SCENE OF FIR

Breyman Heirs Will Decide Issue; Firms Planning To Reopen Stores

Damage is Less Than First Estimated in Some of **Upstairs Offices**

While store fronts on businesses temporarily suspended yesterday by the disastrous fire of early morning were being board-ed up with hastily erected shiplap barriers, plans were already under way for the reconstruction of the Breyman and White buildings whose interiors were entirely gutted by the flames which began in the basement of the MacMarr store, 174 North Commercial street, at midnight Wednesday.

Director's, MacMarr's and Byrne's stores each gave out assurance they would open for business as soon as reconstruction of their rooms could be completed and new stocks obtained.

R. P. Boise early Thursday morning sent communications to the six Breyman heirs who jointly own the Breyman and White buildings. Of the six shares in the estate, three are owned equally by the heirs of Werner Breyman. They are Mrs. Elva Brown, Mrs. Alda Eldridge and Mrs. Anna Prael who all are residing at San Diego this winter, Mrs. Eldridge is seriously ill. The three heirs to the Eugene Breyman interests are Senator Charles L. McNary, Washington, D. C., Mrs. Lena B. Snede-cor, Salem, Mrs. R. P. Boise, Sa-

Decision-Lies With

Heirs Says Boise Decision on rebuilding of the tion remained unanswered and two structures will lie with the there was a delicate situation heirs and owners, Mr. Boise said within the area concerned. yesterday. He expressed the opinion that the two structures probably would be rebuilt. He would make no definite statements, however, pending word from the own-

Ninety per cent co-insurance has been carried by Mr. Boise on the buildings and a revaluation made recently placed the value of the structures in line with present construction costs which are decidedly higher than at the time the buildings were erected. Boise estimated that the loss from loss of rents would equal or exceed the estate's loss from the actual fire.

The walls of the Breyman and White buildings appear little hurt by the fire and these will probably be used in any reconstruction of

Unusually heavy smoke which was noticeable at the time of the fire was explained yesterday by the manager of the MacMarr store. He said five or six large tiers of lard had recently been purchased by the store and kept in the basement. These made a dense smoke when the fire reach- rule.

Fraise for the work of the Salem fire department was expressed by R. P. and Breyman Boise (Turn to page 2, col. 5)

SALEM RELAY MEN GET SECOND PLACE Walter Pierce On Way to Fi

PORTLAND, Ore., Mar. 24— (AP)—Washington high school won the first annual Hill Military relay carnival championship here

Washington placed first in the four-mile relay, second in the shot and sprint events for a total of 11 points. Hill Military was and Seaside tied for second place with

eight points each. Others ranked as follows: Jefferson, 5; Milwaukee, 5; Salem 3; Franklin, 2; Grant, 2; and St.

County Territory Divided Up for Junior Baseball

Action looking forward to the from any vicinity where it had coming American Legion junior members, though it refrained baseball program in Marion country and at the same time calculated ty and at the same time calculated located. Now Salem's territory is to prevent some of the dissension bounded by an east-and-west line which marked the county contest through Quinaby on the north, by last summer, was taken at a meet- the highway running through ing of past commanders and team Four Corners on the east, and managers from the four legion Brunk's Corners in Polk county posts in the county here Thursday on the west. Turner and Jefferson

Ed Bayliss of Sheridan, district and Stayton.

Chairman of junior baseball, presided at the meeting which was seemed to sense that some good

are open territory for both Salem pened by George Duncan, district ball players would be available in today, charged the state child wel-

Total Taxes on Real Property Show Reduction From Year Ago

| Purpose | For 1931 | For 1932 | Decrease |
|----------------------|---------------|-----------------|---|
| State \$ | 4,592,627.91 | 8 | \$4,592,627.91 |
| County, Exclusive of | | 1 1 40 | |
| Schools and Roads | 4,286,418.87 | 4,761,439.95 | 525,021.28 |
| Elementary and | | | 1021 W 1 W 2 |
| Righ School 2 | 20,060,644.37 | 19,479,748.80 | 580,896.07 |
| Roads | 4,786,234.34 | 8,139,769.86 | 1,596,464.48 |
| Bond Interest & | | | |
| Redemption | 2,111,847.96 | 2,016,838.70 | 94,509.26 |
| Cities | 10,909,894.68 | 10,731,546.83 | 178,347.85 |
| Irrigation and | 1000 | | - 1 - 1 - 1 - 1 - 1 - 1 - 1 - 1 - 1 - 1 |
| Drainage | 1,744,524.07 | 1,343,628.06 | 400,896.01 |
| Ports | 1,671,548.05 | 1,311,588.84 | 860,509.21 |
| Fire Patrol | 142,524.59 | 177,542,70 | |
| Reforestation | 4,828.68 | 18,465.45 | |
| Miscellaneous | 12,012.59 | 4,157.60 | 7,854.99 |
| 13 1 | 50.222,605.86 | \$42,979,176.29 | \$7,243,429.57 |

