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**Discovery of Anti-Proton**

Scientists have been busy smashing atoms trying to locate the final unit of matter. So far they have found that protons which are the core of the hydrogen atom and other particles called neutrons make up the entire world of matter. Protons and neutrons are the building blocks. University of California scientists, working with a multi-billion-volt atom smasher, the bevatron, have discovered a particle of "matter in reverse" which they call the anti-proton. They speculate that when a proton and an anti-proton meet they annihilate one another or perhaps produce a shower of electrons which are comparatively weightless. Further speculation is offered that the anti-proton may become useful as a supplier of energy through the annihilation of matter. That of course is for the future.

This astonishing discovery will serve to heighten interest in a recent gift of \$2,750,000 to the University of California to be applied to basic research. The institute established would be "dedicated to the encouragement of creative thought and the conduct of research and investigation in pure science." The gift is anonymous, but it insures a continuance of the type of work which is reported in the first paragraph.

The University of California has made notable contributions to knowledge, particularly in the field of the atom. Dr. J. Robert Oppenheimer was on its staff before entering the task of developing the atom bomb. Dr. Ernest O. Lawrence heads the team which has isolated the anti-proton. This substantial foundation will enable the university to attract and hold and to develop the finest brains working in the pure sciences. This will "fertilize" sister institutions on this coast and yield continuing dividends in the area of knowledge.

**Oregon Electric Excursion**

Railroad fans will have a real holiday on Sunday, Oct. 23, when they make an excursion round trip between Portland and Salem via the Oregon Electric. And those who used to ride the "green electric" before service was suspended in 1933 will get a thrill out of riding the old route, even if propulsion now is diesel rather than electric power. At Salem, though, the train will not call at the old depot. The rails formerly led from Broadway south on High street, with the station in the corner of the Oregon building at State street. This connection was broken years ago. The present route is the old freight route along Front street and through the paper mill property.

The Oregon Electric, a subsidiary of the Spokane, Portland and Seattle, which in turn is owned by the Great Northern and Northern Pacific, used to be a money-loser, but since lumbering became active, particularly in the Linn and Lane county sections it serves, the road has been profitable. It gives the northern lines their penetration of an important and growing part of the state.

We'll try to respect the royal family's request for privacy on Princess Margaret's much-discussed romance. All we would say is that if she doesn't marry the guy, the world is going to be set back on its heels along with Peter Townsend.

**Pentagon Papers, MacArthur's Reply Fail to Settle Issue of Soviet Entry Into Japan War**

By J. M. ROBERTS  
AP News Analyst

The Pentagon report and Gen. MacArthur's reply leave us just where we were with regard to Russian participation in the Japanese war and the price paid for it by the Allies.

The fact is that Roosevelt and Churchill acted on military advice in trying to get Russia into the war. The price they paid, in territory that wasn't theirs and concessions of Chinese rights without consulting China, can be argued about all night.

The military reports and MacArthur's statements do indicate that many believed Russia would enter and take what she wanted regardless of the concessions, and that if the Allied leaders were giving away something they didn't own, they also were merely giving away something Russia was going to have anyway.

The implication, by omission of some of the facts, that Russia entered only at the last moment to seize unearned benefits after failing to relay Japan's surrender feelers to the Allies, is a distortion.

Russia, for her own reasons, didn't relay news of the Japanese feelers, and it is quite possible she didn't want peace before she could get to the front. But she did enter the Far Eastern war three months after the German surrender, as she had agreed.

The main failure of the Allied leaders was in ignoring the fact that the things for which Russia asked their approval were part of a formula, made blatantly public over a long period of years, for Communist conquest of all Asia.

As for the political gambits of the MacArthur-Democratic dispute over pre-Yalta and post-Yalta details, neither side seems to have made much hay. MacArthur still says he favored Russian participation immediately after Pearl Harbor, cooled off on it by 1944 when things were going to suit him in his own war, and was merely pursuing the Yalta verdict in his references to Russian entry thereafter.

The Pentagon report doesn't show that he was asked or gave his advice directly in connection with Yalta, as the Democrats implied, and he says he wasn't and didn't.

As for what he might have said had he been asked, we have his word that he didn't want Russia then, and you can't go behind that. The record shows other military leaders were warming up and then cooling off about Russian participation from time to time, too.

**Time Flies:**

**10 Years Ago**  
Oct. 21, 1945

Col. Vivian Z. Brown, native of Salem and veteran of two wars, returned to his first army station, Ft. Lewis, to become chief of dental service there.

Relatives and friends of William Roth have been invited to an open house held in honor of his 80th birthday, at the home of his son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Elfstrom.

Felicitations go to Mr. and Mrs. George Birrell on the birth of a son at the Salem Deaconess hospital. Mrs. Birrell will be remembered as Jean Eastridge.

