

Downpour Raises Valley Rivers

Stassen Files in State Primary, Wires Challenge to Gov. Dewey



The business of candidacy for Oregon's selection as republican presidential candidate brought Harold E. Stassen of 744 Stewart lane, South St. Paul, Minn., to the secretary of state's office Saturday. There, he filed with David O'Hara (left) chief of the elections division. A minute after this picture was taken, the meeting lived up as O'Hara disclosed that he also was a native of Minnesota. (Photo by Don Dill, Statesman staff photographer.)

Asks Opponent To Discuss Political Views

Presidential candidate Harold E. Stassen of Minnesota, filed in Salem Saturday for nomination in Oregon's May 21 primary election, and immediately wired Gov. Thomas E. Dewey of New York, his only opponent in the state to date, challenging him in the race. The former Minnesota governor flew here from Eugene Saturday

Stassen Agenda

Harold E. Stassen's whirlwind, four-day tour of Oregon will end with a sweep down the Willamette valley ending Monday night in Corvallis. On Monday the energetic Minnesotan will appear at Woodburn high school at 9 a.m.; Silverton at 10 a.m.; Brownsville at 2:30 p.m. and Corvallis in the evening. In Corvallis he will address a banquet of the Benton County Republican club at 8 p.m., and conclude his Oregon campaign with a speech at Oregon State college at 8 p.m. Tuesday morning Stassen will leave Corvallis by his special plane for Los Angeles to continue his tour of the nation.

Scores Killed In Jerusalem Area Explosion

JERUSALEM, Feb. 22—(AP)—Unarmed attackers blasted the heart of the Jewish business district at dawn today in the severest blow yet struck in the Jewish-Arab civil war. Scores were reported killed and hundreds wounded. The blast leveled two small hotels, three apartment buildings and at least a dozen stores. Windows were shattered for a half mile. Jerusalem's streets were strewn with glass. This story of what happened was pieced together from eyewitnesses, some hysterical. Three trucks, two of them of the Dodge military type, drove into Ben Yehuda street at 6:20 a.m. and parked. Three occupants "in the uniform of British policemen" leaped out of two of the trucks and entered the street, firing their rifles. There were shots. Some said bullets were fired into the two remaining trucks to set off bombs. Three minutes later both trucks exploded.

Paper Says Taylor To Join Wallace

NEW YORK, Feb. 21—(AP)—The newspaper PM said today it was authorized to disclose that Sen. Glen H. Taylor (D-Ida.) would be Henry Wallace's running mate this fall. The newspaper said Taylor would announce his decision to seek the vice presidency on the third-party ticket in radio address Monday from Washington, D. C. Taylor in Washington, however, said, "I don't know where they got their information. They didn't get it from me."

Solons Ask Steelmen To Explain Price Rise

WASHINGTON, Feb. 21—(AP)—Top steel makers will be asked to explain their \$5 a ton price boost next Thursday before the joint economic committee of congress. Chairman Taft (R-Ohio) announced this as a "unanimous" decision of the senate-house body. It came after Senator Ball (R-Minn.) suggested that Attorney General Tom Clark look into possible anti-trust aspects of the rise.

'Martian Weatherman' Reports Planet too Cold for Habitation

FLAGSTAFF, Ariz., Feb. 21—(AP)—Dr. V. M. Slither, who calls himself a "long distance martian weatherman," reported today his latest findings from years of observing earth's nearest planet. The director of Lowell observatory said a 26-year temperature test, with an instrument known as the thermocouple, shows that Mars is much too cold for pleasant living. Its 141,000,000 miles distance from the sun, compared with earth's 93,000,000, leave it with temperatures which in summer reach only about 25 degrees Fahrenheit. "The most remarkable thing we have been observing," he told a reporter, "is the series of mark-

Offices, Banks Closed Monday For Holiday

Closure of most public offices and local banks on Monday, a legal holiday, will be Salem's official observance of George Washington's birthday, which falls today. Schools, however, will continue classes. The city council will hold its regular meeting Monday night in the city hall. All governmental offices except emergency services will be closed. No mail deliveries, except special, will be made from Salem postoffice and the windows will not be opened. Customary holiday pickup of mail from collection boxes will be made. State tax commission offices in the state office building will remain open for the convenience of income tax return filing. The local office of the state employment service issued a new schedule for this week for filings of customary Monday. All veterans who would appear tomorrow should file Tuesday. Non-veterans will be shifted to Tuesday for those whose social security number ends in zero and those whose number ends in figure one are to appear Wednesday. The public library, while open today during the regular Sunday hours of 2 to 5 p.m., will not open Monday.