Skirmishes Revive Shanghai's Worries

Each Side Blames Other for Small Battle at Kating; Advance of Chinese Inside 121/2-Mile Zone Reported

CHANGHAI, Mar. 25—(Friday)—(AP)—Sniping between Chinese and Japanese soldiers in the vicinity of Chiawangmiao today added to an uneasy situation of armed watchfulness around Shanghai.

Both sides said there also had been a skirmish between their outposts near Kating, northwest of the city, each accusing the other of precipitating -

the fighting. Despite a Japanese warning the Chinese were violating the Japanese ultimatum of February 20 calling for the evacuation of a 12 1/2 mile zone around Shanghal by occupying the Chiawangmiao positions, the Chinese have shown no signs of leaving.

WASHINGTON, March 24. -

tempting to secure his freedom

On Way to File

PORTLAND, March 24.—(AP)
-Walter M. Pierce, formerly gov

ernor of Oregon, was in Portland

today en route to Salem where he

said he would file his petition for

the democratic nomination for

representative from the second

"This is a democratic year."

the depression by following Hoov-

congressional district.

issue, not prohibition."

Japanese officials Wednesday asked British consular authorities to request the Chinese to with-Register: Theme draw south of Soochow creek. 'Facing Future' Japanese said their communica-

"Facing the Future Together' today and tomorrow will be ap-They hoped, the Japanese said, that events would not force them proximately 75 boys from Marion and Polk counties who will registo take positive measures there. ter at the Salem Y this afternoon for the 11th annual older boys' conference in this district. This

is the conference theme Silverton's delegation will be double Independence's 10 boys, Coach Harold C. Davis informed CAPONE REPORTED Dwight Adams, local boys' secretary, yesterday.

Music for the conference banquet at 6:30 o'clock this evening (AP) - While the federal govern- at the Y will be provided by Dalment was making secret plans for bert Jepsen, violinist, accompanputting Al Capone behind peni- led by Emery S. Hobson, and tentiary doors, a senate commit- Kenneth Fleming, singer, accomtee was told today that criminal panied by Earl Potter. Toastorganizations in Chicago were at- master will be H. E. Tobie of Stayton and speakers, C. A. Howthrough control of public officials. ard, state superintendent of pub-This warning came from Frank lic instruction, and Professor I. Loesch, president of the Chi- Carl W. Salser of Oregon State

cago crime commission and a college. member of the now defunct Wick-Sixty business men are wanted ersham commission. He has been to be hosts each to a conference a leader in the movement to free delegate for lunch tomorrow the Illinois city from gangster noon, C. A. Kells, general secretary, said last night. The purpose Sanford Bates, director of the of luncheon is to give the boy federal prison bureau, said the contact with business men and choice of a penitentiary for Calearn of their vocations. A picpone would be kept secret until ture of the men and boys will be the Chicago gang leader begins taken on the postoffice grounds his 11-year sentence for tax evasion. He added that to disclose the government's choice would defeat

PROGRESS IS MADE IN TORNADO RELIEF Petitions Here

-(AP)-With most of the 359 dead buried and hundreds of injured receiving treatment, government agencies and private citizens joined hands with the Red Cross today in the task of rehabilitating the areas slashed by Monday night's tornadoes.

For the first time since the vi-Pierce said in an address at a meeting of the Willamette society, clous winds cut across Alabama "The country cannot come out of Georgia, Tennessee, Kentucky and South Carolina, there was time to Shepherd, Cross, Waltz and er policies. There must be a begin an accounting of the dam-Dyer, of Salem, placed second in change. Bread and butter is the age. Estimates of loss reached in-

to millions of dollars. Alabama. with 298 known dead was the center of relief activity. Georgia Victory Another concentration took place in the ravaged district of North Georgia, which conuted 38 dead. Pulaski and nearby areas in Tennessee where 18 were killed were being surveyed. Three were killed in South Carolina and two in Kentucky.

Child Welfare Board Accused

PORTLAND, Ore., March 24-(AP)—A report prepared by representatives of the Child Caring federation of Oregon, made public

opened by George Duncan, district legion chairman.

The principal point at issue was the determination of territory for a long time and finally wound up in a draw, it being declared open territory. Both have members there.

One point, the question as to what enstitled "boars of that the posts "posched" on each other's preserves. After lengthy discussion, a map was outlined showing what territory each post could consider its own.