**25 Years Ago**  
Oct. 21, 1930

It will not be possible for the state to refund any of the \$1,000,000 collected under the intangibles tax law, without legislative sanction, it was declared state officials who have given careful study to the opinion of the Supreme Court holding that the law unconstitutional.

Secretary of Commerce Lamont, chairman of President Hoover's special cabinet commis-

**Debate Over New Guinea**

Another of the mistakes made at this session of the United Nations General Assembly was to debate the question of West New Guinea. (The first was to take up the question of Algeria which has long been treated as a department of France). New Guinea is an island second only to Greenland in size. The eastern portion of the island is administered by Australia which lies a short distance to the South. The western half has long been a dependency of the Netherlands.

When the Dutch East Indies rebelled and their independence as the Republic of Indonesia was recognized, no agreement was made respecting the Dutch portion of New Guinea which Indonesia calls West Irian. Nor has any agreement since been arrived at.

Americans who fought their way up the ladder of the islands in the Pacific war got well acquainted with at least the fringes of New Guinea, and with the "fuzzy-wuzzies" who inhabit it. The people are among the most primitive in the world. They surely are better off to continue under Dutch rule than to be transferred to Indonesia which claims sovereignty over them. Indonesians have had a hard time of it since their independent government was recognized in 1949. They have been unable to maintain authority over the medley of islands and peoples which the Dutch left to them. Their treatment of Dutch nationals has not been in accord with principles of international law. As for West Irian the territory is quite remote from Java and Sumatra, and historically there has been a minimum of relationship. A U. N. debate over West Irian will irritate wounds between the Netherlands and Indonesia without good result.

**Defective Brakes**

Latest catastrophe due to defective brakes on motor vehicles was at Cumberland, Maryland, where a tractor-trailer ran wild down a mountain grade, smashed other vehicles and brought death to five. That was Wednesday. On Monday a mobile crane careened down the Snoqualmie Pass highway in Washington and caused injury to eight persons. Previously a truckdriver at Oregon City sacrificed his own life trying to spare injury to others when brakes on his truck gave way. Shortly before that a runaway truck-trailer in San Francisco left a trail of dead and injured on California street. Defective brakes were at fault in each case.

Standard equipment for tractor-trailer combinations calls for air brakes or a vacuum system. With the former, there is a break-away valve which operates automatically when the air line breaks. But all equipment needs to be given frequent inspection to insure that it will work properly. It would appear from the number of recent accidents that this equipment had not received this attention. Perhaps greater attention should be given to some dual system or set of emergency brakes which would more surely stop a vehicle or bring it under control when the regular brakes failed.

The sequence of bad accidents of this kind is most unusual to be sure, but their number calls for a fresh examination of truck-trailer braking systems in the interest of public safety.

The last appeal for harvest help is being raised now to assist nutgrowers in gathering their nut crop. This is important to growers and to the community. There's a pretty good crop; the prices are good. However the late season brings a risk. Marketing walnuts and filberts is seasonal. They need to reach outlets by Thanksgiving and Christmas. It takes time to process them and to distribute them over the country. So it is necessary to get the nuts to the packing sheds as soon as possible. That's how nutpickers can do themselves and the growers a good turn.

As President Eisenhower improves all the politicians will try to cultivate the best bedside manner.

**GRIN AND BEAR IT** By Lichty



Your figures don't prove you need a raise, Snodgrass! ... The amount your wife spends over what you earn, appears about normal! ...

**Comes the Dawn** Conrad Prange

State employe wags are saying that the last legislature is responsible for the fact that the main floor of the state office building is beginning to crack up. They say that the surtax law, passed by the lawmakers, fattened up so many individual income tax files that the floor couldn't stand the extra weight. Plus the overburdened consciences of tax collectors. Anyway, lots of taxpayers, themselves broken up over their income tax payments, say it is a relief to see, for a change, the tax department cracking up ...

Lots of calls to the newsroom on a boob pulled in the Statesman's daily "Look and Learn" feature. Monday's column contained the question: "How many cubic feet are there in one cord of wood?" And the answer given: "Sixteen." ... Well, a number of readers saw through the knotty problem, and noted the answer should be 128 cu. ft. A cord foot (a one-foot section of a pile of wood) contains 16 cubic feet. Look and Learn is a Gordon Syndicate feature from Cleveland ... Gordon probably should have his cords examined ...

And if you log any warped-brain Douglas fir beetles in the woods these days you might blame it all on the state forestry department. Seems the forestry research division has asked the forestry radio lab for an amplifier to be used in determining the sex of the beetles. In the beetle family Mama (unlike some mothers we know) gives off no sound. Pappa beetle does all the chirping. For some reason this is important to foresters who are researching the timber-destroying pest. What the beetles think of this scheme to broadcast their gender to an unwelcome world, has not been amplified ...

