

19,000 NEW LICENSE TAGS ARE NOW ISSUED

Congestion At Last Minute Probable Unless Applications Come Faster.

Applications for automobile licenses are now being received by the motor vehicle department in the secretary of state's office at the rate of 1000 a day, but so far only approximately 19,000 have been issued out of a total of 63,000 automobiles in the state.

But even at the rate of 1000 licenses being issued a day, there is bound to be a big congestion at the last minute and during the first days of the new year unless there is an immediate increase in the number making application for licenses.

New license tags are not to be placed on the machines until the first of the year, points out Secretary Olcott. The tags are being sent out early in order that they may reach by the first of the year all who apply for licenses.

Knights Templar To Hold Public Christmas Service

The regular Christmas services of the DeMolay Commandery No. 5, Knights Templar, will be held Christmas morning at 9:30 o'clock in the lodge rooms of the Masonic Temple.

The services will be in charge of G. A. Olson, eminent commander, R. P. Carleton, generalissimo, Percy D. Cupper, captain general and other officers of the lodge recently installed.



CHRISTMAS SALE

Practical Gifts for every member of the family Merry Christmas

IT WILL BE IF YOU USE DISCRETION. BUY THE IDEAL, PLEASURE GIVING, PRACTICAL, APPROPRIATE, ECONOMICAL, ACCEPTABLE PRESENTS--SHOES OR SLIPPERS

WE WILL GIVE FREE TO THE KIDDIES

Beginning Monday, Dec. 23, we will give to each child that comes in the store with parents one "Uncle Sam War Purse" FREE! As long as they last, then other presents will be given until Christmas.

CHILDREN'S SHOES

In Great Variety

- Babies' Soft Soles at 50c to 85c
Infants' Hard Soles at \$1.35 to \$2.25
Children's from \$1.65 to \$3.25



MISSES' SIZES 11 TO 2, IN BLACK OR BROWN OR ELK SKIN, FROM \$1.25 DOWN TO \$2.95.

LADIES' SLIPPERS

- Black Felt, Cushion Soles 95c
Better Grade, Felt, grey or Black \$1.25
Fine Grade, Grey with wine Collar, also Blue With White Collar \$1.35
Blue, pink or brown with Ornamented Collars, Cushion Soles \$1.65
Liberty all wool, with felt and leather soles \$1.65
High Patterns in old rose, grey and dark Copenhagen, large sizes \$1.75
Fine Felt Juliettes, leather soles \$1.75



CHILDREN'S SLIPPERS

- Blue felt, Bunny and Piggy ornaments, sizes 7 1/2 and 6 1/2 \$1.25
Red felt, rose ornament, sizes 11 to 2, at \$1.25
Red felt, Skater ornament, sizes 6 to 11, at \$1.15



Visit Our New Shoe Repairing Shop. Fine Work, Good Leather, Prices Reasonable

LADIES' FINEST GRADE FELT COMFY STYLE SLIPPERS IN OLD rose, orchid, deep red, soft padded soles, very easy, the perfect comfort for tired feet \$2.25



MEN'S SLIPPERS

- Grey or black, all felt 95c
Grey or Black Romeo, all felt \$1.25
Brown Slippers, Leather Soles \$1.45
Black Kid, Leather Soles \$1.65
Fine Brown Felt, Cushion Soles \$1.85
Fine Brown, all leather, Cushion Soles \$2.25
Finest all kid, in brown or black, with Leather Hand Turned Soles, Extra Quality \$2.00

LADIES' SHOES

For fine dress wear, in all grey, all browns, all black, black with grey tops, etc. \$11 Down To \$6
Comfy shoes, service shoes, medium and wide toes, low heels, all sorts \$7.50 Down To \$3.95

MEN'S SHOES

Fine dress shoes in black or brown, Round, Medium or English toes, newest shapes, at prices ranging from \$12 Down To \$4.95

WORK SHOES

In all styles, best service, at prices ranging from \$8.50 DOWN TO \$3.95



City News

In regard to war savings stamps, the records at the Salem postoffice show that it is the people living in the country and in the smaller towns of the county who are holding on to their stamps.

The city public library will close on Tuesday evening at 6:30 o'clock and not open again until the usual hour Thursday morning.

'The Christmas Spirit of 1918' given yesterday at the First Presbyterian church will be presented this evening at the Oregon State Training school, by request. John Luckey will represent the spirit of 1918 and Florence Scheurle the spirit of Christmas.

