

Street-Widening Bonds Top Six City Tax Proposals

Weather

Salem	Max. 53	Min. 32	Precip. .00
Portland	53	32	.00
San Francisco	59	47	.00
Chicago	62	48	.00
New York	55	40	.00
Willamette River	6.7 feet.		

FORECAST (from U. S. Weather Bureau, McNary field, Salem): Partly cloudy today, tonight and Wednesday. High today 52 to 54, low tonight 29 to 31. Temperature in Salem at 12:01 a.m. was 53 degrees.

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McGrath Turns 'Thumbs Down' On Graft Prober

WASHINGTON (AP)—Attorney General McGrath abruptly jerked the rug from under Newbold Morris Monday, declaring he would not appoint the administrator's corruption sleuth as his special assistant if he had to do it over again.

The attorney general's statement created a situation in which—if it comes to a head—President Truman may have to choose between McGrath and McGrath, with one of them leaving the government.

This possibility arose when McGrath told a House investigating committee that he was not sure whether he would fill out the financial questionnaire Morris has prepared for him and 595 other officials in the Justice Department.

Morris has said he expects the President to fire any government official who refused to complete the questionnaire and return it. The long, probing document is the first step in Morris' search for wrongdoing in the federal government.

McGrath's change of heart regarding Morris—a man he himself picked for the cleanup job—was disclosed when Rept. Keating (R-N. Y.) asked him whether he would appoint Morris a special assistant now, in the light of developments.

"I would not," the attorney general said flatly.

Later, asked if he would appeal to the President in the event of a Justice Department snub of his questionnaire, he said:

"Let's wait and see what happens."

Last Feb. 14 Mr. Truman said he was directing "all departments and agencies . . . to cooperate fully" with Morris and give him "any information he may require."

At the White House, Presidential Press Secretary Joseph Short said he felt certain Truman would not comment at least until he had a chance to read the attorney general's testimony.

IT SEEMS TO ME

By Charles A. Stryker

Last week in Tokyo General Ridgway gave an interview of importance, which unfortunately has not received the attention it deserves in this country. At a time when the truce talks "drag on" with no end in sight, and when the Korean War is being thrust into the cauldron of domestic politics Ridgway gave some sage advice which it is well for our people at home to heed.

Ridgway is a military man, through and through; and a very competent one as he demonstrated quickly when he took command of the ground forces after the disastrous repulse of the MacArthur drive to the Yalu and the death of Lt. Gen. Walker. Without doubt to fight the enemy to their knees and make them see for peace. Unlike his predecessor in the supreme command he realizes the risk of an all-out commitment on the continent of Asia. His interview shows his sound judgment on the pressing question of war and peace in Korea.

He admitted what all of us recognize that "you find your patience sorely tried when dealing in any way with the Communist negotiators." He added this:

"But patience is a necessity. The stakes in this case are not only (Continued on editorial page, 4)

March Rain Below Normal

March, the windy month, ended last night with nothing much to show for its exit but a chilly 33 degrees.

Salem weather bureau reported that the wind for the month was prevailing southerly which, old-timers will swear, means rain.

However, rain was 1.29 inches below normal with a paltry 2.59 inches total. The greatest reported total rainfall for any 24 hours was .67 inches on the 23rd and 24th. It might be remembered that last year a week-long snow storm, which started March 4, dumped 10.9 inches of white blanketing on the city.

Average monthly temperature was 44 degrees which is a reported 2.5 degrees below normal. March 27th had the warmest day of the month with a balmy 67 degrees but residents shivered on March 22nd with a low of 26 degrees.

Cloudy days were in evidence for the month with a reported 25 cloudy days, three clear and three partly cloudy.

Brush Clearance at Cemetery Underway

Brush clearance at the Odd Fellows Cemetery on South Commercial Street is underway.

City crews have started to clean up the undergrowth while discussions continue between city and county officials and the cemetery association on a plan for cleaning up and maintaining the historic cemetery.

Animal Crackers

By WARREN GOODRICH

"Egad! We're trapped!"

Barkley Expected To Run

By The Associated Press

Sen. George (D-Ga.) said Monday he expects Vice President Barkley to bid for the Democratic presidential nomination now that President Truman has stepped aside.

But the 74-year-old Barkley normally the most articulate of politicians, would say only that "I have no statement to make" and "I don't care to talk about the convention."

George said "it will be a week or more before the air clears and we know who all the candidates are."

Sen. Byrd (D-Va.) said Truman's withdrawal from the Democratic contest "enhances the opportunity for Sen. Russell (D-Ga.) to obtain the Democratic nomination."

Byrd, long a critic of the Truman administration, said that with a 1952 party platform acceptable to the South, Russell would be "a very appealing candidate to all sections of the country, and a great President."

