EMPIRE FIRM'S MEETING SOON

Stockholders to Gather in Portland Monday, Vote On Reorganizing

(Continued from page 1) pere corporation in its present

Many Stockholders

Oppose Officers The meeting has been called in the elaborate quarters of the Empire company in the Terminal Sales building. Observers therethis week reported that the dust of idleness had fallen upon many of the expensive desks over which Empire conducted its promotion earlier in the year. Keller is no longer with the company. Office assistants have been dismissed. Only a few stenographers and special auditors working for Clancy were to be seen about the offices several days this week.

cross the asphalt pit excavations

made by the University of Califor-

For more than a decade the Uni-

versity paleontologists have delved

into this pit, finding and patiently

to us what is known as the Pleisto-

to permit of animal and plant life.

gasoline and Socony Motor Oil.

M. Devers, attorney for the state

His report showed that approx-

Devers said his reports indicat-

"When one realizes," Devers

statement read, "that there are

men in the state and that each

has an average of three depen-

dents, it is tragically evident that

a serious condition still prevails."

Y. Planned For

The first of the Sunday social

hours for young men and wo-

the Y. M. C. A. at 4 o'clock this

clude vocal and instrumental se-

lections, group singing and re-

be given by the string trio of the

Salem Symphony orchestra and

Earl Potter, tenor. The personnel

of the trio is: Delbert Jepsen, vio-

lin: Chester McCain, 'cello, and

Emery Hobson, piano, Group

singing will be directed by Pro-

fessor Cameron Marshail and

Mrs. W. E. Anderson and Mrs.

Otto K. Paulus have arranged for

the program. Miss Elizabeth Lord and Miss Edith Schryver have

planned the refreshments. Mrs.

Paul B. Wallace and Miss Mabel

Get Awards at

One hundred Boy Scouts of Cascade area are expected to pre-

sent themselves for awards at the unique honor court to be held in

the hall of representatives at 8

o'clock next Wednesday night. For the first time in this area,

all of the justices of the state su-

preme court, garbed in their judi-

clary robes, will preside at honor

A large attendance of parents

and other persons interested in

the Scout program is expected, ac-

cording to O. P. West, area exec-

Said Likely to

Buy Store Here

One of the main chain store

coast and taking over here the

Unique Session

P. Robertson will serve.

Boy Scouts to

Maurice Dean of Willamette uni-

versity.

The musical entertainment will

afternoon. The program will in-

This Afternoon

men of the city will be held at Child is Burned

Social Hour at

ed that the registration lists are

of \$18 per month.

nia at McKittrick.

the distant past.

How het a battle will be waged at the meeting is a matter of conjecture. Reports coming to this newspaper indicate that many stockholders are prepared to register vigorous oral protest against the methods Empire officers used in promoting the enterprise. Clancy has stated again that he is willing to devote two years of his time without charge to reconstructing the Empire corporation. Clancy proposes to raise entirely new money and to bring an entirely new, efficient personnel to run an Oregon-owned insurance and easualty company. Grand Jury Will

Resume its Probe Tuesday morning at 10 o'clock the Marion county grand jury will resume its investigation of Empire's affairs. John H. Carson, district attorney, said yesterday that he might again call Mark D. Mc-Callister, former state corporation commissioner, before the grand jury. Some stockholders in attendance at the Portland meeting will also be subpoensed.

Carson said that any action taken in Portland tomorrow leading towards reorganization would have no effect whatever on the grand jury investigation. He said the grand jury was interested solely in the matter of the Oregon law and whether or not it had been violated by the Empire organizers and officers. "Judge Mc-Mahan ordered this investigation," Carson said. "It is my intention to place all the evidence before the grand jury." Hearings Will End

This Week, Belief The district attorney said he join in a movement for better be taken over by the entering the district attorney said he times will permanent relief for eastern concern. The Metropolitan O. P. Coshow, president of the highway department, declared Empire corporation, will appear yesterday in a letter to Governor before the grand jury. Under the Julius Meier which was released law Carson cannot compel any to the public. Although the milindividuals to testify against lion-dollar highway emergency whom indictments might be program is playing an important brought without thus forfeiting part in relief it is a small pallithe jury's right to return indict- tive, Devers indicated. ments against such persons.

