

## VETERAN OF GREAT NAVAL BATTLE OF CIVIL WAR, PASSES

Loam Goodell Pillsbury died yesterday at his home, 105 N. Oakdale, after a short illness of two weeks from intestinal troubles, aged 88 years, 6 months and 9 days. Mr. Pillsbury was born at Great Falls, New Hampshire, June 21, 1835 and in his youth he was a sailor on a whaling vessel and traveled in all parts of the seas. April 17, 1864, he enlisted in the navy at Boston, Massachusetts, serving all through the Civil war and was discharged June 20, 1865.

He was on the battleship Minnesota which was grounded by the battleship Merrimac the night before the battle between the Monitor and Merrimac.

After the Civil war he settled in Kansas and was married to Emma Weed, at Frankfort, Kansas, in 1870, and resided there until four years ago, coming to Medford and buying his present home on N. Oakdale. He is survived by his wife, Emma, and relatives in the middle west. He has been a Master Mason for over fifty years and a member of Medford Lodge A. F. & A. M. and Chester A. Arthur Post, G. A. R. Funeral services will be held at the Perl Funeral Home Wednesday at 2 p. m. Rev. E. P. Lawrence officiating. The G. A. R. will hold their service at the chapel and the Masons at the grave. Interment in I. O. O. cemetery.

## SALEM PEN. ESCAPE CAPTURED, YAKIMA

SALEM, Ore., Dec. 31.—A guard from the state penitentiary left today for Yakima to bring back to the Oregon prison William Johnson, alias Carl Carlson, who escaped from a flume June 18 last with three other prisoners. He was arrested in Yakima last night. Johnson was sent up from Josephine county for larceny and was received at the prison September 26, 1922.

**Foley Pills Bring Relief**  
"Foley Pills are the best I have tried. My kidneys work a lot better since I received your generous offer," writes John W. Brogan, Adams, Mass. Foley Pills are a diuretic stimulant for the kidneys and while being taken close attention should be paid to the diet. Avoid sweets, pastry, starchy foods, alcoholic drinks, tea and coffee. Drink plenty of good fresh water and keep the body warmly clothed. Refuse substitutes. Sold everywhere. Adv.

## RIALTO

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in "Within the Law"

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## WAGES INCREASE, H. C. L. DECREASES, U. S. REPORT SHOWS

WASHINGTON, Dec. 31.—The earnings of the American farmers, and consumers notably industrial workers increased to a greater extent than their necessary expenditures in 1923 and as a result according to the annual review of economic conditions issued by the federal reserve board, savings deposits showed a larger growth over the 1922 total. Production and expenditures as reflected by retail prices also increased and the level of prices was more nearly stable than in any year since 1919.

The total value of agricultural products advanced \$900,000,000 and the railroads with improved facilities carried the largest traffic in history.

Farmers, the board found gained, in three ways, their crops being larger, their prices being 12 per cent higher and their expenditures for repayment of loans being less than in 1922, but the agricultural recovery was described as being "still incomplete, particularly in the wheat and livestock industries."

A decline in the foreign buying of agricultural products was more than offset by the demand of industrial workers.

The business improvement centered chiefly in the manufacturing sections. The output of automobiles increased fifty per cent and building activity, which reached its peak in the spring, and then slackened somewhat afterwards, owing to the rapid advance in wages and in prices of materials, substantially revived.

Credit demand remained practically unchanged during the two years, loans by federal reserve banks maintaining a range between \$1,000,000,000 and \$1,200,000,000, with agricultural districts taking more and the industrial sections less in 1923 than in the preceding year.

## BOARD INVESTS IN MARION CO. BONDS

SALEM, Ore., Dec. 31.—The ex-servicemen's state aid commission, which administers the bonus and loan act, today invested \$105,000 of its sinking fund in Marion county market bonds, the bonds to yield 4.75 per cent. The purchase was made from Pierce Fair and company of Portland. The bonus and loan act provides that all payments of interest and principal on loans to ex-servicemen, together with the one mill tax levy provided by the act, shall go into a sinking fund to retire the bonus and loan bonds, and that the sinking fund shall be kept invested. Prior to today's investment approximately \$1,500,000 had been invested.

