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Journal at Wailing Wall

The Capital Journal Monday night went twice to the wailing wall over the nomination of Wayne Morse by republicans. Considering the fact that its editor is a staunch democrat the Journal's grief may seem hard to understand. But perhaps part of the explanation lies in that very fact. If Sen. Holman had been renominated the Journal would have discovered he was an "isolationist" and sprayed him with verbal acid while it cordially supported Edgar Smith, the democratic nominee. It no doubt sees that Morse will be a pretty hard man for Smith to defeat.

The Journal's complaint is that the Morse campaign cost a lot of money. It did. But the money was intelligently and honestly used. Nor did the Holman campaign appear to be underfinanced, as far as that is concerned. The campaign was hard fought; the issues were made plain to voters, and Morse was nominated. The Holman forces were disappointed, but the democratic Capital Journal is the only paper we have seen that resorts publicly to the crying towel. The Dalles Chronicle, whose Bridges blast on Morse was widely circulated, accepts the verdict very gracefully.

The Journal revives via Walter Winchell and the New Republic the new deal or Roosevelt label on Morse. Well, the Journal pulled a heavy ear in 1932 and 1936 to foist Roosevelt on the country, which is more than Morse did; so it should hide its own face now, instead of pinning the label on other folk.

Pullman Divorce

For years the Pullman company has manufactured sleeping cars and operated them under contract with railroads. Now comes the government to tell the company it can do one but not both of these jobs. Either it must get out of car manufacturing or drop its sleeping car business. Just what social gain is to be obtained from this compulsory divorce is not clear. The railroads are not demanding it, and the company has no monopoly in car manufacturing though it has in sleeping car service.

For decades the word Pullman has been synonymous with sleeping car service. By its remarkable pooling arrangement it is able to serve the traveling public remarkably well except in wartime when travel is of crushing volume. Individual railroads have tried to run sleeping cars themselves, but in this country they long ago gave up, and the Pullman company is almost exclusive in the field. Pullman's advantage is that it can shift its sleeping cars to sections to meet heavy local demand, as for vacation or convention travel.

The operating division has obtained its cars from the manufacturing division, to mutual advantage because of the experience of each in the common problem of serving the overnight traveler. Now the two divisions are to be put in separate ownerships and the company running the service end will have to buy its cars from bidders. It is hard to see where the public will be supplied with service at any lower cost under the new arrangement. It looks like another case of government interference with a successful business enterprise.

One wonders why people steal when employment is abundant at good wages. Perhaps they think their customers have more goods to be stolen.

Interpreting The War News

By KIRKE L. SIMPSON
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The ponderous upper pincer of a deadly allied trap in Italy is rolling northeastward from the Anzio beachhead, threatening the reeling Germans with more than the loss of Rome. It is aimed at cutting off all Nazi troops south of Rome from direct escape northward into the mountains that form the spine of the Italian peninsula.

The point of the main allied attack in the north apparently is Cisterna, a road and rail junction on the Appian Way at the northeast corner of the Anzio beachhead. The town is also the indicated anchor point for the right wing of the last potential German defense front south of Rome.

A fifth army breakthrough, to seize it and push beyond into the Sacco valley, would knife the Via Vastina, inshore main road between Rome and Naples, far in rear of Nazi forces battered by the fifth and eighth army more than 50 miles to the south in the lower Liri valley. It would leave the enemy no choice but a quick flight from the Terracina-Piedimonte front in the south. Berlin announcement of the Nazi evacuation of Pico on the Liri front indicates that the expected general German retreat already is in progress.

The fact that the allied drive in the north is being directed by General Mark Clark, fifth army commander, indicates the importance of the lunge from the Anzio beachhead. Selection of the Cisterna corner for the main thrust tends to bear that out.

Cisterna in German hands balked the first allied attempt in the Anzio landings to cut across vital coastal and inshore communications of the German front in the south. It stands about midway of the low saddle between the Alban hills just below Rome and the Lepini mountains forming the south side of the Sacco valley.

The probable final line of Nazi resistance below Rome runs through that saddle from Palestrina or Genazzana in the mountains north of the Sacco, through Valmontone, Arlena and Valletta to Cisterna. Fifth army capture of Cisterna would turn the right flank of that line even before the enemy could reach it from the south for a stand.