And speaking of trees ... If things go on, Oregon may soon have a state tree name, without the tree. Oregon's official tree is the Douglas fir, named after early explorer David Douglas. Recently though, the International Botanical Congress decided that Archibald Menzies actually ran into the tree before Douglas did and insists on changing the name from Douglas to Menziesii—or something like that. Anyway, everybody in the northwest from the Douglas squirrel up to the Society of American Foresters has been stumping around in support of keeping the name of Douglas ...

But signs indicating a chipping away at the old name are being noticed. Latest chop came from the National Geographic magazine which, in its latest issue, refers to Oregon's noble tree as Douglas fir alright, but also tags on the hated name of Menziesii. Foresters are willing to change the name of that pest, the Douglas beetle, to Beetle Menziesii, or something like that. But spare, they say, our Douglas fir tree ...

**IT SEEMS TO ME**

(Continued from page 1)

provincialism manifest in demand for "local" ownership. It has been evident also in the baiting of Idaho Power Company because it is a Maine corporation. It is a matter of common knowledge that capital is fluid, that it goes where it believes it can obtain the best return. The West's development has been possible only through an inflow of capital. If now units of government assume hostility to investment of outside capital the springs which supply it will speedily dry up.

Americans protest vigorously when some foreign government summarily confiscates the property of foreign corporations and call it irresponsible. Refusal of a franchise renewal is not confiscation of company property but the effect is similar.

Is not the city commission dodging the real issue, which is the difficulty of private operation of city transit facilities under existing conditions? Local ownership will not of itself solve this problem. Many cities have sought a solution in municipal ownership, at heavy and continuing cost to the taxpayers; but I note no agitation for that in Portland.

The commission action may be just a tactic to force concessions from the traction company when a new franchise is considered. Recent history shows that the realities force concessions the other way if private operations are to be maintained.

I hold no brief for the Portland Traction Company and have no personal interest either way in its operations either as investor or as patron. The San Francisco interests which control the company may not be very well skilled in street transit management though their local executive, Gordon Steele, certainly is. What I am concerned with is that our communities deal fairly with others who have invested their capital or guided the investment of the capital of others to this region. I am quite sure that the

**State Basing Case Against Widow on Wolf**

(Story on page one.)

MCMINNVILLE, Ore. (AP)—A demand by the prosecution for the death penalty opened the first-degree murder trial of Mrs. Marjorie Smith, 34, here Thursday. Mrs. Smith is accused of killing her husband.

The state's chief witness is expected to be Victor Lawrence Wolf, 45, electrician and handyman, who had done odd jobs at the Smith home before Smith was killed.

That was April 21, when Smith turned on the ignition of his car after a night of card-playing at a country club. Dynamite, wired to the ignition, exploded, shattering the car and killing Smith instantly.

Wolf was picked up for questioning two hours later because Smith had remarked once that Wolf was "kind of sweet on Marjorie."

**Gave Confession**

Wolf confessed at once, saying he was in love with Mrs. Smith, and that she had talked him into planting the dynamite so she could collect the \$21,000 insurance on Smith's life.

Mrs. Smith cried bitterly at this, called Wolf a "repulsive old man," and said his whole story was a fabrication.

Her attorney said Wolf may have fallen in love with Mrs. Smith, but she had talked her husband into killing her.

**Court to Decide**

Wolf has confessed in court, and, using an antiquated Oregon law, asked the court to determine the degree of his guilt.

No decision on Wolf is expected until after Mrs. Smith's trial.

Judge Arlie G. Walker said he hopes to complete the jury selection this week, but that in any case the trial proper will not start until Monday.

Local attorneys joined the case Thursday. Elliott B. Cummins, Yamhill County district attorney, for the prosecution, and the firm of Marsh, Marsh and Dashney for the defense.

**Confusion in Court**

There was some confusion when West asked prospective jurors whether they had any connection with the Marsh firm. Several said they knew the partners, but were puzzled in attempting to say which Marsh brother was at the defendant's table.

This was understandable. Eugene E. Marsh and Francis Marsh are identical twins.

By the end of the day the defense had exercised four of its 12 peremptory challenges, and the state two of its six.

**Tentative Jurors**

Those seated tentatively: Mrs. Marie A. Bedwell, Carlton housewife; Mrs. Gladys Macy, McMinnville housewife; Mrs. Singe Scott, Carlton farm wife; Mrs. Mary Alice Klatzer, Newberg housewife; Mrs. Susie Fletcher, Newberg widow; Mrs. Bonnie Hagen, McMinnville housewife; Claude Simmons, Carlton insurance salesman; Stuart Grenfell, retired farmer and brother of the Portland fire chief; Michael Hamilton, McMinnville insurance salesman; Faye Stalcooper, retired Yamhill farmer; F. C. Lukes, McMinnville barber; Harry F. Crowe, McMinnville farmer.

