

# FARM LEADERS TO HELP HOOVER

## GAIN IS SHOWN IN VALUATIONS AS ASSESSED

### Property Values for 1929 Taxation over Billion, Increase 3 Millions

### Public Utility Valuations Increased Over Four and a Half Millions

Oregon's total assessed property valuation for 1929, on which will be based the tax levy for 1930, is \$1,124,988,691.62. This was announced Monday by the state tax commission.

The total figure is a combination of \$944,799,311.47 in local assessments reported by the county assessors and \$180,189,380.35 assessed valuation of public utility properties as fixed by the state tax commission.

The total is \$2,656,511.39 more than the 1928 total of \$1,122,232,280.43. Local assessments this year are \$1,042,704.53 less than the 1928 figure of \$946,633,016.00 and the utility assessments are \$4,500,215.92 in excess of the 1928 total of \$175,699,164.43.

The commission accounts for the increase in public utility assessed valuations by new developments, the expansion of utility companies, changes in local assessment figures are spotted. Multnomah county's assessment this year is \$331,380,310, against \$326,330,083 last year.

## Good Evening!

### Sips for Supper

By DON UPJOHN

### We Invite Your Help

Toward making Sips a better column.

What do you read in your Sips? To what part of Sips do you turn first when delivered? Which department would you like enlarged?

We are genuinely interested in these questions because we want to make this column the red-hot mama of all columns so that we may devote more space to the departments that are most widely read and less space to those which are of less general interest.

## And To That End

We ask every subscriber to indicate his or her preferences in the coupon below which you will please clip and mail to "Sips, The Capital Journal," after marking as follows:

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## Reader's Preferences

- Al Lindbeck's news
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- Edward Blodgett's "Walk in"
- Pat Patton's hitching post
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- Saturday night bath
- Alfred Scott's job
- Bette pie with saute
- Clarence Blakely
- Suggestions

## MAKING IT DOUBLY SURE

### "Clearance Act's" Final Illness Proves Fatal.

Headline in Statesman.

## FIFTY MILLION MORE FOR ROADS TO BE ASKED FOR

Washington (AP)—Chairman Dowell of the House roads committee announced Monday he would seek an increase from \$75,000,000 to \$125,000,000 in the annual authorization for federal highway aid for the fiscal years 1931 and 1932 in response to a general movement over the country for expansion of road building programs.

Conferees with officials of the bureau of roads, members of state highway commissions and associations sponsoring highways, had shown him, Dowell said, that the country as a whole desires to extend and improve the highway systems.

Since the war, he said, \$75,000,000 had been sufficient to meet the annual demands of states which match the federal money dollar for dollar in the construction of arterial highways.

Dowell said in many parts of the country, particularly in the western states, there was an urgent demand to build roads to connect links which would afford complete highways which were now only improved in sections.

## NAVY TO REMOVE HIGHWAY SIGNS

Bend, Ore. (AP)—No more United States navy recruiting advertisements will be placed within sight of Oregon's highways, and navy signs now in place along the highways in this state will be removed, according to information received by Robert W. Sawyer, member of the state highway commission. Commander C. L. Best, in charge of the navy recruiting offices in Portland, has notified Sawyer that he will send a man early in December to remove or obliterate recruiting signs along the Columbia river highway.

Ray Lyman Wilbur, secretary of Interior, with whom Sawyer has communicated regarding defacement of Oregon's highways, wrote that he had been informed by the secretary that the practice of placing navy recruiting signs on highway rights of way in Oregon had been assigned to the responsible recruiting officers.

## TRIAL DELAYED

New York (AP)—The trial of George McManus for the murder of Arnold Rothstein was resumed Monday, but was immediately adjourned until Tuesday because of the lack of a full jury box, caused by the illness of a juror.

## FRENCH HEAR 101 GUNS FOR CLEMENCEAU

### Cannon of Armistice Boom Out Last Tribute To War Leader

### Burial Beside Father in Rural Cemetery Simple Ceremony

Mochamps, Vendee, France (AP)—Former Premier Georges Clemenceau was buried shortly after noon Monday, as he had wished, without pomp or ceremony.

The body of the "father of victors" was placed beside that of his father in a little plot in Colombier just outside the village, to rest forever in his beloved Vendeean home.

Only members of the family and about twenty of his most intimate friends were present at the interment, and other spectators.

Rail which had been persistent all morning ceased the little cortege entered the burial place, but the sky remained gray and misty.

Although the premier's closest friends had announced he would be buried standing upright, the family decided at the last moment that the grave should be dug as usual because solid rock crops out at the burial place to within a yard of the surface.

