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THE WEATHER  
Fair but occasionally cloudy today and Monday; cool; Max. Temp. Saturday 66; Min. 46, river 54, north winds.

EIGHTY-FIRST YEAR

Salem, Oregon, Sunday Morning, October 18, 1931

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# THOMAS A. EDISON DIES

## FIND AL CAPONE GUILTY, EVADING PAYMENT OF TAX

Jury Convicts on Five out of 23 Counts in Federal Court; Deliberation Lasts Over Eight Hours With no Rest; Maximum Penalty 17 Years and \$50,000 Fine; Possible Inconsistencies in Verdict

Defense Granted Opportunity to Argue for Arrest of Judgment Tuesday After Judge Wilkerson First Refuses and Indicates Immediate Sentence; big Gangster Smiles As Jurors' Decision is Read

FEDERAL BUILDING, Chicago, Oct. 17—(AP)—Alphonse Capone, Chicago's notorious gang character, was convicted by a federal court jury tonight on five out of 23 counts charging evasion of income taxes.

The jury took eight hours and 18 minutes to reach a verdict. The counts on which Capone was convicted include three felony allegations of attempt to evade and defeat income taxes for the years 1925, 1926 and 1927 and two misdemeanors counts charging failure to file income tax returns in 1928 and 1929.

The maximum penalty possible is 17 years imprisonment and \$50,000 fine.

The big gangster was acquitted on the one indictment charging attempt to evade and defeat taxes on a 1924 income. He was also acquitted of 17 felony accounts on the second indictment, many of them duplications of the counts on which he was found guilty.

The defendant smiled as the verdict was read by the clerk of the court. One of his attorneys, Albert Pink announced informally intention to file a motion for a new trial, and later withdrew the announcement.

Three felony counts on which Capone was convicted charged that he earned merely a "taxable" income, or one over \$5,000 for each of the years in question. The government did not attempt to prove these exact amounts, however, and the court instructed the jury that it should find Capone guilty if it determined that he earned more than \$5,000 in any of the years.

The trial ended in confusion, with the government apparently more concerned over the jury's failure to convict Capone on 17 of the counts than the defense was with his conviction on five of the charges.

Judge Wilkerson after much discussion granted request by the defense to argue their motion for arrest of the judgement and set 10 a. m., Tuesday as the time.

The court at first denied the motion point blank when Attorney Fink presented it, saying it was "obviously improper" and there could be no argument about it. He said that unless the defense moved at once for a new trial he would pronounce sentence tonight. Fink persisted, however, and the court then asked for "assurance that you have grounds for the motion."

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## Corvallis Upsets Dope, Beats Salem High 23-6

Salem high lost its hope for state championship honors Saturday night, not by a tie score as was the case last season, but by losing to Corvallis high in the latter's town by a 23-6 count.

The Corvallis eleven played inspired ball and took advantage of every opportunity to further chances for victory. Salem played mediocre ball and lacked the punch to gain a substantial lead in the first half when Corvallis stopped a scoring drive on the three yard line.

One the first kickoff Salem received and Ferrine, after fumbling the ball, was downed behind his own line for a safety making the score 2 to 0 for Corvallis.

Woodrow Joslin, fullback for Corvallis, shot a 30 yard pass to Schultz over the goal line for the first touchdown of the game. Joslin converted the try for extra point as he did on each of the succeeding two Corvallis touchdowns.

In the second quarter the Cherrians made a determined drive down the field and Sugar boomed through the forward wall for a

