

**IT SEEMS TO ME**  
By Charles A. Sprague

If the unofficial count on the budget for the rural school district is confirmed and the budget defeated a very serious situation will confront a number of the school districts in the county. Keizer and Detroit districts in particular will face an acute financial crisis. Some other districts may be in distress too.

Under the rural school district law a single levy is made for the area outside of first-class districts. In previous years since the budget law was passed, in 1945, the Marion county voters have approved a budget far in excess of the levy permitted under the six per cent limitation. This year the extra levy appears to have failed by a tie vote. No vote may be had with other first-class districts, an amendment permitting that having failed of adoption at the last legislature. The only alternative is for the individual districts to vote extra levies on themselves large enough to maintain their schools. Where the school population is large and the assessed valuation relatively low the burden will be extremely heavy. Keizer for example may face a total tax levy of a hundred mills or over (exact information was not available Friday because county offices were closed). Detroit will be in a tight squeeze because of the large influx of children for work on Detroit dam. That district has lost its railroad valuation too. Whether aid will be available from the federal government through the army engineers will have to be explored.

What happened is the revolt of the rural areas against carrying the burden of the thickly settled areas like Keizer. Resistance has been growing as farmers saw their school taxes mount swiftly under

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**Dixie Senators Win Fight to Block FEPC**

WASHINGTON, May 19—(AP)—Southern senators won their fight today to block consideration of the hotly-disputed fair employment practice (FEPC) bill.

Although the backers of this key measure in President Truman's "civil rights" program promised to try again, there was hardly a shred of doubt that the measure was dead for the session.

A motion to apply the debate limiting clause rule failed. It would have taken the votes of 66 members—two thirds of the full senate—to invoke it. Only 52 senators voted for the so-called gag rule—12 short of the required number. Thirty-two senators opposed it.

**Election Chief Refuses to Hold Falls City Vote**

FALLS CITY, May 19—A vote on revamping the city charter was called off here today when a precinct chairman refused to hand out the special ballots necessary.

Park Calkins, north Falls City precinct chairman, sat tight on the charter amendment ballots, saying he was not notified of the special election.

Mayor Clarence Herwick notified the county clerk's office, which quoted the law directing Calkins to hand out the ballots to voters. He insisted the office was wrong, Herwick said Calkins was notified of the election several weeks ago.

Meanwhile, Polk county officials are scratching their heads over the problem and a special election probably will have to be called later.

**SEX PROBE ASKED**

WASHINGTON, May 19—(AP)—Senator Hill (D-Ala.) today introduced in the senate a resolution calling for a sweeping Senate investigation of the employment of homosexuals by the federal government.

**Animal Crackers**



**4 Dead, 25 Missing, 300 Hurt as Barge Blast Rocks Jersey**

SOUTH AMBOY, N. J., May 19—(AP)—A 600-ton load of munitions blasted skyward at the South Amboy docks tonight, leaving at least four known dead, 20 to 25 missing and nearly 300 injured.

The death toll was listed by New Jersey Superintendent of Police Charles H. Schoeffel after an hour-long midnight tour of the blasted city of 10,000 persons.

The explosion occurred in a string of four barges at the Pennsylvania railroad docks on the Raritan bay, some 30 miles from New York.

Twenty to 25 men were working on the dock and "all are presumed missing," P. W. Triplett, superintendent of the New York division of the railroad, announced.

Officials said damage to homes and stores alone would run to more than \$1,000,000.

The munitions were destined for overseas shipment.

The blast rocked the dock area just as most residents were sitting down to their evening meal. Cause of the detonation was not immediately determined.

**AFL Switchmen To Postpone Railroad Strike**

WASHINGTON, May 19—(AP)—An AFL switchmen's strike scheduled for next Tuesday on 10 mid-western railroads was postponed today until June 1.

The national (railway) mediation board obtained the postponement and will try to settle the dispute before the next strike deadline.

