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# SURPRISE WITNESS TAKE'S STAND

## Comment on the Day's News

**By FRANK JENKINS**  
IN CALIFORNIA on Tuesday they held a special election, at which ten measures were voted on. Since Southern Oregon is exceedingly close to California, what is happening on the other side of the line is of more than passing interest to us. So a brief outline of these measures will be offered here.

FIRST in interest is the Riley-Stewart tax plan, which revises rather radically the California system of assessment.  
In the past, California has assessed public utilities separately, the cost of state government being met by a levy on public utility corporations. Under the Riley-Stewart plan, the nearly two billion dollars of public utility holdings would be added to the general tax rolls. It is claimed by the friends of the measure that in this way the load on property will be lightened.  
The property owner in California, you see, is complaining just about as loudly as the property owner in Oregon. As a matter of fact, property owners everywhere are feeling the burden of taxation.

ANOTHER feature of the measure is assumption by the state of the county's share of school taxes. In other words, the state will pay for the schools.  
In order to do this, it is expected, the state will have to raise additional money, and a sales tax is being talked as a possible source.

THE RILEY-STEWART plan includes the tax limitation idea under which we have been operating here in Oregon for many years. That is to say, budgets are not to be permitted to exceed the previous year by more than five per cent.  
They seem to think a lot of this scheme down below the line. Out of our experience up here in Oregon, we can tell them, if they care to know, that they won't think so much of it after several years of trial.

The tax limitation idea hasn't operated to reduce taxes up here in Oregon. Instead, it has resulted in increased indebtedness, and increased indebtedness results inevitably in increased taxation.  
The only way to reduce taxes is to spend less money.

ANOTHER measure would legalize race track betting with pari-mutuel machines. It is argued that people bet on the races illegally, so they might as well be permitted to do it legally.  
This writer, who is no prude, and who realizes that people can't be stopped from gambling in some form or other, hasn't much use for legalized race track betting.

ANOTHER measure would exempt non-profit schools from taxation. If anything deserves to be exempt from taxation, it is schools, but this writer has a notion, which may be foolish, that instead of exempting parous forms of property from taxation, it would be better if we TAXED ALL PROPERTY, including municipal and government bonds.

ANOTHER bill on the California ballot would permit assessment of property on the basis of its value after earthquakes, instead of before, which sounds reasonable enough.  
Fortunately, we don't have to consider such things up here in Oregon. Another proposal is to issue 55 million dollars in bonds with which to refinance \$135,000,000 of outstanding irrigation and reclamation district bonds.

Two points of interest there: California has done a lot of state reclamation, including irrigation, and her districts are in about as bad shape as our districts up here in Oregon.  
If they can refinance 135 millions of outstanding bonds with 55 millions of new bonds, the old ones must be pretty badly depreciated.

PROPOSITION No. 7 on the California ballot is of no particular interest, as it merely changes the date on which measures passed by the legislature become effective. The legis-

## INMATE OF JAIL LINKS GLENN IN BALLOT TAKING

### O. O. Clancy Tells of Letter Smuggled Out to Governor Telling Strange Activities in County Bastile On Night

O. O. Clancy, held in the county jail since last February on a check for failing charge, told the jury in the trial of John Glenn of Ashland, former county jailer, charged with ballot theft, that a few days after the vote stealing he had smuggled a letter out of the county jail to his mother in Portland, telling what he had seen and heard in the county jail on that eventful February 20 evening, with instructions to turn the information over to Governor Julius L. Meier, which she did, with the result that the state police took a statement from Clancy a week later.  
Clancy testified that Glenn, suspended Sheriff Schermerhorn, Charles W. (Chuck) Davis and Thomas L. Brecheen, all co-defendants, held several conferences in the county jail office and corridors, between 6 and 10 o'clock that night, that Glenn had received three telephone calls, and that Glenn was extremely nervous and had walked frequently to the windows overlooking the rear of the court house to peer out. Glenn also made several trips from the jail, the witness testified.

Reflection on Jennings  
Clancy testified that the next morning Glenn told him the vaults had been burglarized and the ballots stolen, and he asked:  
"Who did it?"  
"Suspicion points to Paul Jennings," Glenn replied. Paul Jennings was a deputy sheriff while his father was sheriff.  
Clancy testified that during the evening, suspended Sheriff Schermerhorn twice entered the jail with his private key, and the last time engaged "Chuck" Davis and Glenn in conversation.  
Brecheen was seated in a chair, leaning up against a cell, with his feet pulled down over his eyes, "as if in deep study," Clancy said. The court sustained the defense objection to the witness' observation that Brecheen "was in a deep study."  
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"I know it, but I have been very busy this evening." The witness added Glenn acted very nervous.  
Three or four days after the vote stealing, Clancy testified, Glenn received a phone call and then said:  
"Those people want their \$10. I hauled them out, and asked them 'What are you trying to do? Get me pinched?'"  
Clancy also testified that the regular jail aides, janitors and prisoners were at the table on the evening of February 20, with Glenn Brecheen as the chief topic of conversation was the ballot recount. Glenn remarked:  
"Schermerhorn is not getting the breaks in the judge's ruling. I hauled out that Portland lawyer for telling about the pen expert and the magnifying glass, and letting the cat out of the bag."  
The jail supper was finished about 6:30 o'clock and the Schermerhorn, Davis-Brecheen and Sexton conferences started, the witness said, while he and other inmates read and played solitaire.

