

# FURTHER SLASH IN POLK'S LEVY

## Second ten per Cent cut in Deputies' pay Voted at Taxpayer Meeting

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Action on all salaries of deputies was voted amounting to \$117,500. The county court was cut \$450 and there was some discussion as to whether the county judge was also a commissioner and entitled to mileage.

Efforts were made to cut the road fund from \$55,050 to \$40,000 but was finally left at \$50,000, the general opinion being that too many roads in the county would suffer if funds for maintenance were not provided. The market road fund however was cut from \$24,000 to \$12,900, this was due to the taking over of some 53 miles of market roads by the state.

### Road Employees Pay cut Sought

A resolution was presented by Mr. Starr to be presented to the county court suggesting that they cut the pay of county road employees from \$2.50 and \$5 per day to \$2.50 and \$3.00. A motion to have the county made into one road district outside of the incorporated towns was lost.

There was no opposition to the retention of the county agent or the services of a county clerk or nurse for the first four months of 1932. Some objection had been anticipated.

With a credit for changes made in estimated receipts amounting to \$24,400, the county levy stands at \$176,881.07, or \$43,454.44 under the original estimate. The sum to be raised by levy this year is \$82,596.93 under 1931 and with the reduction from the state tax of \$71,191.00 it is estimated that the total tax reduction for 1932 will be approximately 11 mills.

### Farmer Attendance Highest

Never in the history of Polk county had such a large turnout of taxpayers been present for a budget meeting, with many prominent farmers taking the lead in asking for reduction in taxes.

Some of the Monmouth farmers were W. J. Stockholm, former master of the Monmouth grange; R. W. Hogg, of near West Salem; Robert Mitchell and H. J. Elliott of Perrydale; L. H. McBea of the Farmer's union and many others.

The only increase in budget items were \$600 for care of insane under a mandatory law passed by the last legislature, \$4000 for elections, and increase of \$2000 for care of the poor.

# SCRAM; LEAP YEAR HERE. BACHELORS!

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observe September 6 and those people who follow the Julian calendar observe January 13 as "New Year's". The Oriental people also observe a different New Year.

And with all the other customs comes that of making "resolutions". The human family likes to take a "new start" and with the advent of a new 12 months each and all either secretly or aloud, it is a safe hazard, promise certain reforms for the new year and with the frailty of humanity the good resolves are registered, coddled for a few hours, days, weeks, then become good material for new resolves next New Year's. Some there must be who live to become habits and save the maker embarrassment, but good resolutions like good intentions must have laid several miles of paving in many a private purgatory.

But the New Year is here. It's a thrill for spite of all it opens new accounts and will do such with credits and debts as the days roll round to 1933. To make the ledger balance is a game worth the playing and there are many millions who will start that tussle today with a new hope because the old year is done—many an account is closed and though a loss, it is behind the loser—and there is always the future—right now it is 1932 which all salute.

# CHINESE STUDENTS WILL RETURN HOME

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quarters. With him will go Mr. Choa, student in the University of Colorado school of mines, and Mr. Ying of the University of Michigan. Both are students under similar scholarships.

Other Chinese students at Willamette said yesterday that these three plan to go home because income from their scholarships will probably be cut off and because they feel that they owe their services in this time of trouble. If Ying arrives today the three plan to sail from Seattle January 2. If he comes later they will have to wait until January 16.

# The Call Board

By OLIVE M. DOAK

### WARNER BROS. ELSINORE

Today—Marilyn Miller in "Her Majesty, Love."

### WARNER BROS. CAPITOL

Today—Helen Hayes in "The Sin of Madelon Claudet."

### THE GRAND

Today—Dorothy Mackay in "Caught Plastered."

### THE HOLLYWOOD

Today—Buster Keaton in "Sidewalks of New York."

Those feminine movie-goers who take a special interest in the clothes worn by the stars of their sex will find an extraordinary ample feast for their eyes in "Possessed," Joan Crawford's new starring vehicle coming to Warner Bros. Elsinore theatre Saturday midnight, and continuing for three days.

Sixteen different "changes" were created for the use of Miss Crawford in the picture, exceeding in number even such elaborately costumed pictures as "Our Dancing Daughters," "Our Blushing Brides" and "This Modern Age."

The costumes run a wide gamut, consisting of a paper-bon factory; an exceedingly simple coat suit for her home in the factory town; a modified sports outfit for a trip to Coney Island; simple afternoon frocks; gorgeous "Park Avenue" evening gowns and charming tailored suits.