Francis A. O'Neill, Jr., chairman of the board, said the union is asking a reduction of the work week from 48 to 40 hours without loss of pay; also time and a half for Saturday work and double time for Sundays.

O'Neill announced that mediation would start next Tuesday in Washington.

The 40 hour week, with an increase in hourly pay, was granted to members of 17 so-called non-operating railroad unions effective last September 1.

The five operating brotherhoods, including the Switchmen's union, were excluded. However, three of these operating brotherhoods are now trying to win the same concessions from the nation's rail carriers under provisions of the railway labor act.

The Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen and Order of Railroad Conductors are awaiting a report by a presidential emergency board, due by June 15.

O'Neill told a news conference that the switchmen have not seen their way clear to combine their case with the trainmen and conductors because the other unions had a total of 11 issues, not all of which affect the switchmen.

**Armed Forces Day Activities Set for Salem**

Three open houses and four group aircraft flights today will highlight Armed Forces day in Salem, climaxing an active National Defense week.

To show off their facilities and equipment, the naval and marine reserve training center will welcome visitors from 10 a. m. to 5 p. m., the naval air facility from 10 a. m. to 4 p. m. and the army reserve headquarters from 10 a. m. to 4 p. m.

Twelve air national guard fighter planes are scheduled to fly over the city at 11:45 a. m. and 1:47 p. m. Formation flights over Salem also will be made by all or most of the seven craft from the local naval air facility.

Representatives of local military reserve groups discussed their programs Friday morning with senior class boys at Salem high school.

**Maritime Board Demise Approved**

WASHINGTON, May 19—(AP)—The senate today suddenly halted its slaughter of President Truman's reorganization plans and upheld one abolishing the maritime commission.

Duties of the commission would be switched to the commerce department where a new three-member maritime board and a maritime administration would be created.

**BASEBALL**

WESTERN INTERNATIONAL  
At Yakima 8, Salem 7  
At Tacoma 11, Vancouver 9  
At Wenatchee 7, Tri-City 0  
At Spokane 4, Victoria 5  
At Seattle 11, Portland 10  
At San Diego 6, Portland 10  
At Sacramento 7, Seattle 3  
At Los Angeles 4, San Francisco 6  
At Oakland 12, Hollywood 14  
AMERICAN LEAGUE  
At Detroit 14, Philadelphia 8  
At Cleveland 4, Boston 1  
At Chicago 6, New York 3  
At St. Louis 4, Washington, rain.  
NATIONAL LEAGUE  
At Boston-St. Louis, rain.  
At Brooklyn-Pittsburgh, rain.  
At New York-Cincinnati, rain.  
At Philadelphia-Chicago, rain.

**Lampport, Yeater Top Race**

Sen. Fred Lampport and Rep. Douglas Yeater apparently will be the republican nominees for state senators from Marion county, on the basis of returns from 97 of the county's 110 precincts as tabulated by The Statesman early today.

Reps. W. W. Chadwick and Frank Doerfler were in third and fourth places, respectively.

The top four republican candidates for state representative nominations were Mark Hatfield, Roy Houck, John Steelhammer and Lee Ohmart.

Democrats, for Marion county representatives, apparently nominated Lawrence Koch of St. Paul and Preston Hale, Alvin Whitlaw and Josephine Albert Spaulding of Salem. Ward Graham of Salem was fifth.

Arthur Davis and Frank Porter were unopposed for the two democratic nominations for state senator from Marion county.

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**Courthouse Levy Ahead In Vote Count**

Voters of Marion county apparently approved a \$350,000 levy to speed building of a new courthouse but defeated a proposal for a \$50,000 health building, it appeared on the basis of returns from Friday's election early today.

But even the courthouse measure was close and final returns will show whether it definitely carried.

Andy Burk won the democratic nomination for county commissioner over A. N. Vistica, and E. E. Rogers, incumbent, won re-nomination on the republican ticket by an almost two to one margin over A. J. Zielsinski.