Capital Post of Salem found its territory much restricted. Last year it was privileged to players

Thall players would be available in fare commission's policies are extravagant and "lacking in feeling for the unfortunate."

The report charged manipulation of state funds by salaried so-clal workers to the detriment of dependent children. It alleged extravagant service is demanded by the state child welfare commission, which exists policies are extravagant and "lacking in feeling for the unfortunate."

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FORT WORTH, Tex., Mar. 24.

(AP)—Hugh 'Nichols, Mexia, No decision as to what shall be done with the culprits will be done with the culprits will be done with the culprits will be don

Cut of 14.4 per Cent for All State Levies Shown In Fisher's Report

Biggest Retrenchment job Ever Accomplished, is **Expert's Verdict**

Taxes on real property in Ore-

gon for the year 1932 will be 14.-4 per cent less than in 1931, Earl Fisher, veteran member of the tate tax commission announced yesterday. The aggregate tax rolls in 1931 were \$50,222,605; in 1932 they are \$42,979,176. Fisher said he believed this re-

duction represented the most substantial accomplishment of tax retrenchment in the history of Oregon. He averred that no other state in the union had made a better showing. Of the reductions, the greater

part comes in a decrease of \$4,-592,627 made in direct state taxes. Taxes which in the aggregate show an increase for 1932 over 1931 are those of the counties, exclusive of roads and schools, of fire patrol districts and of refor- Doak. estation areas. School and Road evies Much Lower

Levies materially lower in 1932 are elementary and high schools, roads, bond interest and redemption, cities, irrigation and drainage, ports and miscellaneous. in the state showed reductions ex-

Twenty two of the 36 counties 75 From Marion and Polk to ceeding 15 per cent, much of the cut being due to the lightened state levy. Marion county came in the third group of counties to cut, reductions here totalling 14.39

A total of \$2,650,801 of the entire tax reduction for the year 1932 came from retrenchment in county and local district levies.

FELLOW OFFICERS PAY VICTOR HONOR

Popular Policeman Buried Thursday: Procession Is Lengthy one

Tribute to Officer Oscar F. Victor, 66, of the city police, who died while on duty early Wednesday morning, was paid by many Salem citizens of all stations in life at the funeral services for the popular officer held at the W. T. Rigdon chapel yesterday afternoon. Bearing out the kindly feelings which existed toward Officer Victor and his family were the many floral offerings which flanked the casket. Rev. George H. Swift, rector of

St. Paul's Episcopal church, minister for the services, saw "victory in death" for the departed officer and added:

"I know of no greater tribute that could be paid than that by Chief Frank Minto, who said: 'I never heard a person say an ill word against him, either personally or as to the performance of his duty.' "

A lodge of sorrow of the Elks lodge, of which Officer Victor was member, was held with H. E. Eakin, exalted ruler, in charge with other officers assisting. The casket was draped with a small American flag. "Going Home" and "Beautiful Isle of Somewhere" were sung by the Elks quartet. Active pallbearers were: Sam-

uel Adolph, Judge L. H. McMahan, Chief of Police Frank Minto, A. A. Mickel, F. E. Loose and Victor: Sergeants J. L. Cutler and W. A. Thompson, Officers H. A. (Turn to page 2, col. 3)

Of Roosevelt is By 7 to 1 Ratio

ATLANTA, Mar. 24-(AP)-The landslide for Governor Franklin D. Roosevelt in yesterday's presidential preference primary became more impressive totoday as additional returns showed he carried each of Georgia's 159 counties and in-As Extravagant creased his tremendous lead in

popular votes. The governor, on the basis of incomplete but decisive returns from each county, polled 58,237 popular votes for 7,184 for Judge G. H. Howard of Atlanta, who

Alien Smuggling Racket Exposed



WILLIAM N. DOAK

Victims Murdered Without Qualm if Capture is Feared, Claim

WASHINGTON, March 24, -(AP)—The inside-story of a new "racket" which the labor department is working to crush was unfolded before the senate immigration committee today by Secretary

He related how his department had uncovered a growing conspiracy in which alien smuggling, extortion and murder play a part. Ruthless smugglers, he said, wrap up their victims in burlap and throw them overboard if they think they are likely to get

caught. "We have been very actively engaged in trying to ferret out these racketeers who have brought people into this country after robbing them and again robbed them after they got them here. se racketeers charge

large price for bringing aliens in here, and then they make them pay much every month on the threat that they will show them

Fees range, he said, from \$100 to \$1300 for bringing an alien into this country. Then the conspirators get him a lob and even though the victim may be getting but a small daily wage they extort a large proportion of it, threatening to report his illegal entry if he refuses.

