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**Equalization League Takes** Action Backing Mott Amendment Plan

Constitutional Change to Prohibit Levies Upon Land is Proposed

Approval of Corporation Commissioner James Mott's tax improvement plan through constitutional amendment, as introduced and defeated at the last legislature, was voiced at a meeting of the southern section of the Marion County Tax Equalization league, held last night at the Ankeny grange hall.

The session marked the first annual meeting of the leaguers of that district, at which R. C. Day resigned as chairman because of ill health and the chairmanship was voted to George Potts,

Mott, talking on the tax situation, how it got that way, and a remedy, declared the agitation of the past year or so for tax reduction a good thing, but added that in a progressive government there is a minimum below which taxes cannot go. Actual savings this year, he opined, will be slight. Present System

Deemed Obsolete He decried the present tax system as obsolete, unjust and inequitable, and talked for a change in the system.

While other branches of government have progressed with advancement, tax methods have kept the basis of 150 years ago. when the bulk of wealth was real pected to form shortly, when he estate. Changes have come, finance, industry and commerce for the office of county commis- scales apply on 1931 incomes. have assumed the big share of the wealth, but still real estate pays nesday. He hopes to win the favor spokesman on revenue legislation 90 per cent of the tax, although of the republican electorate in the termed it "unfair." it represents but 10 per cent of the wealth, he pointed out.

Today, two-thirds of the wealth is in intangibles, but \$30,000 worth of intangibles owned by a Yamhill county man cost him \$65 tax, while his \$30,000 farm cost him about \$900 in taxes annually the past few years, Mott declared as a concrete example.

Mott proposes a constitutional (Turn to page 2, col. 1)

# WATER MAIN BREAK IN DIFFICULT SPOT

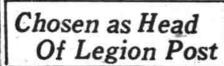
Of all places for an eight-inch water main to break, the local water company may have encountered the worst

The main at High and Union streets burst some time Monday directly under the intersection of | whole," he said, the Southern Pacific and Oregon Electric railway tracks.

Rogers, city engineer, and E. C. Bushnell, city building inspector, but repair was delayed by the difficulty in finding the exact location of the severed main. On account of the proximity of

of fire protection for the building to burglary, will be sentenced by while 1300 students were attending classes, the water could not Gentemen was arrested last be turned off for repair operations Thursday, and Grooms, Delmer until after school hours yester- Scrapper and Willie Hill were ar-

The water company crew set to same charge. work after 3 o'clock and completed the repair job during the eve-





Selected by war veterans of Delevan, Illinois, to-be commander of the American Legion post in that city, Mrs. H. W. Brink is the first woman to be so honored. Her installation as commander was attended by representatives of all other central Illinois posts. Mrs. Brink served through the World war as a nurse in France and holds an honorable discharge from the U. S. Army.

Sublimity Farmer Seeking Commissionership\* in Place of Porter

W. A. Heater, Sublimity farmtook his place at the head of the hind. line of office-seekers which is exprimaries next spring. next year, has not announced, as yet, whether he will be a candi-

date to succeed himself. "My reason for filing my candidacy so early," Heater explained to a Statesman representative, is so that the people of Marion county may have ample time to study and investigate my fitness for office, I have lived in Marion county all my life, for 53 years, and I believe I am well acquainted with the problems of this sec-

tion of the state." The republican office seeker, who was born in Silverton, is well known as "the strawberry king" of Oregon. He has 160 acres in strawberries near Sublimity, the largest of its kind in the state and one of the largest in the world. It is his first attempt at any political office.

"Just put me down as a progressive, who desires to work for the benefit of Marion county as a

## The water flow from the break was discovered Monday by Hugh Youths to Hear Sentence Friday

DALLAS, Dec. 9-Harry Gentemen and Maynard Grooms, Monthe high school and the necessity mouth boys who pleaded guilty Judge Arlie G. Walker Friday. rested the next day, all on the

Scrapper and Hill were bound over to the grand jury after their hearing last Saturday.



