

Political Picture in Oregon Much Changed By Past Week Events

Death of Hoss, Choice of Stadelman are High Spots

Meier Cuddles Cards; Martin Candidacy is Vulnerable

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Time's moving finger wrote a new page on Oregon's affairs of state last week, again evidencing the change which a few hours or days brings in the world political. The passing of the late Hal E. Hoss was not surprising for his long illness had awakened fears; it did mark the extinction of the Patterson-Key-Hoss board of control under which Oregon's state affairs functioned smoothly and well.

The demise of Hoss and the appointment of Peter J. Stadelman to the secretary of state's post mean the full elevation of Governor Julius L. Meier to control of Oregon's government. Hoss, first attacked by Meier, then in part-time allegiance with him in the Holman feud which ensued, was at all times a neutral individual, using his own discretion in his decisions on state affairs.

Mr. Stadelman, by no means a "yes" man in his personal and business affairs, must necessarily be closely tied to the governor in the conduct of state business. To him he owes his appointment and it is certain there was a clear-cut understanding in the hotel-room conference Thursday night in Portland that Stadelman was not to do a Rufus Holman, but to be for Meier after as well as before appointment.

Stalemate Broken In Board of Control

The new situation will break the stalemate of the last few months here. In the last days of Mr. Hoss, statehouse affairs were at an impasse; the governor refusing to meet with Holman and the latter every-other-day issuing press statements full of criticism and rancor at the administration. Now the board of control can meet and the tie vote which prevailed up to Thursday, will be broken.

The coterie of "king makers" which hovers about the capital at a time of political transition, to make political medicine in Portland hotel lobbies, was positively astounded at the selection of The Dalles ex-banker for the control board. They were not much more surprised than the governor who thought Stadelman on the spur of the moment, impressed by the man's honesty and business ability and fully determined that the appointment would be made promptly so state business could be transacted Friday.

Infant is Burned Badly as Clarke Home Destroyed

STAYTON, Feb. 10.—The six-month-old child of Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Clarke who live between Stayton and West Stayton, was seriously burned in a fire which burned their place to the ground Friday afternoon. The infant is in a local hospital. Mrs. Clarke was also burned.

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OREGON'S BIRTHDAY TO BE CELEBRATED

Portland, Ore., Feb. 10.—(AP)—President Roosevelt's birthday greetings to the people of Oregon were received here today as preparations were being completed for celebrating the state's birthday Wednesday.

Only a few days ago Oregonians joined in a birthday tribute to the chief executive. The Sons and Daughters of Oregon pioneers will hold a banquet at the Multnomah hotel here Wednesday night, celebrating Oregon's seventh birthday.

World News at a Glance

(By the Associated Press.)

Domestic

Washington—William P. McCracken, cited for contempt of the senate in air mail investigation, reappears after one day absence. Air lines, stripped of mail contracts, seek hearings.

St. Paul—Federal government takes over investigation of Bremer kidnaping case.

Los Angeles—Jury trying David and Serge Mdivani on grand theft charges discharged after failure to reach verdict.

New Orleans—U. S. appeals court stays lower tribunal's decision the AAA is unconstitutional. Foreign:

Paris—New cabinet of "elder statesmen" aims toward domestic and foreign peace.

Tokyo—Mikado, joyful over the birth of crown prince, grants clemency to 35,000 of Empire's 56,000 convicts.

TWO KIDNAP CASES MAY BE LINKED UP

ST. PAUL, Feb. 10.—(AP)—The possibility that the same gang engineered both the Hamm and Bremer kidnapings which netted \$300,000 was investigated tonight by police.

Automobile registrations supplied a possible link between the two crimes, it was learned, with the disclosure that an unidentified man and woman had fled from an apartment here the day after Edward G. Bremer's abduction, January 17.

A few days before William Hamm, Jr., millionaire brewer, was seized for \$100,000 ransom last June 15, a suspected gang abandoned a house on Vernon avenue, a good residential district here. Their automobile was disposed of through a second hand car dealer.

About the same time a new small coupe was purchased from an agency and registered in the name of the used car dealer, since gone out of business. Authorities indicated they had evidence indicating the new car was purchased by the Vernon avenue mob.

It was this same coupe that the unidentified man and woman owned and presumably used to flee from the apartment house a day after Bremer was kidnaped and several hours before his abduction was made public.