Herman Lanke was unopposed on the republican ticket for another term as county recorder and Henry Hayden was unopposed for the democratic nomination.

**Voters Turn Down Portland Tax Proposals**

PORTLAND, May 20—(P)—Voters left Portland in a financial quandry today, apparently turning down all new revenue measures for the growing city.

The city and Multnomah county asked the voters to approve five revenue bills, pleading that a city now grown to 400,000 was trying to get along on a budget intended for 300,000.

Incomplete returns from 374 of 461 precincts in an election yesterday indicated only the least expensive of the measures was winning approval. That was for a \$150,000 bond issue to repair the city auditorium.

Losing by sizable margins were proposals for a \$2,500,000 city income tax, and a \$2,443,000 annual county property tax. Also being turned down was a \$2,500,000 special city property tax. A smaller levy asked for park improvement: also was trailing.

**Low Bid Filed On Turbine for Big Cliff Dam**

PORTLAND, May 19—(AP)—A low bid of \$415,370 was submitted by the Baldwin Locomotive Works, Philadelphia, to the army engineers today for supplying a turbine at Big Cliff dam.

It will be a 26,500 horsepower hydraulic turbine, to be installed at the Big Cliff dam powerhouse on the North Santiam river. That dam will be built about three miles downstream from the Detroit dam, to act as a regulator.

**Court of Appeals Backs Axis Sally's Sentence**

WASHINGTON, May 19—(AP)—The U. S. circuit court of appeals upheld today the stiff 10-to-30 year treason sentence imposed on Mildred Elizabeth (Axis Sally) Gillars for broadcasting Nazi propaganda to American troops.

The sentence carries with it a \$10,000 fine.

**In Runoff**



Alfred W. Loucks (top) and Harry Collins, who apparently will be in a run-off election next fall for Salem mayor.

**Salem Vote**

Election returns from Salem precincts, as compiled by The Oregon Statesman up to 2 a. m., were as follows (including 28 complete and 16 incomplete precincts out of the city's total of 45):

**Mayor**  
Harry Collins 3346; Al Loucks 5116; Walter Musgrave 2702.

**Municipal Judge**  
Elmer Amundson 3639; Peery Buren 6661.

**City Treasurer**  
Paul Hauser (unopposed).

**Bond Issues**  
Sewer: Yes 6273; No 3858.  
Bridge: Yes 6052; No 3862.  
Drainage: Yes 5956; No 4021.  
Reservoir: Yes 5919; No 3980.

**Tax Measures**  
Airport: Yes 4100; No 5722.  
Fire equip.: Yes 6855; No 3289.

**Aldermen:**  
Ward 2: Albert Gille 653; Don Madison 497.  
Ward 4: Dan Fry (unopposed).  
Ward 6: Tom Armstrong 1030; Elmer Church 872.  
Ward 8: Earl Burk (unopposed).

**Silverton School Budget Approved**

SILVERTON, May 19—Voters of the Silverton school district today balloted 281 to 232 to approve a 1950-51 budget of \$42,754 in excess of the 6 per cent limit.

The budget, totaling \$241,775, includes funds for paving the grade school grounds. The vote was the largest ever cast in a school election here.

**Marion County's Vote**

Results of Friday's balloting in Marion county, as computed by The Oregon Statesman up to 2 a. m. today from 97 out of the county's 110 precincts (including 42 in Salem but not including the three West Salem precincts which are in Polk county):

**U. S. Senator**  
Democrat: Howard Latourette 3567; Louis Wood 3017.  
Republican: Dave Hoover 4153; John McBride 1207; Wayne Morse 7865.

**1st Dist. Congressman**  
Democrat: Roy Hewitt 4265; L. T. Ward 2036.  
Republican: Walter Norblad (unopposed).

**Governor of Oregon**  
Democrat: Austin Flegel 2763; Walter Pearson 2581; Lew Wallace 1631.  
Republican: Douglas McKay (unopposed).

