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## Interest Taken By Truman Assures Suitable Marker At Grave Of Noted Oregonian

By CHARLES D. WATKINS  
 WASHINGTON, July 19.—(AP)—The kindly interest of the nation's chief executive and his friendship for a member of the Senate may lead to appropriate marking of the spot where one of Oregon's Civil War heroes died in battle.

Last week, President Truman slipped quietly away from Blair House for a trip to Leesburg, Va., about 50 miles from the capital. There, Edward Dickinson Baker, a Union army colonel and U.S. Senator from Oregon, was killed in the battle of Ball's Bluff when union forces were defeated by the Confederate army on Oct. 22, 1861.

Senator Morse (R-Ore) was the president's guest for the trip which was made without the usual fanfare and escort of a presidential sort. The president drove his own car with the customary secret service man in the back seat.

And it was Gen. George C. Marshall, former secretary of state, who guided Mr. Truman and the Oregon Republican to the spot where Baker fell.

All three climbed through barbed wire, briars and bushes to uncover a small stone marker on the site.

Baker had died leading his troops, who served under Gen. Charles P. Stone, in a charge up the steep sides of Ball's Bluff.

His body, Senator Morse said, was brought to Washington and later taken to San Francisco where it was buried in Lone Mountain Cemetery.

The president and Senator Morse agreed that the site where Baker fell should be better marked.

Morse told a reporter a more colorful political figure than Baker has never served Oregon in the United States Senate and declared few orators in the Senate have matched his eloquence.

Baker served in the House as a representative from Illinois. He once defeated Abraham Lincoln for the congressional nomination in the Springfield, Ill., district but lost the election.

He resigned from Congress to accept a commission as colonel in the American Army during the war with Mexico and again was elected to Congress for the 1849-51 term. He declined reelection.

Baker moved to California where he ran for the House and was defeated. He then moved to Oregon and in 1860 was chosen by the legislature as senator.

During his service in the Senate he fought to uphold Lincoln's policies but while still a senator took a command as colonel in the Union Army.

The battle of Ball's Bluff caused General Stone to be relieved of his command and the creation of a congressional committee to look into incidents of the war.

After the president and Morse agreed that the site of Baker's death should be more appropriately marked, Morse said he would take it up with Oregonians.

Morse Tolls Appreciation  
 Morse wrote the president after the trip:

"I want you to know that the highlight of my service in the Senate was the rare privilege and great pleasure I had last Sunday in being your guest on the trip to Ball's Bluff.

"Although it was an occasion of great personal enjoyment for me, it was a particularly gracious thing for you to do because your interest in Edward Dickinson Baker means much to us in Oregon.

"The fact that the President of the United States would take time out of his busy life to show interest in and pay the respect to Baker's notable record, which you did last Sunday, is a clear symbol of your devotion to the historical meanings of our system of representative government.

"I am sure the people of Oregon will show their gratitude for the interest you have expressed in this matter by seeing to it that an appropriate marker is placed on Ball's Bluff battlefield at the spot where Baker fell, mortally wounded.

"Also I am sure they will want to have a plaque bearing appropriate information about Baker prepared for the base of his statue which now stands in the rotunda of the capitol."

While Morse frequently disagrees with the president's program, he said a friendship exists between them that amounts to a deep personal fondness.

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## Pinball, Highball Separated By Washington Order

SEATTLE, July 19.—(AP)—The wall between the pinball and the highball in Washington state must be raised from four feet, four inches, to seven feet. The State Liquor Control board disclosed the elevating order Monday, but operators of cocktail lounges indicated they will appeal.

The board said the ruling is experimental. "We are trying to separate gaming from drinking," said Clarence LaFromboise, a board member. He said the board feels a 52-inch partition over which even short-stuff drinkers and blinkers can peer back and forth to see who is a till, does not amply seal off the games of skill and skill.

When liquor-by-the-jigger first became legal in Washington, the board ruled gaming devices must be housed in a separate room. They later ruled for partitioning off gaming devices with a short wall.

The latest modification, operators hold, will make it easier for minors to play the games. With the present midget fence, they point out, a minor is quickly spotted from the bar, unless he is playing on his knees.

Officers of the Washington State Spirituous Beverage association will meet with the liquor board today in Olympia to appeal for a modification.

## Geo. W. Brown Succeeds Earl On C. I. O. Board

PORTLAND, July 20.—(AP)—The state CIO executive committee has appointed George W. Brown, Jennings Lodge, as acting secretary to replace Stanley Earl.

Earl has accepted a post as government labor adviser to Korea.

Brown, 44, director of organization for the CIO Woodworkers of America, will serve until a mail election next fall. Candidates will be nominated at the state convention in October, and the election held afterward.

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