

SEEMS TO ME

By Charles A. Sprague

The death of Ross McIntyre, Portland businessman, brings to mind the work he did during the war on civilian defense. He served as chairman of the state advisory council and was active chairman of a special committee on evacuation. In the early days of the war, fears of Jap invasion ran high. A few people in fact did leave this coast to relocate farther inland. Many people transferred funds to eastern banks so they might have resources if the Japs took over.

McIntyre and his group did a careful job of planning for evacuation of people if the Japs struck the Oregon coast. The plan contemplated prompt coordination of effort on the part of local civilian defense organizations, the state police, highway department, state guard and public welfare department. Based on its studies the committee decided that evacuation could be successfully conducted only for removal of the population along the coast. It would not be practical, it was felt, to try to move or permit the removal of people from the Willamette valley eastward. Lack of routes of travel, lack of supplies and accommodations in the interior, interference with the military made such movement impractical.

Later the coast office of civilian defense took up the subject. As usual they overdid the business and proposed the evacuation of all the people if invasion came. The state committee disagreed.

When you "evacuate" home for two

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Old Trial Exhibits Pose Problem



Shown above, gingerly handling a wicked-looking piece of lead pipe and surrounded by bootleg whiskey, all old trial exhibits, is Mrs. Gladys White, deputy in the Marion county clerk's office. Also pictured are miscellaneous odds and ends of long-forgotten unclaimed exhibits, which County Clerk Harlan Judd hopes to get rid of soon. The half-full bottles figured in suits as far back as 1914, according to the label markings. (Statesman photo by Don Hill, staff photographer.)

Prohibition-Era 'Hooch' Plagues County Officials

By Conrad Prange
Staff Writer, The Statesman

Marion County Clerk Harlan Judd thinks that at last he sees a way to get rid of some ripe old moonshine—legally, that is.

The prohibition-era happy water, together with two rooms full of other county-owned exhibits from long-forgotten trials and suits, have been a headache to the county clerk's office. The rooms full of the unclaimed exhibits have been gathering dust in the courthouse attic for many years.

They range from an old moth-eaten banjo belonging to a James R. Baker to a wooden cudgel used in an assault and battery case in the early twenties.

The illegal "hooch"—suitcases and boxes and shelves of it—is stacked alongside parts of a jail, a bee-hive case, gypsy clothing, a blood-stained sheet, a pipe used as a fake gun in an early hold-up case and shelves of other worthless articles.

Many are falling apart with age and others like a box of bootleg beer look—well, in pretty good shape. Most valuable exhibits have long since been claimed by owners, Judd said.

Only odd bits and ends, like the broken mop handle, an old leg cast and an unmatched pair of boots (sizes 7 and 8) are left.

Boxes and stocks of records used in trials, books and paper work are there, too. Also carefully preserved is a whole box of pharmacists' affidavits (1919) which people had to fill out to get whisky for "medicinal purposes."

"Looks like the whole county was sick at one time that year," Judd commented.

Legal Way Open

Up until now there was no legal way of getting rid of the accumulation of articles. But Clerk Judd believes that a recent legislative enactment will allow him, with the county court's approval, to turn over anything of historical value to the state archivist and to dispose of the rest.

"Well," he said in answer to a question, "I believe I'll just pour it down the sink—if it doesn't take the enamel off."

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Willamette University Ready to Begin Commencement Week End Activities

Graduation of the class of 1947 and reunions of the classes of earlier years are to feature commencement week end, starting today at Willamette university.

Highlighted on the program are 50th, 25th and 10th anniversary get-togethers of the classes of '97, '22 and '37, respectively. Commencement will be at 3 p. m. Sunday in the gymnasium.

At Saturday afternoon's 4 p. m. alumni convocation and business meeting, Matthews medals will be given to all present from the classes of '97 and '22. Speaking to represent the groups will be Floyd Field, '97, retired dean of students at Georgia Tech, and Dean Pollock, '22, of Milwaukee.

Dr. G. Herbert Smith, Willamette president, is to speak at the

Marshall Invites Soviet to Join U. S. in Volunteer Aid to Europe

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Bulgaria Red Coup Extended

SOFIA, Bulgaria, June 12—(AP)—The communists extended their purge in Bulgaria today with the ousting from the national assembly of 23 opposition agrarians on charges the legislators were "tools" of the jailed Nikola Petkov, agrarian party general secretary.

