

CAMPAIGN YEAR THRILLS AHEAD

Meier Pronouncement May
Come Soon; Observers
Think He'll Run

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age power of his office and the publicity channels available to it, to carrying on a sniping campaign up to May 18.

Holman's own race is encircled by impediments. Can a man run for governor and continue to hold the treasurer's post? A \$5400 per annum bird is not to be sneezed out of the room for a possible \$7500 one. Then the Holman private business is none too good and he hates to part with the necessary income for the year. Friends of Holman have told him one doubts if the treasurer is sensitive enough to have grasped the situation—that the spectacle of the former chairman of the Meier-for-governor club and the governor's major appointee, stalking the state attorney general and asking the office for himself might strike many voters as ingratitude and disloyalty, traits disliked by the majority of people.

Meier May Win In Split Field

If the field is split against Meier, the latter may win the nomination. He is in office, in normal years an advantage but perhaps a liability today. Nevertheless he can send out the word for support and a considerable body of officeholders are bound to get busy. Undoubtedly denied by depression, the governor is still able personally to place more duca in the war-chest than the combine of opponents. A few thousand dollars, well-spent, is a great asset in any man's election. Opponents cannot command public utility aid as was common in Oregon before 1929 for two reasons: they are the bounden enemies of the utilities and were they not, utility money for politics—aside from lobbies at the legislature—will not flow freely in 1934.

In fact, the old guard republicans may swing over to Meier as a lesser evil than Gill. For the regular republicans, men like Marks, like Corbett, like Mettles, are not venturing into the 1934 arena, no matter how hard men like Floyd Cook might urge them.

Charles M. Thomas, always political, can be counted on to throw his utility thunder bolts for the administration. Despite all his gubernatorial flirtations, Mr. Thomas will take the rostrum and orate on "Hall the Chief" in case of a bank-up primary.

Governor's Record

Won't Sound Poorly
Meier's record, dressed up for public consumption, will not make bad reading. His economy record has been good. He has run full tilt at the utilities; how effectively is a matter of doubt, Mr.

The Call Board...

ELSONORE
Today—Louisa M. Alcott's "Little Women" with Katharine Hepburn.
Friday—Myrna Loy and Max Baer in "The Prizefighter and the Lady."

GRAND
Today—Lillian Harvey in "My Lips Betray."
Thursday—El Brendel in "Olsen's Big Moment."

CAPITOL
Today—Ed Wynn in "The Chief."
Thursday—Frankie Darro in "Wild Boys of the Road."

STATE
Wednesday—Douglas Fairbanks in "Mr. Robinson Crusoe."
Saturday—Ralph Forbes in "The Phantom Broadcast."

HOLLYWOOD
Wednesday—Ann Harding and William Powell in "Double Harness."
Friday—Key Maynard in "Drum Taps."

Thomas having demonstrated far more ability on the stump than in getting rates down, Meier has hastened always to be on the right side of such projects as the Bonneville dam, public power bonds, ad infinitum. There have been no public scandals about state affairs. Such justifiable criticisms as inattention to duty by the governor, disgusting personal flares with men like Holman, will be toned down or overlooked by the Meier publicists.

The democrats? Yes, they are here, watching, waiting and laughing. They'll be glad to assist in burying Meier's hopes. Senator Strayer, warned by connubial cheer of the closing night of the senate, showed what a rock-ribbed democrat could do on the stump against the administration. If the result would be Gill, or Burke, or Holman, the demo leaders know full well a large group of Meierites and more-conservative republicans would come right over in November and join forces with the donkey. The fact is the democrats think they possess a lucky coin for '34 with heads on both sides. Meier for opposition? Very well, they shall take Burke and Brown or Zimmerman and Holman into the speaker's camp. Gill nominated by the republicans? Very well, the other group of disgruntled republicans will join forces with the donkey.

There's only one democratic rub: Who shall be the standard bearer for the party of rum, rubber dollars and relief? If some way, somehow, this down-and-under party in Oregon can smooth out the wrinkles—Mr. Miller, Elton Watkins, Mayor-General Martin, H. B. Van Duzer, Joe Carson, Estes Snedecor, and unite on some man; a new deal may eventually arrive for Oregon democracy. The chance is there; whether 1934 will bring fruit depends on how capably Oregon's democrats are at harmonizing their own affairs.

The 1930 campaign, a sequel to Joseph's disbarment, with its memorable campaign between Joseph, Norblad and Corbett, furnished presumably unequalled thrills in Oregon's political history. Yet the present condition augurs an equally tense combat in the new year.