1. Development of the resources of the Pacific northwest through reclamation, hydro-electric power, flood control and reforestation should be carried forward rapidly and efficiently.

2. Two members of the next republican cabinet should come from the 11 western states and one of these should be the new secretary of the interior.

3. Our American economy should be free, and alert action should be taken by government to avoid high price booms and depression busts, and a humanitarian concern for the welfare of the people should be fundamental in governmental policy.

4. So long as the rulers of Russia follow their present obstructionist tactics, shipments of machine tools and electrical machinery and apparatus to Russia should be stopped.

5. The United Nations should be strengthened through a charter acting security force.

His filing was accompanied by certification that Stassen's "candidacy is advocated generally throughout the United States," signed by James T. Rodman and Robert G. Nielsen, chairman and former principal of Hill Military academy.

Grain Prices Rise At Market Close

CHICAGO, Feb. 21—(AP)—Grain prices rallied at the market close today as stocks and commodities traded out a week of generally cautious trading that did little to influence the cost of living outlook. Wheat led the strong price upturn. Pulling out of a slow decline that had set in earlier, wheat closed 2 1/2 to 3 cents a bushel higher than yesterday's finish. All other grains tagged along.

Butter Prices to Drop

PORTLAND, Feb. 21—(AP)—A wholesaler said today that butter prices would drop 3 cents a pound Monday. The change echoes eastern market declines.

Weather

City	Max.	Min.	Precip.
Salem	53	46	1.14
Portland	53	38	.73
San Francisco	57	48	trace
Chicago	24	13	.60
New York	23	21	trace

Willamette river 7.3 feet, rising. FORECAST from U.S. weather bureau, McNary field, Salem: Cloudy today and tonight with continued rain. Highest temperature today 50, low tonight 35.

SALEM PRECIPITATION (From Sept. 1 to February 22)

This Year	Last Year	Average
31.82	25.50	26.60

Rain to Continue In Area

Salem, like other parts of the storm-bound northwest, was pelted with heavy rains Saturday which totaled more than an inch by midnight and continued rain was forecast for today and tonight.

Swept by winds blowing up to 25 miles an hour, the showers continued uninterrupted throughout the day and night to measure 1.14 inches. It was the third wettest day of the year and was exceeded only by 2.42 inches on January 6 and 1.45 inches January 1.

While rain was drenching the areas, mountain highways were paked, deep with snow. Nineteen inches of snow fell at Santiam junction during the night, 18 at Hood River, 12 at The Dalles. Rain drenched lower elevations, Falls City getting 2.47 inches of rain within 24 hours. The weather bureau said the storm would increase by early tomorrow, and warned that two rivers would rise toward the flood stage. The Santiam is expected to edge over its banks at Jefferson and the Willamette is due to touch flood level at Harborsburg. Little damage is anticipated, however.

'Aerial Pickets' Form 'Line' Over Miami, Florida

MIAMI, Fla., Feb. 21—(AP)—Striking National Air Lines employees established an "aerial picket line" over Miami and Miami Beach today. One plane soared over the beach swimming area, Hialeah race track and downtown Miami towing a banner reading: "National Air Lines pilots on strike." Another carried a big-letter sign saying: "NAL clerks on strike, union mechanics not working." W. P. Kilgore of the Air Lines Pilots association AFL—said it would file time in history that picketing had been done by air. In Chicago, David L. Behnke, ALPA president, said the aerial picketing would be extended to 11 states where NAL does business.

