

# What They Think Of

## Proposal to Change Salem's Government To Manager Plan

Citizens of Salem recently have heard much discussion of proposals to change the city's form of government from that obtaining now to the manager-commission plan. Yesterday the New Statesman questioned several residents of Salem as to their ideas regarding the proposed change. This is the result:

M. L. SHEPARD, manager of Sherman, Clay & company, said: "I don't know enough about the plan to make an intelligent comment. The fact is that, although I have the best interests of Salem at heart, I have been too busy with my business to pay any attention to politics. I wish I had a chance to learn more about this proposed change. I just haven't any views on the subject now."

W. W. CHADWICK, of the Senator hotel, thinks: "The charter should be changed. The new manager form as drawn up is very good and should be adopted."

DR. HENRY E. MORRIS, Salem optometrist, expressed himself as in favor of the new plan of city government. Five minutes after he had arrived in Salem yesterday afternoon, "I'm strong for it," he said. "The very least we can do is give it a trial."

HAL D. PATTON, member of the city council, is in favor of putting the charter on the ballot after it has been revised to take care of outstanding obligations of the city. "After all the charter itself doesn't guarantee any better government for the city, nor any greater economy. That will depend upon the manager chosen. There is opportunity, but not certainty, of improvement under this proposed form of city administration."

DR. FRANK E. BROWN, Salem physician with offices in the First National Bank building said: "The proposed form of government appeals to me as being more expeditious for getting things done. Also, I think that with the new form, more care would be used in the selection of city officials, and that men better adapted to their work would be chosen."

DR. S. F. SCOTT, chiropractor with offices in the new plan, admits that he hasn't studied the proposed charter very thoroughly, and thinks that the majority of Salem's citizens are in the same position. "It stands to reason that the heads of the city government has, the more efficient and economical it will be," he said. "I think the council-manager plan should be given a trial."

STEVE G. WILLITT, state employe and secretary of the Salem Eagles lodge, said: "My work is such that I have little chance to study municipal problems. If the new plan is one which will help Salem I am for it. If not, then I would be sorry to see it go through. I think that the public ought to have an opportunity to learn more about the plan before it is put up to a vote. A mistake might be made for which the city would have to pay dearly later on."

KARL PEASE, of F. W. Pettyjohn company, said: "It would be a grave mistake to change Salem's form of government to the commission plan. If the citizens of Salem want a city manager, let them have one by all means, but retain the administrative system. Representation for the people from every ward. The council costs nothing now. Why change that? Further, why centralize municipal power in the hands of a few who, if they were minded to graft, could get together and milk the public. I'm against the idea."

## NEW SIGNALS NOT FROM LOST PLANE

CHICAGO, Aug. 22.—(AP)—A series of signals on a wave length of 23.9 meters were reported heard tonight by two amateur radio operators. At 10 p. m., Central Standard time, they heard a signal which they called "R," the last heard from the Greater Rockford in its flight from Cochrane, Ont., to McEvans, Cochrane, was among the letters the amateurs said they heard.

MADISON, Wis., Aug. 22.—(AP)—Don Mix, operator of the Burgess battery station at Madison, Wis., which installed the radio on the Greater Rockford, declared tonight that there was no possibility that the signals heard by the two Chicago amateurs could have been sent by Hassell and Cramer.

## McAdoo Remains Silent About AI

SANTA BARBARA, Cal., Aug. 22.—(AP)—William Gibbs McAdoo, former cabinet officer and later a candidate for the democratic nomination for president, refused to comment tonight on the acceptance speech of Governor Alfred E. Smith, democratic presidential nominee. Previously, McAdoo had indicated that he might have a statement to make after Smith had accepted the nomination. His secretary tonight indicated indirectly that a statement might be forthcoming later from McAdoo.

# HOOPER TAKES UP MORE FARM AID PROBLEMS

## Relief Of Agriculture Held Country's Most Pressing Present Need

## Series Of Conferences Held With Editors And Mid-West Leaders

By W. B. RAGSDALE  
Associated Press Staff Writer  
CEDAR RAPIDS, Iowa, Aug. 22.—(AP)—Assuming again the mantle of republican leadership after a day of relaxation among boyhood friends, Herbert Hoover today burrowed into what he considers the nation's greatest economic problem—That of farm relief.

In a series of conferences with agricultural leaders and editors of farm papers, the presidential candidate outlined again his method of tackling the task, going more into detail on some of its phases. What he said, however, in the closed conference rooms was withheld from publication with the explanation that at some later time in the campaign he would make a public expression.