With nothing very conclusive in sight in Washington, the politico studied Tuesday's primaries in Wisconsin and Nebraska, particularly the situation of Sen. Robert A. Taft of Ohio in the Wisconsin Republican voting.

Taft is staking much of his campaign for the Republican presidential nomination on what happens in Wisconsin; he has said he will win 20 of the 30 delegate contests there. His opponents do not include Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower, who trounced him in New Hampshire but Harold E. Stassen has offered to share with the general one-half of any delegate votes he wins.

Ike Second Choice

Also Gov. Earl Warren of California is in the race and a slate of delegates running under the Warren banner was designated Eisenhower as its second choice. A fourth slate is supporting Gen. Douglas MacArthur who says he is not a candidate.

In the Democratic primary in Wisconsin, Sen. Estes Kefauver of Tennessee was regarded as in a happy position. Kefauver's slate of delegates is opposed by two rival groups in the state's Democratic politics. Both had been pledged to Truman.

One—representing the group in control of the party machinery—will now run unopposed. The other is still pledged, on the theory that Truman might be a candidate after all.

Kerr vs. Kefauver

In Nebraska, the Truman withdrawal served to put into clearer focus the rivalry between Kefauver and Sen. Robert S. Kerr of Oklahoma. Kerr, who had planned to step out of the Democratic presidential race if Truman ran, is now on his own.

Stassen is the only big name entry in Nebraska's republican primary, but intense write-in-the-vote campaigns on behalf of Taft and Eisenhower have heightened the interest.

Back in Washington, there was some agitation for House Speaker Rayburn as well as Vice President Barkley. But Texas Democrats to line up behind Texan Rayburn as "the best qualified man" for the party nomination.

U.S. Sabre Jets Down 6 MIGs

SEOUL (AP)—American Sabre jets Tuesday destroyed six Russian-made MIG-15 jets and damaged two in a series of swirling air battles high over North Korea.

The sleek Sabres blasted five of the MIGs out of the sky in one engagement.

Maj. William H. Westcott, Terre Haute, Ind., and Capt. Iven C. Kincheloe, Casper, Mich., each bagged two of the Communist warplanes.

Col. Francis Gabreski, Oil City, Pa., shot down the fifth MIG and became a jet ace. He previously had four and one-half destroyed.

Wife Has Last Word for 17 Years

SAN JOSE, Calif. (AP)—Mrs. Mary Cully, 48, of Palo Alto, testified Monday the last words her husband spoke to her were "all right."

But Superior Judge Byrl S. Salsman granted her a divorce after she explained that he spoke them 17 years ago and hadn't said a word to her since, although they didn't separate until November, 1935.

Politics on Parade . . .

Who's Running for What in the May Primaries!

(Editor's note: Stories in the "Political Parade" are written by or for the candidates, on invitation of The Oregon Statesman, and views expressed herein may or may not be in accordance with the opinion of this newspaper. The articles are published in the public interest, and without obligation on the part of anyone.)

Today's subject
F. C. GREEN
Candidate for
SCHOOL SUPT. (POLK)

F. C. Green of Dallas is seeking the position as Polk County superintendent of schools. He is at present an instructor of mathematics at Dallas High School, a position he has held for the past eight years. Besides regular school work, Mr. Green is active in the educational field. He has been a representative of the Polk County Teachers Association. He acted as a representative teacher in the round table discussion group before a joint meeting of

F. C. Green

'I Got Stuck Getting My Balloon, That's All'



He's pretty mad at balloons. Is 4 1/2-year-old Benny Brophy. He chased one into a culvert Monday and got stuck. Salem First Aid Capt. E. C. Hart (above) helped pull him out. Below, Benny points to the spot where he got all tied up with himself. Deputy Sheriff Harvey Frankum, Captain Hart and First Aidman Robert Elgen are glad he's out, too.

Benny Finds Culvert Cold, Hard, Muddy



Quick-Thinking Salem Police Avert Train-Truck Tragedy

By JAMES B. MILLER
Staff Writer, The Statesman

Six minutes of split-second thinking Monday evening by two Salem police officers kept tragedy from striking at the scene of an accident at 12th and Court Streets.

An accident at 8:57 p.m. involving a Northwest Grocery GMC truck and trailer driven by Page Allen Whitcher, of Portland, and a 1950 Ford sedan driven by Nicholas Dewey Sumch, of Blachly, Ore., was averted by two city police officers. The two vehicles had collided across the railroad tracks at this intersection.

A third officer, Captain Leland Weaver, was cruising near the scene of the accident and, hearing the accident report, chose to drive north of the accident to be sure a train was not in the vicinity. As he drove north on 14th Street he noted, two blocks down, the accident on Court and as he crossed Chemeketa Street, one block north, he saw the railroad stop sign was in motion.