FIROO HAZARDS ON HOLIDAY TRIP TOLD

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allowed to cross the precarious area.
A garageman at Toledo, north of Kelso, told Dr. Douglas a number of houses in that vicinity had been washed from their foundations and carried downstream.
At Kelso Dr. Douglas found the only good water supply apparently to come from a fire hose stretched across the Cowlitz river bridge from the Longview water mains.

"I've never before seen such flood conditions," Dr. Douglas commented.
Dr. and Mrs. Douglas returned yesterday but left their three daughters, Ruth, Estella and Barbara, at Sumner to remain until New Year's visiting Mrs. Douglas' parents.

REDS ARE CONDEMNED
SUMNER, Bulgaria, Dec. 26. (AP)—Seven communists were condemned to death today for engaging in subversive activities in the army. Eighteen others were sentenced to prison terms of five to 15 years.

BLIZZARDS ARE FELT, MIDWEST

Several Score Dead; Eight
Drown in Lake Michigan
As Storm Strikes

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Me., at noon, and the New England states generally had tastes of real winter.

The snow had abated and temperatures were rising from extreme lows in the Dakotas, Iowa, Minnesota, and neighboring states. Snow slides in the mountains had tied up railroad branch lines in Montana, with prospects that one of them, between St. Regis and Avery or St. Maries, would not be open for 30 days. Through trains from the Pacific coast, bearing belated Christmas travelers, arrived at M'asoula, Mont., for the first time since Friday.

Northern Wisconsin and the upper Michigan peninsula counted its dead at 16, and Minnesota reported 10 dead. Exposure to the cold was cause of many fatalities.

FIVE FACE CHARGES OF CHURCH MURDER

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church at the meeting of its council here in September.
Twenty witnesses were called for questioning today—among them Vartken Aharovians, a son of the former president of the Armenian republic, Cohn said. Others were George Kazanjian and Miss Astrick Dagavarian, both church singers. The archbishop told into Kazanjian's arms after the assassin's knife was plunged into his abdomen.

Meanwhile, police extended the search for the slayers to New Jersey, Connecticut and Pennsylvania, indicating more than twenty arrests would be made.
Announcement of the anticipated arrests was made by Assistant District Attorney Max Weider when the five prisoners were arraigned in homicide court on charges of murder.

Defense counsel protested to Magistrate William Klapp when the five prisoners were arraigned against what he referred to as the brutal treatment of his clients. He said that during their 48 hours in custody the prisoners had been beaten frequently.
The magistrate advised the attorney to take his charges to the police commissioner. With the exception of one prisoner whose face was scratched, the five men showed no signs of violence.

The prisoners are: Aslan Yerjimen, 42; Matos Leylegian, 38; Juan Gonzales Tchakikian, 28; Martin Mazian, 41, and Nishan Sarkisian, 38, all of New York City.

Two Licenses to Wed Applied for Here on Tuesday

Holiday season weddings continued to be popular, it was indicated yesterday at the county clerk's offices when two couples sought permission to wed.

Thomas Cloyd Riffe, 51, Salem, a tailor, asked for a license to marry Nellie Myrtle Wilcox, 38, a housewife. The wedding will be the second for each.
Lester S. Hetlick, 23, 1255 North 5th street, Salem, a salesman, asked permission to wed Marguerite Harvey, 21, 1625 North Front street, Salem, a cashier.

Alarm is Caused By Short Circuit

Firemen were called out early yesterday morning when a radio wire short-circuited a power wire at 1455 Ferry street and threatened to set fire to the roof of the house. Unable to remedy the situation, the firemen stood by until power company linemen came and severed the radio connection.

Too Late to Classify
Salem for well known comedies. Call at 1615 Nebraska, 8742, Tel.

Christmas Mail Jam Untangled; Some Gifts Late

A Monday Christmas proves confusing to package senders, who mailed their gifts too late for Saturday delivery, postal officials said yesterday.

Tuesday was a busy day at the local post office; holiday packages were delivered as soon as possible to waiting parties.

Huge assortments of cards, small packages and large boxes were awaiting the postman yesterday but it was expected that every correctly addressed article would be at its proper destination by this morning.
Because of impaired traffic via train and bus several mails were delayed but even so postoffice authorities assume that lack of Sunday or Monday deliveries was not counted on by Christmas mailers.

MRS. FLORA CLARK FUNERAL IS TODAY

Flora Munger Clark, 70, descendant of early New England settlers who came to Guilford, Connecticut in 1639, died in Salem, Christmas day after an illness of nearly three years.

