

# Aldermanic Policy on Putting Manager Plan To Vote is Uncertain

## Not Enough Definitely Committed to Make Submittal Sure

### Commission Plan Also Has Backers Who May Demand It

Sentiment on the merits of the city manager plan announced last week by Mayor Douglas McKay's special committee has far from crystallized among the city's 14 aldermen. In fact, aldermanic opinions are still so diverse and in some cases ethereal on the proposition of giving the people an opportunity to accept or reject the plan at the polls in May that prediction of the measure's fate in the council chamber is virtually impossible, a survey of council members yesterday indicated.

Opinions which yesterday were reserved may become definite this week, however, when the managerial committee completes its tentative draft of the measure. The draft will be finished "early in the week," the committee announced last night, but will not be submitted to the council until the March 6 meeting at the earliest.

Alternative Systems May be Demanded

Aldermanic comment indicates that—and not to be opposed by the committee—a drive may develop in the council for submission of two schemes of governmental revision in May, both the managerial and the commission forms of government. Aldermen F. E. Needham, R. E. Boatwright and O. A. Olson in particular favor the latter type.

Four aldermen can be depended on to vote to submit the managerial amendment to the people, two more will do so if a commission plan is offered at the same time, and two others, making a possible majority, will vote for submission if the plan as finally proposed meets with their specific requirements for it. One is definitely against submission and the other four may be marked down as "yet to decide."

Members Indicate Their Present Views

The nine aldermen who could be reached yesterday reacted to the question, "What do you think of the proposed managerial plan?" as follows:

Watson Townsend—I think the plan suggested is going to work very nicely. I am heartily in favor of it and think it will be enacted.

David O'Hara—I am personally opposed to the plan and I feel that the present campaign to change the form of government for the City of Salem, the arguments against the managerial system have not been mentioned. If after hearing both sides of the question, any considerable number of people in my ward manifest a desire to submit to it, I will not oppose submitting to it.

R. E. Boatwright—I can't say it agrees with my ideas. I am rather in favor of the commission form but for lack of a better plan I would favor the present one.

F. E. Needham—I'm not so strong for the manager as the commission form. During the campaign I think a man shouldn't have so much power. I'm against Hitlerism, I think it ought to be put on the ballot in two ways, managerial and commission form.

E. A. Dune—I'm against the managerial form of government because it would be easier for a

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## The Washington Spotlight

(By The Associated Press)

President Roosevelt endorsed the principle of the Bankhead bill for compulsory control of cotton production.

The CWA ordered 572,500 employees dropped from its payroll next Friday.

Amendment of the postal law was proposed to permit new bids from some of the air lines whose mail contracts have been canceled.

Hiroshi Saito, new Japanese ambassador, discounted the possibility of war between Japan and America.

House committee approved the army mail setup and refused emergency contracting powers for the postmaster general.

Senator Smith (D., S.C.) opposed "radical" steps at present after the president recommended federal commodity market control.

The department of justice drafted legislation to prevent public works contractors from evading federal wage scales.

Senate committee trimmed \$2,000,000 from air mail items in the \$330,000,000 treasury-postoffice bill.

Representatives opposed to the administration dairy program went to work on a price relief plan of their own.

Ralph T. O'Neill, American Legion leader, asked to testify before grand jurors investigating army contract-letters.

Senate investigators said they were studying the gift of Pan-American Airways stock options to Charles A. Lindbergh.

## Uses Firm Hand To Quell Break



Warden J. M. McCauley of Washington state penitentiary at Walla Walla, who successfully put down an uprising among the convicts. Eight convicts and one guard were slain in the courtyard battle.

## HEAD BULLFROG HIMSELF ISN'T SURE OF PLANS

### "Inside" Story Meier Will Run Based on Flimsy Grounds, Stated

### Advisors Hope He Will but Perennial Politicians Have Adverse View

By SHELDON F. SACKETT

The newspaper fraternity, a bit bogged down by writing stories about the exultant February victory, tossed out a behind-the-scenes story late last week that Governor Julius L. Meier was an assured candidate for reelection. Like the report about Mark Twain's death, the yarn was slightly exaggerated, the executive continuing to sit at the fulcrum of the political teeter-totter, undetermined whether he shall side with the candidate or the withdrawal side.