Barnett H. Goldstein, special imately 1890 men are now emprosecutor for the state corpor- ployed in the state under the ation department, will return to emergency program. On a rotat-Salem on Tuesday to continue ing basis this means that more with District Attorney Carson in than 7200 men actually are at the investigation of the Empire's werk one week in four, at a wage

The investigation to date has centered chiefly on the application of the company for a permit to growing in most o' the counties. sell stock. At the time this ap- and that the peak of unemployplication was filed, officers of the ment will not be reached until company signed affidavits that sometime in January. they paid \$20,000 apiece in cash. An auditor of the state corporation commission later found that approximately 40,000 unemployed the officers paid only \$2000 or less individually in cash.

TONNAGE SURVEY OF RIVER NOW PLANNED

engineers reported against heavy improvements in the channel. Must Show Tonnage To Warrant Expense

Now, there is another concerted action up and down the valley for canalization of the Willamette as far south as Eugene. At present the estimate on cost of canalization is about \$17,000,000. The groups will have to show the congressional river and harbor committee that tonnage of movement on the river will warrant such ex-

With the congressional appropriation in the background, the local chamber is urging every Salom user of the river to give careful attention to the estimated future development of year-around shipments, as well as the actual tennage which has gone in and out in the past.

The present annual tonnage is 400,000 on shipments between Salem and Portland, and representing both ways.

The canalization depends almost entirely upon prospect of future development, leaders point

MARKS TO BECOME

(Continued from page 1) no officials. He said he

meetings during the month. Tomorrow marks the second time during 1931 Marks has served as governor. He was chief executive for several days last chain Company

would attend the important board

was in San Francisco. Marks, unlike Ralph Hamilton, Bend attorney who was governor during Norblad's absence in the east, does not smoke a pipe. Instead he smokes cigars and volunteered the information to news- systems operating in the eastern men yesterday that he would states is understood to be conbring a liberal supply of his fa- templating invading the Pacific vorite smoke to the capitol.

MODERN OIL PIPE-LINES TRAVERSE COUNTRY ONCE ROAMED BY PREHISTORIC MONSTERS



plecing together bones, teeth and occasional bits of hair, and have reconstructed for today's visualization, something of what existed in Ralph G. Bowman, assistant general sales manager, General Petroleum Corporation, examining humanus, or log-bone, of short-faced bear, thousands of years old There are no historic records to and now extinct. This particular bone, found in asphalhum pit, presents are of nature's whimsies. It had been broken and heated, which soldom happens, as wild animals so crippled nearly always fell grey to others. go by, no documents from which to work; only a few bones, tree trunks,

leaves and similar things to reveal lure and a death trap, each one of cene age, when the world was almost entirely covered with snow these pits has caught and preserved for thousands of years, parts of of bird and animal life at that time. and ice which later receded enough Samples of these were recently brought into the home office and presented to Ralph G. Bowman, As- ably at first catching only the many of the habits of the animals sistant General Sales Manager of weaker or more unwary animals, it then existing. It is easy to believe General Petroleum Corporation, re- later got more than its share of the that the work of men studying finers and marketers of Violet Ray Great beasts and great birds, attracted by their cries of distress. the same incentive as the work of which we know no more, as well as It is one of the few places where nature shows a preponderance of depths of the earth and making it many whose progeny still are with predatory animals and birds and usable for mankind. us, existed in that vicinity in prehistoric days; and at the Los Angethis is the reason.

