

# SOLONS IGNORE NEED FOR LEVY

## No Progress Made Toward Purpose Extra Session Is Called to Face

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solutions—the session will convene in regular order next Monday and in due time new tax bills will be born: Perhaps an income tax, perhaps an inheritance tax, perhaps a tax on tobacco products. Three senators would have it, a 10 per cent tax on proceeds from mortgage foreclosures. But why hurry about new taxes? Repeat those levied, ignore the deficit, allow unlimited warrant issuance, slash the budget in some fantastic manner: Such is the "program" at the statehouse—if there is a program.

The truth of it is both houses are suffering sadly from a lack of study of the real condition of the state, a lack of enough courage to do what is needed and, third, of willingness to take leadership.

Frank Lonergan in the house might have provided the rallying center, called signals for a time, but he has gotten somewhere. As it is, for the last four days, open session has been on for all manner of suggestions and actions—most of which ignore the basic facts of the state's situation.

# HEADED CO-OP

## Abolition of Levy A Focus Court Test

A few legislators know this: 1. Any tax measure passed at this or the regular session cannot become law for 90 days. When February 7 comes with a tax bill passed, and signed, it must likewise come before the bill becomes law.

2. In the meanwhile the legality of any legislative abolition of the December 1932, state levy is almost certain to be tested in the courts. How can the legislature do away with a millage levied by law the legislature has not repealed and did not change until at least a week after the levy was made?

3. Furthermore, what of the deficit? The legislature has a constitutional mandate to levy the full amount of the 6 per cent limitation to meet it. Is it not entirely likely that failure on the part of the legislature to perform would bring mandamus action against the state tax commission, the legislature's agent, to compel it to levy a tax which the legislature ignored?

To date no formal message from the executive branch of government has been forthcoming since the session was convened in special session. It appeared doubtful yesterday if the administration was going to interest itself further into a field which is constitutionally that of the legislative branch of government.

# HALF MILLION FOR RELIEF HELD NEEDED

## Representative Sluder Signed a Minority Report

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represented more than 70,000 hungry mouths in Multnomah county.

"We are faced with state-wide destitution," Frank declared, "and the time has arrived when the state should take some action. Politics, commercialism and personalities should be forgotten. There are more than 23,000 persons registered for employment in Multnomah county at this time, and 99 per cent of them are willing to work. We must act fearlessly and fight this battle through. I believe in a work program rather than a dole."

The committee's investigation of unemployment conditions in the state was explained by Paul V. Maris, of the state college faculty and Governor Meier's commission. Four Million Spent For Relief Already

Maris said figures obtained by the committee showed more than \$4,000,000 had been expended by the counties for relief work during 10 1/2 months last year. He indicated that a larger amount of money would be required to meet relief demands in 1933.

"Relief work has become one of the most important problems now confronting the citizens of this state," Maris continued, "and the operation of this function should be placed on an efficiency basis. Every case should be investigated."

Maris pointed out that Multnomah county had raised more than \$3,000,000 for relief work during the last year, exclusive of money contributed for welfare work. Virtually all of this money was raised by tax levies and bond issues.

Revival of industry instead of a continuation of tax levies and bond issues was suggested by Ed Stack, secretary of the Oregon State Federation of Labor, as a means of solving the unemployment situation in this state.

Use of Idle Lands by Jobless Urged

C. H. Gram, state labor commission, recommended that all lands reclaimed by the counties for taxes be improved by the state and then be made available for the unemployed. He said such a plan would not only provide a living for thousands of men now unemployed but would restore the lands to the tax rolls and relieve the existing tax burdens.

Representative Abrams explained that the purpose of the unemployment committee was to find work for those in distress rather than provide doles.

Operations of the state highway commission during the past 11 months were reviewed by Leslie Scott, chairman. He declared that three were men within his hearing who had criticized the highway department because it had attempted to keep its expenditures within its income and had demanded an honest return for all funds expended.

"When the present state highway commission assumed office it inherited a program of hand labor," Scott said. "This has since been eliminated and virtually all work is now being done under contract. We have found this an economic measure and in accordance with the demands of the federal government."

"We are now facing the most serious situation in the history of the highway department. Our revenues are a conjecture and we have expended all funds within our limitations. It was within the power of the highway commission during the past year to wreck the credit of the state."

Scott said that approximately \$13,000,000 had been expended by the highway department in 1932. Of this amount \$4,000,000 was for interest and debt and \$9,000,000 for construction and maintenance.