Drought Brings Brownout Back To California

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 21—(AP)—Central and southern California, browned by drought, will discontinue further cut shop production to save its meager water supply. Even the famed Hollywood Boulevard Sunset Strip in Los Angeles may fade to its wartime drabness. The worst drought in some areas in recorded weather history has caused Governor Earl Warren to proclaim 28 counties in an emergency drought area. They include Los Angeles and San Francisco, most of the state's population and its richest farming areas. The public utilities commission drew up a drastic set of rules which will probably go into effect Tuesday. The main points are:

1. Authority to electric power companies to reduce or stop service to industrial and agricultural users of more than 500 kilowatts. (Much of California's electricity is produced by water power.)
2. Reduction of electric lighting, with no exterior lights for buildings, 50 per cent less outside theater lighting, 50 per cent less light for sports events and no lighting for advertising unless power companies agree (except one identification sign for each commercial house).
3. A movement to adopt daylight saving time at the legislative session opening March 1 found increasing backers. Warren estimated it would save about 300,000 kilowatt hours.

Plumber Solves 'Water Famine' In Georgia Town

JASPER, Ga., Feb. 21—(AP)—For two months this mountain town of less than a thousand inhabitants had endured an acute water famine. No automobiles were washed. Few baths were taken. Drunk water was taken to hospital patients in bottles. Authorities thought the city's deep wells were drying up. Another 375-foot well was dug at a cost of \$3,000. It was completed Friday.

The Barney N. Coleman, a Jasper plumber, returned from a construction job on Okinawa. He was authorized to overhaul the old pumping system. He found that a washer had been put on backwards and the water was leaking back into the well from the tank. Today the old water tank was full.

Gov. Hall to Appoint Polk County Justice

Appointment of a justice of the peace to serve in the newly created justice of the peace district No. 1 in Polk county will be made by the governor and not the Polk county court, Attorney General George Neumeier held Saturday. The opinion was requested by District Attorney R. S. Kreson, Polk county.

Truman Promises to Increase Puerto Rico Self-Government

By Ernest B. Vaccaro
SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico, Feb. 21—(AP)—President Truman told Puerto Ricans in an address today they should have the right to determine their relationship with the United States. The president arrived here at 9:22 p.m. on his plane, the "Sacred Cow," after a flight that began at Key West at 4:08 a.m. Accompanied by Fleet Admiral William D. Leahy, his chief of staff and former governor of Puerto Rico, and by other White House aides, the president was met at Isla Grande airport by his appointee, Gov. Jesus T. Pinero. Hundreds of school children cheered and applauded as the

Extension Of Rent Lids Set

WASHINGTON, Feb. 21—(AP)—Republican leaders in congress agreed today on a 30-day extension of rent controls to give time for full consideration of a longer range bill. Present controls are due to run out February 29—a week from Sunday. The house will vote on the stop-gap measure Tuesday, with the senate acting later in the week. Meanwhile Senator Taft of Ohio, republican policy leader, said the senate will go ahead with its debate of a 14-month extension bill. The senate began discussing that measure yesterday.

Rep. Wolcott (R-Mich), chairman of the house banking committee, said the 30-day extension would change the present law in only one way. The change would bar eviction of families from low-cost public housing units because their incomes have risen above the limits originally set for occupants of such quarters. Wolcott said such families could not be forced to give up their living accommodations unless other adequate quarters were available for them.

Private Power Plans to Add to Kilowatt Total

SPOKANE, Feb. 21—(AP)—Twelve power corporations and three municipal systems are prepared to spend \$500,000,000 in the next three years to add 1,250,000 kilowatts to the northwest power grid, the Spokesman-Review said today. The paper said the figure is based on a region-wide survey just completed. It is in addition to proposed 4,000,000 kilowatt installations of the federal power system through the army's corps of engineers and the bureau of reclamation. "If all the intentions are carried out the region will have 8,750,000 kilowatts available by 1956, of which the government will control a little less than two-thirds, the review said.

Private companies with plans for additional generators include: Washington Water Power Co., Pacific Power and Light, Montana Power company, Idaho Power company, British Columbia Electric, California-Oregon Power company, Utah Power and Light, Puget Sound Power and Light, West Kootenay Power, Portland General Electric, and Mountain States Power company.

South Bloc Losing Hope of Blocking Civil Rights Bills

WASHINGTON, Feb. 21—(AP)—A secret senate poll has convinced some southern democratic leaders they have almost no hope of blocking approval of civil rights legislation in this session of congress.

