

Prosperity Drive and Miss Medford Contest to Begin Saturday

The Weather
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Highest yesterday 40
Lowest this morning 17

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MEIER AND HOLMAN IN OPEN ROW

HEATED CHARGES FLY AT MEETING CONTROL BOARD

Legislature Takes Back Seat While Governor, Treasurer Stage Show — Holman Ready to Slap Face

SALEM, Jan. 17.—(AP)—Legislative activities here today took second place to the meeting of the state board of control, which developed into an out and out break between Governor Julius L. Meier and State Treasurer Rufus C. Holman, during which heated charges and just as heated countercharges were hurled in rapid succession.

So intense did the situation get that at one point Holman told the governor that "you're being governor in the only thing that keeps you from getting your face slapped." This followed remarks by the governor that "it is pretty near time to apologize to the public for appointing you."

Time to Don Sackcloth. Holman retorted, "Yes, and it is getting pretty near time for me to wear sackcloth and ashes." The arguments resulted from recent legislative suggestions issued by Holman in which he charged "secretiveness" and "reign of terror" characterized the management of the office of the board of control.

The arguments culminated in the governor moving for a legislative investigation of the board of control, which motion was carried unanimously. The board as a result will request the investigation at once, and Holman was asked by the governor to present his charges.

Hose With Meier. Secretary of State Hal E. Hoos, throughout most of the arguments participated in behalf of the governor and himself as members of the board which were being intimidated by the charges of the treasurer.

The tense atmosphere was sensed when the meeting was opened by the statement of the governor that "we will now convene the 'reign of terror'." Only the Associated Press representative was present when the outbreak occurred, but before the meeting was adjourned, five more newspapermen deserted legislative coverage to attend, attracted by the loud retorts hurled back and forth.

Hostilities Still. The fore part of the meeting was taken up with routine matters of no major importance. During discussion of these matters it was noted the governor was studying the recent list of legislative suggestions issued by the state treasurer. This fact was also noted by Holman, who apparently was prepared for the question.

Half of Names. A complete check of the 869 names signed to the "resignation petitions" sponsored by L. A. Banks, and demanding the resignation of District Attorney George A. Coddling and Commissioner R. E. Nealon, finished yesterday afternoon by the Medford post of the American Legion, shows that 440 of the signatures are not listed on the tax roll of Jackson county as taxpayers and property owners.

Daughter Born



COLUMBIA, S. C., Jan. 17.—(AP)—A daughter was born today to Mrs. Beatrice Ferguson Snipes, whose death sentence for slaying a York county officer was commuted last week by Governor Blackwood to life imprisonment.

INTEREST GROWS IN MASS MEETING SLATED THURSDAY

Strong public interest has been manifested throughout the county and city in the public mass meeting to be held next Thursday evening, starting at eight o'clock in the armory, as the opening gun of the American Legion campaign to combat the "false and vicious propaganda" that has been sown over Jackson county for the better part of three years, through editorials by L. A. Banks, in his Daily News columns. The legion holds that the propaganda is responsible in a large measure for the turmoil and unfavorable publicity accruing.

Indications are that the largest crowd ever to attend a similar public gathering in this county, will be in attendance. Sentiment of all classes has been outspoken the past ten days, against further agitation and for a "declaration of a moratorium on politics."

Leaders in the legion movement declare there "will be plain talking" and that a full and free expression of public opinion will be sought, and embodied in resolutions. One resolution is expected to call upon certain county officials to refrain in the future from acting upon the advice of "outsiders with no legal authority, but employ their own initiative in the conduct of county affairs."

The legion posts of this city and Ashland are united in the campaign for county peace. The report this morning that some legion members opposed the plan, was characterized as "more propaganda."

The public meeting will not end the campaign. Every resident of the valley will be informed of the facts as they are, and a campaign of education launched to correct all misstatements and untruths, according to legion spokesmen.

There will be no disorder at the meeting, no heckling, no vaudeville, no political speeches, no appeals to prejudice, and no "grandstanding," the committee in charge asserts.