**State Supreme Court**  
Austin Dunn 2993; Robert Maguire 7974; Walter Tooze 9249.

**Labor Commissioner**  
Democrat: Howard Morgan (unopposed).  
Republican: William Kimsey (unopposed).

**County Commissioner**  
Democrat: Andy Burk 4502; A. J. Vistica 2068.  
Republican: E. E. Rogers 7893; A. J. Zielsinski 4031.

**County Recorder**  
Democrat: Henry Hayden (unopposed).  
Republican: Herman Lanke (unopposed).

**Courthouse Levy**  
Yes 10,305; No 9938.  
**Health Building Levy**  
Yes 9202; No 10,069.

**Flegel Holding Narrow Margin Hewitt Nominated for Congress**  
**Five City Finance Plans Pass**

**Peery Buren New Judge; Collins in Mayorality Runoff**

Alfred W. Loucks, Salem fuel dealer, held a commanding lead in the race for mayor, unofficial returns from 44 of the city's 45 precincts indicated early today. But it appeared probable he would face a run-off election with Harry Collins in November. Walter Musgrave was third, although he carried the three west Salem precincts.

The unofficial vote up to 2 a. m. was:

Loucks	5,116
Collins	3,246
Musgrave	2,702

None of the three candidates appeared in line for the 51 per cent vote required for outright election in the primaries.

Peery Buren won handily in the municipal judge campaign in which he was opposed by Elmer Amundson.

The unofficial vote up to 2 a. m. was:

Buren	6,661
Amundson	3,639

Paul Hauser was unopposed for city treasurer, as were Daniel Fry for alderman from ward 4 and Earl Burk for alderman from ward 8.

In the ward 2 race for alderman, between Albert Gille and Don Madison Alderman Gille led by a vote of 653 to 497 in the unofficial count.

In the ward 6 race for alderman, between Tom Armstrong and Elmer Church, Alderman Armstrong was ahead by a vote of 1,030 to 872.

The vote indicated the two incumbents probably had won another term.

Five of six bond issues and special taxes in the special Salem city election were passing by comfortable margins, on the basis of near-complete unofficial returns early today.

Only the proposed airport millage levy was being opposed by city voters.

The airport improvement measure had proposed a two-year 2.6 mill levy in order to raise a total of \$150,000. This would have been matched with federal funds for runway, lighting and other improvements.

These measures were virtually assured of passing, on the basis of returns late last night:

An \$800,000 bond issue proposed to finance completion of the city sewage treatment facilities.

A \$125,000 bond issue to finance bridge replacements and repair.

A \$280,000 bond issue to finance a new drainage system, principally in northeast Salem.

A \$300,000 bond issue for new reservoir facilities and other water department improvements. This issue represents remainder of an earlier authorized bond issue which never had been sold. Funds are on hand for its retirement from water revenues.

A 1.7 mill one-year special tax to raise \$50,000 for purchase of a new aerial ladder truck and an additional pump for the fire department.

**STRIKE CASUALTIES HIGH**

LA PAZ, Bolivia, May 19—(AP)—Fourteen persons were reported killed and 75 wounded today in disorders arising from a general strike in La Paz.



WAYNE MORSE  
Republican U. S. Senator



ROY R. HEWITT  
Democrat, Representative



AUSTIN FLEGEL  
For governor, democrat

**Portland Censors Object To 'Bicycle Thief' Film**

PORTLAND, May 19—Portland may be the first metropolitan city in the United States not to see the academy award winning picture, "Bicycle Thief."

The censors here rejected one scene of the Italian film, where the thief is chased into a brothel. It was not certain that the film producers would permit it to be shown with the scene deleted.

**Latourette Leads; Tooze, Maguire Top Court Slate**

By Paul W. Harvey, Jr.  
PORTLAND, May 19—(AP)—Sen. Wayne Morse was an apparent easy winner tonight in his bitter republican renomination battle, but the democratic race for governor might be unsettled until the last votes are in.