Earl C. Snell, of Arlington was a more logical political choice and the governor's failure to name him means Meier is not making every move with the May primaries in view. Snell was far better known politically than Stadelman; he had won a legislative seat and the speakership while Stadelman met defeat at the hands of Mid-Columbia district voters. Snell also was strong with the veterans and a young man who has political dreams. Presumably he was injured by his friends who rushed early to Meier after the Hoss demise to urge, almost to insist, that Snell be named. The psychology was bad and Meier, always an individualist, didn't react. That Mr. Snell was disappointed there can be no doubt; he may run on his own for secretary of state or may go higher and aspire in May to the republican nomination for governor.

WILL ROGERS STARS

CORVALLIS, Ore., Feb. 10.—(AP)—Will Rogers Jr., and Fullerton will lead the sharp-shooting Stanford university polo team to a 19 1/2 to 7 1/2 victory over the Oregon State Riders in an indoor game here today.

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"I am giving the matter very careful consideration," said Abrams, and will probably have an announcement in a very few days. I have already received many tenders of support and a great deal of urging to stand for the office; and will make known my intentions very soon."

Abrams has long been active in public affairs in Salem and in the state of Oregon. He is prominent in military circles, being a colonel in the officers' reserve corps, a member of the American Legion and of the Spanish war veterans. He served in the state legislature

PROBE TO TURN GUNS ON OCEAN MAIL IS BELIEF

Airmail Contractors Seek Individual Hearings on Cancellation

"Incredible" Says Brown; MacCracken's Offer to Surrender Refused

(By the Associated Press)
Hints that the government might swing into action on ocean mail contracts as it did on the air-mail lines came last night.

Meanwhile, the airmail contractors mingled discussions of plans for future operations without an airmail subsidy with demands that the government give them a hearing before the scheduled cancellation of contracts on February 19. This the government apparently did not intend to do.

Airplane stocks, rocked by the sweeping action of the administration, went into sharp declines. Losses of half their original value were recorded in some instances.

The postmaster general under the preceding administration, Walter F. Brown, described the action of Postmaster General Farley as "incredible" and said that upon the contracts which the administration had cancelled depended the "very existence" of "an air transport industry that surpasses every other in the world."

After remaining out of sight two days, William P. MacCracken, former assistant secretary of commerce, ordered arrested by the senate for contempt, in connection with the airmail investigation, offered to surrender to the sergeant at arms, Chesley W. Jurney. The senate officer did not accept the offer because he did not have the warrant with him at the time.

SCHOOL JOB SOUGHT BY PRINEVILLE MAN

Application of Martin H. Baker, superintendent of the Prineville school district, for the job of Salem superintendent succeeding George W. Hug was received at the school clerk's office here yesterday. He is the 11th applicant for the position which the school board is expected to decide upon before summer.

Baker's application states he is 40 years old, married, an overseas veteran who served with the Tenth Engineers, and a graduate of Bellingham Normal School and University of Washington. He has had charge of the 20 schools in Crook county for three years.

J. M. Kinney, school superintendent at Morton, Conf., was in Salem yesterday conferring with school directors relative to the job, which he has applied for.

Grange Supports Gehlhar's Stand on Butter Code

Full approval of Director of Agriculture Max Gehlhar's recent stand on the butter code was expressed by Salem Grange No. 17 at its meeting yesterday. A resolution passed by the organization "extends its congratulations" to Gehlhar "for the able and fearless position that he has taken."

Elected to membership yesterday were E. T. and Walter Barkus, and welcomed as visitors, Glenn Adams, Polk county Pomona master, and Mrs. Adams, and Mrs. Ellen Wesson of Mt. Prospect grange, New Hampshire.

Late Sports

STANFORD UNIVERSITY, Calif., Feb. 10.—(AP)—Stanford university's basketball team made it two in a row over the University of California at Los Angeles, winning 39 to 34, here tonight in the final contest of the four-game series the two teams play in the Pacific Coast conference southern division this season.

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 10.—(AP)—The University of California regained the Pacific Coast conference leadership in basketball, southern division, by trouncing Southern California here tonight 37 to 33. The victory stamped the Golden Bears as odds-on favorites to take the 1934 divisional title.

EDMONTON, Alta., Feb. 10.—(AP)—The Edmonton Eskimos climbed back into second position in the Northwestern Professional Hockey league by defeating the Seattle Seahawks 3-1 here tonight.

CORVALLIS, Ore., Feb. 10.—(AP)—The Oregon State Rooks defeated Multnomah club intermeddies of Portland 30 to 20 here tonight. Tuttle was high scorer with 12 points.

