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**Gives Utility Talk** 

eeting held at the First Christian church Wednesday night. It was said that if this work were done on this road it would open up an entirely new territory for travel. The road lies in the Evans valley.

In response to the plea, Dr. P. A. Loar, chairman of the roads them.

mmittee of the chamber of commerce, said he was somewhat duions as the work being done on this road as the district voted down its tax and already owed something. However, Dr. Loar promised to look into the matter. One reason for urging this road

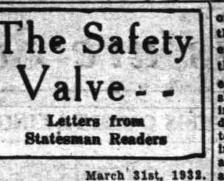
work, Earl J. Adams, president of the chamber explained, was that this was in the route planned for the return trip from the Silver Creek falls trip at the time of my nerves are inclined to be on the state grange convention here edge I'll probably wax sarcastic at times). in June! Mr. Adams went on to

explain that as the grange members would have so little time for outside entertainment during John Hunt, and I did so knowing their session here, the chamber what John Hunt thought of me. of commerce had planned to take them to Silver Creek falls for

Dr. Loar also reported on the informed on each item. Whether during 1931 than previously. secondary highway around Silver they assumed that I was trying What we borrowed at the bank The above has always been the Creek falls. Two men, he said to sinfluence them unduly, I do in the past or in warrants at were holding this up. He also not know, but so far as I know present is simply to provide opersaid that there was some prospects of changing the road around the Union Hill district. The court hearing on this, Dr. Loar announced, would be held

April 18. A letter from the grange committee was read. It asked about accommodating the delegates who will attend the state grange convention. The letter also asked what the price of the rooms would be, what tents could be offered, and asked that the chamreturn it to the grange so that it ket cuts are not helpful.

convention. Registration will be continue with a thorough study pay the banks before.



To the Editor: First, it should be understood

alone. It is still too early in the pupils from these classes. SILVERTON, March 31-A alone. It is still too early in the morning to talk over your edi-

> your criticism and rebuke as meram not excusing myself or my costly training before they can parties concerned. actions. I hope that John Hunt quality, but constant study thereand Ted Chambers will accept after to maintain their standard this as a personal and public of efficiency. Furthermore, when apology to them, if I offended the trades and professions ware

It should be stated, however, that when John Hunt and Ted Chambers were nominated it was known that we could expect some criticism and perhaps opposition from them. They were not nominated to "rubber stamp" for the board-any member of the board is willing to accept constructive criticism, (though for myself per-

sonally I presume I must admit if I do not recall who nominated Ted Chambers, but I nominated

John Hunt, however, is a good citizen, and the rest is immaterbreakfast and have them back at ial, for I know it is not ma-Silverton again in time for the licious. The morning after the morning session. The trip would nomination, I personally called be made up on one side of the each of these gentlemen and in debt to the banks at this same creek with a return trip on the asked that they permit us to go other. Breakfast would be enjoy-other. Breakfast would be enjoy-over the school books with them however, that there was a great-wisely achemed to avoid A tared in Oregon's newest state park. so that they could be more fully er shortage in the tax receipts

neither of them took advantage ating capital between tax paying of the offer.

My motive was simply this- a store or factory-there is no the prepared budget of itself tells regular period of receipts. We nothing but totals. To make con- made our budget for 1931-1932

structive suggestions I feit they operations last spring - started should have a more thorough in- operating on them July 1st, 1931, sight into the itemized disburse- and receive our first income on ments. It is very well to say that them some time after May 5th, cuts must be made, but when 1932. On or after November 5th, members have gone over the 1931, it is true, we received some whole work of the schools and of the money that was levied for made adjustments and cuts, in- the 1930-31 operations and this ber prepare the information and structions to make further blan- money as received is used to re-

could be sent to the grange bul- The public can rest assured of which they were issued, just the letin in plenty of time before the this that the board expects to same as we were accustomed to

of the situation and make fur-ther changes where they can be effected, keeping in mind always

