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The Weather
Cloudy or foggy today and Sunday, temperature below normal; Max. Temp. Friday 48, Min. 35, river 6.2 feet, northerly winds.

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Six Army Airmen Killed as Planes Crash

Shorter Time For Campaign Is Vote Issue

Oregon Spends Too Much Time on Politics Say Change Opponents

September Primary Will Afford Ample Period; on Ballot Jan. 31

EDITOR'S NOTE: This is the first of four articles dealing with the state measure on the ballot January 31. The article deals with the proposed September primary law.

By SHELDON F. SACKETT

For years there has been talk that the May to November interval between nominating and general elections in Oregon was too long. With a statewide election in order every two years, six months out of 24 for a primary-general election interval consumed 25 per cent of the time and left the public and the candidates thoroughly tired of an out-moored election practice.

Warren Irwin, piano-pushing politician in Multnomah county, espoused the move for a later primary in his 1934 campaign, as had Candidate Martin who frequently declared that the long campaign was an abomination to the candidates and an imposition on the public.

Irwin was elected to the house. Shortly after his arrival, having secured the chairmanship of the committee on elections, Irwin introduced the September primary bill. The measure was finally put through the 1935 regular session with only one substantial change. A referendum clause was attached and thus at the first state election since that session the measure is before the voters.

Arguments Against Change Impractical

Arguments made against the change in primary election dates may be plausible; they are not practical. Among pot shots thrown at the September primary is the charge that a poor man cannot run for office. The facts are that a man can start his campaign any time he wishes—he can announce he seeks the nomination in January and cover the state on foot by September; the only difficulty will be the fact that people are not interested in politics until a few weeks before election time and the aspirant for office will have difficulty getting audience. Once he is nominated he has nearly two months to campaign before the general election. With a car—and any candidate, no matter how poor, has an auto—he can make the state readily in that period and he will also be able to use the radio and the newspapers—two vehicles for public information without which no political aspirant can succeed.

A group is making the charge that the September primary is bad because it falls in the harvest period and the farmer is thereby disfranchised. Yet it was Morton Tompkins and Ray Gill, grange leaders, who, in 1931 when both were in the house, sought an August primary. One date is as bad as the other as far as interfering with farmers' work is concerned. The facts are that the farmer can get away a few hours to vote whatever time the primary comes just as he can take a holiday July 4 or go to the state fair the first week in September.

Six Months Too Long to Campaign

The average citizen, who does any careful thinking about the primary system in Oregon, knows the six months interval is far too long. The only reason it may be continued is inertia—unwillingness on the part of citizens to make a change no matter how much that change is needed. The

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History of Bonus Vetoes Is Traced

WASHINGTON, Jan. 24.—(AP)—Here is a "veto" history of bonus legislation:

1922—Warren G. Harding: "Though undying gratitude is the need... it is not to be said that a material bestowal is an obligation."

1924—Calvin Coolidge: "There is no moral justification for it."

1921—Herbert Hoover: "The bonus act (for payment in 1945) was passed... upon the explicit understanding... that the matter was closed."

1935—Franklin D. Roosevelt: "The (nation's) credit is safe but it cannot ultimately be safe if we engage in a policy of yielding to each and all 'groups'."

1936—Franklin D. Roosevelt: "I respectfully refer the members of the senate and of the house... to every word of what I said here in 1935."

Fingerprint Leads to Capture Of Fiend Slayer of Fresno Girl



"That's my business," Elton M. Stone told officers when questioned as to the motive for the slaying of Mary Louise Stammer, 14, daughter of a prominent Fresno, Cal., attorney. Stone is pictured with his captors. Left to right are Owen Kessel of the California state bureau of identification, Deputy Sheriff John Ford, Stone, Gerald Mohler, district attorney's investigator, and Undersheriff C. A. Tarr of Fresno. Insisting that he had a "grudge" against the Stammer family, Stone refused to elaborate but the authorities assert they attach little significance to his statement and declared they believe the slaying may be classed as a "sex crime."—International Illustrated News Photo.

