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### Shrinking Valuations

THE sagging of assessed valuations of property in the state continues. The total for the state for 1935 is reported by the state tax commission at \$924,071,620.84. The high point of valuations was 1931 when the total was \$1,125,000,-000. The decline in the last year was about \$20,000,000. For Marion county the 1935 valuation is \$42,606,953.04 while last year's valuation was \$43,873,519.67. It is reported that officials think the bottom has been reached and that from now on the trend will be upward.

Such a change is certainly to be desired; because the effect of shrinking valuations is to pile up heavier tax burdens on faithful acres. For these valuations are not just percentage scale downs, but readjustments in which certain classes of property receive far heavier reductions than other classes. Shifts of values account for this, plus aging of properties. But with some property paying a much lower tax than before the remaining property must pay not only its former share, but take up a portion from the devalued property. The expenses of government are not declining but in-

A factor which is not taken account of is the steady wasting away of land in private ownership due to the expansion of government. Property foreclosed in tax sales takes off the tax rolls considerable areas. But various branches of government are rapidly expanding ownership of lands. In Salem the privately owned water company is now publicly owned, and tax-exempt. The federal government has an ambitious program of land recovery. Already it has bought the big P ranch in Harney county for a game refuge, and taken it off the tax rolls. It is buying up large tracts in Jefferson county and in other counties of submarginal lands. When these farmers are relocated on government lands their new homes may be tax-free if sold on long-term contracts.

The federal government already owns over half the land of Oregon. If now it takes in more acreage either in forest or farm land, the tax burden is increased on the remaining privately owned lands. To offset this, if the federal development at Bonneville attracts new industries valuations may be increased enough to take up the deficiency caused elsewhere.

Real property now is carrying too large a share of the tax load. The burden should be reduced and not increased. The shrinking of valuations either through reduction in true values or in the transfer of title to government units creates a problem which needs to be very closely watched. If the trend continues it may be accelerated through inability of remaining property to bear the load, which will force a drastic change in our taxing system.

#### Football and the South

week ago Alan Gould, sports writer for the Associated been a mortifying thing that after the minor things they said about A Press, listed the ten leading college football teams. Here such a fight and such a pledge. us boys was that we were a lot three years should elapse without of roughnecks, and we retailiated was his list: Southern Methodist, Minnesota, Texas Christian, Princeton, California, Rice, Louisiana State, Al- treaty seems an unescapable ful- a lot of dudes. I have but to reabama, Dartmouth, Pittsburgh. Saturday's events may make fillment of a party obligation, cite that Charley Riely and Billy a revision necessary. Stanford for example defeated California decisively, while Notre Dame's victory over U. S. C., and Dartmouth's defeat by Princeton suggest including Notre Dame and dropping Dartmouth.

Regardless of alterations in the list the fact sticks out that five of the teams are of southern schools: Southern Methodist, which heads the list, Texas Christian, third, Rice, Louisiana State and Alabama. In recent years the southern schools have been coming forward to challenge the supremacy long held by the east, later by the midwest and then by the Pacific coast, Georgia Tech and Alabama have been most famous, the latter winning last year's Rose Bowl game.

This column is not encroaching on the sports writers' dominion, but we raise the question as to what this signifies. Southern schools have long been regarded, educationally, as the most backward in the nation. Is this athletic stimulation ments," Wholly aside from its an indication of similar advancement in the classroom and laboratory? Or have the southern schools awakened late and come to realize the advertising value of winning teams, and so like Huey Long with Louisiana State, adopted promotion methods for athletic victories? Finally what about the effect of climate on physical achievement? Football was always regarded as a cold weather game, in which southerners could largest customer, and in its not excel because their climate was too hot. Is the new open football better adapted to their climate, or was the conception of football as a cold climate game just a false concep-

We have no disposition to start a new "war between the states", but is it just accidental that half the leading football teams this year are southern?