Paris (AP)—The cannon of the armistice at the town began the 101 gun salute which was notification.

## SOUND CITIES MUST CURTAIL WASTED POWER

Washington (AP)—Seattle and Tacoma must cut their consumption of electric power to an absolute minimum if they want the navy to consider loaning them the aircraft carrier Lexington as an auxiliary power plant, Secretary Adams informed a delegation from the two cities.

Senator Jones and Representative Johnson, republicans of Washington, and the mayors of Seattle and Tacoma would be called by long distance telephone immediately and asked to furnish the navy with assurance that all unnecessary lighting would be discontinued.

Johnson asserted the secretary felt the navy should not be called upon to make the sacrifice involved in tying up the Lexington unless the cities did their part. At present the navy believes that not sufficient reduction in consumption has been achieved.

## DERANGED WOMAN SHOTS AT PRELATE

Vatican City (AP)—A Swedish woman named Marguerite Smith attempted to shoot Mgr. Smith, titular archbishop of Paralo and former apostolic vicar of Norway, in St. Peter's cathedral Sunday.

The woman, who seemed to be mentally deranged, was disarmed by gendarmes.

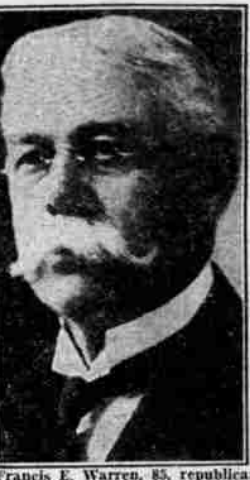
This was the first attempt at a crime in the newly formed Vatican City.

## State Funeral Will Be Held In Honor Of Senator F. E. Warren

Washington (AP)—Death has taken Francis E. Warren of Wyoming, a veteran of the rugged, pioneering days of the west, who came to Washington to serve longer in the United States senate than any man in history. With his wife, his son, Fred, and his son-in-law, General John J. Pershing, at his bedside, the elderly legislator died Sunday morning from an attack of pneumonia and bronchitis. He was 85 years of age.

The senate will honor the man who was one of its members continuously for 35 years with a state funeral Tuesday in the state chamber and afterward delegations from both Houses of congress will

## Warren Dies



Francis E. Warren, 85, republican from Wyoming, oldest senator in the United States in point of service, died Sunday morning at his home in Washington, D. C.

## RUSSIANS FIRE EVACUATED CITY ALONG BORDER

Harbin, Manchuria (AP)—The city of Harbin, in northwestern Manchuria, was described as being in flames in messages received here Monday. All Chinese officials and soldiers have evacuated the city, which fell late Sunday before a force of Soviet cavalry and tanks.

The Chinese Eastern railway company to operate trains, evacuating Chinese and Russians from the district but all of the refugees cannot be accommodated and many of them are camping by the side of the track.

The situation at both the eastern and western ends of the Chinese Eastern railway was described as precarious. The Russian troops apparently seeking control not only of the Dalaiur mines but also the mines on the eastern front as well.

The Japanese consul here has advised Japanese subjects both on the east and west branches of the railway to come to Harbin as quickly as possible. He is understood to have information that the Soviet authorities are willing to evacuate Japanese from Manchuria through Vladivostok.

## ROCK ISLAND PLANS TO SPEND FIFTY MILLIONS

Chicago (AP)—President Hoover's business program found support Monday in the announcement that the 1930 improvement budget of the Rock Island lines will total about \$50,000,000, the largest in the history of the company.

This amount, J. E. Gorman, president of the road, announced, will exceed by slightly more than \$10,000,000 the improvement budget for 1929 and will be expended for new equipment, new lines, general improvements and miscellaneous construction.

New equipment to be purchased at a cost of about \$20,000,000 includes 41 locomotives, 5,000 freight cars, 24 passenger coaches and 62 work cars, according to the announcement. Provision is also made for 57,000 tons of new steel rail and the installation of 126 miles of a dispatcher's control and automatic block signal system between Herkington, Kan., and Pratt, Kan.

Following Mr. Gorman's statement, A. D. Martin, general passenger agent, announced in Omaha that the expansion program may include the extension of the road's double track system from Iowa City to Omaha. Trains now operate on a double track between Chicago and Iowa City.

## DOG TEAMS SEARCH FOR ARCTIC FLIER

Seattle (AP)—Four dog team parties searching the Siberian coast near North Cape for the veteran arctic flier, Carl Ben Eielson, and his mechanic, Earl Borland, missing since early in November when they set out to rescue the crew of the leibund ship Nansen had not reported early Monday.

