

# Wide Area Alerted As Poison Missing

NEW BRUNSWICK, N. J. (AP)—Two drums of potassium cyanide—a poison so deadly a tiny pinch of it would kill a man—bounced out of a truck Wednesday between Rahway and near-by Raritan Township.

Police Capt. Harold Peterson of Raritan Township issued a general alarm and warned anyone who finds the 100-pound drums not to touch them.

# Kefauver in Race; DiSalle To Quit, Run for Senate

WASHINGTON (AP)—Senator Estes Kefauver of Tennessee formally announced his candidacy for the Democratic presidential nomination Wednesday, about the same time that Michael V. DiSalle said he'd quit his job as price stabilizer.

The Tennessee crime-hunting senator called for "new blood and new ideas" in the nation's political

It seems to me

By Charles F. Sprague

Last week San Francisco was the GOP capital of the United States. For the first time in the national committee held a meeting west of the Rocky Mountains. It proved to be a curtain-raiser for the national convention scheduled for next July in Chicago. To it came announced candidates for President or their stand-ins, local political factotums and political news writers from over the country. The business of the committee was completely submerged in the trial heats of or for the several candidates.

If the San Francisco preliminary is a sample of the country is in for a very spirited campaign. One reporter wrote that the meeting showed the Republicans were "itching for a fight"—and they aren't waiting to concentrate on their Democratic target. They are starting in on each other.

And Harold Stassen, who so lately invited Taft to join him in tendering the nomination to Eisenhower and followed up with a flight to Paris to confer personally with the general, at San Francisco challenged like to come out from behind the khaki curtain. Evidently Stassen didn't get anywhere with Ike in Paris, so he went to Minneapolis when he filed for the primary there, he said in a press conference his first move as President would be to restore General

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# Abduction of Portland Girl Starts Search

PORTLAND (AP)—Police began a citywide search Wednesday night for a 3-year-old girl and a man who reportedly abducted her from her front yard.

The missing girl is Sherry Ellen Kader, who was playing with a 4-year-old sister when an automobile stopped in front of the house, 1236 S. E. Ivon.

The sister said the man induced Sherry to get in the car, then drove off. She thought the car was a dark sedan and the man had some gray hair.

The missing youngster is the daughter of Mrs. Charles Kader, who said she and the child's father, George Vernon Dollarhide were separated three years ago. She said Dollarhide had been living in California recently. She said her 4-year-old knows Dollarhide by sight, and insisted that he was not the man who took Sherry away.

# Animal Crackers By WARREN GOODRICH



"Yeah? Well, I have been sleeping in it."

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# Two Men Seek Top State Job

(Pictures on Page 4)  
Two candidates for the Republican nomination as State Treasurer are announcing their aspirations today.

They are State Sen. Jack Lynch, Portland, long active in Multnomah County and state health and youth work, and Fred E. Robinson, Medford, operator of a men's furnishing store who filed to oppose Sen. Wayne Morse in 1950.

At least one other person is expected to enter the race for the GOP nomination to the treasury—Sigfrid E. Unander, Portland, who resigned as chairman of the Republican State Central Committee last week. Deputy State Treasurer Fred Paulus also has been mentioned as a possibility.

Senator Lynch, who praised Paulus and said he hoped Paulus would remain as deputy, served as state senator in the 1943, 1947, 1949 and 1951 sessions; headed committees on state affairs, public health and game; and is a member of the Oregon Rural Health Council, Multnomah County Health Association, American Pharmaceutical Association, Mental Health Association, Oregon Prison Association and Boys and Girls Aid Society.

Lynch also is past president of the Oregon Social Hygiene Society and Oregon Anti-Narcotic Association; attended Oregon State College and is an LL.B., graduate of the Northwestern College of Law; served in the Navy in World War I and has been in the mill supply, public relations and insurance businesses.

Head of GOP Clubs  
Robinson, after filing for the U. S. senatorial nomination in 1950, withdrew at the last minute in favor of Dave Hoover, whom Morse defeated in the primaries.