### Forced Patriotism

COMPULSION in patriotism seems sure to defeat its own who asserts that Mr. Roosevelt ends. Massachusetts has been having spasms over a new has minimized hostile newspaper law requiring teachers in all schools, private as well as public to take an oath to support the constitution of the per. He also has induced Canada United States. Having in mind the example of the most dis- to let American magazines in free, tinguished Harvard alumnus in his fidelity to the oath it is It is, of course, a horrid thought plain to see that such mass swearings will have scant efficacy. In fact they are apt to bring the whole program of patriotism into contempt.

In Washington, D. C., teachers have to sign a statement that they have not taught communism before they can get a monthly paycheck. This again is a crude way of forcing support for the existing institutions.

In Massachusetts children of a religious sect were barred from school because they had conscientious scruples against saluting the flag. The same thing threatens in Snohomish county, Washington where three girls may be expelled from school for the same cause. They are aged eight, nine and ten; at years so tender that they can hardly know what things mean. Would it not be much wiser to humor the religious scruples of the children or their parents, than to send them to a reformatory, as is proposed?

The perpetuity of this country and of its institutions does not depend on the forced salute of the flag or signing an oath of loyalty to the constitution. It depends on making those institutions function successfully to provide economic opportunity and civil and religious liberty.

Borah is announced as starting a drive for a liberal Republican party. The Statesman is liberal,-except with public money; so undoubtedly it can't get into Borah's new

On a road near Fort Dodge, Iowa, just after the pheasant hunting season opened a patrolman stopped a car because it had only one adlamp burning. Eight cars stopped behind the first, driven by hunters who thought they were being checked by game wardens. The patrolman soon signalled them to proceed. Afterwards he found 30 pheasants in the ditch beside the road. No wonder wild life disap-

### The Great Game of Politics

By FRANK R. KENT Copyright 1935, by The Baltimore Sur

Credit for Mr. Roosevelt Washington, Nov. 25 WHATEVER else may be said of the Canadian reciprocity treaty it clearly redounds to Mr. Roosevelt's credit in



anyhow, the charge that he has repudihis platform promises. IT is true there are a lot of

Frank R. Kent disregarded and which cannot now be fulfilled. It is true, too, it has taken nearly three years to secure even the partial redemption of this one. And it is also true that this would not have been achieved but for the day in and day out persistence of the Hon. Cordell Hull, who takes his party promises seriously and holds on to his political principles like a puppy to a root. Nevertheless the Roosevelt secretary of state, treaty, that the responsibility rests upon him. Whether they think it economically round or not, no fair-minded person will dispute that it was a step in which was involved the good faith of both the party and the presi-

BECAUSE of all the democratic on Rafe to speak tonight, but I of the 1932 campaign into the ham, his father. (Rafe Bonham is their 1930 campaign and the one U. S. consul, etc.) upon which they secured control of the house of representatives.

THE signing of that bill was one of the Hoover mistakes for which he was damned and denounced by Salem fire department. . . . In ment of the church in conjunctive democratic spokesman and those volunteer fire department tion with the homecoming observhe was damned and denounced by organ in the country. Mr. Roose-days, I will say, for you younger ed. velt, to make the law seem more fellows, the fox tail was the thing obnoxious, habitually referred to it in his 1932 speeches as the "Grundy Tariff bill." The democratic party and its candidates were pledged up to their eyeballs to lower the unprecedentedly high Statesman, called us Threes wall it had erected. To democrats (nembers of No. 3 fire company) of the old-fashioned type it has the buck brush boys, and among a move being made. To them the by saying that the Capitols were without which self - respecting I'Arcy belonged to the Capitols. democrats could not hold up their

AT least, the Hull type of democrat feels that way. A good many others believe the treaty economically unwise and that it will cost Mr. Roosevelt votes. The protests from the special interests, including the farmers, are beginning to flow in. However, it is somewhat significant that, except for Mr. Hoover, who it must be admitted now has an outspoken boldness on issues not usually associated with seekers after office, the republican spokesmen have so far refrained from violent attack. are cannily "awaiting develop economic and political aspects, there are several interesting points about this business. One is that it is the first example of the exercise by the president of the legislative power delegated to him by congress. In effect, he has written a new tariff law with our treaty form it does not have to be even submitted to the senate for ratification.