Pilot Frank Dorland, who had made one flight with Eielson taking six persons and furs off the trading ship, was reported from Nome yesterday as having repaired his plane and ready to make a search by air for his fellow aviator.

## MANCHURIAN WAR SITUATION SERIOUS

Washington (AP)—Secretary Stimson said Monday he regarded the renewed warlike activities between the Chinese and Russia as serious and in the event any suggestions on the part of the United States might be thought of value in clearing up the situation, it would be made by the American government.

He added the activities in the far east were being watched closely. It was made clear at the state department, however, that many of the reports of the situation there were believed to be exaggerated.

## SEEK REPEAL OF HOMESTEAD, POWER ACTS

### Garfield Asserts Present Laws Have Outlived Usefulness to Nation

### Change Sought as Necessary if Domain is Turned Over to States

Washington (AP)—Repeal of the federal water power act and of the homestead law was suggested Monday by Chairman Garfield of President Hoover's public lands commission in a statement.

The question was raised as to the field the commission should enter in its consideration of a possible turning over of public domain to the eleven western states within which most of the public land lies.

Garfield said President Hoover had asked a complete report on public lands and added, in his opinion, a recommendation on the homestead and water power acts might properly come within the commission's province.

The water power act, he said, is not at present in a satisfactory state of operation, its appropriation having been insufficient for the proper carrying out of its work in disposing of power sites.

He asserted homestead and timber laws appeared to have outlived their usefulness, and that the homestead law, especially in its soldier's preference phase, had worked actual hardship.

"Nothing is worse than to give land preference to a man who is

## TAX ON GIFTS HELD LEGAL BY HIGHEST COURT

Washington (AP)—Gift taxes imposed under the federal revenue law were held valid Monday by the supreme court in a case brought by Joseph H. Bromley of Philadelphia who was required to pay a tax of \$20,598 on gifts totaling \$568,300.

The court passed upon the gift tax imposed under the 1924 revenue act and amended under the 1926 act law.

Bromley contended the gifts were not made in contemplation of death and that the tax was illegal because direct and not apportioned, and further because it lacked uniformity.

The government argued Congress had authority to make disposition of property by gift subject to taxation, like any other method of transfer.

Justices Sutherland, Butler and Van Devanter dissented in the opinion. They took the position the tax was a direct one, and that it had been invalidly imposed because not apportioned as required by the constitution in imposing direct taxes.

The gift tax applies to all classes of property given away. One reason it was enacted was to prevent persons from escaping payment of the federal inheritance tax by giving away cash, securities or other things of value shortly before death.

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## BUILDING PROGRAM FOR WILMINGTON

Wilmington, Del. (AP)—An expenditure over the next 12 months of more than \$25,000,000 is involved in building projects, either under way or authorized, by the DuPont company and its subsidiaries, officials have announced. The building program is planned to meet the needs of the company's varied manufacturing activities.

## PROSECUTORS FOR Joseph And Mannix CASES ARE PICKED

At the suggestion of Judge George F. Skisworth of Eugene, presiding referee of the board of referees that will hear the disbarment cases involving George Joseph and Thomas Mannix of Portland, the two accused attorneys will be prosecuted by different groups of attorneys representing the state.

This will meet the protest filed by Joseph against the supreme court's appointment of W. Lair Thompson of Portland as one of the prosecutors to serve against Mannix. Chief Justice Coohow said Monday that Arthur Clark of Corvallis, Evan A. Reames of Medford and Arthur K. McMahan of Albany had been appointed prosecutors in the Mannix case.

The court previously appointed W. Lair Thompson of Portland, Oscar Hayter of Dallas and John H. Carson of Salem to prosecute both.

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## ESPEE EXPERTS UNDER FIRE AT RAIL HEARING

San Francisco (AP)—Cross examination of Southern Pacific expert witnesses consumed the early hours of the interstate commerce commission hearing in the Great Northern-Western Pacific railroad case here Monday.

It appeared likely that President Paul Shoup of the Southern Pacific might go on the stand Monday afternoon. He is expected to take the "big gun" of the forces opposing the plan to build a line from Klamath Falls, Ore., to Kettle, Cal.

Shoup is expected to outline steps the Southern Pacific is willing to take to make unnecessary the spending of millions of dollars to provide a rail link between the Western Pacific and the Great Northern systems.

Max Thelen, one of the intervenor's attorneys, sought to undermine testimony of Dr. George Barr, Southern Pacific agricultural expert, Monday morning. The doctor obtained his degree last year, Thelen learned. He also found that Dr. Barr had never farmed in California or the region traversed by the proposed line and consequently testified about this territory without a practical working knowledge of its productive capacity.

