

### REFERENDUM FOR IMPORTANT BILLS WAITING SIGNERS

#### Sales Tax and State Bank Measures Going On Ballot if Enough Signatures Are Placed On Petitions

SALEM, Ore.—(UP)—Two revolutionary measures will come before the Oregon voters for approval or rejection in 1934 if sufficient signatures are obtained to place them on the ballot.

They are the sales tax, passed by the recent special legislature and creation of a state-operated bank, defeated at the session. In general the voters who favor the sales tax will oppose the bank. The state grants and federation of labor are moving spirits behind the referendum against the sales tax and initiative for the state bank.

World Aid Schools  
The sales tax would support the schools partially on a different basis than previously. It will be voted on May 18, if 16,000 signatures are obtained on referendum petitions, which is practically assured. A similar levy was defeated in July. Ballot title reads:

"To provide for relief of the existing serious financial condition of the public schools, due to unusual tax delinquency, by collecting a tax of 1 1/2 per cent of gross receipts from retail sales of tangible personal property and utility services, such tax to be paid by the seller and by him collected from the purchaser exempting gross receipts of each person up to \$50 a month; all net revenues derived from such tax to be apportioned to school districts and the amount thereof deducted from school taxes on property; this levy to be effective until June 30, 1936."

New Banking Element  
The proposed state bank would create an entirely new element in state financial affairs. Two initiative measures will be voted on in November, if 20,000 signatures are obtained. The first would repeal a present Oregon constitutional amendment prohibiting such a bank, the second create the bank. Ballot title for the bank creation reads:

"Creating the state owned and operated Bank of Oregon with the governor, secretary of state, attorney general and labor commissioner as board of directors and state treasurer as manager; to do a general banking business; to be authorized to issue state fiscal agent and depository for all moneys of the state, counties, districts, political subdivisions (except cities), legal receivers, trustees, administrators, executors and officials; fix its interest rates paid and received; have county agent banks; all deposits guaranteed; may deposit funds in any Oregon bank which gives the same security as state depositories; officials so depositing and their securities exempt from liability."

### TEN PROJECTS IN OREGON COSTLY

PORTLAND, Jan. 10.—(AP)—Oregon has had 10 projects in the federal PWA classification totaling \$40,172,000 and requiring 5,936,647 man-days and 12 projects under non-federal classification, costing \$7,081,513 and requiring 662,575 man-days. It was said here today by C. O. Hockley, Oregon PWA engineer.

It would take one man more than 18,000 years to finish all the PWA jobs allotted Oregon if he had to do them single-handed, the engineer estimated.

### Obituary

Died Monday morning, January 8, after a week's serious illness at the Granite City hospital, Ashland, Eleanor Genevieve Cushman, age 4 years, 8 months, twenty-seven days. Born at Ashland September 12, 1929. Left to mourn her loss are her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. Cushman of Trall, two brothers, Paul and Billie and one sister, Rowena, besides two grandmothers, Mrs. Cushman of Trall and Mrs. Freeman of Ashland and several uncles and aunts.

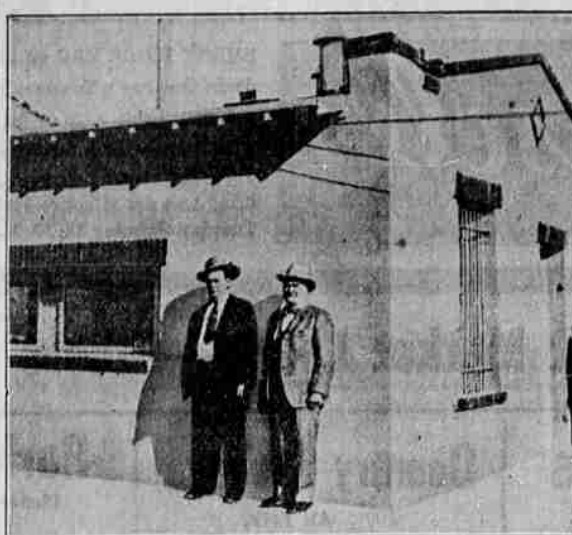
Everything possible was done for the little sufferer, whom nurses and doctors pronounced one of the most patient sufferers they had attended. Little Eleanor, loved by all who knew her, will be sadly missed by her many relatives and friends.

