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Overflow Capitol

Salem's old high school building is serving as a junior capitol. It houses offices of various branches of government from the federal government to the school district. The school administration offices are in the building, but the principal tenant is the state unemployment compensation commission. The Marion county pubwelfare commission occupies considerable space. Then several federal bureaus have offices there: farmers home administration, area rent office, bureau of reclamation, bureau of land management (O & C lands) are quartered there. The Salem long range planning commission has space in the building.

When the unemployment compenation commission moves into the new building in the capitol group the county expects to take over space in the building to house county offices while the new courthouse is under construction.

Thus the old building is really being usedin fact we do not know how Salem could have gotten along without it. There have been dickers from private interests to buy the land and building; and the school board would sell if it got its price. Meantime it functions nicely and conveniently as an overflow capitol.

Idaho Atomic Plant

North of Pocatello, Idaho, near the town of Arco where former Governor Bottolfson runs the newspaper, the atomic energy commission is planning to set up a plant for testing methods for industrial uses of atomic fission. It's a range country, with few inhabitants, and the government already owns most of the land; so it was a logical selection. The plants can be isolated so neighbors will not be burned from stray radi-

Testifying before a house committee David Lilienthal, chairman of the commission said the first project being worked out for nonmilitary use of atomic energy is in the design of a plant to drive ships. He said the prospects are bright

So far only large projects are contemplated because the protective piles have to be large to confine deadly rays released in fission. Some day however it may be possible to fractionalize atomic energy-and run your car for a week on a tiny pill. The installation at Arco, which will cost many millions of dollars, should prove very helpful in helping man to employ atomic energy for the good of humankind and not its hurt.

Housing for Historical Library The California legislature is considering pro-

posals to finance the erection of two buildings. one on the university campus at Berkeley to house the Bancroft library, the other to be erected in Los Angeles to house historical and cultural materials relating to southern California. The Statesman, from whose files Bancroft's minating in Christ's death and resurrection. writers gleaned much of their information for the writing of his history of Oregon, hopes that the measures are approved, particularly the one dealing with the Bancroft library.

H. H. Bancroft was the leading historian of the west. The library which bears his name contains the largest collection of material dealing with Pacific coast history. For 50 years, between

By Joseph Alsop

what befuddled capital has just

been treated to an unusually

nomic advisor, Joseph Alsop

Nourse, suggested that the At-

western Europe should be paid

for by cutting our own defense

and the European recovery pro-

grams. He added blandly that

his speech had been approved

invaluable aid and comfort to

the congressional Isolationists,

an explanation is in order. Sup-

erficially, of course, the expla-

nation is very simple. The presi-

dent has allowed what was done

to him twice by Henry Wallace,

turned from a tour of the coun-

try much impressed by the busi-

ness groups' natural dislike for

taxation. He apparently conclud-

ed that it was better to torpedo

our foreign policy, than to raise

taxes to pay for lend-lease to

Europe. He outlined these views

to the president. Since the presi-

dent's budget message specifical-

ly proposed raising taxes in or-

der to meet the Atlantic pact obligation, one must conclude

the president did not understand

Not long ago, Dr. Nourse re-

to be done a third time.

When the administration gives

lantic pact obligation to rearm

puzzling specta-

cle. First the

administration's

senate leaders

strained every

nerve to pass

an intact Euro-

pean recovery

program. Then

the Atlantic

pact was proud-

ly signed. And

then the presi-

dent's chief eco-

Dr. Edwin

by the president.

WASHINGTON - This some-

1856 and 1905 Bancroft assembled papers, pamphlets, books, diaries and other materials from pioneer sources. Since then the University of California has gone on collecting material. Much material dealing with northwest history is housed in the Bancroft library.

At present, reports the San Francisco Chronicle, the library is not properly housed. Some of the material is stored under the bleachers at an athletic field. Certainly the library is worthy of proper housing both for protection of the material and for making it readily accessible to those who want to use it.