There is every indication that German power of resistance in central Italy is close to the breaking point. The prelude there to the combined Russian-allied east-west attack is close to its crisis and at the moment filled with disastrous portents for the German high command.

The decision of Hitler's commanders not to dispute their strategic reserves to reinforce the Italian front in the face of impending Russian and allied blows elsewhere is being put to a stern test. A rushing defeat of the Nazi army in central Italy would prove a drain on enemy morale in the field and on the home front.

Wartime Prohibition

The judiciary committee of the house has put on ice Rep. Bryson's bill for wartime prohibition. One member said the bill was "just too hot to handle in an election year." That was a mouthful. If the bill had passed it would have been open to the charge used freely by opponents of the previous prohibitory law, that it was "put over" while men were in military service.

The difficulty over national prohibition now is that the moral climate isn't right. Too many people use liquor and will insist on getting it by illegal means if it is not procurable lawfully. The 18th amendment came after a long period of agitation for temperance, local option and statewide prohibition. Then after a twelve year trial it was repealed. Now there has been no build-up of temperance education, and the popular trend is in the other direction. To invoke national prohibition now would in all probability result in greater disregard for the law and more widespread corruption than when it was first invoked. Prohibition will not succeed until the people are ready to quit drinking; and the signs of the times do not indicate that such a day is near at hand.

News Behind The News

By PAUL MALLON

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WASHINGTON, May 23 — The guessing as to whether Mr. Roosevelt will pick Mr. Wallace as running mate again has been whetted somewhat lately in the congressional smoking cloisters, but it is a rather dull game.

The frequently publicized movements for Speaker Rayburn or Senator Barkley as replacements hardly represent any action at organizing a fight, but rather the preferences of senators.

The AP and INS tried to conduct polls of the senate, and found most democratic legislators yawningly surmising Mr. R. would probably select Wallace as an offering to CIO, and that nothing they could do or say would make much difference. In fact, most democratic politicians seem to have decided to watch their tongues more carefully, and thereby have created a strange situation, not unlike the period of frozen silence which prepared the way for the third term campaign.

On a free vote of the democratic side of both houses, either Rayburn or Barkley would run far ahead of Wallace. A few months ago, few legislators would have hesitated to say so.

At that time also, the CIO was highly unpopular. Since then, CIO has not changed, but its political action committee has started spending the \$700,000 appropriated for the campaign with some successes in the primaries.

The fall of Starnes in Alabama and retirement of Dies has been followed by defeat of Costello (in the aircraft workers district in Los Angeles) and the defeat of Senator Holman for republican renomination in Oregon.

Holman was defeated by a former public member of the war labor board, Wayne Morse, generally regarded around here as not unfriendly to CIO. The congressional interpretation is that the CIO went into the republican primary, as there was no contest among the democrats, and gave enough votes to defeat Holman, who was not especially popular anyway.

There is no ground for interpreting these events as reflecting any change of popular attitude in the nation as a whole toward CIO (the last measuring of popular sentiment nationally having been reflected in the Montgomery Ward case). But those who make democratic politics their business have coupled these events with Mr. Roosevelt's determination (they think) to run and have thus pulled a blanket over their heads, to do any future business thereunder.

Of course, CIO is a minority of a minority, the lesser part of the union labor movement, and these are thinly voted primaries. What force it could bring to bear in an election may be something else again.

For the present, it has at least \$700,000 and an apparently ruthless determination to exert its fullest political pressure (even opposing at least one democratic representative who has voted with labor on all except two or three remote issues.)

Mr. Wallace is a leader of this group, in the sense that he chooses to act like a talking custodian for that residue of votes while Mr. Roosevelt is busy with the war.