He said he will lay stress on developing "the positive and great elements in our foreign policy," and seek to push a "policy of strength" as a "Democratic counter-offensive against Communism."

Kefauver already has been entered in the Illinois primary, which occurs April 8. He is pitted there against Senator Bruce Mahon of Connecticut. There have been reports that McMahon's entry is part of an effort by Truman supporters to check the Kefauver movement.

Shortly before Kefauver announced his candidacy, new hints arose that President Truman may seek re-election.

Democratic National Committee Chairman John Nangle of the President's home state told newsmen he has "no doubt" that Mr. Truman will run again. Emerging from a White House visit, Nangle said Mr. Truman had not disclosed his plans, but he commented: "I do think President Truman will run for the presidency again."

Elsewhere on the political scene: 1. Gov. Adlai Stevenson of Illinois and Gov. Frank J. Lausche of Ohio, both frequently mentioned as potential "dark horse" candidates for the Democratic presidential nomination, declared themselves out of the picture.

2. Senator Paul Douglas (D-Ill.), often mentioned as a possible candidate, indicated to newsmen on Capitol Hill that he will support Senator Kefauver for the Democratic nomination.

3. Senator Robert A. Taft (R-Ohio) headed back to Washington after a 48-hour whirl of hand-shaking and speech making in his bid for Wisconsin's 30 delegates to the Republican National Convention in July.

The Wisconsin primary on April 1 is one of the first in the nation. It will pit Taft against Harold E. Stassen.

# Chamber to Draft Industrial Program

Drafting of a far-reaching industrial development program for Salem will start next week.

Chairman Carl Hogg of the Salem Chamber of Commerce committee on industry has called a breakfast meeting of his group for next Wednesday. Industrial promotion is the principal aim of Salem Chamber for 1952, the chamber board recently announced.

# Portland Man's Rescue of Girl From Train's Path Wins Medal

PITTSBURG, Pa. (AP)—A Portland man who raced a speeding train to a little girl, and won, Wednesday was named winner of a bronze Carnegie Hero Fund Commission medal.

It was on Feb. 19, 1950, that Donald A. Wallace, then 30 years old, an automobile parts clerk, was at Multnomah Falls. In the gathering dusk he spied Susan G. Goss, 10, who had strayed from her grandfather's side and was walking along the track. He saw, too, a train approaching at 80 miles an hour.

# Japanese New on Campus



Willamette University athletic trophies are shown to Ken Mitsuaki, right, a Japanese student just arrived in Salem to attend WU. Explaining the trophies is Jack F. Thompson, 2110 Myrtle Ave., a graduate student who was with occupation forces for two years in Japan. (Statesman photo.) (Story on page 2.)

# Unknown 'Pauper' Dies Leaving Huge Fortune

NEW YORK (AP)—A shabbily-dressed old man buried in a Brooklyn "potter's field" last November was found Wednesday to have left an apparent fortune in a safe deposit box.

Police said the box contained bank books, bonds and stocks showing a value of half a million dollars.

How he amassed them nobody knows. He left no relatives and no will, so far as is known.

Police identified the old man as Harry C. Smith, 84. He lived amid a shambles of old newspapers and junk in a dilapidated house. Had No Bed  
His home had no bed. His clothes were virtually rags. He wore two pairs of trousers at once, held up by pins. His socks and shoes had holes.

He slept days and left his home at night. Three or four times a week he visited his safe deposit box at the Pioneer Warehouse in Brooklyn. Until his death, nobody knew what he had hidden inside.

Smith had told a few neighbors he was a newspaperman. He said he wrote society items, financial news and a syndicated column—but never disclosed where or when they were published.

Employees of the warehouse said his known history goes back to 1914 when he visited the warehouse for the first time.

Conditions Discovered  
In April, 1941, Smith's visits to the vault halted. Employees went to his home to inquire. They found he was ill in a hospital. That was when they discovered the disarray in which he lived.

He recovered that time, and soon resumed his visits to his deposit box.