Reports that Meier would run were arrived at thus: A "close advisor" to the governor, probably Henry Hanzen, budgeteer, was asked who was to be built up for Meier substitute if the latter would not play in the 1934 game. Said advisor retorted that there was no "second choice." Political press reasoning immediately jumped to the conclusion that Meier was in the race.

If the "advisors" were doing the deciding the "report" would be a fact. Actually the chief of the Bullfrogs has not given the word as yet that he would run. His personal family is adverse to the move; his political family, the coterie of Meier men who would feel the ax under a new administration, are pressing for him to enter the fray.

King Makers Won't Have Much Leeway

The governor will not announce his decision in sufficient time for the king-makers to have much chance to build up a successor in case Meier elects to quit. Charles M. Thomas, utilities commissioner, has been uniformly pointed to as the man most likely to win Meier's favor. It is understood reliably that Thomas and the governor, in an extended chat on a recent date, came to the conclusion that Thomas as a utilities commissioner was superb; as a candidate for governor, not desirable. So the former Medfordite is concentrating on the task of keeping the utilities post, no matter the political weather.

Meier has the earmarks of a candidate. He has made two appearances on business days during the week at the capitol, has attended another Salem social function and has given assurances that there will be regular board of con-

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## World News at a Glance

(By The Associated Press.)

Domestic: NEW YORK—Postmaster General Farley denies reports he seeks the governorship this year.

MINNEAPOLIS—New police chief appointed after attorney general calls twin cities crime breeding centers.

MUSKOGEE, Okla.—State and federal officials push drive against outlaw band.

Foreign: LONDON—British, French, Italians express common view on necessity of maintaining Austria's independence.

VIENNA—Chancellor Dollfuss accuses socialists of plotting attacks against government "for several years."

PRAHA—Czechoslovakian social democrats say Dollfuss endangers peace of parts of Europe.

## WATER BONDS SALE UP BEFORE COUNCIL

### Some Aldermen Impatient for Action; Fear Loss of PWA Assistance

City aldermen Monday night may have before them a bill authorizing the sale of \$1,000,000 worth of Salem water bonds to secure cash with which to purchase the local plant of the Oregon-Washington Water Service company. The measure was being prepared Saturday, intended for introduction Monday night if developments by that time should warrant it.

The move is the result of a demand by some of the aldermen, who want action, are tired of the endless delays that have blocked efforts to obtain a municipal water system and believe completion of condemnation proceedings against the private company will be unavailing because PWA officials might not much longer retain for Salem its \$1,500,000 loan-grant allotment.

The recently-received PWA stipulation that the total local water bond issue should be limited to \$2,000,000, however, leads to doubts that bond sale plan would be effective. City Attorney Chris J. Kowitz last week pointed out that \$1,100,000 worth of bonds would be required to secure the federal loan, leaving less than \$950,000 worth while the water company asks that amount for its system. Although there have been reports of PWA lending money for purchase of existing public utilities, local officials have been advised from Washington, D. C., that the requested \$950,000 loan for that purpose here has been rejected.

It is believed the city could not proceed to obtain the present plant and build the mountain water supply system independently of the federal government, as suggested in some quarters, since the bonds by state law cannot be sold below 95 unless in connection with a federal loan and a price of 90 is thought to be about the best that may be now secured.

Kowitz expects to seek further information on federal requirements and bond sale offers at Portland Monday.

## SHERIFF HANDS PRISONER CASE BACK TO JUDGE

### McMahan's Written Order to Let Schell Go to Gervais Claimed

### Early Releases Alleged by Grand Jury Explained Following Report

At least one of the occurrences criticized by the Marion grand jury in its report released Saturday and blamed upon Sheriff A. C. Burk, was tossed back onto the shoulders of Circuit Judge L. H. McMahan, who ordered the investigation, Saturday night when the sheriff commented upon the report.

"George P. Schell permitted to go to the prison, attended by officers," the report said in listing the occasions when county prisoners were taken from or permitted to leave jail.

The facts in this case are, said Burk, that Schell was permitted to go to Gervais, not Woodburn, to attend a prize fight on the authority of a written order from Judge McMahan. Everett Battles was not taken from the jail except to work, the sheriff added.

All of the releases of prisoners cited in the grand jury report as having been premature, are explained by the advice Judge McMahan gave the sheriff on this point shortly after he took office, Burk says. This advice was relative to the allowance of "good time" for days the prisoners worked.

