

FAMINE KILLS CHINESE MILLIONS

TAX LEVY FOR SALEM RISES 1.4 PERCENT

Assessment To Figure 55.6 Mills This Year Says Assessor

Municipal Share Shows Increase of 2.6 Mills Over 1929.

The total levy for Salem taxpayers on the tax roll to be turned over to the sheriff next month will be 55.6 mills as compared to 54.2 mills for last year, according to figures just completed by County Assessor Oscar Steelhammer. The total Salem figures are announced as soon as available due to the fact that many Salem people are desirous of having them in figuring income taxes.

This levy is based on a city valuation of \$17,381,573 as compared to a valuation for the preceding year of \$17,027,633 or a decrease in valuation of \$353,940. This decrease is due to taking the banks off from the assessment rolls by legislative act and taxing them under the new intangibles tax law.

The total levy in the city, increased 1.4 mills, but the city levy itself for city purposes took a jump of 2.6 mills, from 19.9 mills last year to 22.5 mills, the smaller increase in the total levy for Salem taxpayers being due to decrease in the levies for state, county and

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Good Evening!

Sips for Supper

By DON UPHOHN

Some warmer this a.m. If this keeps up Ralph Emmons will be able to take off his second pair of pants by the end of the week.

We slipped one over on old Nature this cold streak. When it started we put on our B. V. D's, and a couple of union suits over them. When the cold spell breaks we'll slip off one of the union suits and in the spring slip off the other and there'll be our B. V. D's all ready for the rest of the summer. Won't have to make any change or fool around. A man might as well exercise a little efficiency with his clothes as well as his business.

Just the same we wish we still had those wristlets we used to wear when a kid back in Michigan. And the earmuffs, O, boy. There'd be something sort of comforting one of these mornings to have a pair of those good old ear muffs sort of enveloping the ears.

But we must be careful or Charlie Wilson will get us if we don't catch out. We forgot it never gets cold or snows in the Willamette valley. Excuse us, Charlie.

And we are going to lose "Mike." But he'll still be broadcasting (on station KSPRE) in Portland. It'll seem kind of funny not to have "Mike" around here. We don't know what would happen to Salem if the S. P. took a notion to transfer Jonathan Bourne.

LEGAL NOTE
Custer Ross, the well known local city-at-law has a brand new set of false teeth.

Our Woodburn correspondent writes in that at a fruit growers' meeting down there the other day, one of the speakers announced his subject as "Parasites." She was called out at the room a minute and when she came back the speaker was talking about Sam Brown.

"Three Killed as Auto Hits Steigh Parry," says head line. Sounds more like a "slay" party to us.

The Statesman the other day predicted "Continued cold and beautiful weather." We don't blame the proof reader over for catching cold but we wish he'd blow his nose before he tries to give the weather report.

Albert Egan says more than 100 new lambs showed up on his French Prairie place during the cold weather and he succeeded in keeping them all from getting snipped. They need Albert back on Wall street.

PROBERS FIND SUGAR LOBBIES COST \$400,000

Lobbyists Styled Grafters Who Have Nothing To Sell or Deliver

Hoover Absolved of Any Impropriety in Connection with Tariff

Washington (AP)—Activities of Washington lobbyists were described in the senate Tuesday as "graft" by Chairman Caraway of the senate lobby committee.

Caraway made this assertion in presenting to the senate a report of the committee's investigation into the activities of sugar interests on the pending tariff bill.

"I hope that responsible business men will cease paying tribute to these lobbyists, these grafters in the District of Columbia who have nothing to sell," Caraway said.

"The whole matter is nothing but simple graft," he continued. "It's worse than that because it plays upon the public and undermines the confidence of the American people."

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SKATING HERE TO CONTINUE ANOTHER DAY

Temperature Remains at Sub-Freezing Point Throughout Day

Minimum During Night Only 19, But Moderation Very Slow

At least one more evening of safe sport on the frozen ponds and sloughs of the central valley section was in prospect for skating enthusiasts as the temperature here continued to hover below the freezing point and the weather man held out no promise of any appreciable moderation.

