

CIRCULATION
Average for 1920, 5250.
Population of Salem, 1906, 4258;
1910, 14,094; 1920, 37,679.
Marion County, 1920, 47,177; Polk
County, 1920, 14,151.
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THE WEATHER
OREGON: Tonight and Wednesday rain or snow. Fresh to strong northeasterly gales.
LOCAL: No rainfall; northerly winds; part cloudy; max. 29, min. 21. River 3.3 feet and falling.

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SALEM, OREGON, TUESDAY, DECEMBER 20, 1921

PRICE TWO CENTS ON TRAINS AND NEWS STANDS FIVE CENTS

1925 FAIR PROPERTY TAX BILL DEAD

DOZEN YANKEES HANGED

Veteran Tells Senate Probers That He Witnessed Executions of Soldiers in France

Washington, Dec. 20.—George H. Taylor of Philadelphia, who served overseas, told a senate committee today that he saw twelve American soldiers hanged around Is-sur-Thille, France, from April to June, 1918, but was unable to say whether any of them had been convicted by court martial.

Witnesses Lynching

Robert A. Harrison, of Wilmington, N. C., testified that in 1917, he witnessed the lynching in France of a soldier. The victim was a Mexican from El Paso or Eagle Pass, who was charged with a crime against a woman and not tried.

Saw Two Executions

Taylor, the first witness, declared he saw two executions at Camp Wilson. The first on April 1, 1919, he said and the entire command was ordered to the gallows to witness it.

Bill To Audit State Expenses To Secure Cut

Senator Dennis of Union and Willows counties believes that it is time for the state to pause for a while in its mad whirl of bond issues and special levies and take stock of its financial situation.

Todd Reindicted On New Charges for Land Frauds

Portland, Ore., Dec. 20.—(Special)—A secret indictment charging John W. Todd, former Salem superintendent of schools, with twice using the United States mails to promote fraudulent schemes, was made public here today when Todd, who was recently on trial here in connection with alleged timber deal frauds, was again arrested.

Todd appeared shortly before noon today before United States Commissioner Kenneth Frazer and, with the consent of Austin Flegel, assistant United States attorney, was released on \$5,000 bond posted by Mr. and Mrs. John B. Atkinson, of Vancouver, Wash.

Five hundred dollar checks of George N. Ausman, a Salem farmer, and Ruth A. Westfall, Eugene teacher, which were said to have been made out to Todd and cashed by him, figure in the new charge.

Information which brought the secret indictment, which was returned by a federal grand jury last Friday, was obtained at Todd's last trial.

POWER IS OFF HERE FOR TIME

2 Plants Paralyzed But Trouble Remedied; Cold Grips Town; Schools Open

The spectre of a lightless city, except in its business district, and the possibility of closing some of the public schools, which loomed large in Salem this morning when two plants of the Portland Railway Light and Power company became incapacitated, vanished this afternoon when heavy tree branches were removed from the wires leading to Portland and Salem and the ice jams which had clogged the water wheels of the Clackamas river plants were partially removed.

Cars Held Up

Salem, however, its streets covered by snow and the mercury hovering at the lowest point reached this winter, this morning faced one of the most embarrassing cold spells of recent years. At 10 o'clock all lights went out, street cars were motionless and school rooms were chilled as the heat distributing power was cut off. Although the electrical power about the buildings was still held for some time this morning, the schools were not closed. Emptying of certain buildings was under contemplation when the power was again thrown on.

Pupils Kept Home

Fully 25 per cent of the pupils in the country schools near the city are being kept at home during the cold weather, according to Mrs. Mary Fulkerson, county superintendent of schools. Local school officials said that attendance in the city had been somewhat cut down by the chilly weather.

Steam Plant Used

Coincidentally with the power loss here, the local steam plant was set in operation. No damage had been suffered from the Pacific Telephone and Telegraph company in this vicinity today.

Although no serious trouble is in prospect, it is possible that Salem may be faced by a serious situation before the cold spell breaks Mr. Hamilton said.

Irish Vote Upon Treaty In Progress

Dublin, Dec. 20.—(By Associated Press.)—It was announced this morning that Arthur Griffith head of the Sinn Fein delegation, which signed the Anglo-Irish treaty, would move in the Dail Eireann today for a vote on the question of approving the treaty and that Eamon DeValera, the republican president, would move its disapproval.