They All Figure in Controversy Over Testimony in Airmail Probe



William P. MacCracken, left, announced Saturday night through his attorney, Frank J. Hogan, center, that he was willing to surrender to Chesley W. Jurney, right, senate sergeant-at-arms, on senate contempt charges, but Jurney wouldn't accept the offer because it was after NRA hours and he didn't have the warrant handy. His real purpose probably was to avoid complicating the case further by a question of jurisdiction, since Hogan in MacCracken's behalf was at the same time seeking a writ of habeas corpus in District of Columbia supreme court.

\$15,000 BOND ISSUE APPROVED, GERVAIS

Vote 167 to 122; Fight in Court is Threatened by Opponents, Rumor

GERVAIS, Feb. 10.—(Special)—With two peace officers present to quell a disturbance that failed to materialize, voters in the Gervais union high school district today cast a majority ballot in favor of a \$15,000 bond issue to finance construction of a new high school building. The vote was 167 for and 122 against the issue. Two of the 291 ballots cast were ruled defective.

Who called for the officers could not be ascertained here, but nevertheless a state policeman and Deputy Sheriff Bert Smith hovered about the polls. Voting and coincident discussions in the vicinity of the polls were spirited.

There were reports current tonight that opponents of the bond issue were considering some sort of court action to block the building program. They gave no inkling, however, of what might be proposed in this regard.

The six districts participating in the election were Gervais, Parkersville, Manning, Eldridge, Fairfield and St. Louis.

Salem High Mat Team is Winner by Wide Margin

Salem high school's wrestling team indicated that it will make a stronger bid than ever before for state championship honors in the tournament here March 8 and 9, when it swamped the strong Corvallis high team here Saturday, winning all but one of the matches.

Salem wrestlers winning were Terusaki at 105 pounds, Knowles 115, Dudley 125, Alderin 135, Plagg 150, Bishop 160 and Drager 175. Donaldson, 118, was the lone loser.

Dual meets with Hill Military academy here February 21 and with Boston Tech at Portland March 2, remain on the schedule for Coach Shannon Hogue's Salem high team prior to the tournament.

Regional Planning Board Meets Soon

PORTLAND, Ore., Feb. 10.—(AP)—Between 300 and 400 representatives from Oregon, Washington, Idaho and Montana are expected to attend a three-day session of the Pacific northwest regional conference here beginning Monday, March 5, Marshall N. Dana, regional advisor for PWA, announced today.

The integration of public works projects, both federal and non-federal; formulation of plans and policies for preparation of the Pacific northwest development, and the maintenance of comprehensive and coordinated plans for the regional area will be discussed.

On the opening day of the conference, a meeting of the Pacific northwest regional planning commission and the state planning boards will be held, and state PWA advisory boards will discuss programs.

NEW DRIVE FOR JOBLESS TO BE LAUNCHED SOON

Further Reduction in Hours Proposed by Johnson to Give 2,500,000 Jobs

Start of Construction by PWA Present Objective of Ickes, Stated

WASHINGTON, Feb. 10.—(AP)—Orders lending new impetus to the drive for increased employment went forward today from two key offices in the government's recovery organization.

In an effort to add at least 2,500,000 men to the payrolls of industries operating under codes, Hugh S. Johnson, recovery administrator, called a meeting of all code authorities for March 5, with the object of a further reduction in present hours of labor.

At the same time, Secretary Ickes gave out instructions that the public works administration should concentrate upon getting construction actually under way on projects for which funds have been allotted, in an effort to absorb the 3,000,000 employees of the civil works administration by May 1 and put additional unemployed to work as well.

Available funds have been allotted, Ickes said; many additional applications are on file, and state engineers were told to inform states and municipalities that might be considering applications for loans that no further requests can be considered.

An estimated total of 12,000,000 or more workers is now employed by industries operating under NRA codes. Their hours of labor are estimated at an average of a little more than 40 a week.

SCOUTS TO RALLY PRESIDENT'S CALL

Relief Drive to Be Started Here Soon; 275 Boys in Area are Mobilized

Boy Scouts of Cascade area will be called upon in the immediate future to perform the "good turn" asked of scouts over the nation yesterday by President Franklin D. Roosevelt—that of collecting bedding, clothing and furniture for use in relief work. It was announced last night. A committee will meet early this week to lay plans for a scout drive to this end.

Today as a part of National Scout Anniversary week, Salem scouts will meet at Willson park at 10:30 a. m. to go to the First Presbyterian church service in a body. At 7:30 p. m. Monday they will hold a "birthday" party in Willamette gymnasium followed by refreshments at the First church.

Salem scouts turned out 136 strong to participate in the nationwide mobilization, and over the area, 275 strong, Commissioner F. Howard Zinsler telegraphed to national headquarters. At the armory here following the president's radio address, A. C. Haag, area president, spoke briefly and then introduced Mayor Douglas McKay who as principal speaker, promised support of the city in the forthcoming drive.