While we are on the subject we want to reiterate our call for a building for the Oregon Historical society. Its collection of northwest historical material is the largest in the country. At present the society occupies a mezzanine floor of the Portland auditorium building. It deserves a spacious, dignified building of its own. If private philanthropy will not provide one, the state of Oregon should.

Seal the Cracks in HB 452

ways working to get favorable legislation and to influence public officials to countenance or to license the operation of their machines, Coming up today is House Bill 452 which pretty well guts the safeguards in the act of 1943 and opens doors for licensing not only by the state but by municipal bodies of devices readily usable for illicit purposes.

municipalities by similar legal legerdemain to ling did not last long enough to license machines which are illegal under other make a permanent dent on the been very industriously loading

The house should tear this bill apart and see lunch restored the lawgivers to that it gives no crack in the door for illegal machines to operate.

Traffic Notes

Busiest airline leg is the flight route between New York and Boston; second busiest the New York-Miami run and third San Francisco-Los

Other interesting facts are that railroads handled 44 per cent of the traffic between San Francisco and Los Angeles, buses 28 per cent and airplanes about the same as the buses.

A number of daily papers across the country have serialized the Fulton Oursler book "The Greatest Story Ever Told", a "rewrite" of the life of Jesus Christ. Nobody has ever improved sidency of the 1951 senate away on the simple narrative of St. Mark and the from its long time residence in the other authors of the gospels. In this week of Lent it is a good religious exercise to read one of those short books, particularly the latter portion dealing with the events of Holy Week, cul-

An expedition is being planned to go to Mt. Ararat in Armenia to look for the remains of Noah's ark. Moscow's Pravda says they are spies for Anglo-American imperialistis. That isn't true, but we predict if the searchers find anything it will be the remains of some airplane that got off course.

The pinball people never rest. They are always working to get favorable legislation and Even Local Earthquake Fails to proven themselves to be able and sound thinking legislators. Two years from now with a session's **Unseat Session of Legislature**

CHANGE OF TUNE

OVERTURES TO WESTERN DEMOCRACY

By Ralph Watson

For as long back as any present memory can recall, Wednesday four sessions behind him; Ralph was the first time that ill-dispositioned Nature ever has tried her hand at shaking the Oregon legislature out of the capitol building. The bill takes out the section of the old law And she did a fairly successful, though not lasting, job of it at that. which specifically denies giving recognition to It certainly was entertaining the way some of the earnest lawmakers democratic side, but in view of illegally operated machines. It in effect invites scurried out from under the swaying chandaliers and headed for the service and ability not by any open air. However the eerie sway-

their guns all during the current

session. And, what puts the situa-

tion still more on the razor's edge

registered under the republican

banner who might be coaxed into

However the republicans do not

a "coalition" organization provid-

under the handicap of having to

seek reelection in 1950, including

senators Engdahl, Gibson, McAl-

lister, Marsh, and Walker. Senator

Patterson is the only one of the

Senator Marsh, former speaker

Number One boy in the list, while

McAllister another former speaker

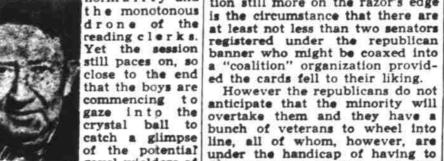
is not too far back in the shadows.

must seek election next year.

Marsh Mentioned

Literary Guidepost

legislative conscience so that a hot normality and



crystal ball to bunch of veterans to wheel into catch a glimpse line, all of whom, however, are of the potential gavel wielders at Raiph Watson the next session in January 1951.

Not Much of Secret It is not telling much of a secret regulars who will not face a camto relate that the democratic optimists of the senate have more or less high hoes of stealing the prerepublican compound. The present senate has 10 democrats on its roster the majority of whom will be holdovers in 1951. Senator's Dunn, Holmes and Thompson whose terms expire undoubtedly would be returned by their districts should they seek reelection.

Republican senators Belton, Chase, Engdahl, Gibson, Lamport, Marsh, McAllister, Rand and and all must face the democratic slings and arrows of the 1950

Six republican defeats would in the senate. turn the senate over to the demo- Able Legislators crats for the first time since away

By W. G. Rogers
WITHOUT MAGNOLIAS, by

Bucklin Moon (Doubleday; \$3)

"I leave em alone, Bessie.