Editors conferred with the principal conferences were with editors of agricultural publications with whom the republican candidate had lunch and representatives of the Iowa farmers. Hoover also was visited at his temporary residence at Brucewood, by more than a hundred editors and publishers of daily and weekly Iowa newspapers. He told these that reports such as he had received in Iowa were very "heartening."

While some of the republican leaders now in Cedar Rapids were optimistic as to the situation in the country, Hoover's political outlook, others like Senator Gerald P. Nye of North Dakota, and James E. Watson of Indiana were inclined to be somewhat pessimistic. They said the present drop in wheat prices had caused a "panic" among farmers.

Watson who was one of the chief opponents of Hoover in the pre-election campaign, arrived early in the day and will formally open the Iowa campaign tomorrow night at a political rally which will be presided over by Senator Smith W. Brookhart, Iowa republican independent, who is one of (Turn to page 6, please)

## LAWMAKERS HOLD MEETING IN BERLIN

BERLIN, Aug. 22.—(AP)—With more than 500 lawmakers from 37 countries coming into the German capital to attend, the Inter-Parliamentary union congress, which also marks the silver jubilee of its meetings, will be the most impressive in the union's history.

To add spice to the situation, the union is confronted with several knotty delegation problems. Croatian members of the Jugoslavia parliament have demanded that the union should not recognize the representatives of the Belgrade Skrupechnina.

The American delegation consists of Senator Walter E. Edge of New Jersey, Senator Elmer Thomas of Oklahoma and the following congressmen: Fred A. Britte, Illinois; Florelo H. La Guardia, New York; Roy G. Fitzgerald, Ohio; Jackson Montague, Virginia and former congressman Richard Bartholdi, of Missouri, Arthur Dearing, call of Washington, D. C., is secretary.

## Fifteen Judges To Award Prizes In Poultry Show

The poultry and live stock divisions at the Oregon State Fair September 24-29 will be handled this season by 15 judges selected recently by the State Fair board, according to an announcement given out here Wednesday by Mrs. Ella S. Wilson, secretary.

## Meet Held For Sacco, Vanzetti

GENEVA, Aug. 22.—(AP)—A huge mass meeting was held here tonight by communists in memory of Sacco and Vanzetti, executed just a year ago.

# The Oregon Statesman

"No Favor Sways Us; No Fear Shall Awe" From the First Statesman, March 28, 1851  
Salem, Oregon, Thursday Morning, August 23, 1928  
SEVENTY-EIGHTH YEAR  
PRICE FIVE CENTS

## Many Comments Voiced After Al Smith Finishes Address of Acceptance

### General Bright Note Marks Opinions Expressed By Democrats

WASHINGTON, Aug. 22.—(A. P.)—The Smith stand on prohibition could mean nothing else than the repeal of the Eighteenth amendment and the Volstead act. And added: "In short, if the majority of the American electorate is wet, and wants to entrust Tammany with the administration of the liquor laws, and in addition to the factors facilitating foreign immigration, Governor Smith has a chance to be elected. Otherwise he has none."

Senator George of Georgia, Caraway of Arkansas, and Fleischner of Florida, praised the utterance of their party candidate without stint; while Postmaster General New, and the republican senators Smoot, of Utah, and Fess, of Ohio found objection to portions of the governor's remarks. Endorsement of the speech was given also by H. C. Hansbrough, former republican senator from North Dakota who is now chairman of the Smith Independent league, and by Representative Bloom, democrat, New York, in a telegram from New York.

Senator George Francis Speech of New York, "remarkable grasp of national and international problems" indicated by the speech, which he said "effectually destroyed the myth of republican prosperity." Noting that Smith pledged "enforcement of the Eighteenth amendment and of the laws enacted pursuant to the last degree," George continued: "His assurance that he will ruthlessly stamp out corruption in the enforcement agencies carries conviction. He recognizes that opinion upon national prohibition runs squarely across the two great political parties and that therefore prohibition is not an issue between the parties themselves. He has his view upon the question; he does not hesitate to

express it but he recognizes the right of any democrat to differ from his view. He assumes full responsibility for his conclusions and proposes specific remedy."

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## BORAH ASSAILS AL SMITH'S ADDRESS

BOISE, Idaho, Aug. 22.—(AP)—The principle and theories of the Underwood tariff bill in effect during President Wilson's administration and mentioned by Governor Alfred E. Smith in his address of acceptance would "ruin the west," Senator William E. Borah declared tonight.

Characterizing Smith's reference to the tariff as the "most important" item in the address, as far as the west is concerned, Borah said that "the livestock industry, the dairy industry, the poultry industry and kindred industries on the farm would be literally ruined by the application of the principles of the Underwood tariff."