Since January 6 the mercury here has not risen above the freezing point and has been as low as 6 above zero. A minimum of 19 degrees was registered during the night and the official thermometer recorded only 24 above at 11 o'clock Tuesday morning. At 1 o'clock it had risen to 27 above.

Ice in the Willamette river interfered with sawmill operations and steamboat navigation to some extent Monday and Tuesday morning, but the ice was breaking up and going downstream by noon.

The river steamer Northwestern broke its way through ice that spanned the river from bank to bank at Rocky Point and Wilsonville on its way to Portland Monday and was delayed in making the return trip while its crew was being sheared with steel to prevent damage from floating cakes of ice.

Snow, reported to have fallen north and south of Salem as close as Oregon City and Eugene to depths of 3 to 5 inches during the storm, has not been seen here except

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Winter Fans Discover Skating Has Its Ups And Downs



Measured by various tests, one of which is demonstrated by the lad in the center of the above picture, that the ice covering the slough behind Minto's Island was thick enough to bear their weight safely, local devotees of the sport polished up their ice skates and have been taking full advantage of the current cold snap. Below is seen George Hag, superintendent of Salem schools, making ready to determine just how much he had forgotten about skating.

FAMINE TAKES TERRIBLE TOLL NORTH CHINA

Worst Plague of Disease And Famine Within Human Memory

Two Millions Dead and Two Millions Doomed. Cannibalism Practiced

Shanghai (AP)—Tales of horror, suffering and death were told Tuesday in substantiation of the China Famine Relief statement from Peking that 2,000,000 persons had died of famine in Shantung province within eight months and that another 2,000,000 would die of starvation and exposure in the next few months.

George Andrews, a missionary, just returned from months of work in Kansu province, said that the ravages of famine and disease in Shantung, Shensi and Kansu provinces were among the most intense ever witnessed in China. Moreover, indications were that in the coming summer and fall the sufferings of the destitute people would become far worse with a greater death toll inevitable.

Andrews, addressing British and American missionaries, gave a recital of human suffering and affliction resulting from the famine in Kansu province that seldom has been heard in China, where stories of suffering and death are commonplace and human life is the cheapest of all commodities.

Since last March Andrews had been in Kansu carrying on relief work made possible by the China

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GERMANY TO JOIN ALLIES IN BANKING PLAN

The Hague (AP)—Hjalmar Schacht who has been talking of participation of the Reichsbank in the bank for international settlements Tuesday, agreed to a procedure which will oblige him, as a director of the Reichsbank to participate in the new international institution.

Monday Dr. Schacht stated that the Reichsbank could not subscribe to any of the capital of the new institution because of changes which he said had been made in the Young plan.

Tuesday Dr. Schacht met several of the principal delegates and members of the bank committee and announced that he would bow to the will of the majority. Thereupon the German delegation decided to propose modification of German law so as to make it obligatory for the Reichsbank to subscribe to the capital of the international institution in every other way provided for in the Young plan.

Dr. Schacht decided that this would cover his responsibility in the matter and would remove his moral scruples as a patriotic German.

The members of the committee of banks arranged for the international bank communicated Tuesday with representatives of the Swiss government to discuss material arrangements necessary at Basle before setting up of the new institution.

Delegates are now counting on leaving the Hague Friday or Saturday.

LEAGUE PLANS TO CONFIRM TO KELLOGG PACT

Geneva (AP)—A report recommending a committee to draft changes in the covenant of the league of nations to bring it into harmony with the Kellogg Pact outlawing war was adopted by the council of the league Tuesday.

In carrying out the previous directions of the league assembly with regard to closing any gaps in the covenant of the league, the British, French, German and Italian representatives on the council announced their undisturbed confidence in the league and said that the proposal to amend the covenant indicated no loss of faith in it.