Under cross examination, Clancy was questioned at great length relative to the time of the various meetings, but no positive time was elicited.  
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New York	9	15	1
Detroit	3	12	0
Gomez and Dickey; Hudlin, Bean, Hardner and Pytlak.			
Philadelphia	R	H	E.
Washington	4	11	1
Detroit	4	10	1
White, Hall, Russell, Burke, McAfee and Sewell; Rowe, Hogsett and Hayworth.			
St. Louis	R	H	E.
Philadelphia	4	7	0
St. Louis	3	5	1
Grove and Cochrane; Blasholder and Shea.			
Boston-Chicago postponed, rain.			
National	R	H	E.
St. Louis	7	12	1
New York	3	10	0
Carleton and Wilson; Clark, Luque, Bell and Mancuso.			
Chicago	R	H	E.
Chicago	7	11	1
Brooklyn	2	7	0
Bush and Hartnett; Beck, and Lopez.			
Pittsburgh	R	H	E.
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## GLENN TO OFFER ALIBI IN BALLOT TRIAL IS SHOWN

John Glenn of Ashland, former county jailer, on trial for ballot theft in circuit court, will offer an alibi in defense and take the stand in his own behalf, his counsel, Attorney H. Von Schimada of Burns, Ore., indicated Wednesday afternoon in his opening statement to the jury.  
The 37-year-old defendant, a pensioned veteran of the Spanish-American war, will attempt to show by witnesses that at the time when the state contends he was conferring with co-defendants and propositioning the Sexton brothers to commit the vote robbery, Glenn was with friends and his wife in the county jail, later with County Judge Earl Fehel, also under indictment, and that about 10 o'clock he retired to learn for the first time the next morning that the county vault had been looted of ballots, due for recounting.  
Had Visitors  
Attorney Von Schimada said that about 7 o'clock on the evening of February 20 Glenn's wife and a "Mr. and Mrs. Pearson of Ashland came to the county jail to see Glenn and left about 7:45 o'clock. That about 8:45 o'clock Glenn went to the basement floor and seeing Burley Sexton, one of the chief witnesses for the state, said:  
"Burley, it's cold in the jail. Go down and fire up the furnace."  
Wilbur Sexton then joined his brother, and when Burley demurred to "firing the furnace," Glenn told him:  
"If you don't fire the furnace you don't get any breakfast."  
The state contends that at this meeting Glenn talked with the Sextons on the interior basement steps and later took them to the county jail office, where he proffered them \$10 apiece and a good job to get

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Payment in Silver Is Held Cheap Trick On Part of Britain—French Urged Other Nations to Default

By PAUL MALLON  
WASHINGTON, June 29.—Our officials still comment off the record about what a cheap trick it was for England to take advantage of the silver loophole in her partial debt payment.  
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## SCHERMERHORN NEXT ON TRIAL STATE REVEALS

Suspended-Sheriff Gordon L. Schermerhorn, indicted for ballot-theft, will be placed on trial, at the conclusion of the current trial of John Glenn, Ashland, former county jailer, it was announced by Assistant Attorney General Ralph E. Moody, in court this morning. It was previously announced that the trial of Thomas L. Brecheen also of Ashland, politician, who boarded at "Congress Convocations" that he was a "personal friend of President Roosevelt's of 25 years' standing," would be next.  
The suspension of Schermerhorn for a three months' period by the governor, following ouster proceedings, expires July 8.  
Circuit Judge George F. Skipworth advised Attorney Frank J. Newman for Schermerhorn, that his trial could not start until after July 4.

