

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 to submit the plan as they are 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."

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.

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.

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 MeLeod, 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.

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 weather, 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 control.

UPSURING 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 in the first two weeks of February, 1933.

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 \$1,100,000 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 roll in 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.

Strict Limiting Of Cotton Crop Roosevelt Plan

WASHINGTON, Feb. 17.—(AP)—The south probably will have a cotton crop of only 2,500,000 bales this year.

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 county 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 McMahan, attended by officer," 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.

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 (Turn to Page 10, Col. 4)

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 dived above the spotted 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 air 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.

BRITAIN WILL ARM HEAVILY, WARNING

LONDON, Feb. 17.—(AP)—Three British ministers made it plain today that the United Kingdom will have to build up her armaments if current arms negotiations fail.

Sir John Simon, the secretary of foreign affairs, declared that "a breakdown of disarmament negotiations will mean that Britain will have to look to the state of her armaments, and the world will relapse into unregulated competition."

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 1/2 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.

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.

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 savings or 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.

INEBRIGATION CHARGED

City police reported last night they had arrested a man giving the name of Ralph Etzel on a charge of being drunk.

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... 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 which they themselves desire."

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.

Late Sports

LA GRANDE, Ore., Feb. 17.—(AP)—The basketball team from Athens high school, which has a student body of about 60, defeated La Grande high school 20 to 9 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 this payroll will come from CWA rather than from relief funds.

Dinkens Dies at 70; Noted Guide

MEDFORD, Ore., Feb. 17.—(AP)—James P. Dinkens of Beagle, 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 Melwood Moon dance hall in West Salem. The car, a touring model, bore Oregon license 112-897.