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Tonight and Tuesday rain; moderate temperature.  
Temperature  
Highest yesterday 59  
Lowest this morning 31

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## Comment on the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS  
THE seventh measure on the state ballot at the election next month—we'll be saying next week in a few days now—requires no explanation, for its purpose can not be misunderstood.

It proposes repeal of the Oregon prohibition law.

REPEAL of the Oregon prohibition law, obviously enough, won't mean the end of prohibition in Oregon. We still have national prohibition.

What it WILL mean is that Oregon will withdraw from participation in enforcement of prohibition, leaving the task of enforcement entirely to the federal government.

That is the whole story; at least so far as immediate results are concerned.

THERE is this, of course, to be said: Prohibition is a national issue. What is to be done about it—that is to say, whether it is to be retained or repealed—will depend upon public sentiment. National prohibition is not for the people of this country for a yes or no vote. Sentiment regarding it, therefore, can be judged only by the way people decide on other issues that ARE up for a vote.

It is perfectly plain to anyone that if the people of Oregon vote to repeal their state prohibition law they will be signifying at the same time their discontent with prohibition as an institution.

To that extent, the vote on repeal of the Oregon prohibition law will have some bearing on retention or repeal of national prohibition. So it may be assumed that many people will vote on this measure with the idea of expressing their sentiments as to prohibition.

To them, the vote on the Oregon prohibition law will be a sort of straw ballot.

THIS writer expects to vote AGAINST repeal of the Oregon prohibition law. Oregon is a part of the United States, and as long as prohibition is a law of the United States Oregon should do her part in enforcing it—just as she does her part in enforcement of the laws forbidding counterfeiting.

THE eighth measure on the ballot proposes additional regulation of freight trucks and busses. Its purpose, as stated by its sponsors is to require commercial trucks and busses to bear a larger share of the burden of building and maintaining the highways over which they operate.

It is supported by the railroads, of which the commercial trucks and busses are direct competitors, and opposed by the truck and bus operators.

The measure appears to be drawn with a desire to be fair and reasonable.

THIS writer has little personal enthusiasm for the big trucks that clutter the highways and not much use for the busses. Both are a nuisance to the operator of a private car. They involve much danger both in passing and in meeting. Moreover, this writer has an idea that the private car is bearing a share of the cost of construction and maintenance of the highways that is altogether out of proportion to the damage it does to the highways.

If that is true—and there are no figures available with which either to prove or disprove it—the private car owner is being discriminated against in favor of the commercial truck and the bus.

BUT this fact remains: The commercial truck and the bus are justifying themselves as economic necessities. They are providing a service that would be missed acutely if it were withdrawn. The development of many parts of Oregon, especially lumber districts where log hauling is done by truck, would be affected adversely by legislation that resulted in putting the commercial trucks out of business.

THIS writer doesn't feel sufficiently well informed to pass judgment on a law that will affect so materially the important problem of transportation in Oregon, especially one that appears to be an effort to check by legislation a development that is justifying itself by economic necessity, and so will vote AGAINST the measure—possibly on the ground that it is better to vote no when doubt is involved.

## KLAMATH COUNTY WILL PROSECUTE FABRICK'S SLAYER

District Attorney Gillenwater Decides On Action After Conference With Attorney Klamath County Official Yesterday.

KLAMATH FALLS, Oct. 31.—(AP)—Elsworth M. Falker, of Medford was charged with involuntary manslaughter Monday afternoon in a complaint filed in Justice W. B. Barnes' court here. Konkle faces the charge in connection with the shooting of Glen Fabrick, Sr., on a hunting trip in western Klamath county October 15.

The complaint charges that Fabrick's death was due to carelessness on the part of Konkle, who, it was said here today, has admitted he mistook Fabrick for a deer.

Klamath county will start legal steps at once against Elsworth Konkle of this city, who admittedly killed Glen Fabrick, Sr., of this city, for a deer while on a hunting trip in the Lodge Pole Ranger station district, a fortnight ago. The decision was reached yesterday, following a conference between District Attorney George A. Coddling of this county and District Attorney T. R. Gillenwater. The statement of Konkle and all other evidence in the case has been turned over to the Klamath county authorities.

Konkle faces indictment on an involuntary manslaughter charge, with a prison sentence or fine, or both, as a penalty.

The charge was placed under the jurisdiction of Klamath county, because it was determined by a county engineer's survey that the tragedy occurred a mile or more within the boundaries of that county.

Reinhard A. Roof of Central Point, indicted last week by the Jackson county grand jury for involuntary manslaughter in the fatal shooting of Joseph St. Germain, his hunting companion, in mistake for a bear, in the Butte Falls district, ten days ago, will probably be brought to trial at an early date. Roof is at liberty on \$1500 bonds.

The grand jury, W. T. Greivy of Prospect, foreman, resumed sessions this morning, and is now expected to report tomorrow. The body has been investigating a number of long pending criminal matters.

