DeVoto thinks in terms of geopolitics. It is the occupation of the Mississippi Valley and the region West to the Pacific Coast by one people who put it under one government which gives the United States its present power and world position. How the mists which enveloped the continent beyond the coastal seaboard, with west Passage to India, were raised time of Cortez down to Lewis and Clark forms the theme of this House to Vote on Code

angles. The Spanish worked the edges of the Gulf of Mexico, and Coronado, starting from Culiacan on the east coast of the Gulf of California in 1540, pushed north across present Arizona, New Mexico, Texas as far as western Kansas in search of the rich seven cities of Cibola, finding only the impoverished villages of the Zunis and other Indians. The French entered through the St. Lawrence gateway, explored the Great Lakes, floated down the Mississippi (Marquette, Joliet, LaSalle), established Canada and Louisiana as outposts of the empire of the

(Continued on editorial page, 4.)

Deluge Leaves Street Flooded In South Salem

Almost an inch of rain in six hours of buffetting in Salem was reported by weathermen at Mc
New Field bringing the precipi-Almost an inch of rain in six Nary Field bringing the precipi- system under fire. The ways and after Ike moves into the White tation total for Saturday to 1.14

Similar conditions of wind and rain were predicted for today and tomorrow.

The deluge managed to clog numerous sewers throughout the city and resulted in water backing up and over streets. Resident in the vicinity of Rural Avenue and Yew Street reported rain had clogged the culvert on Hoyt Street causing water to rise over the curbs and in some places almost across the streets. One city man was dispatched to the scene with a pumper to see if the flow could be slowed.

The highway between Central Howell and Mt. Angel was closed late Friday night byswelling of the Pudding River. Residents reported that at least two feet of water was over the highway in spots of the road and traffic from Central Howell had to be detoured through Silverton to reach Mt. Angel. Conditions were the same Saturday.

Salem and vicinity wasn't the only area in the state to sustain concentrated amounts of rain. Newport on the coast reported 3.70 inches of rain fell in the last 24-hour period with 1.64 inches in a six hour period of time. Coos Bay had 2.59 inches in the 24 hour period with 1.19 inches falling in six hours. Brookings reported 5.64 inches of rain during the 24 hour period. Coastal storms brought wind as well as rain with gusts up to 50 miles whistling into the Willamette

Pellets Pierce Train Windows

Four windows of the northbound Shasta Daylight were damaged by pellets while traveling through Salem Saturday at about 10 p.m., officials of the Southern Pacific

A report was called from the Portland office of the railroad to city police that the train was shot at apparently by b-b guns, near the 12th and D Streets crossing in Salem and four windows broken. No one was injured, though one of the windows was in the dining car. with little opposition.

Daily Speller!

those from which will be chosen the words for the 1953 Oregon Statesman-KSLM Spelling Contest for 7th and 8th graders of Marion, Polk and part of Yamhill County:

geography elevator

peculiar grouse penny illiterate courageous courteous president



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Session

By PAUL W. HARVEY Jr.

102nd YEAR 2 SECTIONS-32 PAGES

Setting some kind of a modern record for speed, the Oregon legislature will head into its com-mittees ready to tackle the 10 major lawmaking tasks. While a big share of this legis-

lation was introduced during the busy first week, the rest of it should make its appearance next

The statute revision council, which the legislators' bill-drafting such fantasies as the River of the service, says it already has re-West, Straits of Anian and North- quests to draft 300 bills, which shows the lawmakers want to get by intrepid explorers from the their bills drafted early and go home as soon as possible.

The house will vote Monday This land mass was approached by different peoples from different angles. The Spanish worked the expected to be passed by the house quickly, but there are signs it might run into some trouble in the

