



IT SEEMS TO ME

By Charles A. Sprague

He's our President—Harry S. Truman. We the American people, elected him last November to serve as chief executive for a four-year term. Today he will be inaugurated in Washington, the 32nd man to occupy that office.

More than that, he heads a party which clinched his triumph by winning positive control of the congress. It has a fresh sense of direction, and of unity and regards the election as a command to carry the nation farther along the path of the social welfare state.

Both president and congress are however servants not of party alone but of the whole country, of all the people. They must govern in the best interest of the people, building on the foundations laid in the past and respecting traditions that are sacred to Americans. We salute Mr. Truman this day, not as party leader but as our President, called at a moment of great crisis to define the national policy and direct its administration, subject to the constitution and laws of the country. His place in history will not be determined by the plaudits of his partisans nor yet by the criticisms of his opponents but by the success he makes in leading the United States and the world along the path of peace, justice and progress.

Inauguration Broadcasts Set

Both Salem radio stations will broadcast the inauguration of President Truman Thursday morning, and both KOCO and KSLM will have repeat broadcasts of the event later in the day.

KOCO will pick up the NBC broadcast of inauguration ceremonies at 9 a.m. today, and will replay the broadcast at 9 p.m. for those unable to hear the original program.

KSLM will broadcast the MBS program beginning at 8:45 a.m. with pre-inauguration commentary, and will air a repeat broadcast at 2 p.m.

Animal Crackers

By WARREN GOODRICH



"I like old Joe — he's a straight shooter."



Old Man Winter left a goodly quantity of snowball material on Salem streets and yards Wednesday morning. Shown in top photo are two Bush school youngsters making good use of nature's ammunition at the corner of Mission and Church streets. The boys are, left, Jimmy Wriglesworth, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Wriglesworth of 941 S. Liberty st.; and Mark Wulf, right, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. F. Wulf of 809 S. High st. Lower photo shows a similar scene at Richmond school during recess period. (Photos by Don Hill, Statesman staff photographer).

Frigid Air Mass Covers Cold-Weary Salem Area

A thin blanket of wet snow which lay in wait for cold-weary Salem area residents Wednesday morning was the harbinger of another siege of cold weather, the weatherman predicted early this morning. He expects the mercury to crawl down to low readings of about 15 degrees tonight. It was 21 degrees at midnight last night and a low of 16 degrees was expected later this morning.

No more snow, fog or rain is predicted by the U. S. Weather bureau at McNary field for at least two more days—only clear, cold weather. The new freeze is attributed to cold Alaskan air being pushed over the Pacific northwest by a front moving in from the Aleutians.

Snowfall Totaled Wednesday's snowfall, the first in any appreciable amount since New Year's Eve, totaled three-tenths of an inch at McNary field, but drifted about twice that depth in city areas. It fell between 4:30 and 10:30 a. m.

Semi-darkened streets last night slithered with ice. Merchants were cooperating with other local businesses and residents in conserving electrical energy. Power company officials said the shortage of electrical energy was still critical caused by frozen streams.

Roads Slippery Although heavy snows created slippery conditions on roads over the state road accidents in this area Wednesday were scarce. R. J. Davidson, manager of Oregon Motor Stages' Salem city bus line said buses had no accidents but that they crawled along carefully over tricky routes early Wednesday morning.

Amity schools closed down Wednesday because of difficulties in transportation. The Associated Press said the Columbia river remained clogged with ice flows. Fishermen thought smelt were probably running in the Columbia — but they can't be caught through the ice. Power output on the river was boosted to some 370,000 kilowatts.

BUSINESS LOANS RISE

WASHINGTON, Jan. 19—(AP)—Business loans by federal reserve member banks in the nation's leading cities increased \$34,000,000 during the week ended Jan. 12. The federal reserve board reported today.

Raided Policemen Termed Victims Of Circumstances

PORTLAND, Jan. 19—(AP)—Members of the Footprinters club, which was raided Tuesday night at the El Rancho club by Multnomah County Sheriff Marion Elliott, were victims "of an unfortunate situation," according to Portland's Police Chief, Charles Pray. Gambling devices were confiscated in the raid.

The Footprinters, an organization of police officers, were defended by their president, Portland Police Lt. Clyde Sanders.

Sanders said he was seated at the head table when the raid took place. "If there were slot machines in a back room and they were being operated," he said, "I was not aware of it."

Pray said he found no indication that officers knew slot machines were in the club. "I have no information that any police officer played the machines," Pray added.

Army to Use Volunteers as Replacements

WASHINGTON, Jan. 19—(AP)—The armed forces have filled their quotas of men—and there are indications that nobody will be drafted in the next 18 months.

There's one "if" in this outlook. If voluntary enlistments do not provide enough men to replace those who leave the service, then the draft is expected to be revived.

Secretary of Defense Forrestal released figures today showing 1,621,000 men under arms as of December 31. That is all the armed services will be able to pay through the fiscal year ending June 30, 1950.