Arthur Henderson, British foreign secretary said:

"We want to make these changes which are necessary to take out of the covenant the right of war. We have not lost faith in the covenant. We regard the covenant as the fundamental constitution of an organized international society of states. It is just because we regard the covenant as a fundamental constitution that we want it to be up to date and complete."

"And least of all do we think this pact of Paris or any treaty can make the league less necessary or less important. On the contrary, as loyal members of the league, we regard the league with its assembly, its council, its secretariat and other organs as an indispensable instrument for the development of international cooperation and the maintenance of world peace."

ITALY FAVORS ABOLITION OF SUBMARINES

Rome (AP)—Parity with France and a navy balanced efficiently between light and medium ships will be the Italian program for which delegates to the London naval conference will fight. Italy is also prepared to favor the abolition of submarines at the parity.

Italy's reason for the parity demand is found in the fact France is predominant among her probable enemies. Those aspirations which do not conflict with the plans of France run afoot with Jugo-Slavia, Italy's traditional rival and a sworn ally of France.

While the Italian navy has never been equal to that of France and while the Italian naval budget has never sought to provide for a navy equal to that of France, the Italians are desirous that the way be left open for them should, in the long possibility, it be necessary to create a sea force up to the French power.

Italy's last capital ship was built 17 years ago. The rest of the Italian navy has been maintained in moderate measure as well.

The pronounced inferiority compared with the French is readily discernible. For economy's sake, Italy would like to keep the naval figures as low as possible.

WANT VESSELS ON COLUMBIA

Pendleton (AP)—A resolution advocating the immediate navigation of the upper Columbia river with modern equipment and also the improvement of the channel was introduced to delegates to the eastern Oregon wheat conference Tuesday after Dr. Clark Black, Portland, president of the Columbia valley association, said prospects for the actual use of the river within the next year or two were bright.

Dr. Black, who spoke here the conference to which farmers from all sections of eastern Oregon attended, said the association felt the greatest need now was to get actual modern boats on the upper Columbia in its present state of development.

"This would result in immediately lowering the cost of getting wheat and other grain to tidewater and give the Pacific northwest needed advantage in the world export competition."

GANGSTER SEARCH CONTINUES IN WEST

Portland, Ore. (AP)—Gra Love, self styled chauffeur for Fred R. Burke, notorious fugitive Chicago gangster, was held in jail at Centralia, Wash., on an open charge following his alleged confession Monday night that his story of driving Burke to the Pacific northwest was a hoax he repeated for sympathy.

Meanwhile police continued their hunt for Burke on the strength of the identification of Burke's picture by J. J. Brandt, Portland, used car dealer, as the man who attempted to sell him an automobile similar to the one Love said Burke drove.

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Los Angeles (AP)—One victim of the general rain and snowstorm which has buried southern California mountain highways with snow during the past week, was found frozen to death in his Mohave desert cabin east of San Bernardino Tuesday. Rain and snow began to fall again Tuesday after a twenty four hour respite.

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BILL TO REPEAL 18TH AMENDMENT

Washington (AP)—A bill "to reduce crime and general discontent and resentment in the part of law abiding American people against intolerable conditions" by repealing the national prohibition act, was introduced Tuesday by Representative Sabath, democrat, Illinois.

64 WEST POINT CADETS FLUNKED

West Point, N. Y. (AP)—Sixty-four cadets, including Alvaro Parron, Negro, of Chicago, were honorably discharged from the United States Military Academy because of failure to pass mid-term academic examinations, Major General William B. Smith, superintendent, announced.

Washington (AP)—Representative Oscar W. Prine, negro congressman from Illinois, will appoint another negro to the U. S. military academy at West Point to fill the vacancy created by the dismissal of Alvaro Parron from the academy, he announced Tuesday.

REFUSE ALCOHOL TO CHINESE HERBISTS

San Francisco (AP)—Permits of 35 Chinese medicine manufacturers to withdraw opium for use with their bones, deer horns, mule glands, lizards and snakes in concocting remedies, have been suspended by prohibition administrator William G. Walker pending an investigation.