"For a year prior to the passage of the Underwood tariff act our importations of live cattle amounted to 1,850,000 head. For the year ending June 30, 1914, under the Underwood tariff the importations jumped to 868,000 head."

## Lee Chapin Goes To Resume Study In City of Paris

Lee Chapin, graduate of Williamette university four years ago, who has been a member of the faculty of Canton Christian college in China since that time, recently won his way across Africa, and Europe to Paris, where he will resume his studies, according to a letter just received by President Carl G. Doney of the university here.

Chapin mentioned interesting experiences in the vicinity of the Red Sea, on his way to Jerusalem. Among other things, he was a guest at an Animese feast.

## Stephen Leads In Mississippi

JACKSON, Miss., Aug. 22.—(AP)—Although Senator Hubert D. Stephens remained in the lead in his race for the democratic nomination for the United States senate against Representative T. W. Whobler, late returns reduced the spread between the two candidates. Figures from 1281 precincts of the 1928 Georgia stepson 56,865 and Wilson 49,202. Early today Stephens was leading his opponent by 10,000 votes.

## STAR WITNESS FOR RAILROADS IS BOOMERANG

### W. C. Dalton Of Klamath Falls Gives Testimony On Side Of State

### New Line Real Necessity for Development of Oregon, He Declares

PORTLAND, Ore., Aug. 22.—(AP)—Although he took the witness stand for the railroads at the interstate commerce commission's hearing on the proposed cross-state line, W. C. Dalton of Klamath Falls today turned out to be the state's case. The witness operates ranches with acreage running into the thousands in Klamath county and in Modoc county, Calif., and is president of the American National bank of Klamath Falls.

"How come you're here, Mr. Dalton?" asked Examiner Rogers. The witness said he had come as a representative of the Klamath county chamber of commerce. Senator Klamath county had no objection to the cross-state road if it did not interfere with tonnage to which the Modoc northern is entitled. The Modoc northern is the line which the Southern Pacific now has under construction from Klamath Falls to Alturas, Cal., as a short cut to the east.

Railroad's Hand Shown  
"Is it your understanding that the cross-state line would depend upon a decree of tonnage," asked the examiner.

"Well, that's the way I understand it," was the reply. Commissioner McManamy's curiosity was aroused. "Do you understand that this hearing has anything to do with construction of the Alturas line," he asked. "I have been led to believe so," was the reply.

"Where did you get your information?" queried the commissioner. "From Paul Shoup of the Southern Pacific," was the naive reply which brought suppressed chuckles from all but the railroad attorneys.

Ben C. Dey, Southern Pacific attorney, listened to step into the breach. "You haven't been told the Alturas line would be dropped if the cross-state line is built, have you?" he demanded. "No," replied Mr. Dalton, "but I understood that there was not justification for both."

Then Mr. Dalton waxed enthusiastic over the Alturas line. It would double the Klamath basin potato production, he said, which had increased 900 per cent in the last five years; it would provide new markets for hay and livestock and sheep; it would be a big factor in cutting up his own vast lands and colonizing them, he said.

All of which W. C. McCulloch and W. P. Ellis, state attorneys, promptly turned to their own advantage by the inference that if the Alturas line would do all these things for the Klamath basin, the cross-state line would accomplish the same ends for central and eastern Oregon.

## Persian Quake Is Fatal to 10

TEHRAN, Persia, Aug. 22.—(AP)—A severe earthquake occurred in north central Persia, at 11 o'clock tonight. It is reported that ten were killed at Nishapur, where buildings were badly damaged. Sabazakar and Shirvan were also shaken.

Registrations at the city auto camp the first three nights of this week were 26, 27 and 33, respectively. The afternoon registration yesterday was exceptionally light, but in the early evening the cars came quite rapidly. Every cabin and tent house was filled last night.

One tourist in the camp yesterday had a portable radio set and tuned in on the Smith notification ceremonies. Quite a number of fellow tourists visited his camp during the broadcast.

## Runaway Horses Fatal to Farmer

BEND, Ore., Aug. 22.—(AP)—Louis Papp, a farmer of Pleasant Ridge, died at Redmond 12 hours after he was dragged by runaway horses and received broken bones and internal injuries. The farmer is survived by a wife in Italy.

## He Accepts Nomination



ALFRED D. SMITH  
Governor of New York and Democratic presidential nominee, who yesterday made formal acceptance of the post as standard bearer for his party in a vigorous, characteristic speech in Albany, N. Y.

## CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH ORGANIZES

Organization of the new Calvary Baptist church was completed at a meeting Wednesday evening in the old Grand theatre building when the church constitution finally was adopted and officers elected.

