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Title to Documents

Some months ago missing papers of the Lewis and Clark expedition were discovered in an old desk in an attic at St. Paul. The desk had been the property of Gen. John Henry Hammond, long deceased. Those who found the papers turned them over to the Minnesota Historical Society for identification and to discover if they were the originals. It turned out that they were field notes made by the explorers in the period from December, 1803 to April, 1805. The period covers the time they encamped near St. Louis recruiting their party in preparation for the overland journey, their trip up the Missouri which began in April, 1804, and their winter at Mandan in what is now North Dakota. The notes were sent back when they resumed their journey in April, 1805.

Now a legal controversy has arisen over ownership of the papers. The First Trust Company of St. Paul, representing the heirs of Hammond, claim ownership. The Minnesota Historical Society claims the papers on the ground they were given to it; and now the government steps in and claims them because Lewis and Clark were on an official mission for the government.

A parallel involving ownership of public documents arises in the action of the House to vest in the federal government ownership of all the official papers of the presidents. The bill provides that the General Services Administration will buy all the presidential collections, wherever they are. They would be catalogued by the National Archives. But such collections as the Franklin Roosevelt collection at Hyde Park and the Truman collection to be housed at a library at Independence would remain where they are.

It has been the practice since Washington's day for the president to take his papers with him when he left office. This has provoked considerable controversy, the claim being that they are public documents which should remain in public custody.

The trial at St. Paul will determine the ownership of the Lewis and Clark notes and because of the way documents have been scattered about the trail is attracting a great deal of attention from collectors and antiquarians. The government's case seems pretty weak. It would be a misfortune for collectors to lose title to documents because they are the persons whose interest in things historical has led to preserving documents of genuine importance.

Unless the item is knocked out in conference work on Ice Harbor Dam in the lower Snake River can get under way before very long as the planning is nearly complete. A prime objection to this dam is its interference with runs of migratory fish. Its value also will be affected by the volume of storage at Hells Canyon. It has seemed to The Statesman it should be about the last in the Columbia system to be built. Navigation interests have pushed it, however, hoping to get barge transportation to Lewiston.

Young Men for Admirals

The jumping of Admiral Arleigh Burke over the heads of 90 of his seniors in the U. S. Navy to the position of chief of staff of the Navy was no fluke. Navy Secretary Thomas has laid down as policy that younger men and specialists be included in the next list of men marked for promotion to the grade of rear admiral.

This will be bitter medicine for many captains who have rendered fine service and who are eager to get the higher rank as a crown to their careers. Rank means a great deal to them both when in service and on retirement. (For one thing it means higher pay on active duty and on retirement.) But Secretary Thomas has in mind the need to put into positions of higher responsibility younger men who can plan and execute policies under new conditions. There is always the danger of trying to fight the last war over again, which doubtless is more tempting to those who carried the burden of battle in the former war. In this day of new tools and weapons, the old battleship admirals must go into drydock with their ships. The call for "specialists" by Thomas shows the importance the top command attaches to newer tools and newer techniques. The country hopes that in the screening under the new order the Navy will come up with young men of real capacity who can maintain the high traditions of the American Navy at a time when the business of warfare has been undergoing a swift revolution.

Fifty-Year-Old "World"