Save Meyers Expense

Another measure which will come before the session with the approval of the steering committee is one to be fathered by Representative Hindman providing that appointees to state office to fill a vacancy shall serve for the full unexpired term of his predecessor. The bill is especially designed to save Stanley Meyers, recently succeeding Walter Evans as district attorney for Multnomah county, the trouble and expense of a campaign for re-election next year.

Berrymen Meet; Discuss Strawberries

Strawberry growing and marketing in all their phases were discussed by speakers on the program of the berry growers' conference which met here for a three-day session this morning in the auditorium of the offices of the Oregon Growers' Cooperative association.

K. of C. to Stage Minstrel Show

Knights of Columbus of Portland will stage a minstrel show at the Grand Friday evening. The performance recently presented at Portland won great praise, the Oregonian stating:

"An old-fashioned minstrel show, with the songs and dances, the capers and quips of the end men, and all the time-honored forms of entertainment provided by this theatrical institution, was staged at the municipal auditorium on an impressive scale by the Knights of Columbus last night. The performance was a credit to the men who took part in the show, and in many respects was a better grade of entertainment than the brand furnished by many professional companies."

FLOOD OF BILLS STOPPED

Ways and Means Committee Reject All But Emergency Measures by Secret Ballot

No legislation except it be of an emergency or curative nature will be considered by the special session.

Such was the dictum of the senate and house ways and means committees sitting in joint session as the "steering committee" of the legislature Monday night. And, furthermore, it was decided, the "steering committee" itself will pass upon the "emergency" and "curative" qualities of the various measures clamoring for consideration at this time.

With this iron clad rule established, together with a ruling that judgment upon the various measures passing through the steering committee should be by secret ballot, the committee settled down to sift the wheat from the chaff in the grist that was fed to the legislative hopper on the first day of the special session.

Three Measures Accepted

Three such measures passed under the scrutiny of the committee and will be sent on their way for further consideration by the house and senate. Two others were summarily executed after due trial and sentiment expressed by members at the first night's session of the committee indicates that other proposed measures will find clear sailing while still others which are rumored around might as well forget to appear.

Senator Upton's bill exempting money acquired under the soldier bonus law from debts contracted prior to enactment of the bonus law, met with favor in the eyes of the legislative censor. It was also decided that an amendment protecting the state in its loans to service men against the execution of mechanic's liens and a committee was named to draft such an amendment.

A bill fathered by Representative Hurd appropriating \$65,000 for the repair of fish hatcheries damaged by the recent storm also met with the approval of the committee.

Mercury Drops to 21

Although no snow fell last night, chilly blasts of wind have swept the city during the last 24 hours and this morning was the coldest of the winter. The mercury dropped to 21 degrees—11 degrees below freezing—and failed to rise above 29 degrees at any time.

Roy Shields Is Re-elected Head Kiwanis Club

By unanimous vote, Roy Shields was re-elected president of the Kiwanis club at the regular luncheon this noon. A motion was made and seconded that the report of the nominating committee which named the president, Theo M. Hicks, treasurer; O. J. Myers, D. L. Shrode, W. I. Needham, Harry Levy, H. L. Siff and L. G. Hayford as directors was accepted.

Beyerl Made Manager of Paper Concern

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TRAGEDY IN WAKE OF SNOW

Youth On Sled Struck by Car May Recover; Chilly Blasts Sweep Salem; Day Coldest

Tragedy, and possibly death, followed close on the flurries of snow and subsequent spell of cold which is holding Salem in a grip of ice, for 14-year-old Elmer Falk, whose home is just south of the city, is lying in the Willamette sanitarium, probably suffering from concussion of the brain following a crash yesterday afternoon in which his sled and an automobile driven by L. W. Swigert of Portland came together.

Elmer, who is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Conrad Falk, residents of route 3, was coasting down a hill near the Falk prune dryer, south of Salem, when the accident occurred. The Swigert car, according to the police, was moving north on the Pacific highway and sounded its horn as it overtook the boy's sled.

Runs in Front of Car

Indications are that the youth did not hear the approaching machine. He had been hugging the right side of the highway but, as the automobile essayed to pass him, his sled swerved to the left and into the path of the oncoming car.