## CALL NATIONS' ATTENTION TO PEACE PACTS

United States and Twelve Others Send Note to Japan and China

Plan to Make Briand Pact Basis of Negotiations in Manchurian row

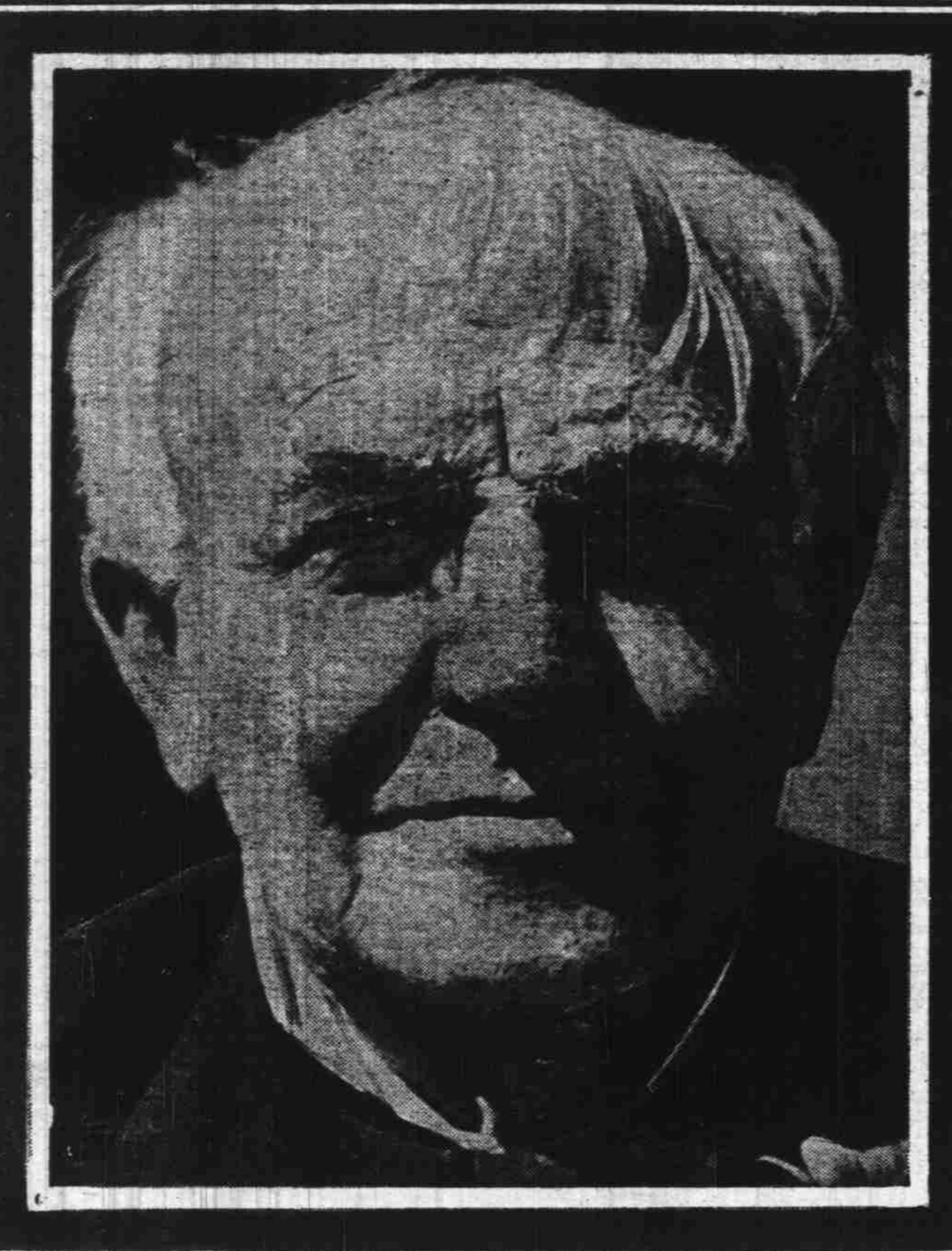
GENEVA, Oct. 17—(AP)—The United States and 12 other nations agreed through their League of Nations council representatives tonight to send a note to Nanking and Tokyo directing the attention of China and Japan to their engagements under the Briand-Kellogg pact.

Prentiss B. Gilbert, the American spokesman, and the 12 council members, who are not parties to the conflict in Manchuria, participated in this agreement.

The step was taken to make the Briand-Kellogg pact, under which the United States is associating itself with the council's discussions, the basis of international action for mediating the trouble in the far east.

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## Tax Reduction Due In Salem and State

OVER ONE MILL CUT HERE SEEN FROM ESTIMATE

Change in Financing Fire Protection Principal Item of Saving  
Salaries, Emergency Fund, Parks, Incinerator in For Slashing

ESTIMATE OF TAXES TO BE RAISED FOR CITY'S 1932 EXPENSES

	1931	1932
Gen. bud.	\$175,956	\$184,394
Fire exp.	85,000	17,500
Bonds		
ptg. int	217,763	204,156
St. rprs.	26,250	26,250
	\$459,969	\$432,302

A tax reduction of slightly more than one mill for expenses of the city of Salem in 1932 over those of 1931 will be accomplished if the tentative budget prepared by the city and means committee of the council is accepted by the latter body when it meets tomorrow night. Sitting with the 14 aldermen will be the 14 special budget committee members named by the council under the provisions of the city charter.