that we should not impair the Personally, I am glad that you efficiency of the schools. But, it should be realized that eliminat-ing departments and subjects does not automatically reduce the We do not deserve a whole lot does not automatically reduce the teaching force. If we should elim-inate the shops, we will lose state and federal aid to the extent of they carried. I believe we do deand federal aid to the extent of approximately 50%, and, in ad-dition, would have to provide more teachers in some other de-plenty of people who think they could do it better-maybe they they carried. I believe we do do a serve some credit for doing a hard job fairly well. There are plenty of people who think they could do it better-maybe they the high school state band contest that I am speaking for myself partments to take care of the plea for the completion of two or morning to talk over your edi-three hundred yards of road in torial with any other members of district 14 was brought up at the Salem school board. Silverton chamber of Commerce For myself, therefore, I accept that it is fair to make comparisons with other trades and pro- night to natural crustiness, if ited and plead guilty to the fessions. The teaching profession you want-at least I have a civ-charge of showing poor taste. I not only requires extensive and ilized feeling toward most of the

Sincerely yours, FRANK NEER.

Editor Statesman:

increasing their demands for I would like to call to the at for more and more pay during tention of the taxpayers of school the years of prosperity, no paral-lef increase was given the teachers of Salem: Their pay was still high school building on Tuesday maintained at the old level. You evening last, was not a taxpayers' would not permit an increase to meeting at all. It was none other, keep step with increasing costs, than an adjourned school board but now you insist that the old meeting and at that a tightly level be further reduced. You de- closed one. The five members and the superintendent might just as mand that standards be maintained, but refuse to allow them | well have had their budget in a the wherewithal with which to box and all six of them sitting on it, and they as much as said The warrant indebtedness to the taxpayers "hands off", and seems to bother you. We went on they proved that it was a cut the warrant basis at the request and dried affair, premeditated, in of the banks. They believed it other words was fixed before was the safest and most business- hand.

like way of handling our finances like way of handling our finances For the taxpayers considera-between tax periods. I do not tion I would like to ask the have the figures before me, but I achool board who appointed the ready being shown in this concert think you will find that we are committee of five? Why did they it promises to be the most successhave the figures before me, but I not much more in debt through not name a committee of ten? our warrants now than we were Or the public, because they knew if they did there was a possibilwisely schemed to avoid. A taxpayers meeting is always open rule.

Again since when did school board become a closed periods. The schools are not like corporation? Mr. Benner was right in his contentions, and the committee of five and public would have been justified in walking out. If the taxpayers let the actions of the school board of last Tuesday evening stand a trip to the orient last summer. At precedent of all time will be broken.

I do not consider the action of Tuesday one, or the results, legal, as has been the rule the tire the warrants in the order in d the chairmansh The Salem school district faces should take the chairmanshin H. L. CLARK.

The OREGON STATESMAN, Salem, Oregon, Friday Morning, April I, 1932

SILVERTON, March \$1 .- The band from the Silverton school is busily engaged each day, with exto be held at Corvallis April 16 in the B grade classification, going out of their class, which accord-ing to the school's enrollment would entitle them to have entered the lower grade C. The reason for this procedure is that B grade is for bands of not more than \$0 pieces, where-as C grade is limited to bands of not more than 25. In any case the Silverton band had to be cut in half as it has over 60 members anrolled. The 80 boys selected by

the conductor, Hal Campbell, were district No. 24 that the so-called put through a most exhaustive taxpayers meeting held at the tests. Silverton will also be represented in the solo competitions. Billy Kleeb and Wayne Tate will take part in the trumpet section, and Ernie Lee and Maurice Winters in the clarinet and trombone sections.

At the Eugene Field auditorium Saturday night, April 9, the combined band and orchetra of about 90 pieces will present a concert. The object of this function will be to raise funds to take the boys to Corvallis and at the same time give those of the community an opportunity to hear the band play

its entire program of competition music, Judging by the interest alful of the season.