## FABRICK'S ESTATE LEFT FOR WIDOW

The will of the late Glen Fabrick, Sr., killed in a hunting tragedy three weeks ago, was filed for probate in the county court last week. Mrs. Margaret Fabrick, the widow, is named executrix, without bonds. The entire estate is left to her. It is estimated at \$18,000. The estate includes life insurance, real estate and other property.

The will was made December 9, 1925, with Oris Crawford, Dr. R. L. Pollock, the late Mahlon Purdon and Attorney E. E. Kelly as signatories.

An order was issued last week by the state treasurer, directing F. E. Wahl, one of the administrators and appraisers of the estate of Ray H. Toft, to open a safety deposit box in the Farmers and Fruitgrowers bank for the purposes of appraisal.

The state treasurer's office issued the order for the purposes also of ascertaining the amount of state inheritance tax.

Toft left no will and his estate is listed at "the probable value of \$5500."

## SPECIAL POLICE ON JOB TONIGHT

Boys and girls in Medford, who are planning Halloween pranks for their evening, will be required to watch their steps, for Chief of Police C. H. McCredie announced this morning that special police will be on duty to check all pranks.

Children who couldn't wait for Halloween to arrive, started activities last night, according to reports at the city police station. One call told of leaves being thrown on the front porch of a residence, and another of tin cans being dumped in the street.

E. E. Hickman, 19, suffered most severely and was confined in a hospital here all day Sunday. The others, Mrs. Hickman, 16; Mr. and Mrs. S. Anderson, 13; Frank Stahl, 19; and Mrs. Eddie Mills, 17, were released soon after they arrived at the hospital.

Campaign Broadcasts  
(Time is eastern standard)  
Tonight (Monday)  
Wear-WJZ-NBC—9:00 President Hoover from New York (1 1/2 hours). (6 p. m. local time)  
WEAF-NBC—10:30 Gov. Roosevelt from Boston (1 hour). (7:30 p. m. local time.)  
WJZ-NBC—10:30 Democratic, Judge Florence E. Allen. (5:30 p. m. local time.)  
Tuesday  
QJZ-NBC—12:15 p. m. Republican farm program.

## REGINALD D. FIFER EMBEZZLED FUNDS OF BANK IS CLAIM

Reginald D. Fifer, 34, was released on \$1000 bond this morning following his appearance before United States Commissioner Victor A. Tengwald, on charges of embezzlement from a national bank. Fifer was arrested at ten o'clock this morning by Deputy United States Marshal Cal C. Wells, on a bench warrant issued by the federal grand jury in Portland.

Fifer, who was employed at the Medford National bank for three years up until late this spring, was indicted secretly by the federal grand jury, in session last week at Portland. He was charged with violating sections 892, Title 12, U. S. Code, which offense is embezzlement from a national bank.

According to information received here, the offense was committed about April 2, 1932. The \$1000 bond required of Fifer was furnished by his father, Turner A. Fifer, and Charles J. Campbell. The arrest was made this morning at Fifer's residence, 106 Cottage street. Copy of the indictment, which was received in Medford, and officials of the Medford National bank refused to divulge the amount, stating that "it didn't amount to much."

Fifer was bound over for trial in federal court.

CLEVELAND, Oct. 31.—(AP)—Two men were questioned today by officers investigating the mysterious disappearance of Ebert Holleran, 8, missing from his home here nine days. At the same time, the police reported three other boys disappeared over the week-end and have not been located.

One of the two men recently made advances to the Holleran lad, the police were told. The other man was described by the officers as "an old sailor of the vagrant type." He lived in a shack not far from Ebert's home, and the police said he recently had been drinking heavily.

No direct connection was found between the men and the boy's disappearance, but the police continued to hold them in custody.

The three boys missing besides Ebert, were Edmond Richardson, 15, Bernard Tullih, 15, and Clifford Easton, 14. They, however, were released as "runaways," and police felt no great fears for their safety.

The possibility that Ebert also might be a runaway continued as one of the police theories in the case, but was weakened by the fact that he was so young, and otherwise unlikely to leave home for so long voluntarily.

Capt. John T. Fleming held to the belief the boy was a victim of a degenerate.

## Slick Pair Take Large Sum From Local Residents

A handsomely dressed man of about 70, who gave his name as "Mr. Berkley," and a small woman who wore large black glasses, and was known as "Mrs. Brown," were reported today as having operated in Medford the past week "allegedly" one well known Medford family, of several hundred dollars, and attempting the same racket on another family.

Berkley would go to a large residence, and inquire the price if the people should wish to sell, according to reports, saying that he was interested in the property for a wealthy friend in Chicago who planned to move here. Usually during his conversation, he would confide his purpose in being here was to buy some Arizona mining stock which had been sold at ten cents a share. In a day or two a telegram, addressed to Mr. Berkley at this residence, would arrive, stating that his mine stock would rise to \$1.00 per share in a few days.

