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SHORT SHORTS

Charles V. Stanton

One of the most heated controversies connected with dissemination of news around the country today involves use of cameras and microphones in courtrooms.

Newspapers and radio insist that both cameras and microphones are essential to modern news coverage technique and have their place in court. Some courts refuse to permit either picture making or broadcasts.

We feel extremely grateful for the cooperation extended the press in our Douglas County courts. Circuit Judge Carl E. Wimberly has permitted both cameras and microphones in his courtroom. Judge John L. Foote, serving on the bench in the absence of Judge Wimberly, who is recuperating from illness, made it possible for the News-Review's radio station KRNR to set a "first" in broadcasting news, taped in the courtroom, before completion of an action. The broadcast was on the air within minutes from the time the hearings were recorded.

The broadcast procedure by Bob Grant, KRNR news director and a member of national committees on radio news handling, was entirely experimental. But in his experiment Grant had full cooperation from Judge Foote.

It has been the constant effort of The News-Review and KRNR, performing the task of reporting courtroom news by radio and with pictures, to at all times preserve the dignity of the court and to avoid any act which might distract attention from court proceedings.

Cooperation by our local courts has made possible ample proof that cameras and microphones are not incompatible with court dignity. We are grateful to court officials for the opportunity to prove this point.

Congratulations are in order to Carole Jo Kabler, the young Sutherlin miss who has been winning golf championships right and left. Only 16 years of age, she has been burning up the links of the Pacific Northwest, beating older and more experienced women golfers with her smooth and steady play. A few more years of experience and Carole Jo undoubtedly will be making her mark in national competition.

Speaking of things athletic, Roseburg has a group of deserving athletes currently in need of financial help.

The Roseburg Girls Softball Team has had a most successful season despite many handicaps. One of the greatest handicaps is the lack of a county girls league to supply competition close at home. The team has to find competition by making long and expensive road trips while supporting itself from meager gate receipts.

Now the team wants to enter the state tournament starting at Portland Aug. 12. The cost will amount to around \$250.

Does anyone want to sponsor the team? If so, contact should be made with Coach Roy Crain.

We should be very interested in knowing what the twelve-hour filibuster "yackathon" by Senator Morse cost the taxpayers of the country. It costs thousands of dollars for each hour Congress remains in session, and Morse has been quite effective in delaying adjournment. His "re-marks" must be spread on the pages of Congressional Record at taxpayer expense. If Morse remains true to form, copies from Congressional Record, together with favorable newspaper editorials, will be mailed freely to Oregon constituents.

But, speaking of speaking, the senator's antics should have one good effect. They should be building votes for the reelection of Senator Cordon.

When we consider Candidate Neuberger's affliction with "galleryitis" it should be obvious that Oregon shouldn't be represented in the U. S. Senate by two clowns.

Hal Boyle

RAPID CITY, S. D. (AP) — Did you know the camel was a pioneer settler of the American West, but left here nearly a million years ago?

That was long before either the Indian or the cowboy arrived. And today nobody can tell for sure why one branch of the camel family migrated to South America and became a llama, while another branch went to Africa and ended up carrying Arabs and posing for cigarettes.

"Why did he leave here?" asks Dr. James D. Bump. "The camel competed successfully here for 30 million years. So did the horse. But they both left the country. Why? Nobody knows."

These are the kind of problems that bother paleontologists in old bones such as Dr. Bump. He is director of the museum of geology at the South Dakota School of Mines and one of the nation's best known paleontologists.

To Dr. Bump the hills and eroded tablelands of the West are a great history book of America, holding more mystery than any thriller by Ellery Queen.

He spent his boyhood in the famous South Dakota badlands and became fascinated early with the fossil life imprisoned there in salt layers that tell the tale of the past, chapter by chapter. As a child he used to wander about, filling gallon cans with fossil teeth and slowly learning to identify them.

Mucous For Scientists
"I can't think of another place where we can find so many types of past life," he said. Among some 200 fossil animal forms dug up there are the saber-toothed tiger, the three-toed horse, and the ancestors of the modern camel, hog and rhinoceros.
Scientists come from all parts of the world to sift the rich fossil treasures of the badlands. One summer there were 15 different scientific groups delving in the

area at the same time. Seeing the evidence of so many forms of life that have vanished tends to make paleontologists pretty philosophical about the fate of mankind. Most of them are reconciled to the possibility man isn't here to stay forever—anytime than the dinosaur was.

