

# Many Girls Competing for Popularity Contest Hawaiian Trip

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# MAIL PLANE CRASHES AT EUGENE

## Comment on the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS.  
HERE is the opening paragraph of a dispatch from Salem: "Moving sluggishly, the Oregon legislature closed its second week with little accomplished toward early solution of the state's perplexing problem of where to obtain revenue to continue the functions of state revenue."

The state, apparently, is in the same boat with all its citizens. WHEN a solvent state—and the state of Oregon is solvent—runs out of money with which to pay its immediate and pressing bills, the ordinary method is to BORROW.

The state of Oregon, like many other states, has trouble borrowing money right now because it can't show where it is going to get money with which to pay back its borrowings.

Property taxes, income taxes, excise taxes, inheritance taxes—all these are not yielding money according to expectations. Men who lend want to know where the money is coming from with which to PAY BACK.

Before the state can borrow money again, it must make a showing of income sufficient to meet its needs. That is where the legislature comes in.

THE SITUATION in which Oregon finds itself is not a pleasant one. Still, it has its merits. When we find that we just simply can't GET IN any more money, we are forced to stop paying money out. There is no other way out of it. So this situation in which the state finds itself will do more to bring about economy than years and years of TALKING.

Cheaper government is one of the pressing needs of the day, and whatever brings it to us will be highly beneficial in the long run, even if annoying in the present emergency.

YOU are reading a lot these days about the "lame duck" congress. Perhaps you wonder just what a "lame duck" congress is.

This is the answer: It is a congress made up largely of members who were defeated for re-election in November, but hold office until the fourth day of the following March.

The present congress is made up of an unusually large number of such members because the mortality rate among the "lame" was exceedingly heavy last fall.

THE present congress will be the last "lame duck" congress we shall have, for as these words are written 35 states have ratified the 20th amendment to the constitution and only 36 are required to make the amendment effective.

The 20th amendment to the constitution provides that newly elected senators and representatives, as well as a newly elected president, shall take the seats in January following their election in November.

WHEN the constitution of the United States was adopted, the fourth of March following the election in November was none too soon for newly elected members of congress and the newly elected president to take office.

Communication was so slow in those days that it actually took about that long to get the necessary formalities, such as the counting of the vote, out of the way and to get the new officials to Washington.

Then the framers of our constitution were inherently suspicious of sudden changes, and thought it wise to see to it that changes of administration were made as slowly as possible.

"Don't rock the boat" was their favorite motto.

IN THESE modern days, we want action, rather than delay; and so the prompt seating of new presidents and new members of congress is in line with present public opinion, which is sound.

But let's not jump to the conclusion that the "lame duck" amendment, which will eliminate such delays, will solve all of the problems of

## PILOTS ADAMS AND HOUSEHOLDER ARE INJURED IN SMASH

### Ship Bound for Medford Falls Spon After Take-Off—No Passengers Aboard Account Stormy Weather

Pilot Harold R. Adams of Medford died a short time after the crash, at Eugene, of a plane he was piloting south.

PORTLAND, Jan. 24.—(AP)—The southbound United Air Lines mail plane and passenger ship leaving here at 10:15 a. m. today was wrecked at Eugene a short time later, with possibly serious injuries to pilot and co-pilot.

The injured men were: Harold Adams, pilot; Kenneth Householder, co-pilot. The stewardess, a Miss Peterman, was not mentioned in first advices reaching United Air line offices here. It was inferred that she was uninjured.

There were no passengers aboard since the low ceiling had caused cancellation of tickets on the plane's departure from Portland. The crash occurred in the take-off and the wrecked plane fell near the Eugene airport. Ordinarily no stop is made at Eugene.

Adams and Householder are both very well known in Medford and have families in Seattle. Adams flies between this city and Seattle and Householder between Seattle and Oakland. No particulars of the wreck had been received at the local airport this afternoon. Phil Sharp, manager of Pacific Air Transport, stated, He was writing for full details when the Associated Press dispatch was received. Both Adams and Householder stay over in Medford frequently and have participated in many lodge and civic events here.

## RECORD-HERALD BUILDING SOLD

An order confirming the sale of the Pacific Record-Herald building on Sixth street was filed in the recording department of the clerk's office late yesterday, as another legal chapter in the suit of Niedermyer, Inc., against Earl H. Fehl and wife and the Pacific Record-Herald and others.

The order was signed by Circuit Judge Earl C. Latourette of Oregon City, who handed down a decision awarding Niedermyer, Inc., judgment.