The popular Clark Gable supports Miss Crawford in "Possessed," which is one of Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer's latest triumphs.

### CITY APPOINTMENTS DUE MONDAY NIGHT

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this office for two terms and was succeeded by Trindle, last night declared he was not an applicant.

Mayor P. M. Gregory will reappoint Frank Minto as chief of police. It is generally believed, and the mayor does not deny the report. Minto has served as head of the city's police force for the past nine years.

No opponents to Harry Hutton, fire chief for the past 15 years, have been openly mentioned, and unless certain aldermen show up at the meeting with a dark horse under their wings, reappointment of the present chief will doubtless be forthcoming.

The other appointive officials are apparently without opposition. These men and their tenure of office are: Hugh Rogers, city engineer, 23 years; Walter Low, street commissioner, 16 years; E. C. Bushnell, one year and nine months; and Batty Cooper, sanitary inspector.

Rumors to the effect that Mrs. Myra L. Shank, police matron, who has held the position for 16 years, will be opposed by Mrs. G. Ed Ross, matron for the state fair, are not exactly correct. Mrs. Ross' application for the job states that she wants it provided Mrs. Shank relinquishes it. Mrs. Shank says she will accept it if Chief Minto reappoint her, which it is expected the chief will do.

### INCREASED FREIGHT RATES APPLY SOON

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state commerce commission issued its supplemental report in which it modified its original report by changing somewhat the methods to be used in determining the amount of increases authorized, and relieving the railroads from the necessity of complying with the original suggested pooling plan.

Many of Oregon's most important commodities are not affected by the rate increases. These include wheat, flour, grains, hay, apples, potatoes, livestock, fuel wood, railroad ties, berries and grapes.

An increase of six cents per ton has been authorized covering iron, gravel and sand, mine products and pulp wood.

A 12 per cent increase was authorized covering posts, poles and piling, lumber, lath, shingles, box, crates and cooperage materials.

The largest increase of 20 cent per ton applies to citrus fruits, canteloupes and melons, cabbage, onions, tomatoes, fresh vegetables and dried and evaporated fruits.

### SPINACH IS POISON TO SOME, CLAIMED

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SPOKANE, Wash., Dec. 31—(AP)—If you don't like spinach, don't eat it—it may poison you. Likewise, if you hives bother you more at some times than at others, put the eat out for relief.

These warnings were spoken to the members of the Northwestern Scientific association by Dr. Robert F. E. Stier, of Spokane, during a discussion of "Eat and Be Happy."

"Food for one person is poison to another," he explained. "The wrong food can produce anything from a headache to a toe ache and often does, if eaten by the right person."

Lumbago sometimes results from eating cucumbers, he said, and canteloupes, bananas or potatoes often cause asthma, hives or gastric disturbances, depending on the constitution of the person who eats them.

### Too Late to Classify

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# FINLAND GOES WET BY HEAVY MARGIN

## 75 per Cent for Repeal of Dry Law, Less Than one For Wines and Beer

By LOUIS P. LOCHNER  
HELSINKI, Finland, Dec. 31—(AP)—Prohibitionists and anti-prohibitionists alike admitted tonight as the returns came in from the country-wide referendum that 1932 is likely to be a wet year for Finland.

In the former parliament building 610 clerks worked in three shifts to tabulate the vote and by nine o'clock their count of about nine-fifths the total vote indicated 75 per cent were for repeal of the present prohibition laws, 24.2 per cent voted to retain the laws and 0.8 per cent for modification to permit the sale of light wines and beer.

Sixty per cent of the repeal votes in early returns in this city were cast by women. In Helsinki the newspaper in Helsinki estimated on the basis of its own poll in various sections of the country that the final vote would show a 68 per cent majority for repeal.

The trend was disappointing to prohibitionists, but the leadership of that faction indicated a determination to continue their fight against alcohol.

Helsinki celebrated New Year's eve with liquor in evidence in almost every restaurant and hotel. No effort was made to conceal the contents of bottles and glasses and the waiters openly asked the patrons what brand of champagne, wine or cordial they preferred.

### NEW YEAR REVELS MARRED BY RAIDS

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NEW YORK, Dec. 31—(AP)—New York pitched a party for its infant year 1932 with its traditional din—and an undertone of police whistles.

