

**The Weather**  
Fair and continued cold today and Thursday, freezing; Max. Temp. Tuesday 40, Min. 30, river 3.7 feet, northerly winds.

## Ex-Running Mate Strikes Back at Al Smith

### Pay of Solons Is Vote Issue For 9th Time

Sets Record for Number of Times Brought Up for Ballot Test

Agreement Higher Wage Merited Seen; Lack of Limit Opposed

Editor's Note: This is the fourth article dealing with questions in the ballot next Friday. The current article concerns the proposed increase in the pay of legislators. Both sides are expected to be heard by SHELDON F. SACKETT.

For the ninth time, since Oregon citizens obtained the privileges and responsibilities of the initiative and referendum, the question of increasing pay to legislators is before the state. No other measure—prohibition, the sales tax, or capital punishment—has so many times been placed on the ballot.

On eight occasions, usually decisively, the state has rejected the efforts of its 90 legislators to secure a pay boost. Only once—in 1920 when times were good—did the state approach the award of a pay advance to legislators. Then the proposed constitutional amendment lost by 5000 votes.

#### Indirect Methods

Falling to secure a direct increase in pay, legislators have tried other methods. Once in the last decade they voted themselves an expense account and drew the money—until the supreme court of Oregon invalidated the bill. The practice of nepotism is common and continuous; frequently the wife of the legislator with her \$5 a day pay as secretary makes 60 per cent more than the legislator himself.

The bill before the voters Friday sets no limit on legislative pay. The legislators can draw whatever pay they set by law provided the legal period for the session is not exceeded. The proponents of the new amendment to the constitution, notably Senator William Strayer of Baker, say the amendment, without any strings on the rate the legislature will set, is equitable. No legislature, it is contended, will dare to set the rate which its members will be rapped by their constituents and not returned to the assembly.

#### Governor Would Veto

Too High Pay Rate

Furthermore the governor would veto any bill providing too high a rate of pay. The senator argues in the brief supporting the bill as published in the voter's pamphlet. Other state jobs and county positions have rates of compensation fixed by the legislature; why cannot the legislature be trusted to fix its own compensation?

Opponents of the pay increase for the legislature argue that for 77 years Oregon has managed with a \$3-a-day legislature. There is no assurance that paying the delegates \$5 a day or \$10 a day would bring better men to Salem. Well-to-do legislators do not come for the money involved; they come because they love power and the headlines and "state service." A poor man considers \$3 enough or nearly enough to maintain him while in Salem.

Greatest opposition to the legislative pay amendment to the constitution lies with objectors who say it is not safe to leave the sky-the-limit as to the amount the assembly will receive. A \$5 or \$10 maximum should have been specified, this group feels. That the times are not propitious for an increase, is a third argument against the bill. The legislation is expected to pass.

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### Milling Millions Delay Procession

WINDSOR, Eng., Jan. 28.—(AP)—George V was buried beside the bodies of his father and mother today in the vaults under the chapel of his 1600-year-old castle.