ANOTHER is the complete state of isolation in which the treaty eaves the unfortunate Mr. George Peek, supposed to be special adviser on foreign economics and tariffs to the president, and who has consistently opposed the Hull efforts for separate treaties. Still another interesting thing is pointed out by the astute Mr. Raymond criticism by guaranteeing a duty that publishers could be influenced by such things, but the fact is they are human, too-some of them, very often, too human,

### Twenty Years Ago

November 26, 1915

Joseph |Hillstrom, I. W. W. member executed in Utah, was given a "red" funeral in Chicago

On the front page is a letter from the inmates of the county jail thanking the sheriff for the Thanksgiving dinner served yes-

Marie Bolinger and Gordon Me-Gilchrist were married last night at the First Christian church.

### Ten Years Ago

November 26, 1925.

O. L. McIntyre, superintendent of the state school for the deaf, will leave today for Council Bluffs to take over the Iowa school. A successor has not been named.

Today is Thanksgiving.

Norma Talmadge in "Graustark" is playing at the Oregon.

## Bits for Breakfast

By R. J. HENDRICKS

More facts about Mrs. Wright, pioneer boarding house keeper, and our pioneer doctors:

2 2 2 (Concluding from Sunday:) Continuing the the speech of Dr. W. H. Byrd: "They (Rafe Bonham and his sister) managed to survive it. (Meaning the diphtheria.)

\* \* \* "Those conditions have been eliminated, changed, about which medicine at that time knew nothing-and I think it is well for us ated completely in reminiscing, in taking a retrospect of life, that we do not know and campaign what kind of an end awaits us.

"Two of these earnest, energetic practitioners died in the insane asylum. Two of them died from that terrible disease, cancer, and other pretty only three of them, that I recall, solemn promis- lived to a good, round old age and es which he has died from natural causes.

\* \* \* "There is nothing, my friends, that I can say more or that I dean of the profession from the point of age and time-at the head of the list, and, in the natural course of events, the first to go; and I hope that any man who the fact remains that Mr. Hull is tice of medicine), will say as well of us as we did by them-that we that Mr. Roosevelt signed the did the best we could. I could wish for no higher compliment. I thank you. (Applause.)

Toastmaster: "Dr. Byrd speaking of Rafe Bonham reminds me that 48 years ago I went to school in North Salem with two of his brothers who died during that epidemic. We are not going to call obligations, that to revise down- think you old pioneers will join ward the Hawley-Smoot tariff was me in saying that there never was the deepest and most unequivocal, a man in this community who The promise to do this went back stood higher than did B. F. Bonearly Hoover days. The iniquity in charge with the immigration of the new tariff law passed in department of the U. S. governthe special session called by Mr. ment, headquarters Seattle, for-Hoover in 1929 was the issue up- merly Portland. His father was on which the democrats made Salem postmaster, circuit. judge, 5 5 5

we wanted, and the nozzle that got first water onto a fire captured the fox tail.

"Gen, Byars, editor of The

cer's barn burned, we boys came up from North Salem and found the Tigers had attached to the hydrant by Jones' residence and found that their hose wouldn't reach quite to Dearborn's corner "Capitols' hose team was there but Tigers wouldn't let them couple on, because if they did the water would get through their nozzle and Tigers wouldn't win the fox tail.

"I remember that when Mer-

"There was no fight, because have a show.

hose, and ran out and got first water and the fox tail.

the barn burned while Tigers this district.

waited for us to come up: but that was a small price to pay to keep the Capitols from getting the fox tail! (Laughter.)