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## Change of Linen Mill Ownership Now Completed

A joint meeting of the directors of the Oregon Linen mills and the Salem Linen mills was held Saturday afternoon at which details were concluded effecting the reorganization of the old Oregon company under the new corporate form of the Salem Linen mills. John Veatch of Portland was in attendance.

The new company is operating steadily with new automatic looms fast being put into service.

## NATIONAL CREDIT DIRECTORS MEET

NEW YORK, Oct. 17—(AP)—The huge national credit corporation suggested by President Hoover to draw out frozen bank credits took definite form today as the 12 directors, hastily assembled held their first meeting.

George M. Reynolds, Chicago banker, was chosen chairman of the board of directors. He is chairman of the executive committee of the billion dollar Continental Illinois Bank and Trust company.

Mortimer N. Buckner, who headed the committee appointed last week to study the problem of the corporation, was elected president. Mr. Buckner is president of the New York clearing house association, which embraces leading Wall street banks with aggregate resources of \$9,000,000,000.

The 12 directors—one from each federal reserve district—met at the New York federal reserve bank and were in constant session throughout the day, save for a brief interruption for lunch. In addition to the selection of officers, the meeting was given over to a detailed discussion of policies. It was unofficially explained that it is hoped to have the giant machine well oiled and ready to function early next week.

## PROPERTY LEVY TO BE SLASHED IN TWO, CLAIM

Three Mills Will be Enough Next Year, Commission Members Predict

## Dropping Market Road Levy and aid of Income and Intangibles Cause

A reduction of 3 1/4 mills in the state tax levy is in sight for taxes payable in 1932. Last year's levy was 6.5 mills. For next year the tax commission estimates that 3 mills on property will be sufficient to provide funds which together with those from other taxes and other sources will pay the current expenses of the state government, the amount required for the elementary school tax and the amount under the millage laws for the support of the higher educational institutions.

This is made possible through the dropping of a one-mill market road tax levy by the last legislature, the expected dropping this year of one-half mill levy by the veteran's aid commission, and the application of receipts from the new state income, excise and intangibles taxes to the reduction of general property tax. The amount required from the state property tax, exclusive of the elementary 1930 levy to not more than \$1,250,000 in the 1931 levy. These estimates have been made by the state tax commission and are contingent upon the upholding of the intangibles tax law by the courts.

New Taxes Help Cut Property Load  
Although the exact rebalancing (Turn to page 2, col. 6)

## LAST CALL SOUNDS FOR MASTER INVENTOR THIS MORNING; IS MOURNED

## EDISON DEEMED GREATEST MAN IN MODERN ERA

Changed Living Habits for Most of World; his Beginning Humble

Incandescent Light is Held Greatest Contribution Of Many he Gave

To Thomas Alva Edison more than any other man does the modern world owe its amazing progress. He was the greatest inventor of all time and principally because he devoted himself to creating useful things. Without them the rapid advancement of commerce and industry would not have been possible.

Edison did not invent the telephone and typewriter, but his improvements made these inventions successes. Half the Portland cement produced in America is made in Edison kilns. He invented the phonograph, the stock ticker, motion pictures, street car, mimeograph, storage battery and that Aladdin's lamp—the incandescent light—and has a thousand odd patents to his name.

His was the first bold conception of the application of electrical energy for all purposes, particularly for power, light and heat. The machinery for making his inventions. The vacuum bulb which we call an electric globe, and which Edison was the first to make, is also used in the rectifier for changing alternating current electricity in the giant power houses which dot the cities of the world and for distributing it was developed from a multitude of direct current, or the reverse, and it is also the radiotron, the foundation of radio, which picks up silent electrical waves and transforms them into sounds. Edison's genius—be called it hard work—was wholly self-de-

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## OUTSIDE HELP NOT NEEDED, DECLARED

TOKYO, Oct. 17—(AP)—The Japanese foreign office declared tonight Japan and China left to themselves, would settle their difficulties peacefully, thus intimating if war developed from the Manchurian situation the interference of the rest of the world could be blamed.