A series of recent raids led by federal prohibition agents was cited as the reason for the invasion of one of the most gilded mid-town establishments, The Royal Box, with two glistening bars and a circular staircase, was raided while its chefs were roasting fat turkeys in preparation for the New Year's eve festivities.

There were the usual celebrations in the hotels catering to dancing couples, silk-clad theatergoers and their orchid-studded companions. But the couverts were reduced sharply.

The lower prices, said the proprietors in union, brought the crowds—crowds eager to make merry, to dance under shifting lights and to blow tin horns in anticipation of a gladder 1932.

Broadway, as always, was the scene of the people's celebration—the people who don't own evening gowns and formal black but who enjoy the abandon of glittering lights.

### TOZIER RINGS BELL FOR SIXTIETH YEAR

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HILLSBORO, Ore., Dec. 31—(AP)—His 72 years resting lightly upon him, Albert Tozier came home today to see the New Year in and to ring with his own hands for the 60th consecutive year the bell in the steeple of the First Methodist church.

In 1872 the first church building was erected in this Washington county seat. Albert Tozier rang out the old year and the bell welcomed the new. Each year thereafter to the present day he has commemorated the event.

One year he came from Central America to perform the ceremony; once he came from Mexico, twice from New York, and once from South Carolina, and several times from western states to pass the New Year's eve here.

Watch night services are held each year and the bell ringing has become a village rite.

Tozier is now custodian of Champeog park on the Williamsite river. He was one of the organizers of the National Editorial association in 1885 and is the only survivor of its 37 charter members. He served one term as president of the association.

### Leading British Editor Dies, 85, Victim of Chill

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MANCHESTER, England, Jan. 1—(Friday)—(AP)—C. P. Scott, managing director of the Manchester Guardian, died at 1:30 a. m. today.

Mr. Scott, regarded as one of the greatest journalists in British history, contracted a chill shortly before Christmas. Fears were felt about the outcome of his illness, as his heart was in bad condition. He was 85 years old.

### Second Trial of Beckley Starts

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ROSEBURG, Ore., Dec. 31—(AP)—Testimony in the murder trial of Cecil Beckley, farmer, accused of killing his wife, Alma Beckley, and his step-daughter, Margaret Clutter, began here today.

One hundred one names were drawn before the jury was completed. The jury at Beckley's first trial failed to reach a verdict.

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# Mickey Mouse NOTES

Happy New Year—M M C  
Why not start the new year right by attending the first Mickey Mouse meeting of the year at Warner Bros. Elsinore.

And then finish the new year right by attending all the Mickey Mouse meetings—and I know that you will want to attend each meeting as every week there will be something new and different that you will like.

If you missed the first chapter of the new thrilling Mickey Mouse serial "Caught Plastered" with Buffalo Bill," write to the Mickey Mouse club at Warner Bros. Elsinore and we will be glad to tell you what it was about.

The second of these chapters of supreme thrills is "Circling Death."

Let's have every Mickey and Minnie Mouse hand in a last line to the limberick below:  
To a party went Minnie Mouse,  
She forgot to lock  
Up the house,  
When she came back  
Alas and alack  
(You fill in last line).

The ones handing in the best last lines for the second limberick were Margie Sawyer, Marjorie Lepper, Gordon Duval, Norma Jean Hodgde, and Bruce Lepper.

The Mickey Mouse sextet surely gave us some swell entertainment last week—those in the sextet are Jim Moyer, Max Selander, Kenneth Hunt, Bill Desouza, Richard James, and Bradford Lee.

On the rest of the program were Virginia Bean, Betty Brandt, Dick Forman, Jean Bates, Wilmer McDowell, Norma Pasching, and Harriet Talmage.

You can still join Warner Bros. Elsinore Mickey Mouse club orchestra. Be at the Elsinore Saturday morning at 11 o'clock if you would like to be in it. It is under the direction of "Boots" Grant and "Andy" Anderson.

Two big features this Saturday—Ben Lyon and the four kings of comedy in a real laughter comedy "Her Majesty Love" and Laurel and Hardy in "Beau Hunks"—their second feature all talking comedy.

And also chapter two of "Battling With Buffalo Bill."

Big Chief Rice told me that he has something special for every Mickey Mouse that attends the matinee tomorrow.

Don't miss this.  
So Long M M C  
Zollie.

### DEMOCRAT TARIFF MEASURE LOOMING

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WASHINGTON, Dec. 31—(AP)—A democratic tariff measure is to be given legislative right of way in the House next week with a tax increase bill to come up as soon thereafter as possible.