In dispatching him to China, Mr. R. said he was "a messenger," not a high sounding title (others flying the same route have been called "ambassadors" and "emissaries"), but Mr. Wallace picked up the title proudly in a formal statement. He spoke in the cosmic grandeur of an oriental mystic with such sentences as:

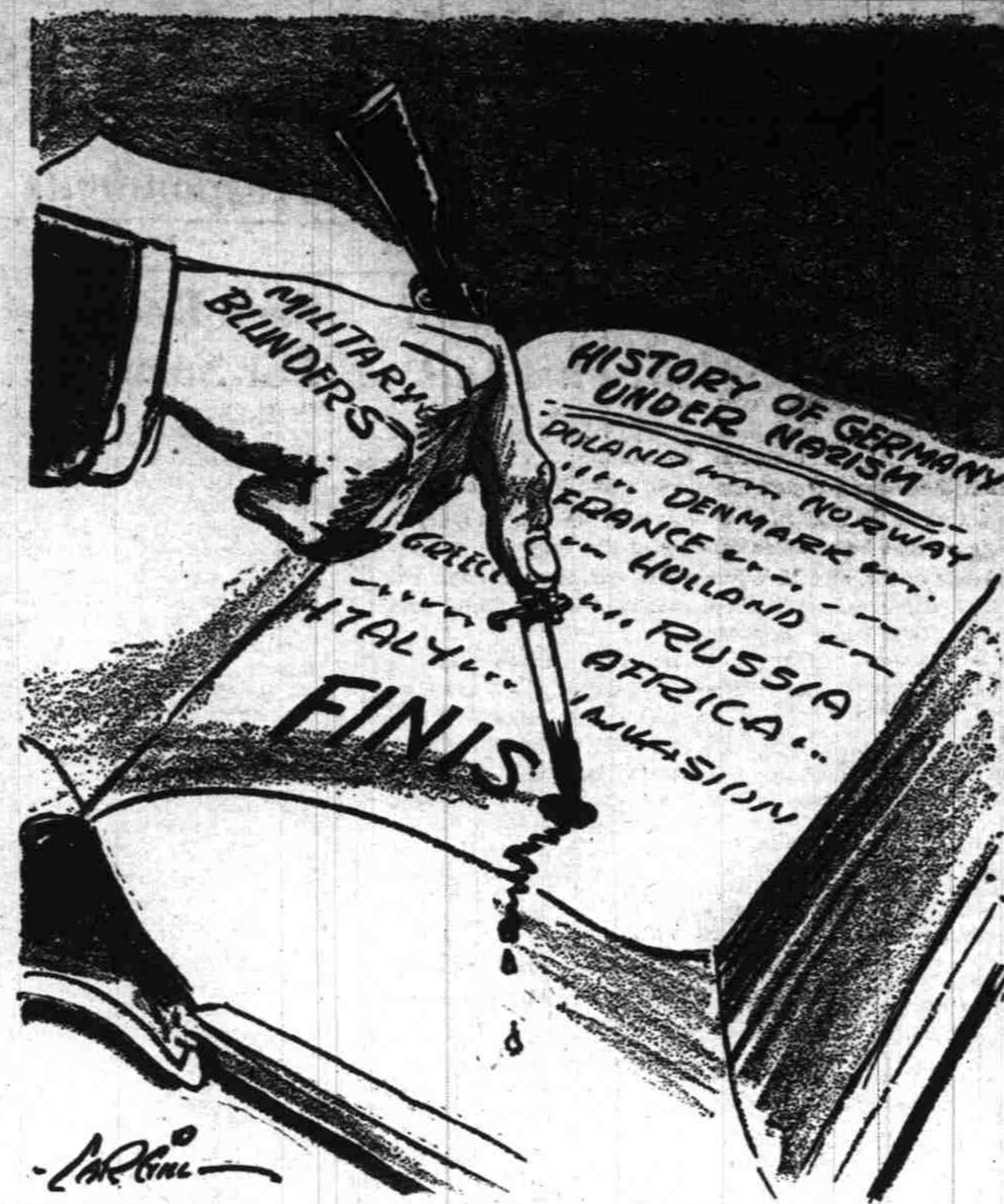
"The future of China belongs to the world, and the world in justice and peace shall belong to China," whatever that means.

It would appear wiser for Mr. Roosevelt to stand with Wallace, but allow the party to fight for Rayburn or Barkley if it chooses (not for Byrd who apparently wants no part of this head-butting business as his friends reported him displeased when a South Carolina friend elevated him to a leadership perch from which he might easily be dispossessed in the confusing predicament of the party.)

The president already has the CIO, which has no place else to go, but could gain votes and prestige by pleasing the democratic party men who are awe-struck at the possibility of Wallace again, but realize Mr. Roosevelt has a close or closer hold on the democratic delegates to this next convention than he had on the last one when he nominated Wallace against the opposition of every other leader of the party.