les museum, as well as at other The list of beasts and birds found museums, the reconstructed skeletons and restored forms may now bears, skunks, weasels, badgers, At McKittrick, surrounded by oil fields and traversed by the General buffalo, horses, tapirs, sloths, sabre Dr. Chester Stock of California Petroleum pipe lines, is a pit of tooth cats, lions, mastodons and Tech. Many of the pictures of reasphalt, similar to those in the fa- elephants, all existing in a wild mous La Brea pits which have state, because there was no man to

store space which the Metropoli-

tan Store of Delaware is quitting,

according to an unauthenticated

report from an authority close to

As eight of the Metropolitan

stores on the coast are said to

be on the verge of being closed

building, one of the largest store

floor spaces in the city and has a

30-year lease on the store space

DETROIT, Dec. 5-(AP)-

With the record he has persistent-

ly sought during the last month

almost within his grasp, Lowell

er, crashed to his death at the

Wayne county airport today while

traveling at anestimated speed of

Bayles was only 75 feet above

ground, streaking over the 1.8

mile course when the plane dived

in a short arc and struck the

The plane burst into flames

Bayles' body was found several

feet from the wreckage, a column

of smoke rising from his clothing. He apparently had been killed in-

stantly. The wreckage of the

plane, strewn along the course,

To Death; Three

GOLD BEACH, Ore., Dec. 5-

Mr. and Mrs. Christian Ralph was

burned to death early today when

fire destroyed the family home at

The child, asleep on the second

floor, was trapped by the fire

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House

Near the Market

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Phone 7787

\$10.75

\$12.75

which started from an overheated

Harbor, near here.

\$4.74

\$6.75

kitchen stove.

AP)-The three-year-old son of

Others Rescued

burned for some minutes.

ground, landing on its back.

300 miles an hour.

R. Bayles, Springfield, Mass., fli-

from Hawkins and Roberts.

BAYLES KILLED AS

Not until industry and capital out, it is believed that these may

Among the birds, the most striking is the teratornis, now extinct but bearing a modern name created for it, meaning "great vulture", be-cause it is the largest flying bird recorded, apparently averaging 50% greater in size than the modern condor. It was originally found only at McKittrick and La Brea, but its bones recently have been excavated in Florida.

The fossilized remains of grebes,

storks, geese, falcons, cranes, plov-

ers, pigeons, doves, cuckoos, owis, woodpeckers and sparrows have also been found in these pits. In addition have been found evidences of reptiles and some plant life, giving, to the initiated, a fair picture It is even possible to reconstruct, skeletons, particularly of those ani- to some extent, the topography of mals which prey on others. Prob- water and plant conditions, and predatory beasts who went into the these conditions is anything but pit to devour those already caught, dry, even though it may not have

Mr. Bowman was given valuable information on this subject by Dr. at McKittrick and La Brea includes Loye Miller of the University of California at Los Angeles, Dr. W. wolves, coyotes, foxes, rats, rabbits, A. Bryan and Dr. J. A. Comstock peccaries, camels, deer, antelope, of the Los Angeles Museum, and stored animals and birds were made possible by the competent work of yielded so many bones and so much tame them, most of them preying Dr. Robert Ridgeway, noted paleon-information, and at Carpinteria. A on each other. Some of these ani- tologist.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 5 .- (AP) -A new congress, divided against | Parsons said, "We send sufficient itself and encircled by uncertain- food and supplies to last from be in by Saturday. It has not yet unemployment be forthcoming, J. store here has been doing busiday under a tension keyed to the ness in quarters in the Oregon restlessness of these troubled

> A program of prosperity, with tax revision and bank reforms at its head, will be the goal of legislative effort. Politics and prohibi- distance north of Salem, but all tion will provide the effervescence in Marion county. These are just for unceasing oratory. Hair's- a sample of the needs which the breadth party majorities will Good Will money will help, and make every forward step a tedious process of deadlock and comprom-

Unless fortunes intervene, the democrats will organize the house and the republicans the senate, but by delicate margins. The choice of John N. Garner of Texas as democratic speaker was dependent tonight on the almost unanimous turnout of his party strength.

In the senate, relation of George H. Moses of New Hampshire as president pro tempore hinged on an effort to placate the rebellious western insurgents.