River Project Backed Hickman Award Fought Largest Still Seized Wild Life Plan Backed

STEIWER HAS BILL PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 9 .-(AP)-Frederick Steiwer, United States senator from Oregon, informed the Portland chamber of commerce today he had introduced a bill in congress providing for waiving a provision in the appropriation bill for the improvement of the Willamette river channel requiring local participation to the extent of \$50,000. The proposed improvement involves deepening to an 8-foot channel.

LOS ANGELES APPEALS

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 9-(AP)-The \$10,000 judgment awarded by a federal district gar being taken into the desert court for the arrest of William Edward Hickman at Pendleton, Ore., on December 22, 1927, was appealed by the city of Los Angeles in a brief filed with the United States circuit court of appeals here today.

The city, against which the assed by the Los Angeles city night, endorsed the commis council without the authorization wild life program. more than their duty in capturing ry on next year's program.
the man who was later convicted of murdering Marian Parker, 12, planned over the state.

daughter of a Southern California

200 GALLONS A DAY BEND, Ore., Dec. 9-(AP)eputedly the largest still ever ound in central Oregon was seized in the high desert country 50 miles east of Bend yesterday by Sheriff McCauley and State Policeman Charles Devin and Joe

Sheriff McCauley estimated the lant was capable of producing 200 gallons of whiskey a day and said the mash vat had a capacity of 5400 gallons. Heat was furnished by gasoline burners. The officers' curiosity as to the destination of a truckload of suated the plant with gasoline and

burned it. No arrests were announced. UMATILLA FAVORABLE

PENDLETON, Ore., Dec. 9 .-(AP)—Three hundred Umatilla county sportsmen, meeting with judgment was given, alleges the state game commission officials \$10,000 reward ordinance was and department heads here last

of the then mayor, George E. The sportsmen advocated buy- Portland chamber of commerce, Cryr. It declares Deputy Sheriff ing combination licenses in Jan- given for Silas H. Strawn, presi- school census recently completed T. B. Gurdane and Police Lieu- uary in order to provide money dent of the United States cham- by F. E. Chambers, clerk of distenant C. L. Lieuallen did no needed by the commission to ear-

Both Parties Scrutinizing Hoover Proposal for Raising Revenue

Agree Upon Need but 1931 Income Application Will be Opposed

WASHINGTON, Dec. 9-(AP) -Confronted with a Hoover-Melon plan for new and heavier taxation, congressional democrats were determined tonight to devise their own plan for replenishing the treasury.

Members of both parties gave a close and doubting scrutiny to the proposals for fractional advances on small income levies, steeper ones on big incomes and miscellaneous taxes such as those on tobaccos, automobile and radio sales, amusement tickets and tele-

phone and telegraph messages. The administration program would reach practically the whole public beginning the first of next month. President Hoover and Secretary Mellon agreed it was im-Increased Deficit

Looming, Agreed On capitol hill there was little challenge of the need. Next year's federal budget was submitted calling for slightly less than \$4,000,-000,000. If more money is not obtained, the president warned, the government a year from next er, became Candidate No. 1 and June will be \$4,442,000,000 be-

One feature of the plan already certain to be stoutly contested is filed his declaration of candidacy that which would make the higher sioner with the county clerk Wed- Senator Harrison, a democratic

The senate-house policy sioner John Porter of Silverton, mittee of the democrats will begin whose tenure of office expires to formulate that party's revenue proposition later this week. While republicans did not com-

ment so uniformly, Chairman Smoot of the senate finance committee expressed doubt that the cash in view of further demands on the treasury at this session.

# **POWERS CASE MAY REACH JURY TODAY**

CLARKSBURG, W. Va., Dec. 9 -(AP) -Sitting in the center of brilliantly lighted stage with the eyes of 1200 spectators upon him, Harry F. Powers today broke down and wept as he told of an unhappy married life and blamed wo mysterious strangers for the murder for which he is on trial. His marital lifficulties, he said, hed him to join a matrimonial bureau, to send his picture and impassioned love letters to many women and finally to call on some of his mail order sweethearts. Both state and defense rested

their cases during the day. It was considered probable the ury would retire late tomorrow to decide whether the small town Casanova should be sent to the gallows for the first of the five killings he is charged with pergarage-that of Mrs. Dorothy dole. Pressler Lemke, divorces Northboro, Mass.