When the new code is passed, then all new laws and amendments will be based on it. Here is the status of the 10 top

problems of the legislature: 1.-Finances. The Tax committees of both houses will meet Tuesday to discuss the main tax bills, which simplify the tax system by putting all income tax money into the general fund. The house already has the bill to make state personal income tax exemptions conform with the federal exemptions. The joint ways and means committee, which writes all appropriation bills, predicts its job will be completed in 60 days. It already is holding budget

hearings.
2.—Code Revision. The new law code, the fruit of four years of labor by the statute revision council, probably will be passed through both houses in a few

ther to make public the names of those getting old age pensions and other welfare, hoping it might save money by forcing a good number of persons off the rolls. Other controversial legislation would have the state refuse some 13 million dollars a year in federal welfare grants, let pensioners earn small amounts of money without having it deducted from their pensions. And let welfare recipients appeal to the courts when they don't like decisions of

the welfare commission. 4.—Government Reorganization. Committees in both houses will begin work in a few days on Gov. Patterson's surprise recommendation to hold a convention in 1956 to write a new state constitution. The bill to create a state revenue department, by consolidating all major tax collection agencies, is ready for introduction. It was written two years ago by the state "Little Hoover" commis-

5.—School Reorganization. education committees of both houses will try to find a way to make it easier to consolidate cupied by the White House were school districts. Largely because of strong opposition from the state grange, the people narrowly defeated the 1951 legislature's school reorganization bill. Now

are trying to reach agreement. liquor by the drink, as ordered by Lincoln Memorial and other the people last November, will be shrines into a function of the Inup for discussion next week be- terior Department. fore the alcoholic control com- Must Take Inventory mittees. The liquor commission served. But .labor.. organizations, calling this class legislation, demand that liquor be sold also in places where a working man can buy it without having to go into a restaurant. The senate alcoholic control committee will begin consideration in a few days of a bill for a full-time paid liquor com-

mission. 7.-Highways. The major bill, already before the senate highway committee, would let the highway commission continue its bond program for road building by issuing 32 million dollars worth of bonds. This bill is expected to be passed

8.—Parole Reorganization. legislation has showed up yet, but there will be legislation for a fulltime paid parole board.

9. — Unemployment Insurance and Workmen's Compensation. The biennial dispute between employers and labor will begin early in the week when labor introduces bills to increase jobless benefits and industrial accident payments. The 'employers probably will counter this with bills to reduce day-to-day landlord to handle, taxes and contributions that employers pay to support these pro-

10.—Pelton Dam, Stopped by a state hydroelectric commission order that it can't build Pelton Power Dam on the Deschutes River, the Portland General Electric Company and Central Oregon commercial interests will introduce two pieces of legislation. (Legislative news page 16)

These mansion, and the complete renovation of the White House just completed last year. These major construction projects require special appropriations from Congress and are handled by General Services Administration, the agency which supervises most public buildings and government records 16.—Pelton Dam, Stopped by a

Space at a Premium in Many Salem Schoolrooms



Space is at a premium in many schoolrooms as the Salem School District's juvenile population grows faster than dollars are available to provide buildings. This is evident particularly in this classroom at Auburn School, east of Salem. Taught by Mrs. Robert Rice (at back of room) the 20 third graders and 14 fourth graders

By A. ROBERT SMITH Statesman Correspondent

3.-Public Welfare. Unexpect- won't have half million other re-

When Mamie wants her upto check with Doug, probably after having Mrs. McKay in for tea at high tide in mid-day. and winning her over to the re-

decoration ideas. When Ike digs a few divots in he back lawn practicing his golf swing, it'll be McKay's boys who follow him up to manicure the mutilated White House sod.

McKay, of course, can't collect any rent because the President gets his lodging free. As for a ease, that's up to the American voters to renew if they wish after

But McKay's department has charge of remaining landlord functions, even to hiring the household staff of the Executive

This all came about when Washington, D. C., was established as a federal city a number of plots or ground were given to or bought by the Government and set aside for its use. The grounds now octhe first unit of newly acquired real estate—and to this day is known as Reservation No. 1 among the National Capital Parks.