Boys Held For Investigation

INDEPENDENCE, Dec. 5 Special) - Four Independence boys are being held in the jail at Dallas for investigation in connection with the burglary of the ant county agent, sail today 2500 Mondingo house Thanksgiving night while the family was spending the holiday at Medford. They were taken into custody by Sherff Hooker.

The boys, all of high school age, re Henry Genaman, Wilbur Hill, Delbert Scrafford and Maynard

SHOW INCREASE

Gain Accounted for in big Advance of Utilities: Total \$48,114,541

(Continued from page 1) state taxes levied and collected in

Marion county. Under the Oregon law, all asessments upon utilities are made by the state tax commission, which first evaluates utilities on an actual valuation and then determines the ratio between actual and assessed value in each county in the state. This ratio is made to correspond to the ratio adopted by the tax commission in equalizing all other valuations made in the various counties. Increased Values

Of Utilities Shown The assessed value of Marion county's utilities, compared on the

1931 assessment, to the previous year, follows: Steam railroads, \$2,905,610.40, \$2,849,481.40; electric ralipoads, \$532,997.55, \$523.011.95; rall-

road car companies, \$82,357.51, \$83,696.41; electric light and power companies and joint water, gas and electric utilities, \$1.598,-978.23, \$1,852,817.46; water and gas companies, \$705,618, \$890,-232,52; express companies, \$7,-467.66, \$7,568.60; telegraph companies, \$103,359.44, \$107,478.14; telephone companies, \$1,414,-407.42, \$1,875,556.58; totals, \$7,-350,796.21, \$8,189.841.06.

The actual value of utilities in the county in 1931 was set at \$15,452,539 by the state tax commission. The value for 1930 was \$18,612,585.

(Continued from page 1) and the Army, with other local groups, being the logical agency to care for these unfortunate per-

Last year the Army workers. through the aid of the Statesman-Army Good Will Fund, sent out large baskets to 120 families. This year, the adjutant estimates. it will be fortunate if the number is any under 150 families.

"While the boxes and baskets are Christmas tokens", Adjutant not used for a big holiday feed

Pitiful Conditions

Found by Workers Yesterday the adjutant answered five calls, two of them quite a

they are actually cases visited yesterday: A home with a woman and two children, out of food and scantily clothed; cold and hungry. A home where the husband has been struggling to keep a wife and three small children fed and clothed on a bit of work afforded by the highway emergency program. But the money and a few

days work do not stretch far enough, no matter how frugal he is, he told the adjutant. Two homes where the men had found woodcutting jobs, but could not get to work until they obtained food and supplies, and

some warm clothing. The Army helped all those cited above yesterday. The soup kitchen at the Army hall, open since October 1, has fed

on an average 30 persons a day. WILL SHIP TURKEYS KLAMATH FALLS, Ore., Dec. .- (AP)-E. M. Hauser, assist-

turkeys will be shipped to eastern markets from Klamath Falls December 10. The birds are for the Christmas market.

North Canton, O., has an ordinance prohibiting the drilling of gas wells within the corporate

Helpful Hints



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Assessed Valuations for Marion County for 1931, Classified and Compared to Values Assessed in 1930

Classification of Property	Value	Per Unit
Acres lands	18,691,280	\$ 18,894,460
Improvements, lands	3,693,490	3,730,140
Town, city lets	5,258,220	5,299,690
Improvements, lets	8,814,250	8,871,490
Improvements, lands	89,955	275,68
Logging roads, stock	147,400	129,09
Steamboats, engines,		
machinery	1,247,840	1,258,62
Merchandise	1,720,220	1,892,37
Farming implements	246,245	168,28
Hotel, office furniture		387,73
Horses - Mules	149,500	167,25
Cattle	377,150	435,17
Sheep - Goats	71,550	109,71
Swine	28,800	23,05
Dogs		17
Poultry	15,340	
Total value of taxable prop-	,	

erty as finally equalized by the county board of

equalization\$ 40,924,600 \$ 41,642,940 Utility assessments in county 8,189,841 7,350,796