Number of boys turning out yesterday from each troop here was:

- No. 12, 24; No. 4, 20; No. 9, 19; No. 1, 15; No. 15, 12; No. 3, 10; Nos. 16, 6, 6, and 8, nine each.

OREGON BRIEFS

BODY IS RESCUED

BEND, Ore., Feb. 10.—(AP)—The muddy waters of an irrigation canal three miles south of here today claimed the life of Ann Stenkamp, 12, who slipped while playing on the bank.

The body was recovered half an hour later and resuscitation efforts were futile. She attended a local grade school and was a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Stenkamp who live near Bend.

WIFE WILL RECOVER

PORTLAND, Ore., Feb. 10.—(AP)—William W. McDermott, 37, estranged husband, died but his wife will probably recover despite three wounds from his pistol before he turned it on himself in their restaurant here tonight.

He died at a hospital with a bullet in his brain, but physicians said his wife regained consciousness and would probably recover. Police said McDermott left recently after several quarrels with his wife, Mrs. Beatrice McDermott, 28. Tonight he returned, ordered coffee and cigarettes, received his wife and then started shooting.

ROADBED TOO SOFT

BEND, Ore., Feb. 10.—(AP)—Plans to open the McKenzie Pass by tomorrow were abandoned today when state highway engineers decided the roadbed along the divide was too soft to support automobiles.

STEWART PICKED TO HEAD LIQUOR STORE IN SALEM

Former Wool Buyer and Official of Wool and Mohair Company Announced as Manager; McClelland, Frank Deckebach, Jr., Hal Cuffel and Miss Verle Smith are Other Employees in Establishment Here

State Retail Dispensary for Salem Will Be Situated in Prime Building on Court Street Near Commercial; Will Be Ready for Opening Whenever Supreme Court Hands Down Decision on Knox Law Validity

R. H. STEWART was named manager of the Salem store of the Oregon liquor commission, George Sammis, administrator, announced late Saturday. Stewart is well-known in Salem, having been a wool buyer here and having served as secretary-treasurer of the Oregon Wool & Mohair company. Recently he has helped the commission in its Salem office.

There will be four other members of the local store's personnel. They are to be James McClelland, Frank Deckebach, Jr., and Hal Cuffel. Miss Verle Smith is to be cashier of the store in Salem.

Sammis said the store would be opened next week, probably Saturday, if the state supreme court's decision on the Knox liquor act had been announced by that time.

The salaries to be paid here will be the same as effective in the stores throughout the state. The manager will receive \$132 a month, his assistants \$102.35 and the cashier \$72.80. This rate of compensation is after making the deductions under the salary reduction bill passed by the 1933 session of the legislature.

The location of the store here has been definitely set for the Prime building on Court street between Liberty and Commercial streets. The store room was formerly occupied by the Hallik Electric company.

Work of preparing the store room for fixtures supplied by the liquor commission is to start in earnest Tuesday. Sammis is of the opinion that only a few days would be needed to put the store into shape for operation.

Store staffs from Salem, Astoria and The Dalles are to be taken to Portland for a few days next week to watch the operation of stores with the view of learning how to conduct the commission's stores in their own cities.

The first expense accounts of the state liquor commissions, aggregating \$331.90, were filed in the state department here Saturday.

James D. Burns of Condon filed an expense account of \$225.60, covering the period December 14 to January 16. The account included five trips from Condon to Portland, with hotel and meals.

Alex G. Barry's expense account totalled \$57.50, all of which was for stenographic services. George Sammis filed an account of \$7.95, covering a trip from Portland to Salem and return.

CORVALLIS WANTS NO LIQUOR STORE

PORTLAND, Ore., Feb. 10.—(AP)—State Liquor Administrator George L. Sammis said tonight he had not yet received the Corvallis city council's request that no state liquor store be established there.

The Corvallis city council voted that action last night, stating that the city believes such a store would be detrimental to the best interests of the students of the State college, and that Corvallis, itself, has a majority dry opinion, as shown in elections since 1904.

George H. McMorgan of Eugene, chairman of the Oregon Liquor Control commission, answered that the state did not wish to impose stores on communities whose majorities were opposed, but that a plebiscite would be necessary.

State Offices to be Closed Monday

State, county and city offices will be closed here tomorrow for the Lincoln's birthday which is a legal holiday. All banking institutions in the city will also be closed, but other businesses will be open as usual. Schools will have classes but special exercises will be held in most schoolrooms. A number of state officials plan to go to Portland Monday night to attend the Lincoln banquet there.