## Deadlock Over Senate Leader Is Not Settled

from the unyielding opposition of money to railroads, banks, and to the reelection of Senator Moses as president pro tempore. Four more ballots failed to produce a majority for any can- and Underhill of Massachusetts,

Not a word of debate was uttered. The independents, whom Moses once called "sons of wild jackasses," spoke only with votes. Word came tonight that tomorrow would see no change in the

## Land Offices in West Are Urged

WASHINGTON, Dec. 9-(AP) -More land offices in seven western states are wanted by Senator Walsh, the Montana demo-

He has asked the senate to authorize more in Montana, South Dakota, Oregon, Idaho, New Mexico, Colorado and Nevada.

MARKS TO PORTLAND Acting Governor Willard L. arks left for Portland Wednesday to attend a luncheon at the Oregon.

### Backed to Rule Over Manchuria



according to plans now afoot, Marshal Tuan Chi-Jui, 67-yearold statesman and three times Premier of China, may be made head of a new government of Manchuria. This move follows the recent collapse of the plan to set up the former "Boy Emperor" Henry Pu-Yi as ruler of that area. The marshal is considered friendly to Japan.

# '600D WILL FUND' IS STILL GROWING

Salvation Army Staff Busy With Mounting Relief Work In District

> SALVATION ARMY "GOOD WILL FUND" Previous reported .. \$ 70.97 Wednesday kettles .. 15.50 Mrs. W. C. Dyer ..... 10.00

> > .\$101.47

Are there those who have canned fruit which they could share? If so let the Salvation Army headplan would bring in sufficient quarters know about it and share it with many who have none, The Army did have a good supply of this commodity but the demands of recent days have eaten into it and soon there will be a shortage. The immediate need grows. If there are those who are saving for a Christmas remembrance for Salvation Army work it might be well to get in touch with the Army workers now; the aid will be just as much appreciated right now and more so than if it all came at the Christmas time.

Five families were taken care of Wednesday, four of them with sickness to add to their unhappy lot. One mother has been ill for six months and there is no one to (Turn to page 2, col. 2)

WASHINGTON, Dec. 9 .- (AP) House democrats pulled President Hoover's legislative recommendations to pieces today, told the country what they thought of petrating in the subterranean the fragments and heard themdeath chambers of his windowless selves accused of sponsoring the

The democrats started it by for discussion, while the house was swamped with patronage, awaited completion of committee but it was all there only for the

Huddleston of Alabama, a demcratic independent, assailed President Hoover with charges he had failed to care for the unemployed. | tion man was out the price of the WASHINGTON, Dec. 9-(AP) \$100,000,000 relief bill introduc- en away, and was forced to ne--Grimness attached itself today ed in the last congress. Huddles- glect many regular customers. to the senate deadlock arising ton said the president would lend western republican independents building companies, but would not help the needy people.

Three New England republicans, Beedy of Maine and Luce charged the democrats sanctioned

## Johnson Ready To Start Fight On Moratorium

WASHINGTON, Dec. 9-(AP) -While a contest against President Hoover's moratorium proishing strokes upon a special persons were injured. message asking its ratification, which he will submit tomorrow.

for an immediate inquiry into the firing pistols. extent of foreign bonds and security purchases in this country. He is opposed to the inter-governmental debt holiday.

CENSUS SHOWS GAIN MONMOUTH, Dec. 9. - The enumeration.

Shanghai Mayor Captured As Hostage for Students Under Arrest

Peace Program at Paris is Held up Pending Word To Japan's Envoy

SHANGHAI, Dec. 10 .- (Thursday) - (AP) - Five thousand students stormed the offices of the mayor in the Chinese portion of Shanghai today and held him prisoner because he refused to release students arrested in demonstrations against the government's Manchurian policy.