Senator Truman, of Missouri, for instance, came back from Missouri and publicly announced himself for Rayburn.

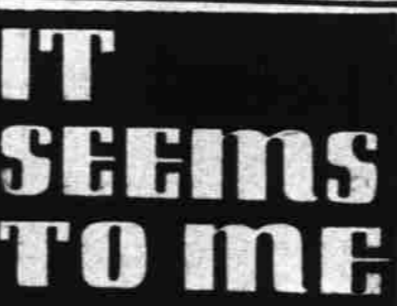
If all this sounds somewhat perplexing, remember it is not new (Lewis having played the CIO role for the second term) and the American Labor party and CIO played it jointly for the third term which was similarly silently approached.) Otherwise, the story is still all in one man's mind, a mind which even Chairman Hannegan and Barkley in their public speeches are careful to say they do not know yet.



"The Hitler Period"

Today's Radio Programs

- KSLM-WEDNESDAY-1300 Kc.**
- 6:30—It's The Truth.
 - 6:45—News.
 - 7:00—News.
 - 7:15—Farm & Home Program.
 - 7:30—Shady Valley.
 - 7:45—Today's Top Trades.
 - 8:00—Dr. Talbot.
 - 8:30—News.
 - 8:45—Orchestra.
 - 9:00—Boake Carter.
 - 9:15—Pastor's Call.
 - 9:30—Midland USA.
 - 9:45—Amazing Jennifer Logan.
 - 10:00—News.
 - 10:15—Jack Berch.
 - 10:30—Luncheon with Lopez.
 - 10:45—American Woman's Jury.
 - 11:00—Cedric Foster.
 - 11:15—Waltz Time.
 - 11:30—Skyline Serenade.
 - 11:45—Around Town.
 - 12:00—Organalities.
 - 12:15—News.
 - 12:30—Hillbilly Serenade.
 - 12:45—Nashville Varieties.
 - 1:00—Spotlight on Rhythm.
 - 1:15—News.
 - 1:30—Interlude.
 - 1:45—Afternoon Melodies.
 - 2:00—Your Army Service Forces.
 - 2:15—News.
 - 2:30—Roundup Band Wagon.
 - 2:45—Don Lee Newswel.
 - 3:00—News.
 - 3:15—Concert Hour.
 - 3:30—Johnson Family.
 - 3:45—Katie.
 - 4:00—Care & Feelings of Husbands.
 - 4:15—Lullaby in Rhythm.
 - 4:30—Roundup Revellers.
 - 4:45—News.
 - 5:00—Superman.
 - 5:15—Dinner Melodies.
 - 5:30—Gordon Burke.
 - 5:45—Gabriel Heister.
 - 6:00—The Great Thomas.
 - 6:15—First Nighter.
 - 6:30—War Commentary.
 - 6:45—News.
 - 7:00—Lone Ranger.
 - 7:15—Would You Believe It?
 - 7:30—Scramble Amby.
 - 7:45—News Flasher.
 - 8:00—Your Home Town News.
 - 8:15—Labor News.
 - 8:30—Orchestra.
 - 8:45—Music.
 - 9:00—News.
 - 9:15—1 A.M.—Swing Shift.
- KEK-BN-WEDNESDAY-1150 Kc.**
- 6:30—Musical Clock.
 - 6:45—National Farm and Home.
 - 7:00—Western Agriculture.
 - 7:15—Home Harmonies.
 - 7:30—Top of the Morning.
 - 7:45—News.
 - 8:00—James Abbe Observes.
 - 8:15—The Listening Post.
 - 8:30—Breakfast at Sardi's.
 - 8:45—News.
 - 9:00—Common Sense and Sentiment.
 - 9:15—Voice of Experience.
 - 9:30—Breakfast at Sardi's.
 - 9:45—Sweet River.
 - 10:00—True Story.
 - 10:15—Polly Patterson.
 - 10:30—Buckeye Talking.
 - 10:45—The Mystery of Chead.
 - 11:00—Ladies Be Seated.
 - 11:15—Songs by Morton Downey.
 - 11:30—Hollywood Star Time.
 - 11:45—News.
 - 12:00—San Hayes.
 - 12:15—Radio Parade.
 - 12:30—Blue Newsroom Review.
 - 12:45—What's Doing, Ladies.
 - 1:00—Baby Institute.
 - 1:15—Labor News.
 - 1:30—Ruby Lloyd, Organist.
 - 1:45—Hollywood News Flasher.
 - 2:00—Clem Howard.
 - 2:15—Rollie Trutt Time.
 - 2:30—Orchestra.
 - 2:45—Conna Boswell.
 - 3:00—Hop Harrigan.
 - 3:15—The Sea Hound.
 - 3:30—Terry and the Pirates.
 - 3:45—Dick Tracy.
 - 4:00—Jack Armstrong.
 - 4:15—Captain Midnight.
 - 4:30—Broadcast Reporter.
 - 4:45—Music.
 - 5:00—Chesler Bowling.
 - 5:15—Spotlight Bands.
 - 5:30—Story Teller.
 - 5:45—Raymond Green Swing.
 - 6:00—Top of the Evening.
 - 6:15—Soldiers With Wings.
 - 6:30—News.
 - 6:45—Clem and Abner.
 - 7:00—My Best Girls.
 - 7:15—Dunneigan.
 - 7:30—News.
 - 7:45—The Portland Plan.
 - 8:00—Music.
 - 8:15—Rosedale Ballroom.
 - 8:30—Broadway Bandwagon.
 - 8:45—Music.
 - 9:00—Concert Hour.
- KGO-WBC-WEDNESDAY-420 Kc.**
- 6:30—Down Patrol.