Responsibility for caring for school interests and the grange these grounds has evolved over the years along with jurisdiction 6.-Liquor. Legislation to sell over the Washington Monument,

That means when Douglas Mcwants liquor sales by the drink Kay marches up to Congress to only in places where meals are ask for money to run his department, one of the items will be care and maintenance of the White House. Each year Interior officials must take an inventory of federally-owned furnishings in the historic mansion and get the Presi-dent's signature on the list, thereby holding him responsible for their care while he is living there and for their presence after his

> In the downstairs public room-those shown to visitors dailythe President and his family can't make a move without calling in the landlord or his agents, in this case the Fine Arts Commission No changes or additions to the furnishings or decorations can be made downstairs without an okay

Not Boss Upstairs

But upstairs the First Lady is boss. And if Mamie wants the Some jobs are too big for the day-to-day landlord to handle, however, such as Harry Truman's famous balcony addition on the rear of the mansion, and the com-

WASHINGTON-As though he Ship Pulled

Santa Clara Victory ran aground stairs parlor repainted she'll have in the lower harbor of Coos Bay

> No damage was anticipated, because the bottom there was mud and sand. A Coast Guard cutter and two local boats tugged the freighter free. It then went to North Bend to load lumber.

Packed Train Crashes in Fog

BAVANNAH, Ga. UP - A packed Miami to Boston passenger train crashed into a freight in dense fog early Saturday, injuring seven persons, two critically.

The fast Atlantic Coast Line Miamian, pulled by three diesels, slammed into the freight about 3 a.m. some 30 miles southwest of Savannah at Fleming, Ga., small town of 400 with only one tele-

The impact derailed the three diesels and four of 19 passenger cars, two of them empty, of the Boston bound train and knocked eight freight cars from the track. day. The locomotive is still there, Flames broke out in the freight but the station has been pretty caboose and one of two empty well fixed up.

pullmans but were confined there. The freight, a 56-car southern train, had pulled up to repair a wheel bearing on track used jointly distinguished visitors, followed by wheel bearing on track used jointly distinguished visitors, followed by by ACL and Southern. State Pa- an inaugural concert by the Nationtrolman E. E. Sharpe said flares al Symphony Orchestra and guest it set up probably were not visible in the thick fog.

Doorbell-Ringers Ask to Watch TV

A "desire to watch television" prompted doorbell ringing on the are due in from New York late part of three juveniles, they told police after their apprehension in North Salem Saturday night.

The boys, two 14 and one 15, were soaked with rain. They told city police their doorbell ringing greatest assignment.

The police their doorbell ringing greatest assignment. campaign hadn't brought any invitations to watch TV. After questioning, the boys were sent home.

TO END TRANSIT STRIKE PHILADELPHIA W - Phila-

delphia Transportation Company workers voted Saturday night to end the transit strike which had tied up this city's transportation system for the last four days.

Mine Test Hole THE WEATHER

New York 38 24 trace Willamette River 12.8 feet. FORECAST (from U. S. Weather Bureau, McNary Field, Salem): Cloudy with intermittent rain today and tonight. High today 53 to 55, low tonight 46 to 48. Temperature at 12:01 a.m. was 51 degrees. SALEM PRECIPITATION Since Start of Weather Year Sept. 1 This Year Last Year Normal 19:08 27:08 30.52

WASHINGTON W - Thousands of people poured into bunting-be-

up preliminaries are already

afternoon, and souvenir vendors

and the capital is ready for them.

Robert S. Hinds, executive sec-

Committee, said the situation is

well in hand and there are plenty

of rooms available, in private

homes as well as in hotels, motels

The official celebration gets un-

The guest artists include Yehudi

Menuhin, violinist, Jeanette Mac-Donald and James Melton.

Special services will be conduct-

ed in all Washington churches Sun-

a round of receptions, balls, din-ners, cocktail parties and other high jinks from now until Wednes-

soloists Sunday night. Prominent Artists

and other lodging places.

In Special Trains

derway.

deckéd Washington Saturday to start the hoopla surrounding the inauguration of the first Republican administration in two decades. The presidential oath of office will be administered to Dwight D. Eisenhower on the Capitol steps at noon (EST) Tuesday, but the warm-

There is a carnival air along historic Pennsylvania Avenue, where a mammoth parade will roll behind Eisenhower from the Capi-

tol to the White House Tuesday Committee that, while Eisenhower won a big personal victory, the party gained only slim majorities are making their pitch on street in the Senate and House. Visitors intent on capturing a

Visitors intent on capturing a plece of history that they can pass on to their grandchildren are in 1954, halfway through Eisenhowstreaming in from all parts of the er's term which starts Tuesday. Former Rep. Leonard W. Hall of plies. country, by train, plane, bus and New York, who headed the House Inaugural committee officials es- Republican Campaign Committee

timate that by Tuesday the army in the presidential campaign, put of visitors will reach half a million, it succinctly when he said: "I think the people wanted a change and Dwight D. Eisenhower, retary of the Inaugural Housing not the Congress, represented a change to them.