Attorney E. E. Kelly, representing Fehl, said that an appeal to the supreme court would be filed today. The sale orders show that the building was sold to Ted Heimroth of the Griffin Creek district and J. B. Thomas and wife of Ashland, with the high bid of \$8372.43, an amount covering the mortgage and the costs of the action. Thomas and Heimroth were the high bidders at the public sale January 7.

## Os West in Impassioned Plea Before Solons for Victims of Loan Sharks

(By Mary Greiner Kelly.)

SALEM, Jan. 23.—(Sp.)—Great big teardrops splashed on feminine cheeks as former Governor Os West painted the plight of duped husbands and wives in the clutches of "loan sharks" at a public hearing on a trio of small loan bills held before the revision of laws committee this afternoon.

There was standing room only as former Governor West began his emotional plea in the interest of "tens of thousands of wage earners in the state."

He told how couples were lured into borrowing money by one well-known loan company, through enticing radio advertising, only to be brought to utter ruin and despair by their exorbitant rates of interest and ruthless demands.

Before he ended, he quoted the Bible and the Merchant of Venice, reaching a dramatic climax as he pictured the wolfish eyes of the usury expert after he has victimized his prey.

There were those to be heard on the other side of the question, but a large number of the crowd left when the spigot of emotion was turned off and West, with the flourish of an old-fashioned actor, swept his large

## WINNIE RUTH JUDD ON STAND



Mrs. Winnie Ruth Judd, sentenced to hang February 17 for the slaying of Mrs. Agnes Laro in the "trunk murders" case, is shown as she testified in Phoenix, Ariz., at hearings for John J. Halloran, indicted as an accessory in the case. (Associated Press Photo)

## STORY OF FATAL HUNT IS RELATED IN TRIAL OF ROLF

The trial of Reinhard A. Rolf of the Central Point district, charged with involuntary manslaughter for the accidental slaying of Joe St. Germain, his hunting companion, in mistake for a bear, was started in circuit court this morning. The tragedy occurred in the Butte Falls district last October.

Rolf was called to the stand as the first witness of the day. He said he was 32 years old, had hunted since he was 15 years old. He had been 18 months in this county for the last 18 months. Rolf testified that the tragedy was an accident. He claimed that St. Germain failed to answer pre-arranged signals, and that when he fired the fatal shot he had no idea St. Germain was in range.

Rolf, on the stand, showed the effects of worry. He was accompanied by a jury to hear the case was secured late yesterday, after a special venire had been drawn by the court. One woman—Lucinda B. Hubbard of this city is a member. The others are men, including many hunters, as follows: John S. Catey, Medford; Fred Pettinger, Medford; William Jordan, Applegate; O. V. Meyers, Medford; Louis Ulrich, Medford; B. M. Bush, Medford; Jess Neil, Ashland; Claude Sayford, Medford; J. C. Wellis, Medford; and Raymond Peter, Medford.

The case is expected to go to the jury late today.

## SCHERMERHORN IN ANSWER TO PLEA FOR VOTE RECOUNT

Sheriff Gordon L. Schermerhorn yesterday through his attorneys filed answer to the recount petition of the election board of the county. Circuit Judge L. G. Skipworth of Lane county, assigned to hear the election contest, is expected here in a day or two, to hear arguments and motions, preparatory to clearing the legal decks for the actual counting of the ballots. This is not expected to take long.

The answer is brief and consists of two paragraphs. The first denies all allegations set forth in the complaint; the second prays that the suit be dismissed and that the costs be assessed to Jennings.

The recount grew out of the general election race for sheriff. In the official count Sheriff Schermerhorn was given a majority of 123 votes, and was issued a certificate of election. Jennings was the "write in" candidate, and second in the race. He filed a contest, alleging that the 58 election boards of the county discarded 381 votes for him on "technical errors," and further alleging that he won the election by "not less than 97 votes." The petition sets forth the number of votes uncounted in each election precinct for him, and they average about four for each of the 58 precincts, or a total of 232 votes.

The technicalities upon which the votes were uncounted were: For misspelling, "R. Jennings," "Sheriff Jennings," and failure to mark an "X" in front of the name.

"The intent of the voter," as outlined by Oregon law promises to be one contention in the argument, also the legality of Jennings' candidacy, on the grounds he was a defeated primary candidate for the office. The plaintiff holds that the will of the voter, as expressed by the "write in" is the final arbiter, and must be counted regardless of technicalities.

Gets New Trial (AP)—L. H. Beam of Independence, found guilty after trial last week on a morals charge, was granted a new trial yesterday by Judge Arlie Walker, because evidence which should have been admitted was not at the first trial.