### **Confab at Silverton**

SILVERTON, March 30 .- The Oregon State Nurses' association. district No. 3, held its March meeting at Silverton. This is the first time the association has met outside of Salem. Miss Lillian Block and Mrs. Irma LeRiche were hostesses at the affair. Miss Olivia DeGuire, a Silverton junior high school teacher, gave an interesting talk about her the business meeting the group

discussed the "hourly nursing" which is meeting with considerable success at Salem.

taxpayers have a right to vote on every item by item. A precedent has been broken in that the board has allowed Dr. Olinger long. The school law plainly says that the next oldest member The taxpayers should look into the legality of that meeting. A greater savings and cut can be made in the school Dist. No. 24, over head or affairs, and still turn out more thorough students.



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gin on June 12 with the first ar rivals to the grange.

J. B. Stalker, representative of the grange, who was present at the chamber of commerce meeting, spoke briefly on the history of the Silverton grange which was organized on April 13 with 13 members two years ago. The committee from the grange which will work with the committee from the chamber of co.nmerce consists of Mr. Stalker, Ed Overlund, Oscar Loe and Mr. Van Cleave of Monitor. The board of directors of the chamber of commerce will hold a meeting in the near future to make definite arrangements for the housing of the grange members.

M. G. Gunderson, chairman of the membership committee reported. The work of the committee was not yet completed but to date \$555.00 had been received. A special feature, and one that the Silverton group expressed itself as being very pleased over, was the visit of 18 members from the Salem chamber. C. E. Wilson, manager of the Salem group, introduced his members present: B. E. Sisson, manager of Miller's department store; S. B. Elliot. ce president of the First Nationbank; Henry R. Crawford of the Ladd and Bush; J. N. Chambers, manager of J. C. Penney Co.; W. M. Hamilton, district manager of Portland General Electric; Douglas McKay, president of Salem chamber of comnerce; Oscar Steelhammer, counassessor; "Tiny" McNamara, Portland General Electric company; Dr. L. E. Barrick, Newell L. E. Hinman, Pacific Northwent Public Service corporation valuation expert, was present and gave an address on "Public Util-

No. 93 Synopsis of Annual Statement of the (U. S. Branch) The Halifax Fire Insur-mes Company of Halifax, in the Prov. of Nova Scotia, on the thirty-first day of December, 1931, made to the Insurance Commissioner of the State of Oregon, pur-mant to law: CAPITAL Amount of capital stock mail

CAPITAL mut of Statutory Deposits, \$350,-

INCOME remiums received during the year,

9796,932.32. Interest, dividends and rents received during the year, \$111,151.54. Income from other sources received during the year, 0. Total income, \$908,084.86. DISBURSEMENTS Net lasses paid during the year includ-leg adjustment expenses, \$364,582.57. Dividends paid on capital stock during the year. 0.

be year, 0.

Commissions and salaries paid during be year, \$290,465.41. Taxes, licenses and fees paid during be year, \$16,850.66. Amount of all other expenditures,

100,156.06. Total expenditures, \$1,072,054.70. ASSETS Value of real estate owned (market

Mathe of stocks and bonds owned (mar-st value), \$2,007,068.00.

Cash in banks and on hand, \$297,since September 30, 1931, \$118.

its and rents due and accrued,

Tatel admitted assets, \$3,430,028,73, LIABILITIES Comes claims for losses unpaid, \$145,-718.50.