This evening at 7:30 o'clock any vote of having some ideas as to what the

MORGAN'S SAPOLLO SCOURING SOAP Economy in Every Cake

country needs is invited to call at room 419, Masonic Temple. There he will find the five Marion county representatives and the two accusers who are said to have their ears to the ground anxious to take note of what the people want in the way of legislation next month.

Now that all milling restrictions have been removed by the food administration, the price of mill run feed stuffs is doing some skylarking. It is thought that mill run, which happens to be what is left of the wheat when the white flour is taken out, will advance about \$10 a ton. It seems that since the lid has been taken off on milling, the big eastern mills have reduced the price of flour and charged the balance up to mill run. In order to meet this competition western mill may soon reduce the price of flour, and put a bigger profit on mill run, just to get it up. At least, this is the way a prominent mill man sizes up the situation.

In order that even the last Christmas packages may be delivered, Postmaster Hickestein has decided that all rural deliveries will be made as usual Christmas day and that one morning delivery will be made in the city of Salem. From 9 until 10 o'clock Christmas morning the stamp and general delivery windows will be open for business. The general delivery will be for transients and those getting their mail at the general delivery.

Salem is fortunate in having a fine large Christmas tree standing in its court house yard and realizing this, the Cherrians for the past few years have been decorating said tree with electric lights. The same is being done today and by this evening about 200 colored lights will brighten the tree. In charge of the decorations are Fred Mangus, chairman, and A. R. Wilson, committee.

The Christmas cheer committee of which C. E. Knowland is chairman as now received its instructions and also those whom the Cherrians will remember. The Christmas giving of this Cherrian committee is not by chance or haphazard. The names of those whom the Cherrians will remember are given to the workers of the committee and each is expected to do his duty tomorrow.

Melville S. Jones, with an engineer company in France, writes that the

French are a little uncertain as to whether the Indians are still roaming the streets in far western Oregon. In regard to the wish so often expressed by people in Oregon that they might cross the Atlantic, Mr. Jones writes there are a lot of American boys in France who also have a longing to cross the big pond. He writes that he vin de blanc, white wine of the French, tastes more like a mouth gargle than red wine. His letter was written Nov. 25.

Although the Red Cross memberships have not been coming in as expected, announcement is made that memberships will continue to be received by Mr. Smith at the courthouse. It is understood that a number of people who would be glad to become members have not been solicited. Up to Saturday evening the total amount received for Marion county members totaled \$5093, and it is felt that Polk county will go fully half this amount. Altogether, the two counties are running about 50 per cent of what was expected.

According to the books of Ben F. West, county assessor, the assessed value of all property in school district 24, which includes Salem this year, is \$12,923,790. This is an increase of \$315,888 over the assessment of one year ago. For school district No. 4, Silverton, the assessed value of all property this year is \$1,759,964, compared to \$1,690,370 of one year ago. For the city of Salem the assessed valuation, including public utilities, this year, is \$12,078,821, while one year ago it was \$11,758,788. The assessed valuation of the city of Silverton is \$132,543 greater than one year ago.

Carl R. Gray Is Slated For Director General
Washington, Dec. 23.—President Carl R. Gray of the Western Maryland railroad was reported today to be slated for the place of railroad administrator to succeed William G. McAtee.

South America Would Visit Some Of Her Fleet
Washington, Dec. 23.—South America would like to get some or all of the surrendered German fleet, according to reports here today. Some of the countries are anxious to increase their naval strength and to have a share in the proposed international fleet larger than they would with their present sea power.

Order, Call Editor Is Arrested For Libel
San Francisco, Dec. 21.—A warrant for the arrest of Fremont Older, editor of the Call on a charge of criminal libel, was issued today on complaint of

Attorney John O'Gara, formerly an assistant district attorney. Older went at once to the hall of justice to surrender himself. O'Gara charges he was maliciously attacked in an article printed December 13, which referred to attempts made to obtain a pardon for John Byrne, charged with murder.

District Convention Of Sunday Schools
The Hayesville district Sunday school convention will be held at Hazel Green next Sunday, Dec. 29th. Forenoon session 10 a. m. Song service. Devotional, Rev. F. Fisher. Review of the lessons for the last quarter by teachers from four different Sunday schools. Address by Rev. G. R. Stover. Afternoon session 1:15 p. m. Devotional, Rev. G. R. Stover. Business session. "Round table," A. Keirst. Address, Rev. Wm. Nicholl.