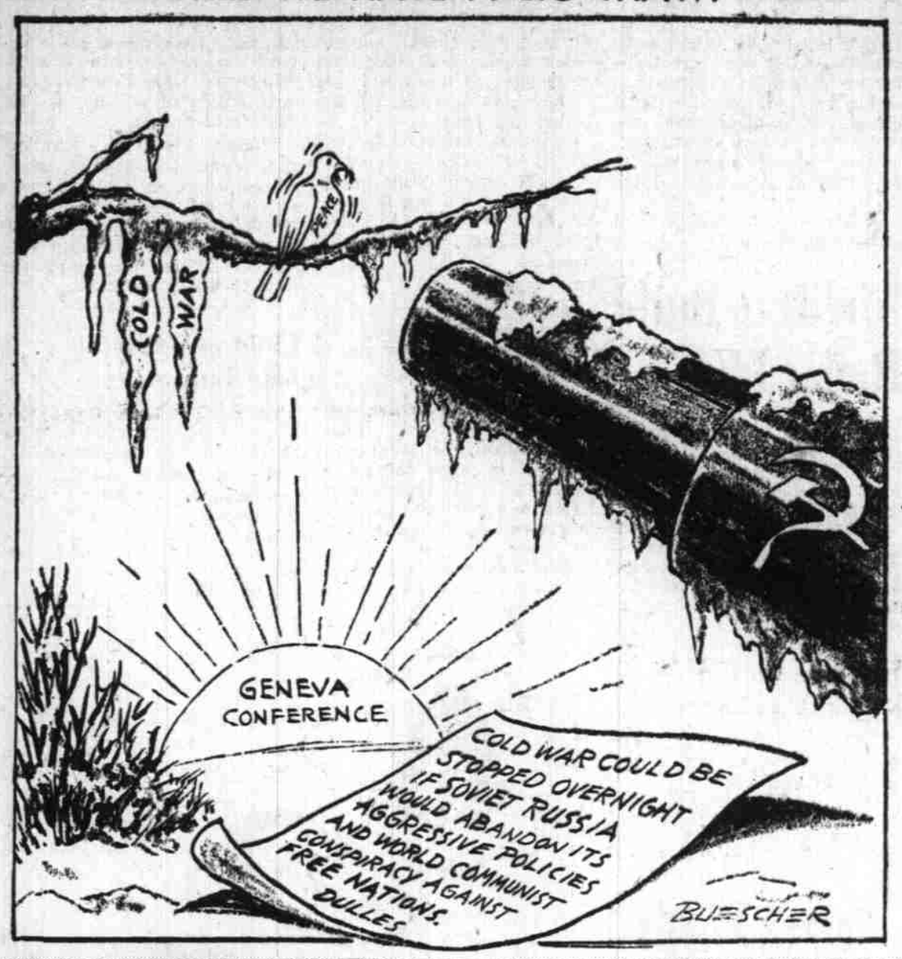
To The Statesman, now stretching its legs in its second century, a paper which celebrates its 50th anniversary is quite a youngster. But the Wenatchee World, which has just issued a special edition commemorating that event is certainly a thriving youngster. The town itself dates only from 1899 when the Great Northern railway pushed through from the Twin Cities to Puget Sound. The region developed as a prime apple growing section, and still claims preeminence for the quality of its fruit.

It was Rufus Woods who built the World, the sole survivor of many publication efforts at Wenatchee. And Rufus used the World to build North Central Washington. He richly merits the section which is dedicated to him, for his work for the Grand Coulee Dam, highways, power, industry. His sons carry the paper on, Wilfred Woods as publisher, Bob Woods as executive news editor.

Nikita Khrushchev, who bosses Russia nowadays, surprised the U. S. embassy at Moscow by attending a garden party there on July 4th. This broke a precedent, for it was the first time since 1933 that high Soviet officials called at the embassy. That was just after it had been established following U. S. recognition of the Communist government. Khrushchev assured the Americans that the Geneva conference would prove fruitful if Russia is treated "as an equal." Just how much of a change in Russian policy has been made will be disclosed at Geneva, presumably. Meantime it relieves the strain to have their leaders become more sociable. Molotov was on his recent visit to America, and Khrushchev pours sociability on thick.

Residents around Marcola, a rural neighborhood in Lane County, are all worked up because a nudist colony has located in the vicinity. They have petitioned the board of county commissioners to do something about it, though what the board could do is quite unclear. The way the weather has been this summer the natives shouldn't be much worried. Nature seems to be prescribing clothes for comfort.

WILL WE HAVE A BIG THAW?



IT SEEMS TO ME

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that will still have to be borne.

The communities to be denied service will not suffer as much as the railway employes. Crews on this run will either be dropped, or as is probably true, they have seniority and will bump those lower down on the board. Some engineers will have to drop back to the firemen list and some conductors to brakemen. However, if freight volume holds up the number of persons laid off will be reduced. The retirement act also works to help those at the bottom of the board, as veterans retire.

After Aug. 7th the S.P. will have three trains each way through Salem: the Cascade, the Shasta Daylight, and the Klamath. They make the run between Portland and San Francisco via Klamath Falls. As a matter of fact the passenger service on all American railroads is on trial. The roads may decide to abandon this type of transportation to competing means of travel. The chairman of the Interstate Commerce Commission recently suggested a government subsidy to roads to offset losses on this service. That met with objection from most of the spokesmen for railroads and would be opposed by a great many people. Dropping the Ashland train is a sample of what the railroads have been forced to do all over the country. If people do not patronize the trains there seems little reason to require the roads to run them, especially when there are other convenient ways of travelling.