"I remember, also, one glorious occasion when the Capitols had the fox tail and there had been no fire for a long time, and our boys slipped down and set fire to the Capitols' engine house, which stood where the Bank of Commerce now is (southeast corit diminishes these men who were practicing ner State and Liberty), and we pulled their hose out, put the fire out, and took the fox tail.

"I see sitting over here to the left a big, blackheaded stiff who was foreman of Capitol engine company. That fellow is George Burnett. We will hear from him.

The man called upon, Geo. H Burnett, was at the time chief justice of the Oregon supreme court. In the days of the volunteer fire department, he was one of the ablest and most faithful memwould care to say more. I am the bers. He never missed a fire unless one started when he was out

He was one of the most dignified of judges or justices on speaks of us hereafter (those of the bench. No lawyer ever atus now engaged in the active prac- tempted to be familiar with him there. But, as a fireman, he was one of the boys.

3 5 5 This series has run a day longer than expected, and must be brought to an end But, under another heading, something more will appear on Hal Patton's birthday party-probably commencing tomorrow. A great deal of interest to Salem old timers was said and done at that party.

### Robber Relieves **Church Chest of Sunday Offering**

SILVERTON, Nov. 25 - A thief or thieves entered the Chris-"In those days here, and these | tian church and removed all cash young fellows don't know it, the from the towure chest in the great social and political feature vestibule Sunday during the noon in the town was the old volunteer basket dinner held in the base-

The church has been following the custom of making its offering each Sunday in the chest. Offerings on usual Sundays often amounts to \$25 or better. Several hundred people were in attendance at the homecoming festival during the forenoon and it was believed that the offering was much larger than usual although the money had not been counted prior to its removal.

Along with the church funds went \$2 taken from the purse of Mrs. Mary Andrews, church treasurer. Mrs. Andrews had placed her handbag in the chest when she went down to the basement to eat her dinner. Twenty-five cents in the bag was overlooked. No clue to the thief was had Sunday night.

### Mrs. Seifert Hostess Detroit Sewing Club

DETROIT, Ore., Nov. 25 .- The Ladies' Sewing club met at the the Capitols knew they did no home of Mrs. William Seifert There were 16 members present. "When we Threes got up there Mrs. Earl Parker, president of the we attached our line onto Tigers' club, was absent on account of ill-

Mr. and Mrs. George P. Mc Clanahan and son, Homer, were "I want to tell you, however, Salem visitors Saturday, Mr. Mcthat seven head of horses and Clanahan is chief forest ranger of

# Daily Health Talks

United States senator from New York Former Comissioner of Health, New York City

A NEW way of treating hernia is being successfully used. This is the serious complications. so-called "injection method", which has the approval of many reputable physicians.

me tell you a little bit about rupture, ance. or hernia, as the doctors call it. This condition is caused by the weakness about the hernia. This procedure is of a muscle or several muscles. As similar to the method used for the a rule the defect is found in the abdominal wall, but may be in the

The weakness is in reality a mechanical defect, which may be present at birth, or it may result from a severe blow, fall or over-exertion in lifting. When there is a tendency to hernia, a run-down condition from tuberculosis? 2: What would hemorill health may be the last straw to break the muscular resistance.

### Shuts Off Blood

Pain is present only when the sac or hernia, becomes "strangulated" That is, the part of the intestine protruding through the ruptured tissues may become so squeezed as to shut off the blood circulation in the wall of the gut, Then there is severe

Sometimes the victim of hernia is not aware of his condition until there ing in the nerves between the knees appears a swelling or bulging of that region of the body. At first this patient's sleep and rest. swelling can be reduced, meaning that the knuckle of the intestine can be pushed back into proper place, be made to keep up the general with the swelling disappearing under health and resistance. For full parpressure. Sometimes it disappears ticulars send a self-addressed, when the sufferer lies on his back. stamped envelope and repeat your Unfortunately, the tumor reappears question. as soon as the upright position is assumed, or upon further exertion, This distinguishes the swelling from that cause of the trouble first of all. Itchcaused by a cyst which persists re- ing such as you describe may be due

gardless of position.