The basis of the action by the communist-dominated parliament, taken late last night, was the alleged discovery by government investigators of signed resignations by the 23 among Petkov's private papers. Pro-government members declared the 23 thus had resigned "voluntarily," but the ousted legislators said the resignations were routine party practice. They added defiantly, "we do not resign."

The 23 legislators were regarded as among the most active in the ranks of the opposition party headed by Petkov, who was placed under arrest last week on charges of plotting against the state.

(Petkov's arrest was demanded yesterday by the United States department in a statement which lauded him as a foremost advocate of civil liberties in Bulgaria.)

A resolution adopted by the assembly, in which the communist-dominated fardhand front party has an overwhelming majority, declared that owing to the resignations found in Petkov's papers the ousted legislators had "lost quality and prestige and are no longer members of the grand national assembly."

Salem Sugar Stocks Wilt Under Barrage of Buying

By the Associated Press

The end of government controls on consumer purchases of sugar set off frantic buying rushes in some parts of the nation yesterday, the first day of ration-free sales since April, 1942, but in other sections buying was normal.

Generally, supplies were adequate to meet even the inflated demands in those cities where housewives crowded stores to buy sugar in amounts which ranged up to as high as the 800 pounds requested by one person in a raid on shops at Boise, Idaho.

Some stores were limiting sales to customers because wholesalers were experiencing trouble in making immediate deliveries to replace supplies, although warehouses were said to be "loaded" and adequate to meet any normal demand.

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Fear was expressed, however, by some wholesalers that a continuation of heavy buying in those areas where rushes were reported might result in shortages.

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Buying rushes, which swamped wholesalers with above-normal orders, were reported at Seattle, Boise, Salt Lake City, Portland, Ore., and Los Angeles.

A chain store manager in Detroit, where a heavy run on sugar brought fears of an artificial shortage, said that women were buying "for the thrill of it."

England Favors U. S. Plan

WASHINGTON, June 12—(AP)—Secretary of State Marshall today held open a door to soviet Russia to join in a voluntary European economic program to which the United States might give aid.

Marshall has proposed that Europe take the initiative in working out its overall requirements for postwar recovery. He told reporters today that in making that suggestion he was thinking of Britain and Russia as well as other countries.

Britain, he noted, already has reacted favorably, although informally, to the proposal he advanced last week in a speech at Harvard. From Moscow will come no indication that Russia will join in an action such as Marshall proposed. Diplomatic authorities incline to the belief that Russia is cold to any idea of a common European recovery program except on soviet terms.

Even so, no one was worrying, however.

By the truckload and carload the much-sought product of cane and beet swarmed into distributing points late yesterday and last night. Other carloads were due today. And so far as could be determined no one was pessimistic about the future.

"Give us time and we'll give you sugar, pronto if not sooner," was the consensus of comment from the Willamette Grocery, Pacific Fruit and Produce and General Grocery, the area's major distributors, as well as from the jobbers and other handlers for stores in the Willamette valley.

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Hayden, Young Exonerated In Arrest Suit

Marion County District Attorney Miller B. Hayden, Sheriff Denver Young and other defendants were exonerated of false arrest charges Thursday when Clackamas county circuit court denied requested damages to Leonard Gouge, Silverton restaurant proprietor, by dismissing the suit.

Back from Oregon City, where the case had been transferred from Marion county circuit court, after the all-day jury trial, Hayden stated Thursday evening that the case had been tried on two stipulated sets of facts: (1) That evidence would show Gouge had no liquor license and (2) that Gouge admitted having sold intoxicating liquor at the time of his arrest.

The court held on those stipulated facts, Hayden said, that the arrest was legally justified and consequently no damages could be recovered from the defendants. Gouge had sought \$112,000 for alleged damages. Because of the stipulations, Gouge was the only witness heard in the proceedings, Hayden added.

Circuit Judge Earl Latourette presided at the trial which grew out of the arrest of Gouge in Silverton in January, 1945.

Sharp Rise in Ration-Free National Sales

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Now California Wants Oregon's Columbia River

WASHINGTON, June 12—(AP)—A proposal that the reclamation bureau study the possibility of shifting surplus Columbia river water to the Colorado river and to southern California was advanced today by Rep. Welch (R-Calif.).

He introduced a resolution authorizing the study of the "engineering and economic feasibility" of such a project.