Young Falk, badly bruised, unconscious, was lifted into the automobile and was rushed to the sanitarium where, all through the night, he failed to regain consciousness. His parents were at his bedside. A particularly ugly bruise is on the lad's left shoulder, according to the attending physician.

No Other Bad Crashes

In the Swigert car were Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Porter, also of Portland. Another man who witnessed the accident was Frank Brubetz, who lives on route 3. Mr. Swigert, and Mr. and Mrs. Porter gave their addresses as the Seward hotel.

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Big Storm Forecasted For Coast

San Francisco, Dec. 20.—Rain or snow, riding on driving gales, will sweep the entire Pacific coast from Tatoosh, Wash., to San Diego, Cal., tonight and tomorrow, according to the forecast of the United States weather bureau here.

Storm warnings are flying along the full length of the American Pacific seaboard, cautioning mariners of northeasterly gales off Washington and Oregon and a southeasterly blow off California. Throughout the state rain fall generally for the next twenty-four hours. In Washington, Oregon and Idaho it will be either rain or snow.

HELP FOR CITY NEEDY REQUESTED

Salvation Army Declare That Larger Number Than Usual Need Xmas Cheer

The Salvation Army of this city would like to draw attention to the fact that this season there are a larger number than usual of poor families in need, who are looking to the Army for help, and a more ready and liberal response to the present appeal must be made if all these families are to receive the usual Christmas fare provided.

Over fifty cases have already been investigated and must be relieved, but unfortunately the funds raised so far are decidedly below the mark.

It is the wish of the Army to help all who come, and while not wishing to minimize the amount of good done by other organizations, they find that the majority of the outside poor feel more freedom in applying to the Army for help.

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E. T. Barnes, who has been manager of the mill for the last six months since his return from the east, was enthusiastic over Mr. Beyerl's elevation to the management of the concern, said that company would devote its efforts to manufacturing high grade paper and would from time to time add additional equipment in order to supply the market.

EXPOSITION HOPES PINNED ON PROPOSAL TO TAX GASOLINE

Hopes of General Property Tax Being Enacted Vanish When 41 Representatives Agree to Vote Against Special Tax—Consumption Tax Upon Gasoline Urged

All chance of a property tax to finance the 1925 Portland exposition has gone by the board. Hopes for state aid in financing are now pinned upon the proposal to tax gasoline consumption for the ensuing year.

Forty-one votes in opposition to any legislation presenting a referendum providing any tax for support of the proposed 1925 exposition to Portland to the voters of Oregon are claimed by the opposition to the fair measure in the house this morning.

The round robin, started yesterday by leaders of the opposition today contains the names of 36 representatives, and five other house members have pledged themselves to oppose the measure, although refusing to sign, the opposition leaders claim.

Seventeen senators are also said to have pledged their votes against a general tax for the exposition.

SCRAPPING OF DIVERS DESIRED

Irish Envoys Ask Plenary Session for Abolition of Submarine As Most Vital

Washington, Dec. 20.—(By Associated Press.)—The British delegation has formally asked that a plenary session of the Washington conference be held tomorrow or Thursday in order that Great Britain may present its case for the abolition of the submarine.

The British spokesman in discussing the submarine tonnage question declared that unless an agreement was reached on that phase of the question, all that had been accomplished toward naval limitation might be upset.

French Naval Ratio

Washington, Dec. 20.—(By Associated Press.)—The modified proposals of the French government as to the naval ratio to be allotted France under naval limitation agreement was presented to the naval sub-committee of fifteen of the Washington conference today by Albert Sarraut, head of the French delegation.

For Defense Only

The presentation of Mr. Sarraut, it was learned, was largely one of principles, much attention being given to the necessity felt by France for adequate defense. The French delegation indicated France's willingness to make concessions on capital ship tonnage, but not as to submarines and other auxiliaries.

Asks Repeal Six Percent Limitation

Premiers Confer Our Reparations

Repeal of the six per cent limitation and a reduction of millage taxes now in effect are sought by Senator Smith in two senate joint resolutions introduced this morning. Both involve constitutional amendments and must therefore go to a vote of the people, if passed by the legislature.

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London, Dec. 20.—Prime Minister Lloyd-George and Premier Briand of France resumed today their conference on the German reparations and kindred questions. They waited some time for the reports of experts which had been in preparation last night and this morning.