Swinging immediately to 12th Street, he leaped from his car to flag the passenger train. The southbound train had two engines and 22-heavily loaded cars.

Seeing the train nearing the scene yelled at the crowd to step back and then ran with a flashlight between the truck and the oncoming train.

As the train passed him at 9:03 p.m., Weaver saw the fireman shout a warning to the engineer. With only one block between them and the vehicles, the engineer and fireman were able to stop the train . . . less than one inch from the truck.

"I have never seen tragedy come so close," Capt. Weaver stated. "There is no doubt in my mind that if that train hadn't been able to stop the truck would have overturned onto some bystanders as well as the two

Combat Pay Boost Gains

WASHINGTON (AP)—The Senate voted Monday to give everyone in the armed forces a 3 per cent pay boost and give men under 20 minutes or so he was dragged out—muddy, a little disgusted at balloons in general, and willing to admit that cement culverts are cold, hard and scratchy.

Benny is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Brophy, 1920 S. Cottage St. He got himself in the jam at the Charles A. Lindsay home, 2713 Hulsey Ave., where he and his mother had dropped in for a chat. The balloon also was salvaged.

Demo Write-In Drive for Ike Starts in Oregon

PORTLAND (AP)—A Democratic write-in vote for Gen. Dwight Eisenhower on the Oregon primary ballot was urged here Monday.

W. W. Campbell, Portland, chairman of the Veterans Draft Eisenhower Committee, said he feared the Republicans would nominate Eisenhower for president.

"Obviously the old guard Republicans in control of the party machinery do not like Ike and if they can't get Taft, will probably go for MacArthur . . . Oregon Democrats for Eisenhower have considerable hope that when the Republican convention turns Eisenhower down, the Democratic party will heed the cry of the people and draft Eisenhower," he said.

STRIKE POSTPONED

PORTLAND (AP)—AFL metal trades workers Monday night postponed their strike deadline for one week—until April 8.

Nishioka To Get State Job

An American-born Japanese disabled war veteran, who recently was refused a job with the Oregon Tax Commission, was offered the job again Monday—and he accepted it.

Sagle Nishioka, 31, said Monday night in Seattle that he will accept the job of junior accountant with the commission. This is the same job which was denied him last month because of his race.

Earlier Monday Gov. Douglas McKay referred to the previous action of the tax commission as "stupid and a damned outrage."

Records of the civil service commission Monday also showed that Nishioka had been certified by civil service to the State Highway Commission as a tax auditor last October, and had been "considered." The record does not show why he was not hired.

The State Board of Control and State Tax Commission had a two-hour meeting in the executive department Monday afternoon. Newspaper reporters were excluded from the meeting which was called by Gov. Douglas McKay.

Application Rejected

Although Nishioka previously topped the State Civil Service panel of three for a position in the Tax Commission his application was rejected. State Labor Commissioner W. E. Kimsey later charged that the commission violated the State Fair Employment Act in refusing Nishioka employment.

A tax official said that Nishioka had previously topped a list as tax auditor I. Later, said the official, an opening appeared for the junior accountant position. Nishioka applied for this job, and it was over the junior accountant position and not the tax auditor job that the argument flared.

Against Policy

A statement by Governor McKay, issued after Monday's meeting, emphasized "it has not been the policy of the State Tax Commission to discriminate against anyone because of race, religion, color or national origin."

"As a matter of fact," Governor McKay's statement read, "the Portland office of the Tax Commission employed a Chinese girl as receptionist for more than a year. She resigned of her own volition to accept a higher paying position with the federal government."

The Governor said a Chinese student also has been temporarily employed by the Tax Commission the past two summers.

"As Governor of Oregon," McKay said, "I expect all state departments to set an example of conforming to the law."

Kimsey, an administrator of Oregon's 1949 civil employment practices law, said Tax Commissioner Ray Smith admitted to him that he didn't hire Nishioka because the public wouldn't approve of hiring a Japanese.

Passes Blame

Smith passed the blame to his personnel director, Jason Lee, asserting that he (Smith) didn't even know Nishioka had been turned down until the newspapers printed the story last week.

Lee, who said he had recommended consistently that Nishioka be hired, said "I bitterly resent the statement that I refused to hire Nishioka."

The public turned the heat on the governor and tax commission. Both got many letters protesting against the refusal to give a job to Nishioka, who was in a hospital 18 months recovering from wounds received fighting in Europe in World War II.

The Purple Heart veteran said in Seattle he has "no bad feeling of any kind" as a result of the case. He said he preferred not to make any extended comment.

Wage Board Member Quits

SAN FRANCISCO (AP)—Col. Alexander R. Heron, San Francisco industrialist, Monday announced his resignation from the government's Wage Stabilization Board in a dispute growing out of the board's steel wage recommendations.