Probe is Costly, Unproductive, Holds

Without questioning the grand jury's right and authority to investigate any situation existing within the county, the sheriff stated that no facts not already of record and easily ascertainable had been revealed and he expressed doubt whether the extended investigation had been worth while from the taxpayers' viewpoint. Cost of the investigation he estimated at around \$400.

In connection with the night patrols, expense of which the jury mentioned, Burk said the cost had been \$52.08 and that 57 arrests had been made resulting in 40 convictions.

The sheriff's office, Burk declared, is operating with one less deputy than in the last administration and each member of the

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## Belgians' Ruler Victim of Fall



KING ALBERT

## BIG PLANE FLIES LOW OVER SALEM

### Possibly Army Ship on Way to Carry Mail; War Ace Criticizes Policy

The huge airplane that droned above the spotty fog over Salem for several minutes around 6 o'clock last night and finally roared into view low over the business district is believed to have been an army bomber bound for Pearson field, Vancouver, Wash., according to Salem airport attendants. They said the plane, which was heading south when it disappeared again, landed at Cottage Grove. It was thought to be a bi-motor Curtiss Condor bomber similar to the one that visited the airport on Sunday a few years ago.

The Associated Press reported from Portland that it was probably this plane that landed at Swan Island airport, Portland, about 7 p.m. after it "had threatened about considerably in the upper Willamette valley."

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 17.—(AP)—America's foremost war ace, Captain Eddie Rickenbacker, here to fly the last mail flight for a commercial air line branded today as "legalized murder" the deaths of three army officers while flying to report for air mail duty.

The ace declared if the army carries out its plan to fly the mail, casualties will mount even higher.

Fifteen hours or less flying time will be the goal of the commercial line's last mail flight from Los Angeles to New York City which will leave the Grand Central air terminal tomorrow night at 8:40 o'clock. Rickenbacker will be at the controls.

# KING OF BELGIUM IS KILLED

### Albert I Victim of Fall in Mountain Climb; Wound on Head Shows Death Was Instant, Report

### Democratic Ruler Noted as Climber; Heroic Acts in Alps Last Year Credited With Saving Guides

BRUSSELS, Belgium, Feb. 18.—(Sunday) —(AP)—Albert I, king of the Belgians, was killed yesterday afternoon in a mountaineering accident. He was in his 59th year.

Driving his own car and accompanied by a personal servant, he set out to climb Rocher de Marches Der Dames, a peak near Namur.

He slipped and fell in the ascent. His body was not recovered until 2 a. m. today, after an intensive search.

Attendants found a deep wound in his head and said there was no doubt that he had been killed instantly.

The Belgian capital knew nothing of the tragedy until it awakened to the shock of the news during the morning. The Belgians held regard for their king amounting almost to hero worship for the man who personally led his country through the agonies of the great war to victory.

Second only to his leadership in that conflict was his ever present accessibility to his subjects and democratic personality.

The heir to the throne is Crown Prince Leopold, duke of Brabant, 32 years old. In 1926 he married Princess Astrid of Sweden. They have a princess daughter, aged 7, and a son, the latter born in 1930.

Only two years ago the energetic ruler scaled a 9400 foot peak in the Alps, and left the Italian tyrol with records in mountain climbing equaled by few members of royalty.

He was acclaimed a hero after that trip, when he saved a number of guides before him on the summit of Mount Brenta from probable injury or death.

He held up a huge, loosened rock with his breast and hands until the guides moved out of its path. He was then in his 57th year.

He ascended the summit of Brenta, 11,000 feet; East of Brenta Wall, Lower Castle, Refuge Cross, Lower Brenta and Lower Tower that summer.

When King Albert climbed he usually picked the most difficult route and went clear to the top. Guides who have accompanied him have said he was one of the most indefatigable mountain climbers they had known.

In 1932 he also climbed one of the Congolese volcanoes in the Belgian Congo, Africa.

Great energy characterized almost his every undertaking. When he came to the United States after the World War he and his queen traveled extensively, the king running a locomotive as one stage of the trip and being received at the White House at another.

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## DEVERS TO RUN FOR SEAT IN CONGRESS

J. M. Devers, assistant attorney general since 1919, Saturday informed his office here from Gold Beach that he had decided to enter the contest for representative in congress from the First congressional district, at the republican primary election next May. He said he would file his formal declaration and platform immediately upon his return to Salem tomorrow.

