

County Budget is Reduced; City Health Item Unchanged

TAX LEVY WILL BE \$887,419.05 BOARD DECIDES

Health Appropriation Goes In at \$6000; Court to Have Supervision

Threatened Salary cut is Voted Down Because of Already low Scale

The Marion county 1931 tax levy will be \$887,419.05, or a reduction of \$228,148.43 under the 1930 figure.

Of the total reduction, \$60,095.01 for the county health fund was pared off of county items.

Before taking up budget items, the committee recommended that the offices of 61 county road patrolmen be abolished and that one road district for the entire county be created.

Powers Grins, Chews Gum as Trial Starts For Murders of Five

Yawns When Charges are Read, Sits Immobible While Gruesome Evidence is Shown; Courtroom Filled to Brim

CLARKSBURG, W. Va., Dec. 7—(AP)—Chewing gum and grinning, Harry F. Powers went on trial for his life today.

With his back to the 1,200 men, women and children, who filled every seat in the town opera house, he sat on the stage of the improvised courtroom and watched eagerly while a jury was being selected.

He yawned, however, when he was accused of murdering two women and three children for profit and showed no trace of emotion when a demand was made he be hanged for one of the killings, that of Mrs. Dorothy Lemke, of Northboro, Mass.

CHRISTMAS MAIL RUSH IS STARTED

Telltale clouds of the Christmas storm of parcels and letters already have made their appearance on the horizon at the Salem postoffice, according to Arthur E. Gibbard, assistant postmaster.

NO CHANGES IN FIGURES MADE FOR LEVY HERE

Tax to be \$403,153.41 and Health Appropriation Is Left at \$6000

Council's View Upon Water Mandate Outlined; Fees Of Utilities Raised

The city council approved without alteration the budget adopted by the budget committee November 16.

An attempt was made to consolidate the item for sanitary inspector, \$1500, with the previous allotment of \$6000 for the health service but this was defeated.

A resolution was adopted in which the city council set forth its position with respect to the proposed purchase of the water system.

While the Service is preparing to furnish supplies as they are needed, through the efforts of this committee it will undertake first to create employment.

During the first days of the registration at the U. S. employment bureau for emergency work, the majority of applicants were Salem men and heads of families.

As 50 per cent of the downtown office and store heads have not reported since being urged by two letters to appoint lieutenants for soliciting funds for Community Service, 50 members of this organization today will visit these places to call attention to this failure.

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BOURBONS RULE LOWER BRANCH; SESSION OPENS

Garner Speaker; Republican Hold on Senate Still Remains Intact

Hoover to Submit Message Today; Fight Looms on Tenure of Moses

By F. M. STEPHENSON WASHINGTON, Dec. 7—(AP)—The nation's new congress convened today in a calm, quiet manner that belied under-surface tension and the strife-filled issues awaiting its consideration.

The house went into the hands of the democrats. Joyful "rebel" yells greeted the smiling veteran of the party, John N. Garner of Texas, as he ascended the speaker's rostrum last held by a democrat 12 years ago.

Republicans clung to their hold in the senate. It went through the brief routine of swearing in new members in a formal 35 minute session. Its organization problem will be settled tomorrow.

Attention of the senate chamber, the dominant economic problems facing this seventy-second congress by an unemployment demonstration on the capitol plaza.

With tomorrow's reading of the presidential message, the congress will plunge immediately into its task of devising a way to speed American prosperity.

Assuming congressional authority for the first time in a dozen years, democratic leaders are moving cautiously but unitedly. There will be no coalition. There will be politics for it is the dawn of a presidential year.

Wage Reduction For Espree Will Go Into Effect

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 7—The committee of the Southern Pacific company has directed that a reduction of 10 per cent be made effective January 1, 1932, in the salaries of all officers and employees, without exception as to rank or grade of the Southern Pacific system, except for time being, however, those covered by specific contracts or group wage agreements or governed by the provisions of the Federal Railway Labor Act with whom negotiations for reduction are in progress or will be initiated under direction of the proper officer of the respective employer company involved.