Then, some months ago, his visits stopped. Two weeks ago the warehouse people inquired again. His neighbors hadn't seen him. The missing persons bureau was called in.

The bureau found that he entered King's County Hospital Oct. 21 and died Oct. 24.

Nobody knew him. He was buried in potter's field on Nov. 5. He took his best news story to the grave.

# Howell Files For Coroner

First Marion County candidacy filings for the 1952 primary election were received Wednesday by the county clerk's office. Deadline for candidates is March 7.

Leston W. Howell, 525 N. Capitol St., filed as candidate for the Republican nomination as county coroner, a position in which he is serving his first term. His slogan is "Proven economy with efficiency—re-elect for a second term."

The first filings for the 440 precinct committee posts came from Frances M. Palmateer, 4080 Auburn Rd., seeking the Republican committee-woman's post in precinct 63.

# Pie-Throwing Starts Again

PORTLAND (AP)—A pie-thrower was at work in Portland again Wednesday night.

Edward Sutton, who got his face plastered with the chocolate cream pie when he opened the front door of his home, said it was thrown by a 17-year-old youth he'd never seen before.

Like other pie-tossing targets, he was unable to explain the incident.

# 'Deep Freeze' Brings 6 Deaths in Midwest

# Cold Follows Blizzard Into Northern U.S.

By The Associated Press

Bitter cold spread across upper sections of the Midwest Wednesday in the wake of the area's worst blizzard of the season, while local blizzards and moderate gales blew in on Western New York.

At least six persons died in the three-day snow storm in the Dakotas and Minnesota.

In South Dakota, a stranded girl pupil froze to death in an unheated school house and the body of a man was found near his snow-stalled truck. Eighteen persons listed as missing in the storm were located Wednesday in stalled cars or isolated farmhouses.

34 Below Zero  
The surge of Arctic cold drove the mercury to -34 in Bemidji, Minn.; -30 at Grand Forks, N. D.; -29 at Broadus, Mont.; -23 at points in South Dakota and -12 in parts of Iowa.

Snow plows worked throughout the night at the slow task of breaking through frozen and wind-packed drifts. The main highways in Minnesota were open but high-way travel was nearly at a standstill in North and South Dakota.

Winds of 50 to 60 miles an hour piled 10 inches of snow into mountainous drifts in the Dakotas Monday night and Tuesday. The storm swept from the Rockies to the Great Lakes.

Some 280 schools still were closed Wednesday in Minnesota and Western Wisconsin alone.

No immediate relief from the cold was in sight in the Midwest.

Train service was struggling back toward normal in the blizzard belt as winds diminished.

# Jimmy Stewart Gets Feet Wet Watching Race

PORTLAND, Ore. (AP)—Movie Actor Jimmy Stewart got his feet wet Wednesday after watching a steamboat race on the Columbia River.

The 40-year-old sternwheeler Henderson won the 3 1/2-mile race as expected from the 4-year-old Portland, another sternwheeler. But the Henderson burned out a fuse in the process and had to be towed to her berth.

In the towing, the Henderson hit and broke a piling. Her prow rammed a catwalk on which Stewart was standing and pushed it under water.

Stewart shinned up another piling and escaped with only wet feet.

The race between the sternwheeler—now river tug—was part of the publicity for the moving picture, "Bend of the River," which had its first showing here Wednesday night. Part of the picture, featuring Stewart, was filmed on Oregon.

# PGE to Open Office for Dam

PORTLAND (AP)—The Portland General Electric Co. said Wednesday it would establish a field office at once in Madras for surveying and core drilling for the proposed Pelton Dam.

The firm recently got approval of the Federal Power Commission to construct the dam on the Deschutes River. The State Fish Commission said it would take legal action to stop the construction, once work begins.

# Klamath Man Tells of Waking After 4 Days to Find Wife Slain

KLAMATH FALLS (AP)—LeRoy Plant, 42, railroad mechanic, called police to his downtown apartment Wednesday, where they found his wife dead of a stab in the heart.