Columbia Down Following High

PORTLAND (AP) — The Weather Bureau said Wednesday the Columbia River peaked here twice this week at 19.3 feet, but is now dropping.

The river fell 2.2 feet in the past three days, the bureau said. It was expected that the river would drop another 1.6 feet in the next four days.

River Forecaster Elmer Fisher said regulation of water flow at Grand Coulee and Chief Joseph dams appeared to help keep the crest below 20 feet.

Long Kohler Strike Flares Into Violence

SHEBOYGAN, Wis. (AP) — Kohler Co. officials said Wednesday they would not try to remove a cargo of clay from a docked freighter because of the risk of mob opposition that has already flared into violence.

A company statement said the decision was taken "because of the danger to the lives of employes of the Kohler Co. and the unloading contractor."

The clay is aboard the Norwegian freighter M.S. Fossum out of Skien, Norway, and was picked up at Fowley, England, consigned to the Kohler Co., manufacturers of plumbing ware. The UAW-CIO has waged a 15 months long strike against the company over the principal issue of union security. An NLRB hearing is in recess until July 20.

The freighter docked Tuesday and when Kohler equipment was moved to the docks to unload the clay, a mob estimated as reaching 1,000 at times, gathered and milled around the area.

The mob rocked a car occupied by a couple of company officials; beat up one non-striking worker; turned over the car and broke the house windows of another; and destroyed several pieces of unloading equipment.

Suit Filed in Auto Wreck

Damages for injuries allegedly received in an accident near Aumsville are sought in a complaint filed Wednesday in Marion County Circuit Court by Mrs. Anna Wright.

Mrs. Wright seeks $17,500 general damages and an unspecified amount in special damages. Defendants in the suit are the owner, Thelma D. Miller, and the driver, Verner D. Miller, of the second car involved in the 1954 mishap.

Mrs. Wright states she was turning left off highway 222 just north of Aumsville when her vehicle was struck from the rear by the Miller car. She charges negligence of the defendants resulted in some injuries to her which are permanent in character.

880,000 INOCULATED

OTTAWA (AP) — Canada inoculated 880,000 children, mostly in the 5-to-7 age group, with Salk vaccine in the April 12-July 12 period. Most got two injections and some all three. Officials reported no cases of polio among the inoculated. The program recessed July 1 for two months of vacation.

C o C Seeks New Quarters

A five-man Chamber of Commerce committee headed by Arthur Atherton started investigating possible new sites for the Salem Chamber office Wednesday evening.

The group inspected a house located at Court and Cottage streets, but the committee was definitely "just looking with nothing definite in sight at all," Atherton said. A purchase, rental or lease of a new location will be considered, he said.

The present Chamber office on the third floor of the Marion County Courthouse is considered too inconvenient for tourists. The committee will eventually go to the board of directors with recommendations.

Ex-Resident Of Salem Dies At Pendleton

John F. Schaffer, Salem resident abut 25 years ago, died this week in Pendleton and will be buried at the IOOF Cemetery here probably Saturday when the body arrives at the W. T. Rigdon funeral home.

Schaffer, whose wife Edna Roberts Schaffer died here about 45 years ago, worked for 21 years for the late Thomas Brunk whose farm six miles west of Salem is now operated by Thomas' son Earl.

Schaffer later moved to Oak Grove and still later to the Heppner area to live with his son Elvin Schaffer. Schaffer, who was born in Missouri, was about 85 years old.

Besides the son he leaves another son and two daughters.

Army Hires Reich Rocket Expert

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Army has obtained the services of another German rocket and space flight expert, Prof. Hermann Oberth.

Oberth, who took part in the research which resulted in the development of the V-2 missile used by Germany in World War II, recently arrived in this country and has been engaged by the Army Ordnance Corps to work on guided missiles at Redstone Arsenal, Huntsville, Ala.

Prospects of Italy Regime Appear Good

By WEBB MCKINLEY
(For J. M. ROBERTS
AP News Analyst)

ROME (AP) — Since June, 1953, Italy has changed governments like women's fashions—or faster. It has seemed sometimes to distant observers that this nation must be on the edge of political chaos.

Actually this is not so. Look at it this way:

For eight years Italy had the same premier, Alicide de Gasperi, who led her out of the ashes of defeat into the Western Alliance.