Dr. Bump feels pretty sure, for example, that if man doesn't figure a way to bump off the insects they will finally bump him off. "Shellfish ruled the world for the best part of 200 million years," he said. "Then came the age of the fishes."

The sharks were boss for a long time, and then they started dwindling and they've been dwindling ever since.

"From the fishes came the reptiles. One branch was the dinosaurs — they had the right hormones or something — and lasted for 200 million years," he said.

Insects Near Major Fate
Then mammals, some smaller than mice, began evolving, and the age of the mammals has run for 100 million years. But modern man himself is quite recent—only about 30,000 to 50,000 years old.

"In every way except brainpower, man is physically inferior to many mammals," he said.

"What insects far outnumber any other forms of life on earth," said Dr. Bump, cheerfully, "and pound for pound, insects today probably match the weight of all the mammals in the world."
"The problem is whether man can keep from going downhill long enough to make enough chemicals to cure them. But, of course, we can't say for sure the next age will belong to the insects."
"After all some people call this the age of man—but some call it the age of the atom."

Three Men in a Tub



Recipe For Filibuster 'Army' Outlined By Morse During Long Session In Senate

By A. ROBERT SMITH
News-Review Correspondent

WASHINGTON — Sen. Wayne Morse, still a lecturing professor in demeanor and currently the champion long-distance lecturer in Senate history, gave a new reason the other night as he talked through the wee hours while his colleagues slept for another day's debate on the controversial atomic energy revision bill.

Morse, who doesn't resort to such Senate-honored maneuvers as reading from the Bible or from recipe books to consume time during a filibuster, told how to organize "the army of the people" to go into the trenches for all-night stands against unwanted legislation.

Why tell of his side's backstage maneuvers? Some day, Morse explained, political science students will be reading this historic debate, just as they now read the debate on the federal reserve bill during the Woodrow Wilson's presidency. These will be written on

this 25 years from now, Morse predicted confidently.

Wants To Aid Students
"I want to help some Ph.D. candidates tonight by telling this story," the independent senator declared. And so he spun out a tale of how Sen. Lister Hill (D-Ala.), whom he said is the best informed man in Congress on the Tennessee Valley Authority, sent out a call for recruits in the "army of the people."

"Enlistments were accepted in the District of Columbia room just off the Senate floor," Morse said, speaking of the place where a group of some 25 senators — mostly Democrats — first met to discuss their common concern about many provisions of the bill to revise the atomic energy act and permit private utilities to develop electric power from the atom.

In a good-natured manner edged ever so slightly with sarcasm, Morse told of how some of his colleagues at that meeting "tore out their chests and said, 'Put me down for six hours a day from now until Christmas.'"

Preparations Outlined
Morse said "General" Hill warned

ed his colleagues of what they were in for if they decided to make a fight of it, of how they would have to be prepared to take the floor at 2 o'clock in the morning if necessary, or be standing by in reserve in the cloakroom waiting to go on if it were necessary to pick up the musket.

"They seemed to be slightly offended at the thought that they could weaken in their determination," Morse said, sharpening the edge a bit.

That was two weeks ago. Since then there have been some "casualties" in the army, said "General" Hill's most faithful cannonade. Some of the recruits apparently didn't understand that they had enlisted for the duration and had dropped by the wayside.

After a few successful skirmishes amidst many more defeats, some of the enlistees said "maybe we ought to be satisfied with that," Morse explained.

Satisfaction Understandable
The satisfaction of these colleagues, said Morse, was understandable, citing the several amendments sponsored by his group which had been adopted by the Senate during the long, weary battle.

"That progress would never have been made had we not made this fight," Morse averred. One of the reasons for dragging out the atomic debate, Morse said, was to allow enough time for the American people to be heard from. He said that, at least, has been accomplished by the big debate. The response from the Pacific Northwest has been "tremendous," he said.

"The overwhelming majority are saying, 'Fight on! Fight on!'" — a command even Wayne Morse, who can talk all night and be fresher than his breakfast coffee in the morning, had to admit is "easier said than done."

This story, with considerable embellishment, formed a 3-hour introduction from midnight until 3 a.m. Tuesday to Morse's theme of the night, which was a 140-page document on the overall atomic bill.

"And this is only my first speech on the bill itself," Morse explained. He said he would be on an amendment to the bill.

"I've still got a second speech to deliver."

Business Profits Reported Elastic

NEW YORK — The first 415 corporations to report on earnings show that profits from American industry and trade are running neck and neck today with booming 1953.

But for an unusually large number of corporations, the profit and loss statements are either very good or very bad.