Similar reductions for the lines in Mexico are already under active consideration through the procedure provided by the law of that country.

Lenz, Jacoby Are Winners At Contract

NEW YORK, Dec. 8.—(Tuesday)—Sidney S. Lenz and Oswald Jacoby triumphed in all three rubbers played at the opening session of the 150-rubber contract bridge match with Mr. and Mrs. Ely Culbertson last night.

Lenz and Jacoby won the first two rubbers with a bonus in each for winning the rubber. The bonus in the third rubber went to the Culbertsons, but they were set so much that Lenz and his partner actually gained points so that under experts' interpretation the Culbertsons lost the third rubber also.

GOING TINKLE INTO KETTLES OF 'ARMY'

Workers Active on Errands Of Mercy; Need Great, Leader Points out

SALVATION ARMY "GOOD-WILL FUND" Monday ..... \$23.78 Saturday ..... 23.99 Total to date ..... \$47.72

Half dollars, quarters, dimes and nickels yesterday continued their merry tinkle, dropped in the street corner kettles presided over by the Salvation Army Lassies, and all but equalled the amount of money received Saturday for the annual Statesman-Salvation Army "Good-Will fund" campaign.

The "Good-Will" kettles will be on the streets daily until Christmas.

Meanwhile the Army workers continued their errands of mercy, partly made possible through the funds obtained in this campaign.

Thirty-four transients yesterday were given meals at the Army soup kitchen.

Adjutant E. Parsons last night voiced a cry of need for a number of cases which have come to his attention. An invalid has no crutches. Babies are coming to three families, but the little ones will find no clothes awaiting their entry to this world unless generous persons supply them.

As the adjutant and the Salvation Army executive committee have determined they will need at least \$1500 in their "Good-Will fund" this year, many contributions besides the coins in the street kettles will be necessary to attain the goal.

Garner Smashes His First Gavel

WASHINGTON, Dec. 7—(AP)—Speaker Garner broke his first gavel today.

It was after the house, which promoted him to the chair, had adjourned. The Texan consented to pose for photographers and took a few practice whacks with a new gavel.

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TIDE OF EMPIRE ALTERS; CLANCY WILL HEAD FIRM

All of Former Officers and Directors are out; Brand new Group Will Proceed; Includes Shambrook, Bailey, Ogle and Smith; Hope to Reorganize on Sound Basis, and Form Subsidiary Firms

Previous Leaders Announce They Will Terminate Their Contracts Voluntarily; Methods and Salaries are Defended; Stockholders Crowd Into Meeting, Seek Information of Company's Affairs

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 7—(AP)—R. W. Clancy, of Portland, was elected president and general manager of the Empire Holding corporation at a meeting tonight of the new board of directors elected at the annual stockholders' meeting here earlier today.

Other officers elected were David R. Shambrook, Roseburg, vice-president, and W. R. Bailey, Portland, secretary-treasurer.

The tide of Empire changed Monday and as it turned the five officers and directors who have directed the corporation for one year were swept out of office and in their stead five new men were chosen.

Heading the move for reorganization was Dr. R. W. Clancy, former Medford physician, who had gathered proxies or direct votes for at least three fourths of the shares of Empire stock outstanding.

Discussion of the coming special election on the municipal water bond issue took up the major attention of the Salem chapter, Oregon Building congress, board of directors, which met last night.

Further consideration was given by the directors to the congress forum meeting which will be held next Monday night at the chamber of commerce, Farmers and Merchants Bank building.

New directors chosen were Dr. R. W. Clancy, Portland; W. R. Bailey, Portland; Dr. C. L. Ogle, Grants Pass; F. Thornton Smith, LaGrande; David Shambrook, Roseburg; Retiring directors and officers are Judge Oliver P. Coshow, president; L. H. Petty, vice-president; Wilson R. Adams, treasurer; Jay H. Stockman, legal counsel, and Frank J. Keller, Jr., sales counselor. Keller and his brother, C. J. Keller, had terminated their sales contract with the Empire Holding corporation several weeks ago and the former is now engaged in selling stock for a Washington corporation.