They doan mess with me." This

is Luther's explanation to his

sister of his ability to get along

with white folks in the little

run away north, where she can

treat whites, or some whites, like

equals. But his mother and

Eulia, whom he longs to marry,

stay where they were born and

brought up; and Eulia's old fa-

ther Jeff sticks it out defiantly, a

shotgun ready to pepper anyone who bothers him. President Rog-

ers of a nearby Negro college

where Bessie works, stays in the

South, as he says, to educate Ne-

groes for their expanding oppor-

asks Prof. Gardner, and thinks

the good jobs will still go to

Better English

By D. C. Williams

BETTER ENGLISH 1114 .rbybin

tence? "He is one of those men

who is always polite."

2. What is the corrent pronunciation of "protest" (noun

3. Which one of these words is

4. What does the word "re-

5. What is a word beginning

with pu that means "youthful"?

ANSWERS

1. Say, "He is one of those

men who are always polite." 2.

misspelled? Occultist, occulist,

and verb)?

occurrence.

condite" mean?

1. What is wrong with this sen-

What expanding opportunities.

His other sister, Alberta, has

Florida town where they live.

experieice behind them they will be able to click right along from the drop of the gavel.

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And they have a list of veterans, any of whom would handle the gavel ably: Max Landon, with Moore, with the same score; John Steelhammer with 5; Thomas with 7; Wilhelm with 2; and last on the means the least, Henry Semon with 9 consecutive sessions to his credit.

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CRAZY ABOUT,

DICKEZ MOMEN

There surely should be a speaker nestling in that list. The story book has it that Max Landon and Ralph Moore are in the front line. But there is a long, long time of waiting (and watching, and working) between now and January

Churches Plan **Union Service** On Good Friday

(Story also on page 1.) Good Friday services by Salem churches will be highlighted by the union services from noon to 3 p.m. of the house, is rumored to be the in First Presbyterian church, sponsored by Salem Ministerial association. Other mid-day rites will be at St. Paul's Episcopal and St. Senator Dunn or Senator Thomp-Mark Lutheran, both from noon son presumably are top men on to 3 p.m.

the democratic side, though both Also on Friday will be communion at St. Mark Lutheran at On the house side of the assem-11:30 a.m.: at First Evangelical bly the partisan balance is not so United Brethren at 8 p.m.; vesper finely drawn or the situation quite service at Christ Lutheran at 7:45 so hectic. There are but 11 demop.m. with special choir music; crats in the house and these, out-Easter music from Handel's Mes-Walker, all must seek reelection, side of Multnomah, are all pretty siah by the Sanctuary choir of stable and dependable legislators. First Methodist church at 8 p.m.

Consequently the democratic Catholic services Friday will be threat is not so ominous there as at St. Joseph's, procession and mass of the presanctified at 8 a.m., services from noon to 3 p.m., sta-The house has a long list of first tions of the cross and sermon at back before the days of Joe Simon term men on its roll who have 7:30 p.m.; St. Vincent de Paul, mass of the presanctified at 8 a.m., way of the cross at 2:30 p.m., Good Friday service at 7:45 p.m.

Both Catholic churches will have special rites Saturday. The season will close Sunday with Easter ser-

vices in all Christian churches. **NOW** is the Time



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CLOVERDALE-Robert Schaefer, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Tuesday honoring the birthday an-Schaefer, is doing nicely at Salem niversary of Mrs. A. A. Dumbeck. appendix operation.

Bouchie) and small son Cody of Redding, Calif., arrived the first Undergoes Surgery of the week at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Hedges, for a visit.

Mrs. Sam Drager was hostess General hospital, where he was Places were set for Mr. and Mrs. taken recently for an emergency A. A. Dumbeck, Mr. and Mrs. Aaron Dumbeck and the Drager Mrs. Lloyd Wallace (Arlene family.