Pacifism Invites War, Declaration Permanent Peace Efforts Must Be Universal, Is C. E. Meeting Advice

Flaunting of resolutions calling for utter pacifism before the nation of the world invites war; until peace sentiment is universal the United States had better maintain an army, a navy and an air force sufficient to protect herself against an aggressor "in the throes of an evil passion," Rev. Arnold C. Weniger, pastor of the Calvary Baptist church here, told a Christian Endeavor peace rally for the county held last night at the Knight Memorial church.

War can be curtailed, Rev. Weniger said, by better distribution.

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Gold Nugget Stickpin Presented to Martin By Mine School Group

A gold nugget stickpin was proudly displayed here yesterday by Governor Charles H. Martin—a souvenir of his trip to Grants Pass this week where he inspected a mining school which has been set up there through his overtures to the federal government. He reported that the new plan of mining field assay had been dubbed the "Charlie Martin" method and indicated he was pleased with the selection. The pin was presented by students at the school, now numbering more than 1000.

Forty per cent of the students at the school are practical miners, he reported. Karl Ladewig and 12 assistants are instructors at the school. An initial allocation of \$25,000 has been made.

Defendant in Scottsboro Case Wounded by Officer

BIRMINGHAM, Ala., Jan. 24.—(AP)—Violence flared in the five-year-old Scottsboro attack case today when one of the nine negro defendants allegedly attacked an Alabama officer and was shot in the head.

Ozie Powell, the negro, underwent an operation tonight and was given a "better than even chance" for life as Gov. Bibb Graves ordered Adjutant General John C. Coleman of the Alabama national guard to "survey the situation" and assist in investigation of the encounter.

The bullet was removed from Powell's head in two pieces by Dr. W. S. Littlejohn, brain surgeon, and the negro's chance for recovery was described as "good."

Prisoner Drew Knife Is Claim

The Scottsboro negroes, handcuffed in three, were being transferred from the scene of their trials at Decatur to the jail here by automobile when Powell allegedly drew a knife and cut Depu-

Packing Plant Labor Dispute Reported Here

Negotiations to Settle Issue Expected to Get Under Way

Shipment of Allegedly Unfair Meat From East is Cause

Negotiations between representatives of the Amalgamated Meat Cutters & Butcher Workmen's union and officials of the Valley Packing company were expected to get under way today following a labor difficulty yesterday which resulted in 40 men of the packing company being out of work last night.

Officials of the company characterized the difficulty as a "strike"; members of the union said they had been "locked out" when they discussed the situation at a meeting at labor headquarters for the union last night.

Difficulties arose over a carload of meat which arrived at the Valley Packing company's plant from Morrill & Co., Sioux Falls, South Dakota packers. Curtis Cross, manager of the packing plant here, said he had purchased the meat on representations that the eastern firm had settled its difficulties with its union. When the car was ready for unloading, men working at the plant here notified Cross that they would not unload the meat and demanded that it be shipped back because it came from an "unfair" plant.

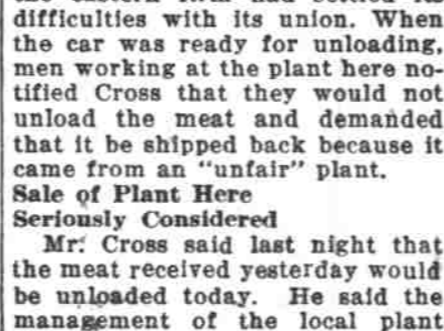
Sale of Plant Here Seriously Considered

Mr. Cross said last night that the meat received yesterday would be unloaded today. He said the management of the local plant had seriously considered a sale of the packing company to eastern interests if problems of purchasing goods for processing could not be treated as those for the management and owners of the plant.

He emphasized the point that there was no "lockout" of the men, saying he stood ready at all times to retain the members of the union provided they would go about their duties of handling the meats provided for them. He said the Morrill & Co. meat had been sold steadily on the coast, without interference. The particular car which arrived yesterday was needed by the packing company in its operations here, he stated, because meats purchased in the car shipment were not at the present time obtainable on the local market.

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Merriam Will Wed Her Soon



The marriage of Governor Frank F. Merriam of California and Mrs. Jessie Stewart Lipsey, 66 year old widow of Long Beach, Calif., is scheduled to take place at the Mission Inn at Riverside, Calif. — International Illustrated News Photo.