Prior to entering the state service Devers was district attorney of Lane county and has served in other official capacities. During most of his incumbency as assistant attorney general he has been in charge of the legal department for the state highway department. He will oppose James W. Mott, republican incumbent.

Devers has taken an active interest in the organization of direct relief operations in Oregon, and was instrumental in obtaining the federal loan for the construction of five bridges on the Oregon coast highway. He recently spent several weeks in Washington in the interest of these bridges.

## CHARLES HALL WILL RUN FOR GOVERNOR

### Opposes Knox Liquor Plan and Unification; Will Live Here, Pledge

PORTLAND, Ore., Feb. 17.—(AP)—On a platform of opposition to state liquor stores, Charles Hall of Portland today announced he again would seek the republican nomination for governor of Oregon in the May primaries.

The former state senator from Coos and Curry counties has twice been in the running for governor of the state.

He also injected education into his platform, stating he was opposed to the unification of state institutions of higher learning. He announced he was for a plan whereby earnings of resources of public utilities would be kept for holders of preferred securities as against holding companies.

Hall pledged that, if elected, he would maintain his residence at Salem, the state capital, "and maintain such office hours as will make it convenient for Oregon citizens to meet and confer with their governor."

Hall's declaration recalls the heated ballot battle he waged when Governor Ben Olcott noosed him out for the republican nomination after almost a week of vote tabulation.

Again Hall was in the running when he contested the 1930 nomination won by George W. Joseph.

## WILLAMETTE DOES WELL, FORENSICS

### Two Debate Teams Place in Linfield Meet; Mosher Third in Extempore

Willamette university's forensic squad returned from the fourth annual Linfield college forensic tournament at McMinnville last night without first or second place honors but with what was reported to be an exceptional record: The six Willamette debate teams entered won 70 per cent of their contests in the preliminaries.

Two freshman debaters, taken along chiefly for "seasoning," surprised their fellows when they placed fifth among the debating groups. They were Lawrence Morley and Randall Kester. The only other team placing of the six Willamette entered consisted of William Mosher and Garfield Barnett, varsity regulars, who won third position. The other four teams were manned by Ross Knotts and Lawrence Brown, Joseph Scott and Talbot Bennett, Frederick Spies and George McLeod, Richard Lucke and Delbert Daniels.

In the extemporaneous speaking contest, William Mosher was awarded third place. Other local speakers participating were Garfield Barnett and Martha Jane Hottel.

Approximately 20 colleges and universities of the Pacific coast participated in this tournament, which for the Willamette squad was preparatory to the Pacific Forensic league tourney to be held at Stanford university, Palo Alto, Calif., in mid-March.

Next forensic activities for Willamette will be debates with a University of Nevada team at 7:30 o'clock Thursday night and a University of Washington team at 7:30 o'clock Friday night, both in Waller hall. In the latter, each team will be permitted to cross-question the other.

## Flier Bails Out Too Late; Killed

SAN MATEO, Calif., Feb. 17.—(AP)—Raymond Martinez, 35, amateur aviator, plunged to his death after he jumped from his spinning plane with a parachute near here today.

Witnesses said Martinez attempted to "bail out" when the plane, whirling down from an altitude of about 2000 feet, was less than 100 feet from the ground. The parachute failed to open.

## Austrian Independence Must Be Preserved, Germany Told

(By The Associated Press)

Great Britain, Italy, and France told Germany and the rest of the world Saturday that Austrian independence must be observed.

The three powers in a joint declaration, viewed as a help to Austria should she accuse Germany of meddling in Austrian affairs before the League of Nations, said: "The three governments will take a common view as to the necessity of maintaining Austria's independence and integrity in accordance with relevant treaties."

A government official in Berlin said the maintenance of Austrian independence is "a matter of course" and asked "Who is threatening Austria's independence?"

"The prerequisite of independence," he added, "is that people shall have a government without

they themselves desire."

Chancellor Dollfuss of Austria told foreign correspondents in Vienna that the week of socialist anti-government disorders was the saddest in his life and accused socialists of plotting against the government "for several years."

The French government refused to discuss rearmament with Chancellor Hitler as long as Germany "rearms" and thereby willed British efforts to reopen arms talks.