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Wallace on the celebrated prevlous occasions. At any rate, Truman author-Red Nourse to express his views

Slip by Truman Cheers Isolationists orientation conference, merely requiring that he clear the speech in advance with Secretary of the Treasury John Snyder and Budget Director Frank Pace. Snyder heartily approved the Nourse argument.

Pace, seeing the contradiction of the president's budget message, protested the speech. But Pace was somehow eluded. And the state department was evidently not consulted at all, although it is reported that the president also asked Nourse to show his speech to Under Secretary of State James Webb.

Nourse's speech evoked an immediate response from Capitol Hill, as any infant of three could have foreseen it would. Nothing could have been more pleasing to the senators and representatives who are determined to cripple American foreign policy. if need be, in order to avoid a

Their own arguments had been echoed by the president's official economic augur. They rushed up onto the roof, cheering loudly. The president then lamely disavowed Nourse, which did nothing to counteract the disastrous damage already done in the delicate congressional situa-

General ineptitude sticks out of the whole episode like a sore thumb, as it stuck out of the all-too-similar Wallace episodes. But for this episode, as for those. there is a deeper explanation also. This explanation is foreshadowed in Secretary Snyder's Army day speech in Boston. which dimly, very cautiously, but quite noticeably hinted at exactly the same points made by Dr.

Dr. Nourse, as one must also The truth is that there is a suppose he failed to understand new isolationism abroad in the administration. Prior to the election, Secretaries Marshall and Forrestal and Under Secretary Lovett ruled supreme in the foreign and defense fields. Some of in a speech to a war department

sabotaged the president's poliencouragement from the president himself.

of this new isolationism. First, strong characters of the old by the men around the president, if not by the president himself. The old foreign and defence policy makers were accused of "crisis mongering," and of being under the influence of "the brass." What they did was resented, as were the men them-

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cies but the policies that were sabotaged were on the domestic front. Now these men have gained self-confidence and are venturing into the foreign and defense field, not without some

The first sign of this rather astonishing phenomenon was the sharp reduction in the tempo of our own rearmament, ordered by the president this fall. The original impulse for this move came from Secretary Snyder, Dr. Nourse and the then Budget Director James Webb (who is likely to form different ideas at the state departhent). There have been other signs also of this encroachment, such as Snyder's appointment as a permanent member of the national security council, and the odd retention in office of Snyder's ally, Secretary of Commerce Charles Sawyer, who very nearly sees eye to eye with Senator Wherry.

There are probably two sources the independent position and managers of foreign and defense policy were no doubt resented

Second, most of the men around the president are fundamentally conservative, deeply anxious not to rock the boat and quite ignorant of the world sita uation. Thus they were and are devoted to business-as-usual, bitterly opposed to higher taxes, and in general in favor of sacrificing the future to the present. With the Nourse speech, this cat has at least peeped out of the bag. It can prove to be a very dangerous animal.

Accent noun on first syllable, verb on second syllable. 3. Oculist. 4. Hidden from the mental "Recondite causes of things." 5. Puerile.

whites . . . which makes him a radical and, it is whispered, a Communist. Other Negroes, to be sure, are frankly glad of a position one notch above their fellow black men; whites lord it over them, they lord it over more luckless blacks. But on the whole these Negroes are trying to make the best of it. Luther counts on his boss to protect him in case of racial disturbances: Rogers counts on his white

they admit to themselves, and so are resigned to not being better But things happen. Luther's word is futile against a white's charges. Rogers and Gardner together are no match for the prejudiced wife of one of the trustees. They tried to be content with half a loaf, but they hate to be reminded so forthrightly

that a half a loaf is all it is. Worthy winner of the publisher's George Washington Carver award, this novel is a first-rate example of the use of fiction to illustrate a conviction, in this case the conviction is . . whether you agree with it or not . . . that the South is not doing

much to bring the Negro people within the fold of the human race, or in other words, that the Negroes are getting nowhere fast in their conflict with white prejudices. But more than that, it is, I find, a very tense story, with every line brimming with menace, leading you to expect ceaselessly that at any minute the lion, tired of lying down with the lamb, will eat him up.

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