District Attorney D. E. Van Vactor, who still was questioning Plant Wednesday night, said this was the railroad man's story:

He and his wife, Luella, 45, began drinking in their kitchen Saturday evening. That was the last he remembered until he woke up about 4 p. m. Wednesday to find himself on the bathroom floor, his shirt and pants splattered with blood.

He cleaned himself up, then went to the kitchen, where he found his wife dead. He telephoned police, and waited for them there.

# + + + + + Icy Blasts Sweep Cars From Road East of Portland

PORTLAND (AP)—Icy winds blowing down the Columbia Gorge brought freezing rains, swept several cars off the highway, injured two people, and threatened Portland with a silver thaw Thursday morning in winter weather which has already left two persons dead in the Northwest.

# Potato Price Lids to Start Next Monday

WASHINGTON (AP)—The government limited the percentage markups retail stores may apply to white potato prices Wednesday and predicted lower spud costs for housewives.

The marks are effective Monday, Jan. 28. Office of Price Stabilization officials said they expect prices to drop in most stores, possibly as much as five to 10 percent. They said the amount of decline will depend on how existing markups of individual stores compare with those set by OPS.

The markups range from 30 percent of bulk sales in the big chains to 35 percent in the smallest independent stores. On pre-packaged potatoes, it ranges from 20 percent in the chains to 23 percent in the small independent stores.

PORTLAND (AP)—Retail markups to be allowed on potatoes were announced Wednesday by the Office of Price Stabilization. Ceilings will be figured weekly on a basis of net costs for the week by force, the OPS said.

# California in Path of Vast Pacific Storm

SAN FRANCISCO (AP)—A vast storm area, extending to the Hawaiian Islands, was moving slowly toward the Northern California coast Wednesday.

Storm warnings were flying from Point Sur, on the Monterey County coast, northward into Oregon. Winds of from 30 to 50 miles an hour were expected northward from Point Reyes, Marin County, and from 35 to 45 miles an hour south of Point Reyes.

The Weather Bureau also forecast heavy warm rains from San Francisco northward along the coast.

The wind should diminish Thursday, the Weather Bureau said, but rains probably will whip the coast through Friday.

Only occasional rain Thursday in California's north and central valleys. In all points, warmer temperatures were predicted.

# BIDS ON DETROIT JOB

PORTLAND (AP)—Gunderson Brothers Engineering Co., Portland, submitted the low bid of \$310,841 for the manufacture and installation of three spillway tainter gates and gate hoists at Detroit Dam on the North Santiam River. The Portland District Corps of Engineers said two other bids were submitted.

# Congressman Cites Loafing At A-Project

CLEVELAND (AP)—Rep. William M. Wheeler (D-Ga.) said officials at the government's H-bomb project in Georgia hired him as a laborer without checking his ability or security.

"And no one there knew I was a congressman," Wheeler told the Ohio Association of Retail Lumber Dealers at a convention here.

Wheeler said he applied for the job last August. At the project, he said, he found "not a single guard, but I saw 14 men, three foremen and three traffic directors digging a hole just big enough to bury me. It took two thirds of a day to dig that hole at a minimum rate of \$2 an hour for each man."

# Spell-Down!

The following words are among those which may be used in the 1952 Oregon Statesman K.S.L. Spelling Contest semifinals and finals. They are from standard textbooks and are published as a guide to intraschool contests now underway.

seismograph cashier  
relief doubt  
sward equator  
tourist garage  
warrant formal  
terrible inconvertible  
valuable hearse  
twentieth newspaper  
apology phalanx  
bought snps

# THE WEATHER

Salem	43	35	31
Portland	39	33	31
San Francisco	45	35	33
Chicago	30	15	30
New York	55	42	41

Willamette River 3.5 feet  
FORECAST (from U. S. weather bureau, McNary Field, Salem): Cloudy with showers today and tonight. High today near 45, low tonight near 33. 54-mile temperature at 11:01 a.m. today was 38.

SALEM PRECIPITATION  
Since Start of Weather Year, Sept. 1  
This Year Last Year Normal  
28.58 36.64 31.80