

# CALM PREVAILS BEFORE STORM

### First Week of Session Sees More Accomplished Than Appears on Surface

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oratory, if the Hansen-Meier budget comes on the floor of the house much reduced from its present totals. The longer the adjournment is delayed the harder the job becomes for the knife-wielders. Already cliques and groups are organizing to save their respective necks. It is probable that some of the items cut out by Hansen will be restored, although on diminished scale.

### Valiant Effort to Avoid Levy Assured

There is likewise a certainty that it is the overwhelming sense of the legislature that the restoration of the property tax for state purposes is a dangerous action. Restoration of the tax by the governor's veto and the veto's acceptance was taken by most legislators to stop-gap procedure. The levy is there, like the fact of its collection, even if the state holds its hands in the waters of state credit until a new, better and substitute structure can be erected.

So while the ways and means committee goes about its business cutting expenses, various legislators are conjuring up substitute measures to take the place of the property tax. The requirements for these tax measures are these:

1. They must be sufficiently sugar-coated to win in a very probable state referendum.
2. They must, if possible, avoid the public odium attached to a general sales tax.
3. They must be complete and total substitutes for the property tax levy, if at all possible.
4. They must become law in time to stave off the property tax collection, even if the date for collecting the levy is set back.

### Income, Inheritance Levies Face Vote

Income tax doubling and inheritance boost are certain to come to a vote and probably will carry. How much such taxes will raise in 1933 is pure conjecture; shrinkage of capital values and widespread use of gifts defeats inheritance tax in considerable measure while the income tax at 50 per cent, might raise little this year in Oregon.

A modified sales tax, applying principally to the so-called "luxuries" in the hopper now and may go through.

There was talk yesterday of a gross earnings tax on all utilities in the state. This would not be a shifted-tax like the present federal tax in which the consumer pays the tax and pays it on each bill. The utilities would have to pay the tax as an operating expense.

A number of legislators think this tax would produce large revenues, would be sustained at a referendum and would, in effect, secure rate reductions which cannot be quickly forced through the courts. Of course the gross rate would be the same but the consumer would know that part of his payment was going to the state and thus relieving the property tax paid directly or indirectly on his home, farm, or business.

Representative Milton Portland is investigating this source of revenue and may sponsor it.

As predicted before the session opened, bus and truck regulatory legislation is coming. So is legislation to change the auto license fee although Senator Allen has wanted out a plan which so nearly meets the aggregate desires of all parties that his bill may become law more quickly than anticipated. Consolidation of government departments in the Ryan budgeting bill is certain to receive merited attention.

### Unusual Deluge of Frank Bills Faced

The session will see the usual grist of routine technical bills desiring to amend and to clear up some small, inconsequential part of the present code.

Of more news value although of less importance will be an unusual quota of "frank bills"; measures which will gain the front page—and die in committee. Such bills are proposals to tax mortgage foreclosures ten per cent, proposals for scrip money, proposals for a state owned bank, and kindred schemes which will not have more than a small group of supporters.

The session is enlivened but complicated by more political

### Too Late to Classify

Furn. room to report in modern home. Reasonable, 3 blocks to state house. 253 N. 11th.

# The Call Board

By OLIVE M. DOAK

Warner Bros. Elsinore Today—Warren William in "The Match King."

Warner Bros. Capitol Today—Karloff, Melvyn Douglas in "The Old Dark House."

Grand Today—Vauderlin, and Roscoe Ates and Tom Keene in "Renegades of the West."

Hollywood Today—Bob Steele in "The Man from Hell's Edges."

### hitch-hauling than was evidenced

two years ago. This is the mid-term session of the legislature when gubernatorial hopes begin to flower, however, and a certain amount of playing to the galleries is expected. Rufus C. Holman, state treasurer, is daily building fences and has come out into open fight with the governor's camp, including Henry Hansen, state budget director, and William Einzig, purchasing secretary, as special points of attack. Holman has discarded all loyalty to Meier and is holding daily or almost daily conferences with his own clique headed by the ubiquitous and unceasing politician, Judge L. H. McMahan, and with Senator Burke of Yamhill county as co-partner.

With all the muddling through thus far evidenced Oregon citizens can rest assured its legislators in the great majority are sincere, are working hard and are fully competent as the average person in solving the complex problems now before the state of Oregon.

# TAXPAYERS LEAGUE DISCUSSES BUDGET

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to the county agent but no action was taken.