Heron, vice president of the Crown Zellerbach Corporation, was one of the six industry board members. He was not on the panel of four industry men who dissented in the controversial decision to recommend 17 1/2 cents hourly plus fringe benefits, for CIO steel workers.

Heron said the steel case "is typical of government policy . . . of using the WSB to arbitrate labor disputes."

Zoo to Cut Off Phone for Day

COLUMBUS, O. (AP)—For one day, April 1 has brought the same kind of telephone calls to the Columbus zoo.

"Is Mr. Baer in his office?" "May I speak to Mr. Fox, please?" "Mr. Lyon asked me to call him."

The calls averaged 43 an hour on April Fool's Day last year, zoo officials said. Finally, someone thought of a solution. It's to be tried Tuesday.

For one day only, the Columbus zoo will have its telephone disconnected.

Public Invited to Grand Finals Of Spelling Contest Thursday

Final plans for a gala time were completed Monday for the champion spellers of the 7th and 8th grades in Marion and Polk Counties.

The spellers—21 girls and 6 boys—will compete in the grand finals of The Oregon Statesman-KSLM Spelling Contest Thursday, Parrish Junior High will be host school, at 7:45 p.m.

The 27 entrants—survivors in intensive competition between 85 schools—and their 27 teachers will be guests of the sponsors at a dinner at Parrish Junior High immediately preceding the finals.

The families and friends of the spellers may attend, too, on a no-host basis, and when dinner reservations closed last night it appeared attendance would approximate 100.

Attendance at the contest itself is expected to run closer to 1000. The contest is open free to the public.

Judges at the finals will be Supreme Court Justice Harold Warner and Circuit Judges Rex Kimmell and Arlie Walker. Dave Hoss, KSLM, will be master of ceremonies, and Wendell Webb, Oregon Statesman, word-caller.

The top three spellers in the grand finals will receive \$100, \$50 and \$25 defense bonds, respectively.

The finalists comprise the top three spellers in each of nine semifinals held at Brush College, Dallas, Hubbard, Independence, Keizer, Leslie Junior High in Salem, Mt. Angel, Stayton and Turner.

KSLM will broadcast the finals between 8:30 and 8:55 p.m. and from 9:30 p.m. to conclusion.

Projects May Be On Ballot

By ROBERT E. GANGWARE
City Editor, The Statesman

Widening sections of South River Road, State High 12th and Ferry Streets is proposed in a \$190,500 bond issue bill now before the Salem City Council.

Six administration bills to ask the voters for separate financing of specific city improvements were introduced of the council session in City Hall. If finally adopted by the aldermen April 14 they will be submitted at the May 16 primary election.

The bond issue and special millage levy bills total \$732,500 for work over the next two years on street widening, sewer, drainage and bridge improvements, park and street lighting programs.

Street widenings proposed are 12th Street from Mission Street to south city limits, State from 13th to 15th, South River Road from Miller Street to city limits, Ferry from Cottage to Front Streets and High Street from Trade to Ferry and from Chemeketa to Marion Streets. (Additional details on Page 2.)

The two special millages proposed are designed at least partly to relieve present city budget stresses.

Levy for Parks

One would be a one-mill continuing levy for parks and recreation, in addition to the present one-mill park levy. Half the new levy, or about \$16,000 annually at present assessed valuation, would be earmarked for the city's half-share (with the Salem School District) of the city playground and recreation program. The balance would be for general park purposes, including probably this year a \$10,000 Bush's pasture irrigation program.

The other new millage proposed is a continuing levy, up to a maximum of 2 mills, to raise money for the annual cost of street lighting which is now at about \$54,000. Cost of this lighting is now met from street funds, a budget practice which has often been questioned by members of the budget committee, especially when funds for additional city street improvements are sought.

Budget Mum Subject

What the new city budget will look like, overall, remains a mum subject among city officials. Working copies of the budget are now in the hands of aldermen, but no committee meetings have yet been called.

The other bond issues proposed by the administration and introduced formally into the Council hopper Monday night are:

A \$85,000 bond issue for bridges, including rebuilding of Mill creek street bridges at North 14th and Chemeketa Street, foot bridge at Olinger Field and a new Shelton Ditch foot bridge at South Capitol Street.

A \$100,000 bond issue for drainage improvements in the West, South and East Salem storm drain systems, plus drainage in connection with street paving work financed by property owners.

A \$165,000 sewage bond issue including north trunk extensions to Center Street and Edina Lane; Portland Road trunk extension to Stortz Avenue; West Salem trunk of Church Street; separation of storm and sewer lines.

Atomic Explosion Planned Tuesday

LAS VEGAS, Nev. (AP)—Atomic Energy Commission officials here have scheduled a nuclear explosion at the Nevada proving grounds Tuesday morning.

It will be a warm-up shot—without tactical significance, however—leading up to a series of blasts later in April.