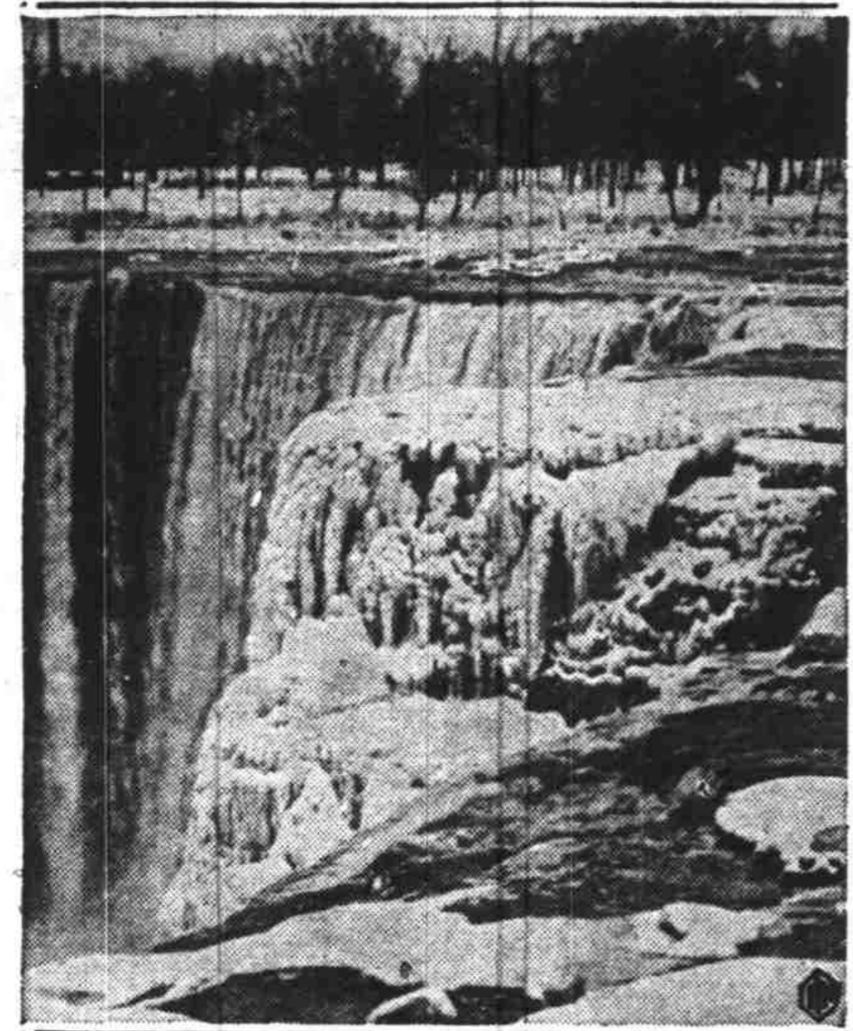
He was laid to rest after a simple service—in contrast to the pageantry of a great funeral procession which brought his body here from Westminster hall, London.

The Archbishop of Canterbury committed George's soul to God, his body to eternal peace. Then Edward VIII, his son and successor, sprinkled earth from a silver urn on the coffin as it was lowered into the crypt.

Millions of George's subjects gave him a tremendous farewell and because the cortege could not get through the crowds in London the funeral schedule was thrown 33 minutes behind.

Police were forced to take drastic action to clear the roadway and angry shouts went up from thousands at Hyde Park when police rode among them and forced them back to side streets.

### Niagara Caught in Winter's Grip Becomes Trickle and not Torrent



Courtesy Universal Newsreel

Jack Frost lavished all his artistry on Niagara Falls when the mighty cataract was sheathed in ice, checking the torrent with huge blocks of ice which formed on the rock ledges.

### Meat Is Unloaded 'Despite Picketing'

Preble Pushed Aside When Interference Claimed; Makes Statement

With the help of state policemen and two special inspectors of the Southern Pacific company, a carload of partially finished meats was moved to the Valley Packing company here yesterday morning and unloaded by salesmen and office employees of the plant.

James Preble, business agent for the drivers' and helpers local union, was pushed aside and pummeled by policemen, officials at the plant reported. They said Preble was interfering with the moving of goods to the plant.

Preble later yesterday said his difficulties near the plant had nothing to do with the Valley Order to Leave.

At noon yesterday Preble ordered to leave.

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### Building Permits Reach Large Sum

Thirteen thousand dollars worth of permits for residential and warehouse construction were issued here yesterday by the city building department.

The largest permit was for a \$9000 warehouse addition which D. A. Larmer will put under way at once, he said last night. The four-story addition, 40 by 120 feet in size, will be erected against the north wall of the newer of his two present warehouses at Liberty and Broadway. Need for better furniture storage facilities prompted the plans for the addition.

Edward Rosten yesterday secured the building department's permission to build a \$3000 one-story house at 370 North 19th street and Hawkins and Roberts streets.

Plans for a \$1000 house at 1120 South Liberty street at a cost of \$1000.

### Urgent Request for Flax Subsidy Sent by Governor

A renewed request for a \$10 a ton federal subsidy for Washington valley flax growers was wired to Washington late yesterday by Governor Charles H. Martin in an effort to expedite the securing of federal funds which will assure a large planting of flax in the valley this spring.