COOKE PATTON ESTATE Valued At \$42,000; Will Filed Monday

Delayed filing of the will of F. Cooke Patton due to the illness of Ray Smith, attorney for the estate, was made Monday afternoon showing distribution of the \$42,000 estate involving some of Salem's prominent property including a one-third interest in the Patton block on State street and a half interest in the old Patton home on Court street across from the state capital.

In addition an interesting feature of the will was disposition of the tricks of magic and magic books which have been famous in Salem for years which were bequeathed to his two and a half year old grandson, Robert Carl Charlton. Another interesting bequest was that of an old stamp collection made jointly

by the deceased and his brother, Hal, started in 1864 in Japan when the two were boys and their father was minister to that country. This collection has a high value and is left to the brother.

Luella M. Charlton is made executrix under the will. The estate has an estimated value of \$32,000 for the real property and \$10,000 in personal property.

Under terms of an antenuptial contract set out in the will the

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FIND WRECKAGE OF LOST PLANE

Athol, Conn. (AP)—The lost Fairchild monoplane in which Daniel Mara and William Kirkpatrick set out on an altitude test from Farmington, Long Island, last Friday, was found wrecked here Tuesday.

The bodies of the two aviators were near the ship, which was badly damaged by fire.

The plane was discovered in the woods near Athol lake by Fred Rowley, a game keeper.

The locality where the fog-blinded fliers died had been the graveyard of two airmen pilots within the last three years, Daniel Kline and Ned Carrington.

Search had been conducted in this heavily-wooded and sparsely settled section since reports had been received from persons who had heard the drone of the lost plane's motor. These were traced to Athol, near here.

SCIENCE AGAIN ROUTS NATURE

Quebec (AP)—Science was credited with another victory over nature Tuesday after a chemical compound had liberated a steamship from an ice-locked dock in three minutes.

Dr. Howard T. Barnes of McGill university, using a high-pressure pump and hose sprayed the thick ice about the Champlain dry dock at Lauzon, where the Italian freighter Concordia was frozen in and faced the prospect of being held prisoner until the spring breakup.

Under the action of the chemical the ice splintered with a thunderous noise and the ship floated free. The ice was broken into such small particles that men small boats could be navigated about the dock and its approaches.

Experiments have been made with the compound to break up river ice and to remove snow from streets. This is the first time it has been used to shatter harbor ice.

ROUND UP CHANGED
Pendleton—Directors of the Pendleton Round-Up Monday night changed the dates of the 1930 show from September to August. Weather conditions and outside demands from students and tourists, and northwest supporters of the show were factors in setting the dates ahead.

LEVEES BREAK BEFORE FLOOD OF MISSISSIPPI

Chicago (AP)—Storms and flooded washed widely separated portions of the nation Tuesday, carrying the toll of death, suffering and property damage to staggering levels and threatening to assume disaster proportions in many places.

The gravest menace was in the roaring waters of streams and rivers in the Mississippi valley, tributary to the Mississippi, swollen by heavy and repeated rains and the run-away waters from snow-blanketed northern states, rivers hung levees aside and poured over thousands of acres of lands. Hundreds were homeless and being sheltered in communities above the clutch of the flood.

The far west from the Sierra Nevadas to the Rocky mountains was a desert of snow, heaped into deep drifts by blizzards and tenacious because of icy gales. Scores of persons were marooned and several were lost in the storm-harrassed territory.

Some sixty had been killed as a result of the storm since it began last week.

Hope had waned for Murray Graydon, Western Air Express air mail pilot unreported since he took off

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Joint Use Of Cascade Line Agreed Upon

Portland (AP)—Construction of a 70 mile railroad up the Santiam river from Lebanon to Sweet Home by the Oregon Electric railway was made possible Tuesday with signing of an agreement between the Oregon Electric and Southern Pacific for joint operation of the latter's line from Albany to Lebanon.