In Great Britain, three ministers in addresses made plain that Britain must increase her armaments if disarmament negotiations fail.

The situation in Austria was generally quiet, meanwhile, except for sporadic firing from automobiles. Socialists were reported joining Nazi ranks.

## Sammis to Discuss Control of Liquor

George L. Sammis, administrator of the state liquor commission, is to speak here tomorrow at noon before the chamber of commerce.

The subject of his talk will be "Problems of Liquor Control in Oregon." Sammis will make his appearance here the day before the opening of Salem's first state owned and operated store. Fixtures will be all installed by tomorrow night, it is reported. Personnel of the store were to be trained this weekend in Portland.

## UPSWING IN RETAIL SALES IS GENERAL

NEW YORK, Feb. 17.—(AP)—Drawing a picture of singing cash registers and happy store managers, the National Retail Dry Goods association announced today that a nationwide survey shows a steady upward swing in retail sales, with consequent improvement in the general business tone.

The association, composed of 4500 department and specialty stores, published reports from 16 key business centers showing an average increase of 25 per cent in dollar sales for the first two weeks of February as compared with the same period last year.

The stores also reported an approximate average increase in unit sales of 10 per cent, indicating, the association said, that the improved dollar sales volume was not due merely to price rises, but that merchants were turning over substantially more merchandise than in the first two weeks of February, 1933.

Channing E. Switzer, managing director of the association, said: "Retailing has always been a reliable barometer of general business conditions. Increased sales mean more orders for the manufacturer and more work for his employees."

## Strict Limiting Of Cotton Crop Roosevelt Plan

WASHINGTON, Feb. 17.—(AP)—The south probably will have a cotton crop rigidly set at 9,500,000 bales this year.

President Roosevelt favored such a plan today. A hint of presidential desire usually is sufficient to turn congress in the direction indicated; he wrote a letter about cotton.

The plan which the president said he believed "in principle" best covered the situation would levy a tax at the gin on cotton prepared for market in excess of 9,500,000 bales. The tax virtually would equal the value of the cotton and would make it impossible for the farmer to sell for enough to pay the expenses of producing it.

## Late Sports

LA GRANDE, Ore., Feb. 17.—(AP)—The basketball team from Athena high school, which has a student body of about 60, defeated La Grande high school 28 to 9 here tonight.

Athena made a strong showing in the basketball game, which was held at La Grande last night. The half ended 9 to 5 for Athena. In the second period the Tigers got only two field goals while Athena was scoring 19 points. Giesel was high scorer with 12 points.

ASHLAND, Ore., Feb. 17.—(AP)—The Southern Oregon Normal basketball team made it two in a row over Chico State Teachers' college of Chico, Cal., with a 42-to-22 victory here tonight.

## Civil Works Projects All To be Resumed on Monday

Orders to resume all civil works and civil works service projects in Marion county Monday morning and continue them until Thursday night with present crews were received by Administrator Glenn C. Niles last night in a telegram from E. R. Goudy, state administrator. The only variation instructed for the week will be changing all CWS projects, excepting educational work, into CWA projects, meaning that the payroll will come from CWA rather than from relief funds.

Regulations previously in effect will hold, with 24 hours' work on urban and 15 on rural projects for the week, Goudy's message stated.

Niles said he hoped to have all crews back on their jobs Monday morning and to be able to use nearly all of the men who worked last week. The quota of 1411 workers, however, may be reduced somewhat through the completion of some projects, which cannot immediately be replaced.

Goudy's telegram contained no instructions as to the future regulations, such as reductions in the job quota, but said detailed instructions would follow.

A payroll of \$24,354.99 for the past week was authorized for Marion county yesterday and many of the checks received by the workers. This exceeded the previous week's payroll by about \$1781.

## Dinkens Dies at 70; Noted Guide

MEDFORD, Ore., Feb. 17.—(AP)—James P. Dinkens, a picturesque figure of Jackson county life, died tonight at the age of 70 years. He was a mountaineer and guide, renowned for his intimate knowledge of wild life. In his time he had guided many distinguished visitors to this section on hunting and fishing trips. His feats and philosophy had often been glorified in the press of the state.

## ADAMS CAR MISSING

B. F. Adams, 236 South 18th street, reported to city police last night that his automobile had been stolen from near the Mel-lon Moon dance hall in West Salem. The car, a touring model, bore Oregon license 112-697.