Don't Neglect It It is unwise to neglect a rupture. question. necessary to save life. Unfortunate- treated?

By ROYAL S. COPELAND, M. D. | what the carefully-planned operation

A strangulated hernia calls for instant attention. With neglect there is always the danger of intestinal obstruction or peritonitis. These are

My advice to everyone having a rupture is to consult the family physician. Do not be misled into the belief that a hernia can be cured by But before speaking about that, let a truss or other mechanical appli-

> If the "injection method" is used. a solution is injected into the tissues obliteration of varicose veins. The injected substance produces fibroals, a hardening of the tissues in the region of the weakened muscle and sac.

### Answers to Health Queries

A Daily Reader. Q .- What are the symptoms of the different stages of rhages of the lungs indicate? A .- Such symptoms are naturally

varied. Talk with your doctor. He will be glad to advise you along these lines. 2: An x-ray will determine just what condition exists and the patient can be treated accordingly.

H. W. L. Q .- What do you advise for the "fidgets"? The patient is an elderly lady who is taking care of a sister who is an invalid. The attacks come mostly at night, centerand ankles and interfering with the

A .- Try to overcome the nervousness first of all. Every effort should

A .- Try to find the underlying to a number of sources. For further particulars send a self-addressed, stamped envelope and repeat your

Like a diseased appendix, one can C. S. C. Q.-What would cause an never tell when danger will flare up intense itching of the leg-between immediate operation is de- knce and ankle. The condition seems manded. Emergency operations are worse at night and in cold weather not desirable, but, of course, they are Is this pruritis and how should it be

ly, they do not always accomplish (Copyright, 1935, K. F. S., Inc.)

Jitter Island



#### "WIFE IN CUSTODY" by BEATRICE LUBITZ

Helen Schiller, pretty manicurist in the Forty-fourth Street branch of the ewanky Anastasis Beauty Salons, so far forgot discipline one morning as to dance a few steps before the work-day began—and was seen by Walter Riley, owner of the salons. He did not speak then about this, but returning that evening to the shop, went to her—and found himself disarmed by her smile, and attracted to her. He asked if he might take her to dance, and she assented. That led to other evenings together—evenings spent with him ever afraid that his sisters who managed the Anastasia

danger of being recognized. In a "She got a marvelous break though. The woman for whom she though. The worked on Ninth Street, Brooklyn, died and left no heirs. Irene simply inherited the business. She made this sub-rusa courtship. Or was it courtship? Walter didn't dare to think further. He knew he loved this sub-rusa courtship? Walter didn't dare to think further. But to marry sher! His mother's rage; his sisters and solo. One by one the others became manicurists and got jobs. Mother saved every penny the girls gave her outside of buying them was afraid of being seen with her. He ground his teeth in rage at his cowardice. He was a coward. His women had made a coward of him the hardware store. The girls were always fighting. They wanted mother to move but she sat tight. sisters who managed the Anastasia And now Helen. He loved her. Her mother to move but she sat tight. Salons for him, might see him.

After one evening at the theatre Helen fell asteep as he drove her to her home in Bay Ridge—and he awakened her with a light kiss. She pushed him away, but he would not be denied, and he kissed her again. You are the first girl I have ever kissed," he told her soberly, realizng that he loved her. Events in the Riley family followed fast, with Irene, who managed the swanky Fifty-seventh Street Salon, marrying the socially-elect Dirk Terhune. After the ceremony, Walter took Stella to the Forty-fourth Street branch. He was to meet