"I do not regard it as too fanciful to suggest that too much means be found to divert, from some point whence it otherwise would be wasted into the sea, a portion of the surplus waters of that ideal stream."

He emphasized the word "surplus" in his resolution.

New Supplies Due Today at Local Stores

Salem exhibited an awesome cavity in its sweet tooth Thursday, and it wasn't completely filled today. But it shouldn't be long now.

Long before many stores were opened yesterday morning scores of housewives cheerfully ignored the let's-not-be-hasty advice of the area's distributors, lined up good-natured queues, and by noon there wasn't enough sugar on grocery shelves to sweeten pink grapefruit.

For the first time in five years sugar was fair game and the open season was on.

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Truman Delays Veto Verdict On Tax Cut Bill

Abroad President Truman's Special Train, enroute to Washington, June 12—(AP)—President Truman told correspondents aboard his special train tonight that he will act on a bill reducing taxes by four billion dollars "about 30 minutes before the deadline."

Kidding the newsmen, the president declined to say whether he will sign or veto the measure, and when pressed as to when he will act, laughingly asserted, "Oh, about 30 minutes before the deadline." The deadline is Monday.

The talk took place as the president said goodbye to Prime Minister W. L. Mackenzie King and other Canadian hosts at Deep Cut, a railroad siding about five minutes out of Ottawa, where he was feted for three days in a good will visit.

6 Men, Woman Pass Salem Police Exam

Six men passed civil service examinations held this week to fill with permanent appointees eight positions for Salem police patrolman and Dorothy Kennedy, 555 Union st., only applicant for police patrol, passed required tests for the position, City Recorder Alfred Mundt, secretary of the civil service commission, stated Thursday after receiving graded papers from State Police Capt. Walter Lansing, who conducted the exams.

Mrs. Anne Macey is the present police patrol, but is ineligible to take the civil service tests, as she does not fulfill age requirements, Chief of Police Frank A. Minto said.

Five present policemen passed the tests, three failed and one man not now on the department, Jack Raymond Creesey, 1352 Saginaw st., passed.

Patrolman V. F. Schmidt, 2165 Hazel ave., made the highest grade, 85.6; Macey was second with 84.1 and Patrolman Arch L. Wilson of 538 E. st., placed third. Grades as publicized are without the 10 per cent preference allowed war veterans. Three other patrolmen who made passing grades are Richard E. Boehringer, 325 Union st.; Leroy Leslie Sutliff and George Edwin Burke, 1760 Water st. A 75 per cent score on written and oral tests was required to pass for the police positions.

Canby Man to Sell Eye to Aid Ailing Spouse

PORTLAND, Ore., June 12—(AP)—Herman E. Howard, 55, Canby, offered today to sell an eye "to somebody that could afford to pay me enough to give my wife the best care for her remaining time with me."

Howard wrote a newspaper here that "doctors tell me my wife has a bad cancer and cannot live many months longer."

He added he had quit work as a salesman to take care of his wife and had used up most of his savings.

"I don't know what my eye would be worth, but as long as I can get enough to take care of my wife, that is all I want," he wrote.

Red Prober Marked for Sudden Death

WASHINGTON, June 12—(AP)—Chairman J. Parnell Thomas (R-N.J.) of the house committee on Un-American activities reported today that an amateur poet who calls him "My Little Butterball" has marked him for sudden death.

Thomas told a reporter the anonymous letter has been turned over to the federal bureau of investigation and that he regards it as more serious than the usual run of "crackpot" mail he gets.

But he was not sufficiently disturbed to pass up a thick roast beef sandwich for lunch nor to let the threat interfere with committee business.

The death threat, which also indicated that Rep. Rankin (D-Miss.) of the committee was marked for death in July, was headed "Obit (obituary) No. 1" and signed "Pina." Part of it said: "May I be the first to inform you that you will be relieved of your duties in June. In fact, you won't have any duties. There will be a resistance movement of righteous people, white and black, that will make any underground look silly."

Deportation of Chaplin Sought

WASHINGTON, June 12—(AP)—Demanding the deportation of Charles Chaplin to Britain, Ben Rankin (D-Miss.) told the house today the movie actor's Hollywood life "is detrimental to the normal fabric of America."

"He has refused to become an American citizen," Rankin said, and by deporting him "he can be kept off the American screen and his obscene pictures can be kept from the eyes of the American youth."