Mrs. Clark was born in Gridley, Illinois, October 6, 1863, the daughter of John V. and Margaret Wait Munger. She has been a resident of Salem since coming from Pasadena, California 27 years ago. She was a member of the First Congregational church of Salem, belonged to the Barbara Friechele Tent No. 2, Daughters of Union Civil War veterans, and was a charter member of the American War Mothers, chapter 2.

She is survived by her husband, Harvey L. Clark and four children: Mrs. Nina Ferguson, Burbank, Cal.; Mrs. Bernice East, Bank, Boring, Ore.; Mrs. Edna Clark, all of Salem; two brothers, Will V. Munger of San Diego, Cal., and Ralph A. Munger of Phoenix, Arizona; also ten grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held Wednesday at 2 p.m. at the Cough-Barrick chapel with Dr. W. C. Kanner and Rev. J. H. Simmons of the First Congregational church officiating. Interment will be in Mountain View cemetery, San Bernardino, California.

CLAIMS EX-FIGHTER HUBBY STRIKES HER

Claiming her husband was an ex-prize fighter who from time to time would try out his pugilistic ability on his wife, Mrs. Cleo M. McCrae, spouse of David McCrae, filed her answer and cross-complaint yesterday in the divorce proceedings her husband recently filed against her.

She asks her marital freedom and support money for their three children. McCrae was frequently intoxicated, she asserts. He would call vile names, abuse her and on several occasions struck her, the defendant claims.

She also asks for \$100 support money during the suit, \$100 attorney's fees and \$35 court costs. She says McCrae is a railroad watchman, making as much as \$200 a month.

Chemeketa Troupe Play, "The Rock" Runs Second Week

Chemeketa Players, Inc., is presenting for the second week the biblical drama, "The Rock," by Mary P. Hamlin. The play was well received by all who witnessed it during the first week and it is contemplated that many will avail themselves of the opportunity to see the production during the remainder of its run. The play is timely in that it presents in an unusual and convincing manner the teachings of Jesus Christ.

The players, in spirit with the season and with a desire to be of real service in the community, are donating the net proceeds from the play to charity work to be dispersed by the Open Door mission. Several Salem churches in addition to lending their support to the production are making available musical numbers to be presented between acts.

STATUS OF BRIDGE REPAYMENT AIRED

Devers Furnishes Figures to
Show Tools Will be
Sufficient, Reveals

Doubt has been expressed by the finance division of the federal public works administration as to whether the tolls would provide sufficient funds to repay approximately \$5,200,000, which is the estimated cost of the five bridges which it is proposed to construct on the Oregon Coast highway.

This information was received at the office of the state highway commission here Tuesday in a telegram from J. M. Devers, attorney, who went to Washington recently to confer with the federal officials. Devers is legal adviser for the state highway department.

Devers said he had held an informal conference with the public works administration officials and apparently had satisfied them that the tolls would be adequate to protect the loan. He indicated that some definite action would be taken today in connection with the loan application.

The recent special legislative session enacted by authorizing the bridge construction under the terms required by the public works administration. Devers took with him to Washington a mass of data showing the estimated receipts from bridge tolls and the financial setup of the state highway commission.

BUILDING REQUESTS ARE BEING RUSHED

A crew of architects and accountants was busy yesterday at the state board of control offices finishing 10 separate applications for state buildings, the applications being prepared for the state advisory board of PWA. It was announced that each application would be pushed as fast as possible to enable PWA officials to know the approximate amount of money the state desires for its building program. If present PWA funds run out, state officials think it likely that the 1934 congress will appropriate more.

Uniformly the applications propose that the moneys borrowed which would be 70 per cent of the total funds, would be amortized by long-term leases.

Visit to Prison And Paper Chase Y. Events Today

A visit to the state penitentiary at 9 o'clock this morning and a paper chase in the afternoon will be the main events of today's open house program at the Y. M. C. A. Gus Moore, boys' secretary, announced last night. The Y activities will be open to all boys above the fourth grade in school.

Yesterday Moore said 1000 boys were estimated to have visited the building and 400 to have gone in swimming. Each afternoon gym, lobby and tank activities are conducted for the visitors.

Architects Get Busy Upon Plan For Courthouse

Work of preparing plans for \$100,000 improvements to the Marion county courthouse began yesterday. An office was set up in the fourth floor with the county surveyor, L. D. Howell, Portland architect, and a Cuyler Van Patten are in charge and six men are expected to work with them. Frank Struble and Clarence Smith, architects, are already busy.