While the mayor was captive in is barricaded office, the rioting students stormed several Chinese municipal offices, wrecking furniture and destroying records in a drive against city officials, whom the students accused of opposing their efforts to force the Nanking government into a stronger policy toward the Japanese in Manchuria.

The disturbances, part of which occurred near the French concession, caused French authorities to establish military patrols along the concession bordering the na-

Formal approval of the League of Nations Manchurian peace program was held up last night because the Japanese delegate at Paris had not received instructions from his government,

The plan calls for an international commission of inquiry. It was believed the Japanese would agree to the program at today's meeting, thereby winding up the present phase of the league's efforts to bring peace to Manchuria.

Peiping announced two Chinese nese sirmen. London heard that a group of

100 handits attacked Japanese poice who were escorting five foreign newspaper correspondents to Kuntaipu, 20 miles west of Muk-

## Coupon Book **Racket Being** Worked Here

And now comes the latest in the dvertising racket— a \$5 coupon book for \$1. One woman and five the Salem Building Material men are reported working in Salem, trying to interest merchants ward Schunke of the Model Food in offering one item free in a book of coupons. When the book has about \$5 worth of free merchandise to offer, such as free haircuts, free meals, change of oil for automobiles, etc., it is offered to the public for \$1. And what's more it is worth it! But like all free propositions there is a catch to it. And the merchant is the one caught! Under the guise of advertising he of-

fers to give away hundreds of dollars worth of merchandise, with the hopes that the customer will buy something else while in the store. But in the majority of the cases it has proven to be a false hope. One story reaching Salem from

Corvallis, where the plan was worked, concerns a service station operator. After 500 books calling the president's message up were sold in the college town, he free oil change, carburetor adjustment and spark plug cleaning which the coupon entitled. They bought little else. The service sta-He advocated passage of his extra hired help, his product giv-

Information reaching The Statesman has it that the advertising salesmen are stating that the plan has the approval of the Salem Chamber of Commerce and Business Men's League. Headquarters for both organizations denied this last night.

## Riots Occur in Protest Against Chile Congress

SANTIAGO, Chile, Dec. 9 -(AP)-Rioting started here toposal brewed today in the senate, Chilean congress in an attempt the chief executive put the fin- to force its dissolution. Many Ross, secretary:

Crowds led by communists and other agitators stoned and wreck- County Tax Conservation Com- Aurora, Louis Lachmund and Cus-The senate contest took the ed street cars and store windows form of a request by Senator until 1,000 policemen cleared the ernor, duly called and held Aug- cooperated with budget commit-Johnson, republican, California, streets just as the rioters began ust 14, 1931, there was present tees in reducing tax budgets for A mob previously had tried to rout the congress from its legis-

toes and crockery. MAIL PLANE FALLS dent of the United States chamby F. E. Chambers, clerk of dis-ber of commerce. Marks greeted trict No. 13, numbers a total of ceived a message today that an levying district of Marion county, "From the standpoint of the United States chamby F. E. Chambers, clerk of dis-trict No. 13, numbers a total of ceived a message today that an levying district of Marion county, "From the standpoint of the United States chamby F. E. Chambers, clerk of dis-trict No. 13, numbers a total of ceived a message today that an levying district of Marion county, "From the standpoint of the United States chambers, clerk of dis-Strawn on behalf of Governor 244 children, which is an increase Algiers-Marseilles mail plane had and that this committee oppose reduction alone and aside from

islands.

lative chamber with a bombard-

# Right-of-Way Costs Should be Borne by State, Group Holds

West Side Highway Association Agrees With Salem-Oregon City Widening Backers On That Point: Meeting Held

necessary construction on highway widening programs was Agreement on Functions of adopted at a meeting of the West Side Highway association, held here tonight. All towns along the west side route were represented, with more than a hundred persons present.