SAY NORFOLK MEN

NORFOLK, Va., March 24. -(AP)-The Rev. Dodson Peacock, of Norfolk, said tonight he and two other Norfolk residents are acting with the authorization of the kidnaped Lindbergh baby. Rear Admiral Guy H. Burrage

retired, named by the New York Daily News as one of the intermewhen asked concerning the re-

"The baby was reported safe and well at the time (March 9) when we were approached to serve as intermediaries," Dean Peacock said. "We do not know, however, where the baby is." Dean Peacock said the other two selected as intermediaries

rage, retired, and John Hugh Curtis, Norfolk business man. Mrs. Longworth Is Recipient of

Threat Letters

WASHINGTON, March 24 AP)-A threat of suffering for William Neimyer. The honorary Mrs. Alice Roosevelt Longworth, pallbearers were fellow officers of unless she turned over \$1,500, Mrs. Alice Roosevelt Longworth, has brought about an intensive

> Police disclosed late today that the widow of the former speaker of the house had received two extortionist notes of a type similar to several received by other prominent Washingtonians. Detective headquarters said no diseven-year-old daughter, Paulina; but in another of the notes, Sir Wilmott Lewis, correspondent here for the London Times, was told his young son would be ab-ducted unless he paid \$1,500.

More Boys Are Questioned For House-Breaking

Proposal is Stricken From Billion Dollar Revenue Measure in House

Excise Levies to Take up Slack Next Proposal From Committee

WASHINGTON, March 24 .-AP)-Seizing house control from party leaders, an overwhelming bi-partisan force today struck the sales tax from the billion dollar revenue Mil.

It was the most spectacular revolt in years. Flushed with the confidence of four previous major victories, the belligerent sales tax opponents swept the provision out by a teller vote of 223 to 153. Loud cheers and applause from members and the crowded galleries greeted the action, while a White House visitor reported Presdent Hoover was "quite disap-

pointed" at the outcome.

Backed by democratic and republican leaders, the 2.25 per cent levy on manufacturers sales formed the base of the \$1,096,-000,000 tax bill and was expected to yield \$595,000,000. The ways and means committee that originates revenue legislation had spent three months in its formulation.

Refuse Chairman's Offer to Resign Although gleeful in their stupendous victory, leaders of the (Turn to page 2, col. 7)

Sub-Committee Will Come From Communities to Learn of Details

meet tonight at 7:30 o'clock at to complete plans for handling the extension of credits in this county. Paul Maris, head of extension work at Oregon State college, and F. C. True, field agent from Spokane working out of the federal lean agency there, will attend as will the county committee. James E. Smith, county commissioner. is chairman, and other members are Ray J. Glatt of Woodburn and

C. A. Bear of Turner. Sub-committees of three men from each community i the coun-Colonel Charles A. Lindbergh as ty are also expected to attend to intermediaries for the return of receive further information on the methods to be followed in making the loans.

Maris and True said yesterday that blanks' would be furnished diaries, declined to comment each of the sub-committees who will start at once to take application. When the sub-committees (Turn to page 2, col. 2)

PLACE UPON COURT were Rear Admiral Guy H. Bur-

John H. Porter of Silverton yesterday filed notice with the county clerk that he would seek renomination and reelection as county commissioner. He has held the post for two terms. Porter is a republican. Three other candidates have already announced the would seek the republican nomin-

County Clerk Boyer filed formal notice of his intention to seek renomination and reelection. Boyer stated that he would "continue police investigation and maintento give courteous, efficient and ance of a detective guard for her impartial service." Boyer also stated that he "knew what the tax ourden is as I am a taxpayer and the reduction of taxes.'

Jail Unsanitary, Vermin-Breeding Place With Lack

Proper Ventilation, Secret Tribunal Finds; Costs of Meals Furnished Prisoners too High; Jailer Should Be Employed, Recommended

County Offices Found Unsightly; Separate Report Says State Penitentiary Well Managed, new Cell Block is Praised as Latest Word, Care of Convicts all That Could be Desired

DOINTED criticism of the manner in which the Marion county courthouse is kept and the methods used in taking care of prisoners in the county jail is found in the re-port of the Marion county grand jury made at a late hour Thursday and reported to Judge L. H. McMahan. The grand jury in a separate report made at the same time praises highly the conduct of the state penitentiary and the improvements now under way or recently completed at that

