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REBUILDING AT SCENE OF FIRE BEING PLANNED

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 business temporarily suspended yesterday by the disastrous fire of early morning were being boarded up with hastily erected shanty 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 Bryman'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.

SALEM RELAY MEN GET SECOND PLACE

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

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Total Taxes on Real Property Show Reduction From Year Ago

Table showing tax reductions for 1932 compared to 1931. Categories include State, County, Schools, Elementary and High School, Roads, Bond Interest, Redemption, Cities, Irrigation and Drainage, Ports, Fire Patrol, Reforestation, and Miscellaneous. Total reduction is \$7,243,429.37.

Skirmishes Revive Shanghai's Worries

Each Side Blames Other for Small Battle at Kating; Advance of Chinese Inside 1 1/2-Mile Zone Reported

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

EFFORTS TO FREE CAPONE REPORTED

WASHINGTON, March 24.—(AP)—While the federal government was making secret plans for putting Al Capone behind bars, a senate committee was told today that criminal organizations in Chicago were attempting to secure his freedom through control of public officials.

Walter Pierce On Way to File Petitions Here

PORTLAND, Ore., Mar. 24.—(AP)—Walter M. Pierce, former governor of Oregon, was in Portland today on his way to Salem where he said he would file his petition for the democratic nomination for representative from the second congressional district.

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REAL PROPERTY TAXES REDUCED LARGE AMOUNT

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 Oregon for the year 1932 will be 14.4 per cent less than in 1931, Earl Fisher, veteran member of the state tax commission announced yesterday. The aggregate tax rolls in 1931 were \$20,322,605; in 1932 they are \$17,979,176.

BOYS' CONFERENCE WILL START TODAY

75 From Marion and Polk to Register; Theme is 'Facing Future'

"Facing the Future Together" today and tomorrow will be approximately 75 boys from Marion and Polk counties who will register at the Salem Y this afternoon for the 11th annual older boys' conference in this district.

PROGRESS IS MADE IN TORNADO RELIEF

BIRMINGHAM, Ala., March 24.—(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.

Child Welfare Board Accused As Extravagant

PORTLAND, Ore., March 24.—(AP)—A report prepared by representatives of the Child Caring federation of Oregon, made public today, charged the state child welfare commission's policies are extravagant and "lacking in feeling for the unfortunate."

Alien Smuggling Racket Exposed



SMUGGLING RACKET REVEALED BY DOAK

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 Doak.

SAY NORFOLK MEN AIDING LINDBERGH'S

NORFOLK, Va., March 24.—(AP)—Norfolk said tonight he and two other Norfolk residents are acting with the authorization of Colonel Charles A. Lindbergh as intermediaries for the return of the kidnaped Lindbergh boy.

Mrs. Longworth Is Recipient of Threat Letters

WASHINGTON, March 24.—(AP)—A threat of suffering from Mrs. Alice Roosevelt Longworth, unless she turned over \$1,500, has brought about an intensive police investigation and maintenance of a detective guard for her home.

More Boys Are Questioned For House-Breaking

Four more high school boys yesterday were questioned by the state police concerning beer-stealing escapades and house-breaking. Officer George Thomson, who is in charge of the investigation, said that still more boys were to be brought in for questioning.

REBELS DEFEAT SALE TAX PLAN BY LARGE VOTE

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 bill.

SEED LOAN GROUP TO MEET TONIGHT

Sub-Committee Will Come From Communities to Learn of Details

Marion county's organization for extending federal loans to farmers for seed purposes will meet tonight at 7:30 o'clock at the chamber of commerce rooms, to complete plans for handling the extension of credits in this county.

PORTER FILES FOR PLACE UPON COURT

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 they will seek the republican nomination.

Three Lads Get Paroles And Others Change Plea

Youths, six of them, none more than 25 years of age, were before Judge L. H. McMahan Thursday afternoon, all charged with crimes for which the punishment calls for a penitentiary sentence.

COURTHOUSE NOT WELL KEPT SAYS REPORT OF JURY

Jail Unsanitary, Vermin-Breeding Place With Lack of 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 Work, Care of Convicts all That Could be Desired

POINTED 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 report of the Marion county grand jury made at a late hour Thursday and reported to Judge L. H. McMahan.

SOIL SURVEY WILL 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 received at the state experiment station will be available for distribution at the soil improvement meeting which is to be held at the Salem chamber of commerce rooms beginning at 10 o'clock this morning.

FARMER AID BILL 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 institutions.

Bradfield Files In Council Race

E. A. Bradfield, 3075 Fairgrounds road, yesterday filed with the city recorder a petition bearing 20 signatures favoring his candidacy for the position as city alderman from the fifth ward.

NEEDHAM FAILS IN SWIM MEET TRIAL

SEATTLE, March 24.—(AP)—With a total of 73 points, the Washington Athletic club, Seattle, tonight won the Pacific northwest swimming and diving championships after two days of competition.

Veteran Actor Drops Dead as Cue is Awaited

PORTLAND, Ore., March 24.—(AP)—William Dilla, 54, veteran character actor with the Danna 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.

Ryan Jailed in Vagrancy Case

B. J. Ryan yesterday pleaded guilty to vagrancy under terms of the city's new bad-check ordinance and Municipal Judge Mark Paulsen sentenced him to serve five days in the city jail or pay a \$10 fine. He remained in jail.