A veteran Dixie senator who helped count noses told a reporter the southerners now appear to have lost the republican support they need to prevent adoption of a gag rule on senate debate. He said President Truman's demand for anti-lynch, anti-poll tax and anti-discrimination laws has been accepted as a political challenge by the GOP members. As a result, he said few, if any, republicans will vote to limit debate.

ACTRESS SEEKS DIVORCE

LAS VEGAS, Nev., Feb. 21—(AP)—Actress Jane Wyman, recently separated from Ronald Reagan, arrived here today and took up residence at a fashionable hotel preparatory to obtaining a divorce. Miss Wyman and her husband have two children, Maureen, seven, and Michael, three.

Last Pleas Made By Both Sides as School Vote Near

Proponents and opponents of the Salem school board's proposed \$3,500,000 bond issue for a five-year building expansion program will retire to their own lines Monday to await the outcome of the measure to be decided by school district voters in Tuesday's election.

Final verbal barrages favoring and opposing the issue were fired in speeches and printed statements Saturday, ending a long and heated campaign. Four polling places have been designated, and voters must cast ballots in the areas in which they live. The school board's proposed program, to provide sufficient classrooms and other facilities for the district's greatly increased population, would provide for new buildings for a junior high school at West Salem, grade schools at Capitola, Four Corners east of Englewood and to replace Grant and Liberty. It also includes additions of varying sizes to the senior high school, Parrish Junior high and several grade schools. User consideration for several months, the \$3,500,000 in bonds would be retired in 10 years in order that the district could recover a bonding margin for future expansion in the event that immigration continues. The current program is on the basis of a census of children residing in the district.

The polling places are: North Salem—School administration office, 460 N. High st., for area within city north of Mission street. East Salem—C&K Lumber Co. office, Center street and Lancaster drive, entire area east of city limits. South Salem—Leslie junior high school, Howard and South Church streets, for area within city south of Mission street, plus former Pringle and Liberty districts.

West Salem—Central school building in West Salem, for entire former West Salem district. Voters must be at least 21 years of age, have resided in the district at least 30 days, own property on the latest county assessment roll or show evidence of stock or other ownership in a company owning property on assessment roll. As required by law, a member of the district school board will be at each polling place at 2 p.m. to preside at the choosing of an election board. (Statements of school board and committee of opposition appear on page 4.)

WASHINGTON, Feb. 21—(AP)—The political crisis in Czechoslovakia was viewed by top American diplomatic authorities today as the outgrowth of a carefully planned effort by Moscow to complete the communist domination of eastern Europe. These officials said they have no doubt that the Kremlin is directing the political strategy of Czechoslovakia's communist premier, Klement Gottwald.

Western GOP Meet Suggests Party Planks

DENVER, Feb. 21—(AP)—Republicans of the west will demand free circulation of gold, state ownership of submerged lands and two cabinet posts at their national convention. These were highlights of a platform adopted unanimously today at the conclusion of a two day western conference attended by party chiefs of 11 states and two territories.

Dr. Raymond Withey, counselor of religious activities at Willamette university, was featured speaker of the meeting and delivered two addresses to representatives at Waller hall on the campus Saturday. The conclave ended Saturday night at 8:30 when delegates were entertained at a banquet at the church. The Rev. Brooks Moore of the First Methodist church addressed the banquet meeting. During the two-day session, members planned the next two years' work with the youth organization and coordination of problems with the ministerial department of the church.

Turnbull Resigns Press Meet Post

EUGENE, Feb. 21—(AP)—The annual Oregon press conference closed today after receiving the resignation of George Turnbull as secretary of the Oregon Newspaper Publishers association. Turnbull, secretary of the organization for 28 years, will retire this summer as dean of the University of Oregon journalism school. Carl Webb, journalism school faculty member, was elected to succeed Turnbull. Walter W. R. May, Oregon City Enterprise publisher, was elected president of the conference.

Dynamite Charge Kills 2 Grande Ronde Men

GRANDE RONDE, Feb. 21—(AP)—A dynamite charge, set to blast stumps, killed two men yesterday as they approached to see why it had not yet gone off. The men—Lloyd Weaver, 19, and Fred Moore, 49, were killed outright. Both were logging company employees who lived at Grande Ronde.

Animal Crackers By WARREN GOODRICH