A long-distance telephone call from the "Mrs. Brown" who had the stock, would be received at the residence, and Berkley would negotiate to purchase the shares, amounting to several hundred dollars. He would then "be out of town" for a few days, and when Mrs. Brown would call to deliver the stock, the home-owner would pay cash, expecting to be reimbursed by Mr. Berkley.

Since the scheme did not work in the second known attempt, nothing has been seen of the couple, according to reports today. State police were notified of the actions.

Meier To Preside At Board Session  
SALEM, Oct. 31.—(AP)—Governor Julius L. Meier will be in Salem tomorrow to preside at the state board of control session as announced last week. Meier is slated at the executive offices today. It was previously reported here that the Death Friday of Mrs. Meier's mother might result in the governor postponing the meeting.

## HIGHWAY SPENDING WILL BE CUT DEEP FOR ENSUING YEAR

Commission Plans \$7,500,000 Reduction — Savings in Payroll and Operation Costs Are Large Factors.

PORTLAND, Oct. 31.—(AP)—Expenditures coming under the jurisdiction of the State Highway commission will be slashed \$7,500,000 in the years of 1933-34.

Leslie M. Scott, chairman of the commission, made this estimate in a statement issued Sunday in which he said a decrease of \$1,000,000 in payroll and operating expenses, as compared with the current biennium, will be made.

Savings in payroll and operation costs, he said, will amount to \$1,600 each working day. Payroll savings are due to salary and wage cuts, fewer employees (exclusive of relief employment), and increased efficiency. Payroll and operating economies he listed included: Administration costs, 16.8 per cent under 1931-32, and 22 per cent under 1929-30; administration payroll, 13 and 15 per cent under

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## GRILL SUSPECTS IN MYSTERY OF MISSING YOUTHS

SYRACUSE, N. Y., Oct. 31.—(AP)—Harold MacGrath, veteran writer of romances and mystery stories, who died early yesterday while at work on his latest novel, will be buried tomorrow.

MacGrath, who was 61, collapsed from a heart illness while working in his study over the half completed manuscript of a novel which had not yet been named. His wife heard him call, and found him dying. Death came soon after midnight.

MacGrath began writing novels while on the staff of the Syracuse Herald. "Arms and the Woman," his first novel, came in 1909, and was followed by "The Man on the Box," which made him famous overnight. He was the author of the pioneer motion picture serial thriller, "The Perils of Pauline," in which Pearl White starred.

His latest novel, published last year was "The Other Passport."

## WANDERING ANCIENT RETURNS TO HEARTH

ISTANBUL, Turkey, Oct. 31.—(AP)—Zaro Gahna, who says he is 158 years old, came home unexpectedly here today after two years of wandering about America and Europe.

His octogenarian wife hid behind her veil before she would let her stylishly-dressed husband enter their shack. Finally she relented and gave bread to all the neighborhood street dogs as a token of thanksgiving for his return.

Final preparations were under way today by the county clerk's office for the general election next Tuesday, with the completion of the poll books for the various precincts and the bundling of ballots and election supplies.

The county clerk has called a meeting for tomorrow morning at ten o'clock in the courthouse auditorium of all election officials for final instructions. The county clerk will also urge all voters to study the ballot, which is an exceptionally long one, the coming week, so to be able to mark the ballots speedily and facilitate the ballot casting. The county is shy of voting booths, with the same number for a record registration of 19,139 voters, as in the years when half that number went to the polls.

County Assessor J. B. Coleman today issued his usual election forecast. He predicts between a '65 and 70 per cent vote, depending on the weather.

## Dry Crusader Coming By Air Tuesday

DR. DANIEL A. POLING, America's great crusader, overcomes every barrier of space by the most modern method, the airplane. He, with Russell W. Shaw, shown above standing in front of the "Raymonds Robins," airplane which is carrying them to the principal cities in Oregon in a wind-up speaking campaign against the repeal of the state prohibition enforcement law. Dr. Poling speaks here Tuesday at the First Baptist church at 2:30 and then immediately flies to Grants Pass for a 4:30 meeting.



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Abandon Hope For Two Lost In Storm  
SHERIDAN, Wyo., Oct. 31.—(AP)—The search for Fred Demmel, 35, of Sheridan, and Dell F. Yoakum, 21, of Columbine, believed to have perished in a blizzard in the Big Horn mountains, was abandoned today. Rangers said it would be impossible to continue the search because of yesterday's storm.

Storm Warning For Coast of Oregon  
PORTLAND, Ore., Oct. 31.—(AP)—Small craft storm warnings were ordered up at Oregon and Washington coast stations today for fresh to strong south to southwest winds in the next 24 hours. Rain which began last night was general over western Oregon and western Washington.

Brookhaven Dies  
SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 31.—(AP)—Robert Brockhagen, 37, former Portland and Sacramento newspaper man and son of Carl H. Brockhagen, editor of a newspaper chain, died here Sunday, following an operation, he had been ill six months.