### Seeks Movie Fame



Mrs. Virginia Peine Lehmann, socially prominent Chicago beauty, and "Virginia Pine," show girl in a motion picture being produced in Hollywood are one and the same person. She started a career in the films recently and remarked "it beats social functions." (Associated Press Photo)

### COLORADO'S NEW DEATH CHAMBER



This is the new lethal gas chamber of the Colorado prison at Canon City, where Walter Reppin of Newark, N. J. was doomed to die unless the legal battle to save him proved successful. Reppin's attorneys argued that the boy, being a minor, had no right to plead guilty. He won a stay of execution from the Colorado supreme court. (Associated Press Photo)

### Nude Madwoman Pinned In Unheated Dirty Hovel Is Rescued by Policemen

RIDGEWOOD PARK, N. J., Jan. 11.—(AP)—Detectives strove today to piece together the strange story surrounding the imprisonment of a naked madwoman in a dirty, unheated, closet-like room over a stable on the old barnes estate.

The woman, Mrs. Sophie Cerardi, 42, pronounced insane by a county physician, meanwhile was receiving medical attention at the county hospital, Bergen pines.

Two Held.  
The two other characters of the strange tale were the two alleged jailers, Joseph Cerardi, 34, the woman's husband, and his housekeeper, Miss Mary Griffin, 35, were held under arrest in county jail on charges of false imprisonment, and authorities said there was a possibility of a second charge of abusing an insane person.

Long Prisoned.  
Cerardi, also known as Gerardi, rented the four-room apartment above the stable almost two years ago. Neighbors told police they saw his wife arrive with him and she was then apparently in good health. When police found her last night she had wasted away to 50 pounds.

Police entered the case late yesterday at the request of Mrs. Cerardi's sister, Mrs. Loretta Regenstein of the Bronx, who complained that Cerardi had repeatedly refused to allow her to see her sister, and allegedly threatened "to bump her off" if she told anyone he kept her sister locked up.

Prosecutor Lieutenant Nathan Allyn said Mrs. Regenstein had also informed him that Cerardi had insured his wife's life for \$10,000. Allyn said Sister Calls Police.

COMMUNITY CLUB AT DERBY HAS PROGRAM OF MUSIC, READINGS  
An entertaining program was given by the Derby Community club at the Derby gymnasium Saturday evening. The first number included several musical selections played by Ben and Bert Whaley, Mr. Whaley Sr., and Lorin Smith, with string instruments.

LEAGUE CONFERENCE NEEDS CO-OPERATION ENTIRE MEMBERSHIP  
The American Legion district conference for southern Oregon will be held at Medford this year on February 8. Carl Moser, department adjutant, made a hurried trip to Medford and met with officers of the post and also of the civic organizations and the Chamber of Commerce, to make arrangements for the visitors to be taken care of.

Pears Yesterday  
NEW YORK, Jan. 11.—(AP)—(URSA) Pear auction market: 3 cars arrived; 1 Oregon, 2 Washington cars unloaded; 3 cars on track.

### SEMINOLE INDIANS SEEK NEW HOME IN MEXICO AREA

#### Tribal Chiefs Consider Going On Another 'Trail of Tears' — Oil Derricks of Oklahoma Put Crimp in Style

WEWOKA, Okla.—(UP)—The Seminole Indian tribe's council house has been moved from Wewoka, old tribal capital, into the country to become a farmer's dwelling.

The move was made while the tribal chiefs considered going on another "Trail of Tears" similar to the long trek that brought them here from Florida in 1831.

Three hundred Seminole braves, disheartened by seeing their once "Happy Hunting Grounds" of central Oklahoma sprout oil derricks and turn to industry, have practically determined to move to Mexico—far from oil, riches, and the rush of an industrial civilization.

They want to get back to the open spaces, and have begun negotiations for another hunting ground in Sonora.

The old brown council house, which once stood in the center of Wewoka, had been partly dismantled. Recently the last of it was moved to the Lawrence Youngblood farm.

Within the past 30 years, the 14 bands of chiefs, each with a first and second band chief and a law-maker, sat in the old council house to dispense tribal justice among their people.

Governor John F. Brown, first chief of the Seminoles, dispensed a strict justice from within the council. Law-breakers were whipped at a tree now standing near the Seminole county court house. No jails were found within the Seminole nation, only the whipping-tree.

A hard lashing was usually sufficient for malefactors. A third whipping resulted in death under the Seminoles' unwritten laws.

Seminole justice was swift, strict and unflinching, but malefactors were not taken away from their families and the dependents left in want.

If the wrongdoer reformed, as usually was the case, he was accepted in the tribe again. If he was incorrigible, he was put to death.

In the old council house, many a brave went on trial, and death sentences were meted out to the worst. The house was moved a number of times, first making the long, tortuous journey along the Trail of Tears.