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when the war is over to pile up indebtedness for public works, for highways, for public welfare?

I am not picking on highways as the black sheep of the flock. As a matter of fact highway construction is the most justifiable of any form of public works because from it flows continuing economic benefit. But the three billion dollars is but a symbol of spending; and how can we maintain economic security indefinitely by spending borrowed money?

I know there is the school of economists who believe that government will have to "take over," and who have no qualms about huge borrowings; but MacNaughton gave them short shrift, nor do others with a long view of history. The trouble is that the public has come to lean on government and we will find in the postwar period a race of communities and groups for continued government spending. Right now shivers run down Portland's back when it thinks of the tapering off of war contracts, and pressures are applied for new orders, not because the stuff is needed for war but because of fear of unemployment and poor business locally.

Do the American people have the courage to face peace? Do they have the stamina to quit raids on the treasury until our financial house can be got in order after the war? I doubt it. The mood is too much like that of Mrs. Feeley: "Drink your beer, there's more where that came from."

And oh, the headache of the morning after!

The Safety Valve

Editor: Laboring at Politics

With so many candidates out to fill the president's and vice-president's chair, it looked to me like a "free for all" and I wondered why Lewis and Green didn't seek the election. If they had been elected and labor troubles arose, perhaps the troubles could have been settled immediately if not sooner.

Today's Garden

By LILLIE MADSEN

We have WEEKS for everything now—including last week's "Read about Russia" week. I am becoming of the opinion that gardeners have certain weeks, too, and that this is "MY PLANTS - DIDNT - BLOOM - WEEK." Almost every letter I open I find some complaint of some tree, shrub or plant which has failed to bloom this season, or some seasons past.

In today's complaint, from C. C. C., it was lilacs-of-the-valley which failed to bloom. Lilacs-of-the-valley need a deep and very rich soil. Also they want a rather loose and porous soil and they do not mind shade. Give them a mulching of well decayed barnyard fertilizer. Or scatter a commercial fertilizer over the soil—not on the plants—and give them a leaf mold mulch.

Berne, Indiana—(P)—Mrs. Catherine Nussbaum Habegger, 82, who died here, is survived by 193 descendants. She was born in Switzerland and came to this country when she was eight years old.

Survivors include four sons, one daughter, 51 grandchildren, 125 great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren.

Troop Planes Follow Yanks On to Wakde

ADVANCED ALLIED HEADQUARTERS, New Guinea, Tuesday, May 23.—(P)—Troop-carrier planes began landing on the Wakde airstrip on the north coast of Dutch New Guinea 48 hours after American Sixth army troops drove ashore on Thursday to establish an airbase 110 miles closer to the Philippines than conquered Hollandia.