Officialdom sought a formula for the future, pointing out the army's freedom of cabinet control and its uncompromising stand against outside interference would place the government in a perplexing position should the league order Japanese troops to leave Manchuria.

The troops took over strategic southern Manchurian centers a month ago after a clash between Japanese railway guards and Chinese soldiers convinced Japanese officials the lives and properties of their nationals were endangered. China has appealed to the league of nations, charging Japan with violation of international obligations.

## Hartman To Be Speaker Monday

L. W. Hartman, president of the Portland chamber of commerce, will address the Salem chamber of commerce luncheon on Monday. He will talk on the "Relationship of Silver to the Economic Welfare of the Pacific Coast". Mr. Hartman is past president of the Portland shipping club, consul for Panama in Oregon, and director of the Pacific Foreign Trade council.

End Comes at 3:24 a. m. Today With Wife, Children and Personal Physician Present; Wizard of Electricity Was 84 Years old; Illness Started With Pneumonia Attack Over two Years ago

Remarkable Stamina Shown in Fighting off Death Many Weeks; Collapsed August 1 at Glenmont Estate and Has Been Considered Critically ill Ever Since; Passes Away Quietly From Coma

WEST ORANGE, N. J., Oct. 18—(AP)—Thomas A. Edison died at his home at 3:24 a. m. today. He was 84 years old. His wife, six children, his personal physician and two nurses were at the bedside when the end came.

The stamina and energy displayed by the master "wizard" during a career in which he lighted the world and contributed more than 1,300 patents to its well-being enabled him to bear up for a long time against an illness which would have killed most men of his age quickly.

More than two years ago he suffered a severe attack of pneumonia. He conquered this ailment and returned to his work, but his friends believed it had a permanently weakening effect. On August 1 of this year he collapsed suddenly in his home and the eyes of the world were turned

on the 15-acre estate, Glenmont, where the aged inventor lay ill. Dr. Hubert S. Howe said the collapse was traceable directly to a curtailment of diet to relieve gastric ulcers. Edison also was suffering from diabetes, Bright's disease and uremic poisoning.

The pronouncement of death was made by Dr. Hubert S. Howe, Mr. Edison's personal physician, at 3:24 a. m., and transmitted at Arthur Walsh at 3:37 a. m.

With Mr. Edison when he died were his wife, Mrs. Mina Miller Edison, his six children, Dr. Howe, and two nurses.

Dr. Howe had been at Mr. Edison's bedside for the past 48 hours.

The announcement of death, given to the Press by Mr. Walsh, vice president of the Thomas Edison industries, said: "Thomas Alva Edison quietly passed away at 24 minutes after 3 a. m., Oct. 18, 1931." Signed: Dr. Hubert S. Howe.

Although physicians said he probably never would be out of danger, he amazed them by his quick rally. Sick as he was, he still displayed his love of science by questioning a matter of time. He had for the first time refused to eat on that day, a fact which (Turn to page 2, col. 8)

## Pupils Insist They Will go to Stayton High; Plan is Told

Parents Will Take Turns Transporting 18 From Outside Districts; New Angle Springs up in Bus Route Squabble

STAYTON, Oct. 17—The 18 high school students who live in territory not served by Stayton's changed bus route will attend Stayton school anyway.

This was revealed here tonight when another page was written on the school bus transportation drama which has revolved about Stayton's hauling pupils from sections in which other districts claimed it was transgressing.

About a dozen farmers from the North Santiam and West Stayton sections met with the Stayton Lions club and chamber of commerce in the city hall here tonight. The visitors informed that their children are most anxious to come to Stayton school and are determined to attend here even if they have to walk.

Parents declared that the children would continue in the high school here, the parents to take turns in hauling them to a Stayton school bus in territory definitely allotted to Stayton. It will take three cars to handle the 18 pupils. This action was taken after the group ascertained that the ruling of the boundary board does not affect attendance at the Stayton schools. Stayton agreed to abandon a bus into disputed territory when school boards from there, Jefferson, Turner and Amaville met at Turner Tuesday night to iron out the situation which had assumed proportions of a legal battle. The settlement was reached after the other three districts said they would sign agreement not to contest Stayton's claim for reimbursement for tuition and transportation. Through the controversy, the Stayton district has held that the boundary board failed to grant a hearing before it ruled on the transportation routes for 1931, and that it had a legal right to operate on lines laid down for 1928 and sanctioned by the boundary board in 1929.