# Foster is Given Year's Sentence, Burglary Count

R. L. Foster, charged jointly with Frank Morse with burglary not in a dwelling, was sentenced to a year in the state prison yesterday when he appeared before Judge L. H. McMahon.

Foster and Morse, arrested in Portland a few weeks ago, both have criminal records, and are credited with being heads of a gang of chicken thieves that have been working throughout the state.

Morse was sentenced to a year in the penitentiary and is serving time. Foster will likely be dressed in today from the county jail here.

# Ross Named Head Of W. O. W. Here For Coming Year

The local lodge of Woodmen of the World met at the Fraternal temple last night and elected the following officers for the coming year:

H. M. Smalley, past council commander; C. D. Ross, council commander; D. E. Walker, advisor lieutenant; George R. Stafford, banker; W. E. Judson, clerk; E. C. Crawford, escort; August Rischer, watchman; J. A. Willson, secretary; George W. Chapman, C. C. Wolf and F. C. Lutz, managers; E. C. Donaldson, captain; L. G. Altman, physician.

Refreshments were served following the business meeting.

# Bandits Remind Victim His Loss Wholly Insured

PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 6.—(AP)—Two men held up M. V. Wallace, manager of a store, here tonight and exhibited what apparently was an unusual display of sympathy.

After ordering Wallace and his two clerks, William Davis and Pat Donovan, into a back room, one of the robbers ordered: "Lie down on the floor and don't get excited. The money is insured and you'll lose nothing."

After rifling the cash register of an undisclosed amount of money, the robbers left the store and escaped in what police said was a stolen automobile.

# PROPERTY LEVY REPEAL SOUGHT

## Diversion of Millage From Educational Millage is One Plan Advanced

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Representative Sluder signed a minority report recommending that this appropriation be cut to \$150,000. The minority report was defeated. Some of the saving will come from salaries, while other items affected include allowances for unit commanders and the expense of equipment, arms and uniforms.

Representative Abrams reported to the committee that more than \$35,000 could be saved by the enactment of legislation providing that all legal services for state departments shall be furnished by the attorney general. Abrams said that under his plan it would be necessary to employ three additional lawyers in the attorney general's office, but that these would be paid out of funds collected from the departments for services rendered.

Figures presented by Abrams showed that \$70,463 was expended by state departments for legal services during the past two years, exclusive of the operating costs of the attorney general's department.

Insitution Savings Report is Delayed

Sub-committees appointed to report on prospective institutional savings during the next two years asked for further time, and were granted until early tomorrow, when the formal statement showing the activities of the ways and means committee during the 48 hour period will be prepared for presentation to the house. Gordon estimated that the tithing proposal would return to the state treasurer \$1,000,000 during the biennium.

It was announced by the ways and means committee that many other reductions in the budget probably would be made during the regular legislative session which opens next Monday.

Diversion of 25 per cent of the millage tax for higher educational institutions will cover a period of two years.

Walker declared that the total cuts affecting the higher educational institutions, including the millage tax diversion, would amount to 10 per cent. This was disputed by Gordon.

It was indicated that other reductions might be included in the final report to the house when the ways and means committee meets this morning.

# RED CROSS MOVES TO NEW QUARTERS

Community Service Red Cross headquarters will be removed from present rooms in the First National Bank building to rooms on the second floor of the Eldridge building, 348 North Commercial street, this week end, S. Ellis Purvine, Service president, announced last night.

Thora V. Bosen, Red Cross secretary, and Miss Carolyn Parker, Service employe, will take up registration of needy persons in the new quarters Monday.

The change in location of the offices was necessitated by the continually growing crowd of persons applying for food and clothing. They have been almost overrunning the fourth floor of the bank building.

Use of three rooms in the Eldridge building is being donated by Ed Baker, according to Mr. Purvine.

# LEGAL VENDING OF WHISKEY STARTED

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lock, and the stock of liquor must be kept in this cabinet at all times, and locked except when in use.

One druggist estimates it takes about 20 minutes work to handle the prescription, in the filling of each of which a careful check must be recorded, even to registering the strip number of the bottle on the prescription. Only pills may be sold.

The druggist must present the prescriptions and duplicate before the 10th of each month to the supervisor, and the store is open to inspection at all times.

# Mystery Blast Destroys Auto, Farmer States

HILLSBORO, Ont., Jan. 6.—(AP)—J. W. Harrader, living on a farm near this city, reported to the sheriff's office here today that his automobile was demolished by an explosion last night.

When he tried to call the sheriff's office following the explosion, he said, he found that the telephone wires had been cut, apparently by the same person that had placed the explosive in the car.