The report, signed by each of the seven members of the jury of which E. Hartley is foreman, was made after investigations extending over a period of two months. Trips of inspection were made by the grand jurors to the county courthouses and jails at Eugene, Corvallis and Albany. The reports are made in accordance

with a provision in the statutes requiring that such inspections be made annually by the grand jury.
"We find the courthouse poor-"We find the courthouse poorly kept, the linoleum on the floors of some of the offices is worn and should be replaced, the report on county conditions

declares. Jail Ventilation Held Inadequate

The report continues: "We find the jail poorly kept and in an unsanitary condition. The ventilation is poor, the toflet facilities inadequate for the number of Marion county's organization prisoners confined. The blankets for extending federal loans to are not laundried as often as ceived at the state experiment stafarmers for seed purposes will they should be for the health of tion will be available for distributhe inmates and the prevention tion at the soil improvement meetthe chamber of commerce rooms, of vermin. The inmates complain of vermin and of the very poor arrangements for washing (Turn to page 2, col. 3)

IS WHEELER PLAN

NEW YORK, March 24 .- (AP) -Senator Burton K. Wheeler of Montana, declaring "the people of the middle west are on the verge of revolt," announced today he will introduce in congress within the next few days a farmers' reconstruction finance bill parallel to the measure recently enacted for the benefit of financial insti-

tutions. He doesn't see, he said, "how there can be much of a fight against it, because it contains almost identically the same provisions the administration has made in its own bill for the relief of the financial institutions."

"Something has got to be done," said the democratic senator from Montana, "to refinance the farmers, Otherwise they will lose their farms and move to the cities, thereby increasing the unemploy-

Bradfield Files In Council Race

E. A. Bradfield, 2075 Fairgrounds road, yesterday filed with the city recorder a petition bearalderman from the fifth ward.

ing 20 signatures favoring his will do my utmost to assist in candidacy for the position as city Three Lads Get Paroles

And Others Change Plea

Judge L. H. McMahan Thursday plea could be entered. afternoon, all charged with crimes for which the punishment calls for a penitentiary sentence.

Youths, six of them, none more | not in sight, counsel for the dethan 25 years of age, were before | fendants asked the court if a new Judge McMahan replied in the affirmative and as a result Schlag, Kubin and Brundidge reversed

Three of them, George Nieman, their pleas of the day before, told William McCaffery and Leo Smith, the court they would plead not pleaded guilty to larceny and re- guilty to the charge of assault Four more high school boys yesterday were questioned by the state police concerning beer-stealing escapades and house-breakings. Officer George Thomason, who is in charge of the investigation, said that still more boys were to be brought in for questioning. seived prompt sentences to the armed with a dangerous weapon.

BE VIEWED TODAY

Study Made in This County To be Released When Meeting is Held

Advance copies of the soil survey report of Marion county reing which is to be held at the Salem chamber of commerce rooms beginning at 10 o'clock this

morning. The field work for this report which covered 487 square miles was performed by E. F. Torgerson of the Oregon Agricultura' experiment station and T. W. Glassey of the U.S. bureau of chemistry and soils. The bureau bears more than half the field expense and the whole cost of publication which includes an expensive colored map. The meeting Friday is to explain for prompt use the new in-formation accumulated.

Chemical analyses of official samples of each soil type have been made by the department of agricultural chemistry at the experiment station and will be re-(Turn to page 2, col. 8)

NEEDHAM FAILS I**n**

SEATTLE, March 24.—(AP)— With a total of 72 points, the Washington Athletic club, Scattle, tonight won the Pacific northwest swimming and diving championships after two days of competi-

Oregon State college and Crystal Pool, Seattle, with 12 points tled for second. Helene Madison, Seattle's world champion, won the 440-yard wom-

en's freestyle swim. Jack Medica, Washington Athletic club, set a new northwest record in winning the 100-yard men's freestyle event in 56.6 seconds. Bob Needham of Salem was eliminated in a trial heat,

Veteran Actor Drops Dead as Cue is Awaited

PORTLAND, Ore., March 24-(AP)-William Dills, 54, veteran character actor with the Datein players here, dropped dead from a heart attack in his dressing room here tonight half an hour before the curtain rose for the

evening performance.

Dills had a long career in Portland, both as director and actor. He is survived by his mother, Mrs. Nell Dills, of Portland.

Ryan Jailed in Vagrancy Case

B. J. Ryan yesterday pleaded

FORT WORTH, Tex., Mar. 24.

(AP)—Hugh Nichols, Mexia, retained his light heavyweight wrestling championship claims by taking two straight falls from Elvolver.

When Judge McMahan informed their attorneys a parole was

theft of hogs from George HovenRyan wrote a check for \$1.50
on the Ladd and Bush bank al(Turn to page 2, col. 2) though he had no account there.