

EIGHTY PERCENT LEVY

Asphalt Stock Holders Get a Jolt From the Judge

Twenty Million Dollar Assessment to Come From Stock-Holders Christmas Stockings

Newark, N. J., Dec. 22.—The court today signed an order for a levy of 80 per cent assessment against the stockholders of the insolvent Asphalt Company of America, thus collecting \$24,000,000, being the amount due the creditors.

Vessels Collide.
New York, Dec. 22.—The ferry boat American collided in mid stream with the torpedo boat Winslow today, smashing the ferry's prow. There was a panic among the passengers, although none were injured, and the compartment enabled the ferry to reach its slip.
The Winslow was also damaged. She had just finished repairs costing \$40,000, and was bound for Newport to enter commission. Fifteen feet of her bow was torn away bodily, and she was hurried back to the navy yard.

Just Denies the Interview.
Washington, Dec. 22.—A telegram has been received from General Merriam, retired from Denver, denying he ever authorized the interview in which he is quoted as saying Wood's appointment was unpopular in the army.

A Holiday Recess.
Washington, Dec. 22.—It was announced at the White House this morning that no more cabinet meetings will be held until after the holidays.

CAR SHORTAGE AND HIGHER RATES

Complaints of Shippers At Losses On Business Sways Republican Caucus.

Republicans Decide to Make a Relief Bill a Party Measure and Democrats Will Stand Pat

Greater Salem Commercial Club Will Give Subject Special Prominence at Regular Meeting This Evening At the City Hall.

THE REPUBLICAN CAUCUS MONDAY AFTERNOON AND EVENING WAS FULL OF SURPRISES, BUT THE GREATEST OF ALL WAS THE ALMOST UNANIMOUS DECISION TO TAKE UP RAILROAD LEGISLATION.

Leading members of both houses fought for consideration of any bill that would give relief to shippers.

Brownell, president of the senate, surprised all by advocating a bill to give the shippers relief, if they had to stay here a month.

Members supposed to represent other interests fought for a speedy adjournment of the legislature, and consideration of nothing but the tax amendment.

THE CAUCUS DIVIDED ON RECONSIDERING THE SUBJECT OF SPEEDY ADJOURNMENT, BY VOTE OF 25 TO 25, THE CHAIR (SENATOR KUYKENDALL) DECIDING IN FAVOR OF ADJOURNING WEDNESDAY NOON. THE VOTE IN THE AFTERNOON TO ADJOURN EARLY WAS 35 TO 24.

Many Republicans Out.
There are sixty-nine Republicans. Eighteen were not at the caucus. Many of these have measures, so the caucus is not conclusive.

Representative Hume and Senator Booth were absent, both being advocates of railroad legislation at this session.

Eddy, of Tillamook, and Kay, of Marion, made the hardest fight for early adjournment.

The McBride bill has been introduced in the senate by one of the senators, who has lost thousands of dollars on account of car shortage in the past few weeks.

Governor Chamberlain was shown the statements of some of the shippers, and says there ought to be a bill passed to remedy the car shortage, and protect the shippers against unjust raise in the freight rates. All the Democratic members will stand for the bill.

The Republican caucus, after hearing the facts, deliberately resolved to take up a bill to remedy car shortage and to protect the shipping interests of Oregon against the raise in freight rates, that goes into effect January 1st.

Railroad Lawyers Surprised.
This was a great surprise to the corporation lawyers at Portland, and from other parts of the state, who had not appeared on the scene with the arrival of the legislature, as usual. W. D. Fenton, general counsel for the S. P. Co., and W. W. Cotton, general counsel for the O. R. & N. Co., were kept busy telephoning from Portland this morning to know what was up. It was generally supposed that there would be no legislation this special

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Guilty of Murder.

Bennington, Vt., Dec. 22.—Mrs. Mary Rodgers was this morning found guilty of murder in the first degree. She has been on trial for the past week. She lured her husband to a lonely spot, where, assisted by a half-witted parson, she murdered him with chloroform, and threw his body into the river.

The verdict carries with it the death penalty. The woman was the most unconcerned in the court room, when the verdict was read. The cases of her accomplices, Stella Bates and Parham will be taken up Tuesday.

Sixty Thousands Girls.

Chicago, Dec. 22.—The story printed here and elsewhere this morning that a syndicate had been formed to secure 60,000 girls at St. Louis for immoral purposes, is given no credence by the police or rescue workers. Salvation Army officers, whose work in this line, is the best organized in the city, says it is news to them.

Riots in Hamburg.

Berlin, Dec. 22.—There is serious rioting in Hamburg today. Mounted police made a charge on the mob, and were overwhelmed. They secured reinforcements, and charged with drawn swords and revolvers. Order was not restored until scores were wounded. Many of the leaders were arrested.

Had a Right to Kill Him.

Sacramento, Cal., Dec. 22.—Kid Williams, who fought Tom Pendergast Friday night, from the effects of which Pendergast died, was dismissed by the police justice this morning, on the recommendation of the city attorney, who was satisfied that it was excusable homicide.

Killed Himself.

San Francisco, Dec. 22.—Frank Monahan, the strike-breaking telephone lineman, shot and wounded Walter Kelly last night. As the officers arrested him today he fired two shots into his breast. The trouble was over Kelly's wife.

Jack the Ripper.