Half of the companies are doing better than last year—some blazing new trails into record high profits for the first half of the year. The general business slump may have cut their sales totals, but lighter taxes push them into new high ground.

Just about as many are trailing last year's first six months' earnings. And 17 of the companies operated in the red so far this year. Only five did a year ago.

Utilities and communication companies gained much more than did industrial. Railroads were dragging—25 of the 28 showing declines in earnings this year, and four reporting net losses.

The 416 corporations combined net profit after taxes comes to \$3,335,328,254. The same companies earned \$3,268,213,308 in the first half of 1953. This puts them 3 percent ahead this year, with 21 of them showing gains over a year ago.

The 368 industrials in the list had combined earnings 6.7 percent ahead of a year ago. The 20 utilities showed a combined increase of 31 percent. But the 28 rails were off 44 percent.

Biggest gains this year were made by aircraft companies, reflecting defense spending as well as tax relief. Motors reporting so far are ahead, with General Motors' gains setting the pace. The end of the excess profits tax helped here.

Portland Firm Helps In Yale Forest School

NEW HAVEN, Conn. — Appointment of Ernest T. F. Wollenberg of Ukiah, Calif., to the newly created post of professor of industrial forestry, was announced Friday at Yale University.

Yale President A. Whitner Griswold said the new professorship was the first of its kind in American education and had been established at the Yale Forestry School with the aid of the Edward Hines Lumber Co., and the Michigan-California Lumber Co., of Portland, Ore.

Wollenberg will come to Yale, Griswold said, following his retirement in September at vice president of the Masonite Corp., and general manager of that company's California operation.

President Approves Dam Planning Funds

WASHINGTON — Planning funds for four Pacific Northwest water power projects proposed to be built in line with the President's partnership program have been approved by the Senate Appropriations Committee, Sen. Cordon (R-Ore.) reported Thursday.

He said a total of \$1,600,000 would be allocated among seven projects, all of which have been authorized by Congress for joint development by the federal government and local or private agencies, or are previously authorized projects which are being considered for such joint construction.

Cordon said the four Pacific Northwest projects are John Day Dam, \$700,000, and Priest Rapids Dam, \$250,000, both on the Columbia River; Green Peter Dam on the Santiam in Oregon, \$150,000; and Cougar Dam on the south fork of the McKenzie, Oregon, \$150,000.

The recommendation, still to be approved by the Senate, also must be accepted by the House which did not include any money for this purpose in passing its version of the supplemental appropriation bill.

One of the chief hallmarks of President Eisenhower's regime is the tag, "middle of the road." Naturally, this is just a phrase used to translate into specific plans and action. In his broad legislative program, the President has tried to give the phrase meaning.

As Mr. Eisenhower sees it, "middle of the road" means a lot of emphasis on plans that call for voluntary mutual or self help by the people.

Such an approach throws upon the ordinary citizen the burden of solving many problems which, according to other views of government, have been getting strictly Washington solutions.

It was in this spirit that the President proposed his bill for health insurance. The measure was designed to encourage groups like Blue Cross to offer people more health protection at lower cost.

Under the plan, a federal fund of \$25 million would have been created to insure private health insurance organizations against heavy losses.

The principle was much the same as that under which the federal government insures bank deposits. The idea was that, with such backing, the private groups would be inclined to expand their usefulness in the service of the nation's health needs.

Obviously this is not a very dras-

Scholfield River Project Included In Senate's List

The Senate Public Works Committee Thursday approved a bill which would authorize construction of a navigation project on the Scholfield River at Reedsport.

The amount allocated under the bill would be \$41,000, according to the Associated Press.

In the same bill are projects totalling about one billion dollars, including \$1,500,000 for harbor project at Tillamook Bay and bar, \$3,750,000 for a navigation project at the Gold Beach harbor of the Rogue River, and \$5,555,000 for a navigation project at the mouth of the Columbia River.

Committee Chairman Martin (R-Pa.) said the bill will be submitted to the Senate at once and that he hopes to get it considered next week.

As approved by the committee, the bill carries 179 projects with a federal cost of \$1,059,383,114. In addition it carried 20 million dol-

lars for watershed projects to be administered by the Agriculture Dept.

Before any of the projects can be started, Congress will have to

appropriate construction funds in separate legislation. In some instances, local interests are to share in the costs.

CARRIERS RETURN TO MANILA

MANILA — The carriers Philippine Sea and Hornet, whose pilots shot down two Communist planes off Hainan Island Sunday, will return to Manila Bay Saturday, the Navy said Friday.

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