

### QUALIFICATIONS FOR LEGISLATORS URGED BY ACTIVE SPEAKER

"There are only two classes of people in America for which there are no qualifications required," declared James A. Rodman, president of the Eugene chamber of commerce, and former speaker of the Nebraska house, at a talk before the Eugene Active club Thursday.

Taking as his subject "Lawmakers," and prefacing his remarks by the statement he intended to submit a criticism of legislators, Mr. Rodman stressed his belief that there should be qualifications for lawmakers just as there are qualifications for lawyers, physicians, beauticians and barbers and pointed to two contributing factors to what he termed the deterioration of legislators in American history—natural causes and man-made causes.

"There seems to be in this country," he said, "a prevalent superstition that previous training in legislative affairs is superfluous; that the legislator should enter upon his legislative duties with the sweet innocence of a new borne babe and the inexperience of a new bride. You hear it said that he 'means well and I'm willing to trust him the legislature. This may be a splendid thing in the field of ethics, but standing by itself it is worth little if anything in the realm of law. You hear it said that so and so 'is honest.' Well that's fine, but it isn't enough. My banker may be honest, but I want him to be competent as well. Somebody else says 'good old horse sense' is what it takes to serve in the legislature. Sure, if your sole mission there is that of a horse trader, that fellow will pass. I submit however that horse sense would better qualify him as a veterinarian. Government itself is a science and the fellow who is allowed to tinker with it ought to know something about that particular science."

Granting that government is a science and recognizing that fundamental principles of sciences do not change, it seems clear that fundamental principles of government remain the same, the speaker said.

Turning to his contention that legislators are deteriorating, Mr. Rodman reminded his hearers that when the American form of government was founded, the best brains of the country were called in to draft the constitution. At that time business was in a chaotic condition, but with the stabilization of government, business became good. The better brains left government for private fields, leaving the reins of government in weaker hands.

The man-made causes of the deterioration, he listed as the pri-

mary law, initiative and referendum and the recall.

Declaring the hands of the legislator had been shackled by these things, Rodman expressed himself as favoring the procedure of the office seeking the man rather than the man seeking the office—as is done under the primary—and that once the man is in office, trusting to his own good judgment rather than relying on the voice of various groups of constituents. The recall, he charged, made rubber-stamp legislators.

Discussing the unicameral, or one-house legislature, Rodman urged the retention of the check and balance idea of government in the legislature itself, arguing that the one-house plan would not reduce the number of bills introduced since most bills come from outside the legislators anyway, and further arguing that one house frequently was swayed into passing a bill that was not good legislation.

"Incidentally," he said, "is a one-house form, the farmer would find his representation greatly reduced since there would be fewer legislators and the percentage who would come from farms would be correspondingly less."

### BASEBALL SCORES

AMERICAN	
First game—	R. H. E.
St. Louis . . . . .	6 12 2
Boston . . . . .	3 7 1
Caldwell and Giuliani; Grove and R. Ferrell.	
Detroit . . . . .	2 8 2
New York . . . . .	5 9 0
Bridges and Hayworth; Broca and Dickey.	
Cleveland . . . . .	7 12 0
Philadelphia . . . . .	0 5 3
Allen and Pytlak; Fink, Gumpert and Hayes.	
Second game—	
St. Louis . . . . .	4 9 1
Boston . . . . .	5 9 1
Thomas, Vanatta, Knott and Giuliani; Hensley; Henry, Willson, and Berg.	
NATIONAL	
New York . . . . .	7 13 2
Pittsburgh . . . . .	6 10 2
Gumbert, Gabler, Coffman, Castleman, Schumacher and Mancuso; Blanton, Brown, Birkhofer and Finney, Padden.	

ALBANY, July 16.—(AP)—D. A. Porter, of Portland, received treatment at the Albany hospital today for extensive body burns suffered when gasoline drenched his clothes after his truck overturned and pinned him beneath it on the Pacific highway two miles north of Halsey.