CAMP DESTROYED BY BLAZE SUNDAY

SILVERTON, Dec. 7.—Silver Falls Timber company camp No. 16 was destroyed by fire Sunday caused from the exploding of a gas lamp used in the dining room.

The exact extent of the loss was not known here Monday, as officials had gone up to look over the situation and had not yet returned. Men came out of camp and will not return until after the holidays. Outside of a small construction camp this is the only one of the Silver Falls camps which has been running for some time.

Empire Hearing To be Resumed

Investigation of the acts of officers of the Empire Holding corporation will be resumed today where it was left off last week, District Attorney John Carson announced Monday night.

Changes made in the operating personnel of the company at Monday's meeting in Portland will have no effect on the grand jurors' probe into acts of the old officers, the district attorney indicated.

The hearings will start at 10:30 o'clock this morning.

Crew Sent Out On Highway Job The 65 men sent to work yesterday on county and state emergency highway projects from the U. S. Employment bureau constituted just 6.4 per cent of the number of men registered. Registration of 15 men yesterday brought the season's total to 1015.

Employment for three common laborers also was obtained through the bureau yesterday, two of them for 10 days' work.

Higher Schools Short of Funds; Slash Imperative

Further economies in the operation of the higher institutions will be forced because of deficiencies in the estimated receipts amounting to some \$50,000. Of this \$50,000 is from millage taxes because of lower valuation of property. About \$17,000 is caused by decrease in tuition fees over the estimates. The state board of higher education wrestled with the problem at its meeting in Salem yesterday, and the conclusion was that the schools should continue strict economy and endeavor to get along with the funds available.

Additional reductions in institution income are reported for the dormitories at the state college and some of the other schools. President Kerr reported that the dormitories at the college were running at 28 per cent under capacity. Students are rooming in private homes where costs are now less than in the dormitories. The receipts are expected to run \$10,000 short of normal this year.

Two important committees of the board were not prepared to file reports. The normal school committee, composed of Mrs. Cornelia Marvin Pierce, Albert Burch and C. L. Starr, conferred before the board meeting but no report was made. The board did vote to keep on file the resignation of President J. S. Landers of Month Normal, whose administration was investigated earlier in the fall. The committee on allocation of courses which will deal with the touchy question of division of work among the institutions is working, but no report ready to report. Dr. H. B. Lindsey, executive secretary, is working on this question as a member of the committee.

Dr. Burt Brown Barker, who has served as vice-president of the university with the salary guaranteed by an alumni group, was named as a member of the committee.

GOVERNOR ARRIVES AT SAN FRANCISCO

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 7—(AP)—Governor and Mrs. Julius L. Meier, of Oregon, arrived here tonight and made the first stop of a mid-winter vacation trip in California.

The Oregon chief executive and his wife will leave here either tomorrow or Wednesday for Los Angeles, and will return here in two weeks to spend Christmas and New Years with their two daughters, Mrs. Joseph Ehrman, Jr., and Mrs. Frederick M. Gans.

Legion Member List Increases

The six captains of the Capital Post No. 9, American Legion membership teams met last night and reported that 210 veterans had paid their 1932 dues. Although this figure is over 700 below the goal set for the coming year, it is satisfactory for the present time, according to the captain.

Unidentified Man Killed in Crash

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 7.—(AP)—An unidentified man about 75 years old was killed here tonight when he was struck by an automobile driven, police said, by a captain.