Roberts, former weekly newspa per editor, said in accepting the chairmanship:

Thousands of visitors are arriving by special trains that will be parked in railroad yards and serve as "pullman cities" for the occupants during the inaugural period. Arrivals at Union Station found with us, the Republican Party." the concourse planked over where runaway locomotive smashed through to the basement last Thursand one of the earliest Eisenhower-

for-president supporters. He was chosen to succeed Arthur E. Summerfield of Michigan, who

WASHINGTON W — Republicans unanimously elected C. Wesley (Wes) Roberts, 49-year-old former (Wes) Roberts, 49-year-old former Alaska also should be admitted under certain conditions that he was newspaper man, as their lands of cuttine.

new GOP voters in the election of Dwight D. Eisenhower as Presi-

But they told the GOP National

"A political party is only worth

its weight in better government. The Republican Party challenged the people of America to demand a government of honesty, of in-tegrity, of broad vision and high purposes. The people of America responded. Now the challenge rests A veteran of World War II, Roberts was organization director of the commmittee in the campaign

McKay Advocates End to 'Throttling' Of Private Power

By EDWIN B. HAAKINSON

WASHINGTON (AP) - Major changes in the government's vast public power program were indicated Saturday by Douglas McKay, President-elect Eisenhower's choice for Secretary of Interior.

McKay's proposals to give privately-owned utilities a bigger share of the power business became known

when Chairman Butler (R-Neb) released a transcript of McKay's closed-door testimony before the senate Interior Committee. That 15 - member group on Thursday unanimously recom-mended Senate confirmation for McKay, who resigned as Governor

of Oregon to take the cabinet post. McKay told the Senators that he had sold his shares of stock in oil and timber companies to avoid possible embarrassment in his new Turns Over Control

He also testified that he had turned over to his family control of his General Motors Automobile Agency (in Chevrolet and Cadillac McKay's criticism of the power

policies and programs of the "New Deal" and "Fair Deal" administrations came during questioning by both Republican and Democratic senators. McKay testified that private en-

"throttled and there has been a tendency in the past to give the \$2,500,000 worth of GM stock. breaks to all the public deals."

McKay also said that he was not in sympathy with some of the would be lawful for a federal offiefforts to build up federal controls cer to have a financial interest in over electric power and distribution in the Pacific Northwest, especially the Columbia River Basin. Extended Exchange

The extended exchange between McKay and senators over power policies caused Sen. Cordon (R-Ore), from McKay's state, to say there is "necessity for the Congress to develop and spell out clearly a public power policy."
"That is right," agreed Chair-

Under questioning, the incoming Secretary of Interior took these

3. Urged greater controls of public lands and electric power fa-

and file and claimed 11 million cilites at state and local levels instead of Washington. For Private Enterprise 4. Said that private enterprise should be given a chance to assist

in development of atomic power for widespread future use. 5. Expressed sympathy for development of processes to use coal and shale reserves for fuel to augment or replace present electric power, natural gas and coal sup-

6. Avoided a definite stand on the argument over whether the Interior Department or the Agriculture Department's forest service should control and administer public lands, used widely in the West for livestock grazing and

lumber production. 7. Promised to avoid "empire building" as Secretary of Interior. 8. Said the federal development of big multi - purpose dams combining irrigation, flood control and electric power development must continue but indicated that privately - owned utilities should share in distribution and sale of more of the power.

(Story also on page 2) TO OPEN DAM BIDS

PORTLAND UP - Five million dollars in bids will be opened by Army Engineers here April 10 for The Dalles Dam.

The contracts will call for manufacture and installation by April has resigned to be Eisenhower's 1955, of machinery and equipment for the dam.