It has been understood that the roads had come to an agreement and official announcement is expected to be made.

The new line will serve in development of the timber industry.

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BILLS TO ENACT DRY PROGRAM BEING DRAFTED

Washington (AP)—Despite the far reaching scope of the proposed prohibition reorganization the administration is expected to carry it out along lines preventing any conflict with the power of the states in enforcement of their own laws.

This was indicated in well informed circles as both the legislative and executive branches of the government moved to place in operation the program outlined by the law enforcement commission and sponsored by President Hoover.

The first actual step was taken at the house side of the capitol with the introduction at noon of a bill by Chairman Williamson of the committee on expenditures to provide for the transfer of the prohibition enforcement unit from the treasury to justice department.

At the senate side treasury officials took stock of the stupendous task proposed to be placed on their hands by the consolidation of all border patrol work under coast guard supervision. This reorganization would place a new military force along the border, as the coast guard is a military branch of the government just as the army and navy.

Williamson's measure is expected to be followed shortly by bills designed to carry out other recommendations. Speaker Longworth said specific requests for such measures undoubtedly would be forwarded to the capitol from various departments within a few days.

SUGAR TARIFF DOOMS INDUSTRY STATES BORAH

Washington (AP)—Senator Borah, of Idaho, declared in the senate Tuesday that the domestic sugar industry was "doomed to extinction" if the United States continued to deal with this product from a tariff standpoint.

Borah is a leader of the republican independents and one of those inclined to favor a bounty to domestic sugar producers in place of a higher tariff. He said the sugar tariff policy of this country had placed the domestic beet and cane growers in direct competition with the greatest and potentially greatest producers in the world—Cuba and the Philippines—and that it was impossible to meet this competition.

He described the 20 per cent preferential tariff granted Cuba as equivalent to a bounty to American capitalists interested in Cuban production and asserted Philippine production, now permitted free entry into the United States, could be expanded tremendously.

WALES ACTS AS COURT BARBER CROSSING LINE

S. S. Kenworthy Castle, (AP)—The Prince of Wales acted as court barber Monday afternoon at the traditionally annual ceremony of "crossing the line" when the ship heading him to South Africa for a hunting trip crossed the equator off the coast of Africa.

The Prince himself was initiated last year and was therefore officially exempt from the ducking, scrubbing and shaving, now to mention ducking, which even he has to undergo on this occasion. But he got a ducking in the end.

Dressed in white clothes borrowed from the club, the Prince wielded an enormous wooden razor that was damped with red paint to represent the blood of the shark. He carried out his duties with great skill, and the passengers occupying every point of vantage in the lined-up space around Neptune's throne were greatly amused.

Gift presenters as well as men went through the initial ceremony. After a shave by the royal barber they were tipped backwards into a canvas pool of water.

The Prince did not escape without a ducking. As barber, he finally rested his assistant, and shaved and ducked him, but was immediately dragged into the water himself. He emerged dripping and smiling in time to see King Neptune, in the person of Admiral Sir John Jellicoe of the British Navy, and queen a lady passenger, receive similar honours.

A fancy dress ball in the evening concluded the ceremony.

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PARROT DISEASE PROVES FATAL TO OHIO WOMAN; THREE OTHERS AILING

Toledo, Ohio (AP)—Miss Catherine Tierney, 67, housekeeper at the Good Shepherd church pastoral residence, who died in a hospital here Monday, is believed to be Toledo's second victim of parrot disease, the health commission is investigating three new suspected cases reported to him Monday.

A man and two girls, he said, employees of a store where parrots were sold before Christmas, are seriously ill in their homes. Their physicians told Dr. Pomeroy their symptoms resembled those of parrot disease.

Another man also employed in the store, returned to work after being ill with a disease which physicians

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ROB KUKKENDALL ILL

Klamath Falls (AP)—Robert B. Kukkendall, Klamath attorney and republican elector at large, was reported ill at the Eugene hospital Tuesday. It was reported he was seriously ill with pneumonia.