Helen that evening. CHAPTER XI "Walter, you're not prejudiced

against Jerry like the others!" Stella's voice rose hysterically. "They're all against him because they're jealous. He is working hard. He has a devil of a job there in Brooklyn. Mama ran that place down so that it will take months for Jerry to build it up. It isn't fair." "We can't She was crying now. maintain our apartment unless you give him more money. I could contribute more myself but I don't want it to come from me. I want Jerry to feel he's earned it so that he'll have his self-respect and not feel I'm supporting him. Look at our expenses and look at Agnes'. She's iving with mama and it doesn't cost her half as much to live on Park Avenue as it does us on 12th Street." She sobbed pathetically. Out of the corner of her eye she watched the effect. She knew Wal-

ter was no match for tears.
"Stop sniveling," he commanded roughly. "Can't you talk without waterworks? All right, Ill give him a hundred and seventy-five and not a cent more and you can tell him for me that unless he jocks up he's going to be fired. I came in yesteray and found him with his feet on his desk smoking and reading a magazine. I'm not going to support him while he neglects my business.

makes good, I'm going to chuck him

Stella repaired her make-up. She knew perfectly well Walter would do nothing of the kind so long as she could weep and Walter was

"All right, Walter dear. Let m talk to Jerry. He's so sensitive. Maybe he has seemed to be laying down on the job but it's only be-

imity did him. They had to eat in father ran away from my mother, like said started the small obscure restaurants, meet in out-of-the-way places, and they rode for miles looking for small movie houses where they would not be in compassionately.

Were all kads and terribly poor. My father ran away from my mother, like paid my debts and started the Thirty-fourth Street shop."

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"I feel less like a cad if I tell you everything, Helen; I love you."

ter was finally forced to leave without seeing her. Outside he hired a telegraph messenger to deliver the

Walt did, he told her frankly his

"You're supporting Eddie," she flared.
"I'm not. Ethel is and she can do what she likes with her money. Ethel's shop is as efficiently run as the best. But I put Jerry in charge of one of my shops, at your demand, and I'm telling you unless he mand, and I'm telling you unless he makes good. I'm going to chuck him

"Mama wouldn't listen to the others, but she always listened to me. But it was like spilling blood It was so easy to talk to Helen. I had to make her a proposition that That night over their dinner in a she lend me the money and I'd buy restaurant in the downtown business district, patronized at night the money with interest. She agreed mainly by men and women who to that, but only after I practically chose it for the same reason that signed my life away!

Maybe he has seemed to be laying down on the job but it's only because it's all so new to him. He's terribly clever, dear. Really, he's nearly as clever as you. You'll see one of these days he'll do something big for you."

Walter snorted as he parked the car but said nothing. Together they came into the salon. Here was the usual mid-Winter afternoon bustle.

"What did you leave here, Walt?"

"Oh, I'll find it. I left it in Miss Germuth's office."

Stella disappeared into her office. Walter looked into the salon through the glass partition. There she was intent on her work. If only she would look up he would signal her to step out a moment. But Helen would look up. Walter went into the vault and scribbled a note on a slip of paper. But how could he get it to her? He gnawed his mustache with exapperation. She was so near to him and yet she might have been in Alasks for all the good her proximity did him. They had to eat in small obscure restaurants, meet in famel of the walt and small obscure restaurants, meet in small obscure restaurants, meet in famel of the walt and scribbled and the salon through the glass partition. They shad to eat in small obscure restaurants meet in the beauty parior business. Mother and the right was on her lips. Instead she asked, "Why are you so work—at least she used to be. "The city bought the Ninth Street house when they widened the ware all kids and terribly poor. My large restaurants meet in frence was the first one in the beauty parior business. Mother and the property and started in at once paying back my life away!

"I' dell feel less like a cad if I tell you could obscure restaurants when they wenty thing. Belen. I love you. I look the property and started in at once paying back my louse. I bought the property and started in at once paying back my louse. I bought the property and started in at once paying back my louse. I lought the property and started in at once paying back my louse. I lous the less like a cad if I tell you cad if I tell you can the less. It hadn't had uck.

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