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Growers Hear O. S. C. Experts On Essentials Success in Industry—New Wrap May Solve Problem

By JEUNESSE BUTLER.  
A "united front" involving all connected with the fruit industry, is the prime and absolute essential for the success of that industry in the northwest, according to Henry Hartman, professor of pomology at Oregon State Agricultural college, who addressed a large gathering of fruit growers last night in the auditorium of the Jackson county courthouse.  
Prof. Hartman, working jointly with the college and the northwest pear bureau, and considered a leading authority in the above-mentioned field, spoke principally on the handling methods of pears, his address being heard by one great advertising by Prof. J. C. Moore, also of the college. D. R. Rosenberg, president of the bureau, presided. Open forums for questions, answers and discussion followed each speaker, and Paul Scherer, chairman of the research committee of the council, reported upon the new copper wrap.  
Progress in Transport.  
While handling problems had not been completely solved and the Best pear still failed to reach the consumer in as good condition as it should, considerable progress had been made, stated Prof. Hartman. The different temperatures for ripening, softening and coloration of the Best were discussed at length. Concentrated efforts toward finding the correct point of temperature to produce best results were going on, said the speaker.  
Findings of methods to aid transportation in the matter of refrigeration were reported. Excellent results were said to have been obtained. The Winter Nels pear came in for considerable discussion, Prof. Hartman stating that 40 different treatments had been carried on in experiments to eliminate the present unpopularity of this variety. Control of pests and diseases peculiar to the Nels were told the growers and their cure as determined by results of researches during the past year. The pre-cooling necessary could be undertaken with-

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NEW YORK, June 29.—(AP)—Rococo (Fatty) Arbuckle, bulky comedian of the films, died early today of a heart attack that followed a celebration of the first anniversary of his third marriage. He was forty-five years old.  
The actor, who had been attempting a "comeback" from the blight that fell on his career as the result of the mysterious death of an actress during a gay party in 1921, died in his sleep in his suite in a midtown hotel.  
His third wife, the former Addie McPhail, screen actress, discovered his death. After summoning the house physician, she became hysterical from grief. Physicians said Arbuckle died of agonia pectoris.  
Arbuckle completed a picture "Tamallo" yesterday at a Long Island studio. It was one of six he had recently done for Warner brothers. After dinner last night he went with his wife to the apartment of William Lahiff, restaurant proprietor, where a party was given in honor of the Arbuckles' anniversary.  
After the party Arbuckle retired, apparently in fairly good health, despite recent attacks of a heart ailment. A few moments later, however, his wife called him, received no answer and then discovered that he was dead.  
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Pecora Places Long List Big Figures in Industrial World Before Senate Committee Probing Tax-Dodgers

WASHINGTON, June 29.—(AP)—Charles E. Mitchell and Percy A. Rockefeller were listed today among individuals who, senate investigators were told, were invited to share in profits from floating securities issued by Kuhn, Loeb & Company.  
Ferdinand Pecora, counsel, placed before the investigating committee a long list of prominent figures in the industrial world invited to participate in the profits.  
The list was similar to the selected client lists of J. P. Morgan & Company, but operated differently.  
Earlier Pecora advocated a government investigation to determine why an internal revenue bureau official changed the classification of an income tax-reducing stock sale by Otto Kahn from a "wash sale" to "an ordinary transaction on the exchange."  
Pecora made this suggestion after the committee had received testimony from Kahn, senior partner of Kuhn, Loeb & Company, giant New York banking house, that he had paid a foreign income tax in 1930 when he sold none in this country. Kahn said the tax was \$4,480 and he assumed it was paid in Great Britain.  
The senate investigators also were told that the government granted Kahn an income tax reduction in 1930 on stock sales without knowledge that the securities were sold to his daughter, Mrs. Maud E. Marriot.  
After the morning news, Chairman Fletcher told newspapermen the committee "may make some inquiry into the Roosevelt boom market." He added, however, it would not be done now and no definite plans have been made.

Glenn testified that it was common jail talk "that suspicion points to Paul Jennings," and I heard it often."  
Clancy said he arranged with a prisoner named Randall to "sneak out the letter to his mother through a lady friend of Randall's, by the name of Goss. I didn't trust the state police, the sheriff or the district attorney, so I took that means. My mother induced me to make the statement I did."  
The witness denied he had told Randall "get this letter out, and we will both hit the sidewalk, and be free men again," or that he had been prompted by any expectation of clemency from the governor. He knew the delivery had been made, when the state police took him to their headquarters, and he was asked to make a statement.  
Did Not See Wife.  
Clancy testified he did not see Mrs. Glenn in the county jail that evening. The defense indicated yesterday, as part of the Glenn alibi, that the wife had come to the jail at 7 o'clock and left about 1:45 p. m. with friends to attend a meeting of Foreign War Veterans. During this period, the state holds, Glenn was busy conferring with Schermerhorn, "Chuck" Davis and Brecheen and the Sexton brothers on vote-stealing details.  
Clancy also revealed on cross-examination that after the theft became known "I understood better."  
He said one jail code, in those days was to "keep out where you could be seen."  
The state indicated it would call Mrs. Daniels, matron, her son, Joe, Janitor Bell and several others to corroborate Clancy's story of conferences and intrigue.  
Burley Sexton Testifies.  
Burley Sexton was next called to the stand to tell for the third time how, he avers, Glenn induced him and his brother, Wilbur, to assist in the ballot robbery, with the promise, "I will pay you \$10 out of my own pocket. The sheriff will pay you while you know how I stand with Fehel."  
On the first invitation, Sexton said he demurred, and Glenn replied: "You have nothing to be afraid about. The sheriff and the judge are back of you." The talk occurred in the county jail office, behind a closed door, and the three then went to the basement to look for tools. Burley admitted breaking the vault window while the "Congress" applauded and a Ford rattled.  
Glenn declared, Sexton again testified: "We've got to get those ballots, or we will all be out of jobs."  
Sexton repeated the basement floor conversation with Glenn, Fehel, Jones, Davis and others present, in which Fehel said:  
"We've got to keep that old bunch out! I'll show something before I get through with them."  
The state contends the plot began to take form after this confab.