TALENT BACKED IN PROTEST ON HIGHWAY CHANGE

Medford C. of C. Committee Endorses Construction of Unit From Ashland to Point On North at Once

Resolution endorsing the proposed construction of the new Pacific highway unit from the city of Ashland to the point one and six-tenths miles north of the city limits was passed here yesterday afternoon by the Roads and Highways committee of the Medford chamber of commerce, Jack Wakefield, chairman. At the same meeting a resolution was passed opposing the use of the present new survey of the second unit of the Ashland-Talent highway in that it would unquestionably ruin the business interest of Talent and that it would leave this "important municipality without direct connection with the Pacific highway."

The action of the local chamber committee was in accordance with that taken by Ashland and Talent, where business men signed a resolution and petition, addressed to the state highway commission, asking that a new survey be made for the second unit to include Talent.

In the resolution passed by the Medford chamber committee, it was further urged that the state highway commission set as quickly as possible in letting the contract and starting construction of the first unit of asphalt, indirectly aid in the relief of unemployment in this area.

Early action on another survey of the second unit to include Talent on the highway, is also urged by the Medford committee. The Pacific highway, as recommended by the local committee, would enter and be a part of Talent as it is now, with such improvement of curves and widening of the highway within the business area as would be necessary to make

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MURDER MYSTERY Baffles Police

PALMYRA, N. Y., Jan. 17.—(AP)—The murder of Bradway Brown, young and wealthy graduate of Swarthmore university, presented mystery today as police today sought two strangers seen fleeing from the Brown home.

Brown, who figured as a witness in connection with a double tragedy three years ago, was found sprawled on his living room floor last night. A bullet had pierced his body under the right lung, after penetrating his right sleeve, as if he had flung himself into self-defense. Another bullet had been fired into the middle of his back. Both wounds bore powder marks.

FREEDOM OF PHILIPPINES IS GRANTED BY CONGRESS

WASHINGTON, Jan. 17.—(AP)—Freedom for the Philippines was granted by the congress today, the senate voting to override President Hoover's veto of the independence bill. A two-thirds vote was required. The house last Friday voted 274 to 94 to override the veto, more than the margin required.

The senate vote on rejecting the veto was 85 to 25. The vote was five more than the required two-thirds of the 92 members casting ballots.

Forty-five democrats voted with 20 republicans and the lone farmer-laborer, Shubert of Minnesota, to override the president's veto and make the bill a law.

Under the new law, complete independence for the 34 year old American possession will be achieved in from 10 to 13 years, provided the island legislature accepts the act within one year from today.

Miner Editor Answers

To the Editor: Because of repeated insinuations and open charges that there is some sleazebag between the Jacksonville Miner and the Mail Tribune, I feel the time has come to clear up the atmosphere a bit with a plain statement.

The Jacksonville Miner is owned, edited and operated solely by myself, and there is positively no connection between it and any other newspaper, interest or group. The paper, although printed in the job department of the Tribune, is an independent publication, and is produced there for the sole reason that no other commercial printing plant in Medford is equipped to handle such publication work. No concessions have been made by the printing department of the Tribune because of the editorial policy of the paper, and all editions are paid for on a cash basis at full commercial rates.

I would suggest that all skeptics get in touch with the Jacksonville postmaster, who is in possession of an affidavit of ownership required by the postal laws, which will verify these statements.

Yours for giving the truth a chance.
LEONARD HALL,
Editor and Publisher Jacksonville Miner.

ACTION BY FEHL TAKEN TO HIGHER COURTS BY WRIT

New County Judge Acted Without Judicial Powers in Arresting and Fining Commissioners, Is Claim

A writ of review, made returnable Monday, February 27, and charging that County Judge Earl H. Fehl acted outside his judicial powers, in ordering the arrest and trial of former County Judge C. B. Lamkin and former County Commissioner Victor Burrell, was filed late yesterday in circuit court. The two former county officials were "charged with contempt of the county court," and "mutilation of the county records" in signing the county court journal on January 3. They are represented by Attorneys Harry Skyrman and Wm. Briggs. They were fined \$1 by Fehl.

It is also ordered, in the writ signed by Circuit Judge H. D. Norton, that "Earl H. Fehl, acting as county judge, or otherwise, to desist" from further procedure in the case.

To Prepare Copy. County Clerk George R. Carter is ordered to prepare a certified copy, and with the original records, present them to the circuit court.