Civil Defense Report Praises Public, Criticizes Air Force

High praise for public participa-tion in Civil Defense and a slap up to merely pressure selling." at the Air Force for its now-de-He added that the Air Force still For the Republicans who have been outside looking in ever since Herbert Hoover lost to Franklin D. Roosevelt in 1932, there will be

Mill City, and Woodburn-"efforts Wharton also said no clarifi-

Mine Test Hole

Holds Screaming

Girl 90 Minutes

Feed Cross has been excellent and of mutual benefit to both organizations."

Regarding Operation Skywatch, which harbored them.

The report reiterated a Civil Defense but of the Minute organizations and assistance promised, "the Marion County ground observers who presumably would be classed as "irregulars" and therefore have no protection whatever from any punishment an enemy because of the standard of the made of them.

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at the Air Force for its now-defunct Skywatch highlighted a six-months report of the Marion County Civil Defense issued Saturday.

More than 5 per cent of the county's population has enrolled for Civil Defense work — a total of 5,598 persons and a 40 per cent increase since last July 1, Director Salem x x x threw some planks and a bottle of ink over the fide cuit burned out the summoning a may have been urday when a telephone equipality of the Livesly Building in Silverton Telephone sale.

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so far have been to no avail in cation was forthcoming on the getting directors to fill vacan- question as to the status, under getting directors to fill vacan-question as to the status, under cies" in those cities, although "un-international law, of ground ob-

As Insistent on Wilson Choice

NEW YORK UM - President-elect Eisenhower was reported Saturday to be standing firmly behind his choice of Charles E. Wilson as defense secretary despite a Senate balk at confirming him because of his stock holdings.

Senate action on confirmation, meanwhile, was put off until Wednesday-the day after Eisenhower's inauguration.

Wilson, who quit the \$600,000-a-year General Motors presidency to terprise and privately - owned take the \$25,000 federal job, re-electric power companies had been portedly still was insistent that he be allowed to retain approximately

> would be lawful for a federal offia firm doing business with the government. General Motors does more busi-

ness with the Defense Department than any other corporation. Wilson conferred with Eisenhow er at the latter's Commodore Hotel headquarters Saturday and clined afterward to discuss the sit-

uation with newsmen. James C. Hagerty, Eisenhower's press secretary, told them, however, that there was "no change"

(Wes) Roberts, 49-year-old former Kansas newspaper man, as their national chairman Saturday after being told they can lose control of Congress next year if they don't states to ownership of the submerged off-shore lands, including rich oil reserves. Alaska also submitted that ne did not outline. 2. Endorsed claims of coastal states to ownership of the submerged off-shore lands, including rich oil reserves. Alaska also submitted that ne did not outline. Alaska also submitted that ne did not outline.

MT. ANGEL—The mystery of the whereabouts of an elderly Mt. Angel man, feared by police to be the possible victim of foul play, was cleared up Saturday by the appearance of the man himself. William F. Dwyer, about 70, whose blodstained home here caused police to begin searching for him, turned up-healthy and unaware of the excitement stirred

Sheriff Denver Young said Dwyer was questioned by a deputy when the elderly man stepped off the bus at Woodburn enroute from Portland to his

home at Mt. Angel.
Young said Dwyer explained the quantities of blood in his home by saying he had been ill and had hemorrhaged at the mouth. This the old man said, had happened earlier in the week. He had then gone to Vancouver, Wash., to visit his son. He was on his way home Saturday after having spent Friday night in Portland.

Mt. Angel Police Chief Merle Grace notified county officers when he entered Dwyer's home Friday and found large quantities of blood about the house and what had seemed to be evidence of an altercation. Grace had checked the house when it was reported that Dwyer had not been seen for several days.

Phone Office Blaze Sets Off Fire Siren

SILVERTON - All records for summoning a fire department may have been broken here Saturday when a short circuit in telephone equipment started a fire and blew the fire siren

Lowell Brown, manager of the Silverton Telephone Co., said damage was confined to telephone equipment. He said the short cir-cuit burned out 300 switchboard lights and knocked out the ex-change from 3:30 a.m. to 6:50 a.m. Brown reported restoration of service was speeded because new equipment was on hand in preparation for the company's switch to dial service. The company im-

mediately hooked into the new board for power.

The fire siren blew so long that many people thought it was as air raid warning.

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