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Three Autos Pass Over Slain Negro

SEATTLE, Jan. 24.—(AP)—Three automobiles in swift succession ran over the body of James E. Young, 46, negro, who was killed tonight on the Seattle-Tacoma highway near here.

Coroner's deputies said the driver of the second car kept going.

Adolph J. Schussler of Carbonado was quoted by the officers as saying he first struck Young, walking along the road, after which the car swerved and missed him. Robert G. Wright, Seattle, driving the third automobile, also ran over Young.

Tie Dogs, The Dalles

THE DALLES, Ore., Jan. 24.—(AP)—Chief of Police Frank Heater ordered that dogs be kept tied today and the city employed a dog catcher to round up strays. The order was an aftermath of the several score cases of rabies which resulted in similar measures in Portland.

U. S. Aids Golf Plans

BAKER, Ore., Jan. 24.—(AP)—Sponsors of the plan to construct a golf course here with the aid of WPA funds said today the project has been approved in Washington. The program calls for an expenditure of \$14,000 by the WPA and \$12,000 by sponsors.

Constitution Tinkering Hit By John Davis

Centralizing of Power Would Be Dangerous Noted Demo Says

Regulation is Synonym for Tyranny, Warns; Oath is Recalled

NEW YORK, Jan. 24.—(AP)—John W. Davis assailed proposals for a sweeping constitutional amendment tonight in an anti-new deal prelude to Alfred E. Smith's expected attack upon the Roosevelt administration tomorrow night.

The former democratic presidential candidate said also like Smith, a founder of the American (Turn to Page 2, Col. 5)

Snow Follows Up East's Cold Wave

Temperatures Up Slightly In Some Sections But North Sub-Zero

CHICAGO, Jan. 24.—(AP)—Fresh snows swept out of the Northwest tonight in the van of a new cold wave.

The double assault presaged a swift end to the brief respite from some of the most frigid weather of the century.

Although temperatures eased slowly upward during the day from South Dakota to New York, sub-zero and sub-freezing conditions formed the rule in the northern states. A recapitulation showed 129 persons had died in 16 states from causes traceable directly or indirectly to three days of abnormal frigidity.

Snow was forecast all the way to the Atlantic seaboard.

New York City, with a death toll of five, had a non reading of ten above. Municipal coffee houses and flophouses were overtaxed. A milk shortage developed in the snowbound regions upstate. Police halted travel on some highways still being cleared of one of the worst snows on record.

Portions of six major Pennsylvania highways were still blocked. Rescuers put through mountainous drifts to reach 16 pupils who

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Bombers Plunge to Ground After They Collide; Two Saved

Pair Only Slightly Hurt When They Bail Out; Roar Heard All Over Honolulu as Crash Occurs

Lieutenant, Five Enlisted Men Meet Death in One of Worst Aviation Accidents Islands Have Seen

HONOLULU, Jan. 24.—(AP)—Six army fliers were killed tonight when two big bombing planes collided 1000 feet over Luke field and plunged to the ground in flames.

The victims one of Hawaii's worst aviation disasters comprised one officer and five enlisted men. Army authorities named them as:

Lieut. William G. Beard, San Francisco.
Staff Sergt. Bernard F. Jablonsky.
Privates John B. Hartman, Chicago; Bruce Taylor, Gardner and Parkhurst.

Further identification or home addresses of the victims was not immediately available.

Two others aboard the planes escaped the shattering crash by bailing out in parachutes. They are Air Reserve Lieut. Charles E. Fisher of Asheville, N. C., and Private Lanigan.

Each suffered minor lacerations and bruises in the collision which occurred shortly after 7 o'clock (9:30 p. m., Pacific Standard Time).

The planes came together with a roar heard virtually all over Honolulu, several miles away, and the glare of the burning ships was visible along famous Waikiki beach, which is 10 miles from Luke field or Ford Island.

Nine Engaged in Night Maneuvers

Lieut. John K. Gerhart, adjutant at Luke field, said the ill-fated planes were members of a group of nine of the Seventy-second bombardment squadron which was flying over the field in regular night maneuvers.

The planes were among three in the last element of the group (Turn to page 7, col. 8)

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