## MILKING CONTEST AND FIRE LADDIES IN ACTION SLATED

Stores Open Monday.  
It has been definitely decided that Medford business houses will remain open on Monday, July 3.  
A demonstration by the local fire department, under the direction of Chief Roy Elliott, followed by a milking contest for Jackson county boys and girls will be Medford's portion on the morning of July 3, it was announced this morning by John Moffatt, chairman of the chamber of commerce retail merchants' committee. The fire department demonstration will take place on the streets complete announcements regarding same will be made in a day or so. The men of the fire department always put on a good show and the one on Monday will be no exception.  
The cow milking contest will start punctually at 11 o'clock on the Southern Pacific lot opposite the chamber of commerce and will be confined to both boys and girls in Jackson county, exclusive of Medford, between 12 years of age. The number of contestants will be limited to ten and in the event that a larger number enter, the names will be drawn and the first ten will qualify for the contest.  
The committee in charge announces that a time limit will be set for each contestant at each cow and the winner will be determined by the amount of milk obtained during the elapsed time.  
Mr. Moffatt announces that each of the ten boys and girls entering the contest will receive a prize. The first prize will be \$7.50; second prize, \$5; third prize, \$2.50, and seven merchandise prizes. Boys and girls who desire to enter the contest are urged to submit their names immediately to either the chamber of commerce or R. G. Fowler, county agent. The Southern Pacific lot will be roped off and there will be ample space for those who desire to see this novel event.  
R. R. Shreve, chairman of the publicity committee of the chamber of Commerce, announced this morning that photographs of the winners would be taken and published in the farm bulletins of the Pacific coast.  
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Blaze Destroys Home at Phoenix  
EDEN PRECINCT, June 29.—Fire at two a. m. today completely destroyed the Noah Lyons residence in the Phoenix district, the cause of the blaze being undetermined. The fire was discovered by two young men motoring along the highway, and when neighbors reached the house, it was a mass of flames.  
The Lyons family is at Pelican Bay, where they had gone for Mr. Lyons' health.

Roosevelt Steps on Canadian Soil  
CAMPOBELLO ISLAND, N. B., June 29.—President Roosevelt stepped on Canadian shores at the end of his vacation sail late today and pointed to the relations between Canada and the United States as an example to the Geneva arms conference of the unfurling border.

Egan Far Behind in Morning Play  
VICTORIA, B. C., June 29.—(AP)—H. Chandler Egan, Medford, Ore., veteran defending champion slipped far behind on his morning round in the quarter final of the Pacific Northwest golf tournament today, dropping six holes on the first 18 to Alan Taylor, Victoria. They were playing 36 holes for the right to enter the lower bracket semi-finals.

Masons Going to Ashland Friday  
Medford degree team of Masonry lodge 103, A. F. & A. M., will journey to Ashland tomorrow evening and at 7:30 o'clock put on the Master Mason degree for a candidate at Ashland lodge No. 23. The degree will be put on in full form, and all the properties will be taken to the neighboring city for the work.  
The local team has won much praise about the state for its wonderful work and the presentation in the Masonic hall is expected to attract many Masons. Worshipful Master Good of the Ashland lodge has extended an invitation to all members of the Medford lodge to attend.

## ARBUCKLE FOUND DEAD OF HEART ATTACK FOLLOWING ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

NEW YORK, June 29.—(AP)—Rococo (Fatty) Arbuckle, bulky comedian of the films, died early today of a heart attack that followed a celebration of the first anniversary of his third marriage. He was forty-five years old.  
The actor, who had been attempting a "comeback" from the blight that fell on his career as the result of the mysterious death of an actress during a gay party in 1921, died in his sleep in his suite in a midtown hotel.  
His third wife, the former Addie McPhail, screen actress, discovered his death. After summoning the house physician, she became hysterical from grief. Physicians said Arbuckle died of agonia pectoris.  
Arbuckle completed a picture "Tamallo" yesterday at a Long Island studio. It was one of six he had recently done for Warner brothers. After dinner last night he went with his wife to the apartment of William Lahiff, restaurant proprietor, where a party was given in honor