## L. A. PASTOR FACES A FLIRTING CHARGE

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 31.—When the case of the Rev. J. C. Ferrier, pastor of a local church, charged with disturbing the peace, in that he flirted with several shop girls, was called by Judge Hugh Crawford in police court today, the minister failed to appear. Bond of \$100 was forfeited and a bench warrant issued for the clergyman's immediate appearance in court.

## N. Y. NEW YEAR COST IS PLACED AT \$300,000

NEW YORK, Dec. 31.—The welcome of 1924 which will be tendered at the threshold of Broadway at midnight tonight will have cost 50,000 revelers something like \$300,000 for the mere privilege of extending their greetings. Special squads of prohibition agents were listed, incognito, among the 50,000 holding reservations in cabarets, hotels and clubs.

### Open Forum Wednesday.

The usual weekly forum of the Medford Chamber of Commerce will be held on Wednesday, and this one, coming immediately after the first of January, no outside speaker could be obtained.

As a consequence the members will conduct an "Open Forum," and suggestions and discussions of topics of local importance will be the program. This will be the 196th forum and arrangements are being made for the 200th, which will be held on January 30th.

## Service Stores, Inc. Have Two Groceries

The West Side Grocerija will after January 1st incorporate under the name of Service Stores Incorporated and operate two stores.

The one at the old stand, 132 West Main street, will be under the same management as in the past and with a city delivery service.

Store number two, at 20 North Bartlett street, will be under the management of C. S. Praul and will be a cash store with no delivery service.

## DEMOCRAT LEADER SEES MELLON TAX BILL CONSPIRACY

WASHINGTON, Dec. 31.—Publication of the treasury tax bill, says a statement by Representative Garner of Texas, issued by the democratic national committee "has fully justified the attitude of democratic and western congressional leaders in refusing to accept the measure in advance and without the opportunity to scrutinize its provisions."

A "huge organized conspiracy on the part of the predatory interests," Mr. Garner charged, "has been conducting a nation-wide propaganda to commit the people and their representatives in congress" to the bill before all of its details could be made known and has "in a large measure apparently succeeded in the attempt to mislead the public by keeping secret some of the most objectionable provisions."

Mr. Garner, who is the ranking democratic member of the house ways and means committee, declares that the "plain and convincing evidence of this conspiracy is found in the wording of telegrams and letters being received by senators and representatives in congress which are in identical language."

Senders of these messages, he said "could not have known all of the provisions of the Mellon tax bill because most of the messages were received before the bill was made public."

Only through the insistence of democratic leaders has the bill been made public through all its provisions, and therefore it fails to give millions of farmers, tradesmen and small businessmen generally the relief they were told they would get.

## FEAR PENDLETON MAN A SUICIDE

PENDETON, Ore., Dec. 31.—A search is being instituted for Roy Tohin, resident of La Grande, who has been missing since Saturday morning. His friends fear that he may have jumped into the Umatilla river as he had threatened to do. He was last seen upon leaving his brother's home in this city on Saturday morning after having threatened to take his life, according to the sheriff's office here. A search yesterday and today failed to reveal any trace of the missing man.

### A. R. WILLITS KILLED IN FIRE

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"They were so engaged close to the place where the front of the stage had formerly been, when the stage fire wall between the auditorium and the stage collapsed without warning. Willits was instantly killed, his skull having been fractured.

Elliott was struck by debris, but was not covered up so much as the other unfortunate man, and was almost miraculously protected by timbers. He was immediately gotten out and rushed to the hospital, after first aid had been administered by several physicians from the assembled crowd in the vicinity. It required about an hour's work to dig Willits' body out.

Elliott was reported this noon as resting easily, although suffering from bad bruises and cuts. It was at first reported that among other injuries he suffered a broken arm and crushed leg. But examination by physicians today developed that no bones were broken and that the leg

was not crushed. He is expected to make a rapid recovery.