Resolution afforded by C. E. ingalls of Corvallis, asking that the highway commission give the West Side equal consideration in widening from McMinnville to Portland, was approved. Ingalls' resolution also asked for a white strip down the center of all high-

The association voted to affiliate with the Oregon-Pacific highway associaton, organized in recent months. The West Side association is about 18 months old. J. H. Scott of the highway department was the main speaker. He outlined the secondary high-

way program for the state. improvement.

of the Salem Retail Credit association at the annual meeting Other officers and the firms they Erma Wilcox of the Salem Retail Credit bureau, secretary-treas-Phillip Holmes, of Cross Market and Bailey's grocery, Otto Paulus, attorney, Lee Schoettler of Dealers Credit association, Ed-

White and Sons. The musical program included Scotch songs by Robert Hutcheon and numbers by a stringed trio dress members of the Oregon City composed of Loren and Wallace Kiwanis club on state highway Imus and Robert Hutcheon. Phillip Holmes, retiring president of the association reviewed

## Registered Men For Emergency Work Now 1041

winter last year.

thus far failed to materialize.

DALLAS, Dec. 9—(Special)—Resolution asking that the highway commission pay for all right-of-way and all

Dr. Gerald Smith of Woodburn prominent in east side and state Pacific highway groups, also spoke, as did Senator Ed Bailey of Eugene, president of the Ore gon-Pacific highway association. Considerable opposition to the super-highway program was and on the pavements of Salem believed affiliation of the Red voiced, some sentiment favoring late Wednesday night snow and Cross with the exchange, which a 20-foot width from Salem to Oregon City, with possible longer

Since Organization are Shown on Report

George W. Averett, credit manager of the Spaulding Logging ompany, was named president held at the Gray Belle last night. epresent include: Miss May Seely of the Capital City Transfer company, vice president; Miss Directors named were

Market and F. M. White of D. A.

the accomplishments of the organization which is less than two (Turn to page 2, col. 3)

At closing-time yesterday, a to-tal of 1041 men had been regis- way between Portland and Oregon tered at U. S. Employment office for emergency projects. With several months yet in prospect before the opening up of general

More on Hills: Christmas Buying Fair but Many Delaying Purchase

pears quite a problem with the in addition to Community Serkeeper of the weather offerings. vice, charity centralizing agency, The eight o'clock Wednesday were the Salvation Army, the Asnight four hour weather forecast which comes as part of the wea- ican Legion service committee. ther service in connection with Custody of Records flying at the airport said "snow on the Willamette valley hills" rain were competing for su- was set up by the Community Ser-

Cold brisk wind Wednesday tion of charitable effort. Further made pedestrians pull coats close complaint was warmly registered and greet each other with "say, in regard to the individual organit feels like snow". What the izations turning over their recweather may be does not seem to ords to Community Service with disturb the shoppers a wee bit- the understanding that these recis what to use for r oney.

stores, there is much interest in threatened for a time to clog the buying and much inquiry as to thresher. But the machine Association's Rapid Gains goods and prices but there is open discussion proved its worth still hesitancy in purchasing. Business is good the merchants the evening was over.

agree but not quite as lively as it | The complaints were mainly should be with Christmas but 15 the result of misunderstandings. days away. A general opinion it developed. The actual intenseems to be that Mr. and Mrs. tions of the Community Service Public has gotten into a habit group were clearly defined, and which has become chronic—that harmony was restored. of crying about prices. Goods Agreement Signed this year are lower by astound- By All Voters (Turn to page 2, col. 1)

# SPAULDING GOES TO

Charles K. Spaulding, state nighway commissioner and Marion county senator, will go to Oregon City this morning accompanied by several members of the local chamber of commerce to admatters.

It is expected that Spaulding will discuss the question of the state purchasing right-of-way along the Pacific highway between here and Oregon City.