GERMAN TROOPS ARE RETURNING TO HOMES
By Webb Miller
(United Press Staff Correspondent)
American Headquarters in Germany, Dec. 21.—(Delayed)—Fifty to seventy-five thousand discharged German soldiers have returned to their homes in the area occupied by the Americans, it was announced today. This number is being increased daily. Demobilization is going on just outside the neutral zone. Great numbers of men dressed in clothes obviously of the style of 1914 can be seen on the streets and in the cafes. The Americans are not strictly enforcing the rule regarding uniforms being discarded, as they are finding many German soldiers possess no civilian clothes. The authorities are allowing them time to obtain peaceful raiment, which is scarce and expensive.

Officers Are Elected By Pacific Lodge No. 50
Pacific lodge No. 50, A. F. & A. M. of Salem, at the regular meeting held last Friday elected the following officers for the coming year: G. W. Porter, worshipful master. Lester B. Davis, senior warden. J. P. Reed, junior warden. Lot L. Pearce, treasurer. E. A. Chaste, secretary. Dr. O. A. Olson, trustee for three years on Masonic Temple association board.

EVERY SOLDIER NOW IN FRANCE TO HAVE CHEERY CHRISTMAS
Red Cross, Y. M. C. A. And Kindred Organizations Planning Amusements.
By Fred S. Ferguson.
(United Press Staff Correspondent)
Paris, Dec. 23.—For most of the dough boys, this will be their first Christmas in Europe. It can now be stated there were only two American divisions in the training area last Christmas. All auxiliary organizations of the army consequently are meeting the first real test of their ability to spread good cheer. Thousands of packages mailed from America reached France during the past week and were hurried to the front. The Y. M. C. A. has forwarded 720,000 packages of cigarettes and a like quantity of gum, which will be distributed from Belgium to Lorraine and as far as the Rhine bridgeheads. In addition, 14 carloads of gifts have reached the army region, including more than 300,000 individual presents from home and more than 100,000 boxes of Christmas tree decorations. Provide Entertainment. The Knights of Columbus have made arrangements to provide Christmas entertainments. Every Salvation Army hut is working overtime preparing pies, doughnuts and the edibles that appeal to the doughboys. Every sick and wounded man in the hospitals will receive from the Red Cross a gift. Their socks will be filled with candies, nuts, fruits and sweetmeats. Special entertainments will be given in all the hospitals. A reception and a dance will be held for officers and men at Red Cross headquarters in Paris. Scattered Troops Remembered. Besides caring for the men in Lorraine and Germany, the widely scattered American units will be remembered. A battalion of the 339th infantry (Minnesota) and 310th engineers and hospital company are in Russia. They landed on the Murman coast in August. The first battalion of the 332nd infantry (Ohio) is near Cattaro, Italy. The Second battalion is near Fiume, and the Third battalion is near Treviso. Christmas cheer will enter thousands of French homes in the provinces, through the Red Cross. It is in the smallest villages, stripped of men, where houses have been destroyed and streets are ankle deep in mud, that more of the war stands out naked. More than six thousand children in the regions from Soissons to Chateau Thierry will have their stockings filled with toys, candies, mufflers and miscellanea. Huge Christmas trees will be raised in Soissons and other centers. The Red Cross will also decorate more than 2600 American graves, while French women and children will redecorate graves near their homes.

ACTIVITIES OF WAR INDUSTRIES BOARD TO CEASE JANUARY 1
Duties Of Various Sections Of Board To Be Taken Over By Other Departments.
Washington, Dec. 23.—Activities of the war industries board as such will cease January 1. Chairman Barnuch announced today. Barnuch sails for Europe on December 31, in response to the call of President Wilson. The division of planning and statistics will be taken over by the war trade board on January 1, together with officials and employees and all records and files of the division. The functions and powers section of the wool division will be taken over by the bureau of markets of the department of agriculture, where the unfinished work will be disposed of. The price fixing commissions will continue to act until prices already fixed shall have expired. All other activities of the war industries board which it may not be found possible to dispense with by January 1, will be transferred on that date to the war trade board. The cotton goods section with Spencer Turner, chief, was formally disbanded today, together with the cotton hinders section, George B. James, chief and the rubber section, Harry T. Bunn, chief.

Sweden To Have American Foodstuffs For Christmas
Washington, Dec. 23.—More than ten million pounds of foodstuffs to meet the shortage in the Scandinavian countries are now on their way from the United States, the war board trade announced today. It is said these foods will reach Sweden in time for Christmas. "This shipment is not the result of any superabundance of supplies," the war trade board officials stated. On the contrary, it represents a sharing with the Swedish people of commodities of which this nation could use all it has. It shows the marked friendship existing between America and Sweden.

Join... ahead and a bell...

ANNOUNCEMENT EXTRAORDINARY RECITAL Clarence Cameron White The Distinguished Violinist T. Then Taylor The Eminent Pianist FRIDAY DEC. 27

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