PRICE ADVANCES ON LUMBER HELD CODE VIOLATION  
WASHINGTON, Jan. 11.—(AP)—Charges that the lumber code authority is violating a provision of the anti-trust act and price-fixing laws were made today by Worth E. Shoultz, an economist with the consumers' advisory board of the NRA.

Shoultz, in a report of the board read at a hearing on the code, said it provides for f.o.b. mill prices, but subsequent rulings of the code authorities require mills to quote delivered prices which are composed of the originally intended f.o.b. mill prices plus freight on specified basing points.

As an example, the economist said, a maple wood producer, regardless of where located, must charge delivered prices as though he shipped from Cadillac, Mich., the base point. Similarly, he added, Wausau, Wis., is the basing point for northern hemlock and Duluth, Minn., for northern pine.

Declaring the small producers are suffering from the high lumber prices in the authority schedule, he added they are also discouraging the public on buying, and putting mills under temptation to cut code prices to obtain sales.

"If these prices stand," he quoted one complainant as saying, "the small mills of Virginia will not be able to carry out the code, but I think they will cut the lumber as heretofore, sell for what they can get and run the risk of detection."

Similar complaints and statements were received by the consumers' board from all sections of the country, he said.

Advice given in August against rapid lumber price increases by the United States lumber conservation board has been disregarded by the industry, Shoultz declared. Statistics showing the decrease in lumber sales over the past four months, and letters citing the distress of mills and retailers, were offered in substantiation of the claim that price schedules are set above the public's power to purchase in sufficient volume to support the industry.

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### Heads Commission



William E. Lee, Idaho republican, is the newly-elected chairman of the interstate commerce commission. The chairmanship is rotated annually. (Associated Press Photo)

### THOMAS DEMANDS TELEPHONE PLANT VALUE BE STATED

PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 11.—(AP)—A demand of the Oregon public utilities commissioner that the Pacific Telephone & Telegraph company provide him with a valuation figure on the Oregon plants and properties of the utility, based on "present value," was agreed to by the company at a rate hearing today.

Commissioner Charles M. Thomas and his attorney, Amos Clark, insisted that the telephone company base its valuation, not on "reproduction cost now," but upon "present value," which will be the base valuation upon which the rates and charges of the company to its patrons will be calculated by the commissioner.

It was explained that "reproduction cost now" was meant the amount of money necessary to start from the bottom and build the entire telephone structure in Oregon at the present time. The "present value" was taken to mean the amount the company would receive from its properties, at present, if a prudent investor wished to purchase it.

Before adjournment yesterday, C. R. Lester, engineer for the utilities commission, put figures into the record fixing the value of the company's properties and plants in Oregon at \$37,679,888. He estimated the value of Portland properties at \$21,368,000.

### WHEAT AND CORN STOCKS DWINDLE

WASHINGTON, Jan. 11.—(AP)—Stocks of wheat on farms Jan. 1 were reported today by the department of agriculture to aggregate 194,136,000 bushels, compared with 272,622,000 bushels last year.

Stocks of corn were 1,422,856,000 bushels, as against 1,807,836,000 bushels a year ago.

Stocks of oats totaled 450,448,000 bushels, compared with 703,263,000 January 1 last year.

The forests of Canada rank second only to agriculture in their contribution to the nation's production, reports the Bureau of Dominion Statistics.

### New U. S. Prosecutor



Harry W. Blair of Joplin, Mo., husband of Emily Newell Blair, a leader in democratic women's ranks, is a newly appointed assistant attorney-general of the United States. (Associated Press Photo)

### Why Get Up Nights?

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### Sea Serpent's Mate Is Sighted Near Victoria

VICTORIA, B. C., Jan. 11.—(UP)—A glistening, brown-black sea serpent which reared out of the water between Trial Island and the west end of Shoal bay near here, gulped down a seal and retired to its submarine fastness, three reputable Oak Bay citizens were prepared to swear in affidavits today.

They reported they saw the sea monster for about four minutes before it became irritated and ducked out of sight.

The serpent is believed to be the wife of "Amy," a larger, more bespangled denizen of the deep which made its appearance near here last October. For the time being, "Amy's" wife is being called "Pender," in honor of Pender Island, where she was first seen a short time ago.

"Pender was quite close to shore," Charles Marsh, Earl Marsh and J. W. Chilton, all of Oak Bay, B. C., reported.

"We noticed numerous seals flying nearby. Suddenly a big, brown-black head rose about three feet from the water, and the sea gulls set up a terrific commotion.

"Many of the birds pecked unmercifully at the sleek body of the monster. Suddenly we saw her reach out and devour one of her tormentors with a single snap of her camel-like head."

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