At the attending the meeting were G. O. Hawkins, county judge; C. C. Gardner and Frank Farmer, county commissioners; W. D. Hoffman, president of taxpayers league; H. J. Elliott, vice-president of the league; Hugh G. Black, secretary-treasurer; R. M. Hoge, E. M. Walker, G. W. Curtis, Homer Deschiel, Carl DeArmond, Oscar Hayter, James Patterson, all members of the executive board. E. C. Kirkpatrick represented Governor Meier's tax reduction committee.

No arrangements were made for further meetings.

# JINX, ACCEPT THAT AND TWELVE MORE

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America needs a positive attitude, not a fearful one. It was fear that caused 89 per cent of our bank runs. We've started a permanent organization, being copied in many other cities, and I believe we'll do the country lots of good."

Then each of the 13 members picked up one of 13 candles, paraded under a ladder, touched the flames to an oil soaked statue of Buddha, and walked unflinchingly across the trail of a black cat that had been shoed across the floor of the safe.

# Discontinue Bank But Assets Said In Sound Shape

MEDFORD, Ore., Jan. 13 (AP)—Directors of the Central Point State bank of Central Point, Ore., voted today to discontinue the bank's business and turn the liquidation of the assets over to the state banking department.

In a statement the directors said that owing to the proximity of the Bank of Medford, the business has steadily decreased until income does not pay the costs of operation.

"The bank is in sound financial condition," the statement said, "but it is impossible to collect a great bulk of the loans at this time."

# WAY TO ASSIST DEBTORS TOLD

### Mortgage Adjustment Group Appointed; Work in all Counties is Planned

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The banking and industrial committee of the 12th federal reserve district, Eugene Courtney of the state bankers' association executive committee, C. C. Clarkson, chairman of the bankers' agricultural committee, and F. P. Cramer, Jr., secretary of the Oregon Bankers, all representing banking interests; L. R. Breithaupt, economist with the state college extension; F. L. Ballard, state leader of county agricultural agents.

Mr. Maris opened yesterday's conference, outlining the farm mortgage problem and the Iowa and Ohio methods of dealing with it. These states have set up committees, such as that yesterday authorized for Oregon, to represent "the public interest by encouraging mutually advantageous adjustments between borrower and lender and avoiding unnecessary and undesirable farm mortgage proceedings."

L. R. Breithaupt reviewed the mortgage situation in detail and O. M. Plummer, who recently returned from Iowa, gave a report indicating the successful operation of the farm mortgage adjustment committee in that state.

The afternoon was given to a general discussion of those present, and culminated in the motion to set up the movement in Oregon. Advantages of the set-up and committee, as outlined by Mr. Breithaupt, would be: To act as impartial arbiters between lenders and borrowers; to exert a beneficial moral effect in "hard boiled" cases; to bring about reasonable adjustment of indebtedness; and to assist borrowers to obtain refinancing of loans, to a degree at least.

# Mrs. Massey, 79, Dies, Portland; Funeral in Salem

PORTLAND, Jan. 13.—(AP)—Mrs. Ellen Massey, 79, of Portland, died at her home here today.

Her body was taken in charge by the Rigdon mortuary of Salem, Ore. Funeral services will be conducted from there, probably Monday, it was said.

Mrs. Massey is survived by a daughter, Mrs. Arthur Goffin of Gervais, and a son, Carl M. Massey of Portland. She was born at Philomath, September 21, 1853, the daughter of pioneers.

Time of funeral had not been decided last night.

# Watchman Naps While Store is Rifled of Goods

OREGON CITY, Ore., Jan. 13.—(AP)—State police reported that while the night watchman was asleep in a chair near the cash register, thieves entered a Milwaukie, Ore., store Wednesday night and escaped with the cash and cigarettes in the store.

The police said the watchman did not know about the robbery until he was awakened by cold air coming in through the open door.

# Salem Rider in Portland Crash

PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 13.—(AP)—Rudolph Young, 23, of Portland, suffered injuries to his foot and back today when his motorcycle collided with a Portland street with an automobile driven by R. A. Fasching of Salem.

# Mickey Mouse NOTES

M.M.C. Big times... better programs... just said... M.M.C.

That's what is in store for you every club meeting. A great program this Saturday. Last week's program was Roy Mack's orchestra, Joan Frigard, Art Stubbfield, and Joyce Chambers—all did great.

M.M.C. We're going to have a Valentine day party—more later.

M.M.C. This Saturday you're going to meet Big Chief Porter.

M.M.C. The unknown lady?—will sing this Saturday. I wonder who it will be.

M.M.C. Mickey Mouse, the hero of the comic strip appearing daily in The Statesman and of the animated cartoons in the movies, has won for Walt Disney, his creator, the coveted distinction of a special award by the Motion Picture Academy of Arts and Sciences.