Amount of uncarned promiums on all intenading risks, \$781,216.00. Due for commission and brokerage, 0.

another serious situation. There ity Valuation and Rate Making: is a case before the courts at-Some Popular Misconceptions." tacking the payment of high Mr. Hinman, in his address, enschool taxes by non-high school deavored to bring out seven districts. There are approximately points which he summarized as: 500 outside pupils coming to the "That, there is no law on the Salem high school. The tuition statute books of Oregon guaranfor these pupils is paid from this teeing or even entitling a public tax. Mr. Hug tells me that we utility to a fair return on either have just received the last \$10,its capitalization, investment, or value; that the supreme court of 000.00 on the tuition for 1930the U. S. has ruled many times 1981. We have received no tuition for these 500 pupils to meet that a public utility is entitled (not, guaranteed) to a reasonable

the current year's costs. Furtherreturn on the fair value of its more, if the courts declare this property actually used in the pub- act unconstitutional, we will have lic service; that, if the state or expended for the education of federal government 'guaranteed' these pupils approximately \$40,any return to a corporation, that 000.00, and our only recourse branch of government would have will be to try to force collection to reimburse such corporation, in from the individual parents or some manner, for failure to make guardians. The merchants want the guaranteed return; that 'val- these pupils handled by the Sauation' of a public utility's prop- lem high school district, for they spray they will require. Two fine

maintain these standards.

erty is not the basis of rates- are a source of considerable but is only a restriction against trade in the town. As long as we excessive rates; that, securities can operate under the present issued (such as stocks and act, the Salem school district is above sets of slides are owned bonds) by a public utility are not not losing any money, for their and the lectures arranged by the the property of that utility and tuition covers their per capita therefore cannot be included in cost of education. any valuation for rate making

It is fortunate that the Salem purposes; that, all property or the public service must be ex- -we do not become a party to Saturday, April 2. cluded from all rate base computations; that, public utilities are

not permitted to consider interest charges on funded debt or dividends payable on utility stocks as an operating expense when computing reasonable return". In closing, Mr. Hinman said.

"We are not seeking means of increasing rates, as seems to be Williams, E. H. Leach, J. J. Mor- the general opinion. Our entire its. The latter four delighted the thought is to find ways of decreasing fees. For if we decrease rates we know that you will use more of our products."

INCOME Net premiums received during the year,

\$185,611.74. Interest, dividends and rents received during the year, \$79,600.65. Income from other sources received

during the year, \$9,791.11. Total income, \$275,003.50. DISBURSEMENTS Net losses paid during the year includ-ing adjustment expenses, \$143,558.89. Dividends paid on capital stock during

the year, None. Commissions and salaries paid during the year, \$59,724.72. Taxes, licenser and fees paid during the year, \$41,904.53.

the year, \$41,904.53. Amount of all other expenditures, \$655,753.90. Total expenditures, \$900,942.04. ASSETS Value of real estate owned (market value), \$14,189.52. "Value of stocks and bonds owned (market value), \$1,007,051.25. Loans on mortgages and collateral, etc., \$332,725.00. Onth in banks and on band \$299. Cash in banks and on hand, \$222,

977.45. Premlums in course of collection writ-ten since September 80, 1981, \$232,-471.52.

Interest and rents due and scorved, \$16,597.08. Other admitted assets, \$9,727.26. Total admitted assets, \$1,835,738.88. LJABILITIES Gross elsims for losses unpaid, \$38,-

Amount of uncarned premium utstanding risks, \$315,628,74. Due for commission and brokerage, -All other liabilities, \$119,598.84. Total liabilities, exclusive of canits **County Convention** Farmers' Union is **Slated Saturday** 

BETHEL, March \$1 - Bethel local of the Farmers' Union meets Monday night, April 4. Members are asked to report the amount of bindertwine and fly sets of slides will be shown, "Sheep Production" and "Kitchen Improvement." Both of the college, so will have considerable loocal color.

The Marion county convenschool board did not undertake tion of the Farmers' Union meets equipment not actually in use in the matter of bus transportation at St. Paul in all day session



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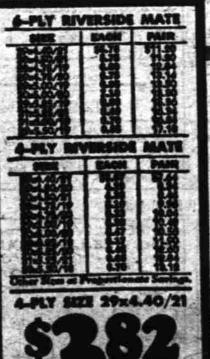
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