Harrader said he could offer no motive for the act.

# GRAND JURY

LAST DAY

WILLIAM JONES

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# County Tax Delinquencies Hardest on General Fund

## In connection with tax matters, a study of the delinquent tax roll for the past seven years, since 1926, shows only slightly more than 7 per cent delinquency at the combined rolls at the end of 1932.

MARION COUNTY DELINQUENT TAX ROLL

December 31, 1932

Year	Total Roll	Collected	Delinquent
1926	\$1,889,946.17	\$1,881,486.74	\$8,459.43
1927	1,915,882.34	1,901,185.71	14,696.63
1928	2,036,114.95	2,009,068.73	27,046.22
1929	2,128,649.46	2,086,235.18	42,414.28
1930	2,118,009.93	2,046,639.32	71,370.61
1931	2,026,466.90	1,793,547.24	232,919.66
1932	1,784,789.82	1,168,976.65	615,813.17

Total of all delinquency .....\$969,745.11

Delinquency at End of Each Collection Year for Last Three Years

Year	Total Roll	Collected	Delinquent
1930	\$2,118,009.93	\$1,857,434.99	\$260,574.94
1931	2,026,466.90	1,584,991.75	441,475.15
1932	1,784,789.82	1,168,976.65	615,813.17

Percentage of delinquency 1929 roll at end of collection year 12.2%  
 Percentage of delinquency 1930 roll at end of collection year 12.7%  
 Percentage of delinquency 1931 roll at end of collection year 22.6%  
 (The tax roll for each year is collected the next year.)

Total amount of all delinquent taxes collected in 1930. \$182,950.65  
 Total amount of all delinquent taxes collected in 1931. 183,552.80  
 Total amount of all delinquent taxes collected in 1932. 243,859.56  
 (These figures include interest and penalty.)

Percentage of Delinquency, 1925-1931, Inclusive

Total Roll	Delinquency	Per Cent Delinquency
\$13,929,372.57	\$969,745.11	7.01%

# TWO BILLION TONS OF RAIN RECENTLY

PORTLAND, Jan. 6.—(AP)—Edward L. Wells, meteorologist in charge of the United States weather bureau here, busied himself with figures today and announced some interesting statistics on the heavy rainfall that swooped down upon the Willamette valley New Year's day.

"Throughout the drainage basin of the Willamette river," Wells said, "the average rainfall for this period was about three inches. This represents a weight of about 2,429,520,000 tons."

"The transportation of this great weight of water is in itself an enormous feat. However, the amount of energy used in transporting it is small in comparison with that required to change it into vapor, so that it might be transported."

"It required as much heat to vaporize this more than 2,000,000,000 tons of water as it would to raise the temperature of more than 13,000,000 tons of water from the freezing point to the boiling point."

Wells said about 400 tons of rain fell on each city block in Portland and 34 tons on the average residential lot.

# Hinkler Off to Regain Record, Australia Hop

LONDON, Jan. 7.—(Saturday)—(AP)—The Australia airman, Bert Hinkler, left Feltbam air-drome in Middlesex at 3:10 a. m., today on a solo flight to Australia, in an effort to set a new speed record for the distance.

In October, 1930, Wing Commander Sir Charles Kingsford-Smith broke Hinkler's previous record of 15 1/2 days for the flight by five days. In the next year, G. W. A. Scott made it in 9 days, 4 hours, 11 minutes. In November, 1931, C. A. Butler made the flight in 9 days, 2 hours, 29 minutes. Scott finally set the present record in April 29, 1932, by making it in 8 days, 20 hours, 49 minutes. His distance was 13,187 miles.

# HUSKIES WIN AGAIN

SEATTLE, Jan. 6.—(AP)—The University of Washington basketball team, after trailing by four points at half time, spurted tonight in the second half to defeat the Ellensburg Normal quintet, 38 to 24, in a non-conference game. The visitors led at the rest period, 14 to 10.

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# NO TRACE FOUND OF WOMAN'S KIDNAPERS

## Mrs. Dorman Describes men Who Forced her to Drive South on Highway

State police report no trace of the two men who on last Sunday night compelled Mrs. Eldon Dorman to drive them south on the Pacific highway. Mr. Dorman is motion picture operator of the Hollywood theatre. After the midnight matinee Saturday night, Mrs. Dorman took the family car and came downtown to get some articles for a luncheon to be served to some friends who had assembled at their home nearby.

As she approached the stop street sign entering Court from Cottage street, two men, one with a gun, forced themselves into the seat with her and commanded her, with the gun pressed at her side, to drive south, onto the Pacific highway.