The issuance means that the state supreme court will eventually render an opinion on the entire proceedings. Fehl's charges are set forth in the writ, the main points being that Fehl acted without jurisdiction, that the proceedings were illegal, that the arrests and issuance of the bench warrants were illegal, that Fehl refused to state whether or not he was acting as the "county judge," or the "county court," that the affidavits of Howard A. Hill does not constitute sufficient grounds for contempt proceedings, that the county judge had no judicial powers in the action, that the two former officials acted within their legal rights, and that the commissioners took no part in the proceedings.

Wilkins Prosecutor. Fehl ordered bench warrants issued for Burrell and Lamkin on January 3, as an aftermath of the appointment of R. E. Nealon of Table Rock as county commissioner. The pair were hauled before Fehl, in a crowded county court room, with M. O. Wilkins of Ashland acting as counsel, "and friend of the court." After two days, testimony was taken and Fehl fined Lamkin and Burrell each \$1. It has not been paid.

Fehl held that the appointment of Nealon as commissioner by Lamkin and Burrell on the last day of their term was "illegal" and that the signing of the county court journal three days later, was "mutilation of the records."

Spelling Champ



Doris E. Cowser, 13, of Mapleton, Ill., spelled 285 words correctly to win the spelling championship of Illinois. (Associated Press Photo)

KAYL CONFESSES ARSON ATTEMPT PERILING FAMILY

Nick Kayl, 65, a resident of Crescent City, arrested there Saturday by state police, charged with attempting to set fire to his house in Jacksonville last Thursday night, to collect \$1500 insurance, while the family of Earl Bryant slept within, entered a plea of guilty this morning before Circuit Judge H. D. Norton.

The court named Attorney E. E. Kelly as counsel for Kayl, directed him to confer with Kayl, "in an effort to bring out anything that is not apparent on the surface." Tomorrow morning at 9:30 o'clock was set as the time for passing sentence.

State police say that Kayl has made a complete signed confession of the arson plot.

The aged man, deaf and full of remorse, this morning told the court, when counsel was named: "It's no use, I'm guilty."

Kayl declared that he was in financial straits, and hoped to obtain the insurance money, to pay off his debts. Kayl, according to the authorities, bored a hole in the wall of the house while the Bryants slept, stuffed inflammable material between the partitions and ignited a bit of oil-soaked yarn.

ROBINSON, GARNER FEUD SPREADS AS F. R. HOLDS TONGUE

Democratic Discord Started at New York Conference Assuming Alarming Proportions—Huey Is Thorn

By PAUL MALLON. Copyrighted by McClure Newspaper Syndicate. WASHINGTON, Jan. 17.—This prohibition discord among Democrats started at the New York congressional conference with Mr. Roosevelt. Someone asked then how repeal was getting along. Democratic Floor Leader Robinson replied it was progressing nicely along the lines he proposed. That includes a constitutional citation against the ascension and ratification by state legislatures. Whereupon Speaker Garner emitted a few cowboy equivalents of "grab durn." He asserted that was the Republican platform instead of the straight-out repeal promised by the Democrats.

The most important thing about the Robinson-Garner scene in New York was that President-elect Roosevelt said nothing. Some present expected him to step in and settle the dispute by siding either with Robinson or Garner. His silence will result in a certain split.

The way it is scheduled to come out now is that the senate will adopt the Robinson plan and the house will make another stab at substituting the Garner plan. Neither will pass finally until the new congress convenes in unless the house runs out on Garner and supports Robinson. That is possible, but not probable.

The Garner-Robinson feud in New York is about round 8 in their feud. More will come, especially after Garner goes over to the senate as vice-president, if Robinson is still leader there then. They cannot see eye to eye.

Garner's hold on the house is weakening on the inside. Members realize they are under his thumb for only about six weeks more. He cannot do anything to them as vice-president. Friends of Congressman McDuffie say Garner's close association has hurt his candidacy for leader. Some

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MEIER FOR MERGING STATE COMMISSIONS

SALEM, Jan. 17.—(AP)—Consolidation of the functions of the world war veterans' state aid commission with that of the state land board for the purpose of cutting down expense, was urged by Governor Julius L. Meier today in the second of a series of special messages he is presenting to the state legislature. Both houses heard the recommendations simultaneously today, the message being read by reading clerks.

HALF OF NAMES NOT TAXPAYERS LEGION REPORTS

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The petitions were presented during the "demonstration," and Banks while reading his courthouse steps trade, declared the petitions "carried more than 2000 names, I am reliably informed."