The Clackamas county court announced this week that it had no available funds for purchasing new right-of-way. The court stated it has already reduced its road work budget \$180,000 for 1932 and had remaining outstanding obligations on new right-of-

Meanwhile Fred S. Perrine, secretary of the newly formed Sa- held the night of the first Monlem-Portland division of the Paemployment, as many men were cific highway No. 99 association, registered as during the entire has begun the collection of data will be plans for decorating the on the highway commission's Christmas tree in the courthouse Agent Sim Phillips reported he policy to date in the purchase of yard. This is the special project had received no intimation of in- right-of-way. Several instances of the Cherrians and an impercreased employment on county have already come to light where tant event in Salem's Christmas and state jobs through his office. widening and straightening work plans. Plans will also be discuss-The prospective increase of a has been done by the commission ed for the general meeting of the county shift from 15 to 25 had with the right of way purchased Cherrians at which time a council

## City Bond Issue Opposed By Tax Conservationists

servation Committee for Marion debtedness." county is on record as opposing all bond issues in taxing districts said resolution has never been of Marion county, and their reso- altered, repaired or modified in lution taking such stand would any respect whatever and that the apply against the proposed bond same represents at this time the issue of \$2,500,000 of the city of attitude of the Committee above penitentiary. night after a mob stormed the Salem. The following is a letter referred to. on the question from Custer E.

"I have to advise that at a regular meeting of the Marion tee is composed of Henry Zorn of mittee as appointed by the Gov- ter E. Ross of Salem. They have Mr. Henry Zorn, Honorable Louis next year, and are continuing to Lachmund and Mr. Custer E. function to prevent bond issues or Ross, and that at said meeting the other expenses which would raise

mously adopted: ment of dried fish, onions, pota-Committee look with marked dis- reduction committee approval upon the issuance of any the only Salem resident in the MARSEILLES, France, Dec. 9 bond or warrant indebtedness for group, His statement on the water Julius L. Meier and the state of of 9 per cent over last year's fallen into the sea off the Balearic by all proper means, all measures any other feature of the situation presently calling for the issuance

The Governor Meler Tax Con- of the bond, warrant or other in-"I have to advise further that

> Ross, Secretary.' The Tax Conservation commit-

"Very truly yours, Custer E

following resolution was unani- the taxes of the public. Lachmund was designated as "BE IT RESOLVED, That the spokesman yesterday for the tax

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Community Service Leaders Explain Confidential Exchange Proposals

Various Groups Made At Night Meeting

A threshing machine of representatives from Salem charitable organizations last night was operated under full head of steam for nearly two hours at the chamber of commerce in an effort to separate the chaff of discord from

the grain of service rendered.

The result of the evening's la-

bor was the blowing away of discord and the sacking of mutual agreement for immediate con-The discord arose chiefly over the Community Service confidential exchange established at Red "To be or not to be" snow ap- Cross headquarters. Represented

> sociated Carities and the Amer-Bone of Contention Objections were voiced over the rice committee to avoid duplica-

the only thing disturbing them ords were to become the permanent property of the service. There are large crowds in the The chaff was heavy and

and fulfilled its purpose before

The chaff was stacked for burning and the grain stored in the terms of the following statement, signed by representatives of the organizations which receive support from Community Service funds:

"To clarify the relations of Sa

relief organizations with Community Service and to insure friendly cooperation among these several groups, we as representatives of these organizations hereby agree to the plan of a confidential exchange in the following terms:

"1. Each of the relief organizations receiving funds from the Community Service shall cooperate in reporting cases to the Central Confidential exchange to

avoid duplication. "2. All records kept at the ex-(Turn to page 2, col. 3)

## Cherrians Plan Christmas Tree Annual Lighting

The Cherrians will hold a business session Friday noon at the Spa. According to King Bing Carl Gabrielson plans will be considered at this time for the annual banquet of the group customarily

day or Tuesday of January. Other things to be considered of nobles and a new King Bing will be selected.

## Attorney Given Five Year Term

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 9 -AP)-L. W. Matthews, 47, Portland attorney, pleaded guilty today to charges of obtaining meney under false pretenses and was sentenced by Circuit Judge Ekwall to five years in the state