They demanded that she keep cool and drive fast, while the man crouched as much out of sight as possible when meeting or passed by other machines. She told them the car had but little gasoline. They took the flashlight belonging to the car and examined the gas supply, searched her pockets and the car for valuables, and commanded her to drive on as long as the supply of gas held out. She had some small change, which they did not find.

Mrs. Dorman, frightened half to death, drove on and on. Two or three times, the man examined the gas supply, but would not tell Mrs. Dorman how much was left. They dodged into a side road when the supply ran out about six miles south of Junction City, a mile from the farm home of Mr. and Mrs. John Gore, at daybreak. Mrs. Dorman, cold, shivering, drenched in the storm that was raging, hurried to the Gore home, where she phoned to the state police at Eugene, and also to her husband at Salem. Ray Stumbo of the Hollywood theatre and Mr. Dorman raced with the Stumbo car to the relief of the terrified woman, and the Eugene state police officer had already responded.

One of the holding men was about 28 to 30, dark, with brown suit, gray overcoat. The other was of medium complexion, wore a cap and jacket, light trousers, and no overcoat. He looked like a high school boy, about 20. The older man had the gun, and sat next to the driver; the boy was apparently unarmed. They had no baggage of any kind.

They spoke few words to Mrs. Dorman; were polite, rather well dressed—but she thought the larger man looked like a prize fighter. The men had no masks. Their main protection from identification was the darkness of the night, and they were apparently about ready to release their unwilling driver even before the supply of gas failed.

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# The Call Board

## By OLIVE M. DOAK

WARNER BROS. CAPITOL Today—Jack Oakie and Marian Nixon in "Madison Square Garden."

WARNER BROS. ELGINORE Today—Warren William and Ann Dvorak in "3 on a Match."

HOLLYWOOD Today—Reginald Denny in "The Iron Master."

THE GRAND Today—Buck Jones in "Sundown Rider."

# NEW U. S. BUILDING DAMAGED BY BLAZE

WASHINGTON, Jan. 6.—(AP)—Fire raged for a brief time tonight through the steel framework of the new interstate commerce department building, and construction officials blamed sabotage.

H. D. Watts, vice-president of James Stewart & Co., said the watchman had run a man from the building shortly before the flames were discovered.

Watts said there had been no labor troubles. He expressed fear after a preliminary examination that work on the building, which was to have been completed by December 1, as one of keystones in the government's elaborate building program, might be held up six months.

Wooden planking and scaffolding high up in the steel skeleton caught fire shortly after dark. Fire apparatus rushed through the crowds on Pennsylvania avenue by lack of fire plugs, which had been taken up during the construction work, they were some time getting water to the blaze. Wooden forms already placed for the concrete roof suffered the greatest damage.

# Second Basketball Star Slashes Thumb

FALLS CITY, Jan. 6.—Herbert Donkin, who recently accidentally cut off his thumb while cutting wood, is the second member of the high school basketball team to suffer a like accident. The other player was Wilbur Howell. He met with his accident about a month ago. Both boys are good players and the accidents have proved a handicap to the local team.

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# MARCHERS LOSING SOME OF COHORTS

## ker here yesterday are carried out, the marchers will arrive in Salem around 3 p. m. tomorrow.

Reports that they would spend the night in Fraternal temple rooms were unofficial. Floyd M. White, secretary of the temple association board, said last night that the matter was being considered but was still undecided.

The local "hunger march" committee, of which Frank Cox is chairman, is reported to have been collecting foodstuffs and soliciting funds to feed the army during its one-night stay here.

Walker informed legislators yesterday that no demonstration would be attempted in Salem, and that the demands of the army would be presented to the joint session by a spokesman to be selected at a meeting here Sunday night. It was indicated that either Walker or Lovelace would be chosen to appear at the special session. Governor Meier indicated that he would attend the joint session in the role of a spectator.

Immediate cash relief and unemployment insurance are the two chief demands Walker said would be made.

# PRICE HELD GUILTY ON BATTERY COUNT

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Price gave beer to Mary Casida resulting in his being freed of a second charge, contributing to the delinquency of a minor.

By conviction on the one charge, Price faces possible revocation of a parole from a two-year penitentiary sentence passed in Roseburg some time ago when he pleaded guilty to being accessory to a forgery. It was through mention of this situation and intimidation of a perjury complaint that Lyle J. Page, deputy district attorney, finally elicited from Price admission that he had grabbed the wrists of Mrs. Casida during the disagreement in her home.

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