In a major upset, State Treasurer Walter J. Pearson—the only major democratic official in the state—was running third in his party's gubernatorial race.

State Sen. Austin F. Flegel was slightly ahead in the democratic race for governor, with 1163 of the state's 2,017 precincts giving him 26,517 votes to 23,704 for former State Sen. Lew Wallace. Pearson trailed with 21,656.

**To Vie with McKay**

The three men fought for the right to run next fall against Governor Douglas McKay, who had no opposition in the primary. Wallace ran against McKay two years ago, losing 226,958 to 271,295.

All three Democrats are Portlanders.

Dave Hoover, Morse's opponent, had surprising strength in view of a state election bureau prediction that he would lose 4 to 1. Morse was ahead of Hoover 55,829

**EUGENE, Ore., May 20 (Saturday) - (AP)—Dave Hoover, Deadwood dairy farmer, conceded defeat at 1 a. m. in the race for the republican nomination for United States senator.**

to 32,301, while John McBride, Washington, D. C., attorney who made no campaign, had only 7978.

**Hold Slight Edge**

Morse's opponent next fall probably will be Howard Latourette, Portland, former democratic national committee man. He held a made no campaign, had only 7978. 32,896 to 31,562 lead over Dr. Louis A. Wood, retired University of Oregon economics professor.

Oregon's four republican congressmen—Homer D. Angell of Portland, Walter Norblad of Astoria, Harris Ellsworth of Roseburg, and Lowell Stockman of Astoria, were renominated. All were unopposed except Angell, and he had twice as many votes as both of his opponents together.

But five democrats, fighting with their race for the majority of registered voters in an effort to revoke the long republican state control, were waging some hard battles in the congressional races.

**Hewitt Holds Lead**

In the first district Roy R. Hewitt, Salem attorney and Truman supporter, held a safe lead over L. T. Ward, Philomath weekly newspaper publisher who is opposed to much of the Truman program. Hewitt apparently will face Norblad in the fall.

Stockman's second district was the scene of a close three-way democratic battle, with State Senator Vernon Bull of La Grande out in front by an eyelash. Running second was Hugh Bowman, Pendleton's former mayor and former state American Legion commander. Benjamin C. Garske, Bend, was a poor third.

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**Donough Ahead**

In Portland—Angell's third district—former U. S. District Attorney Carl C. Donough was ahead by a good margin over former State Rep. Phil Dreyer in the democratic contest.

The fourth district democratic contest was a nip and tuck affair between David C. Shaw, Gold Beach lawyer and former assistant general counsel for the national labor relations board; and Walter A. Swanson, Eugene teacher. Shaw was barely ahead. The winner will run against Ellsworth.

Circuit Judge Walter L. Tooze and Robert F. Maguire, former German war crimes trial judge, will run off next fall for the supreme court.

Tooze was leading Maguire, but fell far short of the clear majority required for election. The third candidate, State Sen. Austin Dunn of Baker, was a poor third. Tooze and Maguire are from Portland.

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**MARITIME DAY SET**

Gov. Douglas McKay has designated next Monday as National Maritime day in Oregon. He said that shipping is the basis for the great industries of Oregon, and added that Oregon has contributed to making the United States the world's leading sea power.

**THE WEATHER**

	Max.	Min.	Precip.
Salem	79	62	—
Portland	66	46	trace
San Francisco	71	42	.50
Chicago	76	46	.50
New York	49	38	.30

Willamette river 2.6 feet.

FORECAST from U.S. weather bureau, McNary field, Salem: Generally fair today and tonight, partly cloudy Sunday. High today near 70 and low tonight near 46-48 with a high Sunday near 66-70. Excellent weather for almost all activities both today and Sunday.

**SALEM PRECIPITATION**

This Year	Last Year	Normal
42.58	43.26	35.15