Determined to expedite House action on these and other economic measures, democratic leaders plan to submit the tariff proposal to the joint senate-house policy committee on Monday.

The advisory group is expected to approve the proposal drafted during the Christmas holidays by Speaker Garner, Senator Harrison of Mississippi, ranking democrat on the senate finance committee, Representative Rainey of Illinois, democratic house leader and Chairman of the house ways and means committee.

With approval, Chairman Collier will introduce the bill and immediately call his committee together to consider the measure. Hearings are not expected to occupy much time in view of the fact that the rate schedules are not to be opened.

Although no formal announcement of the plans were made, Garner conceded today that the tariff "might possibly" be considered by the house before the ways and means committee completes the tax hearings.

### BANKER SUICIDE

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MILWAUKEE, Wis., Dec. 31—(AP)—While bank examiners were placing a stamp of approval on his books, Richard Roll, Jr., until three days ago, president of the suburban Hales Corners State bank, committed suicide.

### Home of 25c Talks A Home-Owned Theatre TODAY AND SATURDAY

Continuous Performance Each Day, 2 to 11 P. M.  
"East Side, West Side, All Around the Town"

### BUSTER KEATON SIDEWALKS NEW YORK

with Anita Page and Cliff Edwards  
Also Mickey Mouse Comedy, News, and Harry Carey in Last Episode of "Vanishing Legion"

### GRAND "CAUGHT PLASTERED"

A HOME-OWNED THEATRE  
with Wheeler and Woolsey  
HAPPY NEW YEAR!  
COMING SUNDAY  
JANET GUNN and CHARLES BARRELL  
Merely Mary Ann

# PORTS PROSPEROUS; DEBTS ARE REDUCED

## Astoria's Highest; all are Well Below Statutory Limits for Bonds

Debts of port districts in Oregon were reduced in the amount of \$479,189.80 during the past year, according to a report released Thursday by Rufus C. Holman, state treasurer. The total indebtedness of the districts on July 1, 1930, was \$9,556,117.08, as against \$9,076,947.28 on July 1, 1931.

The ports of Astoria and Coquille river reported no indebtedness either year and the net indebtedness of other ports ranged from ten one-hundredths of one per cent for the port of Siuslaw to 12.84 per cent for the port of Astoria. Virtually every port district in the state reduced its indebtedness, although the debt ratios of the port of Astoria and the port of Coquille were affected adversely by decline in the assessed valuation of the former and by a slight increase in warrant indebtedness for the latter district.

According to the tabulation prepared by Holman, the indebtedness of the port of Portland on July 1, 1931, was \$3,369,612.22, as compared with \$3,857,134.44 on October 1, 1930, and \$3,615,660.20 on July 1, 1931.

The ratios of indebtedness of the several port districts to the respective assessed valuations in nearly all cases are only about one-half of the total statutory debt limitation for port districts.

The debt ratios of the various districts, with the exception of the port of Astoria are below 5 per cent of the assessed valuations, which places the bonds of the districts in virtually the same position as bonds of school districts with respect to value of property as security for the bonds of the districts.

School districts are permitted by law to bond themselves to an amount not exceeding 5 per cent of the assessed valuations for building purposes.

Mr. Holman said the port district officers and others responsible for the satisfactory reductions in port indebtedness during the past year are entitled to commendation in affecting the reductions and in reducing taxes.

### BOMBING EPIDEMIC SPREADING WIDELY

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nation already aroused by three deaths due to explosive packages.

Six bombs, wrapped in packages and delivered along with the rest of the mail, were intercepted last night before they could accomplish their grim mission of death and destruction.

Three of the packages were addressed to Chicagoans. One reached the office of Oscar Durante, member of the city board of education and editor of L'Italia, profascist publication, who refused to accept it. Police took it to an outlying quarry where it was exploded by means of rifle bullets, "with enough force," according to Detective Chief William Schoenmayer, "to tear up a city block."

Associated Press Office Addressed  
Packages addressed to the Chicago offices of the Associated Press and to the Italian consul in Chicago, Giuseppe Castrucio, were discovered too late in the day for marking to fire at, and it was planned to attempt to set them off tomorrow.

The Durante and Castrucio parcels were shipped from New York by express and that received by the Associated Press was sent by mail from Chicago.