### A Narrow Escape.

Shortly after the collapse of the stage wall in which accident one man was killed and another injured, Fireman Charles Boussum and George Barnum, volunteer fireman, had a narrow escape from injury or death by the collapse of a portion of the retaining wall. They had moved away from close to this place to safety just a second or so before.

Fraise was not only heard on every side from the big crowd of spectators at the fire for the work of the regular fire department, but for the members of the volunteer fire department, of which about twenty promptly responded out of their membership of 24 men. Amos Willits had been a member of the volunteer department ever since its reorganization last March or April.

During the time Fire Chief Elliott is incapacitated, the assistant chief of the regular department, Taylor Burch, will provide in his place, and L. O. Van Wagon will serve as an additional fireman.

The debris continued to burn last night and today, and as a matter of precaution the city administration had two men on guard duty with a hose ready for use, all last night.

Also after the collapse of the fire wall, the city took the precaution, because of the dangerous looking appearance of the walls of the shell of the theater building, of roping off the south sidewalk and the Bear Creek bridge, thus barring all vehicle traffic from the bridge until a thorough examination can be made by experts to see if the walls still standing are solid and safe. According to local contractors the walls are solid and can be retained for reconstruction.

### Outlook for Rebuilding.

The Page theater was built about ten years ago, and since that time the city had witnessed many of the best theatrical attractions in the land. A number of such attractions had been booked for the next few months. Between the legitimate attractions the house was operated daily as a moving picture theater.

The question of rebuilding awaits word from Dr. Page who has been a resident of Los Angeles for a year or more past; C. A. Knight, who has charge locally for Dr. Page, and R. S.

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## Happy New Year!

We hope the 12 muscles it takes to make a smile on your face work overtime during 1924—

And the 26 it takes to bring a frown—lose their job!

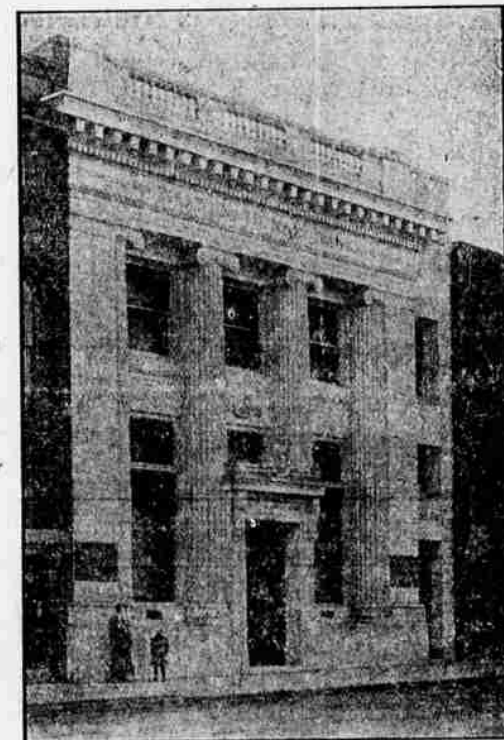
## Model Clothing Co.

126 E. Main St.

## Happy New Year



From All Three of Us



## New Year Greetings

Once more we pass another milestone in our history! Once more another year of progress! And once more we stand on the threshold of a new year!

What 1924 will bring forth, none of us can foretell. But every indication points to the best year in the history of Medford and the Rogue River valley.

The patronage and good will of our friends has made the past year one of the best in our history.

We Wish Everyone a Bright and Prosperous New Year

## First National Bank

## 28 ROUNDS BOXING At the ARMORY NEW YEAR'S DAY

Under Auspices of the American Legion—2 P. M.

### DOUBLE MAIN EVENT

JOHNNY CARLSON

Medford

VS.

RED BURLEY

Portland

RED WATSON

Ashland

VS.

BILLY GARDEAU

Portland

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BLACKIE GORDON

VS.

KID MORAN Klamath Falls

YOUNG CHISHOLM Gold Hill

VS.

TOUGHIE KELL Gold Hill

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