Lawyers Least Prolific In Proposing New Bills Is Legislature Record

By Mary Greiner Kelly. SALEM, Ore., Jan. 16.—(Special)—Lawyers are the least prolific of all when it comes to introducing bills before the legislature, according to Frank Lonergan, former speaker, now serving his fifth term in the house of representatives.

LEAGUE OF CITIES TO FOSTER LAWS

SALEM, Jan. 17.—(AP)—Fourteen members representing the legislative program of the League of Oregon Cities, will be introduced in the legislature tomorrow, it was announced today by William M. Briggs, past president of the association, and here in the interests of the league. The 14 bills range in scope from 602 license provisions to refunding municipal bond proposals and providing reciprocity for cities.

The bills to be introduced will be as follows: Measures permitting cities to designate certain city streets as high ways for heavy truck traffic to permit cities to license dogs within their corporate limits; requiring security for all deposits of municipal funds; providing method of refunding city bonds when they become due and no funds available for payment thereof; defining "street improvements" as used in the Bancroft act; providing for the issuance of tax anticipation warrants; authorizing cities to levy occupational licenses for revenue purposes; further protection of cities in regard to their liens on sale of property by county after tax foreclosure; providing method by which a property owner may have his Bancroft assessments refunded over a new ten-year term; authorizing cities to build sidewalks along county roads within cities and to bond same under the Bancroft act; providing that special firemen and special police come under the provisions of the workmen's compensation act; providing for municipal administrator or receiver for cities in financial stress; permit payments of street and sewer assessments with warrants, bonds, or interest coupons issued by the municipality, and requiring pre-rating of interest on denaturing taxes to cities in same manner as tax on which interest earned is pro-rated.

Naval Air Chief Killed In Crash

NEW YORK, Jan. 17.—(AP)—Lieutenant Edwin Francis Conway of Seattle, Wash., commander of the U. S. naval aviation base at Floyd Bennett field, was killed today in an airplane crash.

CLOTHES MAKING SESSIONS CALLED

Mabel C. Mack, home demonstration agent, will meet with three home extension units this week for the third of a series of meetings on renovating and remodeling clothing. At the first two meetings the preparation of garments for remodeling was demonstrated including laundering, dry cleaning and dyeing. The demonstrations this week will include selection of design, or planning the garment, cutting and pin fitting. Everyone attending is asked to bring a garment to be remodeled.

The meetings scheduled for 10 a. m. to 3:30 p. m. are as follows: Wednesday, Jan. 18—Lost Creek home extension unit, at the home of Mrs. Clara Culbertson, Mrs. Minnie Fox, chairman.

FARM RELIEF LIMIT STIRS DISCUSSIONS

WASHINGTON, Jan. 17.—(AP)—Word from Senator Smith (D. S. C.), that President-Elect Roosevelt wants the domestic allotment farm relief bill limited to two products—wheat and cotton—today stirred a torrent of discussion on Capitol Hill.

Editor McClatchy Dies In San Mateo

SAN MATEO, Cal., Jan. 17.—(AP)—Charles E. McClatchy, publisher of the Fresno Bee-Republican, died at the home of friends here today. Death was due to double pneumonia.

BOGUS PRINCE IN PLEA OF GUILTY

NEW YORK, Jan. 17.—(AP)—Harry F. Gerguson, the bogus "Prince Michael Bonaparte" of countless pranks and petty crimes, pleaded guilty today to federal indictments bearing a possible maximum sentence of 85 years.

WILL ROGERS SAYS:

SANTA MONICA, Cal., Jan. 16.—Well, the "Huey Long session of congress" goes into its seventh week today. The senate's principal claim to distinction has been that they have a rule where a man can talk as long as he wants to, about anything he wants to, and they have worried the American taxpayer to death with that rule.

North Dakotan Favors Secession From East

BISMARCK, N. D., Jan. 17.—(AP)—A proposal that 39 states secede from the union, leaving a "financial east" of nine states, was before the North Dakota legislature today.

EUGENE MOOSE HALL IS GUTTED BY FIRE

EUGENE, Jan. 17.—(AP)—Fire of undetermined origin gutted the Moose hall building here early this morning. The alarm was turned in at 2:10 a. m. and firemen battled the flames for two hours before subduing them.

So sic 'em, Huey. It's good to hear a new voice anyway.
Yours,
Will Rogers
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