He drew from the doctor admissions that several transportation factors which would be changed by the coming of the new line had been left out of his computations as to whether the Big Valley and Fall River valley might be made more productive.

## AUTO BUS TAX DECLARED LEGAL

Washington (AP)—The California tax of five per cent of the gross receipts of automobile buses and truck lines, imposed under an amendment to the state constitution was held valid by the supreme court Monday in a case appealed by the Bekins Van Lines, Inc., of San Francisco and other similarly interested parties.

The Bekins company appealed for an injunction restraining the state officials from collecting the tax. They argued the tax was discriminatory in that other vehicles operated on the highways for hire were not similarly taxed. The tax applied only to vehicles operated between fixed terminals. Lower courts upheld the tax.

Washington (AP)—California's three cent a gallon gasoline tax was held valid by the supreme court Monday in a case appealed by George B. Williams, William J. Finn and other motor vehicle operators of Los Angeles.

## OREGON LICENSE INSURANCE TAX DECLARED VALID

Washington (AP)—The Oregon license tax on insurance agents was sustained by the supreme court Monday in a case appealed by Karl Herbring, who challenged its validity.

Herbring wanted to be agent at Portland for the Northwest National Fire Insurance company. Companies are permitted in cities in smaller towns and two in areas of 50,000 population or more upon payment of a two dollar fee for each agent. In larger cities, however, \$500 is required for a license for each agent in addition to the first two.

The law was attacked as discriminatory, and Herbring's counsel asserted similar laws in Washington state and New Mexico had been held unconstitutional. Complaint was made that the law deprived Herbring of the right to follow a lawful occupation, but the supreme court stopped the argument before the state presented its argument in defense of the law, taking the position that the complaint had failed to sustain the contention that the law was invalid.

The case of Karl Herbring against Clara A. Lee, Oregon state insurance agent, was argued Monday.

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## Cardinal Closes Cemetery With Grave Shrine To Pilgrims

Malden, Mass. (AP)—Ending one of the great religious demonstrations in the history of the country, Holy Cross cemetery was closed Monday to all except funerals by order of Cardinal O'Connell, Roman Catholic archbishop of Boston.

The last three weeks journeyed Sunday to the grave of the Rev. Patrick J. Power seeking miraculous cures. A week ago 200,000 visited the grave. The cardinal closed the cemetery in order to have reports of cures investigated.

Lines of the devout, hundreds of yards in length again waited hours in a biting wind to pass slowly by the grave in final review. The crippled, the blind and diseased were among the multitude who scooped up handfuls of earth, or touched

## AGRICULTURE TO COOPERATE WITH BUSINESS

### Leaders of Farm Organizations Pledge Assistance to Business

### Export Possibilities Outlined. Governors Promise To Do Their Bit

Washington (AP)—Farm leaders announced Monday they would support President Hoover in his efforts to stabilize business.

This action followed a two hour conference with Secretary of Agriculture Hyde after which the farm leaders were called to meet with President Hoover.

"That the president should summon even this economic invalid to do its bit, limited as that might be, to assist in the sweeping nature of the mobilization which Washington has undertaken" resulting from the stock market depression.

The secretary was able to outline many of the details of the situation to the farm leaders with particular attention to export possibilities as a means of disposing of the surplus crops and thus increasing the funds available to the farmers in preparation for the next season. Among those who came here in response to the president's invitation were Louis J. Tabor of

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## LAUGHS AFTER SHOOTING DOWN BOYHOOD CHUM

Chicago (AP)—Melville Purves killed a man in the crowded club Arlington cabaret early Sunday, and laughed about it.

The man he shot was his boyhood chum, Edward Tracy, 31, business agent of the sign and bulletin board hangers' union—a job Purves himself formerly held. The cabaret was crowded and the patrons were singing college songs to the orchestra's accompaniment.

Purves and his brother, William, entered. They walked directly to a table where Tracy sat with a man who afterward disappeared. No word was spoken. Purves thrust a gun at Tracy and fired one shot. Tracy fell through a bullet in his head. Purves fired three more, each bullet entering Tracy's head.

The Purves brothers strode across the floor as patrons huddled behind tables and chairs. They released the lock on the steel door guarding the club entrance and ran out.

Purves laughed, police said, when they sought to question him.

"You're smart detectives," Purves said. "Find out about it. You don't get me talking."

## CANNOT COMPEL BUILDING OF DEPOTS

Washington (AP)—The Interstate commerce commission has not the power to compel railroads to build a union station as asked by the city of Los Angeles, the supreme court of the United States decided Monday.