M.M.C. Hoopay for Mickey Mouse.

A special show this Saturday, Richard Arlen in "The Santa Fe Trail."

M.M.C. Uncle Churchmouse says, "Too much of the white man's burden is carried at his waistline."... I guess he means David Hoss.

M.M.C. I'll see you tomorrow. ZOLLIE.

# HUGE LOANS MADE TO PROVIDE WORK

WASHINGTON, Jan. 13.—(AP)—Loans totaling \$2,272,372 to provide work for thousands of men were authorized today by the Reconstruction corporation directors.

The board lent \$281,372 to California to help that state maintain its labor camps for transient unemployed men who are cared for on the "no work—no eat" plan at camps on the snow line of the mountains.

The other loans included \$1,200,000 to San Juan, Puerto Rico, for completing its waterworks system; \$550,000 to the University of Colorado for construction of a dormitory for 300 girls; \$40,000 to the Reeves county water improvement district, No. 1 of Balmore, Texas, for repairing its irrigation system; \$15,000 to the Fabens (Texas) Water company for extending the city water system; \$20,000 to the Riveron (Utah) Pipe Line company for building a reservoir; \$16,000 to Quincy, Fla., for improving its water system, and \$50,000 to Pensacola, Fla., for improving its water system.

# Fog Due to Give Way to Variable Weather, Rains

Relief is in sight for night-driving motorists, according to the weather bureau forecast, which is for unsettled weather with occasional rains today. The barometer was falling here last night.

About the city the fog blanket, heavy in the early evening, began lifting and this morning was much lighter than during the past few days.

# 13th Good Day For People of Cottage Grove

COTTAGE GROVE, Ore., Jan. 13.—(AP) Friday the thirteenth was a lucky day for several residents of this city.

Frank Mendenhall, proprietor of a jewelry store here, announced today the cancellation of all accounts due his store up to the first of the year. He said that in these "stringent times" each must help the other.

# SPANISH VETERANS GUESTS OF LEGION

### Big Entertainment Program Arranged by Capital Post Monday

Spanish war veterans of Salem and legionnaire legislators will be feted by Capital post, American Legion, at Fraternal temple Monday night with one of the most extensive entertainment programs arranged here in a year or more.

Many of the state leaders in the legion, here to attend the veterans legislative conference during the day, will be special guests at the night meeting.

Featured on the program will be Dr. H. W. Hans Solts and the Salem Symphony orchestra of between 40 and 50 pieces. Ronald Craven, tenor, and Miss Lillian Scott, soprano, will sing solo numbers and George Hesseman, self-styled "Modera Pietro Diaro," will play on the accordion.

Ernest Whitman, the negro star of the last Elks club minstrel show will return to the footlights in a triple tap dance, at which he is adept.

Firemen's Quartet Coming The Portland fire department will cooperate by permitting its members to sing in the program, the members taking their day off Monday. Members are Capt. Johnson, "Piccolo Pete" Thompson, "Chuck" Sneed Schelder and "Vic the Great" Brown.

Mr. and Mrs. Victor Brown of Portland will put on a specialty act, "The Great Browns, Vic and Earline."

An added musical feature will be violin solos by Prof. O'Hara of the Salem Institute of Music.

After the program, the legion auxiliary will put on a specialty act, "The Great Browns, Vic and Earline."

J. T. Delaney, entertainment chairman, arranged the program.

# UNEMPLOYMENT S ROOSEVELT WORRY

HYDE PARK, N. Y., Jan. 13.—(AP)—The problem of getting America's millions of unemployed off relief rosters and back to work drew attention today across the busy conference table to President-elect Roosevelt.

Before returning here tonight for a week-end at his quiet estate, Mr. Roosevelt at New York gave unemployment particular attention in a wide range of discussions.

"The quicker we get people back to work and off of relief demands the better it will be," he said. "We are working hard toward that end, but it is a great task and cannot of course be fully accomplished overnight."

Mayor James M. Curley of Boston brought up the unemployment problem, calling the president-elect's attention to the growing size of charity budgets which he insisted now almost amounted to a dole.

# INDIAN PUPILS GET COURSE IN FLYING

Flying Indians will be a new product of the Indian school at Chemawa this year. Supt. James T. Ryan has approved the method of aeronautical instruction used at the Eberly school of aeronautics at Salem airport and decided to include a course in practical flying in the Chemawa 1933 handbook.

In addition to Indian and white students, the Eberly flying school has a number of Japanese and Filipino pupils. The school has the following representatives: Springfield School of Flying.