Pratt, E. A. Miller, D. D. Socolofsky, S. B. Slater, J. W. Munding and Mrs. G. C. Farmer, who have been elected deaconesses. Mrs. A. J. Gile and Mrs. Ruth Bern were nominated for election later as honorary deaconesses for life.

It was reported that the church now has a membership of 205. The first batch of British and American journalists met him at 6 a. m., in his comfortable but by no means lavish cabin on the "B" deck of the steamer.

"The last time I crossed the Atlantic," said Tunney to these early birds, "I was a guest of Uncle Sam. I travelled then on the 'J' deck of a transport. It was just above the powder magazine."

## WORD FROM MISS DORAN IS REPORTED

ABERDEEN, Wash., Aug. 22.—(AP)—An almost obliterated message floating in a small perfume bottle and believed possibly to have been the last message of Miss Mildred Doran, one of the Dole fillers from San Francisco to Hawaii, lost in the attempt last year, was picked up today on Westport beach by Robert Olts and Raymond Oehlerich, Aberdeen boys. The message was dated October 2, 1927. The decipherable portion of the message follows:

"Gas all gone, water running low.....Been floatin.....4 days. Miss M.....ran..... Attempting to bring out the entire message by the use of chemicals. Miss Doran hopped from San Francisco for Hawaii August 16, 1927, accompanied by A. J. "Auguste" Pedlar and Lieutenant Vilas Knope. For the message to be authentic the flyers must have been living a month and a half after the fatal attempt.

## Auto Camp Radio Popular During Smith's Address

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## King of Spain to Visit Argentina

MADRID, Aug. 22.—(AP)—King Alfonso proposed to visit Argentina after the close of the Seville exposition. It was announced in official circles today. It was also stated that his majesty intends to visit Cuba and other Spanish American countries in 1930 if circumstances permit.

## SHOWERS MAR BOURBON PLAN FOR CEREMONY

### Smith's Notification Held In New York State Assembly Chamber

At the last minute a switch was made in arrangements. A steady drizzle which had set in early in the morning, made it out of the question, in the governor's judgment, to go ahead with the planned exercises at the foot of the east steps of the capital. Reluctantly and plainly disappointed, Smith gave the word, half an hour before the ceremony was to start that the scene was to be shifted.

Everything Made Ready  
The chamber to which nearly a quarter century ago the governor came as an assemblyman from New York's east side and later served as his party leader and speaker, had been quickly transformed for the occasion.

Decks of the 150 assemblymen had been rooted out. Doors to the adjoining lobby were taken off to give the crowd more play. Tables were rigged up in the well of the chamber, directly in front of the speaker's dais for nearly 300 newspapermen. Wire strung about, increasing the confusion as they sought to get things in shape for the start of the ceremony, on time.

Photographers Swarm  
To one side of the chamber were dozens of photographers and movie men while others were in the ceiling in a gallery, all anxious to get "shots" of the nominee as he outlined views on the campaign issues of the day.

In a minute Mrs. Smith came through the door to the left of the rostrum. She was dressed in a blue with a white ruffling to match, trimmed in silk. With her were all her children. (Turn to page 7, please)

## Rotary Approves Charter Change In Present Form

The council-manager charter should not be approved in its present form by the Rotary club, but the club should cooperate in perfecting it and then support it prior to and at the time of the election.

That was the report of the Rotary club's committee authorized several weeks ago to study the charter, which was presented to the club Wednesday's luncheon.

Max Page was appointed as the Rotary member of the committee from all of the service clubs and other organizations to assist the ordinance committee of the city council in perfecting the proposed charter.

## Courthouse Goes Up In Big Blaze, Eastern Oregon

LA GRANDE, Ore., Aug. 22.—(AP)—Fire gutted most of the interior of the two-story Union county courthouse this afternoon. The blaze started in the attic, was not discovered until it broke through the roof of a courtroom. The flames reached the lower floor in some places.

Records in the vaults were considered safe and others were carried out of danger, but court reporter Hannah lost valuable transcripts and Circuit Judge Knowles lost a valuable law library. The origin of the fire was not determined. The loss was estimated at \$25,000 or more.

## Do You Ever Want Anything?

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN  
1. Wanted, Girl for general housework.  
2. Canning Peaches—Will bring them all this week, bring boxes to orchard.  
3. Money to loan for building and on city property.  
4. 1925 Buick Six Coupe in A1 condition with lots of extras.  
5. An Auction tomorrow on—  
If any of these fit your needs turn to the classified columns of the Statesman.  
The NEW STATESMAN Opportunity awaits you there Daily.