Advices from Washington are that the subsidy has been approved save for the official sanction of Comptroller McCarril through whose offices the payments must be made. Secretary of Agriculture Wallace has approved the subsidy, payments to be made from import duties received on agricultural products.

Governor Martin expects the subsidy to be of great help in establishing the three scutching and retting plants which have been secured for the state with WPA funds.

Plans for Three Plants Completed

Preliminary plans for these three plants have been completed. One is to be located near Springfield, Lane county, one near Mt. Angel, and the other between Canby and Molalla. WPA funds totalling \$19,500 are available for constructing each of the plants.

Plans made through the board of control and the state flax board call for cooperative organizations in each of these three areas who will make contracts for the planting of flax, supervise construction of the new plants, purchase and install processing machinery and handle the scutching and retting operations.

The Mt. Angel cooperative, further along in its organization plans, seeks to raise \$15,000 in preferred stock as its portion of the necessary capital to get the plant started. Of the money raised approximately \$5000 would be used for materials in constructing the retting and scutching plant. Another \$5000 would go as first payment on the needed machinery, an estimated sum of \$6000 being borrowed for machinery from the federal bank for cooperatives at Spokane. The remaining \$3500 would provide working capital.

Plant 700 Acres or More, Each District

From 700 to 1000 acres of flax would be planted adjacent to each

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### Power Utility Hearings Data Studies Begin

Commission to Pay More Attention to Reports of Its Engineers

Facts Will Be Useful in Future Planning Even if Projects Fail

With its series of public hearings behind it, the state hydro-electric commission is settling down to 120 days of hard work preparing reports on the three public utility district proposals it has under consideration.

The full time allowed by law will be used by the commission. When the reports are made, whether or not they recommend formation of the districts, the reports will contain factual data of value to the state in plotting its future use of hydroelectric power.

Three Districts Ask Right to Organize

Three districts have asked for consideration as future units for the distribution of power:

One is Marion county, including Salem.

The second is Linn county.

The third is a seven-county district including Polk, Yamhill, Washington, Clackamas, Lincoln, Columbia and Clatsop counties.

Members of the commission will base their findings much more upon surveys of the commission's engineers than upon data presented at various public hearings. The latter will be used primarily to gauge public sentiment on utility district formation.

Under the utility district law the findings of the hydro-electric commission will not determine whether or not utility districts will be formed. If the commission recommends against the formation of a district, five per cent of the registered voters of the territory proposed for the district can nevertheless petition for an election. The election must be held within not less than 60 or more than 90 days from the time the petition is filed. If a majority of the voters in the area approve the formation of a district, it proceeds to various public hearings. The latter will be used primarily to gauge public sentiment on utility district formation.

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However, no bonds can be issued within the district except by a special vote of authorization also given by the voters of the district. These bonds, which can be general obligation issues, can be issued up to ten per cent of the assessed value of the district if a majority of voters approve.

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### Convict Explains Slaying of Loeb

JOLIET, Ill., Jan. 28.—(AP)—Slashed 52 times by a razor in the hands of an enraged fellow convict, Richard Loeb, 30, co-perpetrator of the "thrill slaying" of Bobby Franks in 1924, was killed today in Stateville penitentiary.

James Day, 28, serving a term for larceny, confessed the killing of Loeb, State's Attorney Will McCabe of Will county said, and blamed it on Loeb's persistence in pursuing him over a long period with improper advances.

To Edward G. Powers, investigator for the state's attorney's office, he gave a full statement of the furious fight he said he and Loeb engaged in, and the incidents which, he said, led to it.

He denied he had stolen the razor with which he "cut to pieces" the partner of Nathan Leopold in Chicago's most revolting crime of nearly a dozen years ago.

The razor, he claimed, he wrested from Loeb's hand when Loeb threatened him with it.

### Late Sports

PORTLAND, Jan. 28.—(AP)—Ritchie Fontaine, Missoula, Mont., scored a technical knockout over Migdet Wolgast, Philadelphia, in the seventh round of a scheduled ten round bout here tonight. Fontaine weighed 132, Wolgast 129.