# RANSOM IS ASKED FOR SCHLESINGER

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than \$100 worth of \$20 bills and not more than \$500 worth of \$10 bills. Leave money in back of the house on the 3rd step. The address of this house is 456-3rd street. (Bring no one). Have it there by Jan. 6.

"Follow instructions. You will get him back alive. If cops watch your husband will die. Leave money. Come back in three days and search the house."

The note was mailed here at 3 p.m. January 3 in a small white plain envelope and addressed to Mrs. Lee Schlesinger. It was printed on two pieces of paper of the kind used by school children, and several words were misspelled. The note was turned over to police today by Prescott W. Cookingham, Schlesinger's personal attorney, who said he had not notified authorities before because both he and Mrs. Schlesinger as well as other friends considered it of no significance.

Story of Asserted Witnesses Doubted The two men who police said attempted to sell their information concerning a man jumping from a car at the Vancouver dock said they had visited the house boat of Jack Appleton, moored about 150 feet from the point where Schlesinger's car was found. Police quoted them as saying that while they were walking toward Vancouver after leaving the house boat, they saw a man jump from a speeding car that was heading toward the edge of the dock, and disappear into the darkness. A moment later they said they heard a loud splash. Detectives said an investigation of their actions, that night showed many details of their story to be false.

Immediately after receiving the note Mrs. Schlesinger and Mrs. Cookingham drove along Third and along East Third street. On neither side of the river could they find the dresses mentioned in the note. Detectives were also unable to find any such address.

Cookingham said he had not yet received any letter forwarded by Mrs. B. F. Schlesinger of San Francisco, Lee's mother, who told the Associated Press today that she, also, had received a threatening letter, and had turned it over to the Portland attorney for investigation. The mother of the missing man also expressed belief the letter was the work of cranks.

# RAILWAY OFFICIALS INSPECT O. E. HERE

Checking up on the operation of the Oregon Electric railway, seven officials of the Great Northern and Northern Pacific lines stopped in Salem last night to confer with E. F. Roberts, city ticket agent, and J. W. Ritchie, freight and passenger agent. By reorganization January 1, the two parent lines acquired direct control of the Oregon Electric and Spokane, Portland & Seattle companies.

In the party which came here in a special inspection car were H. E. Stevens of St. Paul, Minn., vice-president in charge of operations, and W. C. Sloan, St. Paul, general manager, Northern Pacific; J. H. O'Neill, Seattle, general manager, and A. H. Stotler, Seattle, assistant chief engineer, Great Northern; G. E. Votaw, Portland, superintendent, Spokane, Portland & Seattle company; A. J. Witcheil, Portland, chief engineer, S. P. & S., and L. S. Davis, traveling freight agent, Oregon Electric.

The officials will inspect the new Sweet Home line today, go on to Eugene, and return through Salem in a few days.

# Pierce Will Aid In River Scheme

PENDLETON, Jan. 13.—(AP)—Full cooperation in the movement to construct the Umatilla Rapids project on the Columbia river was promised by Congressman-elect Walter Pierce at a meeting of the Hermiston Commercial club last night.

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# BULGARIA FESTIVE AS PRINCESS BORN

### (AP)—A princess was born in Sofia this morning and all Bulgaria is rejoicing.

The signal that the first-born of King Boris III and Queen Joanna had been ushered into the world was boomed out by cannon at 10:40 a. m. Within half an hour a huge throng of cheering citizens was storming the palace gates, upsetting the guard, crowding into the royal park and demanding the appearance of the king.

The king gave an order to the guards to throw the grounds open to the public, he then appeared on a balcony, smilingly responding to a long and enthusiastic demonstration by the crowd.

The whole city took on a festive appearance. Singing and shouting crowds surged through the streets. The air was filled with patriotic songs and cheers for the king and queen. Flags were unfurled. Telephones and telegraph wires hummed carrying the news throughout the land. The exact hour of the birth was fixed officially at 9:45 a. m.

# Blaze Destroys Champ Residence

STAYTON, Jan. 13.—The residence of Mr. and Mrs. Harley Champ was a total loss in a fire here today; the second, though the lesser, of two misfortunes the Champ family has suffered within a month. Shortly before Christmas their son, Roger, took his own life because of minor difficulties at school. The loss in the fire was estimated at \$2500, partly insured. Some of the furniture was saved.

# Watch Your Kidneys! Don't Neglect Kidney and Bladder Irregularities

If bothered with bladder irregularities, getting up at night and nagging backache, heed promptly these symptoms. They may warn of some disordered kidney or bladder condition. For 50 years grateful users have relied upon Doan's Pills. Praised the country over. Sold by all druggists.

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