Gen. Douglas MacArthur, announcing today that the Wakde airstrip was in operation, said that although the Yanks had little difficulty wiping out the Japanese there, they were running into stubborn opposition on the mainland nearby in their drive toward Maffin bay and Sarmi, each of which has an airstrip.

The enemy's accurately-placed mortar fire was impeding the Americans attempting to expand their Wakde-Sarmi sector. This compared with 833 counted enemy dead in this area.

The Wakde airstrip is 1100 miles from Davao, principal city of the southern Philippines. The Wakde airstrip is 4,700 feet long, bedded on coral, and invasion engineers estimated it could be lengthened to about 7,000 feet, or big enough to accommodate the heaviest bombers.

LC Commander Praises Men, Rocket Guns

WASHINGTON, May 22.—(P)—The commander of the navy's fleet of landing craft in the southwest Pacific came to the capital today with praise for the men who man his ships and for the rocket batteries now used to cover troops as they go ashore.

Rear Admiral Daniel Edward Barbey, of Portland, Ore., a veteran of 11 amphibious operations in the Pacific.

He told a news conference that more than 95 per cent of the crews of the landing craft, including the big landing ship—tank and the landing craft—infantry, are members of the naval reserve, with little or no sea experience before they took up the difficult job of manning entirely new type ships.

Discussing the sailing of these shallow-draft, steel shells across the Pacific, Barbey said "God knows how they got them out there."

The rockets in use by the amphibious forces, Barbey declared, "are wonderful." He said the rocket launchers were mounted on some of the land craft which followed the small boats filled with men to the beach and then layed down a covering barrage of explosives as the men began moving in from the water's edge.

"It gives a lot of encouragement to the men in the boats," he added.

Man, 95, Admitted To Supreme Court

WASHINGTON, May 23.—(P)—Dr. Joseph H. Shull added to his career as Stroudsburg, Pa., lawyer, physician and politician today the distinction of practicing attorney before the United States supreme court—at the age of 95.

Oldest man ever to be admitted to practice before the high court, Dr. Shull and his 66-year-old son, Judge Samuel Shull, repeated together the oath given them by Chief Justice Harlan F. Stone.

For the Shulls it is a memorable occasion. In the "bachelor household" they keep together in Stroudsburg, they have been planning this day for years.

Two Carloads Pipe Arrive This Week

SILVERTON — Two carloads of Silverton's new wooden pipe arrived and City Manager Harry C. McCrea has been busy surveying for its placement. Several more carloads will arrive this week.

E. J. Roesch, local lumberman, and a member of the city council, is at Seattle making an inspection of the pipe as it is cut. The new pipe will be placed in the 2.5 miles of Abiqua pipeline which is being repaired. All right-of-ways have now been obtained and work will progress rapidly, city officials believe.

Wife Upheld by Supreme Court

The state supreme court Tuesday affirmed Circuit Judge Louis P. Hewitt, Multnomah county, in a suit brought by George P. Clark, trustee of the estate of Bernard C. Shepherd, bankrupt, against Bernard G. Shepherd and Mary Shepherd, respondents, involving delivery of an automobile and diamond ring to the plaintiff.

The lower court ruled in favor of Mr. and Mrs. Shepherd. Clark charged that the automobile and diamond ring fraudulently were transferred to Mrs. Shepherd and were not listed among the assets of her husband when he was declared a bankrupt. Shepherd denied this accusation and contended that both the automobile and ring were the legal property of his wife.

The opinion was written by Justice Percy Kelly.

The court denied petitions for rehearing in the cases of A. G. Kuhnhausen vs. L. M. Stadelman, Multnomah county, and Hunter vs. Allen, Multnomah county.

The lower court for Multnomah county held for Kuhnhausen.

More Funds Asked To Control Animals

The county budget committee was asked Tuesday to approve a \$300 increase in the \$600 annual appropriation for predatory animal control. Appeal was made in the county court by a delegation. The increase is to be divided among the state, county and government funds. It will also ascertain whether the other agencies will grant their respective shares.

County Loan Quota Set at \$5,577,000

Marion county has been assigned a quota of \$5,577,000 in the fifth war loan drive which starts June 12 and continues to July 8. Oregon's quota is \$123,000,000.

Douglas Yeater is chairman of the Marion county war loan organization.



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