For five of these years the Christian Democrats had an absolute majority in Parliament. Communists were strong but De Gasperi outmaneuvered them.

Then Communism, Fascism and Monarchy gained in the 1953 elections. De Gasperi's Christian Democrats lost their majority.

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That signaled the end—if only temporarily—of political stability in Italy. Within a month De Gasperi was voted out of office. Giuseppe Pella lasted five months. Amintore Fanfani lasted 12 days. Mario Scelba held his shaky coalition of Christian Democrats, Social Democrats and Liberals together for 16 months. But his hands were tied. He was forced to jockey for support or stall for time on every controversial measure.

A rebel faction within the Christian Democrats forced Scelba to resign June 22.

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Today Christian Democrat Antonio Segni took office with a coalition government like Scelba's. Will his fate be the same?

Mathematics hasn't changed since 1953. The center parties still have the same men in Parliament, and their same brittle majority. Only an internal revolt — such as upset Scelba — could throw him out of office.

Scholarly, reform-minded Segni has two factors in his favor:

First, the Christian Democrats seem slightly sobered by what they did to Scelba. They could not have failed to notice that the Communists were overjoyed.

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Second, Pietro Nenni and his Socialists may take a milder attitude toward the new government. The far left Socialists, like the Communists, considered Scelba an enemy of the people. They think better of Segni.

Even so, the road ahead is steep. Segni can stay in office only so long as he manages to please every body in the center alliance, or at least keep them quiet. Eventually Italy will have new elections which could hardly fail to clarify the situation—for better or worse.

In the meantime, barring a crushing and unexpected turn of events, Western nations can continue calling this sunny land their "close ally." Italy, despite its many changes of government, remains a firm friend of the West.

Brazil Dockmen Vote Strike End

SANTOS, Brazil (AP) — Dock workers who paralyzed this port last Friday voted Wednesday to return to their jobs Thursday. The government is increasing their wages 25 per cent.

The port workers' pay has averaged $75 monthly.

Senate Group Acts to Spur Surplus Sales

WASHINGTON (AP) — In an effort to spur foreign sales of surplus farm products, the Senate Agriculture Committee Wednesday voted to drop a longtime requirement that half of all such exports must be transported in U.S. ships.

The action is expected to stir a lively debate when surplus disposal legislation reaches the Senate floor. The American flag provision has been included in most foreign aid and surplus disposal programs since World War II and before. It has the backing of U.S. maritime unions as well as shipping interests.

"This would apply only to shipment on bona fide sales," Chairman Ellender (D-La) told newsmen after the committee session. "It would not affect the so-called give-aways or shipments of other foreign aid programs."

A 1954 act authorized the secretary of agriculture to accept foreign currencies or to barter in disposal of up to 700 million dollars worth of surplus farm products.

Ellender's committee approved a bill to raise this limit to 1½ billion dollars and give Secretary of Agriculture Benson, rather than the State Department, more authority in negotiating such deals.

ALBANY CRUISE

An overnight cruise to Albany is slated for the weekend of July 30-31 by the Salem Boat Club, Cruise Chairman Robert Hullette announced Wednesday. Anyone with a safe boat capable of 15 miles an hour or more is welcome to go, he said. Registration is with Hullette at 4-8049 weekdays after 6 p.m.

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Army, Instead of Electorate, May Decide Presidential Election in Brazil October 3

By CHARLES M. McCANN
United Press Staff Correspondent

The presidential election to be held in Brazil on October 3 may be decided by the army, not the voters.

It was the army which forced President Getulio Vargas to resign last August because it did not like the way things were going. Vargas shot himself a few hours later.

Two Vargas men seem to be ahead, as of now, in the race for the October election.

They are Juscelino Kubitschek, who is running for president, and Joao Goulart, his running mate as vice presidential candidate.

Kubitschek is the 53-year-old dynamic former governor of Minas Gerais State. His achievements are measured in such tangibles as dams, roads, bridges, airports and industries. A millionaire in his own right he represents the conservative industry interests.

Army leaders object violently to Goulart. They object so violently, in fact, that they have warned they may intervene unless he withdraws.

Vargas was of the "iron man" type of Latin American president. But he was supported by leftists. Goulart was his minister of labor. One of Goulart's accomplishments, incidentally, was to put through a 100 per cent increase in the Brazilian minimum wage. Army opposition compelled him to resign shortly before Vargas was forced out.