Postal officials, although undetermined whether the package sent to the Chicago Associated Press office contained explosives, were considerably concerned inasmuch as the Ashland building, housing the news service's offices, also is occupied by headquarters of a number of Italian organizations including the Union Siciliana and the Italian chamber of commerce.

In Detroit, police intercepted a suspected infernal machine soon after it was delivered to the Gohm hotel, residence of Count Ugo

# FUNERAL FOR FAKE WILL BE SATURDAY

## Funeral services for Charles H. Fake, who died Thursday morning at the family residence on South 12th street after being confined at his home since last August by a serious illness, will be held Saturday, January 2, at 2 o'clock from the Clough-Barrick chapel, Rev. Simonds and Dr. Kantner will officiate.

Fake was born in Austin, Minn., but for the past 13 or 14 years has made his residence in Salem. He was a retired structural engineer and a member of several Masonic organizations, including Pacific lodge No. 58, A. F. and A. M. of Salem and the Knights Templar. Surviving him are his widow, Mrs. Madie M. Fake of Salem; one sister, Mrs. F. G. Locke of Coopersburg, N. Y.; six children, Mrs. E. J. Donnell, Miss Mary Fake, Mrs. Earl Brown and George Fake, all of Salem, Mrs. Ralph H. Smith of Riverside, Calif., and Mrs. G. D. Lybecker of Raymond, Wash.; also 10 grandchildren and one great grandchild.

Burial will be in the Belcrest Memorial Park.

### DISABLED VETERANS AUXILIARY FORMED

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Following the organization of a Salem chapter of the Disabled American Veterans of the World War, the members last night held a special meeting at the armory to institute the auxiliary. Twenty-six charter members were accepted.

Commander of the new auxiliary is Mrs. R. A. Hooper; adjutant, Mrs. Fred Birch; senior vice-president, Mrs. H. F. Fields, and chaplain, Mrs. E. F. R. Jaeger.

Installation of the women's chapter was made by Mrs. Edwin Doyle, of Portland, whose husband is state commander of the D. A. V. Commander Doyle addressed the veterans and their wives.

After the installation ceremony was ended, a social program was given with musical numbers and dancing. Refreshments were served the 75 persons present.

### ACTION LOOMS ON ROAD PATROLMEN

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Action is being taken on road patrolmen for a number of the districts around Salem, according to reports being filed in the county clerk's office.

Ed Baker has been recommended as road patrolman in district No. 18, to succeed Robert Cois. A belated formal report on a road district meeting held last month was filed with the county clerk recently.

A petition from district No. 3 asks that no patrolman be named this year. A petition filed earlier asked that J. H. Miller be named patrolman, but the latest is more heavily signed.

District No. 42 asks for retention of M. H. Utter as patrolman in that district.

County road headquarters reports that with action taken by the county budget meeting to eliminate one engineer from the road engineering department of the county, Floyd Ford would probably be the one to go, being the last one to be hired.

This change will leave County Engineer Swart, who made the personnel decision, with but one assistant engineer.

### Hayesville Folk Attend Funeral Of Young Child

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HAYESVILLE, Dec. 31—Mr. and Mrs. Joe Foley and children, Frank, Mike and Betty of Portland, attended the funeral of Mrs. Foley's nephew, Little Gene Hunsaker.

Mr. and Mrs. Robln Day are entertaining Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Day and daughter Annabelle, and Mr. and Mrs. Van Wngarden and son Bruce of Portland, at a New Year's dinner.

### WARNER BROS. CAPITOL TODAY

Mother Love Alone Was  
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### MICKY MOUSE CLUB meets at Warner Bros. Elsinore Tomorrow (Saturday) At 1:00 P. M. PRIZES! FUN Special Number from Barbara Barnes School of Dancing

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### RAILROADS SEEK TO ABANDON AGENCIES

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Five hearings, involving applications to discontinue railroad station agencies, have been set by the state public utilities commissioner during the months of January and February.

The first hearing, based on the application of the Oregon-Washington Railroad & Navigation company, to discontinue its sta-

# CANVASS FOR ODD JOBS IS PLANNED

## Within a few days, W. H. Dancy, chairman of the Community Service employment creation committee will send out men to canvass the homes of the city in an effort to find odd jobs for men out of work, it was announced yesterday. Many men are applying at the Service confidential exchange.

The first of the labor projects to be undertaken by Mr. Dancy's committee have been begun. Both are woodcutting jobs at which men out of work will be employed.

Although the Service confidential exchange, located