In his budget message to congress, President Truman set the strength of the armed forces at 1,616,000 for the fiscal year beginning July 1. Draft calls already have been withheld for February and March. Recruiting in recent months has been more than sufficient to keep the armed services at maximum strength.

Statesman Ad Has Pulling Power

E. W. "Pop" Harland opened an Agate and Novelty Shop at 3994 Portland road and advertised in The Statesman.

Customers came and an order for novelties even came from Michigan City, Indiana. "Pop" was curious about how this customer got his name and address. On inquiring he learned that the buyer had read his ad in The Statesman of which he had been a subscriber for 20 years.

That shows the Pulling Power of Statesman advertising.

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The Oregon Statesman

Oleo Bill Back in Limelight

By Wendell Webb

There is no doubt about it—when more controversial topics are discovered, the Oregon legislature will get them right in the face.

The legislature got more than a few of them Wednesday, too. Colored margarine banged back into the picture—Sen. Thomas

A public hearing on Oregon's tax problems will be held in the house of representatives at 8 o'clock tonight. KOAC will broadcast it.

Mahoney introduced a bill to permit its sale in Oregon.

Labor formally went on record for repeal of laws barring secondary boycotts and requiring secret elections, in two new house bills.

Employers sought to reduce their over-all contribution for unemployment compensation an estimated \$1,861,000 annually, in bills introduced through the house labor and industry committee.

New bills to repeal the milk control act (in the house) and lower the voting age to 18 (in the senate) also were entered, and another senate bill by Sen. Richard Neuberger would bar the name of the secretary of state from appearing on most state documents and papers, on the grounds that political capital was made of the current practice.

Corporations Tax Other senate bills included one to levy corporations tax on any business operated by any religious, charitable or educational institution in Oregon. Still another would increase from \$3,000 to \$5,000 the exemption of veterans' homesteads from liens and liabilities.

Other house bills would levy a 1/2 of 1 per cent tax on gross business in Oregon; exempt tangible personal property from property tax; permit county courts to fix salaries of justices of the peace; extend until 1951 the law letting school districts incur indebtedness up to 10 per cent of their assessments; and let an Oregon resident hunt on his own land without a license.

Truman Congratulated The house, with 49 republicans and 11 democrats, unanimously passed the senate-approved joint memorial congratulating President Truman on his election. It was the only final action taken either by the senate or house Wednesday.

There were four bills in the series of unemployment compensation measures introduced in the house.

One would decrease employer contributions to the fund. Another would raise the minimum which an employer must earn to obtain benefits. A third would classify an employer as a person with a quarterly payroll exceeding \$1,500 (instead of \$500) with four or more employees working at least 30 days (instead of one day). The fourth would alter provisions for benefits to seasonal workers.

Reduces Benefits The state unemployment compensation commission said employer contributions would be cut approximately \$1,500,000 annually by the bill to reduce contributions, and that benefit payments would be reduced another \$361,000 annually through the measure increasing the minimum earnings.

The two labor bills repealing the 1947 so-called curb laws were introduced in the house by Reps. Gust Anderson, Alex Barry, Phil Brady and Sens. Allan Carson, Richard Neuberger, Thomas Mahoney and Vernon Bull.

The gross income business tax and repeal of the property tax on tangible personal property were sought in bills by Reps. Giles French and Sen. Eugene Marsh.

Another vexing problem appeared certain of consideration—daylight savings time. Rep. Henry Peterson of Ione, said he would introduce a bill which, in effect, would prevent adoption of daylight savings time anywhere in Oregon. Sen. Robert Holmes of Gearhart said he would sponsor a memorial to compel uniformity one way or another. And Gov. Douglas McKay already is on record favoring uniformity between Oregon, California and Washington.

At the end of the session's 10th day, the house had 10 bills before it, the senate 51. Both bodies will resume at 10 a. m. today.

TRUMAN SIGNS PAY RAISE

WASHINGTON, Jan. 19—(AP)—After 40 years the nation's chief executive got a pay raise today as President Truman signed a bill boosting his salary from \$75,000 to \$100,000 a year.

Truman Inauguration Scene Set President to Take Oath Today Defends Electoral College



WASHINGTON, Jan. 19—President Truman poses today in his White House office with the two Bibles on which he will rest his hand when he takes the Oath of office tomorrow. The large Bible is a reproduction of the Gutenberg original supplied by his home town of Independence, Mo. The smaller Bible is the one used when he took the Oath April 12, 1945, to succeed the late President Roosevelt. (AP Wirephoto to The Statesman).

Defends Electoral College

WASHINGTON, Jan. 19—(AP)—In the midst of a spectacular inauguration which would have amazed the founding fathers, President Truman tonight came to the defense of an institution those fathers started — the electoral college.