There is open talk in Rio de Janeiro that unless Goulart agrees to withdraw his candidacy, the army may step in and force the postponement of the election.

In that event, President Joao Cafe Filho, who as vice president succeeded Vargas, might remain in office subject to army supervision until the situation was cleared up.

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Cafe (the "Filho" means junior) is a moderate in politics. Though he was elected as Vargas' running mate, he had long opposed most of Vargas' policies. He vigorously opposes the "iron man" or totalitarian type of rule.

Under the Brazilian constitution, Cafe can not run for a second term in October.

Cafe is 56. He has long been in politics after making a start as a militant newspaper editor.

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He is a man of incorruptible honesty. It is told of him that in his days as a young editor a politician whom he had attacked walked into his office and silently put a bank note of impressive denomination on his desk. Cafe reached across, took it, set fire to it with a match and lit a cigarette with it.

The United States State Department might be just as pleased if some way were found to keep Cafe in office for a while. He seems to be a "safe" man. He and the army—which is understood to be the real power at the moment—are chiefly interested simply in keeping things quiet. Brazil, like some other Latin American countries, is suffering from inflation and a general economic crisis.

Brazil is important to the United States and its allies. It is larger than the continental United States, with 3,287,842 square miles of territory. Its population of about 57-million is by far the largest in the western hemisphere outside the United States.

Time Flies:

From The Statesman Files

10 Years Ago

July 7, 1945

Gen. of the Army Dwight D. Eisenhower made a brief visit to the grave of the late President Franklin D. Roosevelt to pay homage to the man under whom he served during most of the European war. The five-star general placed a wreath on the former president's grave.

Lester Barr, accountant elected to the board at June school election, took office as a Salem public school director. Ralph Campbell, attorney, became chairman of the board.

It took three flit gun barrages to rid the Thomas Simmons' home at Portland of a swarm of bees and the city policeman said chasing gangsters was easier. A doorbell hole had become the bees' private doorway and the house was filled with swarms of them.

25 Years Ago

July 7, 1930

"The Oregon Trail" was the subject of an address given by Governor Norblad at the celebration of the 90th anniversary of the arrival of the ship Lausanne with missionaries to the Oregon country.

R. R. Cronise of Albany was appointed at the Governor's office a member of the Oregon committee of 15 to arrange for the celebration attending the 200th anniversary of George Washington. The celebration to be held in 1932. Cronise is editor of the Albany Democrat-Herald.

Cardinal Vannutelli, 93, dean of the Sacred College and one of the outstanding leaders in the Roman Catholic church, died at The Vatican City after several days' illness.

40 Years Ago

July 7, 1915

San Marino, the smallest republic in the world and the oldest state in Europe, with an area of only 38 square miles and a population of 11,000, flashed into the limelight by declaring war against Germany and Austria-Hungary.

Dr. Carl Gregg Doney, the new president of Willamette university arrived in Salem with his family from the east. Dr. Doney and family resided in the old Thomas Kay residence at State and Twelfth Streets.

Construction of the new municipal bandstand to be erected in Willson park was to start in a few days as the bids were received and the contract was signed with Seiwert and Engstrom who submitted the lowest bid for $829.

GRIN AND BEAR IT By Lichty

"Attending conferences with Capitalists is no place to take comrade wife ... and besides somebody is having to stay home and be hostage! ..."

Sunday, July 10th
All-Breed Dog Show
At Fairgrounds, Silverton Road Entrance
9 a.m. until 8 p.m. all day and the admission is 50c for the family or 50c single
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Condensed Statement of the Condition of
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Salem, Oregon
at the close of business on June 30, 1955

ASSETS

Cash and Due from Banks	$ 376,124.81
U. S. Gov't. Securities	625,716.80
Municipal Warrants	5,607.42
Loans	632,468.29
Bank Premises & Equipment	128,837.04
	$1,768,754.36

LIABILITIES

Capital Stock	$ 250,000.00
Surplus	50,000.00
Undivided Profits	34,332.82
Total Capital Accounts	334,332.82
Deposits	1,434,421.54
	$1,768,754.36

DEPOSITS
Jan. 2, 1955 . . . 0
April 11, 1955 . . . 800,913.00
June 30, 1955 . . . 1,434,421.00

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