BURTON FINED FOR CRASHING INTO BUS

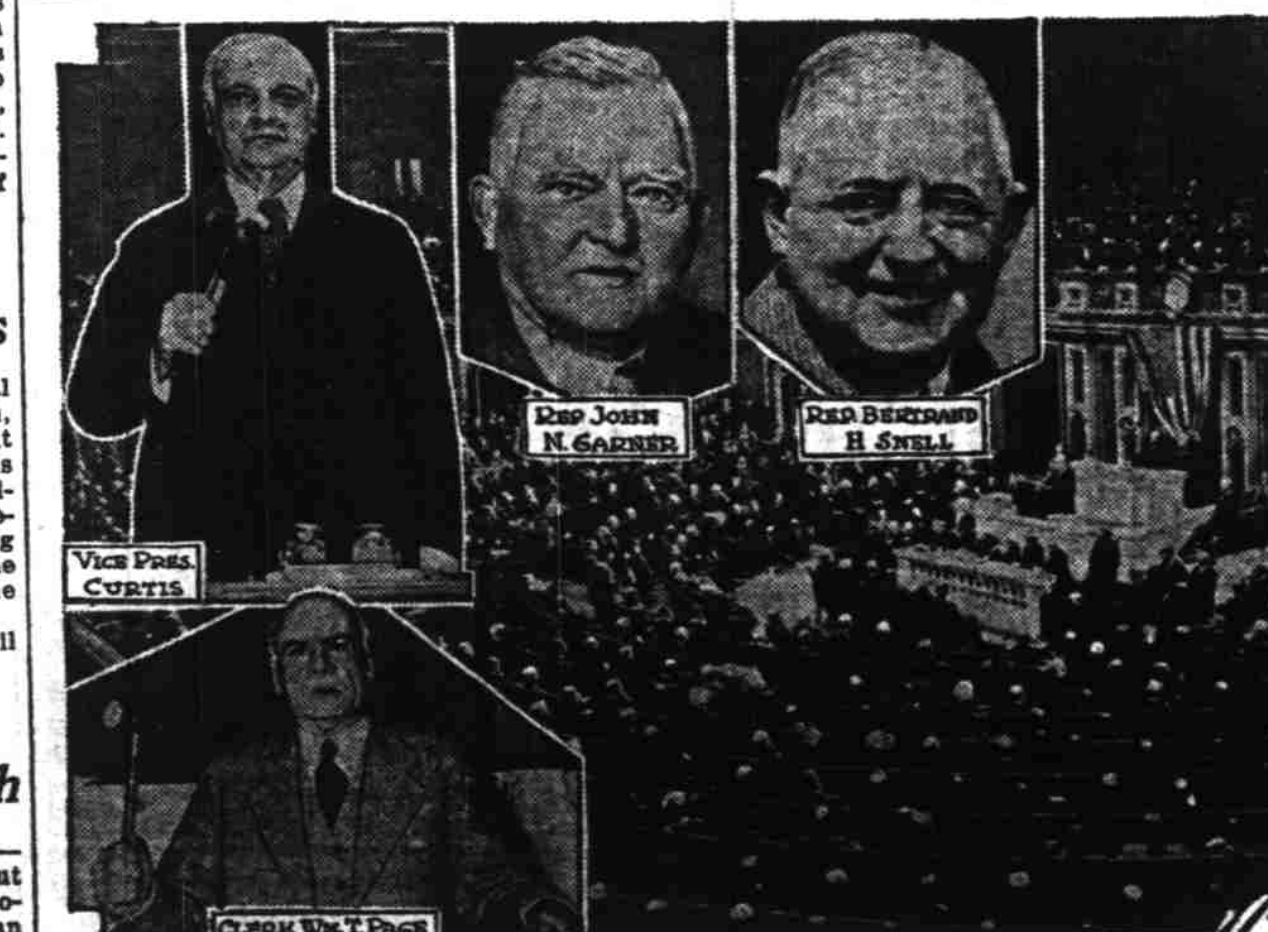
Arrested as the result of crashing into a city street bus Sunday morning, Eugene N. Burton of Eugene yesterday was fined \$5 for reckless driving when he appeared before Mark Poulsen, municipal judge.

John Ruble, the Oregon Motor Stages driver, reported to the police that his bus was knocked 10 feet by the impact of Burton's car. The accident occurred at Market and North Capitol streets.

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Bus occupants were unharmed.

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WHO WAS The Gay Bandit of the Border?

TOM GILL'S romance of the South-west where men fight for love and gold—etches an unforgettable character, half rogue, half Robin Hood. Start reading it Friday in

15 SHOPPING DAYS 'TIL CHRISTMAS. Illustration of a person shopping.