Canadian Cyclist Pedals Through Salem on Vacation

An unusual visitor at the state highway commission's travel information department Thursday was J. Alan Duncan of Calgary, Canada, who is bicycling through Oregon in a leisurely fashion.

A university student at Toronto, Wuncan said friends had told him to see Oregon first and expressed great satisfaction with Salem as a neat, clean city and with the "classic beauty of the state capital."

From Salem he plans to pedal to the coast and on south and across to the Oregon Caves and return via Crater Lake.

Travel information department mail during the past week has surged upward with many letters requesting information by prospective Oregon vacationists. One traveler reported that he observed cars from 21 states, excluding Oregon, en route from Mt. Hood to Salem.

GUN BATTLE IN CHILE

SANTIAGO, Chile, Friday, June 13—(AP)—The government proclaimed a 30-day state of emergency in Santiago today after a gun battle between military guards and striking bus operators during which three persons were reported killed and a number injured.

FESTIVAL PARADE TODAY

PORTLAND, June 12—(AP)—Portland, celebrating the third day of the Rose Festival under rainless skies, prepared today for the week's highlight, the grand floral parade.

Weather

	Max.	Min.	Precip.
Salem	78	64	00
Portland	78	64	00
San Francisco	86	64	00
Chicago	80	70	00
New York	80	70	00

Willamette river 3 feet.

FORECAST from U.S. weather bureau, McNary Bldg., Salem: Partly cloudy today and tonight with little temperature change. Highest today 78. Lowest tonight 62. Conditions will be favorable for all farm work through Sunday with fair weather and above normal temperature continuing.

22 Clubwomen Converge on City Hall to Query Mayor, Manager

By Ed Lewis
Staff Writer, The Statesman

Twenty-two Salem clubwomen converged on city hall Thursday night with suggestions and questions on how to run the city. Mayor R. L. Elstrom and City Manager J. L. Franzen made the helpful group quite welcome and discussed with them all of Salem's problems from buses to public rest rooms, railroad crossings and a bouquet for the fire department operations.

The much-discussed city bus depot problem received a thorough going-over and many suggestions in the present and several tentatively proposed solutions were explained by the mayor and city manager to the women, who represent 14 Salem groups.

Catherine Barsch seemed informal spokesman for the club representatives, though Carmel Weddie regaled the roomful with laughter by her recollection of an explosion a few years ago in the public rest rooms at State and High streets.

Franzen stated "they (rest rooms) are very bad, have been for a good many years. The only way to conduct rest rooms is to have an attendant on duty all the time." He pointed out that construction is now very poor, that "rooms of the kind must be tiled all over... we have to look forward to this as one of the problems to solve," Franzen said.

Bus service centering about the High street side of the courthouse was for a time the main attraction of the evening after the city officials explained why other alternatives could not be followed. The courthouse square as a bus-taxi terminus was favored by 15 of the 22 women present. They seemed to be considering the problem both from the viewpoint of the motorist desirous of more parking space and that of the bus rider, seeking adequate service at maximum efficiency. Half of the women said they rode the city buses. (Additional details on page 2).

County Opposes Bus Terminals in Courthouse Block

Opposition of Marion county court to construction of a proposed Oregon Motor Stage city bus terminal along the High street side of the courthouse square was again voiced by court officials Thursday morning.

Occasion was a meeting between the court and Mayor Robert L. Elstrom and City Manager J. L. Franzen. Marion County Court Judge Grant Murphy said the court objected to placing the structure in front of the courthouse.

The city officials submitted a blueprint which showed that the proposed terminal would have a waiting room 200 feet long and eight feet high. A ticket office would be placed at the Court street end of the building and concession booth at the State street end. Neither the court officials nor city representatives Thursday indicated plans of further action.

HUDSON STRIKE SETTLED

DETROIT, June 12—(AP)—The Hudson Motor Car Co. reported tonight it had reached a "basis of settlement" with 600 white-collar workers whose walkout has stalled production for two days.

1000 Gal. per Minute Firehose Nozzle Tested

A new nozzle which delivers 1,000 gallons of water per minute was tested by the Salem fire department Thursday afternoon at Center and Front streets and found to be satisfactory. The nozzle, recently authorized by the city council, has a greater water capacity than any now in use by the department.

The 1,000 gallons, as might be expected, were splashed into the Willamette river, which firemen decided was a better receptacle than the city streets.

Animal Crackers



Our Senators

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