New York, Dec. 22.—The sailor, Tottenham, who murdered a woman Saturday, is believed by many to be Jack the Ripper. He was arraigned this morning and remanded.

The Deadly Buzz-Saw.

George F. Mason, who owns the box factory in South Salem, unfortunately allowed one of his hands to come in contact with a buzz-saw this morning, losing the thumb and second finger, but from which hand dependent sayeth not. Time will heal, but, unfortunately, will not restore the lost members.

LEBANON BOY GETS LYNCHED

Accused of Arson He Is Strung Up and Confesses

Now Claims He Is Innocent and That His Confession Was to Save His Life

Oscar Rogoway, an Albany young man, who was working in Lebanon the past two weeks, narrowly escaped lynching at the hands of the citizens of Lebanon early yesterday morning. He was strung up to a tree, and left hanging for almost a minute, until he made a confession of being guilty of arson.

Fire was discovered in the store of A. Gross, in which young Rogoway is employed, shortly after midnight yesterday morning. The fire burned the building, the Monogram saloon and the barber shop of W. H. Lutz. It threatened to sweep the whole block, and it was by very hard work that the Hotel Lebanon was saved. The burned buildings are a total wreck, only the walls standing. All the buildings were owned by the W. J. Guy estate, and the saloon was owned by Jeanine Bros.

The fire appeared to be of incendiary origin, and suspicion was at once turned against young Rogoway, who was sleeping in the building where the fire started. Some citizens, who had become infuriated at the incendiary fire, Lebanon having experienced several during the past year, determined to make an example of

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Now

We have about 2 ton of candy and nuts that we want to sell in the next 2 days. Call and inspect our prices.

Zinn's

154 State St. Phone 1871 Main.

Have you seen the crowds of Holiday Shoppers at the

The New York Racket?

They all know where to trade when they have cash to spend. We have a splendid assortment of

Holiday Goods

Every item is marked on a "spot cash" margin of profit. Dolls, Picture Books, Dress Cases, Shaving Sets, Collar and Cuff Boxes, Handkerchiefs, Perfumery, Slippers and all kinds of merchandise suitable for Christmas Presents.

Salem's Cheapest One Price Cash Store.

E. T. BARNES, Prop.

These Are Busy Days for Santa Claus

He has to be everywhere at once, peering around the corners to see who are the good girls and boys; trying to find out what everybody wants, so that he can make everybody happy on Christmas morning. Then he has to come to Meyers' and get everything ready to fill the thousands of stockings on Christmas morning. But Santa Claus and everyone else find Meyers' wonderfully helpful in getting things for Christmas. Here are the broadest, choicest stocks of holiday goods to be found in the Willamette Valley, a safe, convenient, comfortable store. Efficient salespeople.

Go's Meyers & Sons

SALEM'S GREATEST STORE
THE WHITE CORNER

Tomorrow Only

Our 155th consecutive Wednesday special is bound to be a winner from the many requests we have received. Tomorrow we place on sale a line of fine grade, 18-inch, 4-inch ruffle sofa cushions, which are regular 50c values.

TOMORROW ONLY.
39c.

The early ones get the choice, so we would advise early shopping, in order to secure the color and pattern you wish. Sale begins Wednesday morning at 7:30. Don't delay.

Pictures

A picture at Christmas? Of course! Why, it is the first thing that suggests itself to some folks. There never was a more acceptable present, or a more appropriate one, or one that gives a more continuous pleasure. A great variety here from which to make your selection.

5c to \$9.85.

Toys

Both the toys and dolls are in classes by themselves. They are vastly superior to any displayed elsewhere. They represent the very newest thoughts—among the mechanical effects in the imported toys are many remarkable inventions that will furnish delightful amusement for parents, as well as for the youngsters. On one counter are animals that almost live and breathe—automobiles that go like the wind—mysterious looking magic lanterns. On still another counter the railroad trains with tracks to run them on—automatic toys, and goodness knows what else besides. We wish the little fellows could fill the place to overflowing tomorrow, and enjoy every second of the time.

Everything is represented, from the 5c horn to the elegant steam toy.

WOMEN'S HOSIERY.

Extensive Holiday Displays of Staples and Novelties.

The advantages offered in our excellent assortments invite the inspection of every prospective purchaser of women's hosiery. The selection is undoubtedly the largest and the handsomest we have ever displayed. An extremely wide range of beautiful effects in the latest colors and combinations has been added to the enormous assortments in the different weaves in black.

HOLIDAY HANDKERCHIEFS.

Experience has taught us and you the popularity of this little accessory at Christmas time. Men and women alike settle the all-important question in this way. A small expenditure made in our handkerchief department brings rich returns. That's why you always find the handkerchief counters and tables surrounded by a happy crowd.

MEN'S NECKWEAR.

Where can you find equal values in neckwear? A little knowledge, a little indulgence in skillful comparisons; a little judgment concerning the relative popularity and desirability of different weaves, will bring the fact home that our lines are the very best offerings the market affords.

HOLIDAY UMBRELLAS.

To say that our line of men's, women's and children's umbrellas is the most comprehensive shown hereabouts is no exaggeration. Come in and secure a holiday umbrella for your friends—there's no Christmas gift that will please them better, and at our astonishingly low prices the finest umbrellas made are within everybody's reach.