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## BABY WITHOUT GULLET DIES AFTER OPERATION

HASBROUCK HEIGHTS, N. J., Jan. 24.—(AP)—Little Helen Marie Taylor, the baby born with a closed esophagus, died early today at Hasbrouck Heights hospital.

The baby previously had been given only "one chance in a thousand" to survive.

## BEER BILL AIRING SLATED MONDAY BEFORE THROUG

### Legislators Drop Heavy Grist of Bills in House Hopper—Insurance Matters Are Among Majority

SALEM, Jan. 24.—(AP)—Introduction of 40 bills, 30 in the house, of which 19 dealt with insurance matters, and 10 in the senate, several having to do with further salary reductions of state officials, featured the legislative session during the forenoon today. The sixth message by Governor Julius L. Meier urging Columbia river development steps was sent to the two houses.

Beer hearing Monday. The first large public hearing, necessitating arrangements for use of the house chamber, will be held here next Monday night on the beer bill and resolutions on the repeal of the state prohibition amendment. The announcement stated a large crowd would attend that hearing.

Other public hearings added to the growing list included one on the truck and bus bill for next Monday afternoon following adjournment of the two houses, one tomorrow night on the timber yield tax and another Friday on opening the Willamette river to commercial fishing.

Nineteen of the house bills dealt with amendments to the state insurance code sponsored by the ways and means committee and Representative Harvey Wells, chairman of the insurance committee.

World Restricted Dentists. Others of the bills would make more drastic the restrictions upon dentists who advertise professional superiority or prices, use glaring or illuminated signs picturing teeth or any portion of the human head and forbids the employment by licensed dentists of advertising or publicity agents and increases the license fees of dentists who are not graduates of qualified schools from \$25 to \$50; provide that cities need not advance costs or furnish appeal bonds in suits to which they are parties; allow county agents and biological survey agents to sell certain poisons; reduce the compensation of justices of the peace in Klamath county to not to exceed \$165 a month; reduce the salaries of the district attorney and other officials of Klamath county.

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The continued executive sessions held behind closed doors over the state's financial condition still played an important part in the legislative assembly as the third week got well under way Monday.

Temporarily Embarrassed. The state board of control and members of the joint ways and means committee conferred all day with Portland bankers and late yesterday a statement from the governor revealed that Oregon was financially healthy, but temporarily short of cash. The actual cash deficit by February 1, it was pointed out at the conference, will be \$2,302,000.

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The ordinance carried the emergency clause.

The companies were given until February 1 of each year to file reports of their gross incomes for the previous year. Penalty of \$100 a day is provided for delayed reports.

PORTLAND, Jan. 24.—(AP)—Officials of the Oregon headquarters of the Pacific Telephone & Telegraph company said today they have not been advised of the action taken by the Klamath Falls city council last night imposing a 5 per cent tax on gross earnings of privately owned utilities.

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Leading the fight in North Dakota that 39 states secede is Sen. James P. Cain (above) of Dickinson, N. D., who says the secession plan founders on treason and sedition. (Associated Press Photo)

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SALEM, Jan. 24.—(AP)—Funeral services will be held here this afternoon for Harlan Porter Orphan, past commander of Sedgwick chapter of the G. A. R.

Orphan participated in General Sherman's memorable march to the sea. He passed away Sunday at his residence, 88 years of age.

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to the county was about \$3000 each week. The needy of the valley can now be fed for about \$500 each week, Patton said, which is about one-sixth what it was costing before.

No work is being received by the county for the food "doled" out now, however, but Patton said, when an individual or family has received five dollars' worth of food and supplies, the head of the family signs a promissory note for five dollars, payable to the county, and due as soon as the individual obtains work. Repayment of the note will depend largely upon the character of the person receiving the aid.

An average of 335 families were given aid each of the three days last week, Patton said, with an average of five persons to the family. The commissary is open Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays, with families of seven or over receiving aid on Tuesday; families of four, five and six on Thursdays, and less than four on Saturdays. The groceries are given out much the same as at a grocery store, with an account kept of just what each person receives. At the end of the day a card index is prepared with the name of each person

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## TOUGH SPOT FOR HUEY LONG SOON IS CAPITAL HINT

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Flying part of the Sierras all snow-capped at that speed was more of a kick than the Andes at about 90 miles.

Another big bank failure. Suppose the fire department was run like a bank. A fire examiner finds a small fire. Goes back from time to time to see it getting bigger, then just as there is nothing left but the chimney, he notifies the department: "We better see what we can save for those people."

Yours,

Will Rogers

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