsciousness and \$1900 cash and checks were stolen from the safe by a man who attacked the clerk when he opened the safe yesterday to get change. The robber, who escaped without leaving any trace, took \$365 in currency and \$35 in checks, according to the authorities. Watkins was not dangerously hurt.

EVERETT, Dec. 24.—Robbers broke into a light safe in the Hudler Motor company's office last night and stole \$2500 in cash and checks, according to the police. A crowbar was used in wrecking the safe.

ALASKA PRIEST FOUND DEAD

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had no relatives in this country. He was a native of Belgium.

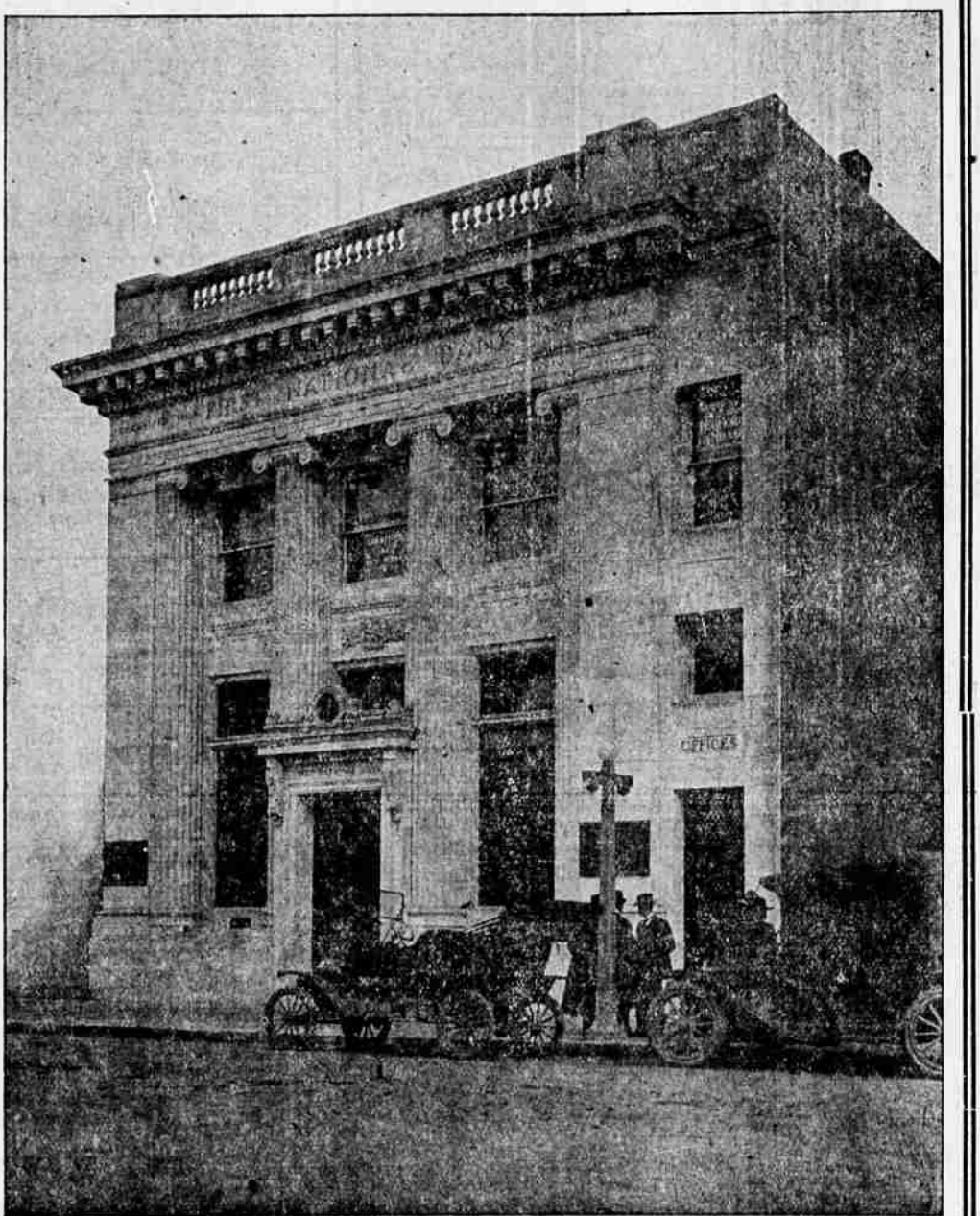
SPOKANE, Dec. 24.—Rev. F. J.

OREGON BENEFITS BY WOOL RATE

SALEM, Ore., Dec. 24.—In an interview today, the public service commission expressed satisfaction over the tentative report of the federal examiner relative to the inter-state wool rates case.

While the final order of the commission has not been entered, a preliminary analysis reveals that the Oregon commission's contentions have been upheld on all important features. This, members of the commission said, is especially true in respect to reductions recommended for westbound shipments of wool from Oregon shipping points through Oregon ports. Upon this point the commission prepared and introduced extensive exhibits and the examiner's finding of 55 per cent of the existing first class rate as the basis for the reduction for westbound shipments, supports the contention for lower rates of the Oregon interests.

Ruggert, S. J., found frozen to death in Alaska, was connected for two years with the faculty of Gonzaga university, a local Jesuit institution, where he served as boys' chaplain and professor of German. He left here in 1916, going to Los Angeles.



Once again the Yuletide brings home the fact that we are about to enter on another year, and as that New Year approaches, we feel that it brings broader, finer, possibilities for each and every one, and it is with that spirit uppermost in our minds that we extend to all our patrons and friends, our thanks, and heartfelt wishes for a very

Merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous 1924

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