\$49,114,441 \$48,993,736

Intimations that the Pacific highway might well be enlarged to its proposed 30-foot width without the purchase by Marion county of additional right-of-way were heard about Salem on Saturday. Although these suggestions differed as to detail, essentially they were to the effect that paving of an additional seven feet on each side of the present 16-foot highway would leave 15 feet for shoulders, ditches and telegraph poles. Interested individuals believe this would be sufficient right-ofway under present conditions and until heavier traffic should demand still further widening of the

feet necessary to complete the pro-posed 100-foot right-of-way was S. R. Kennedy, cider plant at considered nearly prohibitive by 1999 North Capitol street, \$38. members of the county court who and H. S. Hughes, dwelling at discussed the matter yesterday. It | 945 E street \$15. was their contention that Marion county taxpayers should not be further burdened to provide the False Pretense extra right-of-way for a state highway toward which they were already paying their share of

The 6 per cent limitation amendment, which denies to any lice at the Leonard hotel yestertaxing body within the state the day on a charge of obtaining more than 6 per cent over the amount collected during the pre- pany with the woman, according sentatives to a meeting at the Y. vious year, may prove a serious to Officer Orey G. Coffey, were M. C. A. Monday night. Final handicap, since there was a dif- held for investigation. They checking up on details of organference of only \$43,000 between were: Jim Robinson, Win Clyde ization will be done, states Bob the amount which could have been | Castel and Cart Marx Helgerson.

levied and the amount actually levied last year under the amendment. This amount would be insufficient, officials said yesterday, to secure the desired right-of-way, although the actual cost of such move has not and probably will not be computed for several

1930 Value

Permits Total \$603; Figure is Double Lowest

Only five permits for building perations last week were issued by the city building inspector. The estimated cost of the five jobs, \$603, was double the lowest igure of recent weeks. The five permits, all for repair

work, were as follows: Carl A. Wood, dwelling at 712 North Church street, \$250; Harry M. Levy, market at 351 State The purchase price of the 49 street, \$200; W. W. Moore, store,

Charge is Filed

Pansy Fields, alias Mrs. Pansy Keloff, was arrested by city po-

meeting of county school officers here yesterday. With changing classes leaving some districts with a surplus of certain books and others with a shortage, the exchange will serve for the mutual benefit of all districts taking up the plan.

COUNTY EXCHANGE

FOR BOOKS, PLAN

Some Districts Have Over

Supply, Some Shortage,

Stated at Meeting

A county exchange for surplus textbooks of the 117 school dis-

tricts will be installed in the of-

tice of Mrs. Mary L. Pulkerson,

county school superintendent, as

result of action taken by the 43

delegates attending the annual

Mrs. Fulkerson announced last night that the exchange would be put in service as soon as standard

price lists can be prepared. At the afternoon session, John S. Marshall of Swegle district was elected president of the officers' organization; Henry Torvend of Bethany district, vice-president,

and Mrs. Fulkerson, reelected secretary. Grant Murphy is the retiring president. Charles A. Howard, state superintendent of public instruction, addressed the delegates in the afternoon concerning efficiency in school expenditures. He urged the school officials to

weigh the value of purchases and to spend their money only for items essentially beneficial to the Free Textbook

Principle Favored Discussion of free textbooks at the morning session revealed that none of the officers was opposed to the principle. They were evenly divided on the question of whether the books should be purchased by the districts or by the

Changes for cross lighting in the class room and the importance of pure water for the pupils was discussed by H. C. Sinks, county sanita: inspector. Final payments on the bond issue for the new Aumsville school building were announced by the delegate from that district. Other schools reported the institution of hot lunches and electric lights.

Liberty announced that its ommunity hall, owned by the chool district, had been remod-Stayton reported that the Par-

ent-Teacher association there is sponsoring the supplying of milk o underweight children.

CHURCH TEAMS MEET All churches entering basketball Three men, who were in com- have been requested to send repre-

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