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presidency would address the convention Sunday.

Sheridan Downer, Dr. Townsend's personal counsel, brought cheers from the delegates when he read a letter signed by Governor Marland, of Oklahoma, in which the governor asked to be permitted to "carry the Townsend banner" in the Oklahoma senatorial primary.

**None for Roosevelt**  
The founder of the national union for social justice told the Townsend delegates: "As far as the National Union is concerned, no candidate which it endorses for congress can support the great betrayer and liar, Franklin Roosevelt."

"He who promised to drive the money changers from the temple has built up the greatest public debt in the nation's history," he said. "Is that the money changers from the temple?"

Fr. Coughlin declared: "He has adopted communistic measures. The National Union will not endorse any candidate who advocates the re-election of the great betrayer, Franklin Delano Roosevelt."

He said he was forced to "repu-

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revolver (he produced the weapon) which was loaded with ball and ammunition in four chambers but not in the top chamber which gave immediate access to the barrel."

He stated there was no evidence the weapon had been fired for a considerable time.

The assailant pushed his way through ranks of spectators and bobbies as the king, in uniform, rode down Constitution hill on his way to the palace after presenting colors to troops.

**Prisoner Trembles**  
Brought to the dock after the brief but desperate struggle, the prisoner stood trembling violently from head to foot, shifting from one leg to the other, wiping his face and drumming the sides of the dock with clenched fists.

Inspector Sands produced two rounds of ammunition taken from the man, along with a black-bordered envelope containing a postcard portrait of the king and a newspaper on which was pencilled: "May I love you?"

After the accused had been re-

manded to jail, a solicitor representing him, stated:

"In view of reports which appeared in tonight's evening papers, the prisoner wishes to say there was no attempt at assassination nor was there any intention of assassination."

Until recently, the defendant was quoted as saying, he had been editor of a paper called the "Human Gazette."

At first police announced his loaded revolver "fell in the roadway between the king and the troops following him."

There were witnesses who asserted the suspect actually aimed the gun at the king but that "a woman in grey" knocked the gun from his hand.

The brief, desperate struggle took place close to Wellington arch at the crown of Constitution hill.

Cheering throngs packed both sides of the roadway as the monarch, followed closely by his brother, the Duke of York, rode back toward Buckingham palace.

**King Remains Calm**  
The king retained his calm dignity throughout, although several witnesses said they believed he saw the quick commotion broke out.

Women screamed and fainted. Powerful bobbies swarmed in on the suspect and rushed him away before violence developed.

The king rode on into Buckingham's courtyard, later motored to St. James' palace for lunch and state business, then went by auto to Fort Belvedere, his summer residence.

There he changed into golfing clothes and played a round of golf at Coombe Hill, planning to return to London in the evening.

The whole English capital was

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thrown into consternation by the incident.

Newspaper extras were swept off the stands by excited throngs seeking to learn every word of the escape of their king.

LONDON, July 16.—(AP)—King Edward VIII had only one comment to make on the revolver demonstration against him today.

"The damn fool," his majesty said curtly.

Medford outdoor girls who spent Monday night on a cliff ledge overlooking Crater Lake, and were rescued by rangers, spent yesterday sleeping, and have fully recovered from their experience.

SALEM, July 16.—(AP)—Cajm, but wan, showing the effects of his recent illness, Frank A. Minto, Salem police chief, went on the stand today in his own defense on a charge of failure to enforce gambling laws as the several times delayed trial neared its close.

### BREVITIES

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**Tax Group Holds Meeting Wednesday**  
The tax assessment committee named from the local chamber of commerce to make studies of reported discriminations against Lane taxpayers held a meeting, Wednesday evening.

The protests in so far are of general nature, dealing mainly with

Industrial and business committees, headed by High School, initiated several new projects in addition to studies taken last week.

Meeting date for the next has not been set yet, awaiting results of some of the studies, said, Thursday.

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