The tentative plans call for housing all the court facilities on one floor including the new library, judges' rooms and attorney's consulting rooms. The jail would be on the fourth floor and reached by a special elevator.

NEW KIWANIS HEAD TAKES OFFICE HERE

Hulsey in Chair; Riley is
Speaker; Challenge of
Depression Topic

Depression is a challenge to the finer qualities of mankind, Dr. P. O. Riley, Hubbard editor, told the Salem Kiwanis club Tuesday noon. Courage, patience, faith and ability all come in for testing, he averred.

Howard Hulsey, who took the chair yesterday as 1934 president, succeeding Willis Clark, announced the following committees: Dr. Henry Morris, agriculture; Pete Behr, attendance, house and reception; J. N. "Sam" Chambers, business standards; Willis Clark, classification and membership; Dave Wright, finance; Scott Page, inter-club relations; Ed Schunke, Kiwanis education; William P. Windshar, laws and regulations; Tom Windshar, chairman; Schunke, Sheldon F. Sackett, L. E. Barick, Ralph Cooley and Ellis, music and program; H. V. Collins, public affairs and underprivileged children; Dr. David B. Hill, vocational guidance; Sackett, publicity.

Shovel is Sent To Clear Slide At Crown Point

The state highway department Tuesday sent a steam shovel to the point near Crown Point on the upper Columbia river highway, where a serious slide was reported early Tuesday morning. Officials said the highway was completely blocked and traffic probably would not be resumed before late last night or today.

The road between Mohler and Tillamook, which was closed for the past week, was opened to traffic Tuesday.

The only other highway blockade is at Onion Flat in Washington county, where a detour is available.

Spare Attire of Visitors Stolen By Car Prowler

The work of automobile prowlers left A. E. Miller, Lexington, Ore., rancher, stranded here with no clothes other than those he had on, it was reported at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Miller, 155 South 19th street, last night. All of Miller's belongings and those of a friend, Gordon Banker, also of Lexington, were taken from Miller's car Sunday night. Included in the loot were two valued suitcases.

Miller had come to Salem to spend Christmas day with his parents and brought Banker as his guest.

Block Manager to Re-Enter School; Ulman Successor

Harry Ashcanase, manager of the local Block Shoe store, will leave this weekend to resume studies at the University of Washington in Seattle. Ashcanase has managed the local store since its opening last summer.

Although Mr. Ashcanase will attend the university he will be employed part time in one of the Seattle stores of the company. He will be succeeded here by George Ulman, formerly of Tacoma, Wash.

Three at Scotts Mills Face Suit

A. A. Schramm, state superintendent of banks, began suit here yesterday to collect \$2000 from Albert Rich, A. L. Brougher and J. O. Dixon, all of Scotts Mills. The three men are said to have signed a guarantee which pledged them to reduce certain assets of the Bank of Scotts Mills, now insolvent, \$3250. Of this sum, \$1250 was paid. Schramm claims the guarantee was irrevocable and holds it is an asset of the bank which is now in liquidation. The three men were stockholders of the bank. Dixon was cashier and manager.

STATE ROAD DEBT RETIREMENT GOOD

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Coast Bridges Given Okeh by Finance Board

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 26. (AP)—A special dispatch to the Oregonian tonight from Washington, D. C., said that the application for the five bridges over the Oregon coast highway today passed the finance bureau of the public works administration. The application had previously passed the legal and engineering bureau, and now goes to the public works administration board for the Thursday meeting, the dispatch stated.

"The assumption is," the dispatch said, "that the report will be favorable and the project has reached the board without a favorable report from the combined engineering, legal and financial divisions."

Radio Speaker Son Of Salem Resident

Dean Walter J. Shepard of Ohio State university, son of J. R. Shepard, 766 Marion street, and brother of R. C. Shepard of route one, was a speaker over KGW yesterday afternoon in the program entitled "Your Government and Mine." Professor Raymond Moley also spoke at that hour. The discussion was an explanation of the conditions of modern life which require added social control such as the NRA sets up in place of unrestricted individualism of the past. Dean Shepard grew up in Salem.

TO BUILD HOUSE
W. A. Cladek, 1535 North 18th street, yesterday received a permit from the city building in-

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Ladies' Bargain Matinee Today and Thursday

BETTER HURRY!
THEY LEAP FROM
THE BOOK AND LIVE!
Katharine HEPBURN
in
LITTLE WOMEN

JOAN BENNETT
PAUL LUKAS
FRANCES DEE
JEAN PARKER
EDNA MAY OLIVER
Douglas Montgomery
Henry Stephenson

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Car-
toon
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