Among those dismissed from the jury were Harry Williams, Carlton mayor; and Mrs. Irene Dillin, wife of President Harry Dillin of Linfield College. She was challenged by the state and dismissed after saying she was opposed to capital punishment.

**Geography Teachers to Gather Here**

The annual fall meeting of the Oregon Council of Geography Teachers will take place in Salem Saturday in Collins Hall on the Willamette University campus.

Dr. G. Herbert Smith, Willamette president, will welcome delegates at the opening session at 10:30 a.m. Sen. Mark Hatfield will speak on European politics.

Following a noon luncheon at the Marion Hotel, Homer J. Lyon Jr., executive assistant at the Oregon State Forestry department, will speak on Oregon forests at 1 p.m.

Other speakers Saturday afternoon, prior to the 4 p.m. adjournment, include W. J. Kvarsten of the Marion County Planning Commission, on county planning practices; Ivan Oakes, executive secretary of the Willamette Basin Project Committee, in the committee's activities. A short business meeting will be held at 2 o'clock.

The sessions are open to the public.

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**Beverly Hilton Hotel Offers Awesome Sights (and Prices)**

By LILLIE L. MADSEN  
Farm Editor, The Statesman

BEVERLY HILLS, Calif.—It has been said that the Beverly Hilton Hotel on Wilshire Boulevard is the world's most modern hotel. Far be it from me to dispute that. I don't see how there could be anything else to be added. As a matter of fact, I don't see how all that has been added now.

Words barely begin to describe the \$16,000,000 hotel which opened Aug. 12, with 450 outside rooms, 35 suites and 8 penthouses, each one individually decorated and provided with its own private balcony furnished with garden chairs and table.

Purples, lavenders, blues and yellows are the favorite colors in rooms and restaurants. The grand Ballroom can accommodate 1,000 persons. In the exclusive Nordic room, guests at private dinner parties sit down before walls shimmering with 25,000 kapa shells, each shell hand flattened and polished. If the keynote is yellow in a room, then yellow it is from the bathroom tissue to the electric outlets.

**Deep Carpets**

In describing the hotel upon its opening, I recall Bob Hope said the carpets were so deep that guests looked as if they were walking on their knees and they completely lost their faces in the towels. Of course, those are Hopeisms, but many of the carpets are inches deep and the luscious purples and blues—two colors one wouldn't have dreamed of putting together just a few years back—and towels are thicker than most folk's carpets.

The weary traveler at the Beverly Hilton can rest his head for \$135,000, the rate of a five-year penthouse lease, or for an ordinary \$12 a day.

You can eat from 6:30 a.m. to midnight at very moderate prices in the two-tone blue Coffee house (mark you: Not Coffee Shop) on the Garden Floor overlooking the magnificent pool and garden. Or, if you feel a little more flush, the

Bali Room with its South Pacific atmosphere, may suit, where careful choosing from the tricky a la carte menu can net you a luncheon at prices \$2 to \$10.

**Prices Increase**

The higher you go, the higher the price. At the top is L'Escoffier, probably the world's most expensive restaurant, where you can't begin a dinner for less than \$13.00 a person, and you are apt to end up at \$25 to \$35 a plate. But what food!

This restaurant is adjacent to the Star on the Top of the Mark in San Francisco, and giving a few hundred miles of view—the same one which is so costly in L'Escoffier, for an hour or two at a little more than \$1 a head—the accompaniments, of course, in liquid form. In either place, you rub elbows with the prominent on the rapidly growing television stardom and the waning motion picture industry.

Kitchens serving the hotel, cover two acres, leading one observer to wonder aloud: "They have so many ovens, I wonder how they remember where they put the beef, squab are the top-choice entree.

**Egyptian Art**

Beautiful shops of every kind line the lobbies, and of these one of the most interesting is the Ancient Egyptian Art Gallery, managed by M. A. Mansoor Sons and filled with enchanting modern imports from the Mediterranean, Middle East and India.

What is termed "white pecky cypress" beams alternate with apricot panels to dramatize the main lobby. The subterranean garage houses 1,000 cars. ... And the hotel must do a lot to alleviate any unemployment problems in Los Angeles. From four to five bell boys greet you at the doors which open automatically, and as many French-speaking men pull out your chair, serve you coffee and see to all your needs simultaneously in the restaurants.

Staying at the Beverly Hilton is an experience—but one you have to ask for from two to three weeks in advance, as most of the 450 rooms are spoken for that long ahead of time.

**State Board to Consider Report On Hospital Site**

The State Board of Control, at its next meeting here October 25, will consider reports of the state engineer and state department of geology and minerals dealing with engineering problems involving a proposed site for the \$14,000,000 mental hospital in the Portland area.

Three proposed sites were recommended by an advisory committee previously appointed by the board. Two of the proposed sites are located near Wilsonville and one near Hillsboro.

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