"I'm in favor of letting the constitutional provisions for electors stay as they have been for the last 160 years," he said on the eve of his inauguration. He spoke at a dinner of the electoral college.

The president arrayed himself against democrats and republicans who have introduced constitutional amendments to abolish the electoral college. They have complained that it is old-fashioned and has sometimes led to thwarting the popular will.

Leaving the dinner, the president did a quick change from white tie and tails to a tuxedo, and proceeded to the Washington armory where a mammoth gala was in progress.

This event saw stars of stage, screen, radio television and night clubs outside each other to entertain an audience cramming the two-acre auditorium.

Inauguration Climax The inaugural celebration reaches its climax tomorrow when Truman will step up and swear he will do his best in the toughest job in the world.

At noon, on the east side of the Capitol, Chief Justice Vinson will give the oath . . . and the smiling, fighting man from Missouri will become president for the next four years.

The weather is expected to be in the mid-thirties in the morning, in the lower forties in the afternoon. There also may be some sunshine.

After taking the oath, Mr. Truman will deliver his inaugural address. An estimated 120,000 will be on hand at the Washington will listen and watch by radio and television.

Beam Account Around World In addition, the Voice of America will beam a running account of the ceremonies to overseas listeners around the world.

The speech is not expected to contain many surprises. After all, in his talks up and down the land during the campaign, and in his messages to the new congress, Mr. Truman has made his views pretty well known.

Mr. Truman himself, and Vice President Alben W. Barkley of Kentucky, will head it.

Overhead 700 planes will roar. Tanks, jeeps, guns will crawl down historic Pennsylvania avenue. Marching along with them will be the cadets from West Point, the midshipmen from Annapolis.

The National Broadcasting company today estimated that 10,000,000 people, as far west as St. Louis, will see the first inauguration ever to be televised. Two people out of every three in the U. S., or 100,000,000, will hear it described over the radio.

An anticipated 1,000,000 will be here in person to see the inauguration, or the parade. Perhaps 500,000 of these will be visitors from out of town. (Additional details on page 2)

PGE Asks Rates Hiked; Salem, W. Salem Exempt

Salem and West Salem are the only areas in this locality exempted from Portland General Electric company and Pacific Power and Light company requests for rate increases filed with the Oregon public utilities commission Wednesday.

The rates would aggregate about \$2,266,000 annually—\$1,900,000 for Portland General Electric company and \$336,000 for Pacific Power and Light company. The increase is needed, the applicants said, to provide new working capital and to provide a reasonable rate of return on investments and operations.

The proposed increases involve largely the lower residential schedule. Charge for consumers using 500 kilowatt hours would be increased from \$5.70 to \$6.60, with lesser increases in a few other lower classifications of service.

Engineers for the utilities commission said they had not yet examined all details of the proposed rate increases but hoped to prepare a statement later in the week. Officials of the two companies attributed their decreasing returns to higher labor and operating costs and other factors resulting from the current economic situation.

Two of the cases were in Marion county. Two were in Benton, and one in Clatsop.

Two Polio Cases PORTLAND, Jan. 19—(AP)—Infantile paralysis, which subsided in Oregon for a week, returned to strike five more persons last week, the State Board of Health said today.

The \$35,000,000 is to be spent for agricultural equipment, machinery and engineering and technical help needed to boost the output of Israel's farms.

The \$65,000,000 is to pay for projects in communications, transportation, housing, manufacturing and public works.

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Ten Coast Guardsmen Killed as Oil Tanker Rams Cutter off New Jersey



CAPE MAY, N. J., Jan. 19—Smoke pours from amid-ship of the Coast Guard icebreaker Eastwind about 40 miles off Cape May in the Atlantic ocean today while two Guard cutters, aiding in rescue work, stand by. Ten Coast Guardsmen were killed when the Eastwind and the SS Gulfstream, a tanker, collided in the fog. In foreground is the Cutter Sassafras. (AP Wirephoto to The Statesman).

NEW YORK, Jan. 19—(AP)—A pre-dawn collision between the cutter Eastwind and an oil tanker in a fog bank today killed 10 coast guardsmen and set fire to the war-honored coast guard vessel.

Nineteen were injured in the crash, off the New Jersey coast in which the cutter was rammed amidships by the tanker.

Nearly 12 hours after the Eastwind was rammed, 17 of her injured were brought to Brooklyn aboard the rescue vessel, S.S. Suzanne.

The Suzanne's rescue workers, struggling in chilling winds and rough seas, took an hour and a quarter to transfer the 17 by lifeboat from the flaming Eastwind.

For a while towering flames threatened to explode the cutter's magazine. But 47 of her uninjured crew, including eight officers, stuck to her charred decks and brought the fire under control seven hours after the crash occurred.

The Eastwind later was taken in tow by the coast guard cutter Sassafras.

Although the Eastwind normally carries a peacetime complement of 120 men, figures indicated at least 157 persons were aboard at the time of the crash.