Wolgast was not hurt when the bout was halted but Referee Tom Loutitt awarded the contest to the Montana because of the former flyweight champion's indifference to warnings to "start mixing."

The Portland boxing commission announced Wolgast's purse would be held up pending a hearing tomorrow morning.

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 28.—(AP)—Maxie Rosenberg, former light heavyweight champion, took all 10 rounds from Charlie "Killer" Coates tonight.

## Shaping of Party Programs Has Limelight, Both Camps

### Live Platform Need of G.O.P. Borah Asserts

Popular Voice in Choice of Candidate Also is Necessary, Claims

Townsend Plan Will Not Work Though Pension Strongly Favored

NEW YORK, Jan. 28.—(AP)—Senator William E. Borah tonight asserted "back room" tactics in determining the republican presidential nominee for 1936 and asserted that only a "living platform" could assure republican victory next fall.

The Idaho senator, addressing a Borah-for-President meeting at Kismet Temple in Brooklyn, made no declaration as to his own possible candidacy, but strongly opposed selection of an untried delegate to the national convention in June.

Such a course, he declared in an extemporaneous speech, meant the disenfranchising of republican voters.

Parties' Prestige Held in Balance

"Party ties rest rather lightly upon the shoulders of the people at this time, as we unfortunately know," he said, "and a system which permits a few self-appointed delegates to the national convention to choose a candidate for the party is a system which is a disgrace to the party."

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### Linn Held Solving Marketing Puzzle

ALBANY, Ore., Jan. 28.—(AP)—W. L. Teutsch, assistant state county agent leader, said today Linn county has made considerable progress in balancing production to effective marketing demand. His talk was a part of the Linn county agricultural conference, attended by about 200 persons.

Figures were presented showing Linn led the state in the number of dairy cattle with 17,000, and that the area also led in production of oats and rye grass.

F. C. Mullen, Linn county agent, told the group the county is equally divided between farms, other privately owned property and national forests. He said the average size of farms dropped from 275 acres to 125, and improved acreage from 175 to 75. He said the 3,849 farms, which gives Linn fourth ranking in the state in the number of tracts, provided a farm income of \$4,500,000 in 1935, divided equally between field crops and animal produce.

### Martin Stresses Oregon Prospect

CORVALLIS, Ore., Jan. 28.—(AP)—Governor Charles H. Martin told the Corvallis chamber of commerce today that "unlimited opportunities" present themselves for making Oregon the site for an outstanding development project.

Undeveloped mineral resources, timber, farming and Bonneville dam were cited as potential factors of importance.

The governor decried defeat of the state mining survey bill and declared that hesitancy cost the state \$3,500,000 for flax development.

In commenting on the student fee proposal, the governor said the matter should be handled by the state board of higher education. "Next thing you know we'll have to vote on whether Chancellor Hunter is to remain here," he said.

Hotel and Two Homes Laid Waste at Ales; Entire Town Imperiled

ALSEA, Ore., Jan. 28.—(AP)—A hotel and two homes lay in ruins tonight as a result of a roaring fire which for a time threatened the entire town. Damage was unofficially estimated around \$5,000. The fire was under control before a truck sent from Corvallis arrived. Volunteer firemen and a hand-drawn hose cart halted the blaze, aided materially by a change in the wind.

### Swats Back at Party's Critic



JOSEPH T. ROBINSON

### Runte Appointed Temporary Chief

Liquor Board Delays Move to Fill Jack Allen's Place Permanently

PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 28.—(AP)—The Oregon state liquor commission named Otto J. Runte as acting state administrator today, succeeding Jack Allen who resigned as of February 1.

Runte, who has been connected with the liquor control commission since the state board was organized in February, 1934, has been supervisor of state liquor stores since September, 1935. He formerly was a salesman for the Neustadter brothers wholesale firm in Portland for 15 years.

The commission took no action toward the appointment of a permanent administrator.

Jack Holden, now chief clerk, was named acting supervisor of stores to succeed Runte and E. C. Crout, auditor, was named chief clerk.

More Beer License Inspectors Hired

Other actions of the commission today:

Hiring of six additional beer license inspectors and two additional

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### Mercury Dives as North Wind Comes

Jack Frost rode a north wind into Salem yesterday afternoon and blew the mercury rapidly downward. Thermometers read 25.5 degrees downtown at midnight and were still falling.

The weather bureau predicted, after having mistakenly guessed rain for yesterday, that today and Thursday would bring fair weather with freezing temperatures and "continued cold."

Yesterday's maximum temperature was 49 degrees, two points below Monday's.

### Disposal Problem Viewed At League of Cities Meet

Sewage disposal is a problem Oregon municipal officials must face, especially in the Willamette Valley, and one which may be solved through construction of proper disposal plants, Carl E. Green, state sanitary engineer, told 41 delegates of the League of Oregon Cities regional conference at the chamber of commerce here yesterday afternoon.

Green cited sewage plants being erected at Medford and Hillsboro as examples of modern disposal systems. He warned the mayors, aldermen, recorders, city attorneys and managers present to beware of the belief that products of the disposal plants would pay for their maintenance and amortization. Such is the case, he said, only in a few cases where unusual cost factors enter in.

Pay For Fire Fighting Outside City Studied

The officials discussed informally all types of municipal governmental problems throughout the afternoon but took but one formal action. They adopted a motion by Mayor G. C. Newgent of West Salem requesting the league to study and if possible devise

## High Hat Replaces Brown Derby Says Joseph T. Robinson

Former New York Governor Approved of NRA, Farm Relief, Power For Executive, Alleges

Issues Upon Which He Sought High Office Rejected; "Turncoat" Phrase Hurlled on Radio

WASHINGTON, Jan. 28.—(AP)—The new deal officially portrayed Alfred E. Smith tonight as a turncoat "warring against his own people and against the men and women with whom he fought shoulder to shoulder in the past."

The spokesman, in reply to the Saturday speech impugning the Americanism and integrity of Roosevelt policies, was Smith's running mate in the 1928 campaign for presidency—Sen. Joseph T. Robinson of Arkansas.

He said "the hour long harangue before the miscalled Liberty league was barren and sterile, without a single constructive suggestion."

"Governor Smith," he concluded a national broadcast, "I've read you the record. Says Smith Favored New Deal Policies

"You approved of NRA, you approved farm relief, you urged federal spending for public works, you urged congress to cut red tape and confer power on the executive, you urged autocratic power for the president, and you exposed with merciless logic the false cry of communism and socialism.

"The new deal was the platform of the 'happy warrior.'"

"The policies of the Liberty league have become the platform of the 'unhappy warrior.'"

The speech, distributed to newspaper offices early by the democratic national committee publicity bureau, was replete with quotations from Smith's positions in the past.

"The brown derby has been discarded to prove that Smith had turned away from the east side with those little shops and fish markets, and now his gaze rests lovingly upon the gilded towers of Park avenue."

In the quotations, Robinson undertook to prove that Smith had "advocated and championed every basic principle" enacted since March, 1933.

29 Earth Shocks Felt In Oaxaca; No Deaths Shown in First News

CACAHUATEPEC, Oaxaca, Mex., Jan. 29.—(Wednesday)—(AP)—Nine earthquake shocks were felt here today, damaging several homes, but no casualties were reported immediately.

A total of 29 earth shocks have been experienced by this region during the past 48 hours.

Octopus Seen, Claim

THE DALLES, Ore., Jan. 28.—(AP)—A four-foot octopus was seen moving along the bottom of a clear, 10-foot pool in the Metolus river, Jack McDaniels reported. He said his son also saw the inland phenomenon.

Ballot Recommendations Special Election Jan. 31

Changing primary elections to September. Vote 500 X Yes.

Giving legislature power to fix own salaries. Vote 303 X No.

Sales tax bill. Vote 305 X No.

Giving state board of higher education power to fix student fees. Vote 306 X Yes.

City manager form of government for Salem. Vote 500 X Yes.

Numerous questions were answered.

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